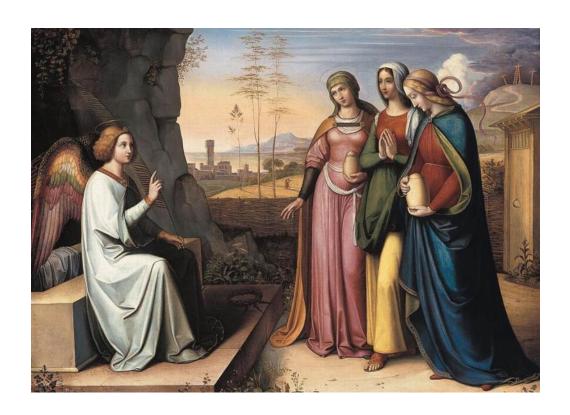
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FROM THE RECTORY

April Reflection: The Hope of Resurrection

April is a month of renewal. As spring unfolds in full bloom, nature reminds us of the power of life emerging from what seemed dormant. For Christians, April often holds special significance, as it is the time we celebrate Easter, the ultimate victory of life over death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The resurrection is not just a historical event; it is the foundation of our faith. Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 15:17:

And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

But because He has risen, we have hope—hope that death is not the end, that suffering is not meaningless, and that love conquers all.

In our daily lives, it can be easy to lose sight of this hope. The burdens of work, family, and personal struggles often make us feel weary. Yet, Easter calls us to lift our eyes beyond the present moment and trust in God's promises. Just as Christ's followers were disheartened after His crucifixion, we, too, sometimes walk through seasons of sorrow. But Easter morning teaches us that even when all seems lost, God is still at work.

The resurrection is also a call to renewal. Just as the earth awakens in spring, we are invited to awaken spiritually. Are there areas in our lives where we need resurrection—relationships that need healing, faith that needs rekindling, or burdens that need surrendering to God? Easter is an opportunity to let go of fear, embrace forgiveness, and live with renewed purpose.

As we celebrate this season, let us reflect on the words of Jesus in **John 11:25:** I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.

This is the heart of our faith. Because He lives, we can face tomorrow with courage. Because He lives, we are never alone. Because He lives, we have a future filled with hope.

May this April be a time of spiritual renewal for you. Whether through prayer, acts of kindness, or simply embracing the beauty of God's creation, let us live as resurrection people—people of hope, joy, and unwavering faith.

He is risen! He is risen indeed!

Rev Georgie

Prayer for APRIL

Lord Jesus,

We stand beneath Your cross on Good Friday in such sorrow at the agonies You had to bear "to die to save us all".

We stand beside the empty tomb on Easter Sunday in such sweet joy knowing that You are risen and trusting in Your promise:

"And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age".

Thank you Lord Jesus, our Risen Lord and Saviour.

Amen

BENEFICE PRAYER

Heavenly Father

As we put our trust in you, send Your Holy Spirit to bring vision to our planning, and guidance and direction for the future of our churches.

May we be the salt and light to this place as we embrace our diversity and work together in unity to make disciples of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

AROUND THE PARISHES

ANCASTER

The church is open most days.

The foodbank box is available in the church for donations, also available is an lnk Jet recycle box.

Ancaster Coffee Morning:

1st Friday AND 3rd every month. 10:00 am till 12:00 noon. In Ancaster Village Hall.



Robert & Kerry Bushby warmly invite you to a

Prayer Breakfast on:

Saturday 26th APRIL at 9.00am.

Come and share croissants and cereal, tea and coffee followed by a time of prayer for the villages.

To be held at:-

19 Brookside, Ancaster NG32 3QT

If you would like to come, please leave a message on 01400 269940 or text Robert on 07491 711112



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ST MARTIN, ANCASTER FRIDAY 18TH APRIL

2:00PM



SLATE HOUSE FARM
HEATH LANE, WILSFORD, NG32 3PG
AT 05:30 AM
BACON BUTTIES WILL BE SERVED
PLEASE PRING A SEAT AND A WARM DRINK



EAST LOVEDEN GROUP



6TH APRIL

10:00 ANCASTER MORNING PRAYER
11:00 BELTON HOLY COMMUNION

13TH APRIL PALM SUNDAY
9:00 SYSTON HOLY COMMUNION
11:00 KELBY HOLY COMMUNION

17TH APRIL MAUNDAY THURSDAY
19:00 WILSFORD HOLY COMMUNION

18TH APRIL GOOD FRIDAY
14:00 ANCASTER STATIONS OF THE CROSS

20TH APRIL EASTER DAY

5:30 SUNRISE SERVICE SLATE HOUSE FARM, WILSFORD 10:00 ANCASTER GROUP SERVICE HOLY COMMUNION 17:00 ANCASTER VILLAGE HALL COMMUNITY PRAISE

27TH APRIL
10:00 WILSFORD HOLY COMMUNION

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