

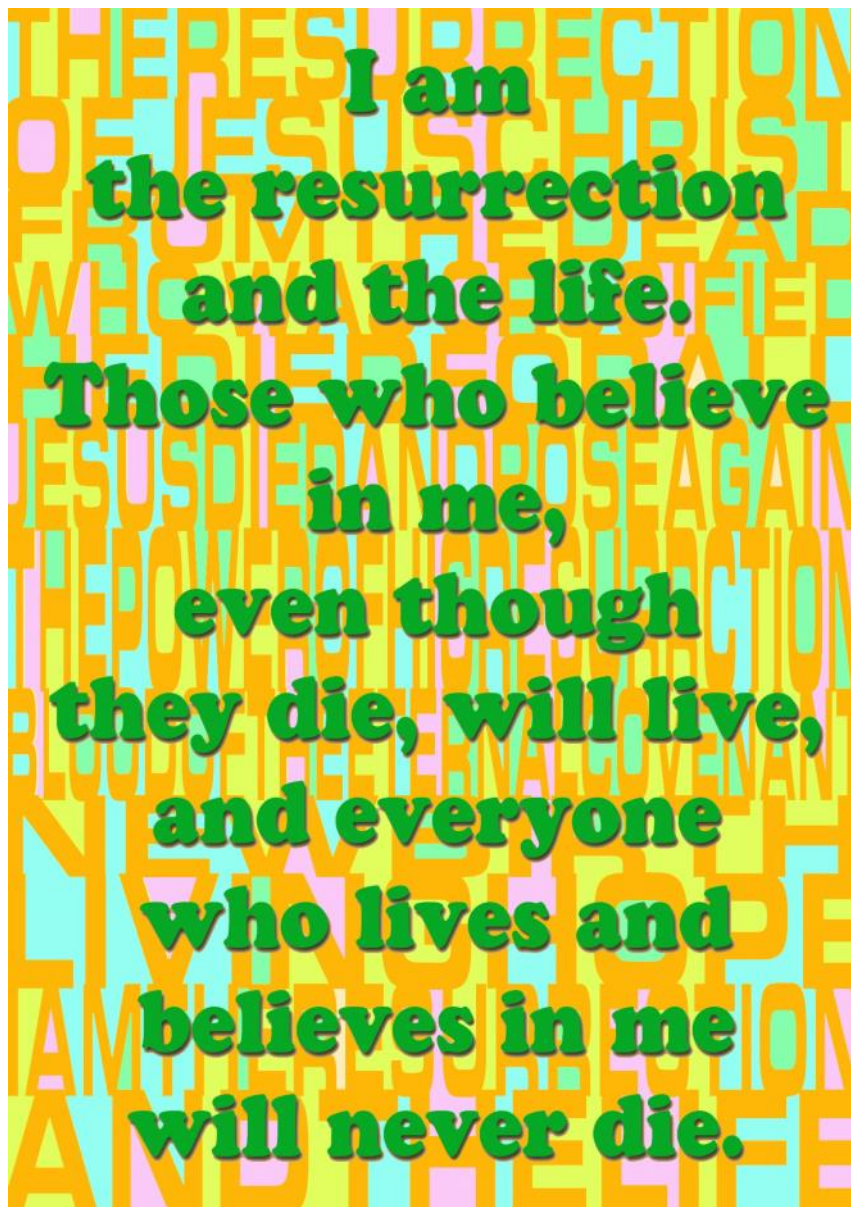
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Dear Reader,

Thank you for picking up this Easter edition of the Key.

There is a lot happening this month and plenty of details follow in the magazine. The sermon printed here is a special Easter message from the Bishop of Rochester.

Wishing you a happy and peaceful Holy Week and Easter.

With love

Lisa

Please read below the Easter message from the Bishop of Rochester, Bishop Jonathan.

One of the most encouraging things about the Bible is that it is full of stories of failure. Stories of people who have made a real mess of things, but whom God has turned around and given a fresh start. People like Jacob and Joseph, like David and Peter and Paul, and many more besides.

I find that encouraging because it offers hope for me and for our world. We mess things up and get ourselves in a right pickle, but God can still intervene and create something wonderful, far beyond anything we could have imagined.

And that is the heart of the meaning of the Cross and Resurrection, of the events of Holy Week and Easter. Jesus enters Jerusalem triumphantly on Palm Sunday, but by Good Friday morning he has been arrested and the crowds that had welcomed him are now baying for his blood. He is crucified, deserted even by his friends, and finally laid to rest in a tomb hewn from the rock.

Dead. Buried. End of the story. Except of course that it wasn't.

Three days later, Jesus was raised from the dead and the news of his victory over death began to turn the despair of his friends into joy and delight. And so was born the community of disciples who went on to share the story of what God had done right across the ancient world, until the Roman empire itself bowed its knee to the very one it had crucified.

As things stand in this country, it can feel as though faith is on the retreat, that the message of the crucified and risen Jesus is somehow irrelevant to the world of today, with its complex challenges, and its slick, hi-tech answers to its problems.

But when we stop to think, we begin to realise that we human beings have not got things quite as sussed as we thought, with climate change and war and the refugee crisis and so many more issues besides. Perhaps after all we are not as clever and as capable as we like to think.

T S Eliot once said that humankind cannot bear very much reality. We try to hide from the mess we have made of our lives and of our world, filling our time and attention with things that amuse and distract us.

But that can only work for so long – and I think we are perhaps approaching a tipping point beyond which we will no longer be able to hide from the truth of what we have done to ourselves and the world in which we live.

Just now when it may seem that the Christian faith is in danger of being forgotten in our society, perhaps this is the time when the message of Jesus' death and resurrection, of failure and new beginnings, has the chance to be heard once more.

Quite plainly, we human beings do not have the capacity to sort things out for ourselves. We need someone to come alongside us and save us from ourselves, someone who can offer us a new beginning and a better way.

Our world needs a saviour – and we as Christians need to let them know just who that is.

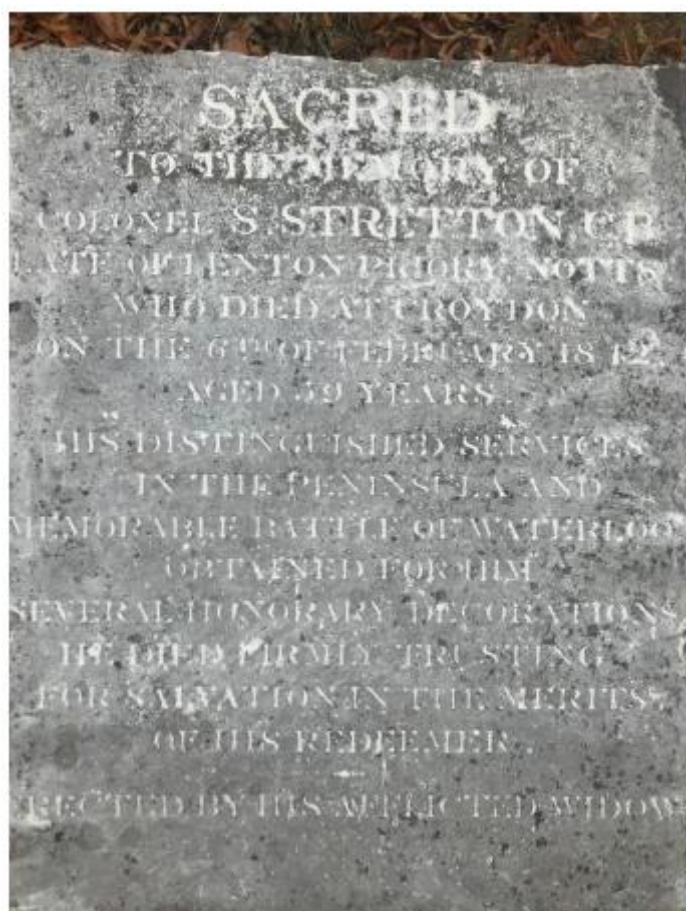
Alleluia, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Rt Rev Dr Jonathan Gibbs
Bishop of Rochester

Easter 2023



A Waterloo Hero in the Parish Church Colonel Sempronius Stretton was one of the most accomplished regimental commanders in the Duke of Wellington's army in the Peninsular War and at the battle of Waterloo. He was interred in the grounds of St Peter and St Paul on his death in 1842, which makes for something of a mystery since his family home was in Nottingham, and he was at the time of his death married, retired and settled in Athlone, Ireland. There is no other personal connection to Kentish Bromley that we know. Col Stretton's graveyard memorial is also something of a mystery. The semi-official record of Waterloo monuments records it as 'No longer extant'. This is understandable because the original church, churchyard and its stones and monuments were mostly destroyed by German bombs in April 1941. But Stretton's memorial survives. It lies in a footpath of headstones at the back of the church, salvaged from the ruins when the church was rebuilt. Stretton's stone has not been trodden on as much as those at the front, many of which are worn smooth. But it is not in great condition either, and has not been easy to photograph! A fellow member of the Waterloo Association suggested using self-raising flour to reveal the inscription, which we did with help from parish church administrator Lynn Hedges. No pigeons were harmed.



It was a bit of a Eureka moment to see the letters leap out. For the record here they are: SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF COLONEL S STRETTON CB LATE OF LENTON PRIORY NOTTS WHO DIED AT CROYDON ON THE 6 TH OF FEBRUARY 1842 AGED 59 YEARS HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICES IN THE PENINSULA AND MEMORABLE BATTLE OF WATERLOO OBTAINED FOR HIM SEVERAL HONORARY DECORATIONS HE DIED FIRMLY TRUSTING FOR SALVATION IN THE MERITS OF HIS REDEEMER ERECTED BY HIS AFFLICTED WIDOW.

Stretton can truly be said to have given “Distinguished Services” in the Pyrenees and at Waterloo, as a captain in the 40th Foot. On the allied occupation of Paris, the Duke of Wellington appointed him commandant of the 5th Arrondissement, a civic duty he fulfilled till 1818. On his return, he was a regular attendee at the annual Waterloo banquet at Apsley House and appears in William Salter’s famous painting of 1836 which hangs there. His gallant bearing is well captured in Richard Bonnington Senior’s portrait, painted in Paris in 1816.



But how did Stretton come to lie in Bromley? He might have been attending James Scott, a surgeon with a practice on the corner of Market Square directly opposite the Bell coaching inn, who had gained a national reputation treating army and navy officers returning from the continent on the old Kent roads during the Napoleonic wars. Stretton’s death certificate shows the cause of death as a strangulated hernia, so that was a possibility. But the death certificate, signed by ‘E Stannus Addiscombe College present at the death’, gave another clue. Addiscombe served as the East India Company’s training centre for officers mainly of engineers and artillery, from 1809 until after the Indian Mutiny. Ephraim Geraish Stannus was Lieutenant-Governor at the seminary between 1834 and 1850, and principally responsible for overseeing the graduate exams, which usually involved inspection by several major generals of the Bengal army as well as colonels and lieutenant colonels of the Royal Engineers and regiments of the line. Stretton CB attended the half-yearly examination of the Gentlemen Cadets twice - in December 1840, and in December

1841. It seems that Col Stretton had stayed in Croydon in the weeks before his death, had perhaps been incapacitated by his condition and obliged to stay on into the New Year. He died at 10 a.m. on 6 February 1842 at an unknown address in Croydon High Street. It would be ideal to know when he was interred and that his wife and family were there for his funeral, but unfortunately, that's where the local records run out. Oh for more records, especially for the few of his diaries and notebooks which he did not number in his will to be burned, if only they have survived.

Sources Janet and David Bromley, *Wellington's Men Remembered*, Barnsley 2015. *The Monumental Inscriptions in the Church and Churchyard of Bromley, Co Kent*. Transcribed by Richard Holworthy, London 1922 *United Service Journal & Magazine*, 1841-1842.

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Easter Garden

This year we are once again asking for donations of spring and alpine plants, herbs and flowering bulbs to decorate our garden, you may like to give a plant in memory of a loved one or in celebration of an occasion and there will be an opportunity to have this marked.

Plants can be brought along **on Easter Saturday, the 8th of April at 10am** when we would be delighted to see anyone who can stay and help create the garden.

Plants can also be brought along in advance of the day, please speak to Lynn in the office.



Decorating the church for Easter Saturday 8th April at 10am

All are welcome.

No experience necessary.

Just turn up



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...

Churches Together in Central Bromley +
Churches Together in Bromley Common

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, 7 April 2023
11:15 on the High Street near Metro Bank
With worship led by Noel Robinson

Walk of Witness starts at 11am from
Ss. Peter & Paul, Church Road, Bromley

All are welcome

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www.ctibc.org



Saturday 6th May 2023

We would like to celebrate
the Coronation of King Charles III

with a screening of the service from
Westminster Abbey in church followed by festivities
and food outside in the churchyard.

If you can help or would like to be involved in any way
let us know by getting in touch with the office.

Bromley Parish Church
would like to reinstate our annual outing to Broadstairs



The trip would be on Saturday 15th July and we would like to get an estimate of numbers to decide whether hiring a minibus or coach is feasible.

If you are interested please add your name to the list at the back of church, speak to Donya or get in touch with the church office.

The beach is well protected bay with a very shallow long run out to the sea. There is a rock pool, small funfair, toilets, a café and a first aid station. Access to the beach is by lift or stairs.

We usually meet on the beach at 11.00am. Bring your own picnic.
There is a café on the beach and plenty of places to eat in the town. At the top of the cliff there are gardens, a bandstand and much too easy access to Morelli's for amazing ice cream.

The beach is also a straightforward drive from Bromley and can be accessed direct (no changes) by train from Bromley South to Broadstairs (approx. 1hr 40 mins). It is a short walk from the station to the beach.

21st April: Anselm, the man who proved there is a God

Anselm is a good saint to remember next time someone asks you to prove that there is a God. His brilliant and original *Proslogion*, written 1077-8, sets out the 'ontological' proof for God's existence. Nearly ten centuries later, it is still studied by theological students as one of the great philosophical 'proofs' of God's existence.

Anselm was born at Aosta in 1033, the son of a spendthrift Lombard nobleman, whom Anselm detested. In time he decided to become a Benedictine monk, and so joined Lanfranc's famous monastery at Bec (c. 1060). He became prior, then abbot. He was loved by his monks, appreciated for his sensitivity and intuitiveness. He remained friends also with Lanfranc, who had gone on to be Archbishop of Canterbury. After Lanfranc's death, Anselm reluctantly agreed to accept the job.

Archbishops did not have press offices in those days, but Anselm made his views on Church-versus-King known all the same, and they did not please the king. William Rufus exiled him in 1097 and King Henry I exiled him in 1103. Anselm was utterly committed to what he saw as the cause of God and the Church, and therefore had no time for temporal politics. Peace between archbishop and monarch was not achieved until 1106.

Anselm spent the rest of his life in England. His theological stance of 'Faith seeking understanding' and 'the mind at faith's service' were the keys to his life and teaching.

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mt 21:1-11, Mk 11:1-11, Lk 19:28-38, Jn 12:12-19

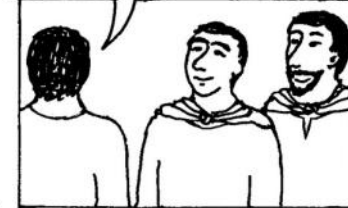
Thousands of people went to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover feast each year. This year Jesus and his friends went too.

Two miles outside Jerusalem Jesus said to two of his friends



Go into that village and bring back the donkey you find there.

If anyone asks, say 'The Lord needs it.'



So off they went...

and they found it as Jesus had said.



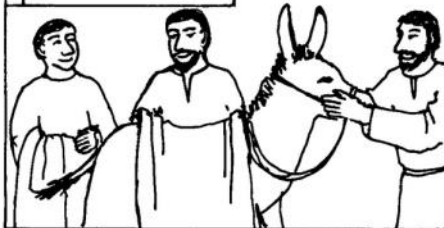
Why are you taking our donkey?

The Lord needs it.



That's alright then

They brought it back to Jesus, and made a saddle from a cloak.



They spread more cloaks on the road to make it a way fit for a king.



Others cut palm branches and waved them.

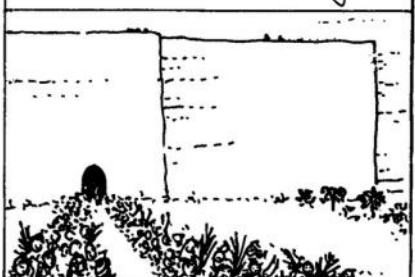


They shouted the traditional welcome to the Passover feast

God bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord!



As they got closer to Jerusalem the crowd grew.



Everyone shouted to welcome Jesus as king



The teachers of the laws were angry



Teacher, you should stop them calling you 'king'.

But Jesus replied



What they say is so true that even if I made them stop, the stones would shout!

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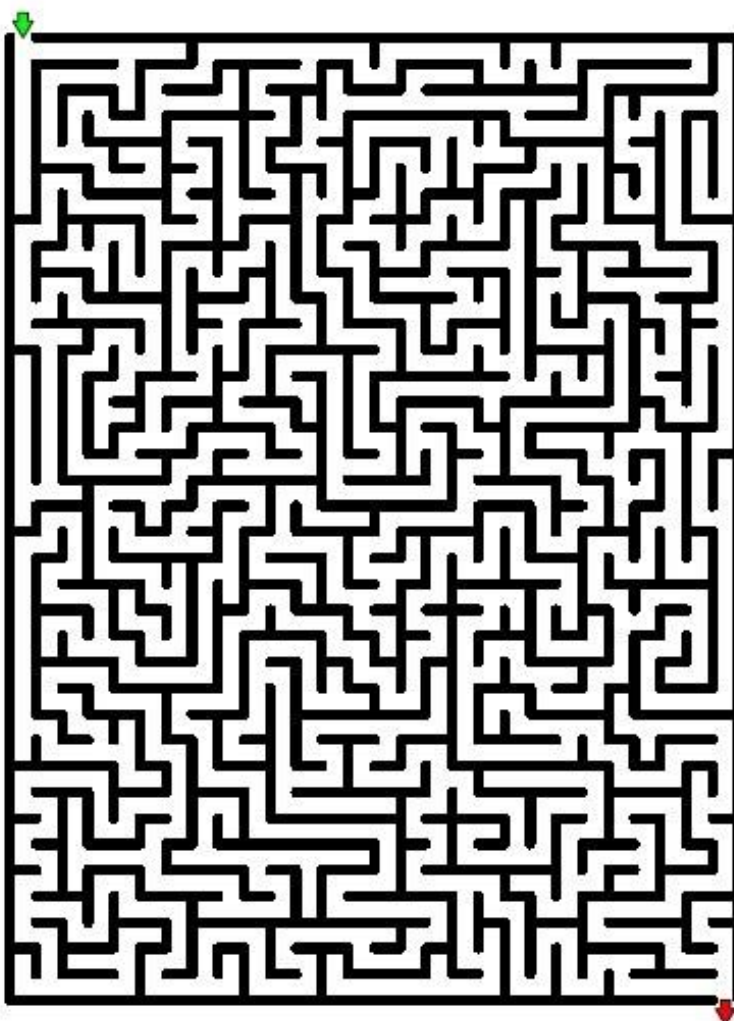
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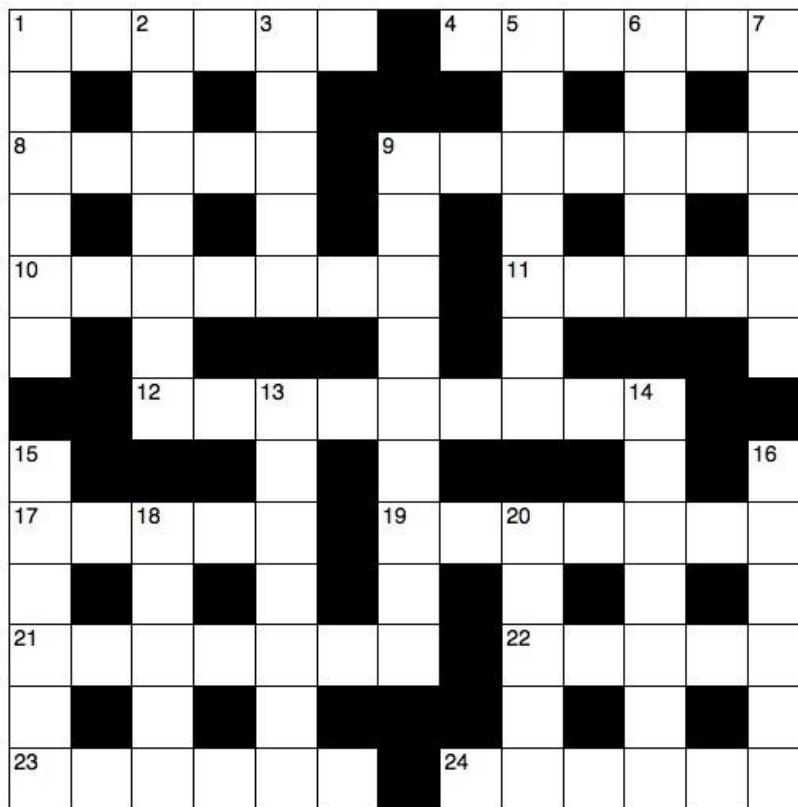
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Sudoku:

Insert numbers 1-9 in every row, column and 3x3 box.





Answers

ACROSS: 1, Cosmic. 4, Thomas. 8, In his. 9, Delaiah. 10, Falwell. 11, Water. 12, Recovered. 17, Sidon. 19, Radiant. 21, Centaur. 22, Broil. 23, Eleven. 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.

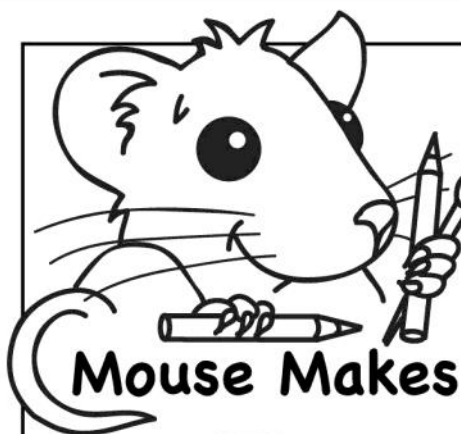
Across

- 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

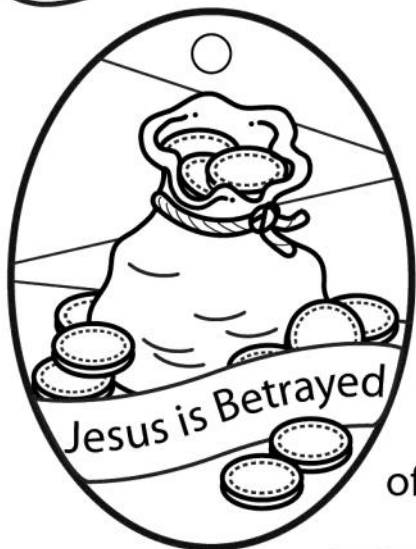
was in — and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)

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)

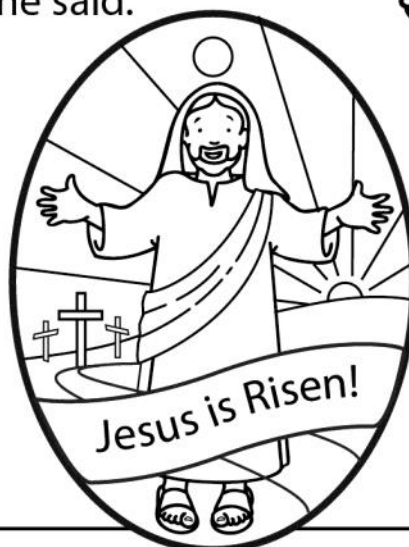
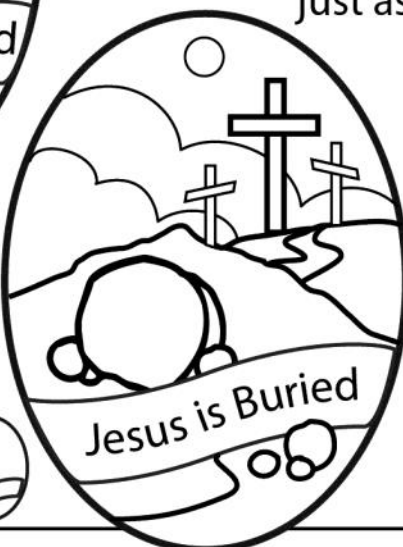
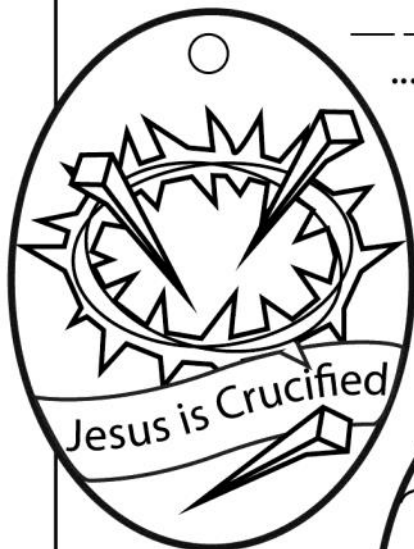
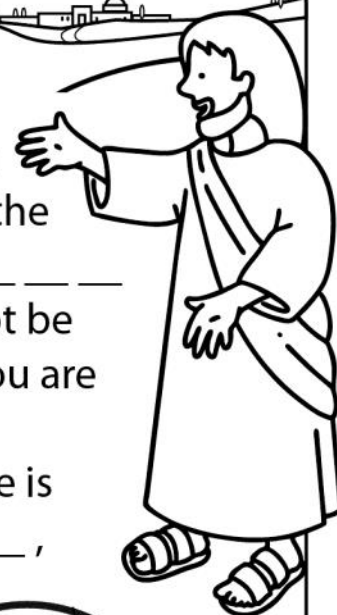


HE IS RISEN!
Read the story of
The Resurrection in
Matthew 28:1-20



How many other
words can you
make from
RESURRECTION

An _____
of the Lord came down from
_____ and going to the
_____ rolled back the _____
... the _____ said, "Do not be
_____, for I know you are
looking for Jesus who was
_____, He is
not here; he has _____,
just as he said."



Glue this page onto
card. **Cut** out the
ovals then **colour** in.
Punch a hole at the
top and **hang** up
for Easter

The doctor and the ill person



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ON ONE OCCASION JESUS CALLED MATTHEW - A TAX COLLECTOR TO BE HIS FOLLOWER.

JESUS EVEN WENT TO MATTHEW'S HOME.



THIS SET PEOPLE'S TONGUES WAGGING. THEY THOUGHT JESUS WAS LETTING THE SIDE DOWN!

BUT JESUS EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO TALK TO EVERYONE!

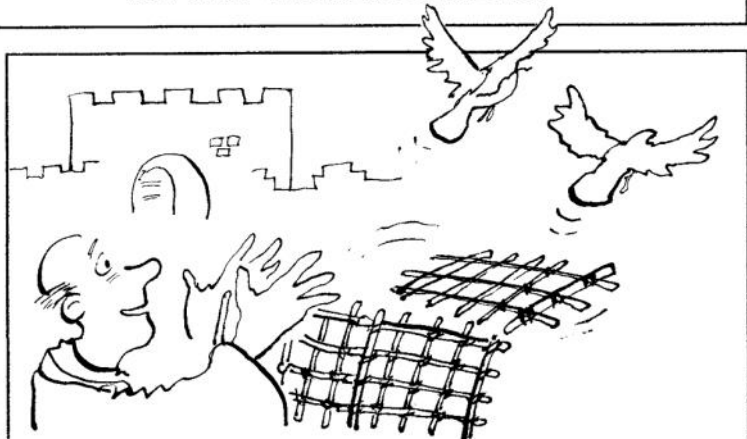


"PEOPLE WHO ARE WELL DO NOT NEED A DOCTOR"



"BUT ONLY THOSE WHO ARE SICK"

"IT IS KINDNESS THAT GOD WANTS"



"NOT ANIMAL SACRIFICES!" see Matthew Ch. 9 v.9-13

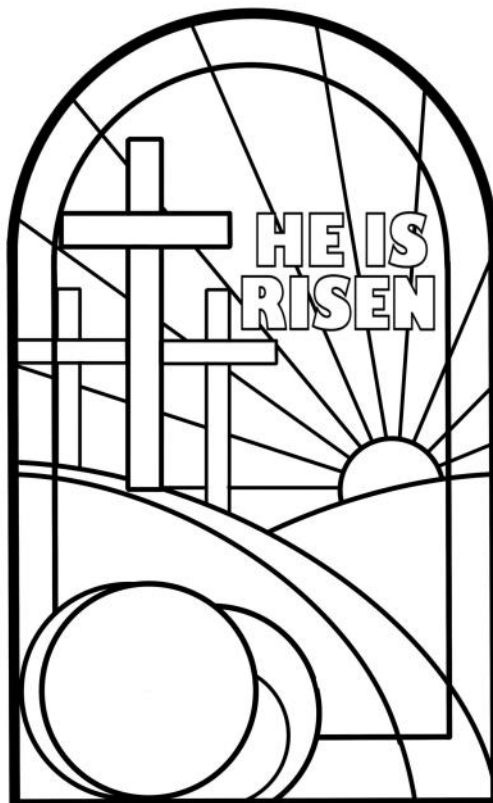
Easter Prayer 2023

Thank you, Father, that you raised Jesus from the dead on that first Easter Day and that He is alive now and forever. Thank you that whoever believes in Him and turns away from selfish living and towards you can be forgiven through His name. Thank you that Jesus is the same today as He was then and will always be.

Thank you for the Bible - your inspired, unchanging, and living Word to guide us. Help us to hold fast to Your teaching and not to be led astray. Your Word is truth. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, Lord, that we might be Your faithful, fruitful Resurrection People.

In the name of our living Lord, Jesus.
Amen.

By Daphne Kitching



Easter Story

(A compilation of hymns and worship songs from anointed writers telling the wonderful story of our redemption)

Amazing love how can it be
As helpless Babe from heaven He came
Walked our earth as Light descending
To our world engulfed in pain.

How marvellous, how wonderful
His loving kindness as a flood,
Taking all our sin and sorrow
As He shed His precious blood.

The rugged cross was a battle ground
As the Father's face turned from His Son
Darkness engulfed the whole of the land
'Finished!' - the cry as victory was won.

We stand now amazed in the presence
Of the Man that came from above,
The Crucified One - but living again,
Who kissed our guilty world in love.

By Megan Carter

Nigel Beeton writes: 'One of the most beautiful stories in the Bible is found in John 20 and verses 14 – 16. A distraught Mary Magdalene is standing outside a tomb, and she is convinced that some ne'er do wells have stolen the body of her beloved Master, Jesus, for reasons which she can't begin to fathom. There's a gardener nearby, and he has the audacity to ask her why she's so upset...'

Outside an Empty Tomb

"Oh woman, why this weeping?
Oh woman, dry your tears!
Oh woman, cease your weeping
And lay aside your fears!"

"They've borne away my Master!
And laid Him who knows where;
His tomb is standing empty,
And He's no longer there."

"Oh Sir, please will you tell me
Where you have laid Him now?
For you can surely tell me
What they have done, and how;
Yes how may I now find Him
And for His body care?
For I will truly care for Him
If you'll but show me where?"



He said to her, "My Mary!"
She turned and met His eye
She cried with joy, "My Master!"
For she at last knew why
The tomb behind was empty
And why no body lay –
Her Master Christ is Risen
Upon this Easter Day!

(These verses are set to the tune 'Down by the Salley Gardens')

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday - 2nd April

10:30am Palm Sunday Procession & Eucharist

6:30pm 'The Crucifixion' by John Stainer

Monday 3rd April

8:00pm Sung Compline

Tuesday 4th April

7:45pm Churches Together Lent Course

Wednesday 5th April

12:00pm Holy Communion

8:00pm Sung Compline

Maundy Thursday - 6th April

8:00pm Eucharist of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday - 7th April

9:00am Family Friendly craft & activities

11:00am Churches Together Walk of Witness

12:00pm 3 Hours at the Cross

Easter Sunday - 9th April

6:00am The Easter Liturgy

10:30am Parish Eucharist

All other services continue as normal



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Saturday 1

9.30am-11.30am Starter Packs morning

Sunday 2**Palm Sunday**

8.30am Holy Communion (CW)

10.30am Palm Sunday Procession and Eucharist

6.30pm 'The Crucifixion' by John Stainer

Holy Monday 3

8.00pm Sung Compline

Holy Tuesday 4

No Toddler Praise

7.30pm Bell ringing practice

7.45pm Churches Together Lent Course

Holy Wednesday 5

12noon Midweek service

12.30pm -2.00pm Church open for private prayer

12.30pm Lychgate Lunch

8.00pm Sung Compline

Maundy Thursday 6

7.00pm Choir practice

8.00pm Eucharist of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday 7

9.00am Family Friendly Craft and Activities

11.00am Churches Together Walk of Witness

12.00pm Three Hours at the Cross

Holy Saturday

10.00am Help create the Easter Garden +
Decorating the church for Easter

Sunday 9**Easter Sunday**

6.00am Easter Liturgy

10.30am Parish Eucharist

Monday 10

11.30am Bank Holiday Organ Recital

Tuesday 11

No Toddler Praise

7.30pm Bell ringing practice

Wednesday 12

No Midweek Service

Thursday 13

2.15pm Fellowship

No Choir practice

Sunday 16**Low Sunday**

10.30am Holy Communion

4.00pm Godspace

Tuesday 18

11.00am Toddler Praise

7.30pm Bell ringing practice

Wednesday 19

12noon Midweek service

Thursday 20

7.30pm Choir practice

Friday 21

7.00pm Quarter peal

Sunday 23

Vocation Sunday

9.00am Breakfast Church

10.30am Parish Eucharist

Monday 24

7.30pm Ministry Team meeting

Tuesday 25

11.00am Toddler Praise

7.30pm Bell ringing practice

Wednesday 26

12noon Midweek service

12.30pm -2.00pm Church open for private prayer

8.00pm Standing & Finance meeting

Thursday 27

2.15pm Fellowship

7.30pm Choir practice

Saturday 29

1.30pm Baptism

Sunday 30

8.30am Holy Communion (CW)

10.30am Parish Eucharist

Morning Prayer is said daily at 8.00am in the Children's Chapel, everyone is welcome.

The Children's Chapel is open daily for prayer and **Church is open for private prayer on Wednesdays** between 12.30pm and 2pm, consecrated bread is available for those who wish to receive.

To join Sunday worship online please visit our website www.bromleyparishchurch.org and follow the link on our homepage.

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