

The United Benefice of Henley-on-Thames with Remenham  
**THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN**  
*Registered Charity*

Easter Sunday  
April 21st 2019

*Welcome to this ancient Parish Church. If you are a visitor or a new member of the congregation, you will find the order of service in the booklets. The hymns are not announced - they can be found on this sheet. The crèche is available throughout the service for toddlers and parents; Junior Church also takes place in the Chantry House.*

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**Introit:** This Joyful Eastertide *arr. Charles Wood*

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!

My Love, the crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.

Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain—but now is Christ arisen!

My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber:  
Till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.

Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Jesus crossed the river:  
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.

**Entrance Hymn:** 110 Jesus Christ is risen today

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**The First Reading:** Acts 10:34,37-43

*Gentiles Hear the Good News*

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

**The Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 118 v15-25

**R/ O give thanks to the Lord for he is good.**

Joyful shouts of salvation

sound from the tents of the righteous:

'The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds;

the right hand of the Lord raises up;

the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.'

**R/**

I shall not die, but live

and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me sorely,

but he has not given me over to death.

**R/**

Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord;

the righteous shall enter through it.

**R/**

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.  
The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone. **R/**

This is the Lord's doing,  
and it is marvellous in our eyes.  
This is the day that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
Come, O Lord, and save us we pray.  
Come, Lord, send us now prosperity. **R/**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;  
we bless you from the house of the Lord.  
The Lord is God; he has given us light;  
link the pilgrims with cords  
right to the horns of the altar. **R/**

You are my God and I will thank you;  
you are my God and I will exalt you.  
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his mercy endures for ever. **R/**

**The Gospel Reading:** John 20:1-18

*The Resurrection of Jesus*

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.

*Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene*

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.

**THE LITURGY OF INITIATION**

**THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**The Offertory Hymn:** **117** The Day of Resurrection!

**The Communion Hymn:** **123** Walking in a garden

**The Anthems:** Christ the Lord is risen again *Anthony Foster*



### **Notices for the week beginning 21 April**

All are welcome to refreshments in the rectory garden after the 9.30am service and there will be an Easter egg hunt too.

Sidesmen, readers, intercessors, coffee helpers please could you let the parish office know any dates you are unavailable during May, June and July. New sidesmen and coffee helpers are needed please.

Please can those going on the pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in August let Fr Jeremy have their £10 deposit.

Chantry House Teas begin on Sunday 5 May. Leaders and helpers are needed please for every Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday afternoon, 2-5pm. Please sign up on the rota on the noticeboard in the Chantry House. It is good fun and all are welcome.

The Henley Food Bank Box can be found by the crèche. Please bring donations on Sunday mornings - toiletry items, tinned veg, tinned fruit, savoury biscuits, tinned meat, long lasting milk, cereal, crisps, biscuits, squash, pasta sauce.

***Parish Office ~ Mon, Tues 9.30am-12.30pm : Wed, Fri, 9.30am-4.30pm***

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***Fr Jeremy is always happy to talk to parishioners about any subject, please call the parish office to make an appointment. Saturday is his day off and Friday is his study day.***

***Fr Jeremy would appreciate being spared calls on these days except in an emergency.***