**St Nicholas Stevenage + St Mary’s Graveley**

**Easter Sunday Gathering: 12th April 2020**

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**Introduction: Sunday was coming…**

**The Easter Greeting:**

Minster Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!

Response He is Risen indeed! Hallelujah!

**Hymn:** **Jesus Christ is Risen Today!**

**Welcome and opening prayer**

**Confession: We confess our sins together**

Lord God, we have sinned against you,

we have done evil in your sight.

We are sorry and repent.

Have mercy on us according to your love.

Wash away our wrongdoing

and cleanse us from our sin.

Renew a right spirit within us

and restore us to the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*We are reminded of God’s forgiveness…*

May Almighty God, who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour,

forgive us our sins,

and make us holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Easter Collect**

Lord of all life and power,

Who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him;

Grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ,

May reign with him in glory;

To whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen.

**Can you spot the 8 things out of place…?**

**Hymn: Christ is Risen, He’s Risen Indeed!**

**Bible Reading: Mark 16: 1-8** read by Andrea Kelly

**Talk: 4 Easter Surprises…**

*1: The Stone was Rolled Away (v4) - Expect the Unexpected*

*2: There was an Angel in the Tomb (v5+6)- We Have No Reason to Fear*

*3: Jesus was Alive (v6) – Look at the Evidence!*

**Hymn: See What a Morning**

**Talk part 2:**

*4: They would see Jesus again (v7) - so will we!*

*So… Are you ready? Are you telling others?*

**Prayers** led by Adrian and Eunice Sirkett

**We say The Lord’s Prayer together…**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

**Church Family News**

**Hymn: Thine Be The Glory**

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***Final Response***

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Response He is Risen indeed! Hallelujah!

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