

Dear Friends,

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020

How glorious is this weather? It feels like the whole of creation is celebrating Ascensiontide! At this point in the



church year and as we miss direct contact with each other and so many people we hold dear, we celebrate Christ's exaltation and mark his parting from us, while knowing we remain very much connected with Jesus and with one another. And we can wait hopefully, knowing Jesus has promised resurrection and the gift of the Holy Spirit, even while we don't yet know how that will play out in our lives.

On Sunday, we plan to livestream at 8am, 10am and 6pm as usual and you can participate live at [www.facebook.com/greatmissendenchurch/live\\_videos](https://www.facebook.com/greatmissendenchurch/live_videos) or afterwards at [www.missendenchurch.org.uk/video](https://www.missendenchurch.org.uk/video) If you can't access Facebook, you can phone in to hear audio facilitated by David Harris during the 10am and 6pm services: please phone 020 3481 5237 using meeting ID 830 6434 9334 and password 396381 between 9.45-9.55am— full details on the newsheet.



We miss gathering in church with you to worship God together and all the conversations and meaning that provides. Thank you for your feedback. Please do keep letting us know what you think. For now we will continue livestreaming Sunday services from our homes, and there will be some midweek videos from more than one of our churches. We're exploring livestreaming from church on Sundays in the near future.

It's Mental Health Awareness Week and kindness is the theme – we are seeing so much kindness and it's so heartening. At the same time, the pandemic is likely to affect everyone's mental health and for some of us it will be difficult. Rosie and I often ask how you are at the beginning of our reflection videos because we don't have that chance to check in with each other like we would at church. If you're struggling, please ask for help.



Do get in touch if you'd like a chat, a prayer or help. We will write again soon.

With our love and prayers,

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