

Stations of the Resurrection Project

As a way of prayerfully marking the re-opening of our churches when that comes, I would like us to create for our churches a series of "Stations of the Resurrection". I invite you to bring your own interests and skills to this – you might be inspired to create artwork or prayers or written reflections that tell the story of one or more of the stations; you might find experiences, photos, newspaper cuttings, craft activities that have a connection with one of them, but also remind you of times of grace in this year's Easter-tide.

I invite you to spend some time reflecting on each of the resurrection appearances of Jesus in the stories listed below. If one captures your interest or imagination in particular, stay with it. What is it expressing for you as you read it at this time? How might you connect that with what is going on in your life, or the wider world now? Can you capture those thoughts and reflections artistically, through the written word, with a particular object or image that you find?

If you can gather whatever inspires you and keep it ready for us forming a display together in church at the end of the restrictions that would be great. If you want to be in touch about this "project" in the meantime with questions or ideas, do get in contact.

I have added a final station which allows for any moment you want to capture which is just about recognising resurrection life now.

The disciples on the road to Emmaus noticed "were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road" when they realised they had met the risen Jesus.

May we notice those moments when our hearts show us something of Jesus' risen presence with us, and may we find ways to celebrate and record these moments to share when we again come together and like them know him in the breaking of the bread. Amen.

Stations of the Resurrection

The 1st Station

The Earthquake

Matthew 28:2-4

2nd Station

Mary Magdalene finds the empty tomb and meets the risen Lord

John 20:1,2 . 11-18

3rd Station

The disciples run to the empty tomb

John 20:3-8

4th Station

The Angel appears to the women

Matthew 28:5-8

5th Station

Jesus meets the women

Matthew 28: 9-10

6th Station

The Road to Emmaus

Luke 24:28-35

7th Station

Jesus appears to the disciples

Luke 24:36-43

8th Station

Jesus promises the Spirit

Luke 24:44-49

9th Station

Jesus commissions his disciples

John 20:21-23

10th Station

Jesus breathes the Spirit in the upper room

John 20:22-23

11th Station

Jesus meets Thomas

John 20:24-29

12th Station

Jesus appears at the lakeside

John 21:9-13

13th Station

Jesus confronts Peter

John 21:15-19

14th Station

Jesus and the Beloved Disciple

John 21:20-30

15th Station

Jesus appears to five hundred at once

1Cor 15:3-6

16th Station

Jesus commissions the disciples on the mountain

Matthew 28:16-20

17th Station

The Ascension

Acts 1:3-11

18th Station

Pentecost

Acts 2: 1-11

19th Station

Jesus appears to Saul (Paul)

Acts 9:1-18

"20th" Station

The times and places we meet the risen Jesus or experience the life-giving love of God bringing us, and the world around us, to new life.....