

The Benefice & Team Ministry of Tettenhall Wood and Perton

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Dear Friends,

We come to the most holy part of the church year as we commemorate Jesus' death on **Good Friday**, and celebrate his resurrection on **Easter Day**. I hope that, whether you participate at home or in the church building, you will feel part of the church's worship, and will find the journey from the cross to the empty tomb especially meaningful this year.

On **Good Friday, 2nd April**, there will be a service at 2.00pm in both churches, when we reflect on Christ's last seven words from the cross. I have enclosed the full text of my reflections for this service, along with intercessions from Alison Cross. The service will also be available online, by Facebook and YouTube, and on the weekly DVD for those who receive them.

On **Easter Sunday**, we have an **early morning service at Christ Church – 6.00am** for the lighting of the Easter fire and the renewal of our baptism vows. This service will be quite short, partly outside, entirely standing – and regrettably without the reward of breakfast together at the end!

Then, **at 9.30 at Good Shepherd, and 11.00 at Christ Church**, there will be services of **Holy Communion**. Please bear with us as we try to seat everyone in a safe, appropriately distanced way. If you're coming with more than two other people in your household, it would be really helpful if you could let me or the wardens know beforehand, so we can ensure we have made places ready for you.

Both churches will be setting up **outside crosses to be decorated with flowers**. It would be lovely if as many as possible could bring a flower from your garden to put onto the cross – a real sign of hope and joy.

I have enclosed an Easter Order of Service, my Easter Day sermon, and intercessions from Samantha Haughtey, Isabelle, Emily and Evelyn. The service is available online and on DVD as usual.

Easter readings: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 John 20: 1-18

Collect: *God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.*

If you receive the paper mailing you will find a **knitted or crocheted cross** inside. Our thanks once again to the knitters and crocheters for all your work. You can rest your needles now for a while!

The final item enclosed contains the answers to last week's **Easter quiz**. Many thanks to Pam for stretching our brains once more!

I wish you all a very happy Easter.

Phil