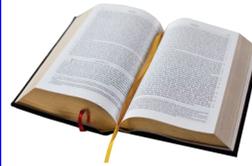


This week's service

Today's service is led by Nigel Worth with Rev Mike Firbank preaching

Easter Sunday
17th April 2022

This week's reading



Luke 24: 1-12

Please join us for tea, coffee and cake after the service

A thought from Mike

Friends

Happy Easter. He is RISEN!

Today let's explore Luke 24: 1-12. What is this nonsense that dead men rise from the grave? What is the empty tomb that sets us free? Set free from what? Set free to do what?

Let's be reminded and let's recommit ourselves to the only life worth living.

Remember this: 'unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but...' John 12:24...

Let's explore all this together on Resurrection Sunday.

A prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Amen

Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

A Psalm for a New Day

When I hear the birds singing their joyful song to welcome a new day, my spirit lifts. When I see the sun rising and light creeping through my curtains, I thank You for another new day. In the peace of the morning I listen and feel Your presence.

You are a mighty God who made all things and I praise You for all creation. This new day let me put You first. May Your light and glory go before me and show me the way You want me to go.

Speak to me Lord and may I hear You in everything I do today. You are the reason that I live and without You I am nothing.

Praise the Lord!

Written by Jane Horan in the 2012
Lent course

Church diary for the next month

Sunday 24th April

10:45 Morning Worship

led by Sandra O'Toole with Debbie Patrick preaching

Sunday 1st May

10:45 Holy Communion

with Rev Mike Firbank

Sunday 8th May

10:45 Morning Worship

led by Debbie Patrick with Sandra O'Toole preaching

Sunday 15th May

10:45 Holy Communion

with Rev Mike Firbank

Sunday 22nd May

10:45 Morning Worship

led by Nigel Worth with Rev Bex Allpress preaching

Sunday 29th May

10am Joint Minster Service at Gresley Old Hall Wholeness & Healing

Pentecost Sunday 5th June

10:45 Holy Communion

at Hartshorne with Gresley Church led by Debbie Patrick with Rev Mike Firbank preaching

Easter in Ukraine

Today we celebrate Easter but the Orthodox Easter date in Ukraine is next Sunday, 24th April.

Sadly because of the devastation in Ukraine Easter may not be celebrated in the usual way this year.

Easter Saturday, in some regions of Ukraine, is a day for getting the Easter basket blessed (in other regions, the basket is blessed Easter morning).

Traditionally the Ukrainian Easter basket is a carefully prepared collection of symbolic foods to be enjoyed with the Easter meal. The Easter basket celebrates seasonal foods — in the past, the 40 days of fasting for Lent were necessary because food stores were low for the winter. Come spring, however, fresh greens, meat, and dairy products were once again on the menu.

Ukrainian Easter baskets typically include:

- Paska: A columnar sweet bread, rounded on top, that represents Christ as the bread of Christians
- Sausage: The generosity of God
- Ham, Lamb, or Veal: Joy and abundance
- Horseradish (sometimes with beets): The red of the beets recalls Christ's blood, while the horseradish is symbolic of the Passion of Christ
- Butter, sometimes shaped into a lamb: Goodness
- Salt: Duty
- Cheese: Moderation
- Boiled eggs: Resurrection
- Bacon: God's mercy

People occasionally include a candle, to be lit at the church service. Greenery, in addition to making the basket more attractive, symbolizes eternal life. People may cover their basket with a beautifully embroidered cloth, sometimes with traditional Ukrainian designs.



Cleaning Rota

Please clean the church before the date marked. Please swap with someone else on the rota if you cannot clean during your week.

24th April	Nige & Deb
1st May	Christine
8th May	Deb P & Alicia
15th May	Jane
22nd May	Bill
29th May	Val & Andy
5th June	Nige & Deb
12th June	Christine