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The Parish of Tettenhall Wood

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Dear Friends,

We approach what will be for most of us the strangest Easter we have ever experienced, when we are not able to gather together to commemorate the key days of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, or to celebrate our Lord's resurrection on Easter Sunday. We are separated from each other in the church and many of the family and friends we would normally meet up with at this season. Nevertheless, whilst we stay in our own homes, we can unite in prayer, worship, and attending to God's word. We can draw close to our Lord in his sufferings and we can rejoice in his resurrection. As we do so, we share with him in praying for all who are suffering in the world today, that the hope given through his risen life may be shared by everyone.

This week there's a bumper pack of papers! I am grateful to those who have added their contributions. Hopefully, you have received already my reflections for Maundy Thursday. Rev Carol has produced a very moving meditation for Good Friday. Samantha Haughtey and her daughters Isabelle (age 9) and Emily (7) have written prayers to be used throughout the week, and the girls have shared their wonderful Easter artwork which we have used to make an Easter card. (Those receiving by email, print the sheet out and fold into four: it should work!) Thank you so much to them.

For Easter itself, I have produced a Morning Prayer service booklet in the style of the Lenten booklet. It contains the set Sunday readings from Easter Day until Pentecost (which is at the end of May). There is also an Easter sermon (with pictures to help you through it!)

Unlike many clergy, I have not gone down the route of virtual services, either live streamed or pre-recorded, mainly due to my own technical limitations (although if I sense there is demand, I will take a further look at this). In the meantime, I do commend the various TV and radio broadcasts, or streamed services from elsewhere, such as Lichfield Cathedral.

"We'll meet again" seems to be the phrase of the week. So, until we meet again, keep faithful, keep hopeful, and do everything you can to keep well!

With every blessing in Christ,

Phil

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