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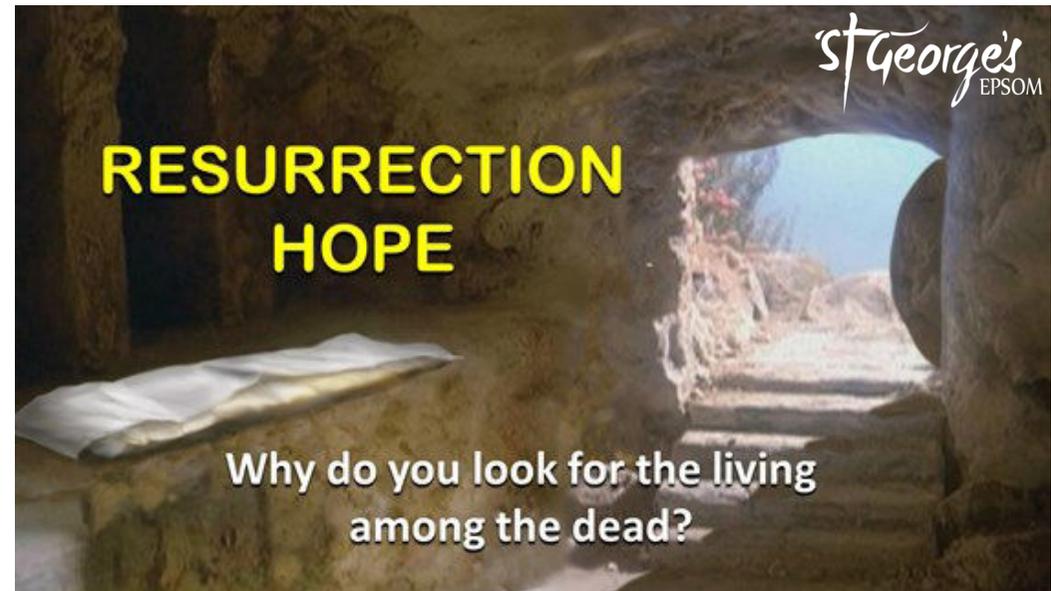
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## REFLECTIONS FROM REV. JOSH JONES

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**“Why do you look for the living among the dead?”** Of all the words uttered on the first day of New Creation and Easter Sunday, these are the words that resonate most strongly for me. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is central to who we are and what we proclaim about the unveiling of God’s new world in Christ. How thrilling and satisfying is it that today we celebrate the resurrection of Christ as we move to Traffic light Orange? As a St George’s community we can now look forward to new possibilities and new shoots in our ministry, our mission and our worship life together. We believe strongly that this wonderful community have journeyed together through the challenging times and are emerging even stronger in our commitment to the Gospel and our Kingdom calling. We can all be confident that we have much to offer each other and our surrounding community for the journey ahead.

The Pandemic journey of the past two years has shaken our nation and our world to the core. All our fundamental institutions have been under a searching critical scrutiny which has left many people searching for meaning and purpose.

Many social and cultural commentators are talking about a **‘Post Liberal Society’** and many others are observing that we have moved into a **‘Post Secular Society’**. I take a great deal of interest in the numerous Podcasts that are having these kinds of conversations and I’ve been greatly encouraged by a new openness to talk about spirituality and even more encouraged by the openness to talk about Christ and Christianity.

It gives the church an opportunity that we haven’t seen for a long time. **Resurrection Hope** is at the very core of our Christian faith and what the world so desperately needs now is the spirit of Hope.

But we can only contribute to this conversation if we are part of the conversation and our new Online ministry called **‘Crucial Conversations on Faith, Hope and Love’** will be our determination to build bridges of dialogue to talk about our faith authentically and openly and not defensively.

Today let us celebrate joyously that Christ is risen and risen indeed!

Peace and grace,

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