2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter: 7 April 2024 "Living As A Generous Community"



#### Wows & Woes



Write or draw your prayer of thanks



Chat among yourselves about any random acts of kindness you have received or given recently

# Notices

- Monday, 9:30-3, Community Hub, MVH
- Monday, 12:30, Funeral Trevor Clifton, Bracon Ash Church
- Tuesday, 2pm, Funeral Irene Woodward, Hethel Church
- Thursday, 9:15am Coffee & Prayer, HH
- Thursday, 2:30pm Church @ Hanover
- Rector day off Friday 12th



# **Collect for Today**

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. Amen.

#### Song: Crown him with many crowns

Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne; Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns All music but its own! Awake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee, And hail him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.

# Call to Worship

- Come, all who are in need, all who are lonely.
- Come, young and old, and everyone in between.
- Come, if you are hurting and healthy, weary or happy.
- Come, whether you are joyful or sad.
- Come, to the 'grace giver', the one who welcomes us home.
- Come, and worship our God.

# A gathering prayer

Generous God, who shares our life, pouring out the Spirit of Jesus, open our hearts and hands to reach out to one another, and to those we live or work among in caring and service, love and compassion. Amen.





"Open Hands and Hearts" Fill box with slips of paper with a promise, a simple offer of help or a small gift



### Song: The Servant Song

Servant Song sung by David Haas

### Sharing the Journey



#### Song: Faith as small as a mustard seed



# **The Profession of Faith:**

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

- Do you believe and trust in God the
- Father, source of all being and life,

the one for whom we exist? All: We believe and trust in him.

# Do you believe and trust in his Son, Jesus Christ, who redeemed the world? All: We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God? All: We believe and trust in him. This is the faith of the Church. All: This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

# Responding in Prayer: Wows & Woes



# **Prayer Images**

To help us pray, let these images provoke you to think about:

- What people have and don't have
- What people are going through
- What people are witnessing
- Where we ourselves need kindness

### What to Eat?



### What to wear?



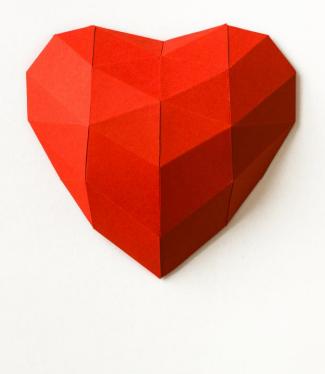
# Where to live?

DOWN ATTHE BOTTOM"

PLEASE

ANY HELP

# Affairs of the heart



# Sadness



What about you?



# A Prayer for All Ages

Loving God, give us ears to listen like you; (cup ears) give us eyes to see like you; (make binoculars) give us hands that give like you; *(offer*) hands) give us hearts to welcome like you. (hand over heart) Amen.

#### The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

#### Go With God

#### Take a promise from the box



### Song: Guardian



# A Sending out Prayer

Lord, your generous love was showered upon us in Jesus.

Help us to be generous to those among whom we live or meet.

Guide us in building and becoming a generous community,

as we seek to put our faith into action. We ask this in Jesus' name and for his sake.

#### Amen.

# **Closing Blessing**

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself, the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service, the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts; And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you, now and always.

#### Amen.