



# St Peter's <sup>Hartshorne</sup>

Hello everyone

This is a strange Easter, no service in church for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday or even Easter Sunday. No lighting of the new Easter candle or renewal of baptismal vows. No loud exclamations 'Alleluia Christ is Risen'.



We cannot physically come together to reflect on Jesus death and celebrate the resurrection, however we can, in our new way of being church share in Jesus's sacrifice made for us.

I hope that some of you have been able to join us electronically in some of the shared services and reflections we have put together, if you would like to see different services, different faces or different styles of worship, then let me know.

Below is a reminder of the events available for Easter weekend. Can I encourage you all to share, if you can, in '[Sing Resurrection](#)' on Easter Sunday morning. It will be good to share the amazing news of Christ's resurrection with our friends and neighbours. If you can take some photographs and upload them to our Facebook page so we can share your celebration.

See over the page for other events.....

## Good Friday

- Local** Churches Together Virtual Witness - reflections for Good Friday
- Church of England** The Archbishop of Canterbury will publish a reflection on [Facebook](#) and his [website](#).

## Holy Saturday

**Church of England** The Archbishop of Canterbury will pray the Exultet, offering some reflections on 'waiting in hope' and will publish a reflection on [Facebook](#) and his [website](#).

- Prepare an Easter garden (whether using plants or as a craft activity); prepare and paint Easter eggs.
- Make a donation to an appropriate charity.
- Watch a recorded or live-streamed Easter Vigil

## Easter Sunday

**Local** Dawn reflection - Mike Firbank  
Easter Service - preacher Phil Hunt, Communion - Stella Greenwood (service words attached)

**Church of England** Light a candle at dawn using the following prayer:

*Christ yesterday and today,  
the beginning and the end,  
Alpha and Omega,  
all time belongs to him,  
and all ages; to him be glory and power,  
through every age and for ever.  
Amen.*

- Watch a recorded or live-streamed Easter Vigil
- Musicians - take part in musical activities: hymn singing '[Sing Resurrection](#)' An initiative from CTBI, which encourages everyone to sing the hymns *Jesus Christ is risen today* and *Thine be the glory* outdoors at 10 am (words and tunes included at the link).
- Listen or watch the Archbishop of Canterbury's Easter Day service, with the Bishop of Dover on BBC Radio 4 and the [Church of England Facebook page](#)

Finally, may I wish you a peace-filled, Holy Easter

God Bless you all

# Stella