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Come! Why so sad?
Wipe away your tears.
He is risen!
Let us celebrate!
Hallelujah!
Christ the Lord is
Risen today!
He is risen indeed.
Hallelujah!



Save the date, from Revd. Gareth Baron

I begin my Sabbatical in May during which I will be exploring Christian pilgrimage within a local context alongside looking at visual theology. This will be my first experience of being on Sabbatical and I approach it with excitement for the potential fruits it might bare. I will be hosting a zoom gathering to share my Sabbatical plans on Wednesday 27th April at 7pm for a short time of sharing. Further information will be circulated around the circuit nearer the time with details on how to join the evenings gathering. I look forward to welcoming those who might be interested in finding out a little more about my Sabbatical plans.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR – On behalf of the Circuit, we hope the Sabbatical will give you time for reflection and for re-charging. And we express our grateful thanks for your spiritual leadership from which we have all benefited from already. We send you our love and prayers for a good and fruitful sabbatical. We will hold you in our thoughts and prayers and look forward to your return.

Note From the Editor

If you don't see anything in this issue of the Newsletter from your Church it probably means your Church doesn't have a "Roving Reporter", so if this is something you would be interested in, I would love to hear from you, my contact details can be found on the back page. The deadline for May's Edition is 22 April 2022.

Thank You – **Amanda Milner (Editor)**

Message from Revd. Gareth

When I attended the Wednesday prayer space at Bedale and District Methodist Church on the screens there was a photo of daffodils. I arrived with the situation of Ukraine on my mind, along with the ongoing devastation of Afghanistan and the many places in the world where people face daily struggles to survive. Whilst the emotional upset of witnessing a broken world is deeply worrying, it falls into pale insignificance compared to those whose lived experience is within the troubled parts of the world. So, such beauty displayed on the screen stood in stark contrast to the usual images we see on our screens as news stories unfold. As I sat and prayed the words below came to my mind. The words might resonant with you or not, but I share them because it's helped me to think about the resounding amount of love which is being shown by people the world over, reminds me that love is alive and active. Love will prove victorious because God is the source of love.

Are daffodils oblivious to the dark and miserable world affairs as they push through the earth to emerge and bloom with a spectacle of bright yellows to lift the soul from gloom?

How is it that such a simple and humble stem, creates such a visual symphony? Dazzling is this spring trumpet announcement, claiming brighter days to come and like the crowds that gather at the finish line of a race, the daffodils cheer us to go on.



Daffodils, an old friend with a new face, transform the byways with their beauty. They tell the story of their creator who died for all, who gives hope and new life which never ceases. Bursting forth from the darkness of winter.

Are daffodils aware of the dark and miserable world affairs as they push through the earth to emerge and bloom with a spectacle of bright yellows to lift the souls from gloom? Are daffodils aware of how they lift human sinful eyes to see and wonder anew of the transformational gospel life brought in with God's Kingdom come?

Short reflection by Revd. Gareth Baron

During the last four weeks I have been leading a circuit lent study group. We have been exploring the Resurrection together through the material produced by the York Courses. It's been a special time, with interesting discussions and inspiring stories shared together. Over the sessions I have been reminded of how important it is for the church to live out its theological beliefs. So often we can find ourselves claiming a particular theological understanding whilst our practice tells a different story.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is fundamental to us because we share in the promise and hope of the resurrection. We have new life in, through and with Christ. New life which begins now, it is like the Christian Aid vision statement 'we believe in life before death.' Death cannot hold us nor separate us from the Love of God in Christ Jesus. We have new life with God for eternity, but we still go through death.

The image of death and resurrection is symbolised in the act of baptism, when we die to self and our sinful ways to rise with Christ into new life, transformed to following the example and teaching of Jesus. There are times in the life of the church when we must be prepared for things to die for the resurrection to come.

What might these things be? It could be all manner of things. It might be something which occupies a time and space at the Church when that time and space could better serve God's

purpose. I might be that it is sometimes our pride, our insistence on doing what we've always done that needs to die. It might be our holding onto the past that needs to die to allow new vision to come. I would suggest it is those things which we place our own personal interests before seeking after God's kingdom. That we dress our own preferences and individual opinions in such ways that we claim they are for God, yet we forget about truly waiting upon the Lord. Giving ourselves to discerning how God might be guiding and wanting to grow new life in us.

We see the early church giving up all their possessions because they had found God. Nothing compares to the treasures of this relationship; no material possession can bring fulfilment like what God can and does. We try to let the bible read us and allow God to speak into our lives but often are more akin to the Hollywood blockbuster movie which is roughly based on a true story because we want to shape our lives to how we see fit and want God to fit our lives. We call for change in the world but resist change in the life of the church. We talk about worshipping God but only if the worship God requires of us is how we like to worship and includes all favourite hymns. Pleasing ourselves becomes more pressing than considering how we might please God.

One of my favourite verses in the gospel is the account of Jesus' baptism when God spoke and said this is my Son in whom I am well pleased. Should not pleasing God be our hearts desire? After all, it is God's church.

One of the evangelists at cliff college used to say that even in jest people can speak truth. In jest recently I have been saying how I seem to be preaching the same sermon and that I called out to God in prayer, saying 'Lord, please can I have a new message to preach?' And then God replied, 'but they are still not listening.' With all the weight of the world on our shoulders we can feel as lost as what we ought to be doing as a church. We can have new initiatives; latest ideas and I am not dismissing the value of these

inspirational approaches to how we might be church. Ultimately, we have the greatest commandments, and these are to be taken seriously. How do we love God with all our mind, heart, soul, and strength? How do we love our neighbour? How do we love one another as Christ as loved us? These are things we can and should be looking towards daily. This is both our vision and mission. This is who we are to be, people who take these greatest commandments seriously.

In my late teens and early twenties, I enjoyed going to Easter People in Torquay. The conversations with the locals who worked in the shops, B&B's and take away restaurants would often comment on the difference they saw in the Christians they welcomed and served compared to their usual clientele. Perhaps I'm in danger of looking back with some romantic idea of the past, yet at that time, in Torquay people noticed a difference in Christians being Easter people. Some churches in the circuit are going to be exploring through worship services what it means to be Resurrection people drawing upon resources from Engage Worship. I wonder, who in our local communities, in our workplaces and our loved ones might notice something of God in us if we are Christians who are resurrection people?

When we live out our beliefs inspired by the Holy Spirit, included in being resurrection people, we will be fruit of the Spirit people, forgiving people, loving people, compassionate people, Holy people, and the descriptions of the Christian character go on. And all these Christian attributes are cultivated by God and practiced through our daily lives by the means of Grace. It is God who does this in us through the new life we have through Jesus Christ, who died, who is risen and who will come again in glory. **Amen.**



Alive!

If you will, imagine the scene. You are one of the women who cared for Jesus – spend a few moments putting yourself in this role.

And now, through senseless barbarity, your revered and beloved leader is dead. As far as you are concerned, the world has ended – how do you feel?

To honour his body, and out of devotion, you go to the tomb taking spices and ointments. You are grief-stricken. Your eyes full of tears – imagine that journey.

But the tomb is empty... apart from a pile of shrouds. You are terrified. Perplexed. Amazed. All at the same time. You don't know what to make of it. You had thought this was the definitive end. As far as you were concerned, there was no meaningful tomorrow. But something has happened beyond your human ability to understand. Does this mean Jesus is, in fact, alive? This for you is uncharted waters. God, yet again, has confounded your expectations.

And what happened next confirmed it: Jesus is alive! How do you feel now?

It is strange that however many years we have travelled with God, tuned into God's presence, believed we have known God's ways – we can be brought short in amazement. Catastrophe can bring down our world. We can feel that life has ended. And yet we discover God bringing us through to the other side.

The price of God's new life is always the same: a letting go of our fixed, pre-packaged ideas of what God is like, of what we are like and of what our neighbour is like. It is a call to get out of the safety of the boat and to walk on uncharted waters. Even, perhaps, to surf adventurously down cascading waterfalls, having no idea where we are going. The only certainty is knowing in our bones that 'God is with us'. There can be no end to the human

ability to describe God’s power. It bursts all bounds of our knowing.

The mystery of the empty tomb is that nothing, not illness, death, cruelty, treachery, or betrayal can separate us from the love of God and so God’s gift on newness of life. **Every Blessing Amanda**



News From Canada

We hope that you all enjoyed reading about the escapades of Rhianne and family, (our Canadian farmers), last month, as they collected their flock of ewes together, with the prospect of setting up a milking flock. It sounds as if it was very time consuming, but I am sure it will eventually be very worthwhile. This month Rhianne is going to tell us all about their first attempts at milking the ewes. Read on and enjoy.....

If you could do anything on a Thursday night, what would you do? What if it was -20C outside, and you’d just had a huge snowstorm? Would it be--Mug of tea, hot bath, roaring fire and a “onesie”: any combination of the above would be just the ticket. Yes, me too! Instead, on this particular Thursday night, I spent the evening with my husband, Andrew, father Marc, and daughter, Posie chasing sheep around on the ice. Just close your eyes and get the picture.

Let me fill you in a bit. Last month, I told you the saga of the sheep purchasing. This month, you get to hear all about our first night milking – and what a story it is too!

To really set the scene, I need to tell you about our sheep. They

are East Friesians. A larger-boned and stronger breed than the average sheep. Next, they were owned previously by The Mennonite Community. Due to their non-technological lifestyle, these ewes had been milked by hand and consequently they had absolutely no fear of people. None what-so-ever! You know what they were afraid of? The giant metal railings, white walls, and thumping bass of the parlour. (Although, when I describe it like that, I don't really blame them!!) So, back to Thursday night. We had only 18 ewes to start off with (this number will be up to 170, once all the ewes have lambed), We are quite happy with that situation. So, all we had to do was to walk them out of their pen into the collecting yard, up the collecting yard into the parlour. Simple? Nope. They didn't want to leave their pen. We went round and round in circles (not sure who's idea it was to have a ring feeder right in the middle! of the yard) until eventually we got most of them into the collecting yard. Then, Andrew held the gate while Marc and I chased the stragglers and "encouraged" them to join their friends. By this time Posie had disappeared, later to be found in the milkhouse, teeth chattering, needing to be warmed up!

Nearly there. The next problem was how to get them into the parlour from the collecting yard? Yes, you guessed it. The same "encouragement" that was needed to get them through the first gate was necessary here too - and it was quite the cardio-vascular workout. These giant ewes needed to be pulled up the ramp and then pushed into the parlour. As you can imagine, the next twenty minutes were filled with heavy breathing, (inappropriate words), and some slip-sliding on the snow that had blown in.

At one point, one ewe fell into the parlour and had to be chased back up the steps to start the journey all over again!

Once all the ewes were finally in their stalls, it was time to attach the clusters for milking. This was almost as much fun as moving them. After spending most of their lives being hand-

milked, they really were not happy. By this point, Posie and I had had enough and headed back home while the men held the clusters onto each ewe individually. It ended up taking much, MUCH, longer than anticipated!! After all this, you'd think that maybe Andrew would be starting to question some of his life choices. However, as I think you can tell from this photo, he loved it!



Yes, the photograph of Andrew says it all. I think that we will agree that the time energy and frustration put in to milking the ewes has proved worthwhile (so far) and that Andrew is very happy with the outcome. Isn't farming fun!!!

Kathy's Corner

After a couple of sunny days, it definitely feels like spring has sprung – and the garden is calling me. I began last week, with a bit of hoeing around the gooseberries and blackcurrants. Then, as I admired the spring bulbs flowering round the pond, I spotted some frog spawn. So Saturday afternoon, a friend arrived with his granddaughter, carrying a bucket. I'd said they could have some spawn this spring, and they arrived on the perfect afternoon. The sun had warmed the water on the shallow ledge and there were lots of amphibians sitting there. We spent some time with the fishing net catching them! Strangely, considering I have frog spawn, all we caught were toads! Although that is quite helpful when you have a young lady who has never seen one close up. I realised years ago, toads are lazy, and just sit on your hands for

ages before jumping back into the pond – frogs on the other hand, leap off in all directions. I still haven't been forgiven for taking some into my playgroup years ago – the children thought it was brilliant, but my colleague disappeared into the kitchen and wouldn't come out until we'd caught the frog, Took us ages to catch that frog - and the toad never moved off the table!

Our fish are more active too, the croaking frogs and toads having woken them. Walk past when the sun casts your shadow on the water, and they all surface with gulping mouths. So, we'll start feeding them now, to stop them eating the spawn and tadpoles.

Last autumn, on a sunny afternoon by the pond, my husband suggested we establish a wildlife garden in the former vegetable patch - it would be nicer to look at than the barren ground we have currently. I thought it was a good idea, until I read the instructions on the box of seed – if I thought a wild garden meant no work, I was totally wrong! The ground needs loosening, levelling and stones removed – after I rake off the moss. This week has been the perfect weather for me to tackle the job – a small patch each day, before my back starts grumbling. Once the frosty nights have gone, Malcolm will sprinkle the seeds (How come he always gets the easy jobs?).

It will be interesting to see what wildlife we attract this summer if we get a good crop of flowers – but that's in God's hands. I've done my bit, it's over to Him... - **Blessings Kathy Lowrie**



News from our “Roving Reporters” from around the Circuit

Allhallowgate - As we work our way through Lent to Easter this year we at AHG are using Matthew 25, verses 31 to 40 as our Lenten Liturgy. Each week we place an additional related item at the base of the cross, food, drink, invitation, item of clothing etc. and suspend more related pictures around the balcony each week, homeless, refugees, sick receiving care etc. The choice of the scripture was to help us to reflect upon what it is that we should be doing in our Christian lives and therefore always an important message. That message has become even more meaningful as we all struggle with the events in Ukraine and the plight of the people.

Our pilgrimage through Lent to Easter concludes with joy on Easter Sunday as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ and the path of our salvation. Let us pray that the same joy can be experienced throughout the world as we reflect upon the life and purpose of the Prince of Peace.

Finghall - I was a newcomer to Finghall Chapel after Crakehall closed and I was given a wonderful Methodist welcome. I soon realised the people who ran and looked after the chapel gave hours of dedicated service into running the chapel and kept the building in such good order - all that was thanks to Alan, Cynthia and Norman.

Then there were the coffee mornings, members brought food and anything that would sell. Barbara used to make, as well as delicious cakes (*a lot were often ordered*), some wonderful Cornish Pasties. If you didn't buy them straight away they had gone!

Where could you buy coffee for £1 and scrumptious home-made scones, as many as you could eat made by Christine? I loved this event, meeting both the regulars and the passers-by. The money realised was given to charity, eg, Methodist causes, the floods up the dales, a substantial cheque to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (*the farming community charity*) and other local needs.

Now, sadly, we have our last service at Finghall, so let us give thanks to all the people, past and present, who worshipped in this lovely place; so let us go with a wonderful hymn:

‘To God be the glory, great things He has done’

Yours in friendship,

Betty Burke

Grewelthorpe - I am pleased to report that our Lent Lunches are proving a success once again with the church being full of enthusiasm and happiness. The delicious soup that is served weekly is proving very popular and we must be very grateful for the individuals for all their help behind the scenes. We would love to welcome you on Mondays, 5th and 11th April held in Grewelthorpe Church 12noon – 1.30pm. Donations will be divided between Christian Aid and church funds.

Our” Not Epiphany Party but Welcome to Spring Party” at last went ahead on the 18th March. This was a spectacular evening where the local talent came out in force. Musicians, poetry recitals, funny stories, singing, were just a few of the types of performances. We were so grateful for people attending. A good time was had by all and an excellent supper was served afterwards.

G-Club is back! The children’s monthly club at St James and the Methodist Church Grewelthorpe is called G-Club and is open to all children of primary school age. Next G-Club Wednesday 6th April 6-7pm If you would like further details please contact Susan Rizos

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We are now moving forward to planning our Annual Parish Council Meeting which will be held on 24th May and, also to the Queens Platinum Jubilee in June, where we will join with the rest of village in celebrating this event.



This is a new group that is starting at Bedale and District Methodist Church for the older generations to come and enjoy a time of good company, activities, a short time of worship and tea and cakes.

Come along and join in the fun at our first meeting on:

Monday 11th April 2pm-3.30pm at Bedale and District Methodist Church

We will then continue to meet monthly on the second Monday of the month.

We look forward to welcoming you there!

Masham - Easter Greetings to everyone from Masham Chapel.

Please come and join us for:

GOOD FRIDAY

Walk of witness - meeting at Masham Market Square Cross at 2pm, and walking to the four corners of the marketplace, with Easter Bible readings.

Meditation - at the Chapel - 7pm with Rev Gareth Baron

EASTER SUNDAY

Decorating an empty wooden cross with fresh flowers to celebrate.

Time; 12pm - Place: Masham Market Square. Service of Praise included.

High Ellington - As a small chapel we occasionally have to have fund raisers to keep going I have had many a conversation with churches great and small and the odd minister about the rights and wrongs of raising funds to keep chapels going and have been told many times the members must dig deeper and any fund raising should be to help others , Short fact is to keep our witness in the villages we need outside help our latest event was a evening of song by Northallerton Male Voice Choir , over 100 guests came to hear them sing a varied performance from sea shanty's to songs from musicals it was revealed by them during the evening it was their first outing this year . The evening finished as is often the case with our chapel with food and over £1000 was raised to aid with building repairs.

I was on the door to greet everyone, and all were glad to be out in person meeting friends old and young and I received many comments praising our efforts in keeping our little chapel going as it provides a crucial witness in our corner of rural Yorkshire. We were also praised for organizing an evening of musical enjoyment for the community.

In this time of lent we look forward to Easter but as a farming area we also look forward to lambing time. When new life springs (pun intended) forth and the earth around us loses its winter shroud and daffodils bring a splash of color and trees blossom and lambs appear in fields the agricultural work load increases so time spent in prayer or just quiet moments can be invaluable to spiritual health or just going to chapel on Sunday sitting in the pew and being led in worship , My greatest joy is early morning just after sunrise watching lambs gamble about in the fields not a care but more on that next month.



Bedale & District – Our Display Group have been hard at work during Lent enhancing our worship with not one but two displays, the first using the Lectionary Readings each week and building the display up; Temptations of Jesus, Jesus Grieves over Jerusalem, Fig Tree, Prodigal Son, Washing of Jesus' feet and Palm Sunday. The second has been based on a Lent Liturgy which we have used at the beginning of worship and dressed our Large Wooden Cross.



Good Friday We invite you join us when we will be opening the building from 10 am to 4 pm for Private Prayer, please come and go as you are able during that time, there will be a Prayer Labyrinth in Church and Prayer Stations in the Hall – We will be serving Coffee & Biscuits in Foyer.



Ripon & Lower Dales Methodist Circuit

With God in the city, towns, villages, and rural areas

Holy Week services

Monday 11th April 7:00pm Bedale & District Methodist Church.

Tuesday 12th Meditations at 7pm Leeming St John's

Wednesday 13th Meditations at 7pm Burrill Mission Chapel

Maundy Thursday Thursday 14th April

Holy Communion Service 7:00pm at Snape Methodist Church
or

Maundy Thursday Holy Communion 7.30p.m at Allhallowgate Methodist Church, Ripon

Good Friday Walk of Witness:

Bedale Friday 15th April Start at 10.00 am at the Band Stand in Bedale Park. Finishing with refreshments in the Chantry Hall.

Allhallowgate Methodist Church, Ripon at 10.30am

Good Friday - 15 April 2022 -

Bedale & District Methodist Church. Church open from 10am to 4pm - Prayer Labyrinth, Prayer Stations, light refreshments

Masham Methodist Church Meditation service 7:00pm.

Easter Day Services as shown on the Preaching Plan

All are welcome





Trypraying across the dales 2022

Following last year's incredible event when over 50 churches across the dales took part, the Ripon & Lower Dales circuit intends to take part in the campaign for 2022. The suggestion is that churches consider putting up their banners and booklet dispensers for the 6 weeks after Easter.

Last year's impact was wonderful, with many churches across the dales struggling to keep up with filling their booklet dispensers, and there were numerous stories of people being impacted by the banner and the booklet.

We are imagining a 6-week period when wherever you go within our circuit, you'll see trypraying banners and be able to pick up a booklet, giving non-believers a real and non-threatening prompt to engage with God.

We'll never know the full impact on people, that's truly between them and God. All we can do is step out in faith and give them the prompt to trypraying.

Here are some pictures from last year:





Presidential Statement on Ukraine

The overwhelming response to the Government's Homes for Ukraine scheme shows clear support amongst the public for helping those seeking sanctuary. Methodist churches and members around the UK stand ready to open their homes and lives to Ukrainians who desperately need our friendship and solidarity.

The scheme also demonstrates that when called for, the Government can find resources and commit to helping people in need. We are grateful that the Government has listened to the widespread calls for them to act and to begin to open routes by which Ukrainians can come to the UK for safety.

However, whilst communities are united in offering support and protection to those fleeing an unimaginable situation, we remain concerned that this welcoming approach appears to be at odds with the Government's response to refugees from other parts of the world.

Over the past few weeks, non-Ukrainian nationals fleeing the conflict have been treated with hostility across Europe. Many foreign students, refugees who have settled within Ukraine and others who have made Ukraine their home have struggled to find routes out of the conflict and have instead faced discrimination and harsh treatment. All people fleeing Ukraine need to be offered safety, not only those holding a Ukrainian passport. In the UK, this hostility is particularly demonstrated in the Nationality and Borders Bill currently going through Parliament.

With this Bill, the Government is continuing to pursue a hostile and unwelcoming approach towards some of the most vulnerable people in the world. The Bill will have a detrimental impact on many people seeking refuge, criminalising people with a legitimate claim to asylum, keeping families apart and undermining people's right to refugee protection. The Bill currently presents no new safe routes by which refugees can reach the UK, leaving people fleeing conflict and persecution in places such as Yemen, Syria and Iran without options. At the same time as the Government asks us to open our homes to Ukrainian refugees, they are closing the door on refugees from around the world.

The Refugee Convention was established over 70 years ago in 1951, in the wake of war. Signatories to the convention committed that the way someone travelled to seek refugee protection should not matter, acknowledging that escaping conflict, oppression and persecution was the immediate priority. Despite the risk of war rising once again, the Nationality and Borders Bill directly undermines this principle.

As Christians, we are called to welcome the stranger, and to recognise God amongst them. We cannot abide any kind of discrimination which seeks to ignore or mar the image of God that all people bear. This Bill which judges a person's legitimate claim to sanctuary based on how they arrive in the UK should not be tolerated. Just as the Government is right to make every effort to welcome people from Ukraine, we must ensure that this effort is made whenever necessary.

Any response to people fleeing conflict in Ukraine must now be applied across the board. We urge the Government to look carefully at the Nationality and Borders Bill, recognise this inconsistency, and take immediate action so that all who seek sanctuary are protected.

The President and Vice-President of the Conference
Revd Sonia Hicks and Barbara Easton

Prayer Page

Risen Lord,
in the stillness and wonder of this moment,
we hardly dare to believe that you are indeed alive!
Yet our hearts are filling with faith, hope and love,
and our souls are beginning to believe!
Wonderful Lord, we fall on our knees with thanksgiving.

Amen.

Cosmic God,
your Son Jesus walked the earth as we do today,
and his life, death and resurrection free us to embrace
the fullness of life you offer to all that you have made.
In his name, we your Church, your family,
gather to celebrate this day,
to encourage one another,
to draw close to you –
glad to be alive, glad to worship you,
glad to sing out: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Creator God, giver of life;
Jesus Christ, Lord of life;
Holy Spirit, pulse of life:
we bring you our 'alleluias' and our thanks
for the joy, the hope and the wonder
of the Resurrection – which we celebrate today.

Amen.

Jesus is alive! **Jesus is alive!**
Death is overcome: **Jesus is alive!**
He is your one true Son: **Jesus is alive!**
We are freed from sin: **Jesus is alive!**
Our new lives can begin: **Jesus is alive!**
On this joyful Easter Day: **Jesus is alive!**
So let us sing and dance and rejoice.
Jesus is alive! - Amen.

Let us pray for those for whom today is just another day:
those who have to work;
those who have not yet encountered the risen Christ;
those who do not celebrate his love.

For God gave his Son,
to show his love and bring life.

We pray for all who flee their homes in desperation,
and travel into an uncertain future.
Strengthen them on their journeys,
and keep alive their vision of finding a secure and welcoming
home.

For God gave his Son,
to show his love and bring life.

Let us pray for those who grieve today:
those recently bereaved;
those for whom this is a time of anniversary;
those who wait beside a loved one who is dying.

For God gave his Son,
to show his love and bring life.

Let us pray for all in need throughout the world:
those without access to clean water;
those with insufficient food;
those who cannot access the health care that they need.

For God gave his Son,
to show his love and bring life.

Let us pray for each other and for ourselves,
that we may have wholeness, peace and hope
through the presence in our lives of the risen Lord.

For God gave his Son,
to show his love and bring life. Amen.

For raising Jesus from the dead:
glory to God this joyful Easter Day.

As we eat our Easter eggs:

glory to God this joyful Easter day.

For love to share with one another, today
and every day:

glory to God this joyful Easter Day.

Amen.

Risen Lord,
you always go before us – preparing the
way,

leading us further along your path of life.

Today of all days, there is no more fear.

We praise and adore you! **Alleluia!**

Amen.



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Prayer Commitment by the Circuit Meeting:

- Please pray for those experiencing financial difficulties.
- Please pray for the people of Afghanistan.
- Please pray for the Revd's Ian and Gareth as both have their sabbaticals over the coming months above that they may encounter the living God in the places, the people, the noise and the silence and that you may return refreshed and renewed to continue the exciting ministry here in the Circuit.



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