

# Archway

Easter 2021

## Hope

This week marked the one year anniversary of the first 'lockdown' in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As we approach Easter once again, I don't suppose any of us thought this time last year we'd still be dealing with this crisis a year later. As the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby has said 'Covid has touched everything and everyone. Unconnected events have been changed. Weddings funerals, birth celebrations, falling in love, dating, mourning and celebrating ...going to work, going to friends, going for a walk, going shopping. Everything we do has been different.' It has been an incredibly difficult time for so many people.

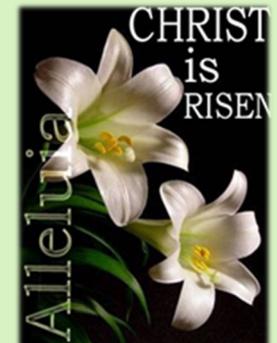
Thankfully there are signs of hope that the crisis may be drawing to an end. The vaccine rollout seems to have been a great success, and the number of people succumbing to the virus is thankfully reducing. There is a long way to go, but we have a roadmap back to a more 'normal' way of life.

Easter is all about hope. For Christians, the death and resurrection of Jesus, that we are about to remember and celebrate, are the ultimate hope in the face of suffering, sadness, and even death. In Jesus, we see God in human form, God who has entered our suffering, and the God who has taken on death, and won. Through trusting in him we experience 'strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow.' I pray that you all can know this hope as we emerge from this difficult season.

Happy Easter to you all!

*Rev. Jon Taylor*

**'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,  
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.'** Romans 15.13





## Holy Week Services

Online Holy Week Services are being streamed by Coventry Cathedral

<https://www.facebook.com/coventrycathedral/videos>

### At St Bartholomew's

#### Maundy Thursday

9.30am Service (Facebook)

#### Good Friday

10.00am video telling the Easter story, and a link to some activities (Facebook)

3.00pm Stations of the Cross (Facebook)

<https://www.facebook.com/stbartsbinley>





# Easter Day

Celebrate Easter with us on

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for a service of

10.00 am Holy Communion

