

**Read Luke 24.36b-48**

In which Jesus appears to two disciples on the road to Emmaus. They don't recognise him until they arrive at their destination and he breaks bread with them. They race off to tell the disciples and as they are talking, Jesus appears to them all. The disciples are terrified thinking Jesus is a ghost. But he reassures them by inviting them to touch his hands and feet and then eats with them – something a ghost couldn't do! Jesus then opens their minds to understand the scriptures and to see how he had fulfilled them.

**A note on the passage.** Jesus presents himself to the disciples in a physical form. This is really important as it shows them the reality of his resurrection and it changes everything. At the start of the passage they are all terrified when Jesus appears, but once they have experienced him as a resurrected reality, their fear turns to joy and doubts to understanding. Have there been times when you have felt afraid? Have you experienced the joy that faith in Christ brings? Perhaps you could tell someone your story this week to encourage them to be open to God's joy.

## ***SPREAD THE JOY***

*Think of a way to spread joy each day: Bake the neighbours a cake, make someone a card or do some shopping for a friend.*

*Go on a walk somewhere you enjoy walking. Take a notebook and pen and, as you walk, draw or write down everything that gives you joy on your walk.*



## **Wesley Methodist Church**

**Minister: Revd. Josephine Soon 01384 821854**

Link for on line worship

<https://www.valeofstour.org.uk/virtual-church/live/vosworship>

**Newsletter: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

### **Weekly Hymn**

**Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,  
Give me joy in my heart, I pray;  
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,  
Keep me praising till the break of day:**

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
Sing hosanna to the King of kings.  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
Sing hosanna to the King.*

**Church Contact: Margaret Kite 01384 392310**

**As always, Stay safe God Bless**

From Revd Josephine to Wesley Congregation.

Revd Josephine would like to set up a “What’s App” for prayer and fellowship. If you would like to join please text her on 07732 103061

#### Dates

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April at Wesley – AGM 10.30am

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April - Food bank collection at Amblecote Wordsley 10.30am – 1pm

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May – church will be used as a Polling Station

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – 10.30am re-opening for worship