

## Welcome

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Easter Day

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"Astronomically", "I can see lots of stars and consolations." "Astrologically." "I can see that Mars is in Libra, and Venus is in Gemini and those two signs will have good fortune." "Meteorologically", "I can see it's a fine clear night, a bit chilly, but it will be a fine day tomorrow." "And, Theologically" "I can see the great firmament of space spread out against the inky blackness of the sky, reminding me of God's wonderful creation of which I am just a small part." "O Holmes the stars teach me so much", "What do the stars teach you Holmes"? .....

Someone has stolen our tent Watson".

Sometimes we fail to see the obvious and wrap it up in all kinds of explanations. On this Easter Sunday the obvious thing is that JESUS HAS RISEN. He is alive and in the world.

Because He is, we have eternal life. Because He is, our sins are forgive. Because He is, we have the ability to forgive. Because He is, we have the Holy Spirit. Because He is, we have Good News to share. Because He is, Christians across the world can meet to worship, in churches, chapels, and great cathedrals. Because He is, we can bring our needs and the needs of the world to God in prayer. Because He is, Missionaries can travel the world, spreading the Good News. Because He is, we have Bishops, Priests, Deacons and Evangelists. Because He is, we have Licensed Lay Ministers, churchwardens, and PCCs. Because He is, we have The Church Army, The Salvation Army, Roman Catholics, Baptists, Methodists and all other denominations. Because He is, we have light in our darkness and endless support in difficulties. Because He is, we have an assured hope for the future.

So as we proclaim today, "The Lord is Risen" let us loudly and Joyfully respond " HE IS RISEN INDEED" ALLELUIA! Why? BECAUSE HE IS!

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### Collect

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen



Dear Lord Jesus Christ, by Your radiant and magnificent resurrection, You broke the bonds of death and rose from the grave as a conqueror. You reconciled Heaven and earth. Our life had no hope of eternal happiness before You redeemed us. Your resurrection has washed away our sins, restored our innocence, and brought us joy. How inestimable is the tenderness of Your love!

— Saint Gregory the Great

### Quiz Night

7pm Friday 30th May

St Andrew's Church Rooms, Preston

£7 per person (light supper provided)

Contact: Carole Anders 01305 833431

### An Afternoon of Acoustic Music

With Ken Watkins

3pm Sunday 11th May

St Andrew's Church Rooms,  
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Raising funds for St Andrew's Church

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### St George's Day

Celebration Champagne Breakfast

Saturday 26th April

Osmington Village Hall

Doors open at 9.30am  
breakfast served at 10am

£12 adult, £8 for children under 10

Contact Sally Little by 22nd April

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### St Nicholas Church, Broadway

### Free Concert!

All Aboard The Mary Rose

Saturday 26th April -doors open 2.30pm

Discover more about this historic ship and  
hear music of the time.

Donations invited for St Nicholas &  
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Dorset Rural Music School

Free Afternoon Tea to commemorate the  
80th anniversary of VE Day.

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Scones & cakes with musical entertainment.

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