Welcome to St. John's in Farsley

Sunday 12th April – Easter Sunday

Church

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

For many of us in these times of continued Coronavirus restrictions, which we all need to respect, the journey of Holy Week may have felt particularly significant this year. But I hope that you've been able to find ways of keeping connected spiritually, because of course with our Saviour, there is no 'social distancing!'

Today we celebrate with great joy that Christ is risen, and we look forward to continuing to find creative ways of nurturing the spiritual life and worship of our church, and reaching out to those in need, including those seeking spiritual support, because although the church building is closed, we are definitely not closed for business.

For those of you able to access the internet, Sue has posted morning worship (including music) for each day during Holy Week, and from now onwards we will continue to post Sunday services online, to help you to worship God and to keep connected with the St John's family. See <u>http://stjohnsfarsley.org.uk/our-</u> <u>services/recorded-services/</u> You can watch any time you like, so you don't have to be limited to normal service times!

If you'd like prayer, or would like to talk to me about anything, do please feel free to ring me or e-mail me. With grace and peace, Revd Sue.

<u>https://www.stjohnsfarsley.org.uk</u> Church website details where you can find lots of information and resources.

Readings for this Easter Sunday, Acts 10. 34-43 and John 20. 1-18

Collect for the day

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Notices

Offers of help If anyone would like to offer help to deliver notice sheets, do any shopping etc for those housebound contact the Church Wardens. Donations If anyone would like to change their Giving to contact Joel our treasurer or Church Wardens so we can keep our monies coming in. treasurer@stjohnsfarsley.org.uk

<u>Emailed Notice Sheets</u> If you would like to receive a notice sheet via email please pass your details on to Helen. <u>notices@stjohnsfarsley.org.uk</u>

Church Bells and Music from the Clock Tower Easter Sunday at 10.30am the church bells will be on for 5mins and then hymns will be played for 20mins and finished with the bells again to finish off. This is the link available till Wednesday to listen on your own. https://we.tl/t-9k4Dn7aMVg

ABC Services looking into using Zoom to continue to having ABC services. Please register your interest via the website query form.

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A prayer for times when we can't meet in Church

Ah my dear Lord, the church is locked but let my heart be open to your presence; there let us make, you and I, your Easter garden; plant it with flowers, and let the heavy stone be rolled away. *By Alan Amos*

An Easter prayer

Dear Lord, may I realise afresh today what Your death and resurrection mean for me. Forgiveness, freedom, and the means to walk with You every day of my life.

Give me your joy this week as I celebrate Easter, whether alone or with others, help me to grow in love for you, and fill me with your life-giving Spirit. Amen

Notice sheets from The Church in Rodley and Farsley Community Church are also available. Notices for this sheet to be sent by Wednesday at 9:30am. www.stjohnsfarsley.org.uk