



*Inviting everyone to discover God's love  
through our welcome, worship, learning and work.*

Welcome to this new incarnation of the weekly notice sheet.

Happy Easter to all of the Minster Community.

We are now learning to 'do Church differently' and in many instances are learning to use technology and media in new and creative ways. If you are able you may wish to check in daily to the Minster website:

<https://yorkminster.org/whats-on/> On here you will find reflections, stations of the resurrection and daily prayer resources. More details are available in this leaflet. We hope these resources will be helpful.

## **Pastoral Care at York Minster during the Covid 19 emergency**

As you all know, our mission at York Minster is to invite everyone to experience God's love. One of the ways we do this is by caring for each other. I know that a great deal of mutual support is already happening within our community and I would encourage you all to be in touch with each other by phone, email or text during these challenging times.

We are all experiencing a range of feelings and emotions including fear, loneliness, sadness and worry for people we love but cannot visit. This is to let you know that the clergy of York Minster are here to offer you our support, particularly if you are sick or bereaved. Please do not hesitate to contact one of us by email if you would like to be in touch. If you would value a conversation please send us your phone number and we will call you back.

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**Online blue prayer cards** Many of you will be aware that many visitors take advantage of small blue prayer cards which we leave by a few of our candle stands in the Minster. Many visitors use these to request prayers for loved ones or for problems they or the world is facing. It was our practise to include a few of these prayers in evensong each day. We have set up an email address, for use by the Minster Community, for those of you who would like to ask for prayer support. Like the blue prayer cards all prayer requests will be read and prayed for and some will be included in our daily prayers. Please make your requests short and please only share first names. We will not be replying to emails sent to this address we will simply be noting them and including them in our daily cycle of prayer. We will delete all emails once they have been noted and included in our prayers. The email address is [prayer@yorkminster.org](mailto:prayer@yorkminster.org) Canon Michael

**Zoom Services and the Collection** There has been a great deal of positive feedback about the services we have been sharing via Zoom. One of the many elements of our regular service that is missing, however, is the collection! We understand that the present crisis, and the uncertainty it brings with it, is causing many to struggle in different ways, not least financially. However, others are not affected so drastically. Thank you to everyone who is in a position to support the mission and ministry of the minster week by week and month by month through regular giving during these difficult days. If you are not a regular giver and are in a position to 'put something in the collection', like you would at a normal service, please go to our website on this link <https://yorkminster.org/get-involved/donate/> . Here it is possible to make a one off donation or to set up a new Standing Order. Thank you. Canon Michael

## **Worship and Prayer Resources on the York Minster Website**

### **Easter Day**

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| 10.00 am | <b>A message from the Archbishop of York</b>  |
| 11.00 am | <b>Service for Easter Morning</b><br>led by the Right Revd Dr Jonathan Frost        |
| 4.00 pm  | <b>Worship podcast for Easter Day</b><br>led by the Revd Canon Dr Victoria Johnson. |

*Look out for the national Church of England service online.*

## Easter Week

Wed 15 April    **Station of the Resurrection**

Sun 19 April    **Station of the Resurrection**

**Stations of the Resurrection** During Eastertide we will be offering a reflection on stations of the resurrection. These take us from Easter day through to Pentecost and will include a Bible reading, reflection, music and a prayer.

**Silence in the Minster** It has been very gratifying to see so many take part in these sessions online. Canon Chris will continue leading *Silence in the Minster* evenings during the Easter Season from the comfort of his own home via Zoom. The next event will be on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 19:00. The format will be simple as before: An introduction, a reading, a talk and a time of guided silence. These events will take place on Zoom and the invitation will come via e-mail on the day itself. If you're not familiar with Zoom, it's fairly straightforward. Simply click on the link in the e-mail and when the Zoom page appears on your screen click on video and then audio. An icon will appear on the screen saying 'gallery.' Click on that and you'll see everyone else who's there. During the event, it would be helpful if the sound on your device was muted. You'll find a tab enabling you to mute your device. If you aren't on the *Silence in the Minster* circulation list and would like to take part, please e-mail Canon Chris at [christopherc@yorkminster.org](mailto:christopherc@yorkminster.org) and copy in Susan Hodgson [susanhodgson@yorkminster.org](mailto:susanhodgson@yorkminster.org) . All are welcome.

**Meditation** Canon Chris will also be offering occasional opportunities online for those who'd like to learn how to meditate or simply to continue with their already established practice of meditation. As with *Silence in the Minster*, the event will take place on Zoom and an invitation will be sent to all users on a weekday on the day of the event. The procedure for accessing Zoom will be exactly the same as that explained for *Silence in the Minster* above. If anyone is not currently contactable via the all users address or the York Minster Pilgrimage Group or the *Silence in the Minster* contact group, please e-mail Canon Chris and Susan Hodgson as above.

# **Worship and Prayer via live Zoom**

## **Easter Day**

### **Morning Prayer 10.00 am**

Pss. 114, 117; Exod. 14. 10-18, 26–15.2; Rev. 15. 2-4

### **Holy Communion 10.20 am**

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**

### **Gospel**

*John 20. 1-18*

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to

her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

### **Reflection**

The Right Revd Dr Jonathan Frost, Dean

### **Evening Prayer 4.00 pm**

Ps. 66. 1-11; Song of Sol. 3. 2-5; 8. 6-7; Rev. 1. 12-18

## NOTICES

A number of groups are continuing to meet in virtual, rather than physical form. We would love to hear how you are doing, what you are doing, and how we can pray for one another, so please be in touch.

**Minster Mice** meet via Zoom. We light a candle, sing songs – with musical instruments (including but not limited to frying pans and wooden spoons), and listen (with varying degrees of attention) to a Bible story.

**Sunday School** The younger group are also meeting virtually, and resources are available at the moment for that group too.

**Minster Collection** During the Easter Season, there'll be a weekly posting relating to an object in the Collection of York Minster on the Minster website and via other social media, relating the object to both Easter and to the current situation and to the global pandemic. There'll be an image of the object, a short explanation of anything about it of special interest, concluding with a brief reflection on its spiritual significance. To find them on the website, visit the Homepage, click on What's On, scroll down and click on Details. The first object will have to do with the fire in the South Transept in July 1984, and will tie in nicely with the TV Recommendation, which follows below. Do please look out for these and draw other people's attention to them.

**TV recommendation** BBC4 is scheduled to be broadcasting *'Rebuilding Notre-Dame: Inside the Great Cathedral Rescue'* on Wednesday 15 April at 9pm. The documentary includes segments filmed at York Minster earlier this year when the programme came to find out about the Minster's recovery from the fire of July 1984. Sarah Brown, Director of York Glazier's Trust and John David, York Minster's Master Mason were both interviewed. Filming included YGT staff on the scaffolding installing environmental protective glazing and masons and carvers in the Stoneyard.

**News from the Community Committee** Members of the Community Committee were pleased to be able to get together virtually on Wednesday afternoon. We shared news and our experiences of online worship and keeping in touch with the Minster and each other. We agreed to donate £200 of our contingency funding for charitable giving to the vital work of the Middlesbrough Foodbank, and also to give £200 to the York Foodbank to support those in need in our city. We are sure that many members of the community will also be providing support individually but felt it important to make these donations on behalf of us all. Details for the two foodbanks can be found below. We will meet again later in the month, so, as ever, if there is anything you would like us to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me or Canon Michael. With very best wishes to all, Rachel Hicks, Co-Chair [rachel@hicksville.org.uk](mailto:rachel@hicksville.org.uk)

**Food banks** The York Minster community has been supporting the Middlesbrough food bank – our last food donation was made just last month. Given the current social distancing measures, it is not practical to arrange deliveries again. However if you would like to extend your support to the food bank there is the option of donating financially via the website. The web page is <https://www.give.net/20153628> you can give a one off donation, or give monthly.

The York food bank has donation points at:

Waitrose (Foss Island)

Asda (Monks Cross)

Tesco (Askam Bar)

Foodbank Warehouse (Unit 5 Sterling Park, Clifton Moor, York, YO30 4WU)

They are currently short of: tinned tomatoes, tinned fruit, rice, fruit juice, pasta, tinned fish, UHT milk, custard or rice pudding, instant mash.

### **Laptops for school children**

Dear Colleagues and members of the Community Roll Rachel and Jeff Barber, members of the Minster Community, are keen to get their hands on any redundant, unwanted or unused laptops, so that they can be made available to young people in schools who may not have one available at home. It's foreseeable that for the whole of next term all teaching and learning in schools will be conducted online. Young people without access to computers will therefore be even more disadvantaged than usual.

If you have a laptop that's less than eight years old and which you no longer need, please contact Rachel Barber via [rachel.barber.york@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.barber.york@gmail.com) She and Jeff will arrange to collect the laptop from your home. Jeff works in IT at the University of York and is willing and prepared to rebuild or reuse bits of computers as necessary. If you don't have time yourself to erase all personal data in advance, Jeff will ensure that this all completely erased.

Thank you so much for being willing to help in this way; it's very much appreciated.

**Worship webinars** After Easter, Vicky and Catriona will be hosting a 'webinar'- which is to say a discussion on-line, to talk about 'Worship in Lockdown' with those who are interested.

This will be a chance to share our reflections together about the experiences we have had when moving from worship in church to worship in a more virtual setting.

Dates for discussion are listed below. You are warmly invited to join us. For more information, and to receive an invitation, please email

**7pm, Tuesday 21 April** (St Anselm) 'Reflecting on Worship in Lockdown.

**7pm, Friday 8 May** (Julian of Norwich) 'Reflecting on 'Worship in Lockdown'

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