

WHEATHILL PRIORY BENEFICE

“Jesus Lives: Follow Him” 4 April 2021 Easter Day Bulletin

Bishop Peter’s Easter Sunday message for the diocese celebrates the selfless service and the community spirit demonstrated by millions over the past year.

The country has seen “a new spirit of people coming together and working together” he says, in a video reflection released for use in Easter Sunday services across the diocese.

Though this Easter we are aware of the challenges faced by people around the world because of the pandemic, there are signs of hope, and through the Resurrection, a purpose to keep us going, he says.

Millions of people have suffered because of Covid, whether bereaved, lonely or isolated, or worried about jobs, or unemployment, or how to feed their loved ones, he says, but in the midst of challenges there have been “wonderful signs of hope too”.

Key workers, including those in schools and hospitals and care homes, in shops and in foodbanks, “have given themselves selflessly”.

“There is much to give thanks for even in the midst of the challenges of Covid, and much to give us hope.”

The Resurrection we celebrate on Easter Sunday gives us a purpose as we realise that Jesus Christ has risen for us, and that new life is possible.

Bishop Peter said Jesus’ words to Mary Magdalene, to ‘Go and tell my disciples I have risen from the dead’ gives us our purpose this Easter, and every Easter.

Bible Readings for the week

As Lent ends we return to the standard Church of England readings:

Sunday Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, Acts 10:34-43, Mark 16:1-8

Monday Psalm 111, Song of Songs 1:9-2:7, Mark 16:1-8

Tuesday Psalm 112, Song of Songs 2:8-end, Luke 24:1-12

Wednesday Psalm 113, Song of Songs 3, Matthew
28:16-end

Thursday Psalm 114, Song of Songs 5:2-6:3, Luke 7:11-
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9am Morning Prayer on Zoom

Friday Psalm 115, Song of Songs 7:10-8:4, Luke 8:41-end

Saturday Psalm 116, Song of Songs 8:5-7, John 11:17-44

Sunday 10:30am Morning Worship Lydford on Fosse

Phone Church

We have set up a phone line that you can use (for the cost of a local call so probably free for most) to listen to a reading, the reflection and prayers of intercession for the week. The phone number is **01458 552155**. The service will be available from Saturday evening.

There is also the Church of England Daily Hope phone line, which has hymns, prayers and reflections.



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers

YouTube

Our weekly worship continues to be available on YouTube, we hope to livestream the services as they happen, so from 10:30am. If that fails we will upload them after the service. You can find the service here:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9tB_kpGA8SZwwyE9AmKvmg/video?s?view=57

Bishop Peter

As you may have heard Bishop Peter, Bishop of Bath and Wells has announced his retirement, you can read his reflection <https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/2021/03/bishop-peter-announces-retirement-as-he-continues-recovery-from-leukaemia/> and watch a video from him here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DX88FMzt0bl>

He has also recorded an Easter message for the diocese which you can see here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5jdn_yURzg

There will be a process to follow regarding a new Bishop, and that will take time, but for now we continue to pray for Bishop Peter and Jane as they prepare for the next step in their lives.

April worship

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| 4/4/21 | 10:30am Holy Communion for Easter Lydford on Fosse |
| 11/4/21 | 10:30am Morning Worship Lydford on Fosse |
| 18/4/21 | 10:30am Morning Worship Keinton Mandeville |
| 28/4/21 | 10:30am Morning Worship Barton St David |
| | 4pm Faith 'n Fun Keinton Churchyard |