

Happy Easter!

RED POST JUNCTION



The Red Post Benefice

## Easter Sunday and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

### Collect for Easter Sunday

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen**

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| 4 <sup>th</sup> April<br><b>Easter Sunday</b> | <b>9.15am</b><br>W. Kingston MP<br>W. Zelston HC | <b>11.00am</b><br>Almer – MP<br>Bloxworth MP<br>Morden - HC | <b>Zoom</b><br>10.00am HC<br>6.00pm EP |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> April                        |  | <b>11.00am</b><br>Morden HC                                 | <b>Zoom</b><br>10.00am MS<br>6.00pm HC |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> April                        |  | <b>11.00am</b><br>Almer – HC                                | <b>Zoom</b><br>10.00am MS<br>6.00pm HC |

### Collect for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. . **Amen**

Our church buildings are beginning to open for services and services operated over 'Zoom' will continue as well. Midweek **Morning Prayer** Services continue on Zoom at 10.00am and Thursday morning **10.00am Holy Communion**.

**For today's readings and 'Caroline's thought for the week' – please look at 'Daily Prayer at Home'.**

**Mike Stone is issuing a daily email with prayers for the day – if you would like to be included in his list please email him at [michaelpstone@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:michaelpstone@tiscali.co.uk)**

## **Church of England Final Lent Action**

This week, commit to praying regularly for five people in your life who do not, as far as you know, have faith in Christ. Look for opportunities to share your story with them.

### **John 20: 1-10**

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. <sup>2</sup> So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

<sup>3</sup> So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. <sup>4</sup> Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, <sup>7</sup> as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. <sup>8</sup> Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. <sup>9</sup> (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

### **Prayer**

As We celebrate Easter, Christ's resurrection and release from the tomb, so we look to hopeful celebration of freedom and release from 'lockdown'. We pray for an end to the pandemic.

We pray for the countries of the world entering further 'Lockdown' as cases once more rise within their borders, especially in Europe.

We pray for all who have been waiting for treatment for a long time and for hospitals to cope speedily with their backlog of patients. We pray for strength for hospital staff and healing for the sick.

We pray that world leaders may work together to prevent further pandemics and for a willingness to share with poorer nations, development of medications and vaccines.

We pray for peace in troubled areas of the world and for protection for the innocent and vulnerable. Especially remembering Yemen, South Sudan and Myanmar.

We pray for wisdom and common sense as people enjoy the Easter holiday and yet remain vigilant as regards spread of the virus.

We give thanks for the community spirit in our Benefice and for all who are willing to help those in need.

We pray for healing for the sick, comfort for the bereaved and your blessed presence with the lonely in our benefice.

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