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The Buzz Word at the moment is ‘Worshipping- Community’. Many ask ‘Why do we have to have Worshipping Communities, what is wrong with the word ‘Church’? As you must be aware, the practice of ‘going to a church’ on a Sunday is on the decline. When I was young even in State Schools we had School Assemblies where we sang hymns and we had Religious Education which was primarily Christian. Today, most young people have grown up without any knowledge of who Jesus Christ is, and they would never think of going into a Church, except of course, for a Christening, or a Wedding or a Funeral. For the Word ‘Church’ is associated with a place, where as a ‘Community’ is defined by “a relationship with God, one another and those with whom they seek to share the good news of Jesus.” If the people won’t come to us then we have to take the ‘Church’ or the Good News of Jesus Christ out to the people.



The Worshipping Community is recognized by the values of love and forgiveness, hospitality, service, helping people to know Jesus. In some cases there is a common bond, whether it is with their children, as in Well-spring, or with a hobby or with a medical condition, such as dementia, or a circumstance over which we have no control such as illness or bereavement. That does not mean that we no longer need the Church, we need the Church more now than we have ever needed it. By the Church, we mean Jesus. We can see the breakdown of society and values even in our country’s governing bodies, and so we need to be able to offer an alternative way of living, to follow Jesus Christ and follow his example as we are called to pray together and read the word of God, and to learn; to love each other, with forgiveness and to offer hospitality, where there is none, and to be prepared to tell others about the hope we have in ourselves through loving Jesus.

In these communities we have the opportunity to experience “new birth”, a “living hope”, we become people with an “inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled and unfading”, we are protected by the power of God through faith, and we can rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy. As a worshipping Community here at St. Paul’s we can claim that inheritance.

During February this year, we had a preaching series based on the Book of 1 Peter, which is such an important book in the New Testament. It is a short book, tucked right at the back of the Bible, passionate and practical with some beautiful spiritual insights. The sermon series covered Discipleship, Worship, Mission, Community and Leadership. What forcibly struck me was that right at the beginning of his letter, in Chapter 1, verse 1, Peter affirms that we have been “chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood”. Chosen by God, this is our identity. What a privilege it is. It is not coincidence that you are reading this page, God has chosen you!! What are you going to do about it? How blessed are we!

People chosen by God, how blessed we are, helped by the Holy Spirit, and saved through the blood of Jesus. We don’t really have any excuse for not carrying out the work of Jesus in this place. We don’t really have any excuse for not telling other people about the new life which is available to them. We, of St. Paul’s Worshipping Community, were blessed when we witnessed the new birth of a person, when our dear friend Kathryn decided to renew her baptismal vows. Her testimony about her move from her old life into a new life with Jesus moved each and every one present, and if there was ever an example needed as to why we must continue to tell out the Good News of Jesus, that was it.

This year is going to be such a busy year for everyone. We get so caught up in doing stuff that we can overlook the reason why we are here. Watching and listening to Kathryn gave us a renewed sense of urgency to help others find their way to Jesus. We pray for Kathryn and her family, and for all those seeking to find a better way to live, that the Lord Jesus will galvanize our existing Worshipping Communities into action so that others may have the chance of LIFE in all its fullness.

Yours in Christ,

***Doreen.***



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- 3 Wednesday**  
10.30am Holy Communion
- 7 Sunday Lent 5**  
9.00 am Holy Communion BCP  
10.45 am Morning Worship + Baptisms CW
- 10 Wednesday**  
10.30 am Holy Communion CW
- 14 Palm Sunday**  
9.00 am Holy Communion BCP  
10.45 am Morning Worship CW
- 17 Wednesday**  
10.30 am Holy Communion CW
- 18 Maundy Thursday**  
7.30 pm @ St James Centre
- 19 Good Friday**  
10.45 am Morning Worship  
2.00 pm Quiet Hour @ St James Centre
- 21 Easter Sunday**  
9.00 am Holy Communion BCP  
10.45 am Family Communion CW
- 24 Wednesday**  
10.30 am Holy Communion CW
- 28 Sunday Easter 2**  
9.00am Holy Communion BCP  
10.45am Morning Worship CW

- 1 Wednesday**  
10.30am Holy Communion
- 5 Sunday Easter 3**  
9.00 am Holy Communion BCP  
10.45 am Morning Worship + Baptisms CW
- 8 Wednesday**  
10.30 am Holy Communion CW
- 12 Sunday Easter 4**  
9.00 am Holy Communion BCP  
10.45 am Morning Worship CW
- 15 Wednesday**  
10.30 am Holy Communion CW
- 19 Sunday Easter 5**  
9.00 am Holy Communion BCP  
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- 22 Wednesday**  
10.30 am Holy Communion CW
- 26 Sunday Easter 6**  
9.00 am Holy Communion BCP  
10.45 am Holy Communion CW
- 29 Wednesday**  
10.30 am Holy Communion CW

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There is also the opportunity for them to bring Communion to you if you so wish, please just ask.

Looking Forward to hearing from you.

As we celebrate Easter,

## ***What difference can the resurrection make to my life?***

### ***My past is forgiven:***

Have you ever been half-way through a project and wanted to start again? In life we all have regrets about things we have done, said or thought. The good news is that Jesus died to forgive these things: *'All sins forgiven, the slate wiped clean, that old arrest warrant cancelled and nailed to Christ's cross.'* (Colossians 2:14, The Message). The resurrection is the guarantee that we can know Jesus' pardon and forgiveness. Do we need to let go a load of guilt and unforgiveness that we are carrying?

### ***My present is under control:***

How often do we say *'My life is out of control.'* We can't control life, but God can! The *'incomparably great power at work for those who believe'* is the same power that raised Christ from the dead (Ephesians 1:20). God promises us the power that we need to face any situation, as we trust

### ***My future is secure:***

Death is the great certainty, *'one out of one dies!'* Yet Jesus overcame death by the resurrection, that we might experience the life of heaven, both now and for eternity. *'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die'*. (John 11:25,26). We don't need to fear death; but if we are to really live, we have to be ready to die! How does the resurrection affect our view of death?



# Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Hello everyone,

**January** was our prayer friends meeting. Our first without Doreen, who used to organise it all. It always ended up a laugh as people got mixed up with who was giving flowers and who was receiving them. Well I am pleased to say that we followed the fun tradition, we got mixed up, but everyone went home with flowers and enjoyed themselves. I am sure Doreen would be pleased to know we did ok.

**February**, Gillian ran the meeting for me as I was on holiday (my holiday altered by a week). Rev Mike spoke, as Lisa who was due to speak felt it was to near her Mums death for her to cope with, which everyone understood. The evening I am told went very well, my sincere thanks to Mike and Gillian. There were a few people missing due to ill health I hope we can all pray for better health soon

God Bless

*Anne*



# EASTER JOY

I remember vividly a simple poster I saw on the notice board of our local Methodist Chapel. It had a silhouette of three crosses on a hill, and underneath the words, 'FOR YOU'. Nothing fancy or clever, but a clear presentation of the Easter message, and it struck me deeply.

At Easter our thoughts are drawn to the death and resurrection of Jesus. These events are central to our faith, but sometimes we can over-complicate their meaning. The heart of it, though, remains very simple: Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and on the third day was raised to life (1Corinthians 15:3).

*He died to show his love for you.* He gave his life as a demonstration or proof of the love He has for each one of us, no matter who we are or what we have done. He was motivated to lay down His life for us, not out of duty or obligation, but compassionate love. See Romans 5:8



*He died to set you free.* Sin has entangled every one of us. We are under its power and unable to ourselves to loosen its grip. At the cross Jesus dealt with sin once and for all by dying in our place. Now, when we turn to Him for help, we can be released from the hold it has on us and find complete forgiveness.

*He died to bring you home.* The Cross makes it possible for us to be reconciled to God. Like the prodigal son we were once far away from God, but now because we have been forgiven, we can return to our true home in God. A welcome awaits us, and a joy-filled reunion is possible.

This Easter, why not think about these two simple words: FOR YOU.

# Where did the Easter Bunny and Easter eggs come from?

The Easter bunny is a gentle figure of folklore, who seems to have first come from the German Lutherans. They depicted him as a rabbit who brought coloured Easter eggs to children. The idea of an egg-giving hare went over to the US in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, when Protestant German immigrants in the Pennsylvania Dutch area told their children about the 'Osterhase'. Hase means hare, and according to the legend, only good children found the hare's gifts of coloured eggs, placed in the nests that they had made in their caps and bonnets before Easter.

The Easter bunny became a prominent symbol of Easter. Rabbits, prolific pro-creators, are an ancient symbol of new life. Easter eggs are said to represent Jesus' emergence from the tomb and resurrection.

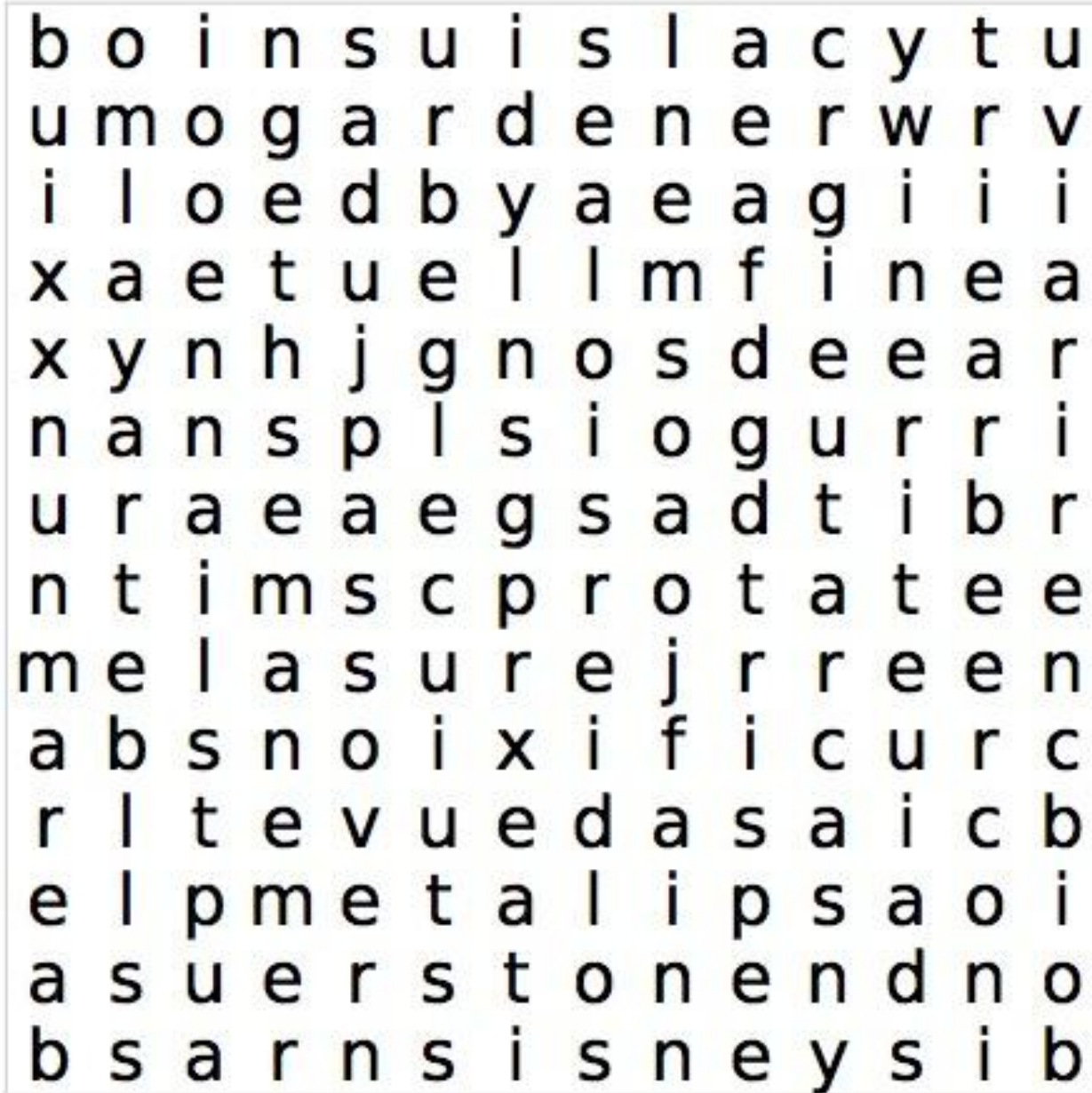


Decorating Easter eggs dates back to at least the 13<sup>th</sup> century. One possible reason for the custom was that in those days eggs were forbidden during the Lenten season. So people would paint and decorate them to mark the end of the period of penance and fasting, and then eat them on Easter as a celebration



# Word Search

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah! April brings us to Easter – the crucifixion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ - the triumphant highlight of the Christian year. As St Paul pointed out, unless Jesus really did rise again, our faith is useless, and we may as well forget any hope of heaven or eternal life.



Passover

Bread

Wine

Body

Blood

Betrayal

Jerusalem

Pilate

Judas

Gethsemane

Trial

Crucifixion

Soldiers

Cross

Nails

Vinegar

Temple

curtain

tomb

angel

stone

risen

gardener

Mary

## **Palm Sunday: Jesus at the gates of Jerusalem**

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, when the Church remembers how Jesus arrived at the gates of Jerusalem just a few days before the Passover was due to be held. He was the Messiah come to his own people in their capital city, and yet he came in humility, riding on a young donkey, not in triumph, riding on a war-horse.

As Jesus entered the city, the crowds gave him a rapturous welcome, throwing palm fronds into his path. They knew his reputation as a healer, and welcomed him. But sadly the welcome was short-lived and shallow, for Jerusalem would soon reject her Messiah, and put him to death. On this day churches worldwide will distribute little crosses made from palm fronds in memory of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem.

## **Maundy Thursday – time to wash feet**

Maundy Thursday is famous for two things. The first is one of the final acts that Jesus did before his death: the washing of his own disciples' feet. (see John 13) Jesus washed his disciples' feet for a purpose: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." His disciples were to love through service, not domination, of one another.

In Latin, the opening phrase of this sentence is 'mandatum novum do vobis'. The word 'mundy' is thus a corruption of the Latin 'mandatum' (or command). The ceremony of the 'washing of the feet' of members of the congregation came to be an important part of the liturgy (regular worship) of the medieval church, symbolising the humility of the clergy, in obedience to the example of Christ.

But Thursday was also important because it was on that night that Jesus first introduced the Lord's Supper, or what we nowadays call Holy Communion.



# The Seas

Jesus and his close friends had met in a secret upper room to share the Passover meal together - for the last time. And there Jesus transformed the Passover into the Lord's Supper, saying, 'this is my body' and 'this is my blood' as he, the Lamb of God, prepared to die for the sins of the whole world. John's gospel makes it clear that the Last Supper took place the evening BEFORE the regular Passover meal, and that later Jesus died at the same time that the Passover lambs were killed.

## **Good Friday: Jesus and the thieves on the Cross**

Luke's account of the crucifixion (Luke 23:32-43) emphasises the mocking of the crowd, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself' (35,37,39). In their view a Messiah does not hang on a cross and suffer. In considering the two men who were crucified with Jesus, we are also confronted with the issue of how Jesus secures salvation for us.

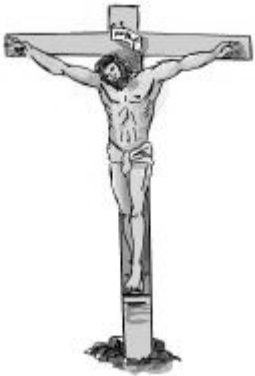
The words of one of those crucified with Jesus reflected the crowd's taunts: 'Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us.' He highlights the question of Jesus' identity: how can He save others, when He cannot save himself from death? He failed to see that the cross itself was the means of salvation.

So - what kind of Messiah was Jesus? The other criminal's response in his last moments is a moving expression of faith. When challenging the other man, he spoke of the utter injustice of the crucifixion: 'this man has done nothing wrong.' He perceived the truth that Jesus was indeed the Messiah. In a wonderful picture of grace,

# son of Easter

‘remember me when you come into your kingdom’, the second thief confessed his guilt and secured Jesus’ forgiveness and mercy.

In reply, Jesus promised the man life from the moment of death; ‘Today you will be with me in paradise.’ Jesus used the picture of a walled garden to help the man understand his promise of protection and security in God’s love and acceptance eternally.



Each one of us has to choose how we react to Jesus on the cross. Do we want him to ‘remember’ us when He comes into his kingdom, or not? If you were to die tonight, how confident would you be of going to be with Jesus? ‘For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.’ (1 Peter 3:18).

## **Easter morning: the ‘Other’ Mary**

*by Canon David Winter*

As the traditional Easter story is rehearsed again this month, you may notice that there is one name that frequently occurs. It is that of the ‘other’ Mary – not the mother of Jesus, but Mary of Magdalene, who stood by her at the cross and became the first human being actually to meet the risen Christ.

That’s quite a record for a woman who, the Gospels tell us, had been delivered by Jesus from ‘seven devils’ – New Testament language for some dark and horrible affliction of body, mind or spirit. As a result, her devotion to Him was total and her grief at His

death overwhelming.

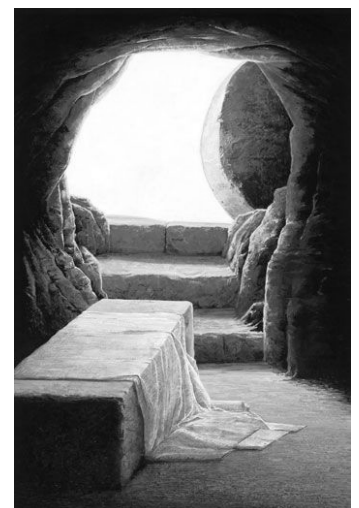
In church history Mary Magdalene became the ‘fallen woman’ a harlot who was rescued and forgiven by Jesus but there is no evidence to prove she was a ‘fallen woman’ but the contrast is sublime, Mary the virgin mother, the symbol of purity. Mary Magdalene, the scarlet woman who was saved and forgiven, the symbol of redemption. Surely, we all fall somewhere between those two extremes.

The dark cloud from which she was delivered may have been sexual, we are not told. What we do know is that the two Marys stood together at the cross, the Blessed Virgin and the woman rescued from who knows what darkness and despair.

The second great moment for her was as unexpected as it was momentous. She had gone with other women to the tomb of Jesus and found it empty. An angelic figure told them that Jesus was not there, He had risen – and the others drifted off. But Mary stayed, reluctant to leave it like that. She became aware of a man nearby, whom she took to be the gardener. She explained to Him that the body of ‘her Lord’ had been taken away and she didn’t know where to find Him.

The man simply said her name ‘Mary’ and she instantly realised it was Jesus. She made to hug Him, but He told her not to touch Him because his resurrection was not yet complete. She was, however, to go to the male disciples and tell them she had met Him. She did – but they couldn’t believe her.

Her words – ‘I have seen the Lord’ – echo down the centuries, the very beating heart of the Christian gospel.



# The Beauty of Good Friday

Some of the most beautiful things in the world have an ugly side. What about the emperor penguin chick, nestling in a feathery pouch above its parent's feet? There's a lovely moment when mum and dad greet each other over the gaping beak of their fuzz-ball offspring. Heads bent together, making a heart shape in the air, we can't help seeing a reflection of our own ideals of love in the pair.

But the reality of what those birds are going through is even more gruelling than human parenthood. Father penguin has spent all winter sheltering the egg from freezing hurricane-force winds, while mother penguin was feeding at sea. When the chick hatched its parents started an exhausting game of tag, taking it in turns to walk across the ice and risk being eaten by leopard seals or killer whales in order to catch fish for their new offspring.

The living world is truly wonderful in so many ways, but the darker side of the picture is never far away. Creation is groaning (Romans 8:22), and waiting to be rescued. Enter Jesus, through whom all of creation was made. The king of the universe came to live with us, bringing His great love and wisdom to the human population of first-century Israel. The Creator was relating to His creation in a very personal way, and this could have been a totally beautiful picture.



But there is a horrifically ugly side of Jesus' story that threatens to obscure the beauty of what He did on Good Friday. It was a brutal and terrifying day when human sinfulness resulted in the Son of God being executed by His enemies, but thankfully there was much more to it than that. The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ set off a seismic wave of spiritual events whose effects are still rippling out across the world.

So that ugly day nearly 2,000 years ago is called 'good' because of what it achieved. Those who follow Jesus find their lives are changed for the better, even if their day-to-day existence may still be incredibly tough. When people come to understand what creation is for and who it belongs to, they can begin to serve and preserve the earth as they should. These things are only whispers of what is to come, but they give me hope for the future redemption of all Creation. I can choose to dwell on the beauty of Jesus' death because it was not the end of the story – the future beckons.

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# Easter trivia quiz

## *What was the largest ever Easter egg hunt?*

The most-ever entrants for an egg hunt competition was 12,773. It was The Fabergé Big Egg Hunt, as part of World Record London, in London, UK in April 2012.

## *What was the largest-ever decorated Easter egg?*

This was built in March 2008, by Freeport in Alcochete, Portugal. It measured 14.79 m (48 ft 6 in) long and 8.40 m (27 ft 6 in) in diameter.

## *What was the largest ever chocolate Easter egg?*

It was made in Tosca (Italy) and weighed 7,200 kg (15,873 lbs 4.48 oz). It had a circumference of 19.6 m (64 ft 3.65 in) at its widest point. It was exhibited in a shopping centre in Cortenuova, Italy, in April 2011.

## *What was the largest ever Easter egg tree?*

This was set by Zoo Rostock GmbH, Rostock, Germany, who decorated a tree with 76,596 painted hens' eggs in April 2007.

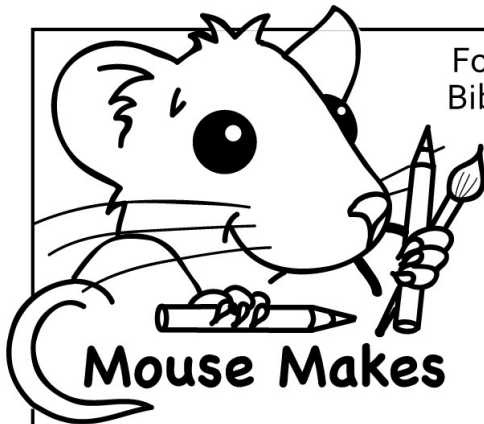
## *What about the most expensive hot cross bun?*

This was baked in 1829 in Stepney, London, UK. It was bought by Bill Foster (UK) for £155 at the Antiques for Everyone show at the NEC in Birmingham, West Midlands, UK, in April 2000. Hot cross buns were originally made to hang in the kitchen to ward off evil spirits.

## *What was the biggest-ever (real) Easter bunny?*

So far, the longest rabbit was Darius, a Flemish giant rabbit owned by Annette Edwards (UK), who was found to be 4 ft 3 in (129 cm) long when measured for an article in the UK's Daily Mail newspaper in April 2010.



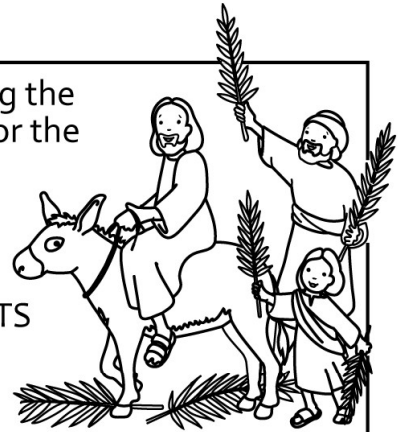


Follow the **Easter story** using the Bible references, then look for the words in the puzzle.

**Into Jerusalem**


read *Matthew 21:1-11*

DONKEY • ROAD • COATS  
BRANCHES • PALMS  
KING • HOSANNA

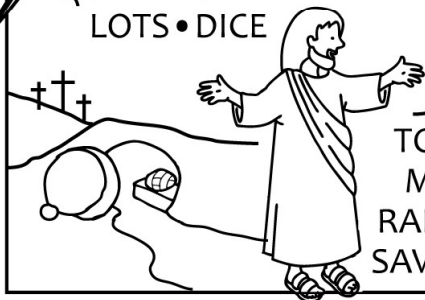


**Mouse Makes**

 **The Last Supper**  
read *Matthew 26:17-30*  
TWELVE DISCIPLES  
PASSOVER  
ROOM • BREAD  
WINE • SON • MAN  
BODY • BLOOD  
CUP • MEAL

 **Betrayal and Death**  
read *Matthew 26:36-27:56*  
GETHSEMANE  
PRAY • BETRAY  
KISS • ARREST  
MESSIAH • CHRIST  
SON • ACCUSED  
CRUCIFY • JESUS  
CROWN • THORNS  
ROBE • TREE  
NAILS • CROSS  
DARKNESS  
QUAKE • DEATH  
LOTS • DICE

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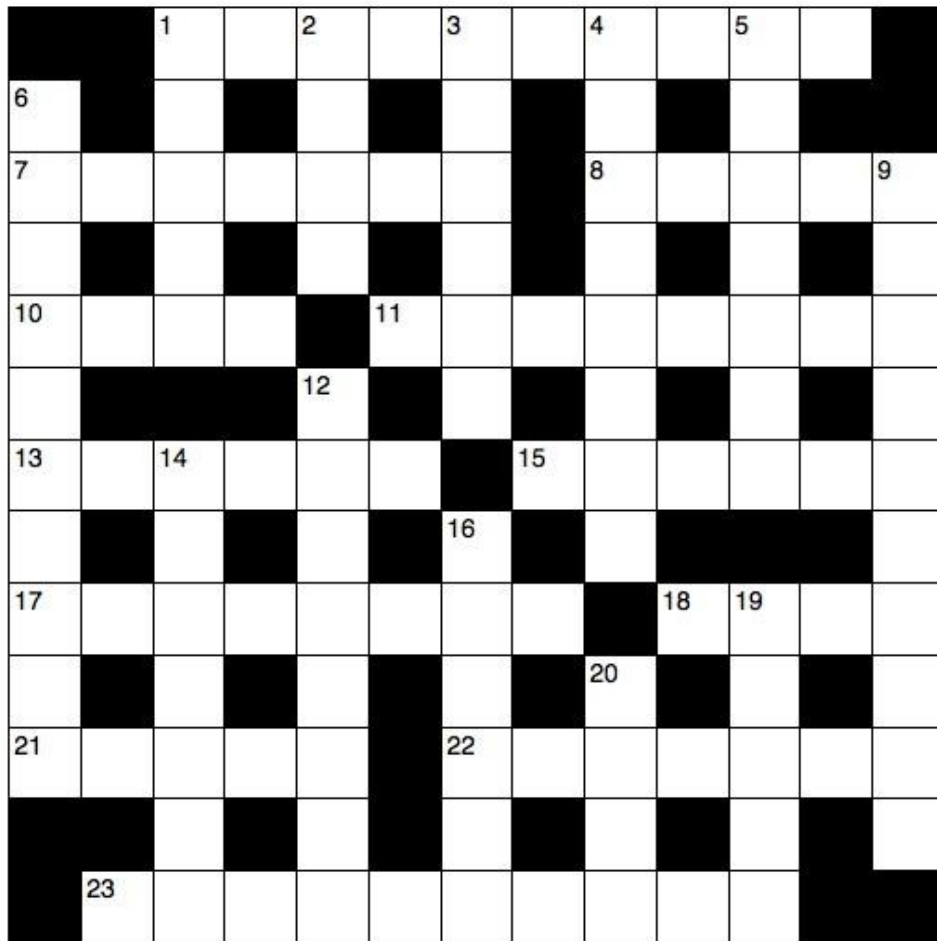
**Burial and Resurrection**

read *Matthew 27:57-28:20*

TOMB • STONE • LINEN • BODY • BURY • THREE DAYS  
MORNING • MARY • ANGEL • HEAVEN • LORD • GOD  
RAISED • JOY • GO TELL • GOOD NEWS • PEACE • SPIRIT  
SAVIOUR • PRAISE • EASTER • I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS



# CROSS



# WORD

## Across

- 1 'You are a chosen people, a royal — ' (1 Peter 2:9) (10)
- 7 Exact copy (Joshua 22:28) (7)
- 8 Jesus' first words to Jairus's daughter, 'My child, — — ' (Luke 8:54) (3,2)
- 10 Idol made by the Israelites while Moses was on Mount Sinai (Exodus 32:4) (4)
- 11 Role allotted to Joseph in Egypt (Genesis 42:6) (8)
- 13 'Lord, when did we — — hungry and feed you?' (Matthew 25:37) (3,3)
- 15 'Though seeing, they do — —; though hearing, they do not hear or understand' (Matthew 13:13) (3,3)
- 17 Happening (1 Kings 21:1) (8)
- 18 'Whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the — of Christ' (Philippians 3:7) (4)
- 21 National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (1,1,1,1,1)
- 22 Stamp on (Amos 2:7) (7)
- 23 Liable to rot (1 Corinthians 15:42) (10)

## Down

- 1 Of the pope (5)
- 2 'The earth is the Lord's, and everything — — ' (Psalm 24:1) (2,2)
- 3 Hebrew word for the kind of peace that Jesus promised (6)
- 4 Member of a 16th-century Protestant reform movement in France (8)
- 5 Sing out (anag.) (7)
- 6 Ceremonial column of people on the move (1 Samuel 10:5) (10)
- 9 One of the things love always does (1 Corinthians 13:7) (10)
- 12 Esther's cousin who foiled a plot to assassinate King Xerxes (Esther 2:7, 22) (8)
- 14 See cape (anag.) (7)
- 16 'No one can — them out of my hand' (John 10:28) (6)
- 19 Often mistakenly identified as the fruit that led to the first sin (Joel 1:12) (5)
- 20 'He was led like a — to the slaughter' (Isaiah 53:7) (4)

# Fun Page

Church notice: This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Cusworth to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

- You know, somebody actually complimented me on my driving today. They left a little note on the windshield that read: 'Parking Fine'. That was so nice.

At a baptism the young minister was full of enthusiasm. He held the baby in his arms and speculated aloud as to the child's possible future. "He may become a captain of industry, a great scientist, or a gifted teacher – someone on whom hundreds of young boys may model themselves." Then turning to the parents in a rather grand manner, he asked, "And so what name to you give to this child?"

Timidly, the reply came: "Amanda Jane."

Nine-year-old Joseph was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday school.

'Well, Mum, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, Moses had his army build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then, he radioed HQ for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved.'

"Now, Joseph, is that really what your teacher taught you?" his mother asked, startled.

"Well, no," her son admitted. "But if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"

A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to Church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"

One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

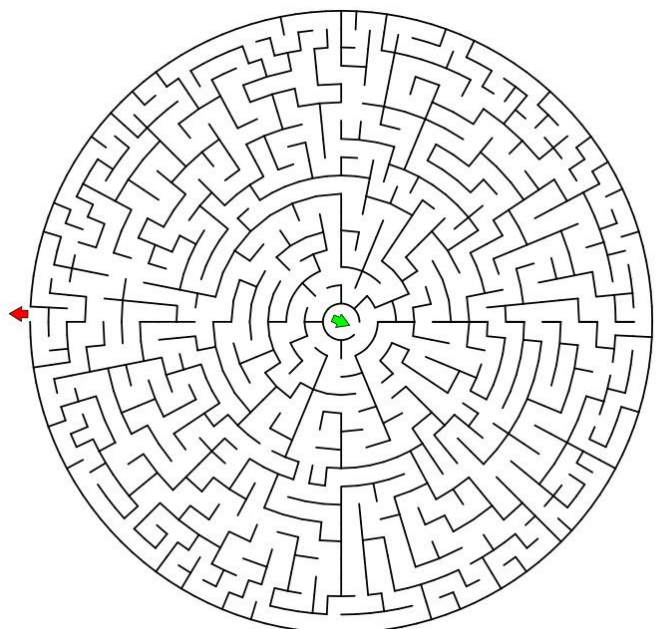
A bishop was visiting a small church in his diocese for Easter. He wanted the young people to understand what he had to say about the Good Shepherd, so he dressed up in his bishop's long, flowing robes and carried his crook. "Now," beamed the bishop, "do you know who I am?"

After a moment's silence, one child ventured "Little Bo Peep?"

A young minister was telling his church the story of the Good Samaritan, in which a man was beaten, robbed and left for dead. He got carried away and described the situation in vivid detail, wanting his congregation to catch the drama of it all.

Then he asked rhetorically: 'If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?'

A little girl broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd be sick."





# In Brief



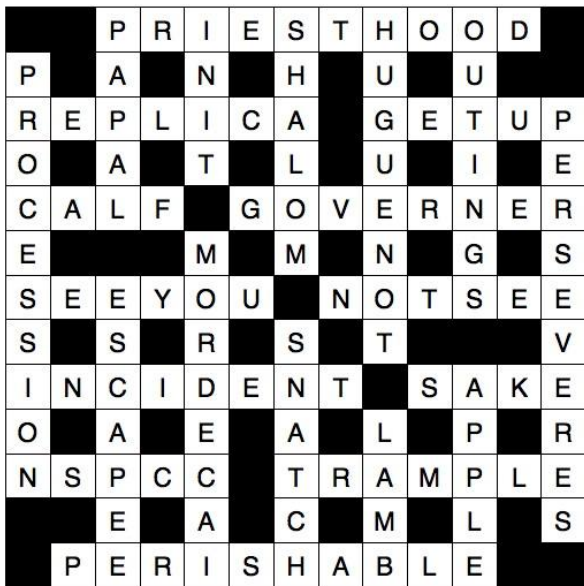
This is our facility for young children from 1-4 years of age, in church.

Would you like to help?  
Are you willing to be put on a rota to assist us in this ministry?



### Pastoral Support

The Queen's Hall offers confidential support for those who are going through any personal problem. The service is free and available on each Thursday 9.00am. to 5.00pm. You will need to make an appointment and that can be arranged by phoning 07944014246 any day.



Any information for the Church Notice Sheet should be given to Pam wilkinson by the Thursday evening of each week Tel: 716668

### Standing Order

Have you thought about giving your gift this way? It helps us manage our budget and gain our tax relief. The scheme is confidential, most of our P.C.C. members now subscribe to it, why not follow their lead? For more information see Gordon or one of the Wardens.

### Prayer Box

The Prayer Box is situated by the Bookstall at the back of church. It is for anyone who has a prayer request—just write it on one of the leaflets and put in the box provided. All these requests are prayed for by the Monday group and others.



# St Paul's Goose Green

## Baptisms

*"Growing to be fruitful for Jesus in the world"*

### 3rd February

Daniel Carl Oliver      9 Holt St  
Hollie Valentine Charnock 9 Holt St

### 3rd March

Lianni Cornilia Joyce Pretonus Towler  
  3 Stanton Cl  
Lucy Gilgannon    50 Stanedge Gr  
Rory Andrew Thompson    14 Marrick Cl

**DONATIONS FOR INCLUSION IN JUNE/JULY MAGAZINE SHOULD BE HANDED IN BY 30TH APRIL**

## Burials and Funerals

### January

4th Mary Teresa Monks                      aged 81  
14th Leslie Graham Parkinson aged 81  
15th Doreen Rigby                              aged 81  
17th Marilyn Bate                              aged 75  
18th Edna Chritchley                          aged 91  
21st Geoffrey Pate                              aged 70  
28th Mary Burley                                aged 62

### February

7th Kaiave Qafote Bosenabulagi (Kai Bose)  
  aged 82  
11th Daniel (Danny) Baldwin    aged 81  
18th Ida Worthington                      aged 95

## Donations

### Church Funds

In Loving memory of Stephen and Mum & Dad

#### **From Barbara Ward**

In memory of David Balderson, died Jan 7th aged 71 son of William & Margaret Balderson and cousin of Jean Smart

#### **From Jean Smart**

With thanks and in loving memory of Loved Ones

#### **From Sylvia & Kenneth Lowe & families**

Donation re. Irene O'Leary

In loving memory of Loved Ones

#### **From Crestwood Ave and Friday Night Ladies**

In memory of Daniel Baldwin

#### **Anon**

### Fabric Fund

Thinking of our very special mum Karen Daven, this mother's Day

#### **From Jodie, Melissa & Ethan**

If you wish for your donation to appear in the Church Magazine could you please **PRINT** the information to be enclosed clearly on the front of your envelope and hand it into **CHURCH**, so as to avoid any unnecessary upset.  
Thank you for your co-operation in the matter. Ed



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## Affiliated Organisations

### ST PAUL'S HOUSE GROUPS

Linda Catterall 7 Sidmouth Grove  
Wed 8.00 pm 237333  
Anne & Arthur Hubbard 14 Crestwood Ave  
Thurs 1.30 pm 321977  
Brian & Irene Marsh 37 Rushdene Pool  
Wed 8.00pm stock 243265  
Mike & Gill Greenwood 1 Fadon Close  
Wed 7.30pm 825670  
Vicarage Ring for venue  
Mon 8.00pm 242984

**Milkshakes** at St Paul's Church Ages 0-4  
This runs at the same time as the service

**Junior Church** in Church  
Sun from 10.45 am

**Sprites** Age 4 - 7 (Infants)  
**Tango's** age 7-11 (Juniors)  
**7up** age 11+ (Y7 & Above)

Sun 6pm Church Hall  
**7up** age 11+ (Y7 & Above)

For all enquiries about Junior Church please contact Christiane Cook Tel: 242984

### Friends Together Luncheon Club

In Church Hall  
Supporting the elderly with a hot meal and companionship.  
Meeting on the 1st Tues of the month. **(please see notice sheet for details of future meetings)**

Linda Berry Tel: 492521  
Lynn Conroy el: 202249

**MOTHERS UNION** In Church Hall  
2nd Tuesday each month at 7.30 pm  
Branch Leader : Anne Hubbard 321977

**St. PAUL'S LADIES** In the Church Hall  
3rd Thursday each month at 10.00 am Coffee Morning

**ST PAUL'S LITTLE STARS** In Church Hall  
**TODDLER GROUP** For Children up to School Age  
Monday 9-11am  
Thur 1.00 - 3.00 In Term Time  
Contact St. Paul's School 243068  
Or Christiane Cook 242984  
Or Sarah Glascott 200843

**THE FLOWER ARRANGERS**  
In Church Pam Wilkinson 716668

**CRAFT WORKSHOP** In the Church Hall  
Every 3rd Tuesday in the month, 200pm-400pm  
Gillian Greenwood Tel : 825670

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