

10th April 2020

So how has Holy Week been for you? I hope you have found the activity pack of help and that you have been disciplined enough to save your Easter treat until Sunday!

As I have watched the news reports of the increase in those who have died of Covid-19, it has felt a particularly sorrowful and a very long Holy Week. This is of course clearly nonsense as it has been exactly the same length of time as every other Holy Week, but this year, perhaps because of spending it entirely at home, days and nights seem somehow elongated.

I wonder if that is how it felt to Jesus too- knowing each day brought him closer to the Cross. Yet if he did feel that, perhaps too, he was also able to see that his resurrection was also not that far away.

Our celebration of Easter Sunday will of course be a new experience- no coming together physically as a church or as families- unless you are lucky enough to have your children with you at the moment - although of course with the wonders of modern technology we can do so virtually. Yet celebrate we should, even whilst we hold in our hearts those who have died over recent weeks, because that Easter Hope and Joy is something we all need right now.

I shall continue to try and contact you all each fortnight, usually mid-morning to try to avoid varying meal times. So if you need to contact me, please can you phone between **4 and 5pm** when I will guarantee to be in and not ringing anyone else, or alternatively email me anytime on sarah.quantrill@cantab.net I check my emails each morning.

Please note that from next week I am moving my rest day to a **Friday**. This will allow Richard to continue to lead our Compline service each week, as his studies recommence on Tuesday evenings in a week's time.

However you are marking Easter this year, I pray that you may be filled with Easter Hope.

Yours in Christ

Sarah