

April 2013 Year C	7th April EASTER 2 White	14th April EASTER 3 White	21st April EASTER 4 White	28th April EASTER 5 White
	Exodus 14 (10-end); and 15 (20-21) Revelation 1 (4-8) John 20 (19-end)	Zephaniah 3 (14-end) Revelation 5 (11-end) John 21 (1-9)	Genesis 7(1-5, 11-18) 8(6-18), 9(8-13) Revelation 7 (9-end) John 10 (22-30)	Genesis 22 (1-18) Revelation 21 (1-6) John 13 (31-35)
Branston		JOINT SERVICE at SALTBY 10.00 am		10.30 am Holy Communion
Croxton Kerrial	9.00 am Holy Communion			
Harston				9.00 am Holy Communion
Knipton			10.30 am Holy Communion	
Saltby			9.00 am Holy Communion	
Sproxton	10.30 am Holy Communion			10.00 am Village Hall Service

Sproxton Village Hall service on 28th April
Coffee and biscuits at 10.00 am, service starts 10.15 am

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So Easter is upon us, and we can enjoy our chocolate eggs (and hopefully some better weather) after the privations of Lent.

Easter is, of course, the most important feast of the Christian year, because it celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus, which is at the very centre of our faith. As St Paul reminds us, without the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Day, our Christian belief founders. Everything hangs on what took place on the first Easter morning. Without Easter, Jesus is a wonderful moral teacher, a great healer, and a remarkable man, but nothing more.

Many people do reduce Jesus to this status, but for Christians this is not enough. The experience of Mary Magdalene, then the disciples, and many others, on the first Easter and in the following days, when they met and talked with the Risen Christ reveal that Jesus is so much more than a good man. The gospel accounts of Easter reveal Jesus to be God Himself, God as he is when He becomes a man, God who has lived a life as we do and has now passed beyond death into a new life.

The gospel accounts spell this out for us, but reading these accounts and teasing out their historical accuracy can never reveal the truth of the Resurrection. This truth is not something the mind can grasp; rather it

is something that can only be known by the heart.

Some things in life are "true" at a deep level of ours beings - much deeper than our minds alone can comprehend. The beauty of a sunrise, the gurgle of a baby, the power of great music or art are just some examples.

The Resurrection is like these. You might decide, after studying the gospels, that you believe the Easter story to be true, but unless you then go and live your life in accordance with what it teaches you and find out what it means to know the love of God for yourself, the Easter story will remain just that - a story.

This Easter we have two new leaders in the church: Pope Francis 1 and Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury. We can see in these leaders, men who have indeed chose to live their lives based on the Resurrection. As we pray for them and wish them every blessing in their new roles, let us also base our lives on the truth of the Resurrection, and experience the new life of Easter for ourselves.

**HAVE A VERY
HAPPY EASTER**



Would you please pass any items for the May newsletter (by Sunday, 14th April, please) either to:

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