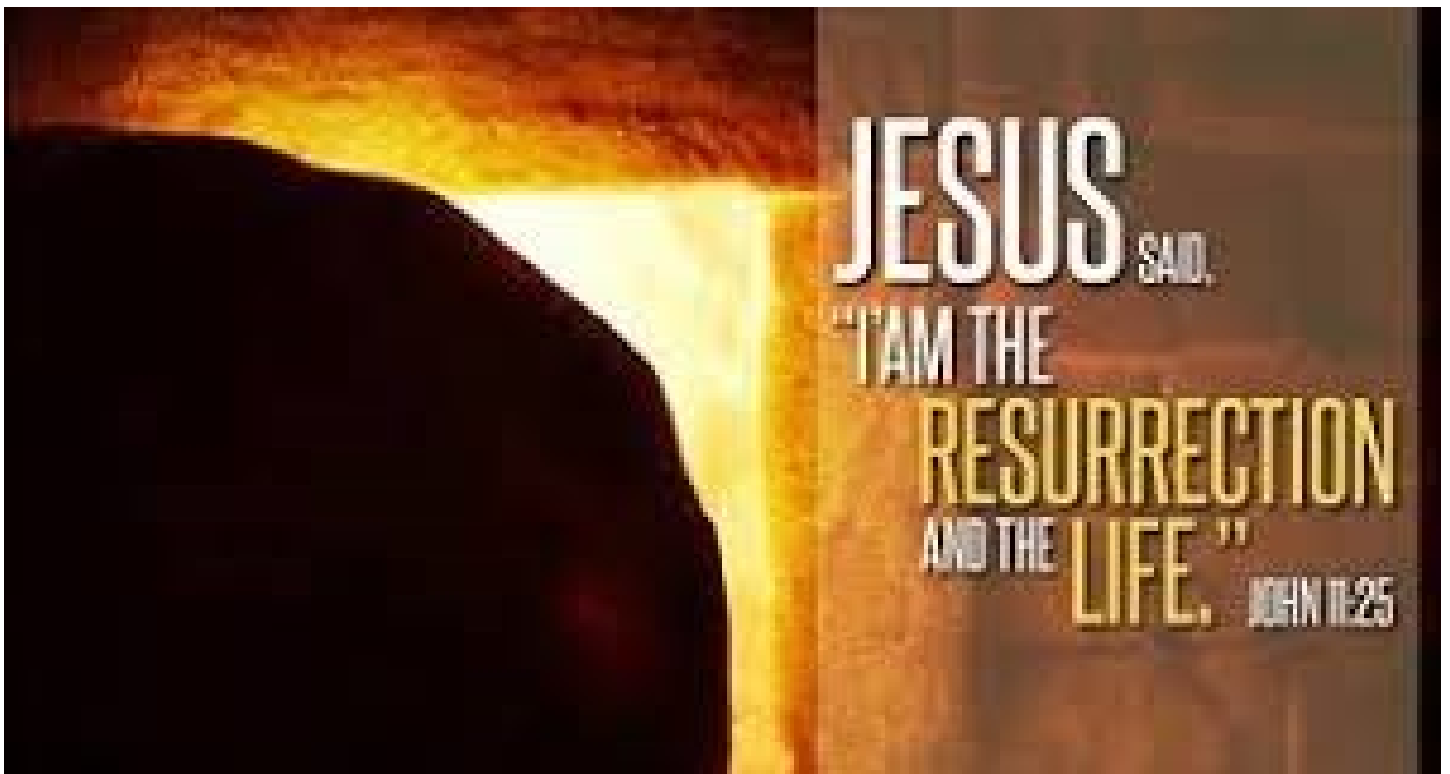


# The Corona Chronicle.

Being Church in Partial lockdown.

Sunday April 4th Easter

West Worthing Evangelical Church. Rugby Road



*"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live" (John 11:25).*

At Easter time the contrast between Good Friday and Easter Sunday is stark. Sorrow becomes joy; death becomes life; the end becomes the beginning. As one of the early church Fathers, Clement of Alexandria, put it: 'Christ has turned all our sunsets into dawns,' The death and resurrection of Christ brings hope to a lost mankind struggling to make sense of the purpose of life and death.

During the Battle of Inkerman, a badly wounded British soldier managed to crawl back to his tent, where he died. Later, his body was discovered facedown, his bloodied hand resting on an open Bible. The blood had congealed and glued his hand to the page. When the hand was lifted, the letters on the printed page were clearly imprinted upon it: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live" (John 11:25). The soldier was buried with these words still imprinted on his hand— we hope and trust that they had also been imprinted on his heart!

The gospel rests on the one who is the resurrection and the life. Christ's atoning death on the cross and his victory over the grave are the essential hope of all believers. In fact, the Apostle Paul said: 'If Christ is not risen your faith *is* futile; you are still in your sins!' (1 Corinthians 15:17). Sin has separated men and women from God and brought death and judgement upon us. If Christ has not risen there is no escape from sin's inevitable consequences. There is, however, a greater tragedy than this. The Bible shows clearly that Christ *has* risen, and yet there are those who still reject him and his offer of salvation. After uttering the words that were imprinted on that soldier's hand, the Lord Jesus went on to say: "And whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:26). None of us know when our lives on earth will come to an end. Surely the wisest thing to do is to make certain of our salvation now through faith in the risen Christ. These words may not be imprinted on our hands, but let us make sure that they are imprinted on our hearts.

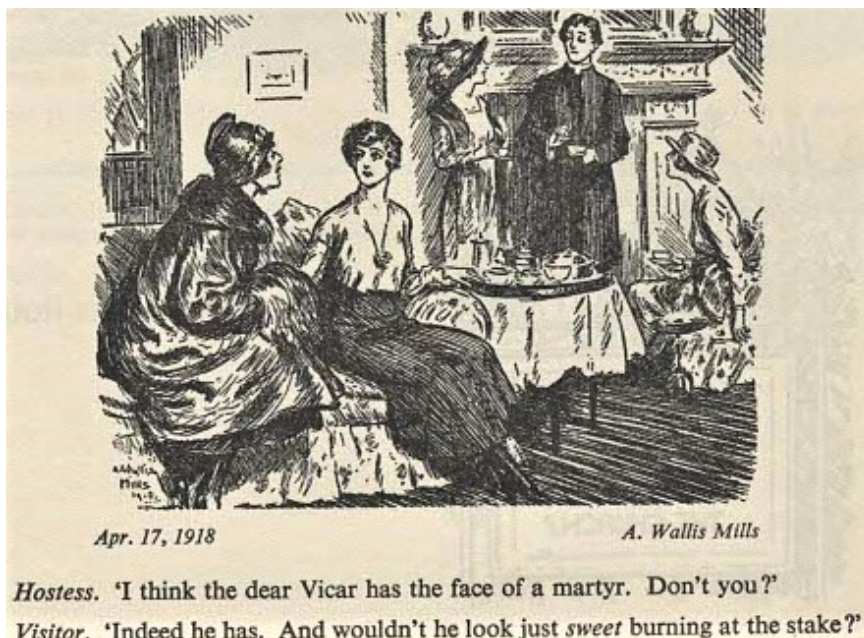
Jim Winter

## The Corona Chronicle ♦

The Corona Chronicle has just passed its first anniversary, time seems to have gone quickly, each week we have posted about thirty copies to Church members and attenders sent a number by Email and published it on our website. In the beginning it was intended as a devotional magazine for those particularly who were unable to get to the church because of the Pandemic and unable to watch the service Online or hear the recordings of the service. Hopefully with things getting back to normal the Chronicle will become redundant but a post pandemic Chronicle is a possibility but with less issues.

At the moment we continue in this present format hopefully not for too long. I suppose Historians in the future will value this piece of Church History so keep a copy of this piece of a primary source document.

David Page.



# ABC CBA Puzzle

There is one letter missing in each alphabet. Find that letter and then write all those letters in the spaces at the bottom. See what we celebrate this day!

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# Hymns Readings Prayers

Hymn

See, what a morning, gloriously bright  
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem  
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light  
As the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"

See God's salvation plan  
Wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice  
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man  
For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?"  
As in sorrow, she turns from the empty tomb  
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name  
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!

This voice that spans the years  
Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us  
Will sound 'til He appears  
For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days  
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty  
Honour and blessing, glory and praise  
To the King crowned with pow'r and authority!

And we are raised with Him  
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered  
And we shall reign with Him  
For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!

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**Bible Reading John 11 17-26**

**Jesus Comforts the Sisters of Lazarus**

<sup>17</sup> On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, <sup>19</sup> and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

<sup>21</sup> "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But I know that

even now God will give you whatever you ask."

<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

<sup>24</sup> Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; <sup>26</sup> and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

Prayers

GIVING THANKS TO GOD *Easter*  
*From 1 Peter 1*

Praise be to You, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

For Your great mercy in giving us birth into a new life and a new hope by raising Jesus Christ from death:  
**Praise be to You, our God and Father!**

For an inheritance that can never spoil or fade, kept for us in heaven:

**Praise be to You, our God and Father!**

For the protection of Your power, ours through faith, until salvation comes at the end of time:

**Praise be to You, our God and Father!**

**Father, to You be all praise, glory and honour through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYING FOR OUR FAMILIES *From Psalm 112*

Lord of our praise,  
strengthen us, that we may honour You  
by obeying Your commandments;  
prosper our children,  
and their children,  
and bless our families;  
through Jesus Christ our saviour. **Amen.**