

*use this page to write down any key things you have learned or done over the last 50 days ...*

# challenge

**Dare to make a difference  
by living the words of Jesus**

Week 8

4th - 7th April

## *Living the Resurrection of Jesus*

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*The main aim of Challenge is for you to take time to pray and think for yourself about the meaning of Jesus' words and how living them might make a difference in your life and, through your life, in the community. This leaflet offers a bit of help to get you started, but its not a substitute for your own reflections.*

**read it•learn it•pray it•do it**



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Easter Day, 4th April  
**Living Life**

The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the angels said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.'  
*Luke 24.5*

Words today, not of Jesus but of angels. Words of promise and joy, 'he has risen'. Words of direction, 'why look for the living among the dead?'

**Questions**

- What does the resurrection of Jesus mean for you and for the world?
- Where do we find his living presence today? Do we look in the wrong places?

**Challenges**

- Take time to reflect on the joy and wonder of Jesus' resurrection.
- Pray that others will see the living Jesus in you, in your words and life.

Tuesday, 6th April  
**Living witnesses**

Jesus said, "repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in my name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things".  
*Luke 24.36*

Jesus' disciples make a difference by living the words of Jesus. They also make a difference by telling the story of Jesus. They are witnesses by word and deed.

**Questions**

- How can we tell the story of Jesus today in a way that will connect with people and communities around us?
- What does it mean to be a witness to Jesus?

**Challenges**

- Spend time today writing down the story of Jesus in your life.
- Share something about the reality of Jesus with someone else today.

Monday, 5th April  
**A living companion**

While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' *Luke 24.15*

A wonderful story of encounter with Jesus who draws alongside and walks with the two disciples. He listens to their story.

**Questions**

- In what ways does Jesus walk alongside us and listen to our stories?
- Why do you think the two disciples did not recognise Jesus at first?

**Challenges**

- Take part in the Easter Monday pilgrimage to St Albans Abbey today!
- Be a companion to someone else today, walking alongside them and listening to their story.

Wednesday, 7th April  
**Living power**

Jesus said to them, 'I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'  
*Luke 24.49*

Jesus' disciples are not asked to make a difference on their own; they have each other and they have the help of God's Spirit, the 'power from on high'.

**Questions**

- How does God's Spirit help us in our lives and in our living the words of Jesus?
- What experiences of 'power from on high' have you had in your life?

**Challenges**

- Thank God for his gift of life, love and power. Seek his help in making a difference in your community,
- Spend time thanking God for all you have learned and done over the course of Challenge.