



The Benefice of Pontefract

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As the fire rises,
as the sun ascends,
may heart and mind become flame, burning with life's vigour

As the seed bursts,
as the tomb cracks,
may body and soul become song, a hymn of praise and glory.

With Christ all things rise:
the cross takes root,
the desert is watered,
the dust of death blossoms into life.

May we be witnesses of this life today:
the life that is not defined by fear and death; the life that is more than enough for all;
the life that is the glory and song of God through all creation.

Source: Steven Shakespeare, The Earth cries Glory. Canterbury Press 2019

Easter Blessings to all. Celebrate our Lord's Resurrection, wherever and how ever you can! Hear and receive afresh the words of Resurrection Life and Hope in the depths of your hearts, minds and souls. Find opportunity today to delight in God's good creation and let the green shoots of new life be a reminder that new life emerges out of death. Canon June

READINGS FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY TO EASTER DAY, 12TH APRIL

Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12.1-4, 11-14

I Corinthians 11.23-26

John 13.1-7, 31b-35

Psalm 22 at the end

Good Friday

Isaiah 52.13-53.12

Hebrews 10.16-25

The reading of the Passion from John

John 18.1-19, 42

Devotions Saturday Night or early on Easter Day

Easter Vigil—12 April 2020

Old Testament Readings and Psalms

Genesis 1.1-2, 4a and Psalm 136.1-9, 23-26

Exodus 14.10-31, 15.20-21

Isaiah 55.1-11 and Isaiah 12.2-6

Ezekiel 36.24-28 and Psalm 42, 43

New Testament Reading

Romans 6.3-11

Collect for Easter Day

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.

Resurrection of the Lord—12 April 2020

Acts 10.34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Matthew 28.1-10

28 After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Easter Evening—12 April 2020

Isaiah 25.6-9

Psalm 114

1 Corinthians 5.6b-8

Luke 24.13-49

Those who are ill :

Eric; Linda; Mar; Murray; Hans; Lesley; Gail & Liam; Derek & Janet; Pam & Brian; Cynthia; Brenda; Jean; Margaret; Jonathan; Ellie; Joyce; Barrie; Lucy Nichol; Rhys Williams; Janis Gallagher; Catherine & Colin Godridge; Pat Steel; Sandra Cutting; David Murray; Anita Murray; Robert Metcalfe; Russ Hunter; Ray Steel; Jean Johnson.

We pray for those who have recently died:

Allan Turner; Donald Chessman; Alan Netherwood.

And those whose years mind falls at this time:

George Campling; Eileen Whitney.

ALAN NETHERWOOD—RIP

It is with much sadness that I have to tell you that Gina Netherwood's husband, Alan, died on Tuesday morning, 7th April. Alan has been unwell for a while as many of you know. Please do hold Gina and the family in prayer in these coming days and weeks. May Alan Rest in Peace. Once details of Alan's funeral are known, we will inform you so that, as a church community, we can pray for the family, especially on the day of the funeral.

DONALD CHESSMAN—RIP

It is with great sadness that I tell you that Donald passed away early on the morning of Saturday, 28 March. He died peacefully and suddenly in his sleep. May Donald Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory. Donald's funeral service will take place on 16th April at 11.40am at Pontefract crematorium. Current restrictions around funerals mean that only representatives from the immediate family can be in attendance. His life will, in due course, be celebrated at St Giles when all family and friends will be able to be present.

CONTACT DETAILS

During the current Coronavirus crisis, if you would like to receive the weekly notices direct to your email address, please would you send your contact details (name, address, email and phone number) in order that we can add these to our database. By sending us your contact details you are agreeing to us holding this information. We assure you that this information will be used solely for the purpose of keeping in contact with you.

Please send your contact details to
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Publication Deadlines

Wednesday April 15th: Deadline for Notices.

Items must be received by 3:00 p.m. Please e-mail Vivienne Smales at
stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com

Sunday, April 19th: Deadline for May's Parish Magazine. Please e-mail items to
both brucedalgleish0@gmail.com and stgmmonthlymag@gmx.com

A NOTE CONCERNING GIVING FROM DAVID LEIGH, OUR TREASURER

The CofE Stewardship and Income Generation Team has asked us to highlight the impact of the decline in income from lettings, donations and offertories during the current Corona-virus outbreak.

A significant number (45%) of our parishioners already donate via Direct Debit and Standing Orders from their banks and we are extremely grateful for that contribution. In the current circumstances, we would like to encourage individuals who would normally bring cash into church to continue making their weekly/monthly contributions via their bank. This will make a significant difference to our cash flow in the weeks and months ahead.

Equally, at this time, many people may be concerned about income and livelihoods and we do not want them to feel any additional burden of worry about their financial giving at this time.

If you would like to change your method of giving to Direct Debit, you can do this by contacting your bank by phone (if you have the Telephone Banking facility) or online if you have internet banking. Although you can visit your bank in person to make this change, we are not encouraging you to consider this option during the current lockdown period.

Details of our church bank account are as follows:

Account Name: St Giles Parochial Church Council

Bank: Yorkshire Bank, 25 Ropergate, Pontefract, WF8 1LQ

Sort Code: 05-06-71

Account Number: 16172795

With every good wish to you all. Stay safe.

David Leigh
Treasurer

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We look forward to hearing from you soon!