

25 March 2020 - The Annunciation

Hello People of St John's,

It is a strange experience talking aloud to God and one self in the church.

It is as if the very walls know the familiar music and prayers are no longer reverberating.

Silence...candlelight and sorrow, sorrow that this year our Easter journey may be an interior one.

Today on 25th March we celebrate the Annunciation when Gabriel appeared to Mary to foretell the news that she is to have a son. We celebrate this event on 25th March; nine months before Christmas Day.

Ursula Scogings shared this (good for meditation and repetition):

Lent

Spent

Pent

Introspection

Redirection

Resurrection!

Meriel Johansen offered us this poem *The Lake Isle of Innisfree* by William Butler Yeats

Stephen Warnes has written 2 very evocative poems ([Annunciation](#) and [Joseph's Sonnet](#)) for this day. I find Mary's blush (Annunciation) exquisite.

I offer a sermon I did about this event called [How can this be?](#)

One of the wonderful things about this time is the possibility of stopping for a bit (during the time you may have used for travel) and really breathing and listening.

At about 4pm today I will close the church door. I look forward to the time when we can sing and pray and hug and laugh again.

One security issue- for those who live locally and are able, could you undertake to check the church on your daily perambulations?

Peace,

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