



Dear all,

When Jesus walked on this earth 2000 years ago, not only did he teach with an authority unlike anything people had experienced, Jesus also demonstrated that he was Lord over sickness, nature, and spiritual forces. This week's 'I am' saying takes place when Jesus visited his friend Lazarus's tomb, where Lazarus had been dead for 4 days. Although some believed in a future resurrection at this time, Jesus now demonstrates that he is also Lord over life and death, by raising Lazarus to life again (read John 11).

One would think everyone would have celebrated this, but as we discover in John 11: 45-57, some responded by plotting his death, because they couldn't control what was happening. Throughout these events, Jesus remains in control – as Jesus says in John 10:18 *No one takes [my life] from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again.*

The current season of life for so many continues to be a most challenging time, where the future has become more uncertain than normal - student's A Level & GCSE results; localised lockdowns; quarantine measures; employment challenges etc. The good news is that we can rest assured that Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life, both now and forevermore. Hallelujah – let's celebrate this truth today and every day.

Church News:

- **Sunday 16 August**

You are welcome to join us in our church building for our service - we have excellent social distancing procedures in place that ensure everyone remains safe - from Hand Sanitiser, to a one-way system, to the chair layout to very clear signage, to the Track and Trace system... - do come and join us. To book tickets, [please click this link](#). **Zoffee and Zea** will take place at the later time of **12.30pm - this is being organised by me (Tim!) this week**. To join this time of fellowship, please contact me.

- **Weekly Challenge**

This week's challenge is to send us a photo of something that represents summer to you. This week, please send your photos to me vicar@eatonsocon.org by **Saturday 15 August 12noon**, which will then be included in Sunday's Service.

- **The Bible Project**

[Click here to learn more about The Bible Project](#)

- **Recipe Book**

Don't forget to share your favourite lockdown recipes by sending them to brianelliott1948@gmail.com

Under Aslan's paw! – Tim, Vicar, St Mary's Eaton Socon