



THE PARISH OF ST. MARGARET, INGOL



Dear friends,

Well, what a difference 2 weeks make! Sun is shining, everything is bursting to get out of bud and be green and my tomatoes are beginning to show in the conservatory.....spring is on it's way! As is Easter! Our Lenten journey to the cross is almost over and we will walk forward together in the light of Christ.

With our continued journey along the "Road Map out of Covid" we can, hopefully, see brighter times ahead. It has been a tough time, and as we came together to reflect and remember those who have contributed and lost so much in the past 12 months on the 23rd March, we have surely come to recognise the vulnerability in which we are all involved, one of the things that we as a community of faith might well be thinking about at the moment. The Christian gospel repeatedly tells us that we are always involved in a situation of shared failure and insecurity; it tells us that this is overcome only when we stop denying it by closing our hearts to each other; and it announces that our closed hearts can be and are broken open to each other through the action of God in Jesus and the Spirit. Faith does not deny the fragility we all share, nor does it make light of the cost and pain of it. It invites us to confront our shared fragility with honesty and compassion, recognising our need of one another, our need for the neighbour to be well and safe. What better place to show and share that faith than at the foot of the cross, where love, hurt, fragility and faith were shown and shared in abundance. I hope that, wherever you are, on Easter day that you will join us celebrating the joy and thanksgiving that is Easter.

Church is open again. Normal services will resume after Easter, Sundays 10am and 11.30am and Wednesday BCP Communion from 14th April. Covid precautions of social distancing, hand sanitising and masks will still apply. Please book in if you are thinking of joining us, you would be most welcome if you felt it was safe to do so. Ring on 01772 727208 or email on revrie52@outlook.com.

I am aware that there are still some people who are shielding and will continue to do so, very difficult as you see others around you able to be out and about. We are thinking of you all and holding you close in prayer. Take care, stay safe. If you need anything, please ring.

With my love and every blessing

Rev Rie

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