



Sunday 12th April
Easter Sunday

Connecting church family within
the Market Drayton Circuit;
Market Drayton, Ashley and
Hinstock, during the restrictions
placed on us by Covid-19

Market Drayton Methodist Circuit

Newsletter

Christ is risen, he is risen indeed - alleluia!

Easter Hymn

Christ, the Lord, is risen today,
Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say,
Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high,
Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply,
Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done,
Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won,
Alleluia!
Vain the stone, the watch, the seal,
Alleluia!
Christ hath burst the gates of hell,
Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King,
Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Alleluia!
Once He died our souls to save,
Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave?
Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ hath led,
Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head,
Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise,
Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,
Alleluia!

King of glory, Soul of bliss,
Alleluia!
Everlasting life is this,
Alleluia!
Thee to know, Thy power to prove,
Alleluia!
Thus to sing and thus to love,
Alleluia!

Notices

SPRING HARVEST HOME is a completely free online conference programme with content suitable for everyone in the family. Lined up for the week after Easter, we have some amazing material all built around the 2020 theme of "*Unleashed – The Acts Church Today*". Never has there been a more appropriate time for us to gather together as a community to worship, learn, laugh and pray together. **Big Start, morning Bible teaching, live worship, specialist seminars and workshops** and some light-hearted sofa viewing will be available right through the day. *Spring Harvest Home* will be available online through YouTube, so go to [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search for 'Spring Harvest' or simply [click here](#). You can then subscribe to the Spring Harvest channel to make sure you don't miss this unique *Spring Harvest Home* week.

SING RESURRECTION Churches Together in England are encouraging you to go outside your house at 10am on Easter Sunday at sing 'Christ the Lord is risen today' and 'Thine be the glory' at the top of your voices to proclaim Jesus's resurrection! Go to <https://ctbi.org.uk/sing-resurrection/> for more details.

HOPE LEAFLET Churches Together (Market Drayton) has issued a leaflet called 'Hope Beyond Coronavirus' and can be found on the website <https://wp.me/P7ft1v-IB>. It has been written by Roger Carswell, who works full-time speaking to students and adults about the believability of the Christian faith and its relevance to the modern world.

MD FOODBANK Please continue to add items to your shopping baskets for Foodbank. The shops are getting back to their normal stock levels on most items so please pick extra food up. There are still buckets in many shops for depositing Foodbank items, or you can drop them off at Foodbank, Parish Rooms, Tues, Thurs, Fri, 9-11am.

Fed up with
Isolation?
Shriek or
Howl
OR
Follow
In the steps of our
Saviour
Hallelujah!

Margaret Maxwell

DO YOU NEED HELP?? Let us know if you are isolating at home and need anything. You can call the manse (652631) or a friend or the church phone (655957) & leave a message and someone will check in on you!



Read: [1 Corinthians 15:44–49](#)

Good Friday celebrates the day our Lord died for our sins on the cross. I have often sat by the hour and tried to imagine the agony and suffering He went through because of our sins. At one point He said from the cross, "It is finished" (John 19:30). He meant that God had accepted His work on the cross as the penalty for our sins. Christ's death on our behalf is the reason God can forgive us and still be just. And His death teaches us the depth and breadth that there should be in our forgiveness of one another.

While that holy Friday was tremendous, it was only a prelude to Sunday morning when He was raised from the dead. Godly women had come to see His tomb, but angels made the glorious announcement, "He has risen!" (Luke 24:6). His resurrection guaranteed that we, too, will be raised, if we are believers and obeyers of His Word.

As you celebrate the truth that Jesus came from Heaven to redeem you, are you reflecting His likeness to those around you?

Read: [1 Corinthians 15:55–58](#)

Easter is a season of great gladness for those who know Christ. But for those who are without "the light of the knowledge of God's glory" (2 Corinthians 4:6), there is nothing to rejoice over.

Jesus left us with the great hope and certainty that He is going to return to bring a new Heaven and a new earth where, we are told, there will be no more sorrow, trouble, or death for those who have believed and followed Him. There will be trouble, sorrow, and suffering for those who have neglected or rejected Him.

As Christians, our great task is to obey the command to tell the whole world about Christ crucified, buried, yet risen again. My prayer for you during this season of the year, when we meditate on

our Saviour's great sacrifice for us on the cross, is that you will be filled with great peace and hope, because "He is risen!" That is the Good News.

As you follow Christ, are you obeying His command to tell others that He is risen indeed?

*Taken from Daily devotions
by Billy Graham*

An Easter Blessing

May you know life rising from the death,
May you know hope rising from the pain,
May you know light rising from the darkness,
May you know and live love,
May you know and live the life you are gifted.
Amen

The Methodist church Easter service

*Forever forgiving Father.
Invisible, invincible, incredibly,
Soul searching Saviour.
Heavenly helper, always giving us HOPE.
Rose Renouf*

After

A hill

Stark against the sunset sky

A cross

No sign now of past events.

The ground

no longer heaves in torment.

The sun longer hides for shame

Now

Only a cross.

No sign now that

Here the Son of God

Was murdered.

No sign now that

Here the holy One bore all our sin.

Only a cross,

And night gathers

Thick, about it's outstretched arms.

No sign now

Of tears that flowed

From Heaven's eyes

And men's.

No curses.

No taunts.

No gamblers' oaths.

No mother's loud lament.

Only a cross,

And silence,

Deep and thick as night.

Submitted by Roy Ellis

Worship on TV & Radio

Sunday

[8:10am: Radio 4](#)

Celebrate the Easter resurrection, with Rev Justin Welby.

[11.45am: BBC1](#)

Sunday Worship - Easter Celebration from Bangor Cathedral

[1:15pm: BBC1](#)

Katherine Jenkins celebrates Easter at the new church of St Luke's Gas Street, Birmingham while Sean Fletcher meets former footballer Ricky Otto –turned preacher

[7am – 1pm: Premier Radio](#)

[Freeview channel 725](#)

Big Sunday Service – A morning of Easter worship, prayers and celebration of the glorious resurrection

Weekdays

[5:45am and 9:20am: Radio 2](#)

Pause for Thought

[6am: Radio 4](#)

Thought for the day

Worship online

Market Drayton Sunday Worship

Live streams, and past services

<http://www.mdmc.org.uk>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC>

[K0WuUSz0TK2SzC8pFoRDwA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC)

www.ashleymethodist.co.uk

Stage Production of 'Jesus Christ Superstar'

Friday 7pm for 48 hours.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC>

[dmPjhKMaXNNeCr1FjuMvag](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC)

Online Sunday Worship across UK Methodism

<https://www.premierdigital.info/post/methodists-worship-online-easter>

Sunday Worship at Holy Trinity Brompton

Live streams, and past services

<https://www.htb.org/athome>

If you would like to contribute to this weekly Newsletter, please send items to Al Savill by

[Wednesday evenings](#) Email: notices@mdmc.org.uk

Please send testimonies, prayers, news, notices, activities etc.