

**The Benefice of Silsoe, Pulloxhill and Flitton**  
*Growing as beacons of Christ's light in our communities*



*An Easter Garden created by  
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**Sunday 4 April 2021**  
**EASTER DAY**  
with Rev DAVID PAYNE

***Alleluia. Christ is risen.***

**Recorded in Silsoe Churchyard**

### **Introduction**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

May the light of Christ, rising in glory

**All: banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.**

The light of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Hymn: Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

**1** Jesus Christ is ris'n today, alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss, alleluia!

**2** Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia!  
unto Christ our heav'nly King, alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save, alleluia!

**3** But the pains that he endured, alleluia!  
our salvation have procured, alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's King, alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing, alleluia!

### **Greeting & Opening Prayer**

We come from scattered lives  
to meet with the risen Jesus.  
Let us recognise his presence with us now.

*Silence is kept.*

As God's people we are gathered in spirit:

**All: Let us worship him together.**

God of Glory,  
by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains of death and hell:  
fill your Church with faith and hope;  
for a new day has dawned  
and the way to life stands open  
in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### Prayers of Penitence

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,  
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,  
and not by the power of your resurrection.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

*All:* **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
as faithless and not believing.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

*All:* **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

*All:* **Lord, hear us and help us.**

May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Bible Reading: Luke 24:1-12 The Resurrection of Jesus**

*Read by Maggie Jeeves*

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

**Address Reverend David Payne**

## Hymn: The Day of Resurrection

1. The day of resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the passover of gladness,  
the passover of God!  
From death to life eternal,  
from earth unto the sky,  
our Christ hath brought us over,  
with hymns of victory.

2. Our hearts be pure from evil,  
that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal  
of resurrection light;  
and listening to his accents,  
may hear, so calm and plain,  
his own 'All hail!' and, hearing,  
may raise the victor strain.

3. Now let the heavens be joyful,  
and earth her song begin,  
the round world keep high triumph,  
and all that is therein;  
Let all things, seen and unseen,  
their notes of gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord is risen,  
our joy that hath no end.

## Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

All: **We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

All: **We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

All: **We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

All: **This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## Intercessions: Led by Gordon Garvie

*Bidding:* Lord, hear us

*Response:* Lord, graciously hear us

## The Lord's Prayer:

*All:* **Our Father in Heaven,  
Hallowed be your Name.  
Your Kingdom come,  
Your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread,  
And forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the Kingdom,  
the power and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## Hymn: Thine be the Glory

**1.** Thine be the glory,  
risen, conqu'ring Son,  
endless is the vict'ry  
thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment  
rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes  
where thy body lay.

**2.** Lo! Jesus meets us,  
risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us,  
scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness  
hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth;  
death hath lost its sting.

*Refrain:* *Thine be the glory,  
risen, conqu'ring Son,  
endless is the vict'ry  
thou o'er death has won.*

**3.** No more we doubt thee,  
glorious Prince of Life!  
Life is naught without thee:  
aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conqu'rors  
through thy deathless love.  
Bring us safe through Jordan  
to thy home above.

## Dismissal & Blessing

Now may God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ  
has given us victory, give you joy and peace in your faith.

and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
be yours and remain yours  
this Easter Day and forever more, **Amen**

We are raised to new life with Christ.

*All:* **Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*All:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Please remember in your prayers this week:



Those who have recently died, including

James Kerr,  
Jean Thompson,  
Raymond Wells

and their families and friends who mourn them

Those who are ill, including

Des Brazier,  
Alice Butler,  
Kara De Napoli  
(granddaughter of Margaret Butt),  
Stella Lawton,  
Sally Metianu,  
Bill Powers,  
Joan Preston

We also remember: Jonah - born at 27 weeks -great-grandson of Anne Stiles  
The residents and staff at Taymer Nursing Home

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**SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 11 APRIL 2021**

9:30 am Morning Worship in Silsoe Church

11:00 am Communion in Pulloxhill Church

Virtual Vicar: Songs of Praise

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You are invited to join Chris Nixon and others for Zoom prayers twice a week - Mondays @ 21:00 and Thursdays @ 09:00



<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75169742287?pwd=NnNGNHkzU3FkODF2R1U3TG5CaXJ3UT09>

Meeting ID: 751 6974 2287 Passcode: hf7e1x

'Silence, words, encouragement, music, a candle, and all of this because we need to spend time with our 'Father in heaven'

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**Don't forget TEA at THREE**

ZOOM time together every Sunday from 3pm to 4pm  
– everybody welcome.

A chance to catch up with others, laugh, moan, get things off your chest. .

It's the same code every week, so if you joined us last week you can use the same code this week. Contact Rev David on 01525 864858 or [vicar@3churches.uk](mailto:vicar@3churches.uk) for the ZOOM access code

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