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Belmont Road Baptist Church, Carey Baptist Church and  
The Church of the Resurrection, Grovehill  
(Anglican/Free Church)

## THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS: WHOSE 'REAL WORLD' IS IT ANYWAY?

"You're not living in the real world." Such an accusation as this can be made when people's world views differ and where one deems another's to be implausible, not possible or unsustainable.

If I say such a thing, it can be an arrogant statement because it assumes that *my* views of the world and what is possible in the world, are advanced and sufficient and therefore, superior to *your* views.

Such an attitude may reveal that I limit what I think is possible in the world. It may mean I have accepted the status quo, stopped listening and learning and have given up on there being other possibilities.

It can also be an indication that I think some of your beliefs are too good to be true. Therefore, they cannot be true. In this case, "you're not living in the real world" can even carry a sense of envy at your belief and way of life and by contrast, dissatisfaction with my own lack of belief.

For many, the resurrection of Christ falls into this category of implausibility. It's too good to be true. The world isn't like that. The Gospel accounts suggest this was the initial reaction of Jesus' followers too; despite Jesus having spoken of it beforehand. Yet they came to believe, in one way or another, through an encounter with Jesus, that the resurrection is both good and true. As do we.

When writing about what is deemed by modern, pluralist society to be plausible; Lessie Newbigin<sup>1</sup> wrote that we have to see the resurrection as “a boundary event, at the point where (as cosmologists tell us) the laws of physics ceased to apply. It is the beginning of a new creation – as mysterious to human reason as the creation itself.”

He also wrote; “It has never at any time been possible to fit the resurrection of Jesus into any world view except a world view of which it is the basis.”<sup>2</sup>

This is why we frequently talk of becoming Christian as ‘conversion’. Whether this is a sudden or progressive process, our whole view of the world is changed when we encounter the risen Christ. We now live in and identify with a new ‘Real World,’ with a new set of realities and possibilities; God’s new, mysterious creation. In our new Real World, death is defeated, evil is overcome, life in all its fulness is God’s gift to us, should we accept the gift and live out its truth.

Christ is Risen. Make sure you encounter the Risen Christ, this Easter. It will make a whole Real World of difference.

Tim Keightley

<sup>1</sup> Lessie Newbigin: *The Gospel in a Pluralist Society* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1989)

<sup>2</sup> <https://quotefancy.com/lessie-newbigin-quotes>

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

### BELMONT ROAD

#### ***Preaching Plan for March***

All are welcome at the following services with the Sunday Club joining the first 5 to 10 minutes of the service. It is no longer necessary to wear face coverings unless you are sitting at the back of the church where face coverings must be worn and where windows will be kept open, so dress for outdoors if you plan to sit there. There are a number of blankets and throws available at the back of the church, please use if required. The service will also be available on Zoom. Coffee, tea,

squash and biscuits will be served in the hall where face coverings are no longer required. You may take your refreshments into the back part of the church if you prefer to be in an area where face coverings should be worn, except when seated for refreshments.

- 3rd April** Worship Service led by Kathy Williamson from Borehamwood
- 10th April** All Age Palm Sunday Messy Church Service led by our Minister, Tim Keightley
- 14th April** Maundy Thursday Communion meal led by our Minister, Tim Keightley
- 17th April** Maundy Thursday Communion meal led by our Minister, Tim Keightley
- 24th April** Communion Service led by Kathy Williamson from Borehamwood.

### ***Community links with Residents of Belmont Rd***

#### *Ukrainian Fundraiser*

On the weekend of 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> March Belmont Road church hosted a Fundraising event with the residents of Belmont Road for the plight of those in Ukraine. Over £3000 (including gift aid) was raised by the means of a bring and buy sale which included cakes, books, plants and home-made crafts. The JustGiving page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/belmontroad> is still open if you wish to contribute, the money is going to DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee) who are working to meet all immediate needs including food, water, protection and trauma care.

#### *Platinum Jubilee Street Party*

Belmont Rd church fellowship are joining together with the Residents of Belmont Rd to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee by hosting a Street Party on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2-5pm**. The top end of Belmont Rd will be closed to traffic and the Church grounds will be the focal point of the festivities. These festivities will include games, fancy dress, bake off, treasure hunt, cream tea, quiz and face painting. If you wish to be involved in the organising of any part of the event please speak to Tim or Hazel.

### *Easter Prayer Garden*

The prayer garden in the grounds of Belmont Road Church will once again be open this Easter. You will find on the patio at the hall entrance a number of beautifully painted stones depicting scenes from the Easter story, for which we give a huge thank you to Alan Marshal and Peter Balding.

There are also 12 mini notice boards hidden around the grounds each with a 'word' written on them. Find all 12 and arrange the words to make a Bible verse. If you wish to be entered into a draw for an Easter Egg, post your Bible verse on the on-line form via our Website or pick up a paper form from your organisation leader.

### ***Lunch Club***

Our Lunch Club meets on a **Wednesday between 12 noon and 2pm**. Come and join them for a nutritious meal amongst good company. If you are age 60+ then you are very welcome to come and give them a try. Contact Sandra on 07341 254977 to book your place. On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April the Lunch Club will be celebrating its 25th anniversary.

<b>CAREY</b>
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### ***Sunday worship***

We are continuing to meet at the church and on Zoom. You can also listen to edited recordings of the service on our website, usually available by Sunday evening. You can use your discretion about whether to wear a mask during Sunday worship, but please continue to observe social distancing. If possible, please continue to do a lateral flow test before you come and bear in mind that the infection rate is still very high. Refreshments are served in the hall after the service and offers of help with the rota to prepare these would still be welcome (contact Judy on 01442 216387).

### ***Colin's Annual Leave***

Colin will be on Annual Leave from **18th-24th April**. Details of pastoral cover will be in the weekly newsletter.

### ***Creche***

Please contact Judy (as above) if you can help with the Creche during April. It will be open to children up to 6 or so until we start the new Junior Church group for those three and over on 1<sup>st</sup> May.

### ***Prayer meetings***

The **Wednesday** evening Prayer Meeting at **8.00pm** is now being held in person at the church and also on Zoom. Please contact Obed for a Zoom invitation. The Thursday evening meeting continues at **7.30pm at Joan's house**.

### ***Bible Studies***

**The Monday Morning Group** will be holding the last of its series of meetings on Zoom on 4<sup>th</sup> April from **10.30am – 12 noon**. Please contact Gill or Hilary for more details.

### ***Zoom coffee mornings***

These weekly get-togethers will resume on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April with Tamzin hosting (time to be confirmed). Please let her or Hilary know if you would like an invitation.

### ***Baby and Toddler Group***

Our Baby and Toddler Group Leader, Olivia, has been appointed as Deputy Manager of a local Nursery. Everyone at Carey would like to thank her for all she has brought to the group, which she led with care and professionalism during a difficult period, overshadowed by Covid. We wish her well in her new work. The group will re-start after Easter on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April from 1.00-2.45pm. More volunteers are needed to help out from then until 15<sup>th</sup> July**. Please speak to Colin, Gill or Hilary if you can help. Please see the Facebook page for more details about the group, but there is no longer any need to book in advance - <https://m.facebook.com/careybabytoddlergroup>

### ***Carey Hymn Café***

The Carey Hymn Café will be open again on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April from 2.30-4.00pm** in the Memorial Hall for

- \* tea /coffee and cake
- \* fellowship with friends old and new
- \* an opportunity to sing favourite traditional hymns

All welcome – bring your friends. Please contact Hilary Donovan (258268) with requests for transport or if you could help with transport or make cakes. Requests for hymns would also be welcome – please speak to Robert or Gill. (Please note that there is no parking available at the side of the church on weekday afternoons, but the paved area outside the Memorial Hall can be used as a drop-off point.)

## **Walks**

We hope to start our walks again soon – look out for details in the weekly newsletter. These may also be an opportunity to do some litter-picking!

## **BMS Mission Partners**

Peter and Louise, our Mission Partners in Bangladesh, arrived back in Bangladesh on 9<sup>th</sup> March after a delay in their departure date. They emailed on 19<sup>th</sup> March saying: 'We already feel immersed in life here again and we begin travelling, training, preaching and teaching again from Wednesday onwards. It looks like we will be full on now right up until Easter. Our later than planned for return means that we are trying to squeeze some things into an already full schedule, so please pray for us as we prioritise and plan. Thank you so much for praying for Bangladesh, praying for the work of the gospel and praying for us.'

## **GROVEHILL**

For all Zoom events, please send an email to: [revaustin@sky.com](mailto:revaustin@sky.com) to receive an invite.

**Sundays 11.00am** - Communion Service and Junior Church in Church and on Facebook 'Grovehill Church of the Resurrection - The Church behind the Chippy' page. (Services can also be found on the 'Grovehill Church of the Resurrection' YouTube Channel.) **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday** of the month 3.30pm Causeway Church (*see below*)

- **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays** of the month 6.00-7.00pm Hard COR Youth Group (10 to 14 year olds) in church
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** of the month 6.00-7.00pm Digging Deeper Bible Youth Group in church (10-14 year-olds)
- **Monday-Friday 9.00am** – Morning Prayer on Zoom
- **Mondays 9am to 12noon** - Church open for private prayer
- **Mondays 1.30pm** - Sticky Fingers - Craft, chat, drinks, toys and Toddler Church in the Church Hall
- **Monday-Friday 9.30pm** - Night Prayer on Zoom
- **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays** - 'Men's Bible Chat Group' on Zoom. Contact [revaustin@sky.com](mailto:revaustin@sky.com) for details.
- **Wednesdays 12 noon** - Ladies Bible Study on Zoom

- **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays** – 2.00pm ‘Just a thought’ Bible Study Group
- **Saturday mornings** – ‘Drinks and Dunkables’ - 10.00am to 12noon Refreshments in the Church Hall

### ***Causeway Church***

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 3.30pm** - Causeway Church in Church (unless Covid prevents) Call Rev Austin in advance 01442 270585. If you know of any young people (16+) or adults with additional needs who might be interested, please let them and their helpers know about this – they will be very welcome.

### ***Messy Church***

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 1.30pm** MESSY CHURCH (Pre booked places by 3rd April - email [revaustin@sky.com](mailto:revaustin@sky.com))

**Tuesday - Friday 9.30am Messy Zooms** with craft packs for home - same booking procedure

### ***Holy Week and Easter Services***

(see April Diary – page 19)

### ***Fund-raising Event***

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> - 12 noon to 2.00 pm** - Fund-raising Event for CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young) in Grovehill Community Centre

### ***AGM/APCM***

Sunday 24th April - after morning service - AGM/APCM in Church and on Zoom. Email [revaustin@sky.com](mailto:revaustin@sky.com) for an invite

## **CHURCHES TOGETHER NEWS**

### ***Prayer Calendar for April***

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>** Belmont Road Baptist Church

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the preparations for the Good Friday Act of Witness

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>** Easter Day – all Christians celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>** Our Member of Parliament and Dacorum Council and Councillors

### ***Lent Course***

The last of the sessions, following a study course produced by UPSG on the theme of ‘Exploring Ecological Justice’ will be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 1.30pm at the Church of the Resurrection, Grovehill.

## ***Good Friday Act of Witness***

The Churches Together Act of Witness on Good Friday (15<sup>th</sup> April) is going to be rather different this year. We will not be walking together, but meeting at the Market Square in the town centre at 10.45am for a short service which will start at 11.00 am. The theme: 'The Rubbish Cross?' links care for our environment with the Good Friday focus of redemption. Churches are asked to bring bags of clean recycling (no glass or food). We will be filling seven 24 inch cubed metal cages, which will be assembled into a cross of rubbish, which, in the service, will be used as the act of repentance and devotion and promise of restoration.



## **BAPTIST ASSEMBLY BOURNEMOUTH AND ONLINE - 13<sup>TH</sup>-15<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

### ***Baptist Assembly Tickets***

There is still time to book your tickets to take advantage of 20% discount off your ticket price. If you purchase a second ticket of the same ticket type, e.g. 2 weekend tickets, you will receive 30% off this and subsequent tickets. Discount runs until Easter.

**Other ticket options now available - [visit our website to check out the choice of tickets](#)**

### ***BBC Songs of Praise***

We are delighted to announce that BBC Songs of Praise will be filming through the day on Saturday at Assembly for an episode dedicated to Baptists Together to be broadcast on 26 June 2022. They want the programme to be a celebration of who we are. We hope you will want to join us at Assembly and be part of this opportunity to talk to their 1 million viewers.

Their focus will be on informal interviews and gathering background footage from the stage and those attending. On the day it will be made



clear where filming is taking place. Should you or those you are with not want to appear you will be able to inform us on the day.

## DENS/FOODBANK NEWS

### ***Foodbank***

We have a good supply of many food, hygiene and household items, however there are some specific items that we are in need of. Please see our **High Needs List** below:

**Food:** Tinned vegetables, Instant mash, Jams and spreads, Custard/Tinned rice pudding, Sponge puddings/jelly, Tinned fruit, Long life milk, Cooking oil, Sugar

**Kitchen and hygiene items:** Nappies/pull-ups (sizes 4+, 5, 5+), Sanitary towels/panty liners, shower gel/Washing up Liquid (small), Liquid hand soap, Deodorants (male/female), Cleaning sprays

### **Please note that:**

- We do not accept furniture
- We currently are not taking any clothes, shoes and accessories

### **Thank you for your support**

Donations can be dropped off at our **Foodbank at Dacre House**

**Monday-Friday 10am-1pm**

Tel: 01442 250969

Email: [office@dacorumfoodbank.org.uk](mailto:office@dacorumfoodbank.org.uk)

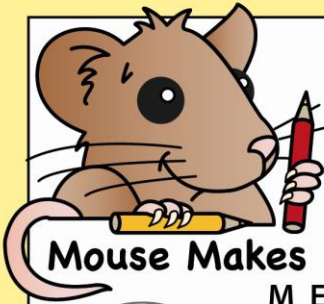
[www.dens.org.uk](http://www.dens.org.uk)

Charity No: 1097185

### ***Hemel Hillbuster – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April***

Get ready for an action-packed day of riding at the return of our legendary Hemel Hillbuster cycling challenge!

Run in association with British Cycling, our choice of either 25k, 60k or 100k sportive challenges take you over rolling Chiltern Hills and the beautiful Hertfordshire and Buckinghamshire countryside. Put your strength to the test by taking on one of the top 100 UK Hill Climb Challenges at Whiteleaf. Finally, speed across the finish line and celebrate with a beer and burger at Gadebridge Park knowing that you have made a big difference to those who are facing homelessness, poverty and social exclusion. Register online at [www.dens.org.uk](http://www.dens.org.uk)



**Mouse Makes**

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



What did Jesus send the disciples to find?

What did the crowd do?

**Read**  
 Matthew 21:1-11

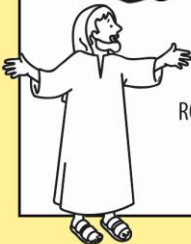
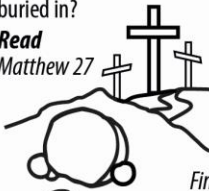


Who betrayed Jesus?  
 Who denied Jesus?  
**Read** Matthew 26:17-75



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

**Read**  
 Matthew 27



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 D A E B R E A D S M B  
 K I N G O L O T S B U  
 I S T O N E M A R Y R  
 S E A S T E R O A D Y

Find these words from the Easter story in the word search:

- DONKEY • ROAD • BRANCHES • PALMS • KING • HOSANNA
- PASSOVER • ROOM • BREAD • WINE • CUP • MEAL • BODY • BLOOD
- 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 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



# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Luke 22:24, John 13:3-17

Jesus and his disciples were celebrating the Passover with the special meal. The disciples were bickering again.

I'm most important because I've known him the longest

But I've given up the most to follow him!  
I'm the oldest!



There was a reason why no-one wanted to be the least important - the roads were mud and everyone's feet got very dirty.

It was the job of the least important servant to wash everyone's feet...



The disciples didn't have a servant, and none of them wanted to do the feet washing...



Jesus took off his outer robe and tied a towel around his waist.



Peter couldn't believe what he was seeing!



Are you really going to wash my feet?

You will understand later why I am doing this.



I can't ever let you serve me like this!

If you don't let me, you will no longer be my disciple



Then wash all of me!

If you've had a bath, then you only need your feet washing!



Once Jesus had washed all their feet, he put his robe back on and sat down.



Do you understand why, your teacher, did this? I am setting you the example of how you are to serve each other. Do it, and God will bless you.

## 'I'M DREAMING OF A GREEN EASTER...'

Just last month people were astonished to see a grass fire on the coast of Merseyside. Just one sign that things are not as they should be. A reminder that all those concerned for people and planet, including followers of Jesus, should be doing much more to combat climate chaos. The floods and massive storms of late winter have also brought all this uncomfortably close to home.

Here are some ways you too can help:

- contribute to Carey's recycling of ink cartridges and pens.
- help us identify other items we could also re-cycle.
- plant an appropriate tree for the Queen's Jubilee in your garden (ensuring it is not too close to any buildings of course), or encourage a tree sapling that is already growing.
- join Extinction Rebellion protests, starting in Hyde Park on Saturday 9 April (I'm serious...).
- join the Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust or another nature conservancy group.
- join Carey's Green Team, to make it the 'Dream Green Team'.
- ensure your pension and other investments are not invested in the fossil fuel industry.
- contribute to the Big Give's Green Match Fund: Hope for the Future are aiming to raise £20K for a fund to encourage Christians to lobby their MPs about the environment. Any money given between 22-29 April will be matched, to double its effect. (22 April is Earth Day).
- calculate your carbon footprint. One of the easiest ways of doing this is via the World Wildlife Fund: <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk>

Thanks to all our efforts, this year, Carey has moved a bit closer to gaining a Silver Eco Church Award. This is thanks to Carey doing a combined Christmas card last year and due to us encouraging members to calculate their individual carbon footprint, among other things. One of the five categories, Worship & Teaching, is already at gold. Two categories, Lifestyle and Global & Community Engagement are at silver. Two categories remain at bronze level: Land and Buildings, although the latter of these is very close to turning silver, thanks partly to Carey now only using electricity from renewable sources. And there is also progress with the Land category, thanks to wildflower seeds having been sown in an area of the church garden and in the manse garden. If we are able to

make further specific steps with both Land and Buildings, it should not be long before we can rightly apply for a Silver Eco Church Award. Please ask Colin, Jon Tripp or Bhagya Leeniyagoda for details of the further steps we need to take.

Our plans and ideas for 2022 include:

- a preaching series after Easter on 'Birds & Beasts of the Bible'.
- church walks doubling up as litter-picking walks (further discussions required).
- re-visiting the lifestyle survey of November 2020 to see where we have progressed and where we still need to progress.
- arranging a Climate Sunday morning worship, perhaps combined with Belmont Road.

Thanks for playing your part in this vital aspect of our Christian calling to care for God's creation.

*Colin Cartwright*

## **REGIONAL MINISTER TEAM LEADER**

The name of the Revd Lisa Kerry, Team Leader of Croxley Green Baptist church, was brought to the General Meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup> 2022 and she was unanimously and enthusiastically appointed to follow Geoff Colmer.

All those involved in the shortlisting and interview process, drawn from CBA and the wider Baptist Union, were thanked for their prayerful and careful consideration of both the process and the candidates.

Lisa will start in June and overlap with Geoff for a month.



## REFUGEES

*Read this through to the end, then read the note underneath before you react!*

They have no need of our help  
So do not tell me  
These haggard faces could belong to you or me  
Should life have dealt a different hand  
We need to see them for who they really are  
Chancers and scroungers  
Lay-about and loungers  
With bombs up their sleeves  
Cut-throats and thieves  
They are not  
Welcome here  
We should make them  
Go back to where they came from  
They cannot  
Share our food  
Share our homes  
Share our countries  
Instead let us  
Build a wall to keep them out  
It is not okay to say  
These people are just like us  
A place should only belong to those who are born there  
Do not be so stupid to think that  
The world can be looked at another way

*Brian Bilston*

You may be wondering “Why on earth put this poem into the Magazine when it appears to be so against refugees?”

..... But before you dismiss it completely – be sure to read it again, only this time from the bottom line up to the top line.

*(Submitted by Carole Williams with permission from the original publication)*

## APPEALS FOR UKRAINE

### ***Christian Aid***

We're working with 3 partner organisations in the ACT Alliance; Hungarian Interchurch Aid (HIA) in Ukraine and Hungary, the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) in Poland, and Swiss Church Aid (HEKS) in Ukraine, Hungary and Romania, to offer assistance to internally displaced peoples and to refugees.

So far, HIA have reached 26,187 people with lifesaving aid, shelter, truckloads of food (345 metric tons), water, sanitation and health support, as well as offering vital information for refugees and internally displaced people.

Through the DEC emergency appeal, Christian Aid has donated £1 million for trauma first aid kits and £1 million for urgently needed medical and pharmaceutical equipment, items and supplies, for Ukraine, through our partner Crown Agents. Our partner is working directly with Ukraine's Ministry of Health to supply these kits to those caught up in the fighting.

To donate go to [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)

### ***BMS World Mission***

#### **Oksana's story**

Imagine the fear that motivated Oksana to leave her homeland. She begged her family to flee Ukraine with her. They couldn't or wouldn't come. "I am just alone here," she says. 'Here' is Poland, the country that has given her refuge.

"Towns in Ukraine are surrounded. Everyone is in fear. Everything's so horrible."

It took Oksana eight hours to reach the Polish border, but now she's here, she's safe. She doesn't know what will happen to her family or her province of Volyn Oblast. But she has a warm bed, three meals a day and the essential hygiene products she needs to feel comfortable and stay well.

For every person like Oksana who is safe, there are thousands of others fleeing the horror of war who urgently need your help. Baptist churches across Poland and other neighbouring countries are welcoming increasing numbers of refugees from Ukraine.

Through giving, you can help churches in Poland and other neighbouring countries to become safe havens for people who are frightened and fleeing for their lives. You can provide food, a warm bed and a place where they can feel safe. And if and when possible, your gift will be used to help directly in Ukraine. To donate go to [www.bmsworldmission.org](http://www.bmsworldmission.org) or phone **01235 517641**, Monday to Friday, between 10am and 4 pm

## ‘BOB’S EXPLORATORY THEOLOGICAL ADVENTURES’

A collection of 144 short essays/ reflections/ sermons - available from The Endless Bookcase (<https://theendlessbookcase.com>):

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**SPECIAL Paperback PRICE: £10 each or two for £17**

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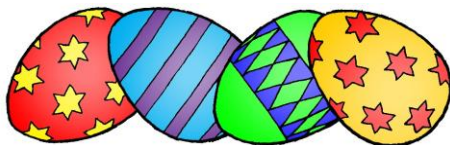
**from Robert Little (07850 508209 / [bob.little@boblittlepr.com](mailto:bob.little@boblittlepr.com))**

“This book will be a real boon to Christians seeking a ‘thought for the day’... I am sure it would be of great help to those who want to refresh their spiritual life or to find a helpful tool to renew their daily walk with the Lord.”

*Professor Sir Les Ebdon CBE DL, Chair of the Board of Spurgeon’s College*

## GRAPEVINE

Items for the May issue of ‘Grapevine’ should be with Hilary Donovan (258268 / [Hilary.donovan@hotmail.com](mailto:Hilary.donovan@hotmail.com)) or Paula Moore by **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April** for publication the week-end of 1<sup>st</sup> May. Please note, the copy date is being brought forward to allow extra time for preparation of the magazine. Items under 100 words and amendments to dates etc can be sent up to Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April.





## THIS MONTH 100 YEARS AGO

*We continue our series about church life at Marlowes Baptist Church in the 1920's. This month B.T. Parris reflects, in his letter, on the arrival of spring and the world situation:*

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

We have "Summer time" by Act of Parliament, but the seasons revolve under higher government, and Summer is not yet due. We are however glad that the winter lies behind us and already abundant signs of Spring surround us; the new life in nature is asserting itself and soon the earth will be clad in vesture of beauty. New movements are also stirring in human life, we are realising as never before the dignity and worth of personality and the right of every soul to self-expression. As the United States Committee report on the Church and Industrial reconstruction states "the world wide industrial unrest is not simply the rumblings of empty stomachs; it is the stirring of the soul of man, the cry for self-development in the widest sense of the term." Says S.R. Drury-Howe "there is one way out, and only one. It has never been tried before for men lack faith, and the material factor is the one that mostly appeals, yet there are many who recognise the way. "Mankind" said President Harding "needs a world wide benediction of understanding, the earth is thirsting for the cup of goodwill, and understanding is its fountain service. To quote Rear Admlral Drury-Howe again "how is it possible with the existing wide gulf between wealth and poverty.... understanding is only possible under changed conditions ..... A National Awakening is required, a demand that our social and industrial order shall be christianised, for in that way only can understanding come, and the way to permanent peace be found." In this national awakening surely the Church of the Carpenter Prophet of Nazareth should lead, for its mission is to secure to men life "more abundant", and our Gospel has "the promise of the life which now is as well as of the life which is to come." We need a revival, a spring time in the Church, the medium through which the Christ would turn the world upside down and establish His Kingdom of Righteousness, Peace and Joy.

May we experience an incoming of new spiritual life and energy in every branch of our service,

Yours fraternally,

B.T. Parris



## APRIL DIARY

### **BELMONT ROAD**

*(Services on Zoom and in church – see page 2 – All services led by Tim Keightley unless otherwise stated)*

Sunday 3rd	10.30am	Worship Service, led by Kathy Williamson, Borehamwood
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	All Age Palm Sunday Messy Church Service
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>		Maundy Thursday Communion meal
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Easter Sunday Worship Service
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>		Lunch Club 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Communion Service led by Kathy Williamson, Borehamwood

### **CAREY**

*(Services in church and on Zoom and audio recording of sermon on website – see page 4)*

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am -12noon	Bible Study/Lent Group on Zoom
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Deacons' Meeting
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Palm Sunday All-age Service
Good Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Quiet Service
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	2.30- 4.00pm	Carey Hymn Café
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Morning Service, led by Rev David Ronco, Hertford
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	1.00pm	Baby and Toddler Group re-starts

### **GROVEHILL**

*(Services live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube)*

Sundays	11.00am	Communion Service in church and
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Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	3.30pm	on Facebook
Sundays 10 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup>	6.00-7.00pm	Causeway Church (page 7) Hard COR Youth Group
Tuesdays 5 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Men's Bible and Faith Chat Group
Wednesdays	12 noon	Ladies Bible Study on Zoom
Fridays 8 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup>	2.00pm	'Just a thought' Bible Study Group in Church Hall
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm	Messy Church (page 7)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Communion (in church and on Facebook)
Good Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm	Meditation on the Stations (in church and on Zoom)
Easter Day 17 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	All-age Communion
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	12noon-2.00pm	Fundraising Event in Community Centre (page 7)
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>		After Service AGM/APCM (in church and on Zoom)

### OTHER EVENTS

Good Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.45 for 11.00am	Churches Together Act of Witness, Market Square (page 8)
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## ADVANCE DATES FOR MAY

### CAREY

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Morning Worship including Infant Dedication
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.00pm	Deacons' Meeting
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Church Meeting
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Carey Hymn Café (TBC)

### OTHER EVENTS

Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Baptist Assembly (page 8)
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Christian Aid Week

# HEMEL HEMPSTEAD BAPTIST CHURCHES

## SUNDAY SERVICES

(see pages 2-6 & 18-19 for current variations to this pattern)

### BELMONT ROAD

(Bennetts End)

[www.belmontroadbaptist.co.uk](http://www.belmontroadbaptist.co.uk)

#### *Morning Worship - 10.30am*

Sunday Club (5 - 15 years)

Occasional All Age Family Worship on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in month

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in month includes Communion

### CAREY

(Marlowes)

[www.careybaptisthemel.org.uk](http://www.careybaptisthemel.org.uk)

#### *Morning Worship - 10.30am* – Junior Church and crèche

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in month All Age Family Worship

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in month includes Communion

### GROVEHILL ANGLICAN/FREE CHURCH

(Church of the Resurrection, Henry Wells Square)

[www.grovehillchurch.org.uk](http://www.grovehillchurch.org.uk)

#### *Morning Worship - 11.00am* - with Junior Church

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in month: All Age Worship

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