



Chalke Valley Benefice e-Service Sunday 4th April – EASTER DAY

Opening Slides – [click here](#) 'Menuet' Suite Gothique,
Op25 - Leon Boellmann played by Cathy Lamb
with images of churches in the Benefice.



Welcome – [click here](#)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be
with you
and also with you.

Alleluia, Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

Welcome to our Easter Service – what a joy it is to be worshipping together. Thank you to everyone who has taken part in this service and to all those who have prepared our churches for face-to-face worship today.

Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end,
Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him,
and all ages; to him be glory and power,
through every age and for ever. Amen.

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds. Amen.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn - Jesus Christ is Risen Today - [click here](#)

Confession, Absolution and Collect – [click here](#)

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The 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. Amen

First Reading - Book of Acts, Chapter 10, verses 34-43 - read by Jeremy Lamb – [click here](#)

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading - John 20 v 1-18 read by The Revd Canon Jenny Taylor – [click here](#)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you O Lord

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb.

He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."

When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."

Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you O Christ

Talk – The Revd Jenny Taylor - [Click here](#)

Intercessions – led by Don & Ruth Morgan - [click here](#)

We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.
Jesus, light of the world,
bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations of
the world as we all continue to support each other through
the global pandemic.
Jesus, Lord of life, in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, bread of life,
give food to the hungry, as we struggle with Covid there
are so many whose stark choice is to die of hunger or the
virus and nourish us all with your word.
Jesus, Lord of life, in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life,
be with us and all who follow you in the way. We give
thanks for our churches in this Valley, for all our Clergy and
Lay Leaders. Deepen our appreciation of your truth
and fill us with your life. We give thanks for the success of
our Lent project and we hold Bishop Elijah and the people
of Cueibet before you.
Jesus, Lord of life, in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep,
recover the straggler, bind up the injured,
strengthen the sick and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures.
Jesus, Lord of life, in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, the resurrection and the life,
we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in
you and we remember all those who have lost their lives
since last Easter. Raise us with them to eternal life.
Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us, accept our prayers, and be with us always. Amen.





Hymn - Thine be the Glory – [click here](#)

Prayer and Blessing – [click here](#)

As we come to the end of our worship we pray with Christians throughout the world over remembering especially the people of Cueibet and giving thanks for the generosity of the people of our Chalke Valley in their support of Cueibet Primary School.

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
**He has given us new life and hope.
He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own.
**He has brought us out of darkness.
He has made us light to the world.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you today and remain with you always. Amen

Go in the peace of Christ Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Closing Music – [click here](#)



Nun danket alle Gott, Karl Elert played by Ben Lamb

The Clergy team wish you all a very Happy Easter

