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Editorial

Happy Easter!



Jeze Heath writes the main feature this month. He encourages us to remember what we have in Christ. As Christians we all have two birthdays and even if we cannot give time and date to our new Birth in Christ Jesus, Jez encourages us to use Easter as a time to celebrate all that it means to be re born and made new. It is a very good read, but I do pray that it won't just be that, but it will indeed encourage us to Celebrate!!

There is an update on the plans for the Church Weekend away at home. So do put these dates in your diary if haven't done so already.

We have more murky pasts from Charles. I sense a book to be written on his retirement!?

There are concerts galore and news of events and happenings. Or you could just sit down have a cup of tea and do the crossword puzzle.

Val

Dear Friends,



Those who ought to know about these things tell me that there's a General Election just around the corner. In view of that, I thought I ought to make a comment from a Christian perspective.

Years ago General Elections sometimes fell from the sky with a great crash, like the moment in 1979, when Margaret Thatcher managed to defeat Jim Callaghan's government on a confidence motion and he rose to tell the House of Commons in sepulchral tones "We will take our case to the country!"

It's much less exciting these days. Things are far more predictable. The whole political process has been sewn up, packaged and put into the right pigeon hole. Woe betide anyone who dares try to insert something risky. Is that one of the reasons why so many people are cynical about politicians? Maybe.

Of course the dreadful scandal of MPs' expenses has a great deal to do with the level of public cynicism and that is very sad. No doubt there were some Members of Parliament who were downright dishonest, but I am sure there are many more, from all parties, whose motive for seeking power is a desire to further their ideals and create a better and more equitable society. We should pray for men and women like that.

It's a fact that a significant proportion of MPs are people of faith and many are believing Christians. They need encouragement rather than criticism and they need something else as well. They need to know that we are not going to waste the tremendous privilege of voting. So even if you feel like saying "a plague on all your houses!", don't stay at home on polling day.

But supposing the party you support is defeated? How will you cope with that? There's a verse in the Book of Daniel which puts everything into context – Daniel 5:21. It's part of the story of how Nebuchadnezzar, the great King of Babylon, was driven mad and lived like an animal, until as the verse says

"..... he acknowledged that the Most High God is sovereign over the kingdoms of men and sets over them anyone He wishes."

So whatever the result of the election, the final outcome will always be in God's hands. Just think of how Nikita Khrushchev (the former General Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party) boasted that by 1960, he would be able to show his country the last Orthodox priest to be ordained. All we remember about him today, is that he was a foolish little man who banged his shoe during someone else's speech at the United Nations. Now, in Moscow, they are turning night-clubs into churches. God will always have the last word.

Your Pastor and friend,

Charles S. Martin.

Prayer Focus



In his book “The Purpose Driven Life”, Rick Warren points out “You will never grow a close relationship with God by just attending Church once a week or even having a daily quiet time. Friendship with God is built by sharing all your life experiences with Him.” He makes the point that “Everything we do can be ‘spending time with God’ if he is invited to be part of it and we stay aware of his presence.

If this is not already your practice why not try an experiment this month and make a determined effort to include God in everything we do.

At the end of the chapter he poses a question to be considered “What can I do to remind myself to think about God and talk to him more often throughout the day?..”

It will be interesting to see how we get on and what difference it actually makes if we are able to meet with God regularly throughout the day.

Two Birthdays —



Jez Heath writes this month's feature, he grew up in Lindfield, and whilst worshipping at All Saints with his family, he was also an active member of the Boys Brigade for many years at the URC. He currently is a member of Caterham Baptist Church, where he and his wife Cathy run the music group and also the older youth group. They have two young children, Samuel and Rebekah. In his spare time Jez enjoys cycling, triathlons, mountaineering and anything technical!

As I swing my legs out of bed, I can start to feel the aches running through my body. As I stumble down the stairs to breakfast, following a couple of games of squash the previous day and some five-a-side football, my body forcibly reminds me that I'm no longer a young man. I seem to have reached that age where birthdays are no longer celebrated as such, but merely marked off, just a date in the calendar which reminds me that I've successfully completed another year.

And yet, birthdays do still have some meaning. A birthday is not just the recognition of a certain day, a longish time ago – the date I was born; but they are also a celebration of the life that is ongoing, of all the events that have occurred and the hopes for the years still to come. Even though it is just another day on the calendar, it retains its importance because a birthday reminds me of the life that I have had, am currently having and will - in hope – also have.

But what exactly does my birthday, which is in October, have to do with Easter? I realised recently that, just like the Queen, I actually have two birthdays. The Bible teaches us that those who place their trust in the Lord are literally “born again”; that their old life is ended and a new life has begun. Jesus, speaking to Nicodemus, tells him “No-one can see the kingdom of God unless he has been born again”. It would appear that as well as having a physical birthday, I also have a spiritual birthday, the day my Christian life started.

When I was 11, my parents packed me away to a summer camp on the south coast, doubtless looking forward to the peace and quiet. And in the

midst of that exciting, energetic and hectic couple of weeks, something remarkable happened. I became a Christian. It happened late one afternoon, just before the evening meeting. No event in my life has changed me more. The change that started in my life that day has guided my actions, to a lesser or greater degree, ever since. To be a Christian is to live a life where the words that you speak, the actions that you take and even the thoughts that you have, are formed in the light of the gift that we have received from God. And yet despite the enormity of what happened that afternoon, I find that I cannot recall the time or date of my spiritual birth.

For some other Christians, it's even more difficult. There may be no precise moment in time that they can remember when their new life started. The famous writer C.S.Lewis became a Christian on a motorbike ride to Whipsnade Zoo. At the beginning of the journey, he wasn't a Christian and by the end of it he was, a process he describes as being like an awakening. One of my sisters became a Christian by a similar process over a summer, so that by September she was able to recognise the change that had occurred but was unable to work out exactly when it had happened.

So, without a definite date to remember, how do we celebrate the new life that started that day? Maybe we should each choose a day, where we can remind ourselves of the new life that started. Where we can look back over the years and praise God for what he has done in the past, celebrate the life that we now have in him, and look forward to the day when we shall be with him forever. Maybe that is why Easter has always meant so much to those who are Christians, because if we were going to pick any date, this would be the most suitable time of year to celebrate this spiritual birth.

Naturally, Easter is a time when we think about Christ's death and resurrection. But to focus only on those two events is to forget the very purpose of what Christ accomplished; the reason why he came, the reason why he died and the reason why he was raised again. Jesus came and died and was raised that we may know God. As Peter writes in his first letter, "Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God". Without the wonder of that

relationship, that new birth, it would be easy just to focus on the physical events of that week - the last supper- the betrayal,- the mock trial and finally Jesus' death, without ever seeing the end result; Christ's resurrection and as a result, our new lives in him.

Christmas always seems far easier to celebrate. It's all about a baby so it's a natural party! When a new baby arrives, people send gifts and cards anyway! It can be very simple to celebrate Christmas, without ever thinking about who Jesus really was and what he did when he grew up. But Easter seems far more difficult. Any event that focuses on death would seem to have more in common with a funeral than a celebration. But in all truth, Easter should be a celebration. We have this time in the year to remember why Jesus came and what effect that has had on our lives. We have this time to celebrate the incredible gift that we have received – a new life in Christ. We have this time to remember not only all that we have received, but also all that is to come! We have this time to celebrate our spiritual birth.

Last year I was doing a children's talk at Easter. Two children stood at the front and held up cards with either "Good" or "Bad" depending on certain words. The first word I gave them was "Chocolate", which unsurprisingly was voted to be "Good". "Brussels sprouts" and "tidying your room" were both considered "Bad". Then I said "Jesus coming to Earth" and they both decided that this was "Good". Finally I asked them "Jesus dying"? There was a long pause, and then both of them held up "Good". Why is it called "Good Friday"? Because on that day we can remember both the sacrifice made by our Lord, but also the new life that we can receive as a result.

Maybe this Easter, we can remind ourselves not only of Christ's death and resurrection, but also of our spiritual birthdays; of the new life that we have received, of all that it means to us, and the grace of God that accomplished this. Maybe this Easter we would be wise to remember, celebrate and praise God for our own birthdays!

Jez Heath

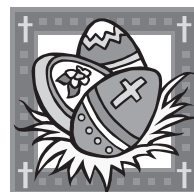
Prayer and Praise Aplenty!

There was a joyous atmosphere at the Women's World Day of Prayer held this year at All Saints Church in Lindfield with the uplifting theme of 'Let Everything that has Breath Praise God'. The Christian women of the Republic of Cameroon had prepared the service and the care and thought that had gone into the preparation was obvious throughout, including the readings of Acts 16:16-34 and Isaiah 42:10-17 and from the choice of songs. Those women have so little in material terms, no influence politically and such difficulties to contend with. But it is evident that they praise God through their difficulties. While praying and praising there is always a powerful sense of all the other Christian women all over the world praising and praying too, whatever their traditions and denominations, just giving God the glory and thanking him for his grace and love for us through Jesus. To find out more about Women's World Day of Prayer look at www.wwdp-natcomm.org.

Jo Bloxham.



Easter Worship at Lindfield URC 2010



Maundy Thursday (April 1st) 8.00.pm *A Performance of St. Mark's Gospel with Lance Pierson at All Saints.

Good Friday (April 2nd) *Walk of Witness **9.30.am** meet at the car-park at Hickmans Recreation Ground.

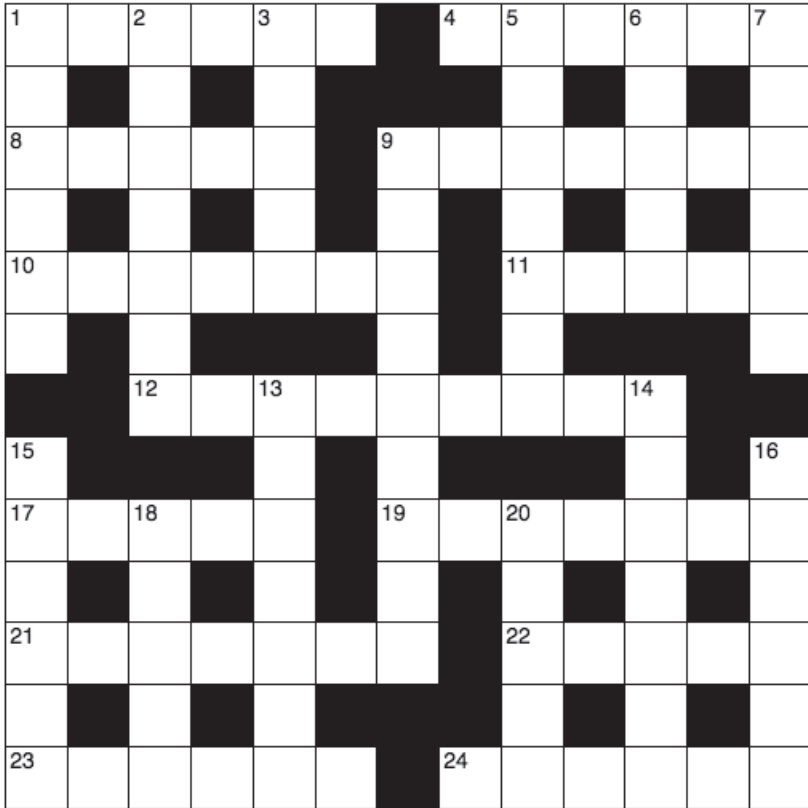
Easter Sunday (April 4th) **6.15.am** *Sun-rise Communion Service at Ardingly College (cars to be parked in the College car-park).

9.30.am Family Communion for Easter

11.00.am Easter Morning Worship

6.30.pm *United Easter Praise at the United Reformed Church.

* - Joint meeting with Lindfield Churches



Across

- 1 Relating to the whole universe (6)
- 4 The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6)
- 8 'Unless I see the nail marks — — hands, I will not believe it' (John 20:25) (2,3)
- 9 He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7)
- 10 Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry — (7)
- 11 'Look, here is — . Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5)
- 12 Repossessed (Genesis 14:16) (9)
- 17 Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3-4) (5)
- 19 'Moses was not aware that his face was — because he had spoken with the Lord' (Exodus 34:29) (7)
- 21 Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7)
- 22 Grill (Luke 24:42) (5)
- 23 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the — apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6)

- 24 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in — and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)

Down

- 1 Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6)
- 2 Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7)
- 3 Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5)
- 5 For example, the Crusades (4,3)
- 6 11 Across is certainly this (5)
- 7 He reps (anag.) (6)
- 9 Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9)
- 13 Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27)(7)
- 14 They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7)
- 15 The human mind or soul (6)
- 16 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is — ' (Graham Kendrick) (6)
- 18 'We played the flute for you, and you did not ..' (Matthew 11:17) (5)
- 20 Bared (anag.) (5)

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R010tial

Waking up to God's Power

Are you busy on the 18th and 19th September this year? If not, then you should be! Later this year we will be encouraged to realise our *R010tial* together on our away weekend at home.

The theme of our weekend is *R010tial*: Waking up to God's Power. We are all aware that as Christians today we face challenges in our daily lives and in our country, ranging from being a Christian in our workplace or daily circumstances through to the authority of God and scripture being challenged by academics and legal rulings. The aim of our weekend is to face and recognise these challenges but also to put them in the context of the fact that we have a huge God who has promised that He is able to do 'more than we can ask or imagine'. We are looking forward to welcoming Ian McFarlane, from Bookham Baptist Church, who will be teaching us throughout our time together.

The weekend will be at Great Walstead School commencing at 2.00pm on Saturday with teaching and worship and concluding on Sunday with a closing communion. We hope to enjoy excellent teaching as well as opportunity to fellowship together. We plan to offer a fish and chip supper on the Saturday night and lunch on Sunday. There will be a crèche and activities for children up to 14 years.

We believe that this will be an exciting opportunity to recharge our spiritual batteries as we recognise the power of the living God and ask him to reign in our lives, our church and our nation. Please make sure that the date is in your diary and return your registration slips.

If you have any questions relating to the weekend then please speak to one of the *R010tial* committee: Charles Martin, Sue Waller, Jessie Green and Richard and Dawn Walters.

We look forward to seeing you there.

The *R010tial* committee

April Church Diary

1st

Thursday Maundy Thursday
(See page 7)

2nd

Friday Good Friday
(See page 7)

3rd

Saturday 8.45 - Prayer Meeting
9.30am at LURC

4th Sunday

9.30am Easter -
Communion
11.00am The Pastor
6.30pm See page 7.

8th

Thursday Group away at Spring
Harvest

10th

Saturday 8.45 - Prayer Meeting
9.30am at LURC

11th Sunday

10.30am Mike Gardiner
6.30pm Evening Worship
David Walters

14th

Wednesday 12:30 Lunch Fellowship

16th

Friday 12:30 Lunch Fellowship

17th

Saturday 8.45 - Prayer Meeting
9.30am at LURC
10:00am- Missions -
4:00pm Steve Bell (See
page 14)

18th Sunday

9.30am Steve Bell -
Interserve
11.00am Steve Bell -
Interserve
6.30pm Healing Service -
The Pastor

21st

Wednesday 2.45pm Afternoon
Fellowship

22nd

Thursday In Touch Ladies Away Day
at Ashburnham
8.00pm Church Prayer Meeting

24th

Saturday 8.45 - Prayer Meeting
9.30am at LURC

25th Sunday

9.30am Family Worship
David Walters
11.00am David Walters -
Communion
6.30pm Evening Worship-
Stuart Dew

For details of Easter Services, see
page 7.



From the GoodNEWS Team!

Balcombe United Reformed Church



Bramble Hill, Balcombe RH17 6HR

Our services are held weekly at 10.30am.
Visitors are welcome to join us.

Speakers for April are as follows:-

April 4th Join with Lindfield URC

April 11th 10:30am Philip Wren

April 18th 10:30am Charles Martin

April 25th 10:30am Philip Wren

Sunday Services explained...

The **9.30am service** is an opportunity for all age groups to join in a relaxed informal time. There is a crèche, and after about 20 minutes children and young people up to age 14 go out to their own groups on most Sundays.

Coffee is served between the morning services, and after the evening service.

The **11:00am service** is usually more set and formal.

At **6:30pm** it is sometimes a celebration, sometimes a quieter ministry time and sometimes an open communion service or something quite different!

Personal prayer is available after every service. Prayer requests and brief statements of praise for answered prayer can be put in the red book on the concourse table. We can also offer personal prayer ministry at home or in hospital.

We **do not take up an offering** during the services, but those wishing to give are invited to place a gift in one of the bowls at the doors before or after the service. Thank you.

Recordings of services can be borrowed free from the church.

FLOWER ROTA



Arranging

Distributing

April

4	Easter Flowers	Heather Swann
11	Ann Parker	Iris Bingham
18	Chris Caswell	Kay Phillpot
25	Mies Campling	Sue Tester

May

2	Fiona Tingley	Jacqueline Wood
9	Boys Brigade	Barbara Shepherd
16	Serena Nathan	Kay Phillpot
23	Wedding	Jo Bloxham
30	Winifred Scopes	Heather Swann

“You’d never believe it” Tales from a minister’s murky past (part nine)

This will be the penultimate confession that I shall make about my murky past, at least for the time being. Ten lurid revelations are enough!

Different translations of the Bible give differing accounts of the details in well-known stories, In 1 Kings 19, Elijah’s breakdown and subsequent flight into the wilderness is vividly described. In the version I had known since childhood, we are told that he sat down *“under a broom tree”*. However, the New English Bible has no truck with trees. It tells us that he sat down *“under a broom bush.”* So what? You might ask yourself. Perhaps it was a big bush or a small tree. What difference does it make? Scarcely none, but the mind can play funny tricks and it’s easy, quite unintentionally, to get tripped up when you are reading aloud.

I was an assistant minister at the time and that evening, it fell to me to read the Old Testament lesson from 1 Kings 19. The congregation was not a large one, but half-way through my reading I noticed they were laughing, as quietly and as deferentially as one does in church, but they were laughing all the same. I stopped and looked closely at the passage I had just read. I realised that this unseemly mirth had been caused because I had told them that Elijah had sat down *“under a broom brush.”* Clearly this corner of the wilderness had recently been visited by a representative from a domestic cleaning company! Charles.

A Journey of Faith

On the journey that is the Christian faith we are blessed with those and by those who share the journey with us for a while. Just as we note those who come into our lives for a period, let us also remember that we are those who come into others' lives for a time. Let us be aware of those whose lives we will touch for a while at this Easter time, and seek to be the best companions we can for them. Not forgetting that "companion" means "one who breaks bread with us" - the central act of our Christian life!

(Adapted from a message from the Revd Craig Bowman to the URC in Exmouth when he was minister there) Mies Campling

April Mission Giving

We shall be devoting our mission giving this month to the general work of Interserve, an interdenominational mission agency which seeks to bring God's love to the people of Asia, the Arab World and Europe through word and action.

Mission Partners use their professional skills, such as medicine, teaching or business, to share the love of Christ with the people with whom they live and work, acting as 'salt and light' in some of the toughest countries in the world in obedience to Jesus' commission to "go and make disciples of all nations". There are around 700 Interserve Partners around the world, roughly 150 of whom are sent by Interserve England and Wales.

Interserve's work began back in 1852 when a small group of British women felt called to serve the women of India. They started teaching them to read, caring for their needs and speaking to them about Jesus. As the work grew, more and more women came from England to serve the women of India, despite the hardships – in those days, getting from Britain to India was a serious undertaking, and several workers died from sickness on the voyage or shortly after arriving in India.

The work gradually spread to neighbouring countries, such as Pakistan (following the Partition of British India) and Nepal, which was completely closed to Christianity until the 1950s (the Nepali Church now consists of over 400,000 people). In 1952, men were accepted as workers for the first time – until then, only women were allowed to join. The work has spread to all the countries of Asia and the Arab World, and Interserve workers are sent from many countries, including Canada, Holland, the US, Malaysia, Germany, India, Pakistan, Hong Kong, Ireland, Scotland, New Zealand, Australia, Switzerland, South Africa, and Brazil, as well as England and Wales.

Today in the UK Interserve has several Partners engaged in cross cultural Christian ministry, sharing time, skills and energies and communicating the good news of Jesus with immigrants from many different nations and ethnic backgrounds.

To find out more about Interserve or explore opportunities for service, to support the work through prayer or to receive the quarterly magazine, 'Go', either visit the website at www.interserve.org.uk/ or call 01908 552700.

More information is available on the church concourse Mission Display throughout April. If you would like to give to Interserve please use the special envelopes and place your donation in the offertory at any Sunday service. Please complete a Gift Aid slip if appropriate.

Thank you. John Barling

Missions Weekend – 17th and 18th April



'A Day Exploring Islam' with Steve Bell, UK National Director of Interserve and author of 'Grace for Muslims' and 'Friendship First' will be held in the church on Saturday, 17th April from 10:30am to 4pm, to which you are warmly invited. Coffee will be served from 10am and a light buffet lunch will be provided.

Tickets are available from Ron Goodenough, John Barling, Fiona Flett and Jean Gardiner.

We are privileged to have Steve with us for the weekend. On the Saturday he will be taking us through the roots and history of Islam and sharing personal experiences to help our understanding as we meet Muslim neighbours and work colleagues as opportunities arise. There will be opportunity for questions, sharing and prayer. On Sunday 18th April Steve will also be preaching at our 9:30am and 11am services. Please make a note in your diary.

Steve Bell is the author of two very good books, 'Friendship First – the Manual' (Ordinary Christians discussing good news with ordinary Muslims) which is both informative and practical, and 'Grace for Muslims' which is also biographical and based on many years of experience living in a Muslim society and in the UK, with pointers on sharing the Christian Faith in a sensitive and gracious way. The book is available online from Eden Bookshops.

If anyone would like help in obtaining either publication please speak to John Barling or Ron Goodenough.

FAMILY NEWS

Lucy Thom (who has been a very faithful member of this Church for many years) sends her love to all who know her. She would warmly welcome any who are able to visit her in Walstead Place.

We have a number of members of our Church family who are housebound. Most of them would be delighted to have an additional visit from a Church friend from time to time. You will see from the (soon to be issued) new Who's Who those that fall into this category. For further information please speak to Fiona Tingley (483419).

SPRING FAIR: A BIG "THANK YOU"

The first Lindfield Spring Fair, to support Compton House Nursing Home, took place on Saturday 6 March on a lovely early spring day.

Many thanks to everyone who came, especially to those who made cakes for sale. A grand profit of nearly £880 was made for the nursing home. Fantastic!

Stuart Marsh
(Trustee LCCH)

IN TOUCH - ASHBURNHAM

The April meeting is to be held on Thursday 22nd April (instead of Tuesday) at the idyllic setting of Ashburnham when Brenda Stone will be leading us for the day titled "Rolling Back the Stone"

The cost for the day (including lunch) is eighteen pounds.

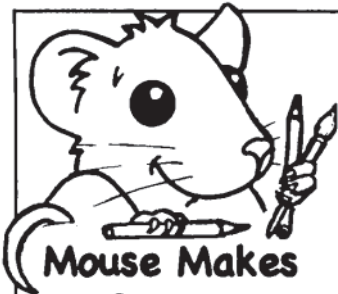
If you are interested please let Sue Waller know as soon as possible as there are only a few spaces left.

THE 'IN TOUCH' TEAM

The Fellowship

Our April Meeting is on Wednesday 28th at 2.45pm, and is our Charity Tea. The Charity we are supporting is the Phoenix Club, and two of our Church Members, Gordon and Iris Bingham will tell us about the work they do.

There will be our usual Bring and Buy Stall, and we extend a very warm welcome to all.



On the cross Jesus opened wide his arms for us, Jesus put an end to death by dying for us and showed us the resurrection to come by rising to new life. **HAPPY EASTER!**



The angel said: "Jesus...is not here, for he has risen, just as he said"
Matthew 28:6



Jesus said: "Where two or three come together in my name I am there with them."
Matthew 18:20



Jesus said: "I will come back and take you to myself so that you will be where I am"
John 14:3

To make an Easter mobile glue the picture of Jesus to thin card, colour, then cut out. Cut around the word panels and glue together along a length of thin string or wool. Tie end to the top of Jesus and hang up.



Apr10

WHAT IS MAUNDY THURSDAY?



We all know that Maundy Thursday, or Holy Thursday, commemorates the Last Supper that Jesus took with His disciples. He broke bread and poured wine for them (Luke 22 : 14-20) and we remember this today in our Communion service. On the night of Maundy Thursday, of course, Jesus was betrayed by Judas and arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane.

The origin of the name "Maundy" is derived from the Latin word "mandatum" meaning a commandment and we read in John 15 : 12, " And now I give you a new commandment : love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

During the Last Supper, Jesus washed His disciples' feet as an example to the disciples (John 13 : 1-17). In England, the custom of washing feet by the Monarch was carried out until 1689. Up until then the king or queen would wash the feet of the poor on Maundy Thursday in Westminster Abbey. This was to remind rulers that they were there to serve their subjects (although a Yeoman of the Laundry had already washed them first!). Food and clothing were also handed out to the poor.

In Britain today, the Queen attends a Royal Maundy service in one of our great cathedrals, giving Maundy Money to pensioners - men and women who live in the local community and are recommended by clergy and ministers of all denominations, in recognition of their service to the Church and community. The recipients number as many years as the Sovereign has years of age. This tradition dates from the 13th century during the reign of Edward I.

Many Christians commemorate the Last Supper at a special Communion Service, and in some churches they may wash each other's feet as a fitting act with which to start the celebration of Easter.

Carol Marsh

Bible by the Beach

This is an all age Weekend of Bible teaching worship which began last year in Eastbourne and was so successful that it is being repeated again this year. Hugh Lowries attended the first Bible on the Beach event last year and summarised it in the following;

Ingredients

Lovely seaside town

Mostly sunny bank-holiday weekend

Several hundred Christian people

Outstanding Bible teachers

Comfortable venue

Wonderfully gifted musicians

Dedicated team of behind-the-scenes workers

Inspiring leaders for children and young people

Method

Mix together thoroughly

Punctuate events with opportunities for fellowship and free time

Expose thoroughly to the presence and powerful word of a great and loving God

Send out into the surrounding area encouraged, challenged and renewed.

In brief, that was the experience of those who made it down to the Congress Theatre for the weekend or part of it.

Comments on the weekend

‘The coffee times were really valuable for fellowship.’

‘I was thrilled to have Stuart Townend leading the singing.’

‘I think you need to come for the whole weekend. I’m really enthusiastic now I’ve experienced it.’

‘Paul Williams’ teaching from Romans 12 opened that chapter up to me and made me realise how much I still have to learn about living a Christian life that matches what God wants for me.’

‘The evening celebrations on Saturday and Sunday were excellent – really insightful, challenging, uplifting in terms of both the singing and the talks.’

The weekend as a whole

There were three threads running through the weekend: the Bible readings on Romans 12 with Paul Williams; the evening celebrations with music from Stuart Townend and Phatfish and a different inspirational speaker each time; a choice of seminars ranging from ‘Building Healthy Minds’ to ‘Building Healthy Young People’ and much in between. What a lot there was to take in. It was a bit like a banquet with multitudinous courses, but all of them stimulating and nutritious.

Hugh Lowries

This Year’s Event – Equipping the Saints (Building the Church)

Bible by the Beach 2010 is 30th April to 3rd May and Alistair Begg will be giving the Bible Readings; speakers include Jim Packer. To find out more go on line www.biblebythebeach.org or talk to Val or Adrian Cookney



Stuart Townend

The Venue



Help for Haiti

Concert 24th April at 7-30 Lindfield URC

The earthquake at Haiti has long gone off the headlines but the needs of that poor nation are still very acute.

Having watched the scene unfold, I wondered what we would do if we found ourselves in a similar situation at Lindfield.

No power, no sanitation, no clean water, no roof over our head. All the food in the fridge putrified, down to the last tin of baked beans, sleeping rough in the garden or at the refugee camp on the common.

Waiting, waiting, waiting for food, power, the water tanker; waiting, and longing to get back to normality. Haiti is going to have a very long wait to get back to normality.

Tear Fund is working there and any funds raised at the event will be sent to them to support their work.

Another reason for our concert is to celebrate St George and the second half will comprise the traditional songs of England to which you are invited to singalong with great gusto.

The Sunday Morning Singers, Perdido Players and friends will be providing the music and of course, yourselves. We hope you will come and support this good cause

For more information contact Peter Swann or Tom Burford.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS: 1, Cosmic. 4, Thomas. 8, In his. 9, Delalah. 10, Falwell. 11, Water. 12, Recovered. 17, Sidon.
19, Radiant. 21, Centaur. 22, Broil. 23, Eieven. 24, Prison.
DOWN: 1, Cliffs. 2, Scholar. 3, Issue. 5, Holy war. 6, Moist. 7, Sphere. 9, Deliverer. 13, Candace. 14,
Deacons. 15, Psyche. 16, Stolen. 18, Dance. 20, Debar.