



# Ruislip Manor Methodist Church

Sunday 12th April 2020

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I imagine that these few days will be particularly strange for us missing out on being with our church friends to remember Good Friday and to celebrate Easter Sunday. But I have found it heartening that some of you have said you are actually reflecting more at the moment with readings and prayers and online services. So I pray this will be a time when we all come to a deeper understanding of God's love for us in Christ. & two reflections on these days/event:

## Joseph's Easter W.H. Vanstone

'He's gone', says Joseph: And with Pilate's leave  
Eases the nails and lowers him from the tree,  
Wraps him in reverent and tender thoughts  
And lays him in a cave called Memory.

That cave is deeply hewn in Joseph's heart.  
All that's within will always be his own.  
In memory's cave the treasure of his past  
Is safe for ever, walled and sealed by stone.

'He's safe', says Joseph, 'safe in this cool place.  
And no one now can take my Lord away.  
In years to come I'll still see his dear face  
As clearly as I saw it yesterday'.

'He's gone', cries Joseph, later, in despair.  
But Mary says, 'He's left this word for you.  
He cannot rest content to be your past-  
So he has risen, to be your future too.'

**From Chile a prayer reflecting on the stone that blocked the entrance to the tomb in which Jesus had been laid.**

The stone put there by the military  
by the systems which bind; the stone of violence.

The stone that guards the entrance to ourselves,

that keeps us from one another.  
The stone against our voices  
    against our stories, our heroines.  
The stone against our education  
    against our bread.  
The stone against our God.  
Women roll back the stone  
    in Chile and elsewhere  
Sharing stories, organising around needs,  
    gathering at women's centres, recognising, deepening,  
    celebrating a transforming life-force.  
It's the resurrection message after all.  
God's Spirit resists containment in tombs  
    and walks among us.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.

**“Alleluia! Christ is risen!” “ He is risen indeed! Alleluia!”**

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## Prayer Requests

Please pray for all those who have contracted Coronavirus and thank God for all who have survived.

Please continue to pray for :-

Emily's family, fiancé and friends - Emily was one of our Brownie Leaders who died aged 29 from the Coronavirus.

Gavin's colleagues Punal and Raj whose baby daughter died 11minutes after birth.

Please pray for Roger and Sheila. Roger's brother in law died on Sunday morning, he died after contracting coronavirus .Please pray for Roger's sister and family

Bob and June Briggs.

The residents and staff at MHA Kenbrook in Wembley , and all care home residents and their families and carers.

Prayers and Blessings to all at Ruislip Manor and beyond - stay safe.

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### Friday 10th April:

The 'Wintershall' production of 'The Passion of Jesus' has been cancelled on Good Friday this year. However you can access last year's production, which is available to view on the Wintershall website. The 2019 production which was filmed at Trafalgar square on Good Friday was extremely impressive and moving and can be found on <http://www.wintershall.org.uk> and then click on 'Passion of Jesus'.

This week we pray for the people who live in Cornwall Road and Cottingham Chase. We also pray for everyone at North Hillingdon Methodist Church.

We wish many happy returns to all who celebrate a birthday in April.





This year Spring Harvest will be taking place online through YouTube, from 13th to 17th April. "Spring Harvest Home" is a free online conference programme on the theme "Unleashed - The Acts Church Today". Big Start (all-age), morning Bible teaching, live worship, specialist seminars and workshops, and some light-hearted sofa viewing will be available through each day.

To participate go to YouTube.com, search for Spring Harvest and then subscribe to the Spring Harvest channel. More content will be added there from 13th April.

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Items for the News sheet for Friday 17th April to **Janet Miles**, by email [janet.miles35@gmail.com](mailto:janet.miles35@gmail.com)  
by **Wednesday 15th April**, please