

ROLLER COASTER

Dear Friends,

At the start of our study of “Being Disciples”, we were encouraged to remember that our call to follow Jesus is a call to be in his presence and to be aware of his actions, to hang on his words and be expectant that he will act and show us his ways. After the last couple of years, just what are we expecting to see when we read the news or follow our chosen influencers? Has it become too easy for us to expect the worst, only hear the bad news, have our worst fears confirmed and, ultimately, to be drawn into a perspective on our world that saps our hope and reinforces our cynicism?



If so, then it's the perfect time to re-engage and immerse ourselves in the events of Holy Week and Easter. To walk the path of the first disciples of Jesus through that roller coaster of a week that started so well, with the crowds cheering and a city poised to expect the fulfilment of their dreams. Only to see it turn in a few days to a mocking, hateful mob led astray by corrupt leadership and then watch it twist again as the Saviour defeats death and sin and brings a new hope, an everlasting hope to the whole world.

Bringing life out of death, joy out of grief, hope out of despair is what Jesus does; time and time again

- as many times as he needs to until we reach our fulfilment in him.

I wonder sometimes at his incredible patience and steadfastness with us, because it is a strange-but-true fact that we don't seem to stay... fixed. History repeats itself on a personal and collective basis. It's as if we glimpse his truth, breathe a sigh of relief, pull ourselves together and then... do it all again. It's almost as if we relive the Holy Week events within ourselves over and over again.

SOMETHING HAPPENS

At one moment, we can be expectant and hopeful - looking forward to the day ahead, knowing that we are held in the grace of God and ready for anything. Then something happens - it could be something quite inconsequential, as small as an inner change of attitude or word said by someone we feel is undermining, or it could be much more significant, a health anxiety or a loss; whatever it is that comes our way, it is so easy for our initial response to be one of throwing our hands in the air and feeling that all is lost; that moment of hope, of beauty and peace, becomes a distant memory as we quickly become convinced of the darkness of the world around us. We stay there for a while... anxious, confused. Maybe accusing and kicking ourselves for being naïve, maybe becoming angry and closed in on ourselves. Then we remember, or are prompted, or the sense of perspective reasserts itself and we see again, who we truly are in Jesus. We remember that we are part of the resurrection life and that all things will work for good, ultimately. Hope returns. The deeper joy reasserts itself, and we are back.

Or is that just me?

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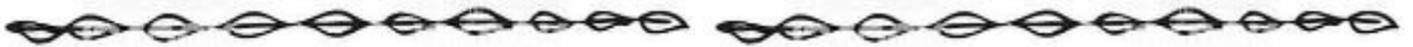
But we see that happen on the world stage too. History repeating itself. Even with so much written and researched on the effects and causes of the big problems of our time, war, inequality, environmental deterioration - even with all the knowledge we have, we still see the same mistakes being made. Yet here too, the same patterns can be seen with evil being defeated by good. Trying our best to end the problems we create; waging peace even in the middle of war, wrestling with greed and trying to pick up the pieces of the lives left behind, taking seriously our need to change how we grow our food, manufacture and keep ourselves warm. It's never a straight-line graph from good to better - but a spiral of wrestling with the forces that shape our lives - for good and bad.

And the history of Holy Week stands as a turning point in our history, enacted in the life of Jesus as he shows, once and forever, that love wins. The hope and vision that our Lord has for us is coming to fruition as His Kingdom grows.

So, I look forward to sharing this sacred time together, to walk with Jesus again, as his disciples, through the week that changes everything. And I ask us all to remember, wherever we find ourselves, to be aware that Jesus is with us and to remain expectant that he will be busy!

With every blessing,

Jules.



'TOGETHER and APART'

We will continue to provide online 'Together and Apart' services, as well as the live Sunday service. There are also prayer meetings on Wednesday and Friday mornings. Please contact us, if you would like details of how to join us.

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PULSE PRAYERS



Give justice o Lord according to your Righteousness. Free us righteous God from oppression and bring justice and peace to the nations that the world may know you as King of Kings and Lord of Lords now and forever.

We rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who suffer. Our hearts go out to all refugees and migrants displaced and separated from families. Please change all hearts to compassion, forgiveness and generosity so that they too may find stable homes and healing from trauma. Give your wisdom, discernment and integrity to all in authority and bring your peace instead of war. Prince of Peace reign down and change hearts of stone to hearts of flesh.

Protect and guide all working in humanitarian aid and Christian mission and we especially pray for Sabina in Yemen, Matthew and Cindy preparing to go to Romania, Emily and her work with Irise, The Hellenic Red Cross and others on the island helping.

We thank you for our own families and ask your protection on them and most of all that this Easter will bring them closer to you. Come alongside the lonely and send them friends. We remember those who recently lost loved ones, Linda, Thelma and Ron that you will comfort them and shelter them under your wings. So many who are sick in body, mind and spirit. We pray for healing and that you will use us Lord with the comfort you have given us. Bring an end to the serious spreading of the virus and open safe ways for good tourism, refreshing and provision. We pray for those making sure all is in order for the several wedding blessings coming up this summer and the couples will be happy and truly blessed .

We see Jesus for his suffering
Crowned with glory and with praise
Tasting death for all people by Gods grace
Given power to put all things in place.

And we see Jesus,
Seated at the right hand of the throne,
Making intercession for his own,
Upholding all things by his Word alone.

For you are glorious, shining victorious
Over powers and principalities
Disarming all your enemies
The rulers of this earth beneath your feet are hurled;

As you reign our conquering King!

(Taken from song composed by David Morris and Mike Massa 1987)

"....God made us alive in Christ. He forgave all our sins having cancelled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and principalities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross." (Colossians 2. 14-15)



Father God we rejoice in the wonderful Resurrection of Jesus and our own resurrection to come, something more wonderful than we can imagine. How can we ever thank you enough. Our hearts go out and we weep at this time for people living in so much dark, evil, oppression, terror, suffering, sickness and pain. We also praise you and lift the name of Jesus on high for He is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow (Hebrews 13:8), You are God who never changes (Malachi 3:6, James 1:17). You promise to never leave us or forsake us. (Hebrews 13:5, Matthew 28:20) Your Spirit is with us when we go up to happy heights and when we are in dark despair. Psalm 139. Thank you Father that by the cross, death has been conquered and we have wonderful new life in Jesus. Hallelujah.

Fill us more and more with your Holy Spirit, compassion and joy, so that we will love you more and more and your love overflow from us to love our neighbours as you have loved us.

We thank you Lord for HTC and the work you are doing through it. Thank you for sustaining us through difficult times and give us patience as we wait for our vision of refurbishment and Café Logos to come to completion. We thank you for all those who have helped and all legalities passed so far, and now we ask for the building permit to be given soon. Bless, encourage and empower Jules as he leads and encourages us to see your Kingdom come. May we truly be a healing haven and beacon of light and joy.

Hallelujah Christ is risen! As we celebrate Easter may The Holy Spirit touch all hearts and homes with the hope and joy of life in Jesus. Thy Kingdom Come. Amen.



From our Chaplain in Moscow Some Requests for Prayer:

For the people of Ukraine and for the 2 million Ukrainians who live in Russia.
For the Russian people and for those particularly who have relations in Ukraine.
For those who have had to flee their homes.
For our foreign community and church here. We don't know what will happen.
For a miracle to happen, and for the tanks to turn round.

With our love and grateful thanks for your love, support and prayer
Malcolm Rogers

(Chaplain at St Andrew's Moscow and Area Dean of Russia and Ukraine)

JUST FOR FUN...

Can you identify these birds in Corfu ?
Answers on page 7



1. B _ _ _ R _ _ _ _ _ .



2. E _ _ _ _ _ C _ _ _ _ .



3. E _ _ _ _ _ J _ _ .



4. E _ _ _ _ _ B _ _ E _ _ _ .



5. C _ _ _ _ B _ _ _ _ .



6. G _ _ _ H _ _ _ .



7. B _ _ _ R _ _ _ T _ _ _ .



8. L _ _ _ _ E _ _ _ .

A Prayer for Ukraine

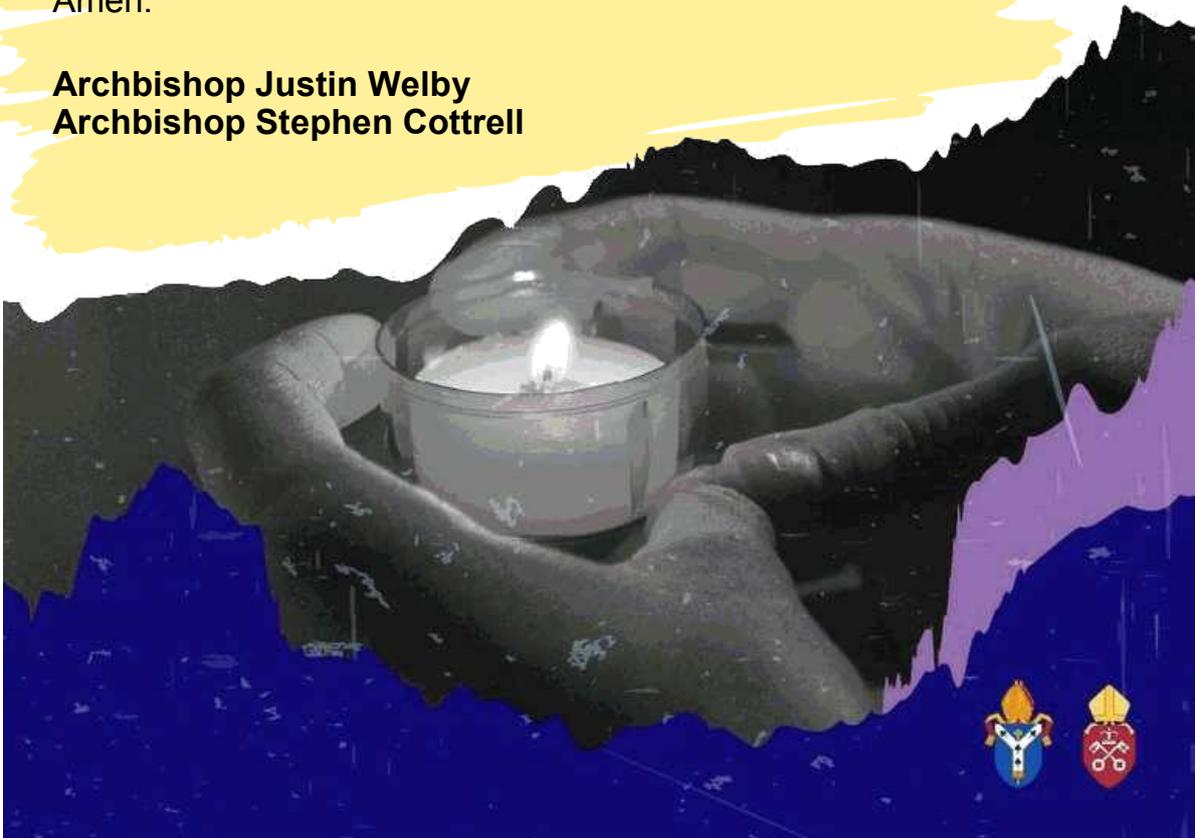
God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Amen.

Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell



The Safe Space

Have you recently lost someone you love? Are you feeling isolated or anxious? Does the world seem overwhelming and scary since the pandemic? Is your mental well-being languishing or your self-esteem low? Then perhaps it would be beneficial to spend an hour in the "Safe Space".



The Safe Space is an informal Christian counselling setting where you can receive one-to-one confidential on-line space to explore your feelings

To book an appointment:

email Trish: trishmariawilson@gmail.com or phone: 0030 6986644271

<https://sites.google.com/view/trish-wilson-christian-counsel/home>

Cartoons (with thanks to Reverendfun.com)



(See John 13:1-11) 04-05-1999

YOU'VE BEEN DOING A GREAT JOB SERVING OTHERS, BUT YOU GOTTA STOP ASKING FOR TIPS



(See Exodus 14) 04-20-1999

I THINK THAT YOU HAVE SOME SERIOUS FAITH ISSUES

CORFU BIRDS ANSWERS

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|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Black Redstart. | 2. Eurasian Curlew. | 3. Eurasian Jay. | 4. European Bee Eater. |
| 5. Common Buzzard. | 6. Grey Heron. | 7. Blue Rock Thrush. | 8. Little Egret |

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