

Fulneck and Gomersal Moravian Church

Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday 8th April 2020



Minister's Letter

Dear friends,

I hope that you are all well.

We are halfway through a very different Passion Week. I know that many of you have been keeping up with the readings in various ways. Some of you have been using the videos that Claire and I have produced to accompany the readings. Some of you may have been watching the Provincial live stream on Facebook each evening. Some of you have been phoning a friend to read together. Maundy Thursday will seem especially odd with us not coming together to share communion, and we look forward to being able to do that again before too long.

On Easter Sunday we will be unable to meet in God's Acre or to have breakfast together. I have again provided some resources in this newsletter for worship at home, and there will be a video to accompany the readings including the Easter liturgy on YouTube, as well as the usual (I think I can say 'usual' after three weeks!) Sunday Provincial service. Something we can still do at Fulneck is put up the cross and it will be decorated for Easter Sunday.

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland are inviting people to 'Sing Resurrection' on Easter Sunday. At 10am, Christians across the country will stand at their doors or windows to sing the hymns 'Jesus Christ is risen today' and 'Thine be the glory'. I have included the words (and the music for the first line) of both hymns in this newsletter so that you can join in if you want. It would certainly be possible for a few of us to sing in Fulneck from our doorsteps.

Here are some of the things that are happening after Easter:

- On Wednesday 15th at 10.30am we will be having another online Julian Meeting. If anyone would like to join us, please let me know.
- On Wednesday 22nd at 2pm the Bible Book Club will meet online to discuss the letters of John. If you would like to be involved, please let me know, and I can send the notes by email if you don't have them.
- Every Sunday there will be a video service produced by the Province. The links will be provided on Facebook and by email.

Please remember Sr Janet Speight in your prayers, as Kevin passed away last week after being unwell for some time. His funeral is next week in Elland. Also, Sr Nona Harvey passed away last week. Her funeral and burial will take place in God's Acre at Fulneck next week. Funerals are currently for close family only.

Stay safe, and I hope that you have a happy Easter.

Yours in Christ,

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Hymns for Easter Sunday

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia,

our triumphant holy day; alleluia,
who did once upon the cross; alleluia,
suffer to redeem our loss; alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing; Alleluia,
unto Christ our heavenly king; alleluia,
who endured the cross and grave; alleluia,
sinners to redeem and save: alleluia!

But the pains which he endured; Alleluia,
our salvation have procured; alleluia,
now above the sky he's King; alleluia,
where the angels ever sing: alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;

endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where Thy body lay.
*Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb.
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let His church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.
Thine be the glory...

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life!!
Life is nought without Thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors, through Thy
deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.
Thine be the glory...