

Sunday 4th April 2021

Easter Day

Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. For great is his love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord.
(Psalm 117)

Dear Friends

Happy Easter!

With lockdown easing and Spring all around us, the whole of creation resounds to the joy and hope of Easter.

I hope this letter finds you encouraged by the onset of Spring and the possibility of us all gradually being able to more fully participate in the lives of our churches, families and friends. But more important than all of that, I trust that your faith has held you steady these past months and that the faithfulness of God has reassured and sustained you.

It is lovely to be back with you, refreshed and renewed by the longest break in eleven years. Over the coming weeks there are some significant events in our church life. We have our ADCMs and APCM between now and the end of May. Then in June, Richard Sandland moves into Bromsgrove with his wife Kath, ahead of Richard's ordination as curate on 4th July. And then in the summer months, the churches of Stoke Prior, Wychbold and Upton Warren will join the Bromsgrove Parish along with Revd Paula Honniball who will be licensed as our third Team Vicar (part-time).

Alongside all these developments we will be slowly re-building our common life together, emerging from lockdown and resuming some of our more familiar face to face activities and events. There is much to look forward to and to pray for.

Go gently, be kind to yourselves, and remember that God is love.

David