

HIGH FRAMLAND NEWS

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FROM THE PEN OF THE PARISH PRIEST



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With Resurrection comes not just the end of death, but also of fear and anxiety and blame. Even though the Resurrection life is not yet perfected in our lives right here and right now, still this new life doesn't begin at some future point when we die; it begins here and now, in these very moments as we begin to trust that Resurrection is our true and only reality. We

must choose to live the Resurrection in our own lives with every moment that we live - even when we are locked away from one another out of fear of a virus.

It can be hard to trust in Resurrection when the stories we hear on the news are overwhelmingly stories of death, amplifying the fear so many people live with. But we can use the time and space before us as a place to be transformed, to return again and again to the Gospels of Easter, and find in them the good news of the Resurrection life that frees us to live in uncertain times ruled by fear.

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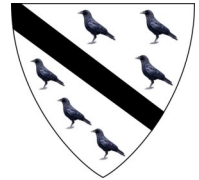
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