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Christ is Risen.

There is a little debate about whether we should say “Christ has Risen,” or “Christ is Risen.” I go for the latter because Easter is not merely an event that happened in the past but a present reality. Christ is still risen, he remains alive. The Easter experience is an ongoing participation event, we share every day in His resurrection life. Our Easter faith is always in the present not in the past.

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you. Romans 8:11.

One of the songs that has helped me most over the past weeks contains this line: “What’s true in the light is still true in the dark.” Today we celebrate the fact that Jesus is alive, He was raised from the dead by the power of the Father by the Holy Spirit and that same Spirit who raised Christ from the dead, lives in you. These things remain true, whether we are celebrating in the great congregation or at home by ourselves. These things remain true whether we are in perfect health or in sickness, whether we experience poverty or wealth, in good times and bad times, at all times we are resurrection people. That which we celebrated as truth in the light in past years remains true today, Christ is Risen.

The response to “He is Risen,” is “He is risen indeed,” or “Truly He is risen.” Today, as you read this, can you affirm that even in the midst of this present darkness you know that Jesus is alive?

Andrew



Sharing Easter Joy

Easter Day is usually a time of rejoicing after the darkness of Good Friday. We do have that joy as our hymn reminds us,

' I know that my Redeemer lives!
What joy the blest assurance gives.'

We know that we are still in difficult times and it will be many weeks before we can meet together with family and friends in the usual way.

For me, I miss spending time in Peters Green. I am usually there two or three times a week, at chapel, walking around the village, sharing coffee and chat. It is good to share phone calls and emails with many, even if I have to drink my own coffee!

Peter's skills have enabled us to share the Perry newsletter with the village and our many friends.

And a huge thank you to Beth and the family for their wonderful Easter crafts. The pictures have brought me closer to the village than anything else. The youngsters' creative ideas are amazing. I loved the chickens, the wonderful Easter bunnies, spotting the eggs in the 3D egg hunt and the lovely mini gardens; a treat for each of us.

Thank you, Toby, Jess and Lauren, you have given us some real Easter joy.

The weekly newsletters will continue until we are able to meet together again. Our thanks to Erwin and Andrew for leading our Easter devotions. All the friends who were booked to lead our chapel services, are happy to contribute in the coming weeks. Many are old friends of chapel and village and I will enjoy introducing them to all those sharing our newsletter.

God bless and keep you at Easter and in the days ahead,

Pam

I know that my Redeemer lives!
What joy the blest assurance gives,
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my everlasting Head!

He lives, to bless me with His love;
He lives, to plead for me above;
He lives, my hungry soul to feed;
He lives, to help in time of need.

He lives, and grants me daily breath;
He lives and I shall conquer death;
He lives, my mansion to prepare;
He lives, to lead me safely there.

He lives, all glory to His name;
He lives my Saviour, still the same,
What joy the blest assurance gives!
I know that my Redeemer lives!

