

Dear all,

As I walked into the churchyard earlier this week, I was greeted by the most beautiful sight of so many daffodils in all of their splendour. Daffodils, like the Cherry Blossom, are signs of the new life emerging in Spring.

Easter Sunday is when the Church celebrates the new life found in the resurrected Christ. Jesus, who lived, suffered, died and was buried and people thought that was the end of Jesus' story. But then he rose again triumphing over sin and death, and is alive forevermore. We declare this truth in our Easter greeting when we say Christ is risen - He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The amazing news is that Jesus wants to share his new life with us all - a life that can bring us healing, comfort, love, peace, strength and hope, not just in this life time, but for all eternity. As social distancing restrictions begin to ease, and we rediscover many of the joys of life previously curtailed, my prayer is that we all discover how our lives can be enriched by Jesus' life. As we sing in the Christmas Carol (yes a Christmas Carol!) 'Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in his wings...'. Jesus is all about light and life!

In a few weeks time, we remember the inauguration of the church at Pentecost and the giving of the Holy Spirit that enables us to live the Jesus life in our lives and continue his work in the world today. So what are you waiting for? What will your response be? Have a very blessed Easter everyone.

With every blessing, Tim

Church News:

Holy Week Services

Do join us online on Good Friday and Easter Sunday, both at 10am.

Weekly Challenge

Our final weekly challenge is to send a photo of what life looks like to you. What about sending a photo of what life has looked like to you following the social restrictions easing this week? Please send them to jenny@barrett.cc by Saturday 12noon.

Kitchen Project

A Gift Day to enable this project is being held this Sunday 4th April (Easter Sunday) <u>Click here</u> to learn about the Kitchen Project. What will your response be?

Lent & Easter Resources

<u>Click here</u> to visit the Lent & Easter Resources page where several new videos have been added.

World Mission Update

Click here to read the update from the McClymonts.

Sunday Services

This Sunday's Service includes Communion – do get ready for this.

NB: There is no Zoffee and Zea after today's service.

Look out for Zoffee and Zea starting again soon!

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