

A Thought for Easter

What made Mary turn, we don't know; maybe the shadow of Jesus fell on her from behind, perhaps she heard a footstep, anyhow, she did turn. She saw the risen Lord, but took him to be the gardener; probably she didn't even look up. He too, like the angels asks, 'Why are you weeping?' But he adds, 'for whom are you looking?'

Then occurs the intimate moment of their reunion, and light and life which is apparent as the wonderful encounter unfolds. But we too must learn, with Mary Magdalene, that love and trust and service, are not dependent on touch, or even sight.

The Resurrection marked not so much an end to the caress and touch, but a new beginning which, in the end, was to bring a more profound sense of fuller love and life and union with Christ. The Resurrection of Jesus opens new life for us all. It was the thing that the early Church talked and talked about - that their Lord was alive - not in the old way of age and decay, but of a new age, and as a new source of hope and life for us all. The conditions for the enjoyment of this new life, this eternal life, are essentially simple, though the results of its possession go deep and are far-reaching. 'Anyone who loves me,' Jesus says, 'will heed what I say; then my Father will love him, and we will come and make our dwelling with him.' That union means life - full life, in the here and now - and life that is eternal. 'Because I live,' said Jesus, 'you too, will live.'

Easter Day
From; Lent with St John
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St Nicholas' Church, Studland

Welcome to St Nicholas this morning!
Thank you for joining us.

We hope you will enjoy our worship together.
You are also very welcome to join our live "Zoom" services
which take place on the fourth Sunday of the month
at 6.30pm.

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Readings for this Sunday are:

10.00am 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 and John 20:1-18

SUNDAY
31st March

10.00am

Easter Family Communion

Collect: Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.

Post Communion: God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.