

# The Son Way Times

## New Life edition

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Resurrection Day

4<sup>th</sup> April 2021

### Vicar's Health Update

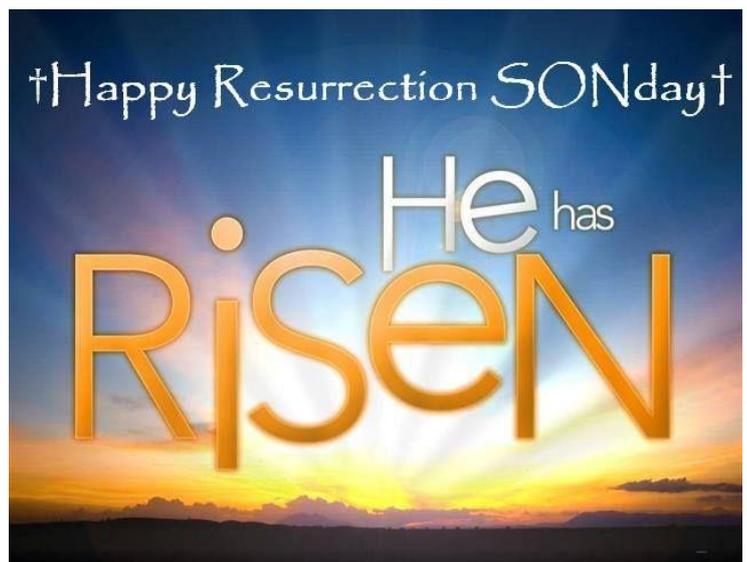


As most of you are now aware, Marc has not been well since 24<sup>th</sup> March. He was in hospital and received treatment for an infection which, as yet, has not been identified.

Marc is improving, and has completed a course of antibiotics. It seems unlikely that kidney stones were the cause, so further investigation will be needed. Thank you so much for your prayers, cards and kind thoughts!

### HAPPY RESURRECTION DAY!

This is the day we've been waiting for – not just the normal coming round of Easter after Lent, but this year in particular, a herald of hope after a dark time. It feels like we're starting afresh – the question is, what will the new start look like? Will it be back to the 'same old', or to some kind of 'new normal'? With Jesus, His resurrection life is ever new, always surprising us, always leading us in the better way. It's His way, the Son who rose again, having conquered death, that we're invited to follow, and join in with. His is the life we can lead now, and have it abundantly. Let's recommit our way to His once again.



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**WEEKLY PRAYER DIARY – week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – with thanks to Nicky**

*“Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die;”*  
*John 11:25*

*“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”* *John 10:10*

*“Very truly I tell you, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.”* *John 5:24*

*Please remember Marc, Suzanne and Natalie each day this week along with the themes, for healing and refreshment*

**SUNDAY 4th: THE LIFE OF JESUS** In hospital, when I accepted Jesus as my Rescuer, my understanding of “life” hit me! I could almost taste it. It had substance. Where previously I had been barely existing, now life was living within me! It is hard to describe. Jesus is this life, Jesus gives this life, for only He has died, defeated death, has risen again and is with Father God - so we might have life full and free! Let’s thank our Lord personally for His gift today and pray the life of Christ in us will draw others to know and believe in Jesus and His word.

**MONDAY 5th: CONTRITE AND LOWLY SPIRIT** *John 20:1-18 and Isaiah 57:15* *“For this is what the high and exalted One says— he who lives forever, whose name is holy: “I live in a high and holy place, but also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.”* I find the story of Mary encountering Jesus after His resurrection very moving. I believe that now, even though Jesus is ascended to heaven, by His Spirit He meets with repentant, humble souls looking for their Saviour. Let’s pray today for Jesus to reveal Himself to the seeking hearts of those the Lord brings to our mind.

**TUESDAY 6th: STARFISH CHRISTIAN TRUST (IN INDIA)** writes: *“Many Respond to Gospel Call in India. After two nights of a virtual crusade in India we are happy to report a very successful campaign. The full results are not yet in and we have testimonies of over 30 miracles of healing which we will report in due course. Headlines of the meeting are as follows... 326 people responded at the last team report. The number is growing. 37 unreached villages heard the Gospel. 1689 people heard the Good news in two night. There were two LED screens. An estimated 93,000 people watched on television in 90 villages. No results are known concerning television responses. A new church will be established to provide for the villages. [Starfish Christian Trust - Many Respond to Gospel Call in India \(starfish.org.uk\)](http://Starfish Christian Trust - Many Respond to Gospel Call in India (starfish.org.uk))”* *John 15:7-9; Luke 8:1-15.* Helped by the scriptures, please praise the Lord, and pray for all who saw and heard the Gospel call, and for the new believers to be kept safe, to grow and to witness.

**WEDNESDAY 7th: KENNETH’S PRAYER RE HOUSING SITUATION IN THE UK** 'Lord, we bring before you the housing situation in our country, where housing costs and rents are high and expensive, where there are not enough homes and where people are homeless. We pray for all who work in this area: government, builders, planners, lenders and landlords; and for all of us who need a home whether as owners or renters, that there may be greater justice and fairness in housing, and that more people may enjoy having a good home.'

**MEDITATION INTO PRAYER** - Jesus Christ is risen! Spring is here! Corona declines. What now for God’s people? Over the next 3 days, ask the Holy Spirit to open the eyes of our hearts through **EZEKIEL 34 and JOHN 10:1-18**

**THURSDAY 8th: JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD** With thanksgiving, prayer and any questions, let’s reflect on Jesus

**FRIDAY 9th: THE FLOCK AND SHEEP** Who are they? What does the Shepherd do for them? How do they respond?

**SATURDAY 10th: LEADERS OF THE SHEEP** noting the warnings and the example of Jesus, please pray for leaders



*“Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep,<sup>21</sup> equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”* *Hebrews 13:20-21*

# Loving Kindness



On hearing that Marc is unwell I began to think of his many kindnesses he has shown to me.

Here is just one.

Several years ago I was suffering with mental health problems and became uneasy about staying in my home. I went round to the vicarage and asked Marc if I could stay there. Marc offered me a bed for the night and the next morning he came home with me and blessed my flat. After that I was able to stay at home without any fear.

I have happy memories of occasions such as the Queen's jubilee party in the vicarage garden, Christmas parties and Nativities, pantomimes and many other memorable occasions.

Marie asked me to mention how much she appreciates the mid-week communion service and I am sure you will all have good memories to recall of the Vicar at St Albans.

Annie Barrett



Easter Garden by Carter & his mum in 2020

## Diary

### EVENTS FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

#### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April Resurrection Day!

6am – dawn service in St Paul's garden

10.30am – family worship in St Alban's church!

This service will be Live-streamed

Please note: Covid-safety requirements will be in place for all those attending services this week.

There will be no Zoom meetings this week

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April** Service in church 10.30am

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(See John 19:17-37)

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"I, JESUS, HEREBY BEQUEATH MY CARPENTRY STUFF TO ZED, MY GOOD TUNIC TO ROB, AND I'LL BE BACK TO PICK UP THE REST. TO EVERYONE IN THE UNIVERSE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE ... I LEAVE LIFE."

### BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> George Firth**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Anthony Butler**

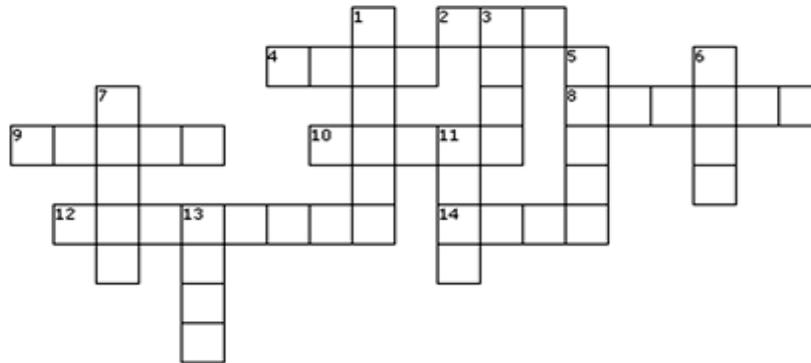
**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Suzanne Richeux**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Kathleen Watson**

**GOD BLESS YOU ALL!**

# He is not here. He has risen!

Words taken from John 20:1-18 (NIV)



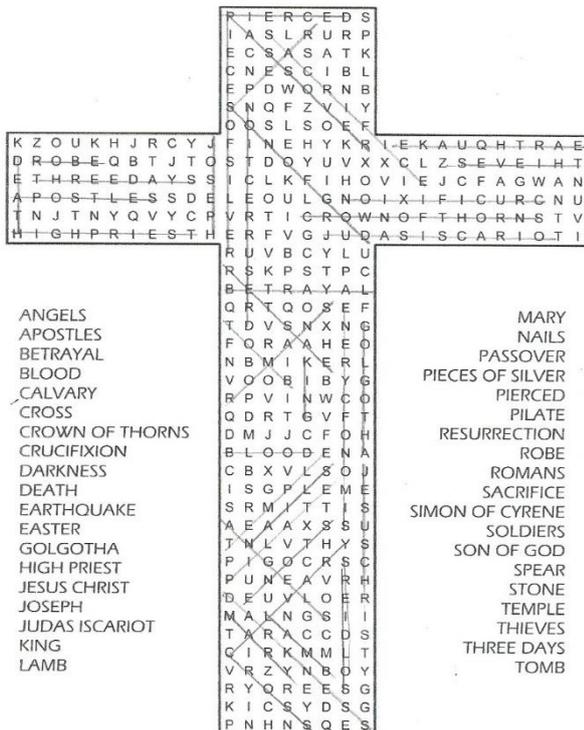
**ACROSS**

- 2. To shed tears
- 4. The opposite of alive
- 8. A heavenly being
- 9. The thing that covered the entrance to Jesus'tomb
- 10. The color that is the opposite of black
- 12. A person who takes care of plants and flowers
- 14. The name of the woman who discovered Jesus' empty tomb

**DOWN**

- 1. The male parent
- 3. Return to an upright position after lying down; to return from the dead
- 5. The opposite of late
- 6. A period of seven days
- 7. An adult female person
- 11. A place where someone is buried; another name for grave
- 13. The opposite of light

**SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S WORDSEARCH**



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