



Kingshill Parish Church – Service Sheet Monday 1st April 2024

The office will be closed today for Easter Monday. A huge thank you goes to everyone who helped with our Holy Week and Easter Services. Please note that Rev Stella is on leave until Tuesday 9th April. Please contact, Fiona Blair DCS, if you require pastoral care.

Dates for the diary

Nosh and Natter at Kingswells Village Hall on Thursday 4th April at 12.30pm
Hope Café on Saturday 6th April at 11.30am at Trinity Church Lounge

Opening Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever ... Amen.

Call to Worship

Sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has done wonderful deeds!

He has won a mighty victory by his power and holiness.
The whole earth has seen the salvation of our God!

Monday 1 st	Tuesday 2 nd	Wednesday 3 rd	Thursday 4 th	Friday 5 th
419 Thine be the glory	559 There is a redeemer	410 Jesus Christ is risen today	459 Crown him with many crowns	445 Alleluia sing to Jesus
See what a morning by Stuart Townend - https://youtu.be/6xM-fpXayUg My Saviour left his throne by Lou Fellingham - https://youtu.be/o_R4HlaSIm0 Wonder of the cross by Lou Fellingham - https://youtu.be/lJq7CFB-u2g				

God's Word

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Matthew 28:1-11	Matthew 28:12-20	Luke 24:1-12	Luke 24:13-35	Luke 24:36-49

Reflection by Rev Stella – The Great Commission

*Therefore go and make disciples of **all nations**...*

At the end of both Matthew and Luke's gospel we find Jesus commissioning the disciples to go to all nations and all people, teaching them about Jesus and preaching the gospel.

In an age of great connectivity, and remarkable travel opportunities, we might well think that Christianity has reached most, if not all, of the globe. But according to Wycliffe Bible Translators, 1 in 5 people, speaking 6,653 languages, do not have the whole Bible in their first language.

There are 2,425 languages that have no Scripture and no work in progress at the moment. Of these, 1,293 languages (spoken by almost 40 million people) are considered vital enough for

communities to sustain and benefit from translation work.

Unsurprisingly, much of the work that remains to be done is in places that are hostile to the gospel. And we know from charities such as Open Doors, how challenging it can be to speak of Jesus in lots of countries around the world. We are a long way off fulfilling the mission that Jesus gave to his first disciples.

But they weren't on their own in attempting it. Jesus promises in Luke 24:49 to send them what the Father has promised – power from on high – the Holy Spirit. It is God's own Spirit who will fuel, empower and equip the disciples in carrying the message of Jesus (his life, death and resurrection) out from Jerusalem to the far corners of the world as they knew it.



And that is still true today.

The resurrection of Jesus is the turning point of history, and it sits at the very heart of our faith. God's new creation bursts upon the scene, bringing with it life and hope. It's why we celebrate Easter and why our celebrations should not just be limited to one day!

Like the disciples, we are called to carry the news of it to all nations. We are commissioned by Jesus to speak about our faith, to tell others about him

and to share our hope because of the resurrection. It might seem like a scary task. I'm sure the disciples were uncertain too. But Jesus tells us that one of the roles of the Holy Spirit is to give us the words to speak and the confidence to utter them.



Therefore, this Easter, as we rejoice in the truth that Jesus is alive, Jesus is Lord, Jesus is the way, the truth and the life – let us ask him to fill us afresh with his Holy Spirit, so that we might have the courage to share our joy with those around us. We might not be able to go to the ends of the earth – but we can talk to those who live on our street, who eat at our dinner table, who work with us and who spend time with us.

Prayer from Faith & Worship ([Easter Prayers](#) | [Contemporary and Traditional \(faithandworship.com\)](#))

Halleluia! Jesus is risen! He is risen indeed!

May this declaration

resound not only in these walls

but touch the lives

of all we meet

and forever be

the truth of which we speak.

Your love,

once sown within a garden,

tended for your own people,

neglected and rejected,

now spreads its sweet perfume

in this place

and wherever it is shown.

Halleluia! Jesus is risen! He is risen indeed!

Benediction for Easter

Go out into the world

in the joy and peace

of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

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