

ST MARGARET'S VOICES

St Margaret of Antioch Church ~ Crick

Thought for the Week

We were buried with Christ through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. Romans 6 v 4. This verse explains why I am more of an Easter person than Christmas although I do thank God for sending us his son in the way he did. But following Christ's resurrection we not only worship a living Saviour but have that assurance our sins are forgiven. Hallelujah what a Saviour. Now we wait for the next promise Christ will come again.

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH WEEKLY SERVICES

Weds 3rd April~ Holy Communion **10.30am**

Sun 7th April ~ Morning Praise~ **9.45am**

Weds 10th April~ Holy Communion **10.30am**

**COME AND JOIN US.
OUR WELCOME IS
ALWAYS ASSURED.**



WELCOME

A group of 30 from across the Benefice attended Rev Kris' Licensing service on 27th March at St Peter's Church, Cogenhoe. It was a wonderful and uplifting evening enjoyed by all who attended. Our coach driver did a remarkable job negotiating the ever-narrowing Church Street to drop us right outside the church and then, somehow, managing to reverse back out. Bishop Ed gave Rev Kris some wise advice which was to participate first in his new parishes before seeking to transform them. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide his ministry and the lives of our readers too. **A happy and blessed Easter to you all.**

Journeying to the cross our hearts heavy with the knowledge of the suffering of our Lord, we contemplate the times the Lord has held our hand during our own dark times, leading us from despair to lighter times rejoicing with us as we learn to smile again. These times are our own personal "easters". Going from darkness to light in our lives. Even our darkest times and greatest joys can never compare to the true Easter with the suffering and pain of our Lord and the rejoicing and promise of our risen Lord giving us eternal life.

Prayer for the Week.

Lord, we thank you for the promise of new life and the hope that Easter brings. Your mercy and grace shine brightly on this day, illuminating our lives with the warmth of your love. May we never forget the incredible sacrifice of Jesus and the profound significance of His triumph over the grave.

As we rejoice in the miracle of Easter, we lift our prayers for those who may be struggling, lonely, or in despair. May your comforting presence be with them, bringing healing and hope. Use us, Lord, as instruments of your peace and vessels of your love in the world. Amen

William Blake wrote two poems called 'Holy Thursday'. The first, in his Songs of Innocence collection, is fairly conventional, describing children singing in church as flowers. The second, from Songs of Experience, hardly seems to be on the same theme; it is a poem about child poverty and starvation. During his lifetime, Blake felt that the church ignored the plight of children living in poverty. As more and more stories of child poverty hit the news today, I am reminded to, as Blake instructs, 'cherish pity, lest you drive an angel from your door.'

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Have you ever heard of the saying, "March comes in like a Lion and goes out like a Lamb"? The saying likely started in reference to astronomy, the position of the constellations Leo (a lion) and Aries (a ram, or lamb) in the night sky – it quickly evolved into a summation of March's weather as the seasons change from winter to spring in the Northern Hemisphere. March is a month where you can experience a Lion's fierce roar of cold, the biting winds that cut through our clothes to the flesh; and yet the gentleness of a soft white fluffy fleece, with the innocent kiss of sunshine like a newborn lamb. It turns out that old proverbs like this one hold a lot of weight and are often accurate.

Mark 16: 1-8 The women went to Jesus' tomb to anoint his dead body. But what they found they did not expect- his body wasn't there! Filled with alarm at the presence of an angel messenger telling that Jesus is alive and stunned by this awesome truth, the women rushed to tell what they had witnessed. When I was searching for the 'something' missing in my life, it was the risen Jesus who I found, not dead in a tomb but alive and present in my heart. Jesus is alive today - seek him and you will be found by him.

FACT FILE: Hot Cross Buns You will have noticed the many variations of hot cross buns this year, but originally they were simple buns, designed to be eaten after midday on Good Friday. One superstition says that buns baked and served on Good Friday will not grow mouldy during the subsequent year. Another says that a piece of bun given to an ill person is said to help them recover. During the reign of Elizabeth I, the London Clerk of Markets forbade the sale of hot cross buns and other spiced breads, except at burials, on Good Friday, or at Christmas. How unlike today.



Corinthians 15: 1-11 In this reading, Paul sees himself as one who was abnormally born and least of the apostles due to his persecution of the church. He uses himself as an example that the Lord wants everybody to be saved. This salvation comes from believing the gospel which Paul preached to the Corinthians which was that Christ died for our sins and three days later He rose again. He then appeared to many of His disciples who were still around. Paul also met with the risen Christ which is why he was able to proclaim the gospel so powerfully.