



**12th April 2026.**  
 We extend a warm welcome to  
 Mike Evans, and to all our  
 members, friends and visitors



**For meditation:** *We offer you our hands, O Lord, to do your work; our lips to sing your praise; our life to proclaim your glory and our heart to serve you in our neighbour; for Jesu's sake. Hildegard of Bingen (1098- 1179)*

**NEWS AND VIEW**

After the excitement of Easter Sunday, today is referred to as 'Low Sunday'- but this week we continue in the season of Eastertide – the period which lasts from Easter Day until the Feast of Pentecost. It is a time to celebrate Christ's presence amongst us. The first 40 days of Easter , up until Ascension Day are known as the 'Forty Glorious Days' when the risen Christ appeared to his disciples regularly. It is the season in which we, like the disciples, make sense of what has happened and realise the magnitude of our gain. It is also the time of organisation and delegation when the risen Christ sets up an earthly institution, the Church, which will represent him and minister to the world.

**FOR PRAYER**

We pray for the light of Easter to be seen in the darkest places of our world: bringing peace where there is conflict, softening the hardest of hearts so that the politics of violence may be replaced by the fellowship of love; bringing succour to all who are suffering, refugees and homeless people, famished people in distant lands and those unable to feed their children and heat their homes in our own communities, all who are sick in body, mind and spirit; giving us generous and open hearts towards all those in need.

*We are praying this week for the congregation at Midsomer Norton and for their minister Rev Christine.*

**LECTIONARY READINGS** – 19<sup>th</sup> April

- Acts 2: 14a, 36 -41
- Psalm 116: 1 -3, 10 -17
- 1 Peter 1: 17 -23
- Luke 24: 13 -35

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Brothers, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath, that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay. God has raised this Jesus to life and we are all witnesses of the fact. Acts 2: 29 -32

**DIARY**

- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Compass Point** 11.00am  
 With Rev Simon we start a new series looking at Philippians. All welcome.
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Café + Soup** 9.30 – 1.30pm  
 The meal will be served at around 12 Noon. All welcome.
- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Morning worship** 11.00am  
 led by Rev Simon Topping

*By your kingly power, O risen Lord, all that Adam lost is now restored: in your resurrection be adored.*

Sing the joyful Easter cry,  
 sound it to the souls in prison,  
 shout our triumph to the sky:  
 sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen.

Sing the joyful Easter cry,  
 let all times and people's listen:  
 death has no more victory,  
 sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen.

Death has lost and life has won;  
 every newborn soul we christen  
 has the Father's child become:  
 sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen.

James McAuley (1917 – 76)

*As we stumble through the cobwebs in the midnight mist, filled with loneliness and despair and bent double by our burdens, the whisper of God's love can penetrate the mist – even from the underside of the soul. We know the outcome of the Story. We do not have to remain entombed in the dark night. We do not have to wrap ourselves in the grave clothes of self-pity, blame, bitterness cynicism, suspicion, vengeance.... We are the Easter people, called 'out of darkness into the marvellous light'.  
 Marilyn Brown Oden*

