

Dear Friends

Our journey through Holy Week continues and today we arrive in the empty space of Holy Saturday. It is a 'liminal' day – an 'in-between' day sitting betwixt the despair of the crucifixion on Good Friday and the joy that is to come through the discovery of the empty tomb on Easter morning and the disciples' eyes being opened to the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Commentators are comparing our current state of being with Holy Saturday. Things are not as they were, and the new way of being is still to unfold. Our liminal space is likely to go on for some time to come. And so, we must continue to adjust to this 'weird' space.

Tomorrow, we will attempt an Easter Day service by Zoom. I hope it works and that some of you will be able to join me. I cannot offer you actual communion but we will be in spiritual communion with one another. Our service will begin at 10.30am and will last about 30 minutes. The order of service is attached for those who wish to follow it. You might find it helpful to have a Bible with you just in case the audibility is a bit odd.

For those of you who have other plans, I wish you a Happy Easter. Tomorrow, the Dean encourages us to ring bells outside at 10am to demonstrate that the church in Guernsey is alive and proclaiming the good news that 'Christ is risen' 'He is risen, indeed, alleluia!'.

Easter blessings

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