

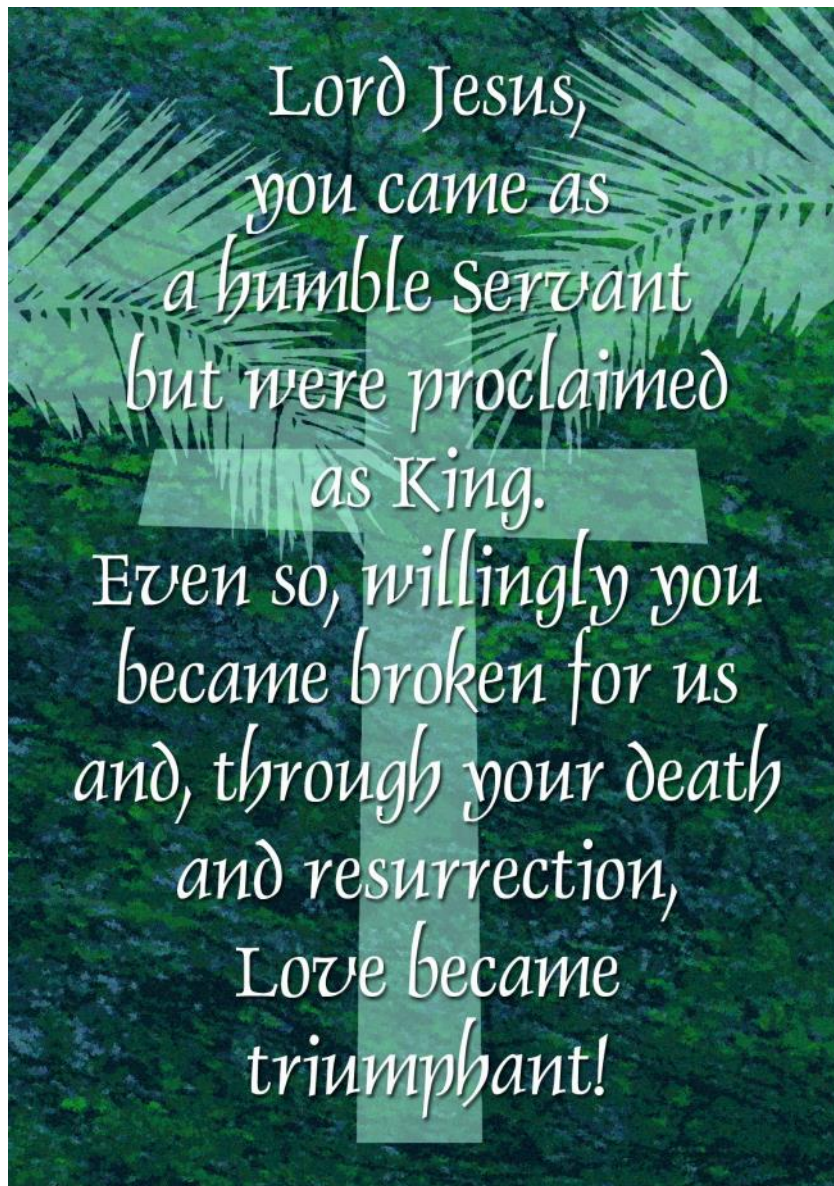
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Dear Reader,

Welcome to the April edition of the Key!

Apologies for the lack of sermon, instead I have included an Easter reflection from Canon Paul Hardingham.

There are two music events coming up at the Church, details are in the magazine, and the Church walks also continue, hopefully there will be some lovely sunshine to enjoy!

Rather than choosing a profile of a Saint on their feast day, I have included a summary of the events that took place in Holy Week, this will be familiar to many of you but for any newcomers to faith and to our Church I hope you will find this useful in understanding why the Easter period is so important in the Christian calendar.

Wishing you a very happy Easter!

With love

Lisa

Canon Paul Hardingham considers the crowds of Jerusalem...

Palm Sunday

It must have been a dramatic sight on Palm Sunday when Jesus approached Jerusalem to the adulation of the crowds. The Bible tells us that *'A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of Him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"*' (Matthew 21:8,9).

But not everyone in Jerusalem welcomed Jesus; in the very next verse we read, *'the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"'* (10). But by the end of the week, the crowds had turned against Jesus and were demanding His crucifixion. (Matthew 27:22).

Why did they turn against Jesus so quickly? Perhaps they were disappointed because He refused to fulfil their expectations in establishing a new political kingdom. Instead, He came to change our hearts and save us from our sins by His death and resurrection. As He said during that week, *'My kingdom is not of this world.'* (John 18:36). This deeply disappointed those who hoped that He would throw out the hated Roman occupiers.

Where would we have been on that first Palm Sunday? *Among the disciples who welcomed Him or among the sceptical crowds?* It's easy to judge those who condemned Jesus, but would we have acted differently? We too can be disappointed when Jesus fails to meet our hopes and expectations of Him?

The message of Easter is that God still loves and accepts us, and because of Jesus we can be forgiven. He came for one simple reason: *'For Christ also suffered once for sins...to bring you to God.'* (1 Peter 3:18). May we welcome Jesus afresh into our lives this Eastertime.

10th – 17th April – An overview of Passion Week

The events of Easter took place over a week, traditionally called Passion Week. It began on Palm Sunday. After all His teaching and healing, Jesus had built a following.

On the Sunday before He was to die, Jesus and His followers arrived at Jerusalem. The city was crowded. Jewish people were arriving to celebrate Passover. This commemorates how they had escaped from slavery in Egypt nearly 1,500 years earlier.

Jesus rode into the city on a young donkey. He was greeted like a conquering hero. Cheering crowds waved palm branches in tribute. He was hailed as the Messiah who had come to re-establish a Jewish kingdom.

The next day they returned to Jerusalem. Jesus went to the temple, the epicentre of the Jewish faith, and confronted money-changers and merchants who were ripping off the people. He overturned their tables and accused them of being thieves. The religious authorities were alarmed and feared how He was stirring up the crowds.

On the Tuesday, they challenged Jesus, questioning His authority. He answered by challenging and condemning their hypocrisy. Later that day Jesus spoke to His disciples about future times. He warned them about fake religious leaders; the coming destruction of Jerusalem; wars, earthquakes and famines; and how His followers would face persecution.

By midweek the Jewish religious leaders and elders were so angry with Jesus that they began plotting to arrest and kill Him. One of Jesus' disciples, Judas, went to the chief priests and agreed to betray Him to them.

Jesus and the 12 disciples gathered on the Thursday evening to celebrate the Passover meal. This is known as the Last Supper. During the evening, Jesus initiated a ritual still marked by Christians – Holy Communion – which commemorates His death. Jesus broke bread and shared it and a cup of wine with His disciples.

Judas then left to meet the other plotters. Jesus continued to teach the others and then went outside into an olive grove to pray. He even prayed for all future believers. He agonised over what was to come but chose the way of obedience. The Bible book, Luke, records Him praying, *'Father if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will but yours be done'*. Minutes later Judas arrived with soldiers and the chief priests and Jesus was arrested.

Bromley Parish Church

Bank Holiday Recital

Sean Heath

(London)

Organ Recital

Buxtehude J S Bach

Widor Howells Heath

Monday 18th April 11.30am

Free Admission Retiring Collection

Refreshments served from 10.30am



Bank Holiday Organ Recital

Our organ recital on Easter Monday (18th April) at 11.30am is being given by Sean Heath. Sean studied at the Royal Academy of Music and the University of Cambridge, where he was organ scholar at Corpus Christi and Christ's colleges. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists and has studied with, among others, Henry Fairs, David Sanger, Gordon Stewart, and Susan Lاندale.

For several years Sean was keyboard accompanist at the University of St Andrews, where he accompanied St Salvator's Chapel Choir for their many services, concerts, tours, and recordings. His playing on *Annunciations*, a recording of contemporary music, was described as 'an immediate stand-out' by *Choir and Organ* magazine. Sean is currently organist of Crown Court Church of Scotland in London and performs widely on organ, harpsichord, and piano, appearing regularly as continuo harpsichordist with groups such as the Istante Collective, Opera dei Lumi and Ensemble Convivio.

Sean has also spent prolonged periods living in China where he gave master-class lectures on figured bass in Mandarin at the Central Conservatory of Music, performed at the Forbidden City Concert Hall and played for weekly mass in Mandarin and other languages at the city's several historic Catholic churches.

The programme for the concert is:

Dietrich Buxtehude (c.1637-1707)

Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne in C BuxWV 537

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

Andante Sostenuto from *Symphonie Gothique* Op. 70

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

Mors et Resurrectio from *Trois paraphrases grégoriennes* Op. 5

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

The Bells

Dave Heath (b. 1956)

Gottlieb

Herbert Howells (1920-1975)

Psalms Prelude Set 1 No. 1

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Prelude and Fugue in C BWV 547

Admission to the concert is free with a retiring collection. Refreshments will be served from 10.30am. Hope to see you there!

Please use this space to pass messages on to the Church community – whether it is a prayer request, a thank you, a craft idea, a recipe...

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Available for hire for meetings, study and Exercise Classes, etc.
We have varied, comfortable, no smoking accommodation with kitchen facilities and disabled access and toilet facilities to the rooms.



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Ripley Recitals
54th Season Summer 2022

Summer Series

Friday 13 May 7.30pm
Vickers Bovey Guitar Duo

Friday 17 June 7.30pm
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Church walks

Friday 11th February

Shoreham to Otford

5 mile circular walk

across fields and along riverside

meet Shoreham station 10.20am

Friday 1st April

Farnborough – High Elms – Downe

5 mile circular walk

St.Giles' church to Downe village

meet Farnborough 10.30am

Friday 13th May

Petts Wood and Hawkwood

bluebell walk

meet Petts Wood underpass 10.30am

All are welcome

further details contact Lynn in the church office

administrator@bromleyparishchurch.org



Bromley Parish Church Bank Holiday Recital

Daniel Moulton (Birmingham)

Organ Recital

Monday 2nd May 11.30am

Free Admission Retiring Collection



***Refreshments served
from 10.30am***

Bank Holiday Organ Recital**Monday 2nd May 11.30am**

Our organ recital on Monday 2nd May is being given by Daniel Moulton. Daniel is a regular performer here at Bromley Parish Church, this being his sixth visit to the church, and it will be great to welcome him back after the 2 years of lockdown.

Daniel heads the highly acclaimed organ department at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire. As a soloist, he has performed in the UK, Europe, Asia and Australia. Quotes from reviews of his playing include "one of the finest organists of our time" (The Organ). Renowned for his virtuosic, intelligent and engaging performances, his musicianship has been praised as "exhilarating" (Gramophone), "dazzling" (The Organ), and "formidable" (Organists' Review). I can guarantee that the recital will be well worth attending so hope to see you there.

Admission to the recital is free with a retiring collection.

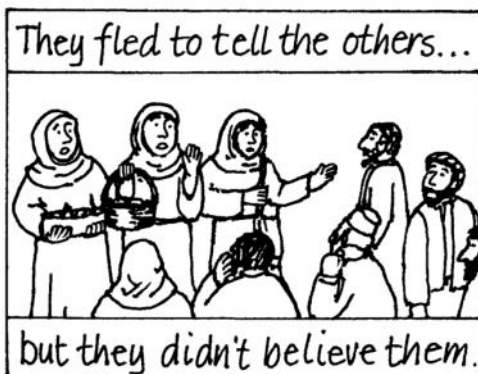
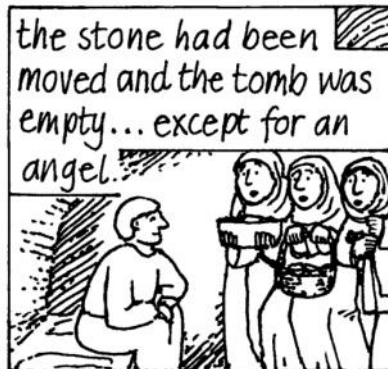
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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

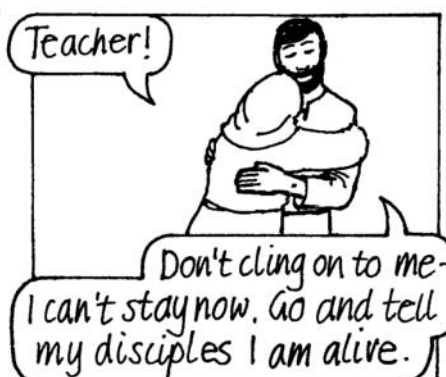
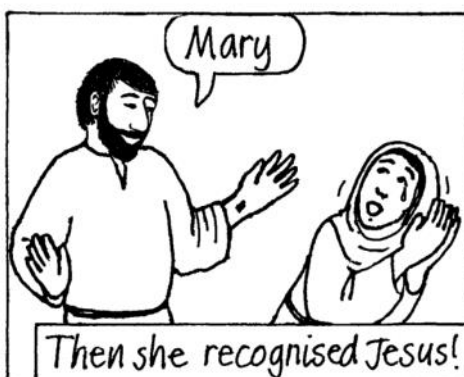
It can be read in the Bible in
Mark 16:1-8, John 20:1-18

Jesus' tomb had been sealed with a large stone. Very early Sunday morning, some of Jesus' friends went to put spices on his body.



They saw the tomb was empty and only the cloths that Jesus' body had been wrapped in lying there. So they went back to the others.

Mary Magdalene stayed by the tomb, crying. She didn't understand that Jesus was no longer dead. When she looked in the tomb there were 2 angels.

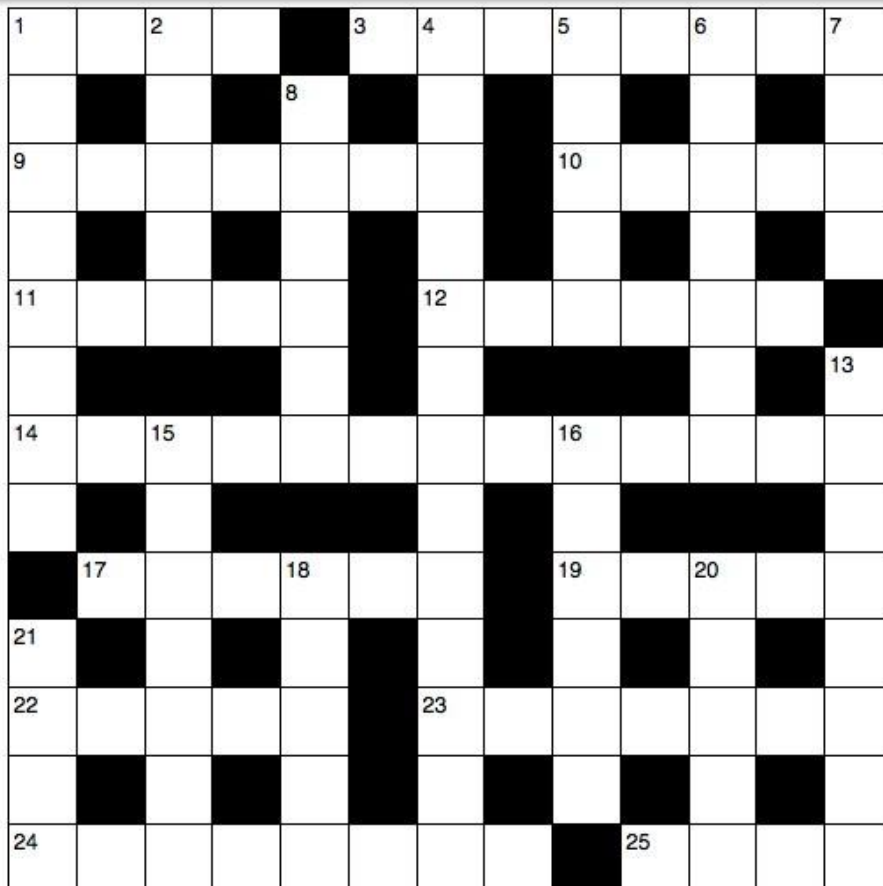


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John
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Peter
stone
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Mary
spices

empty
believe
Jesus
morning
body
disciples
angels
Sunday



Answers:

ACROSS: 1, Womb. 3, Agnostic. 9, Long ago. 10, Fleet. 11, Horeb. 12, Yellow. 14, Deceitfulness. 17, Banish. 19, Towel. 22, Boils. 23, Inferno. 24, Eternity. 25, Defy.

DOWN: 1, Will hide. 2, Minor. 4, Glory of Christ. 5, Offal. 6, The Robe. 7, City. 8, Zabbai. 13, Psalmody. 15, Chalice. 16, Let off. 18, If son. 20, Worse. 21, Able.

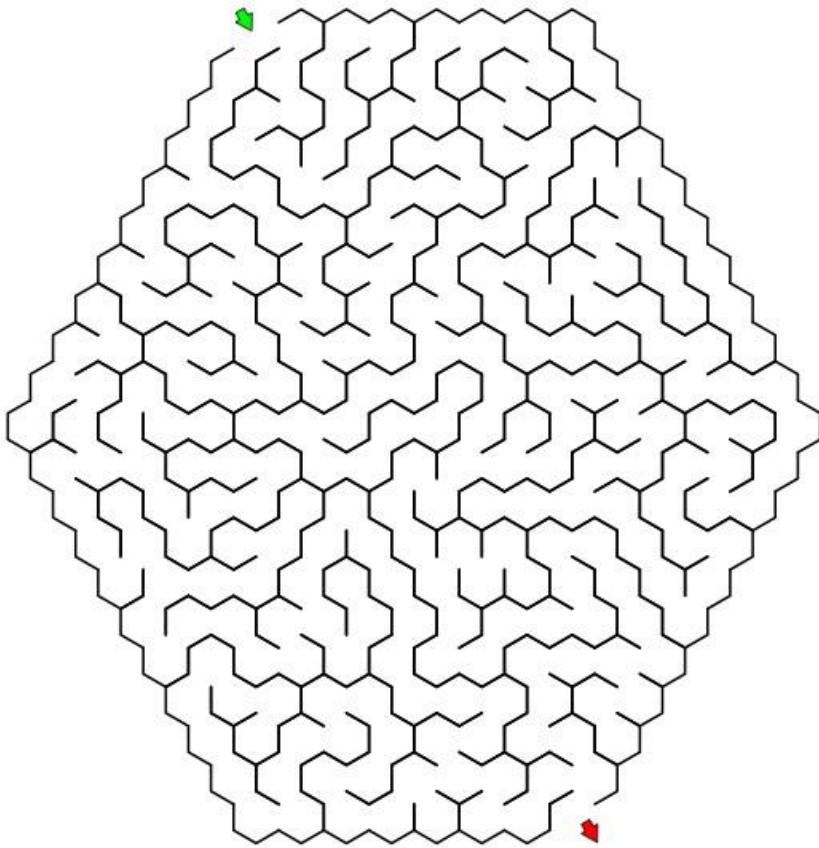
Across

- 1 'The baby in my — leaped for joy' (Luke 1:44) (4) 3 A 'don't know' in matters of faith (8)
9 In the distant past (Jeremiah 2:20) (4,3)
10 Armada (1 Kings 10:22) (5)
11 Where Moses was confronted with the burning bush (Exodus 3:1) (5)
12 Hair colour indicative of skin infection (Leviticus 13:30) (6)
14 'The worries of this life and the — of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful' (Matthew 13:22) (13)
17 Expel (2 Kings 13:23) (6)
19 What Jesus wrapped round his waist when he washed his disciples' feet (John 13:4) (5)
22 The sixth plague to afflict the Egyptians (Exodus 9:9) (5)
23 For nine (anag.) (7)
24 Where there is no time (Psalm 93:2) (8)
25 Goliath's challenge to the Israelite army in the Valley of Elah: 'This day I — the ranks of Israel!' (1 Samuel 17:10) (4)

Down

- 1 'I will become angry with them and forsake them; I — my face from

- them' (Deuteronomy 31:17) (4,4)
2 Usual description of prophets such as Amos, Hosea, Micah, and so on (5)
4 'They cannot see the light of the gospel of the — — —, who is the image of God' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (5,2,6)
5 An animal's internal edible parts (Leviticus 4:11) (5)
6 Popular 20th-century religious novel by Lloyd C. Douglas, which became a 1953 film starring Richard Burton (3,4)
7 'A — on a hill cannot be hidden' (Matthew 5:14) (4)
8 One of the exiles, a descendant of Bebai, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:28) (6)
13 Old Testament hymn-singing (8)
15 'And O what transport of delight from thy pure — floweth' (7)
16 Of felt (anag.) (3,3)
18 'So — the — sets you free, you will be free indeed' (John 8:36) (2,3)
20 Comes between 'bad' and 'worst' (John 5:14) (5)
21 'Neither height nor depth... will be — to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (4)



Sudoku:

Fit the numbers 1-9
into each row, column,
and 3x3 square.

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		1		7				
		5	2			4		
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The Big Bash!



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONE STORY WAS ABOUT A RICH MAN WHO DECIDED TO HAVE A PARTY

HE SENT OUT LOTS OF INVITATIONS

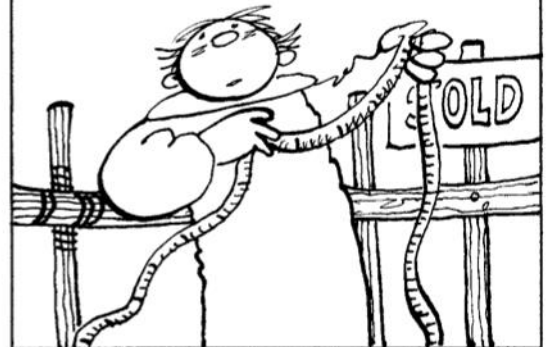


OH!
NO!!



BUT PEOPLE STARTED MAKING EXCUSES

ONE MAN SAID HE HAD BOUGHT A FIELD, BUT NEEDED TO MEASURE IT



ANOTHER MAN SAID HE NEEDED TO TEST DRIVE THE OXEN HE HAS JUST PAID FOR



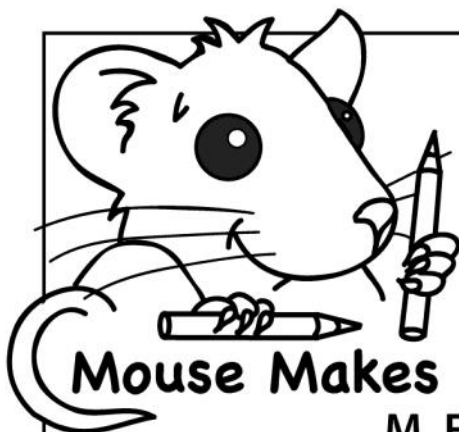
ANOTHER MAN SAID HE HAD JUST GOT MARRIED - AND HIS WIFE WOULDN'T LET HIM OUT!

SO THE RICH MAN INVITED ALL THE POOR AND NEEDY INSTEAD.



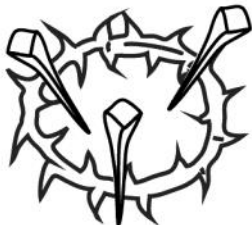
YES - I CAN
COME TO YOUR
PARTY

THE PARABLE MEANS WE SHOULDN'T MAKE EXCUSES FOR NOT FOLLOWING JESUS.



Who betrayed Jesus?
Who denied Jesus?

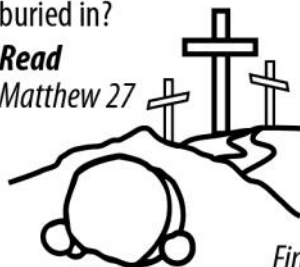
Read Matthew 26:17-75



What did the soldiers put
on Jesus at his crucifixion?
What time did Jesus die?
Whose tomb was Jesus
buried in?

Read

Matthew 27



HAPPY EASTER!
Jesus has risen!
Jesus is with us!
Jesus will come
again!

M E S S I A H W I N E
E T R E E D O N K E Y
A Q C H R I S T I T P
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Find these words from the Easter story in the word search:

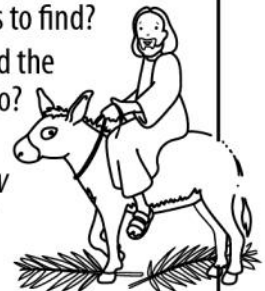
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KISS • MESSIAH • CHRIST • JESUS • CRUCIFY • CROWN • THORNS
ROBE • TREE • NAILS • CROSS • DARKNESS • QUAKE • DEATH • LOTS
TOMB • LINEN • STONE • BODY • BURY • THREE DAYS • MORNING
MARY • ANGEL • HEAVEN • GOD • RAISED • JOY • GO TELL
GOOD NEWS • PEACE • SPIRIT • SAVIOUR • PRAISE • EASTER



What did Jesus send the
disciples to find?
What did the
crowd do?

Read

*Matthew
21:1-11*



What did
Jesus do
at Passover?



Read Matthew 26:17-30



On the third day who
rolled away the stone
covering the tomb?
What had happened
to Jesus?

Read

Matthew 28



Easter Prayer 2022

Dear Almighty, All-powerful Father God,

You brought light and hope out of darkness and despair. You brought life out of death when you raised Jesus that first Easter Day. Thank you that the tomb is forever empty and that Jesus is forever alive!

No matter what is going on, no matter how little we understand, help us to hold on to the Easter truth – Jesus is risen! He is alive today and in Him we can put our trust, completely and confidently.

Because of Jesus, death is defeated. Because of Jesus, the best is yet to be. Love wins! Hallelujah! We praise you, Lord, in Jesus name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

That Day

That day was a day like never before
As the Saviour died and the darkness grew,
Earth shuddered and rocks were split apart
As the veil of the temple was torn in two.

The centurion who witnessed all these things
The earthquake, the One who was nailed to the wood,
Seeing Him die could only say,
'Surely this man was the Son of God'.

He rose as conqueror of the grave,
Death was defeated, the stone rolled away -
And man was released from all his bonds,
Christ rose as victor that glorious day.

The Light had pushed the darkness back,
He now stands resplendent for all to see,
Forgiveness, redemption all wrought on the cross,
The eternal fruits of Calvary.

By Megan Carter

Nigel Beeton writes: I've mentioned before the book 'Reflections on Daily Prayer.' During Holy week this year the reflections are by Rowan Williams, and he speaks of how "we rediscover God's presence and freedom just as everything else seems to fall away." He's right of course. When we hit rock bottom it feels as though there is no hope, but there in the darkness we can still find God, and, moreover, the God who also hit rock bottom for us. Apologies for the allusions to wind and rain, Storm Eunice was raging against my windows as I wrote this!

He too

When the blackest clouds enfold us
When the strongest winds may blow;
When our dearest friends have sold us
And we have nowhere to go,
In the depths of great despairing
Through the sharpest jabs of pain
There we find our Father, caring
Giving shelter from the rain.

For He too, one dreadful Friday
Saw His most beloved Son
On a cross, raised by a highway
Naked, bleeding, cruelly hung.
Yes, He too has felt the starkness
And He too has been betrayed
For He too has known the darkness
And the price which must be paid.

As you weep, reach out your fingers
Feel His gentle, loving hand,
Feel the care just He can bring us
For your life is known and planned.
He too knows the path before us
And He too has fought the fight
Only Jesus can assure us
On our journey to the light.

By Nigel Beeton

An Easter prayer

Karh Barth was the prominent Protestant theologian of his day. Much of his life was devoted to resisting the Nazis.

O Lord God, our Father, You are the light that can never be put out; and now You give us a light that shall drive away all darkness. You are love without coldness, and you have given us such warmth in our hearts that we can love all when we meet. You are the love that defies death, and you have opened for us the way that leads to eternal life.

None of us is a great Christian; we are all humble and ordinary. But your grace is enough for us. Arouse in us that small degree of joy and thankfulness of which we are capable, to the timid faith which we can muster...to the wholeness of life which you have prepared for all of us through the death and resurrection of your Son. Do not allow any of us to remain apathetic or indifferent to the wondrous glory of Easter, but let the light of our risen Lord reach every corner of our dull hearts.

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

As Christians across the Isles unite in praying for peace today, as part of their Sunday meetings and services, Pastor Jonathan Oloyede, our Convenor has released this prayer for you to share:

Dear Heavenly Father,

We really don't know how to pray for this crisis so we ask for your Spirit to help us to intercede on behalf of the people of Ukraine.

First we pray for PEACE over Ukraine and over all the nations. Bring about a peaceful resolution to this conflict.

2 Thessalonians 3:16

Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way. The Lord [be] with you all.

We stand united in the authority we have in Christ and resist this evil force of death and destruction. We bind the demonic forces behind this invasion and cause them to flee.

James 4:7

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

We pray for safety and minimal loss of life. We ask that you save families, children, mothers, fathers and whole communities displaced by this invasion.

Numbers 6:24-26

"The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace."

We ask for wisdom for our politicians and world leaders involved with mediation and peaceful intervention. Grant them Grace, insight and courage to stem this wave of violence and destruction.

Colossians 1:9

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

We pray for the Church in Ukraine that no matter what happens, she will remain strong, united and kept by your Spirit. Release your Angels to minister to her as she walks through this trial.

Romans 8:35-37

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? [Shall] tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." 37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

Lastly, Father we pray for your WILL to be done and your KINGDOM come in the Earth. Come Lord and bring your Eternal Peace upon our World.

Matthew 6:9-10

"In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.
10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as [it is] in heaven.

Amen

Friday 1st April

10.30am Church Walk

Saturday 2nd April

11.30am Organ recital – Laura Schlappa

2.00pm Baptism

Sunday 3rd April**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

10.30am Parish Eucharist

Tuesday 5th April

No Toddler Praise

7.30pm Bell ringing practice

8.00pm CTCB Lent Course - Zoom

Wednesday 6th April

12noon – 2pm Church open for private prayer

Thursday 7th April

10.00am Healing Prayer meeting - prayers are said from homes

7.30pm Choir practice

Saturday 9th April

1.30pm Bromley & Croydon Organist's Association

Sunday 10th April**Palm Sunday**

9.00am Breakfast Church

10.30am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm Anthems & Readings for Palm Sunday

Holy Monday 11th April

8.00pm Compline

Holy Tuesday 12th April

No Toddler Praise

8.00pm Compline

7.30pm Bell ringing practice

Holy Wednesday 13th April

12noon -2pm Church open for private prayer

8.00pm Stations of the Cross

8.00pm PCC meeting

Maundy Thursday 14th April

2.15pm Fellowship

8.00pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist

Good Friday 15th April

9.00am Breakfast Church - Hot cross buns and crafts

12noon Three Hours at the Cross

Easter Eve Saturday 16th April

Easter Garden

Easter Day Sunday 17th April

6.00am Dawn Eucharist followed by light breakfast

10.30am Easter Day Eucharist followed by refreshments and egg hunt

Easter Monday 18th April

11.30am Bank Holiday organ recital

Tuesday 19th April

11.00am Toddler Praise

7.30pm Bell ringing practice

8.00pm CTCB Lent Course

Wednesday 20th April

12noon-2pm Church open for private prayer

2.00pm Memorial Service Mary Calvert

Thursday 21st April

7.30pm Choir practice

Saturday 23rd April

11.30am Saturday Morning Recital

Sunday 24th April
Second Sunday of Easter

9.00am Breakfast Church
10.30am Parish Eucharist
4.00pm Godspace

Tuesday 26th April

11.00am Toddler Praise
7.30pm Bell ringing practice

Wednesday 27th April

12noon -2.00pm Private Prayer
7.00pm Hope Into Action prayer meeting

Thursday 28th April

2.15pm Fellowship
7.30pm Choir practice

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Please continue to wear face masks in the church building.

Advance dates

Monday 2nd May

11.30am Bank Holiday organ recital

Morning Prayer is said daily at 8.00am in the Children's Chapel

The Children's Chapel is open daily for prayer and an opportunity to light a candle

Church is open on Wednesdays

between 12noon and 2pm for private prayer when consecrated bread is available for those who wish to receive.

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