

The Rectory

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Dear Friends,

**New Hope – he is Risen indeed, Alleluia!**

I am pleased that all our six churches will again be open from Easter Day and onwards with the usual pattern of services back again. Whilst we have been having zoom services this is no substitute for worship in our churches. We would like to welcome you back to worship with us.

Easter is the greatest festival of the church's year. At Easter we celebrate what God has done in Jesus, how though Jesus had been put to death, now he is Risen. The pain and anguish of the Passion of Jesus has gone and we celebrate the power of God in bringing his son Jesus from death to new life. As we read and hear the accounts of those early days when Jesus met with the disciples and followers, we see those witnesses coming to terms with what had happened and what the resurrection meant to them and their understanding of Jesus and God. What we understand and believe now is not what the first disciples believed; they were yet to fully comprehend all that had taken place.

What still amazes me about the accounts that we have is that Jesus revealed himself to those who had been his followers before his death. He came to them. God in Jesus wants us to 'see' and to be in communion with him. If we are open to him, to the possibility of God making himself known, then we can begin to comprehend the wisdom of God. As the scriptures say we cannot fully understand God but if we look at Jesus then we also see God. As we again celebrate the Risen Christ let us again discover his purposes for us, and that like the gospel of John we can believe that we might have life more abundantly (John 10:10)

Yours, Richard Kirkman.

**New assistant priest for our parishes.**

We welcome the Revd. Dave Rogers into ministry in our parishes, he has written a brief biography to introduce himself.

**Dave Rogers – Short Biography**

I was brought up in an East Riding village called Elloughton. I went to University in London, obtained a Business Studies Degree and worked in the bus industry in various parts of the country, including Hull. I studied for ministry in Lincoln, was ordained, and returned to ministry in Hull for 30 years, apart from a year as Director of Leeds Church Institute. I have been in a City Centre church, Industrial Mission, Self-Supporting Ministry whilst I ran a local charity, and latterly for 8 years Team Rector of an outer urban parish. I have 3 grown up children from my first marriage, am married to Lydia and we share our home with KB the German Shepherd dog.