**Thought for the day**
“Prayer does not change God, but it changes those who pray”
Soren Kierkegaard

**Thank you** to everyone who ordered the Easter Sunday Lunch. Your generosity and support is very much appreciated, we have raised £134.00 for St Leonard’s Hospice. The next lunch is on the 25th of April when there will be a choice of 2 roasts. Please call 705479 to order

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**St Edward the Confessor Church**
Sunday 11th April 2021
2nd Sunday of Easter

Please do also look at our Facebook page for other activities
https://www.facebook.com/stedwardsdringhouses/

Following government guidance, in person services have restarted from today. A new attendance list will commence. If you would like to attend a Sunday in-person service please contact the Parish Office on 709111 or email parishoffice@stedsdringhouses.org. Our 10am YouTube service will still be available.

**Listen to the 10am Service via a phone landline** It is possible to listen to a recording of our 10am service via a phone landline. Call the number below and you will automatically be connected to a recording of the service. The recordings will generally be available at some point on Sunday afternoon for the rest of that week. The number is: 01904 2152406.

**Parish Office** In line with Government legislation in respect of the current lockdown, the Parish Office will be closed to the public, however email and telephone message will be checked regularly. We now have a card reader in the Parish Office, enabling donations to be made directly.

**Cheque Payments** Should you need to pay the office by cheque, please ensure that the cheques are made payable to “PCC St Edward the Confessor” as the bank will no longer accept any variations to this!
St Ed's Garden Gang  Lockdown Rules permitting, the GG will re-start our caring for the Church grounds on Monday 12th April at 2.00pm. By that stage we will be allowed ‘rule of 6’ gatherings for up to 6 of the Garden Gang to be working and to have a cup of tea together as well. Old stagers will be welcomed back, and any newcomers please let me know if you wish to join us - on 01904 792154 or mars4654@uwclub.net. We will meet every Monday, weather permitting, except for Bank Holidays. Mark Russell-Smith

Out and about

Little Vikings Eye Spy Trail York  A new free family walking trail in York with 22 weird and wonderful things to spot on the way. Follow the link below and print out the route map - If you have any problems printing the map ask the Parish Office for a copy New! Little Vikings I Spy Trail - a free walking trail in York for families | Little Vikings (little-vikings.co.uk)

Perfect picnic spot in and around York
Perfect places to picnic in York and beyond | Little Vikings (little-vikings.co.uk)

& Best Places For Picnic Provisions!
The best places for picnic provisions and street food in York | Little Vikings (little-vikings.co.uk)

Nine Wonderful Woodland Walks Near York
Nine wonderful woodland walks near York | Little Vikings (little-vikings.co.uk)

Land required for wedding marquee  Jacob Thomson; our Assistant Youth Worker is marrying his fiancé Safferon on the 4th of June next year. They are looking for land to hire in or around York on which to site their wedding marquee (dimensions main tent 12mx12m and catering tent 4mx4m) - with room outside of the marquees for a social space. Jacob would really appreciate any information on land that can be hired at a reasonable rate. His contact details are assistantyouth@stedsdringhouses.org mobile 07436405586.

Election of Churchwardens and Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)  The Election of Churchwardens and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) are usually held at the same time. The meetings for St Edward’s will be held on Thursday 6th May at 7.00pm on Zoom.
The Election of Churchwardens meeting is open to all those people whose names are on the Electoral Roll for the parish and persons resident in the parish whose names are entered on the register of local government electors. The meeting is to elect two Churchwardens and nomination forms are available from the Parish Office or can be sent electronically. Completed nomination forms are required to be with the Vicar before the meeting.
At the APCM only those people whose names are on the Elector Roll are eligible to vote.
There are currently seven vacancies on the Parochial Church Council (PCC), five representatives to serve for three years and two to serve for two years.
Nomination forms for each of the above are available from the Parish Office or by email from: isobegoforth@tiscali.co.uk  Paper forms for PCC nominations can be returned to me via the Office or sent electronically.
Isobel Goforth, PCC Secretary
Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Acts 4: 32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul,
and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything
they owned was held in common. 33With great power the apostles gave
their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was
upon them all. 34There was not a needy person among them, for as many
as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what
was sold. 35They laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each
as any had need.

John 20: 19-end

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors
of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews,
Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ 20After
he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples
rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be
with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ 22When he had said
this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. 23If
you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of
any, they are retained.’

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with
them when Jesus came. 25So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen
the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his
hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I
will not believe.’ 26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with
them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them
and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ 27Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger
here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not
doubt but believe.’ 28Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my
God!’ 29Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’ 30
Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which
are not written in this book. 31But these are written so that you may come
to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through
believing you may have life in his name.

Come, people of the risen King,
who delight to bring Him praise.
Come, all and tune your hearts to sing
to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
we will lift our eyes to Him,
where steady arms of mercy reach
to gather children in.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!
Come, those whose joy is morning sun
and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won,
and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
and His mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days
with the certain hope of peace.

Come, young and old from every land,
men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands,
find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing,
shore to shore we hear them call
the Truth that cries through every age;
‘Our God is all in all’.

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Music:

Breathe on me, Spirit of Jesus.
Breathe on me, Holy Spirit of God.
Fill me again, Spirit of Jesus.
Fill me again, Holy Spirit of God.
Change my heart, Spirit of Jesus.
Change my heart, Holy Spirit of God.
Bring peace to the world, Spirit of Jesus.
Bring peace to the world, Holy Spirit of God.

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Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends each burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Words: Matthew Bridges (1800 - 1894)
Music: DIADEMATA, George Elvey (1816 - 1893)