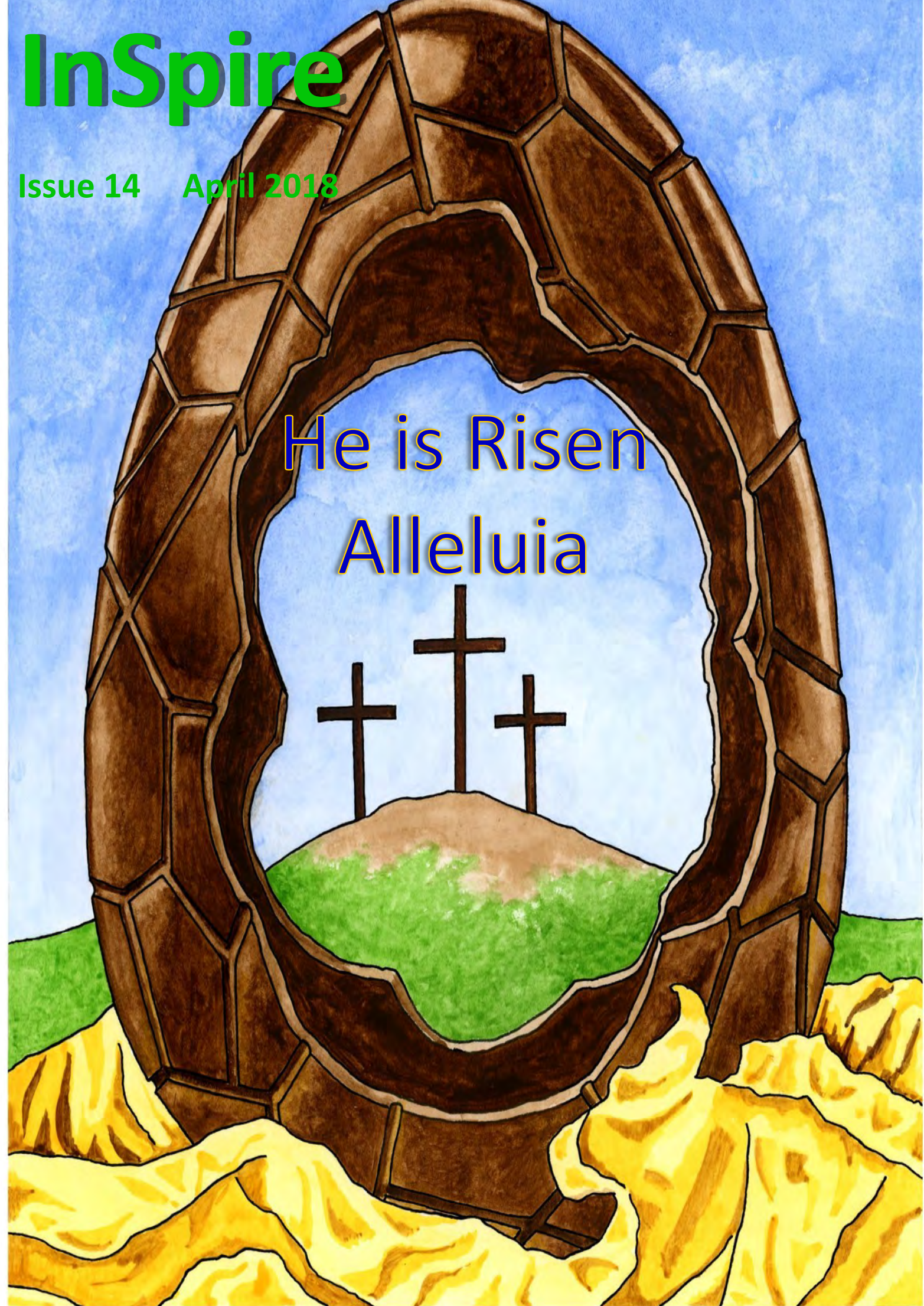


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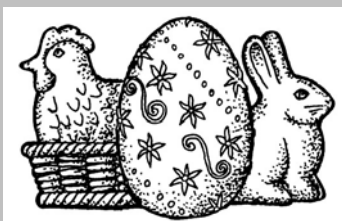
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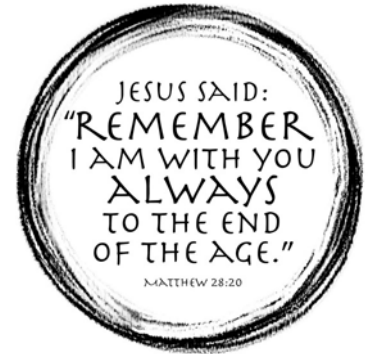
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of tea helpers for enabling this issue to be
produced.*

Dear all,

As I write this with the snow on the ground it hardly seems like Easter is nearly here and Spring has almost begun! However, Easter is approaching fast and when we do get the odd lovely warm day, it is a wonderful thing. By the time you read this we may even have celebrated the most important time of the Christian calendar. A time when we travel with the Lord Jesus to Jerusalem, continue with him through the Last Supper and accompanied him to the cross on Good Friday. And then the quietness and stillness of Easter Saturday as we await the joy of Easter morning when his disciples find the empty tomb and find him resurrected in a body which appears to show the marks of his wounding but nevertheless can appear and disappear at will. There are many ways of looking at Holy Week and the season of Easter and each year I find there is more and more to discover about the Easter events. Each event of Holy Week is a part of the Easter story and Easter will mean far more if you consider each one as they build up to the end of the week. What appeared to be a terrible tragedy for the disciples and the hopes and dreams they invested in this amazing man Jesus, was transformed into something far more crazy and simply incredible than they had ever seen before. Disappointment and sorrow that they would no longer see their Lord and Master, dissipated as Jesus demonstrated that as he foretold many times to his disciples, after three days he would rise again, forging a new road through death and out the other side to a completely new life and a new type of body. It is hard to believe isn't it that this happened, but there are so many eyewitness accounts and things that happened after that first Sunday morning which simply could not have taken place had these events been untrue. Read the gospels for yourself and remind yourself of the Easter story. Try Mark's gospel, the first one believed to have been written, which gives you immediacy and fast pace through events. Or John's which is very spiritual and full of meaning, or Luke's which is carefully written... Until you have read the gospels you really won't know for sure whether to believe or not!



Well Easter is very much a time for new life and green shoots and so life in our two churches is developing well in all sorts of interesting ways. Ockley are about to begin a building project which will be providing a new kitchen area and a WC for the first time in its several hundred years history. This will be a great relief for many! These projects always take a while to gain funds and momentum but the Friends of Ockley Church have been working very hard to reach this point and we look forward to the new facilities and wish them well with it. Here at Capel, we have appointed a new architect to take us forward for our plans with the boundary wall, especially the part at the back of the churchyard which has fallen down. We look forward to finally being able to really move forward with this project and that of our main church building where new rainwater goods are needed to protect this ancient building.

At the end of this month we will be holding a joint service at St Margaret's Ockley as part of their weekend of art and craft where childrens and adults artworks will be displayed along with some beautiful quiltwork. Do look out for the notice advertising this later on in the magazine. At Capel, Café Church increases in popularity and along with Messy Church is fast becoming a staple part of our informal worship services. Do come along to Bob Cranham's Sunday Session where on behalf of our church Bob and his band provide an inspiring time of contemporary music, worship, thought and prayer. So let us look forward now to some warmer weather and the first leaves of Spring, never forgetting who it is who created this natural world for us. In the meantime may I wish you a happy Easter and Easter joy in these longer days. As we say on Easter day – Allelujah. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Allelujah!

Yours as ever and with all love and blessings,

Revd Liz





Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mt 21:12-16, Mk 11:15-18, Lk 19:45-48

When Jesus reached Jerusalem he went to the Temple, built as a place where everyone could worship God, but with restrictions...

Plan of the Temple	Restrictions	Visitors had to change their money to shekels	They had to buy special animals to sacrifice...
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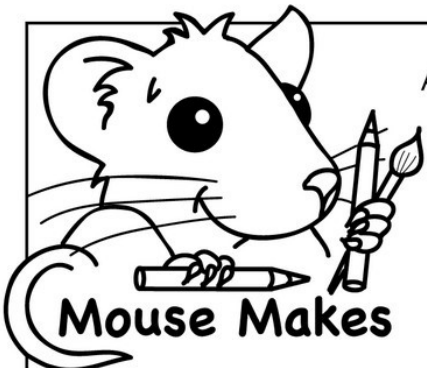
and the stalls filled the only place that non-Jews could come to worship God	The chief priests had no problem with this...	but it made Jesus very angry...

so he drove them out

This should be a place of prayer but you have made it into a den of thieves * * Isaiah 56:7, Jeremiah 7:11

Hosanna!

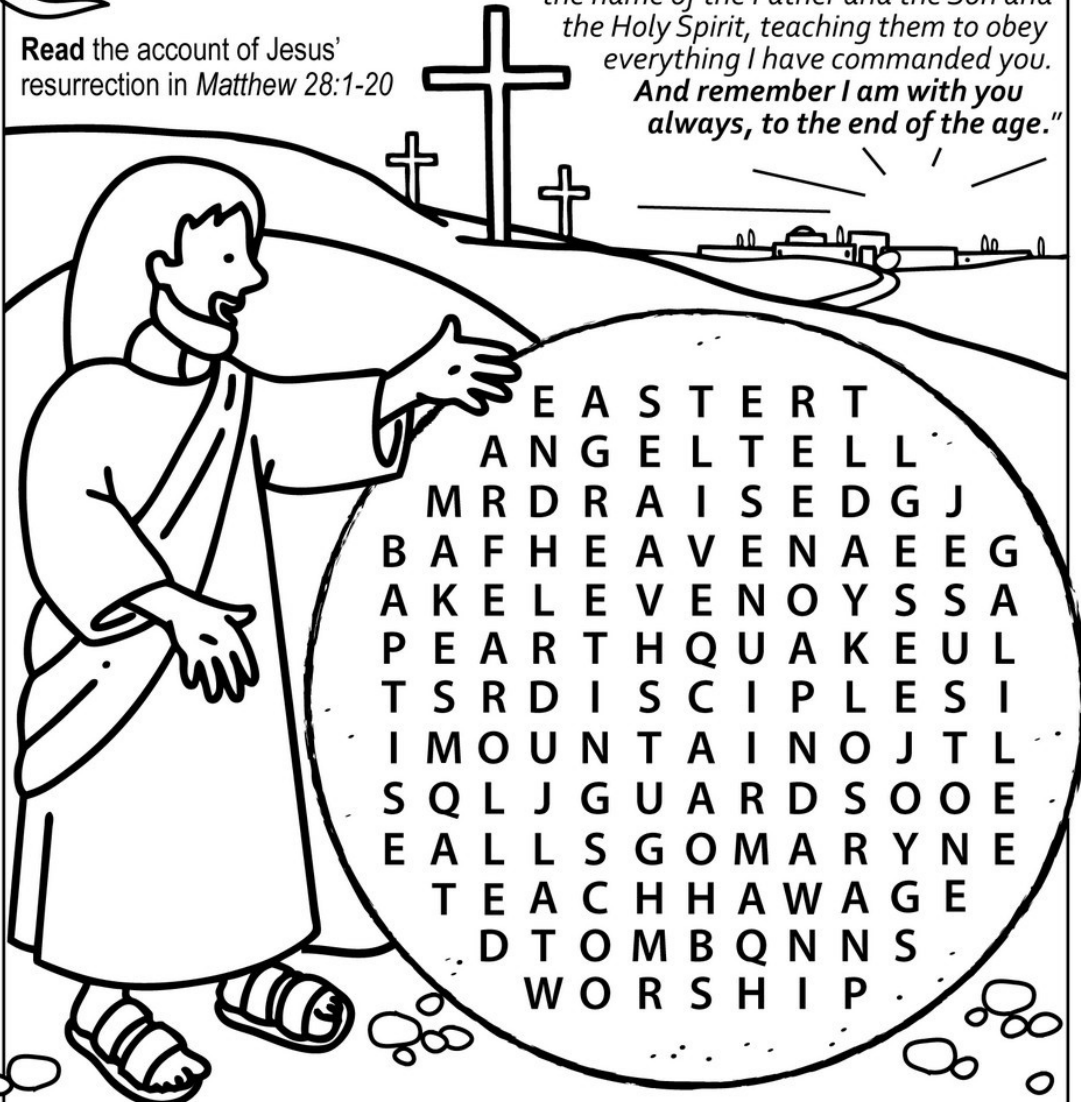
He is upsetting everything. We must have him killed. But the crowds love him - we must do it secretly.



Mouse Makes

Read the account of Jesus' resurrection in *Matthew 28:1-20*

JESUS IS ALIVE!
 After Jesus had been raised from the dead He met Mary and Mary Magdalene "Greetings," He said, "Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee. They will see me there."
 When the disciples met Jesus in Galilee He said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. **And remember I am with you always, to the end of the age."**



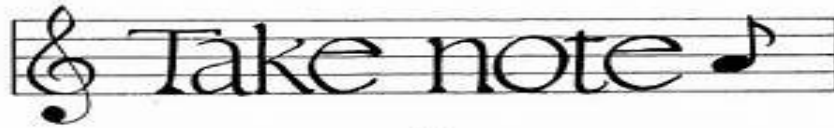
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Happy Easter to all our young readers! We hope you will be able to join us for the Easter egg hunts on Easter Sunday!

Ockley 9.00 am service followed by Easter egg hunt
 Capel 10.30 am service followed by Easter egg hunt.



The Pavilion Café at Ockley

This community cafe is held at the cricket pavilion in Ockley and opens each Wednesday from 9.00 am—12 noon.

Do pop in for delicious homemade cakes, freshly brewed coffee and a range of teas!

We hope to see you there!



Coffee Fellowship

Mental Health Peer Support Group

New Peer Support Group for anyone facing depression or similar mental health concerns in Guildford, every Wednesday evening, 7.30 – 9pm, at The Spike Community Centre, Warren Road (next to St Luke's Surgery and St Luke's Square), Guildford, GU1 3JH. Hosted by PeerTalk, a charity underpinned by the Methodist Church, it offers a friendly and confidential space to share and be heard. No need to book. Just come along. More info at www.peertalk.org.uk/index.php/support-groups Starts on Wed 7 Feb and weekly thereafter.

T.L.C. Teas @ Ockley Village Hall

TLC meets monthly for a friendly afternoon chat, scrumptious teas and lots of Tender Loving Care.

Normally held on the THIRD Monday of every month.

3.00—4.30 pm
in Ockley Village Hall

Our aim is to provide a happy and relaxed atmosphere for those who just want to meet together.

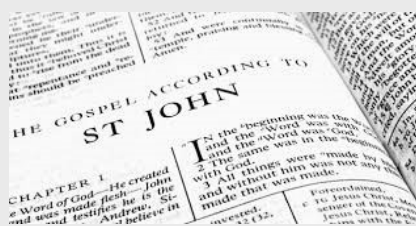
For further details contact: Judie on 01306 888456 or email: thoroldfuters@aol.com

HOUSE GROUP starting again

Dik will be leading the group and we will probably be studying St John's Gospel. We would love to see you there! Any questions, please speak to Dik Hoogmoed. Thank you.

- April 30th: 8.00 pm at Dik & Dineke's
- June 4th: 8.00pm at Marion's

For further details contact Dik Hoogmoed on dhoogmoe@gmail.com



Lent-a-Clean Thank you!

Our thanks to Andrew Forsyth for organising this annual extra deep clean of our church in Capel. Also a huge thank you to those of you who kindly turned up with your cleaning items in hand to join in! The church looks lovely and we are very grateful to you all!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
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Stuart Cole's Half Marathon in aid of The Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDA)

As many of you know, Stuart set out to raise £500.00 for the MNDA in memory of his father-in-law Colin White (father of Suzanne, InSpire's Editor). He took on the challenge of a half marathon (13 miles) and although he's run regularly over the last 40 years, this was the first long distance one and at 60 years of age, no mean feat! He crossed the finishing line at 2 hours 13 minutes which is a good result! So far he has raised just under £3,500 for The Colin White Tribute Fund for MNDA. People's support and generosity has astounded both Stuart and Suzanne and they are hugely grateful. This amount will either help support families currently dealing with MND or pay for valuable research into what causes the disease and ultimately try and find a cure.

Thank you to everyone who kindly supported Stuart on his way!

OLIVER'S WISH SPONSORED MARATHONS

Anna and Rob Dowling are raising money for their charity **Oliver's Wish** in memory of their son Oliver. *We have a jar in church for donations.* It seems we have a lot of marathon runners at the moment and I'm sure we wish them every success! For more details of their charity and all it's fund-raising events go to



<http://www.oliverwish.org.uk>

St Margaret's Bible Study Group

Held every fortnight on a Thursday at 2.00 pm at Gill Christie's house 'Elderslie'. The Editor does not have the full address so please would you call Gill on 01306 711917 for more details.



The open baptism policy worked, up to a point...

Kindred Spirits Women's Ministry warmly invite you to



Women's Breakfasts 2018

Saturday 2nd June
Saturday 4th August
Saturday 3rd November

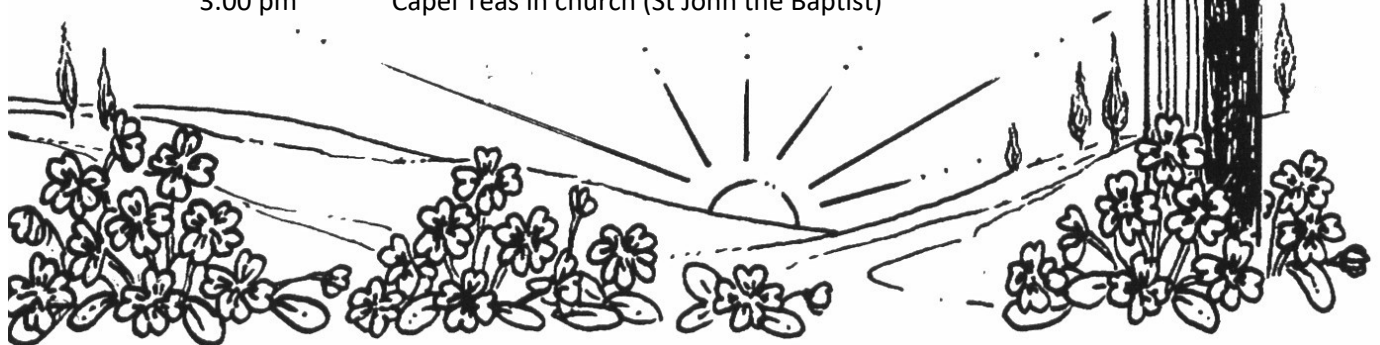
All starting at 8.45am in the Cricket Pavilion, Ockley.

APRIL

SUNDAY	1ST 9.00 am 10.30 am 3.00 pm	<u>EASTER SUNDAY</u> Easter Day Family Communion (Ockley) followed by churchyard Easter egg hunt! Easter Day Family Communion (Capel) followed by churchyard Easter egg hunt! Capel Teas in church (St John the Baptist)
MONDAY	2nd 3.00 pm	<u>EASTER MONDAY</u> Capel Teas in church (St John the Baptist)
SUNDAY	8th 9.00 am 10.30 am	<u>Second Sunday of Easter</u> Matins at St Margaret's Ockley Café Church (Capel)
SUNDAY	15th 9.00 am 10.30 am 3.00 pm	<u>Third Sunday of Easter</u> Holy Communion CW (Ockley) Family Communion (Capel) Capel Teas in church (St John the Baptist)
TUESDAY	17th 3.15pm <i>onwards</i>	Messy Church Capel Village Memorial Hall
SUNDAY	22nd 8.00 am 9.00 am 10.30 am 6.00 pm	<u>Fourth Sunday of Easter</u> Holy Communion BCP (Capel) Matins at St Margaret's Ockley Family Communion (Capel) Sunday Sessions (Capel Parish Hall)
SUNDAY	29th 10.30 am	<u>Fifth Sunday of Easter</u> Joint Service of Family Communion at Ockley

MAY

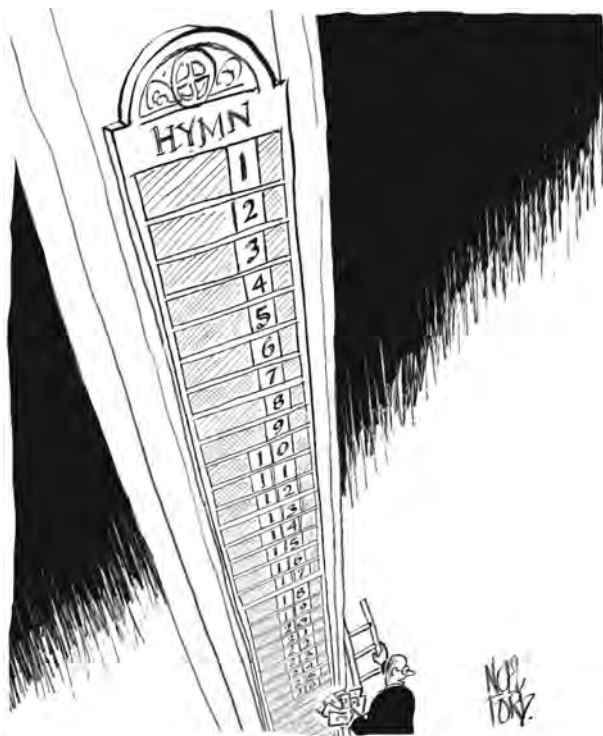
SUNDAY	6th 8.00 am 9.00 am 10.30 am 3.00 pm	<u>Sixth Sunday of Easter</u> Holy Communion BCP (Capel) Matins at St Margaret's Ockley Annual Pet Service (Capel) Capel Teas in church (St John the Baptist)
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Dear Readers,

Happy Easter to you all! I wish you all the joy of the season and Easter Blessings on this most holy of weekends. This will be the first Sunday that Rev Liz will have had to endure TWO easter egg hunts on Easter Sunday—firstly one at Ockley and then another at Capel! I have to say it does conjure up wonderful memories of laughing out loud at a Vicar of Dibley episode with Dawn French having to ‘enjoy’ several Christmas dinners in her parish as she had received so many kind invitations!

I hope the weather improves a bit for the children to enjoy their Easter holidays. When the weather is good at this time of year, there is so much to enjoy in God’s creation as it all ‘springs’ back to life once more. It is my favourite time of year as I love the freshness of the lime green leaves as they unfurl and the beauty of the primroses in the hedgerows, together with the gloriously cheerful daffodil displays and beautiful crocuses. And we still have the wonder of the bluebells to come too! They have been stridently pushing their way up through the soil which has been waterlogged and frozen for the last couple of months. I’m enjoying noticing all this again daily now that we have another dog to walk every day. You do see daily and weekly changes and it never ceases to astound me. Personally, I cannot see how anyone can look at the Glory of spring which never fails to arrive like clockwork every year, and not believe there is a magnificent creator behind it. The crafting of the beautiful flowers with such detail cannot be random in my eyes!



"Are you sure the Guinness Book Of Records people will turn up, Vicar?"

Talking of beauty, we have a new and exciting venture planned. A small committee of us are planning a **Calendar for 2019 for our newly united Parishes of Capel and Ockley**. We want to celebrate the beauty of our villages—both their flora and fauna and village life and events. We have therefore launched a photographic competition (more details in this magazine) and are inviting everyone to submit a photo that they feel captures something about our villages. This is an exciting venture and if anyone has any expertise in producing a calendar before please do let us know! This is a first for most of us, apart from producing our own ones with online packages to give as Christmas presents! We are all excited about this new challenge and venture and hoping it will be available by October so that people can buy copies as Christmas presents. The unifying of our beautiful and ancient churches, together with the fellowship of the congregations within, brings about times of change but times to celebrate our similarities with our communities and villages which are bathed in such beautiful surroundings. Now that is something surely worth celebrating? So ‘happy snapping’ to one and all and we look forward to seeing your submitted photos in due course!

With my best wishes *Suzanne*

Good likeness

Some children were asked: ‘What do you think of Jesus?’
‘Jesus,’ said one little boy, ‘is the best photograph God ever had taken.’

Editor: Our sincere thanks to Capel Church Teas for sponsoring this April issue of InSpire. Over the last 20 years, the Church teas have raised thousands of pounds to help fund repairs for our church. Joy Harman and her wonderful team of helpers give up so many hours to produce so many wonderful edible delights for us to eat and a wonderful friendly atmosphere that has gained a well deserved reputation amongst local people and cyclists and walkers from afar who find themselves in Capel on a Church teas day! So do please help at the teas if you can and come and enjoy their wonderful refreshments as many times as you can this year!

All teas are from 3.00—5.00 pm.

DATE

1st April	Easter Day
2nd April	Easter Monday
15th April	Sunday
6th May	Sunday
7th May	Monday Mayday Bank Holiday
27th May	Sunday
28th May	Monday Spring Holiday
10th June	Sunday
23rd June	Saturday—to be found at the Capel Vicarage Fete
1st July	Sunday
15th July	Sunday
29th July	Sunday
12th August	Sunday
26th August	Sunday
27th August	Monday late Summer Bank Holiday
9th September	Sunday
23rd September	Sunday
7th October	Harvest Sunday
21st October	Sunday
4th November	All Souls 4.00—5.00 pm
18th November	Sunday
25th November	Sunday (plus Soup lunch from 12.30pm)



InSpire - One month left to sponsor for 2018!

Can you help sponsor the December 2018 issue?

We are delighted to report that the only month that is now available for sponsorship in 2018 is **December**. All the other months are now accounted for this year for which we are very thankful!

In return for your sponsorship, if you would like a special mention of a loved one or special occasion, please do let us know. *However, It can remain anonymous if you prefer.*

The approximate cost of the current format is £58.00 per month.

If you have any queries about sponsorship please call either Rev Liz on 01306 711260, Suzanne Cole, Editor on 01306 711449 or Debbie von Bergen, our Treasurer on 07774 784008.

Prayers for our communities

We pray for all in our United Parish of Capel and Ockley. We give thanks to God for our unification. We thank God for bringing us together for the Palm Sunday celebrations for the first time as we entered Holy Week. We pray for the launch of our Parish calendar photographic competition that it will inspire local people to want to enter and feel proud of the communities in which they live.

We give thanks for the volunteers who help in our churches in any way. For the recent cleaning party on a Saturday at Capel, for the PCC which now represents our two churches as a united Parish, for Rev Liz as she begins her new Ministry tending to the needs of both congregations. We pray that we will support her in any way we can.

We pray for the children and teachers about to enjoy the Easter break, that they may return refreshed.

We pray for all who are unwell in our Parish, particularly any who are known to us or that ask for our prayers. Please be with them in their times of pain, anxiety and loneliness. We think of Chris and Gwyneth as we see them less in church. We remember Pat Wombwell as she begins another course of radiotherapy and we pray that the pain she is suffering will ease. We pray for Paula Salton that she will continue recovering well now that she is back at home.

We remember all who have died recently including Helen Burridge and John Barnes and remember their families and friends as they mourn their loss. We also remember any whose anniversary falls at this time.

Finally, we pray for all who have come into our churches and made prayer requests. We bring their prayers to you dear Lord.

Amen



Lord God,
 You loved this world so much,
 That you gave your one and only Son,
 That we might be called your children too.
 Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace
 Of Easter Sunday, everyday.
 Let us have hearts of thankfulness
 For your sacrifice.
 Let us have eyes that look upon
 Your grace and rejoice in our salvation.
 Help us to walk in that mighty grace
 And tell your good news to the world.
 All for your glory do we pray, Lord,
 Amen.

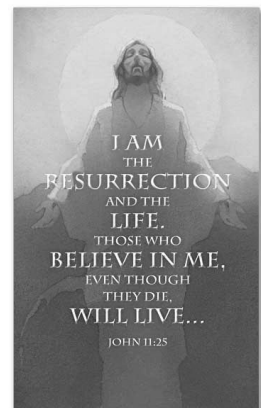
Source: <https://www.ibelieve.com/faith/8-prayers-to-pray-each-day-of-holy-week.htm>

Anglican Prayer for Easter Sunday

Almighty God, who through your only begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Halleluia!
 Jesus is risen!
 He is risen indeed!
 May this declaration
 resound not only in these
 walls
 but touch the lives
 of all we meet
 and forever be
 the truth of which we speak.
 Your love,
 once sown within a garden,
 tended for your own people,
 neglected and rejected,
 now spreads its sweet perfume
 in this place
 and wherever it is shown.
 Halleluia!
 Jesus is risen!
 He is risen indeed!

Source:
<http://www.faithandworship.com/>



Rev Liz has received the following letter asking if we could help the charity Kids for Kids in any way?

Children in Darfur need Help Now!

Dear Rev Richardson,

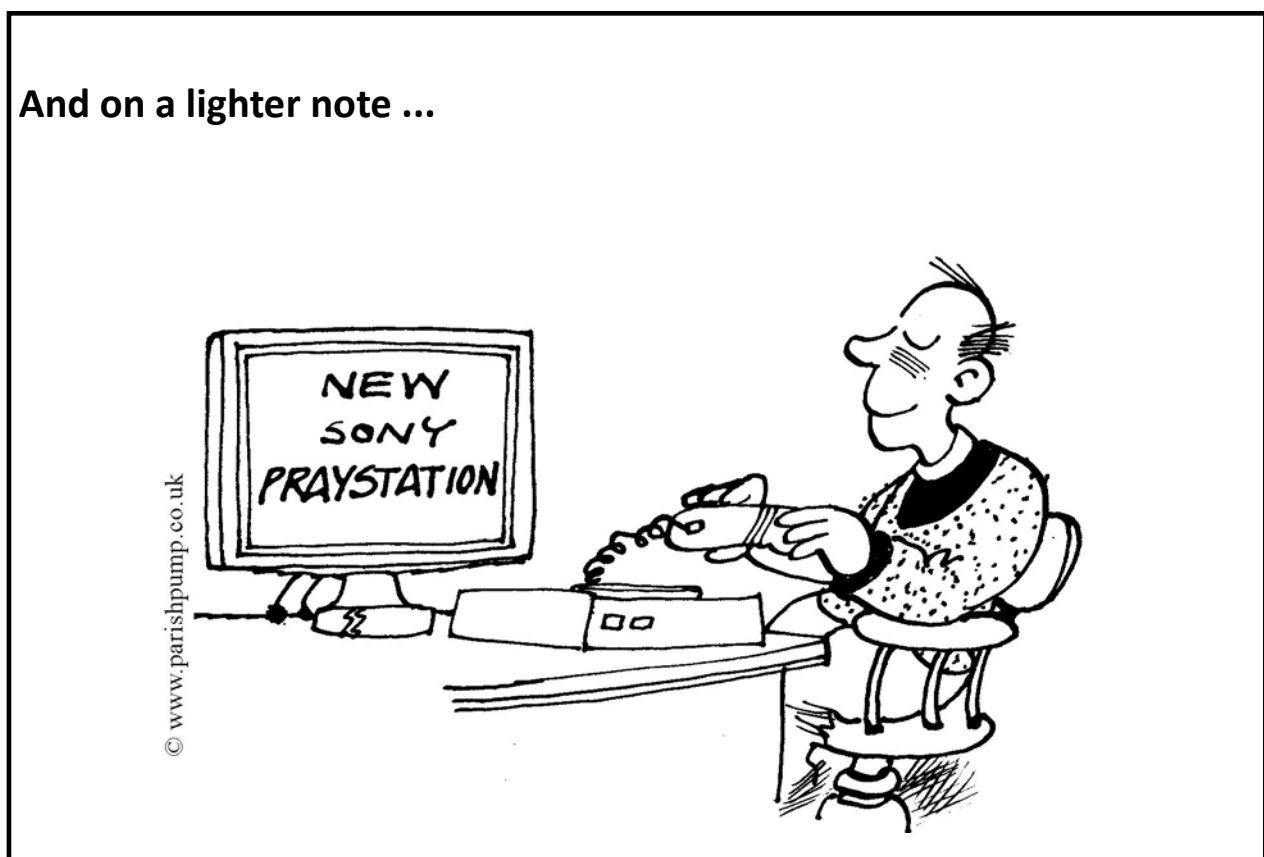
As we approach Easter I wanted to reach out to let you know about the current situation in Darfur, Sudan. Once a priority, it is now forgotten, and the absence of reports from the region has meant that no one knows about the conditions in which children are living. Yet most are living lives off the scale in deprivation and they desperately need – and deserve - help.

Kids for Kids Charity is the only organisation created specifically to provide sustainable help for the children in Darfur. We have launched an appeal to raise funds for emergency seeds, plus fodder for people's animals, in addition to bringing our package of help to new villages. I am wondering if you might be able to please help in some way? Might there be an opportunity for a fundraising event, or other ways that the community of St John and St Margaret's could support Kids for Kids? Even a simple Sunday collection would help us make a difference.

If you could please get in touch with me via email I would be able to send you some more information about Kids for Kids.

I hope to hear from you soon and that you can help in some way!

Many thanks,
Sage Lancaster





NEWSLETTER March 2018 The Passion of Jesus

It's time for the Passion of Jesus (30 March in Trafalgar Square and 31 March in Guildford). Our adverts are up on the Tube! Please email us if you can help as a volunteer on either day, we need as many as possible. For Trafalgar Square please arrive 45 minutes early to ensure you get a good position and if you can't make it to the Square you can watch on Live Stream with friends or in your church by going to our Facebook page. Follow us on Social Media!

Volunteer Coffee Morning at Wintershall – Come and join the team!

On 9 May at 10:30 am, we will be holding a Volunteer coffee morning, inviting new and existing volunteers to get to know us and each other better over coffee and cake. There are so many ways you can get involved so please come, bring your friends too. Please email admin@wintershall-estate.com if you can make it.

Lambing Time It's lambing time at Wintershall which is keeping our shepherd Charlie very busy.

Day of Prayer & Reflection at Wintershall

On 15th May, Father Anthony Meredith will host talks, prayers and a service from 10:30 am to 4 pm. Please email admin@wintershall-estate.com if you would like to be a part of it.

The Resurrection –

Easter Monday

Another event you may enjoy.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Passion of Jesus Trafalgar Square	30 March 2018
The Passion of Jesus Guildford	31 March 2018
The Life of Christ	19–23 June 2018
The Nativity	12–16 December 2018

All ticket purchases or donations help us to fund future productions such as the Good Friday Passion of Jesus play in Trafalgar Square which is absolutely free to all!

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Sidesman



Sidesman to newcomer at church door: "Good morning. How far down do you wish to sit?"

Baffled newcomer: "Well, all the way, of course."



What's The Big Idea?

As I am sure no one needs reminding, the Armistice Centenary is later this year, on November 11, which happens to coincide with Remembrance Sunday. The annual ceremony at the Cenotaph will conclude with an expanded march-past, with families of First World War veterans allowed to march past the Cenotaph to

commemorate the sacrifice of their loved ones, with an extra 10,000 places allocated to the relatives of those who died in the conflict. The service itself will follow traditional lines to respect its wider purpose of remembering the fallen of all conflicts.

During the day, church and other bells will ring out as they did in 1918 to mark the end of the First World War. UK Government funding is supporting the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers to recruit 1,400 ringers - the number of ringers who were lost in 1914-18 through the Big Ideas Company, an agency which develops and delivers projects for public participation.

The project '**Ringin Remembers**' <http://www.bellringing.org/ringinremembers/> seeks to honour those 1,400 bell ringers who died during the First World War. by recruiting 1,400 new bell ringers to join others across the nation in ringing on the centenary of the Armistice in November 2018.

By joining the project you will:-

- Be part of a unique nationwide project to honour the 1,400 bell ringers lost during the First World War
- Learn a new skill that is both a sport and an art, social, a mental exercise and good for focus and fitness
- Be part of a local community and connect with an ancient British tradition
- Have the opportunity to ring with others across the country on 11 November, marking the centenary of the Armistice.



If you would like to find out more go to www.bellringing.org/ringinremembers/ or contact me. Anyone is welcome to come along and have a go, under supervision, on a practice night at St Margaret's Ockley, Wednesday evenings, 7.45 to 9.15, but *please check first as we alternate with other towers in the area.*

For more details call Sue on 01306 627168 or email ockleybellringers@btinternet.com

Ringin for Peace
Armistice 100



This year as part of the reflection on Good Friday, Capel held a service of the chorales and words from Bach's St Matthew Passion.

Bach was born 1685 in Eisenach, Germany. He came from a musical family, and was employed by the age of 15 as a chorister and violinist. By the time he married his first wife, at the age of 18, he had added organist to his skills. We know him as a prolific composer, but during his lifetime he was better known as an organ builder and teacher and had less than 20 compositions published in his lifetime. He did find time to father a total of 20 children with his two wives, who in their spare time helped by copying out his scores.

In 1723 until his death he worked at St Thomas Leipzig where he was cantor (responsible for the church music) and he wrote two sets of cantatas for each Sunday of the year mostly based upon Lutheran chorales, such as "Wake, awake" or "How brightly beams the morning star."

**"Wake, awake, for night is flying,
the watchmen on the heights are crying;
"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"
Midnight hears the welcome voices
and at the thrilling cry rejoices:
"Where are the virgins pure and wise?
The Bridegroom comes: Awake!
Your lamps with gladness take!
Alleluia!
With bridal care and faith's bold prayer,
to meet the Bridegroom, come, prepare!"**

As early as the 5th century the passion narrative from the Gospels of John and Matthew were being used as chanted

**How brightly gleams the morning star!
What sudden radiance from afar
delights us with its shining?
God's glory breaks upon the night,
and fills our darkened souls with light,
who long for truth were pining!
Your word, Jesus,
truly feeds us, rightly leads us,
life bestowing.
Praise such mercy overflowing!**

texts during Holy Week. Seven centuries later these chants were recorded in musical notation. By the 18th century Bach wrote at least two, and possibly five, passion oratorios (no costumes, makeup, stage, scenery, or musicians acting) but with casts with roles. Passions were originally performed on Palm Sunday and as the crucifixion is the source of redemption the emphasis is on the suffering of Jesus rather than his resurrection. In Leipzig it was illegal to rewrite the Gospels, so Bach used the exact words in from the Gospels in his 1724 St John Passion, However,

later he used the text for the St Matthew Passion by Christian Friedrich Henrici (Picander), a poet also from Leipzig who used the passion sermons in Bach's library for reference. Song of Songs 6:1 is used in the opening aria and for the remainder of part 1 the text is taken from Matthew 26:1–56, part 2 uses Matthew 26:57–75 and Matthew 27:1–66. Bach being a Lutheran did not agree with saints so he named this later passion "the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the Gospel of Matthew". The narrator is the evangelist and tells the story of the crucifixion. Pilate, the High Priest, Judas all sing their part. The crowd speaks through the choruses, and there are two choirs, one representing "the Daughters of Zion" and the other "The Faithful". Jesus is also present and originally was only ever accompanied by orchestral strings whilst all other parts are accompanied by either the organ or other instruments.

The chorales would often have been sung in Bach's time by the congregation and are a reaction to or comment on the events that are taking place. The melodies and the words in many cases were reworks of existing music relatively well known at the time. The oldest chorale dates from 1525, and three were written by Paul Gerhardt and Bach reused some of his own compositions.

Despite using the same melody in five of the chorales he harmonizes them all differently (the best known is "O sacred head now wounded") in order to make the congregation feel part of the story.

It is not known when it was first performed, but is thought to be either on Good Friday 1727 or 1729 with a small number of musicians and probably no more than 20 singers. Despite being revised at least once it was rarely repeated during his lifetime. It was revived (as Bach was generally) by Felix Mendelssohn in 1829 in Berlin, but gained greater popularity in the second half of the 20th century. In every way it is a large scale work. It lasts almost 3 hours, and is often performed with a large orchestra and even larger choir.

**O sacred Head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Thine only crown.
O sacred Head, what glory,
What bliss, till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call Thee mine.**

In the 1740s, Bach began to go blind. He died of a stroke (after an unsuccessful eye operation) in 1750, at the age of 65, and is buried in an unmarked grave.

Written by Stuart Cole

Photographic Competition

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Prize for the best photo of village life!

The 12 best photos will be chosen to feature in the new

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Entries may show any aspect of village life from our beautiful flora and fauna to village festivals and events, in fact anything that celebrates our lovely villages.

Entries should be either emailed to the Parish Office:

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Alternatively, copies can be handed in to Ockley Parish office,
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All entries must have your name, address, phone number and the name of the month you think the photo would be appropriate for attached to them.

Closing dates: 28 July 2018* BUT should you wish to submit a photo of the Capel village & Classic car show for the ‘August 2019 page’ there will be a special extended deadline of 31 August 2018



Two local photos taken by the Editor in 2017

General Synod welcomes move towards communion with Methodist Church

The General Synod has recently welcomed a report containing proposals which could bring the Church of England and the Methodist Church in Great Britain into communion with each other.

Members backed a motion welcoming a joint report published last year, which sets out proposals on how clergy from each church could become eligible to serve in the other.

The report, 'Mission and Ministry in Covenant', which was co-written by the two churches' faith and order bodies, also sets out how the Methodist Church could come to have bishops in the historic episcopate.

The motion acknowledges that there is further work to do to clarify a number of areas, including how the proposals would be worked out in practice. It also calls on the Church of England's Faith and Order Commission to update Synod at its next group of sessions in July of this year on this work.

But an amendment to the motion speaks of "confident hope" that outstanding issues can be resolved quickly. Speaking during the debate the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby said: 'I want to support this motion very strongly indeed.'

'It seems to me that in voting for it we respond to the word of God in the scriptures where there is a clear command to unity in diversity and in responding to this paper positively we respond to the Spirit who is already working in both of our Churches bringing us together.'

The Bishop of Coventry, the Rt Revd Christopher Cocksworth, Chair of the Church of England's Faith and Order Commission, said the proposals would be a step towards 'healing a tragic division in the Church of England' when the two churches separated almost 200 years ago.

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, told Synod: 'A mute button must be switched off for the sake of the Kingdom of God and the urgent need to re-connect our two Church traditions with England. All has to do with God's Mission.'

The report builds on the theological convergence established by 'An Anglican-Methodist Covenant', signed in 2003, and the subsequent work of the Covenant's Joint Implementation Commission.

In 2014 the General Synod of the Church of England and the Methodist Conference mandated the faith and order bodies to bring forward proposals that would enable the interchangeability of ordained ministries in the two churches.

General Synod backs motion to tackle food waste

The Church of England's General Synod recently called upon the Government to tackle food poverty and take steps to minimise waste throughout the supply chain.

Members backed a motion brought by the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich outlining ways retailers and Church of England members can attempt to tackle food poverty in Britain. The motion calls for the Government to consider steps to reduce waste in the food supply chain. It also urges parishes to help lobby retailers on food waste.

The motion also stressed the need for church members to reduce waste in their own homes. Presenting the motion, the Revd Andrew Dotchin said: 'The figures on food waste in our nation are horrible.'

Although there is no official measure of food poverty in the UK, a recent United Nations survey found that in 2014, an estimated 8.4 million people in the UK were living in households with insufficient food.

The Revd Dotchin said: 'We must work not only with shops and the supply chain – and our thanks and support go to retailers who have already made a commitment to reducing food waste – but also work alongside the many charities and community groups who, with us, treasure the world and its people.'

Plastic Challenge not just for Lent

Those who gave up chocolate for Lent can now enjoy their Mars bars or flakes. The Lent Plastic Challenge created by the CofE's Environment Programme was given considerable coverage by the media, but giving up plastic just for Lent is really not on – we need to change our lifestyles and reduce the amount of plastic we use throughout the whole year.

The challenge's guide for each day is easily adaptable to use every day. This is something everyone can use and know it really can make a difference. Only one percent of the plastic in our oceans floats. Pictures of uninhabited islands which should be idyllic show huge amounts of plastic on their beaches. We can all do our bit to make the Lent challenge last the year round. Visit: http://www.churchcare.co.uk/images/Plastic_Free_Lent.pdf

Faith in Politics: new monthly podcast

'Faith in Politics' has been called an 'exciting' new podcast series that features guests discussing topics from current affairs that link in with faith, has been launched by the Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT).

The podcast is aimed at JPIT's existing supporters and activists, but aims to also appeal to a younger audience, thanks to their increased engagement with current affairs and politics, and the accessibility of social media and podcasts.

Those taking part in the podcasts are people who are living out a faith of some kind in public and political life. Guests will include the Co-Leader of the Green Party, Jonathan Bartley, Labour politicians, the Rt Hon Stephen Timms and Alan Milburn, and the Conservative politician and member of the House of Lords Baroness Sayeeda Warsi.

JPIT is supported by Baptists Together, the Church of Scotland, the Methodist Church, and the United Reformed Church. Visit: <http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/podcast/>

Follow him

God desires a unique destiny for your life, not a run-of-the-mill destination. There's no way to know where He intends to lead you, but there's one way to get there: follow where He leads and leave the rest to Him. *Anon.*

How passion flowers got their name

Why is the passion flower known as the passion flower? This beautiful climbing plant that grows in many of our gardens is not native to the UK, but comes from South America. It was first discovered by Spanish missionaries working there, centuries ago. Drawings were sent back to Europe, and in 1609 an Italian priest interpreted the flower to represent the crucifixion, otherwise known as the Passion.

He decided that the five petals and five sepals could represent the ten disciples who remained steadfast (Judas and Peter both abandoned Jesus). The corona could be seen as Jesus' crown of thorns. The stigma could be seen as the cross or nails, and the five stamens could be seen as the number of wounds Jesus received.



Praying for wheels

A boy was desperate for a bicycle, and his minister urged him to pray for one. A few days later he met the boy on the road, on a new bike, and so he congratulated him on his quick answer to prayer. 'So, will you keep praying?' the minister said encouragingly.



'Oh yes,' the boy replied, 'More than ever. You see, I stole the bike and now I'm praying for forgiveness, and also that I won't get caught.'

I hasten to add before anyone takes offence that the Editor falls in this category!

Some hymns for people over 50

Give Me the Old Timers' Religion
 Precious Lord, Take My Hand, And Help Me Up
 Just a Slower Walk with Thee
 Go Tell It on the Mountain, But Speak Up
 Nobody Knows the Trouble I Have Seeing
 Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah, I've Forgotten Where I've Parked the Car
 Count Your Many Birthdays, Count Them One By One
 Blessed Insurance
 It Is Well With My Soul, But My Knees Hurt
 Leave us, Heavenly Father, leave us

Billy Graham – a godly man with a simple message



Billy Graham, the renowned American evangelist, was remembered with great fondness by Christians the world over when news of his death was announced on Wednesday 21st February. He died peacefully in his sleep, aged 99.

Billy Graham leaves a unique legacy: he preached to more people in live audiences than anyone else in history – nearly 215 million of them, in 185 countries and territories. Hundreds of millions more were reached through television, video, film and webcasts.

Born William Franklin Graham on 7th November 1918, four days before the Armistice ended World War I, Billy Graham was reared on a dairy farm in Charlotte, N.C. He grew up during the Depression, working hard on the family farm.

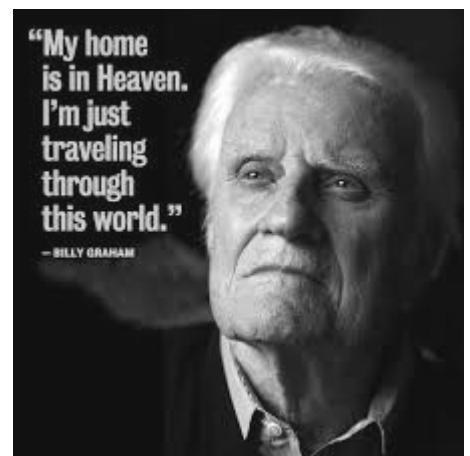
In late 1934, when he was 15, Billy Graham was converted to Christianity through the ministry of Mordecai Ham, a travelling evangelist, who visited Charlotte for a series of revival meetings. He was ordained in 1939 by Peniel Baptist Church in Palatka, Fla. (a church in the Southern Baptist Convention) and studied at Florida Bible Institute (now Trinity College of Florida) and Wheaton College Illinois, before going into the ministry. He also married a fellow student, Ruth McCue Bell, daughter of a missionary surgeon to China.

Billy Graham's gift of evangelistic preaching was evident early on, but it was the 1949 Los Angeles Crusade which vaulted him into the public eye. He astonished the churches and people of Los Angeles by drawing 350,000 people over eight weeks, and leading 3,000 of them to make decisions for Christ. In the nearly 60 years of ministry that followed, Billy Graham preached the gospel in nearly every corner of the world. His last 'crusade' was at Flushing Meadow in New York in 2005.

Many Christians in the UK can trace their own faith in God back to Billy Graham's crusade to Harringay in 1954, or Earls Court in 1966 or 1967, or to Mission England, in 1984, as well as other, shorter visits. Hundreds of men went for ordination because of his preaching.

Billy Graham's son, Franklin, writes: 'My father's journey of faith on earth has ended. He has been reunited with my mother and has stepped into the eternal joy of Heaven in the presence of his Saviour, in whom he placed his hope.'

For more details on Billy Graham's life, please visit www.billygraham.org.uk



Diary of a Momentous Year: April 1918: 'Stand firm and fight it out' April 1918 was possibly the last really low point in the War for the Allies. Casualties remained high – indeed, so high that it was felt necessary to extend conscription (compulsory military service) to all men up to the age of 50. There were setbacks on the Western Front, too. Another German operation, bizarrely named 'Georgette', was initially successful, pushing the front line back across the river Lys and capturing the towns of Armentieres and Merville.

Mind you, those names are evidence of how static this War had become, because they had been part of the battle zone almost throughout the war. By the end of the month, and at great cost, some of this territory was recaptured. Field Marshall Haig issued a rather desperate call in a 'Backs to the Wall' speech, calling on the troops to 'stand firm and fight it out'. There was at a high level a certain element of panic. Could the whole thing be lost after all those years of sacrifice?

Outwardly, Germany seemed surprisingly buoyant. They invaded Finland and had military gains in Russia, taking the city of Kharkov. Their Operation Michael in France had also had some success. No wonder the Secretary of State for War, Lord Derby, resigned, to be replaced by Lord Milner. British generals and politicians were apparently unaware that the morale of the German people was falling, as international trade collapsed and the cost of the war began to bite. In fact the 'Michael' campaign ended in defeat at the battle of Ancre. The pattern of the War hadn't really changed: gains and losses were simply part of the stalemate, and both sides were approaching exhaustion.

There was, however, one historic first for Britain in this month, the birth of the Royal Air Force. I had an uncle who was in the Royal Flying Corps, which, with the Royal Naval Air Service, was now amalgamated in one fighting force. As if to mark the birth of the RAF, the most outstanding German pilot of the war, Manfred von Richthausen – known as the 'Red Baron' – was shot down and killed over the Somme. In the aerial dog-fights which were now a feature of the war, he had shot down no less than eighty British planes.

On 18th April 1918 the first of the 50-year-old men were recruited. How long would they serve, people wondered? In fact, by the time they finished their training, the war would be over.

175 years ago, on 5th April 1843 that Hong Kong was proclaimed a British crown colony. (Hong Kong had been ceded to Britain in perpetuity in the Treaty of Nanking, signed in August 1842, at the end of the First Opium War.)

100 years ago, on 1st April 1918 that Britain's Royal Air Force (RAF) was founded when the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service merged (See special article above).

Also 100 years ago, on 16th April 1918 that Spike Milligan was born. This Indian-born Irish comedian and writer was a member of The Goons, known for his anarchic sense of absurdity.

80 years ago, on 9th April 1938 that the first football match was broadcast on television: Scotland beat England 1 – 0.

Also 70 years ago, on 7th April 1948 that The World Health Organisation (WHO) was founded.

50 years ago, on 3rd April 1968 that American Baptist minister and Afro-American civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his famous 'I've Been to the Mountaintop' speech at a rally in Memphis, Tennessee. It was his last ever speech, as he was assassinated next day, aged 39. Noted for his promotion of non-violent civil disobedience, including the march on Washington. In the days after his death there were race riots in dozens of major US cities.

Also 25 years ago, on 29th April 1993 that Queen Elizabeth 2 announced that Buckingham Palace would open to the public for the first time, to raise funds to repair fire damage at Windsor Castle. **Also 25 years ago**, on 30th April 1993 that Cern, the creators of the World Wide Web, announced that it could be used for free by anyone.

20 years ago, on 10th April 1998 that The Good Friday Agreement was signed in Northern Ireland.

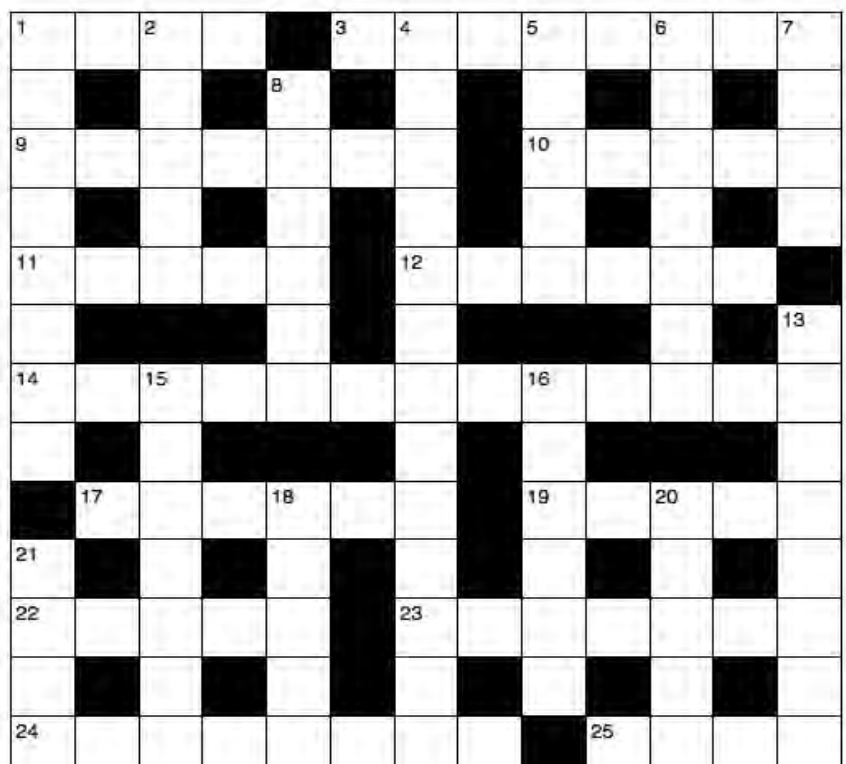
Puzzles

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)



Easter faith

Three years after the Russian Revolution of 1917, a great anti-God rally was arranged in Kiev. The powerful orator Bukharin was sent from Moscow, and for an hour he demolished the Christian faith with argument, abuse and ridicule. At the end there was silence.

Then a priest of the Russian Orthodox Church politely asked if he could speak. Bukharin shrugged and made way for him. The priest stood next to Bukharin, facing the people, and raised his arms. He spoke just three words: 'Christ is risen!'

At once the entire assembly rose to their feet and gave the joyful response, 'He is risen indeed!' It was a devastating moment for the atheist politician, who had no response to this ancient Easter liturgy. He had not realised he was simply too late: how can you convince people who have already experienced God, that He does not exist?

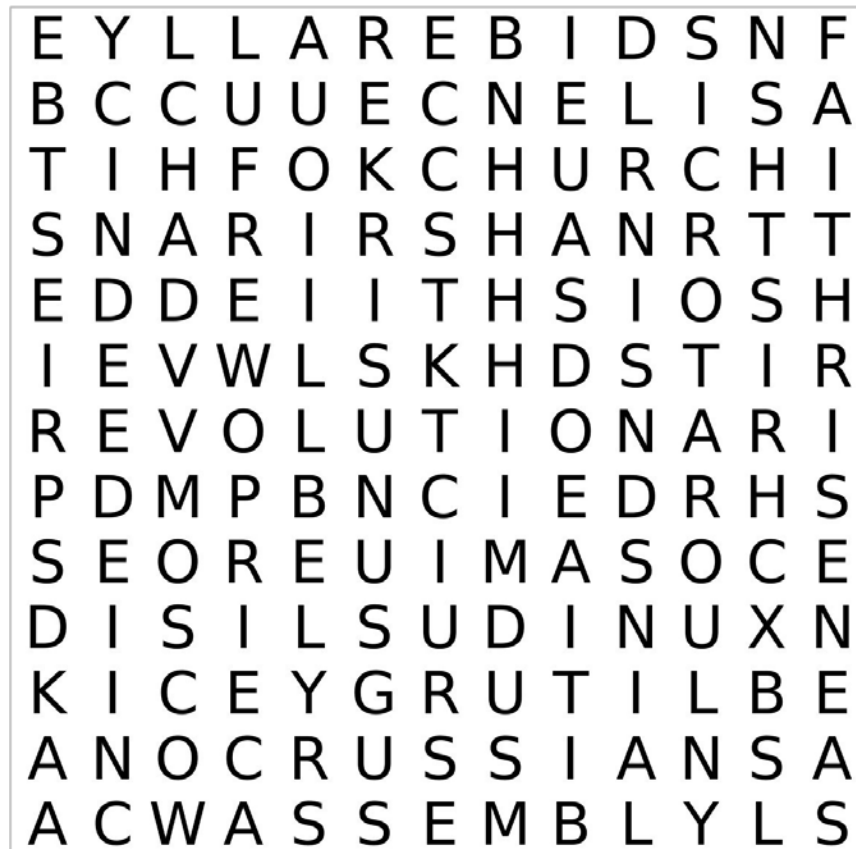
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