

# KEEP IN TOUCH

# Newsletter No.3

**Easter Edition**

10 April 2020



Alleluia, Christ is risen. He is risen indeed, Alleluia!!

## A note from the Rector...

Dear friends,

This is our third Keep In Touch newsletter and I hope you enjoy it. Rosanne has been doing a grand job producing it, so thanks to her and to all who have sent in items for inclusion. I did enjoy the cartoon jokes!

How strange it is to be staying in our homes – “confined to barracks” – and not be able to gather together with family and friends. We need a lot of patience... as I’m sure you’ve discovered.

Anyway, at this Easter season, we can join together virtually in worship and fellowship by clicking on the links on the church website (Google ‘Sanderstead Parish’, then find the Sermons link).

Christ has died  
Christ is risen  
Christ will come again.

We can share the joy and encouragement of Jesus by picking up the phone to speak to one another. Let’s Keep In Touch.

Alleluia, Christ is risen. He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

With love and prayers,

**Martin**



## A little note from Judith Shone...

Picked up the delightful gathering of suggestions to keep us in contact. It made me smile on a morning when I was not at my best. The sun is shining, the birds are singing, spring is in the air.

We can look forward to being together in word. What a good idea we will worship together in spirit if not in person.

Many thanks

**Judith**

## He is risen!

Just a few weeks ago I had the joy of a pilgrimage in the Holy Land, and for me the highlight was to visit the place known as the Garden Tomb.

There is something very special about being in this unique place, with its open entrance and empty tomb. Somehow, you can capture the thrill of those who first arrived at the tomb and found it empty - and, in the quietness and stillness of that first Easter morning, Jesus himself appeared to them.

In these dark days, may we find reassurance and be filled with joy as we contemplate our risen Saviour!

Hallelujah, He is  
Risen indeed!

*Jeremy*



## Some prayers...

How is the Church of England adapting plans for Holy Week and into Easter to meet the challenges of coronavirus?

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/stories-and-features/how-church-england-adapting-plans-holy-week-and-easter-meet>

Coronavirus (COVID-19) liturgy and prayer resources...

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-parishes/coronavirus-covid-19-liturgy-and-prayer>



## Alasdair Campbell, RIP

I received a call on Wed 7th April from Alasdair's son, Nigel, to tell me that he had died the previous day, aged 97. Alasdair, formerly of Farm Fields, loved to attend All Saints Church and we send our condolences to his family. Born in Scotland, Alasdair and his late wife Eleanor, lived in Singapore and had lived in Sanderstead since 1966.

Further information about a memorial service will be made available in due course.

**Jeremy**

## Margaret Brown, RIP

Margaret Brown passed peacefully away on 4th April 2020. Our thoughts and prayers are with Caroline, Liz and Graham. Margaret's ashes will be placed with David's at a later time in the year.

**Paul Shipley**

richard.brown5000@gmail.com

4<sup>th</sup> April 2020

To Anne Halliday, David and Mary Courtney,  
Copy to all Mum's friends from All Saints'

Dear Anne, and David and Mary

As we were recently in correspondence over Mum, I thought it best to share news that sadly Mum passed away this morning. I saw her yesterday and she was very poorly but peaceful and she passed away peacefully this morning. The team at Charter House have given her excellent care. Due to the lock-down I'm planning a very simple and short cremation service in Bedford, probably just me and Carolyn, as Liz and Graham don't want to travel on the train from London and Chris doesn't want to take the risk of driving from Cardiff.

Following the funeral, the undertakers will hold the ashes until the virus situation improves and Mum can be interred with Dad in the cemetery at All Saints'. I shall contact your church office separately about this when we know where we stand.

Please could you communicate this sad news to any of Mum's acquaintances at All Saints'. I hope you and the church family are coping okay with the virus lock-down.

With best wishes, Richard.

*Richard,*

**[Shared by Mary Courtney]**

Alleluia, Christ is risen. He is risen indeed, Alleluia!!

## A Celtic Prayer by David Adam

With the weary and the wounded  
Christ of the cross, we come to you.  
**For you alone can make us whole.**

With the fragmented and the fractured,  
Christ of the cross, we come to you.  
**For you alone can make us whole.**

With the stressed and the shattered  
Christ of the cross, we come to you.  
**For you alone can make us whole.**

With the broken hearted and broken spirited  
Christ of the cross, we come to you.  
**For you alone can make us whole.**

With broken relationships and broken hopes  
Christ of the cross, we come to you.  
**For you alone can make us whole.**

With broken promises and broken dreams  
Christ of the cross, we come to you.  
**For you alone can make us whole. Amen**

Christ of the cross, as we come to you,  
open our hearts & minds to receive your unimaginable gift of love. **Amen**

***[Shared by Jeremy]***



## **O God, I love thee**

by Gerard Manley Hopkins

O God, I love thee, I love thee—  
Not out of hope of heaven for me  
Nor fearing not to love and be  
In the everlasting burning.

Thou, thou, my Jesus, after me  
Didst reach thine arms out dying,  
For my sake sufferedst nails and lance,  
Mocked and marred countenance,  
Sorrows passing number,  
Sweat, and care and cumber,  
Yea, and death, and this for me.  
And thou couldst see me sinning:

Then I, why should I not love thee,  
Jesu, so much in love with me ?  
Not for heaven's sake; not to be  
Out of hell by loving thee;  
Not for any gains I see;  
But just the way that thou didst me  
I do love and will love thee:

What must I love thee, Lord, for then?  
For being my King and God. Amen.

***[Shared by Jeremy]***

## **The Cross**

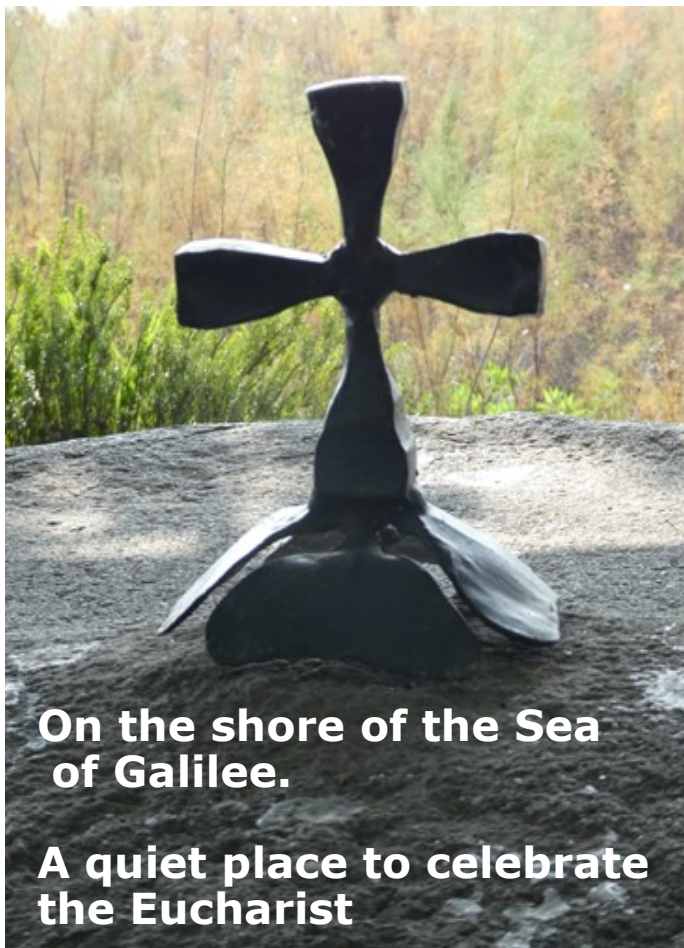
The cross isn't some abstract theological concept but a stark historical reality. At one level, it may seem a strange thing to celebrate the death of a Jewish man on a Roman torture device – a shameful instrument of execution reserved for condemned criminals. Even stranger, a man we have never actually seen. Yet Jesus' perfect sacrifice on the cross shows us God's love for us, the lengths he went to show us the way to new life that is found only in him.

***Jeremy***



Alleluia, Christ is risen. He is risen indeed, Alleluia!!

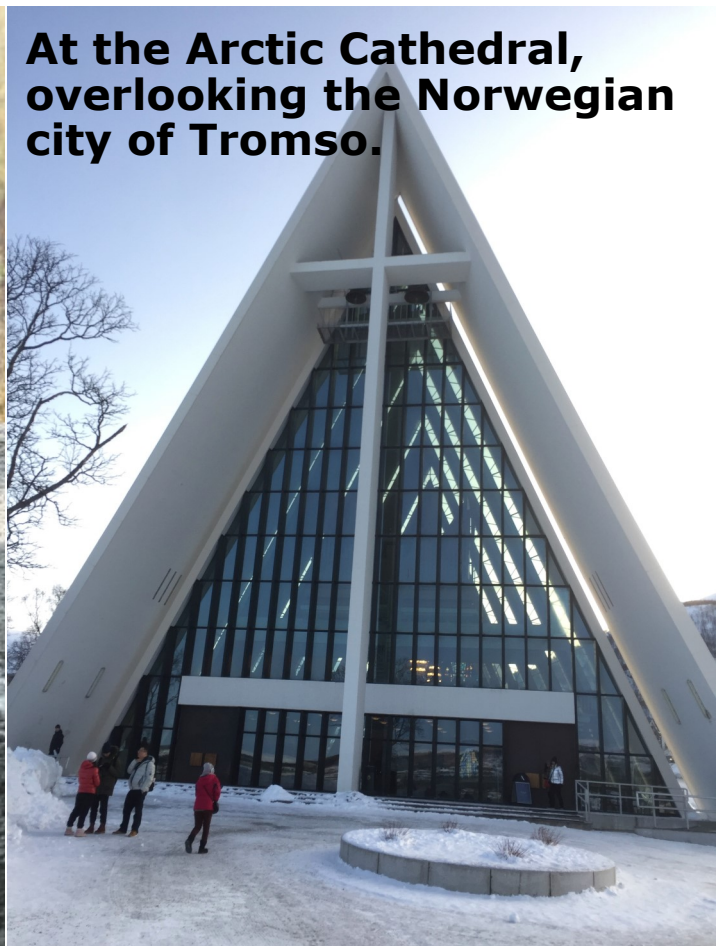
**Taken inside the Garden Tomb, Jerusalem.**



**On the shore of the Sea of Galilee.**

**A quiet place to celebrate the Eucharist**

**At the Arctic Cathedral, overlooking the Norwegian city of Tromsø.**



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## **Where will I find lasting Peace?**



Peace...glimpsing the beauty of God and stopping to gaze in wonder.

Peace...sensing the love of God, and opening up to it like a flower in the sunshine.

Peace comes when I unclench the fingers that cling to my own vision of the future.

***[words of Tom Wright]***

Jesus said,  
'Peace is what I leave with you;  
it is my own peace that I give you.  
I do not give it as the world gives it.'

[John 14:27]

Lord Jesus, even as all around me everyday life seems so uncertain, I look to your Light, my Lord and Saviour. The Light which shines brightest in the darkest places.

Wrap me around with your Light, your Peace, protect and sustain me amidst this time of deep unknowing, Amen.

***[Shared by Rosemary Kempell]***



## Jesus paid it all

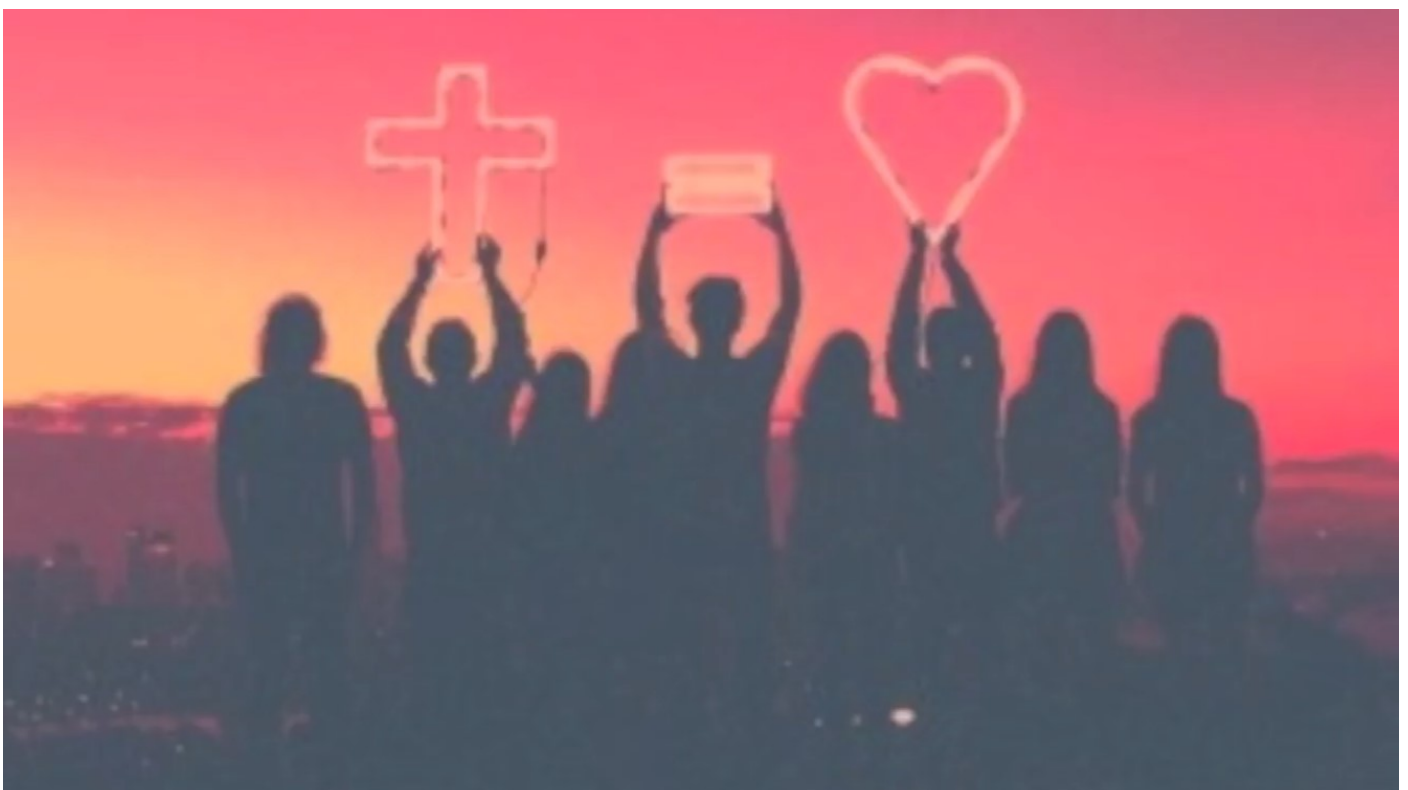
For the past year, I've been writing a paper - the dissertation for my MA - on the atonement. At the heart of it is that passage of Scripture in 2 Corinthians 5:19 **"God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself, not counting people's sins against them"**. And in Colossians 1:20 we read: **"Jesus Christ made peace through his blood, shed on the cross"**. This, surely, is the message of Easter - that Jesus Christ brought us to God in that wonderful act of reconciliation.

As early as the 16th century, William Tyndale was using the word "at-one-ment" to signify that, through Christ's life, death, burial, resurrection and ascension, we can become one with God and enjoy what it means to enter a right relationship with our Creator, cleansed from the stain, guilt and power of sin. And the wonderful thing we celebrate during Holy Week and Easter Sunday is that Jesus brought it all about.

To join in a worshipful celebration of the fact that "Jesus Paid it All" you might like to click on this link <https://youtu.be/D5DyeCx8H4U> which is a song recorded by Fernando Ortega, brought to my attention by Rosanne, our Admin PA. It certainly lifted my heart, and I hope it does for you!

**Jeremy**

*Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.*



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## Reminder from 2015

As we are unable to decorate our lovely church this year with beautiful flowers, here is a reminder from 2015 when the church was also out of action.

I am fine and have spent time this week working in my garden which I will continue to do at the weekend.

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter!

love & prayers,

**Lynne**



## Children's Easter Service. Thank You!

A huge thank you to the 11 children who sent us their video contributions which largely made up our Children's Easter Service *video* this year. I hope they loads of fun filming.

If you've never tried it, believe me, it's a strange experience sitting in front of a camera, and just chatting; and it's even more difficult reading from a script AND looking at the camera, but they all did really well. If you haven't already seen it, have a look either from the All Saints Church website, or straight from All Saints YouTube Channel.

"A YouTube Channel, just for us?" – did I hear you say!

Absolutely; Corrie has set up Sanderstead Parish YouTube Channel which you can subscribe to for free, and there you will find all the All Saints Services which have been held by video. Check it out now! You can find it by Googling "Sanderstead Parish YouTube"

**Tony & Judith Robinson**

## "Fruity Business" in the Church Hall Car Park!

Have you been down to the Church Car Park recently – possibly not, given "the lock down"!

P&I Fruits set up with their vans twice a week, on a Wednesday and a Saturday morning selling Berry Boxes, Fruit Boxes and Veggie Boxes without the need to go into any shop; and they make a fixed donation to our Church for each day.

You can pre-order on Facebook – but I regret I am a Facebook "*refusenik*" so I have no idea how that works. They will however sell to you without a pre-order.

Some of you may know Scott & Cheryl with Ruby May from church; I bumped into Scott in the car park this Wednesday where he was helping his sister with the fruit and veg, and he told me all the produce they are selling comes straight from Covent Garden, where one of his family has a business.

Seems like a 'win win' to me – we help a family business from the Parish, we help our Church funds, and we help ourselves (not literally, of course!). Check it out!

**Tony Robinson**





## The Parish of All Saints Sanderstead

# **NOT THE MINUTES of Annual General Meeting** **1<sup>st</sup> April 2020, 11.30am ONLINE VIRTUAL MEETING**

**Present:** Rev Martin Greenfield, Rev Jeremy Groombridge, Dick Hibberd (Sec)

### **1. Introduction**

The Secretary opened the meeting by welcoming people to the All Saints' first virtual online meeting. He apologised for a minor technical problem which meant that no-one else had received an invitation.

### **2. Apologies for absence**

In the circumstances, it was decided that apologies should be assumed for everyone else on the electoral roll. The list of 161 names was read out by the Secretary. [Secretary's note: a snoring sound after about 47 names suggested that Jeremy may have dozed off]

### **3. Protocols to be followed for the conduct of a virtual meeting**

The Secretary reported that the Church Representation Rules 2020 did not seem to cover the conduct of Virtual AGMs so it was unanimously agreed (by the Secretary) that in these exceptional circumstances, the quorum for the meeting be reduced to one. [Secretary's note: at this point Martin left the meeting as his microphone had curiously been muted].

### **4. Minutes of the annual meeting held on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

The minutes were unanimously approved as a correct record by the Secretary.

### **5. Matters arising**

The Secretary decided that there were no matters arising.

### **6. Written Reports**

The reports were all noted and accepted with additional comments as shown below:

#### **6.1 DCC Secretary's report**

It was unanimously agreed to formally record a vote of thanks to the Secretary for his interesting report and to thank him for all his hard work during the year.

#### **6.2 Men's Group report**

The meeting considered a suggestion that the name of the Men's group be changed to something more inclusive. Some people apparently felt that whilst ladies were welcome at every event, the name "Men's Group" may put some people off. This suggestion was welcomed and it was noted that younger people may also feel excluded. It was therefore agreed to change the name of the Men's Group to "Men's and Young Ladies Group" with immediate effect.

## **7. Nominations and elections**

At this point, the Secretary invoked the second emergency protocol in respect of Covid 19 and it was unanimously agreed that all elected representatives should continue in office until further notice.

## **8. Any Other Business**

The Secretary proposed and unanimously agreed that further emergency arrangements be invoked as follows:

- In order to facilitate Social Distancing, every alternate row of pews would be removed as a matter of urgency
- In future, to preserve Social Distancing, the congregation would be asked to wear face masks during coffee. [Good luck with that one]
- To minimise the chances of inadvertently spreading the disease, sermons would be limited to a maximum of three minutes until further notice
- Following the success of last night's Virtual Whisky Tasting, the Men's Group had decided that this should be a weekly activity to keep spirits up (or get them down as the case may be). In future however, a maximum of six different varieties would be sampled and sessions would not last beyond 2.00 am. [Secretary's note: at this point Jeremy woke up]

## **9. The Rector's address to the meeting**

In his absence, this was deferred until next year.

10. The Meeting ended at 12.15pm.

**Having had no AGM on Sun 5th April, I thought people might like to see some minutes anyway!**

**A little light relief ...**

***By Dick Hibberd***



## Are you awake? Shall we go naturing?

### Remembering 1945!

Yes, ok - quickly dress, grab pencils and notebooks, creep downstairs - out - out into the fresh morning air- about 6.30. Very quiet, up the road into the park looking for catkins - yes, here are some, is there a female bud on the twig with red spiders? The excitement.

Moving on - hearing the birds - wonderful sticky buds next, dark brown, sticky and shiny, and then, most beautiful of all, just one snowdrop, sigh, very very happy.

Home again for breakfast and later we sat with our books drawing and writing up all we had seen and heard.

Early thanksgiving.

*by Sally Nicholas,*

## At least it's spring

Now is "when weeds, in wheels, shoot long and lovely and lush", as the poet Hopkins wrote.

It's spring. Who has not noticed? And thank heaven for it, because imagine how much worse it would feel if this hard, tiring, drawn-out, lonely crisis had fallen upon us in November, as night dominated amid chill, bare trees. Instead of which, it grows brighter by the morning. No one has told the birds about social distancing, and they sing for love.

The sun has shone. It is an enemy of viruses and a friend to us all. Even the isolated are permitted to take a turn in the fresh air, and the very feeling of the sun on one's back brings direct comfort—a cross between a cup of tea and a smile.

Of course there is a poignant contrast between the blossom and the sickness. But spring, as always, remains a hopeful promise.

**Spring 3rd leader Daily Telegraph**  
**March 2020**

*[Shared by Sally Nicholas]*





# Because He is risen

by Gerard Kelly

Text at [http://www.inreformation.com/In\\_Reformation/Blog/Entries/2009/4/13\\_Because\\_He\\_Is\\_Risen\\_%E2%80%93\\_93\\_A\\_Prayer\\_by\\_Gerard\\_Kelly.html](http://www.inreformation.com/In_Reformation/Blog/Entries/2009/4/13_Because_He_Is_Risen_%E2%80%93_93_A_Prayer_by_Gerard_Kelly.html)



Because He is risen,  
Spring is possible  
In all the cold hard places  
Gripped by winter  
And freedom jumps the queue  
To take fear's place  
as our focus.  
Because he is risen



And because he is risen  
A fire burns in my bones  
And my eyes see possibilities  
And my heart hears hope  
Like a whisper on the wind  
And the song that rises in me  
Will not be silenced

HE HAS  
RISEN  
JUST AS  
HE SAID.

*Matthew 28:6*

As life disrupts  
This shadowed place of death  
Like a butterfly under the skin  
And death itself  
Runs terrified to hide  
Because He is risen.

HE HAS  
RISEN  
JUST AS  
HE SAID.

*Matthew 28:6*

Because He is risen  
My future is an epic novel  
Where once it was a mere short story  
My contract on life is renewed in perpetuity  
My options are open-ended  
My travel plans are cosmic  
Because He is risen

Because He is risen  
Hunger will go begging in the streets  
For want of a home  
And selfishness will have a shortened shelf-life  
And we will throng to the funeral of famine  
And dance on the callous grave of war  
And poverty will be history  
In our history  
Because he is risen  
Because he is risen  
Thank You God That Jesus Is Risen!

AMEN

**by Gerard Kelly [Shared by Martin]**

From Spoken Worship: Living Words for Personal and Public Prayer.

Alleluia, Christ is risen. He is risen indeed, Alleluia!!

Please go to our website for all services,  
including Bible Studies, Holy Week—Stations of the Cross, Compline,  
Maundy Thursday, Good Friday Youth service, Good Friday Meditation by  
Bishop David Atkinson, Easter Sunday, and updates:  
[www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk](http://www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk)

Although the church building is closed for  
Sunday Worship, the Church of Jesus Christ is  
very much alive.

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send your articles, news, thoughts,  
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Keep In Touch newsletters will be  
published periodically, when we  
have enough material.

Looking forward to hearing from  
you.

**Happy Easter!**

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