



Clifton Pastoral Charge

Hilden and Old Barns United Churches

Easter 2022

"Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!"

These beautiful words are part of the last chapter of the Easter Story! A chapter that is full of love, excitement, relief, joy and victory! However, we believe, as Easter People, we need to re-experience anew the events of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday to more deeply understand and appreciate what it means to shout:



Through the retelling of the Easter Story, we are reminded once again of what we know:

- Death and failure are not the last word!
- The powers of Empire tried to silence Jesus, but they failed!
- Eventually, God's will "WILL" be done on earth as it is in heaven!
- Nothing that is good and loving is ever really lost, despite appearances!
- Life, forgiveness and hope are the last word!
- The God who has created is still at work in the world creating, bringing
 - life out of death;
 - Second chances after failures and fantastic transformations!
- Through persistence and persuasion, God will be victorious!

As the days lengthen and plants come back to life after winter death and sleep, so too will God resurrect us as individuals and as church ~ helping us to let go of what is dying and bringing us back to life, even when we gave up hope it would ever happen. This is a message we need this year more than many!

With things (hopefully) opening up, we can be excited about new life possibilities! To help you re-experience and celebrate the passion and resurrection story, we will retell the story through special services during Holy Week and hope you will join us in this journey of faith.

- April 10 – Palm Sunday
9:30 a.m. in Hilden; 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns
- April 14 – Maundy Thursday
7:00 p.m. in Old Barns
We will re-act the Last Supper and the events leading to crucifixion
- April 15 – Good Friday Service
7:00 p.m. in Hilden
- April 17 – Easter Sunday Celebration with Eucharist (communion)
"He is Risen!" will ring out throughout the sanctuary as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the grave and what it can mean to us.

Yours in ministry

The Reverend Phillip Kennedy

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

1 Corinthians 15:55

