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**OUR MINISTER – REV KATHARINE BLAND** 

**Unfortunately, Rev Katharine has been advised to take another two weeks off work. She is obviously not feeling well and we send her our love and prayers and hope she feels better soon.**

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**Letter from our District Chair, Rev Paul Martin**

**Dear Friends**

Holy Week and Easter have been different again. As one who has always enjoyed and found it a privilege to lead worship in this most solemn and celebratory time, I have greatly missed the usual build-up to and the climax of Easter. Online worship has met a need - and some would argue the needs of those we don’t always engage with – but personally I have felt that my Lent and Easter experience has been diminished by not meeting face to face, or even mask to mask, with other Christians.

There are a number of challenging scenarios before us at the moment. How can we ensure that those who have benefitted from the efforts to reach out (through online worship, social media, newsletters etc) don’t suddenly find themselves back in the wilderness because those offerings cease? What will we do to repair the damaged or even broken means of fellowship? How can we re-engage with those groups who prior to Covid 19 used our premises, and relatedly, are there new links we can make with other community groups?

In this season of resurrection, what new opportunities will emerge as we come out of Lockdown to a changed and changing church and society? For the next few weeks many will be focussing on the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus. A chastening verse comes in Matthew 28:17 – the verse before the Great Commission: “*And when they saw him they worshipped him; but some doubted*” (RSV).  The suggestion is that not all the disciples recognised or believed it was Jesus. I am aware that at the present time, there is doubt around in some quarters about how we as a church will recover from what has happened in the past year. We should take heart that the same Spirit which inspired the first disciples (including, presumably those who doubted) will go before us and lead us as we find some new (and return to some old!) ways of spreading the Good News of Jesus.

 God bless Paul

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**BIBLE READINGS for Sunday, 4 April 2021–Easter Sunday – Acts 10; 34-43 or Isaiah 25; 6-9, Psalm 118 1-2 and 14-24, 1 Corinthians 15; 1-11 or Acts 10; 34-43, John 20; 1-18 or Mark 16 1-8**

**Extract from:- John 20; 1-18 The Empty Tomb – Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “ They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”……..**

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**Easter Praise and Intercession**

Loving God, we praise you for this day of celebration,

this day of praise,

this day of thanksgiving,

a day that changes the way we think,

the way we act,

the way we live –

that changes everything.

Lord of life, **hear our prayer**

And so we pray now for change in our world,

for change in all those places where there is human need.

We pray for the poor, the homeless,

the sick and the hungry.

Lord of life, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the victims of war, for refugees,

for divided communities and countries,

Lord of life, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the sorrowful, the fearful,

the troubled in heart and mind.

Lord of life, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the oppressed, the persecuted,

the imprisoned and the exploited.

Lord of life, **hear our prayer.**

***[Nick Fawcett – Prayers for All Seasons]***

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,

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**THE LEADERSHIP TEAM** ARE MEETING ON A REGULAR BASIS. **THEIR NEXT MEETING IS THURSDAY, 8 APRIL.** IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES/QUESTIONS PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHAT THEY ARE AND I WILL TAKE THEM TO THE MEETING – *[Christine Taylor]*

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**Please also keep remembering in your prayers:-**

**Alan Daniels** – Doctors think Alan may have an inflamed liver. He has had an ultrasound this week to check things out. Please keep Alan and Joyce in your prayers.

**Reverend Katharine and her husband Paul** as they recover from Coronavirus. We wish them both well – AND TAKE IT EASY!!!

**Edna and David Barlow** - Please still keep Edna and David in your prayers. David has been in hospital.

**Peter Caswell –** Peter has started his treatment. Please keep Peter, Delia and their family in your prayers.

**Eileen Groves** – who is coming to the end of her radiotherapy treatment at Christie’s.

**ALSO** – Let us remember anyone we know of that is suffering at this time of year whether from illness, mourning or mental health problems. They are all in our prayers.

**IF THERE IS ANYONE YOU KNOW OF WHO NEEDS OUR PRAYERS PLEASE LET ME KNOW (WITH THEIR APPROVAL) AND I WILL INCLUDE THEM IN THE LIST. THEY DON’T NEED TO BE MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH.**

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**GERMAN EASTER BISCUITS - (MAKES 10 BISCUITS)**

4OZ. PLAIN FLOUR

4OZ. MARGARINE

2. 1/2 OZ SUGAR            (THIS RECIPE CAN EASILY BE DOUBLED UP TO MAKE MORE BISCUITS)                      1/4. OZ COCOA

3/4. OZ CHOPPED NUTS

1/2. TESP VANILLA ESSENCE.

Cream the margarine, sugar and vanilla together until light and fluffy

Add the flour, cocoa and most of the chopped nuts to the mixture and mix well.

Roll the mix into a sausage shape and portion into 10 pieces  /continued over …

Place on a greased baking tray and sprinkle with the remaining nuts and a little sugar

Bake in a slow oven Gas No. 3  325\*F  170\*C for 12 - 15 mins.

When cooled slightly place on a wire rack to get cold.

Store in an airtight tin (if there are any left)

[*Recipe from a German friend of Joyce Daniels*]

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**YOUR PERSONAL INVITATION TO -**

**GLAZEBURY WEEKLY SATURDAY COFFEE MORNING- It’s just like a TUESDAY morning at church – join in and a have a chat. We miss people so we would love to see you.**

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A time to get together to see each other and have a chat for an hour.

10.30am – 11.30am

on Zoom

**Meeting ID** – 840 7587 7165

If you’re not online why not connect by phone – 0203 481 5240 (using the same Meeting ID code)

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**Topic: Quiz Night  
Time: 9 April 2021 8:00 PM**   
  
Join Zoom Meeting  
Topic: Quiz Night  
**Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime**

Join Zoom Meeting  
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89804710886?pwd=dE9IVm53WWNoZlUxQkYyQzU3am91Zz09  
  
**Meeting ID:** 898 0471 0886  
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**NB – QUIZ NIGHTS WILL BE HELD EVERY OTHER FRIDAY AT 8PM**

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**CULCHETH SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING – 11.30AM – 12NOON ENJOY A CHAT WITH OUR FRIENDS AT CULCHETH – ON ZOOM**

Note that this is now a repeating meeting – it will be the same link each week.

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88560759929?pwd=MFFDRittR0hkN0loWTlaTjlBN1V6UT09>  
Meeting ID: 885 6075 9929 Passcode: 012778

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**EASTER SERVICES** -

Rev Viv is taking the dial in service on Easter Sunday morning. This will be her last service in the Leigh and Hindley Circuit. I am sure you will all pray for Rev Viv as she enters a new chapter in her Ministry. *[Christine Taylor]*

**SHARING SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10:30am**

**We are sharing our Sunday Service over the telephone, or online.**

**Online**, click this link to join via your internet browser. On a tablet or smartphone, download the Webex App, which it will prompt you to do: <https://mydanone.webex.com/mydanone/j.php?MTID=mcfe21c4f7df98fe26d8960c752cefd8b>

**OR**

**Phone**: Dial 020 3478 5289 on your telephone, When it asks for the access code, enter 145 404 825#. When it asks for your ID, press #. The call will be charged at the standard UK phone rate

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**IF YOU ARE not a member of the church and need guidance/help** please contact Delia Caswell on the phone number at the top of the first page of this news sheet.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE SOMETHING TO THE NEWS SHEET PLEASE CONTACT ME ON EMAIL BY WEDNESDAY OF EACH WEEK: **christine4872@sky.com** or phone me on my Mobile – 07801252625.



**GOD IS STILL AT WORK EVEN THOUGH OUR BUILDING IS CLOSED!**