

Holy Trinity Church, Roehampton • Easter 2020

A Very Happy Easter to one and all!!

Dear brothers and sisters,

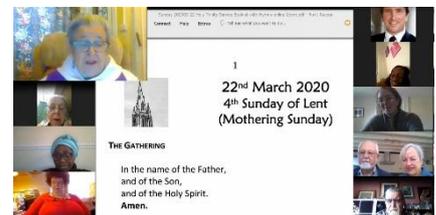
Looking through photographs from this time last year reveals some very busy and colourful scenes, both in church and on our traditional Good Friday walk of witness – and with no hint of any “social distancing”!

Indeed, the Easter story from the gospels is one of huge crowds, with pilgrims from all over the world flooding the city for Passover, throngs of people coming out to welcome the prophet from Galilee and his followers, and thousands pressing into the square to hear Pilate’s fateful judgement. To this day, Jerusalem at Easter remains a very crowded place.



This year could not be more of a contrast as streets are deserted and we are confined to our homes. Nevertheless, as noted in the recent pastoral letter from our Archbishops, we are very much “still in business”, and indeed, we might say Easter *is* our business *par excellence*!

Just as the disciples, for a while, had to meet “behind closed doors”, so we have been using modern technology to meet up and will hold services on Maundy Thursday (9th Apr) at 8.00pm, on Good Friday (10th Apr) at 2.00pm, and on Easter Sunday (12th Apr) at 10.00am. Join in at <https://zoom.us/j/570414851> or by telephone on 020 3051 2874, entering the meeting ID: 570414851 when prompted.





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Thought for Palm Sunday by *Yvonne Craine*

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But ministry continues informally in all sorts of other ways, via our Tweets, blogs and now daily Facebook posts, as well as the mail-outs of our weekly service sheets and intercessions.

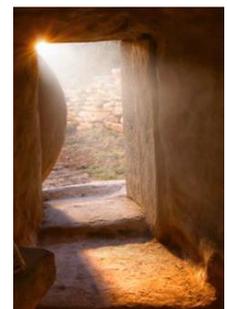
And although pastoral care was going on in various ways around the church, a new



“Buddy” system makes sure that all who wish to receive regular phone calls and/or offers of practical help can get them. We thank God for every single church family member, working so hard in different, often unseen ways, current and former PCC members, existing and new volunteers, faithful prayers, callers, helpers, administrators and now Zoomers!

As for the parish diary, we have now postponed our Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Originally set for just after Easter, this will now happen on Sunday October 4th, a date where we assume our church building will be open again. In the meantime, we look forward to the collation of our new Vicar, the Revd Joshua Rey, which will happen on Monday 6th July at 8.00pm, God willing.

It is strange how often we hear ourselves saying “when things get back to normal”. It remains curious that the first Easter Day was itself the first working day after the Passover shut-down, when our New Testament forebears may also have been imagining things would “get back to normal”. But that day never came! At Easter, God interrupts our frenetic, sometimes lacklustre normality and changes us forever into Resurrection people who, through the time when the world “stood still”, have discovered ways of belonging, serving and living that seem simpler yet more alive than ever before.



With love to all and Easter Hallelujahs,

The family of Holy Trinity Church