



# GRAPEVINE

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

<p><b>EASTER – A STORY OF FAILURE &amp; FAITHFULNESS</b> <b>(A reflection on Luke 22:24-34)</b></p>
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Can you imagine? Jesus is just approaching the most critical days of his life. The challenge of being called to die on a cross is looming ever larger on his horizon. And what happens? His closest friends start to squabble over who is the greatest... How ridiculous ! How short-sighted. Typical of human nature. Typical of us.

But before this, something even worse. During his prayers, Jesus sees that all his friends will desert him. More than that, his most ardent follower, Simon Peter, will loudly deny Jesus three times, within his hearing. Awful. A dark night indeed. Some awful shadows being thrown, by that fire of denial. You can imagine how terrible both Jesus and Peter felt about this incident.

There's lots which could be said about this. Including the fact that Peter was the only one brave enough to hang around to see if he could somehow rescue Jesus. So, Peter surely gets some brownie points for this, compared to the other disciples. But of course, after this night, Peter is not about to resume arguing that he is the greatest among the disciples. All that is swept away by his betrayal of his friend. And by the awful sight of watching his LORD die on the cross.

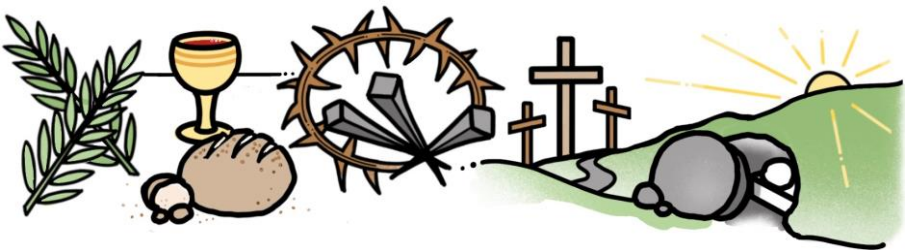
Fact is, we all know what it feels like to betray our LORD don't we ? One way or another, when the chips are down, we prefer saving our skins to telling the truth. I know I have had to confess to this in the past.

Jesus reaction, in the face of all the weight of sin & suffering that is bearing down on him, is amazing. Here again - the miracle of God's grace. Jesus' words in Luke 22, anticipate the Risen Jesus, restoring Peter over a fish breakfast. Both times, here & in John 21, Jesus calls him by his old name... 'Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail, & when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers'. (Luke 22:31&32)

We all fail don't we? Our faithfulness is wobbly & flakey at best. But we have a faithful Saviour. One ready to die for you & me and others just like us. A Saviour who prays for us passionately. A friend who meets us & embraces us in our failure. Thanks be to God. The merciful One, giving us the grace & strength we need to pick ourselves up & carry on. Beyond betrayal & despair – into the brightness of a new day with Jesus. That's faithfulness. Alleluia !

*'(Peter) replied: "LORD, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death".'*  
(Luke 22:33)

*Colin Cartwright*



## NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

### BELMONT ROAD

#### **Wednesday Mornings**

On Wednesdays we have started a weekly **Coffee Morning at 10am**. All are welcome, do pass the word and invite people who may be interested in attending.

Also on a Wednesday our **Lunch Club meets between 12 noon and 2pm**. Come and join us for a nutritious meal amongst good company. If you are age 60+ then you are very welcome to come and give us a try. Contact Sandra on 07341 254977 to book your place.

Another new venture on a Wednesday is our **Toy Library**. It is open on the **2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 10 - 11.30am** Pop in for a coffee and an opportunity to browse our toy collection or bring your pre-schooler with you to choose their own.

For a £5 joining fee you can borrow any toy for a fortnight for 50p. We have a wide range of toys from books, puzzles, construction toys and games; all aimed at the under 5's.

For a £10 returnable deposit you can borrow larger items like travel cots, walkers and ride on toys.

For more information see our website.

### CAREY

#### ***Sunday worship***

People can once again use their discretion about whether to wear masks during Sunday worship. Please do not come if you are feeling unwell. Please continue to use the hand sanitiser provided. 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)

#### ***Monthly prayer sheet for Children, Youth and Families work***

Tamzin is producing a monthly prayer sheet for Carey's CYF work. It is available from her or on the memorial table in the church.

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

The Baby and Toddler Group continues on **Fridays from 10.00-11.30am** during term-time Please speak to Tamzin, Colin or Hilary if you would like more information about the group or if you would be interested in helping. Please see the Facebook page for more details about the group <https://m.facebook.com/careybabytoddlergroup>

### ***Prayer meetings***

The **Wednesday** evening Prayer Meeting at **8.00pm** continues on Zoom. Please contact Obed for a Zoom invitation. The Thursday evening meeting continues at **7.30pm at Joan's house**.

### ***Bible Studies***

#### ***Monday Morning Group***

We are holding a series of Lent meetings on Zoom, from **10.30am-12noon**, led by Colin.

The **Thursday Evening Group** will be restarting on the **20<sup>th</sup> April**, from **8.00pm-9.00pm** over Zoom. We will be working through the Lifebuilder Bible Study: **Listening to God**, by Carolyn Nystrom. All welcome. Please contact Charlene for a Zoom invitation.

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

These weekly get-togethers continue on **Wednesdays at 10.30am**, with Tamzin hosting. Please contact her if you would like an invitation.

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

Colin will be on Annual Leave from **10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> April**. Details of pastoral cover will be in the weekly newsletter.

**GROVEHILL**

For all Zoom details, please contact Revd. Austin Janes at: [revaustin@sky.com](mailto:revaustin@sky.com)

**Monday-Friday 9.00am** - Morning Prayer on Zoom

**Monday-Friday 9.30pm** - Night Prayer on Zoom

**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays** of the month at **7.30pm** - Men's Bible Study & Faith Group on Zoom

**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays** of the month - Ladies Bible Study on Zoom at **12 noon**

**Thursdays 1pm** - Sticky Fingers in the church hall - Craft, chat, drinks, toys and Toddlers

**Saturday mornings 10am to 12 noon** - 'Drinks and Dunkables' - Refreshments in the Church Hall.

**Sundays 11am** - Communion Service and Junior Church in Church and on Facebook 'Grovehill Church of the Resurrection - The Church behind the Chippy' page.

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday** of the month **3.30pm** - Causeway Church in Church (see below)

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday** of the month **6pm-7pm** - Hard COR Youth Group (10 to 14 year olds) in church

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** of the month **6pm-7pm** - Digging Deeper Bible Youth Group in church (10-14 year-olds)

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday** of the month **2pm** - 'JUST A THOUGHT' Bible Study Group in Church Hall (contact [revaustin@sky.com](mailto:revaustin@sky.com) for more info)

### ***Causeway Church***

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 3.30pm** - Causeway Church in Church. 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.

## **BELMONT AND CAREY YOUTH CAMP 2023**

Belmont and Carey Youth Camp next year will be at Beeston Regis in Norfolk from 12<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> August. Costs: for children aged 8 to13 – cost £180. For children aged 14 to 18 cost £200.

For booking information please contact Warren (07890 494273 or [warrenpyke@hotmail.com](mailto:warrenpyke@hotmail.com)). More information can be located on our website [www.bcyccamp.com](http://www.bcyccamp.com)

*Warren Pyke*

## DENS NEWS

### ***Foodbank***

Thank you to everyone who has recently supported our Foodbank with generous donations. We are now extremely well stocked, with enough provisions to meet the needs of our community for the coming months.

Therefore, we ask that if you are able to, please make a financial donation to help cover the staff and operational costs of our vital service. If you still wish to donate food or hygiene items, please ensure they are on the High Needs List below. Thank you.

### ***High Needs List***

**Food:** Tinned fish (not tuna), cereal bars, 750ml squash, tinned potatoes, instant mash, small jars of coffee, tinned ham/corned beef, rice, tinned vegetables

### **Please note that:**

- We do not accept furniture
- Not currently accepting clothes, shoes, accessories, bedding or crockery

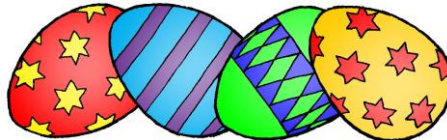
### **Thank you for your support**

Donations can be dropped off at our **Foodbank at Dacre House, 19 Hillfield Road, Hemel Hempstead, HP2 4AA**  
**Monday-Friday 10am-1pm.**

Tel: 01442 250969

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

Web: [www.dens.org.uk](http://www.dens.org.uk) Charity No: 1097185



## DISCUSSION ABOUT GRAPEVINE

The ongoing production of Grapevine is currently under review. This shorter version of the April / Easter issue of Grapevine highlights the difficulties we now face in continuing to produce this joint publication to the size and standard that we are used to. Ahead of any attempt to produce an issue for May, our three churches, Grovehill, Belmont Road and Carey, are being encouraged to consider whether it is necessary and/or possible to continue to produce the Grapevine in this form.

Please contact Colin – ahead of Easter – if you have any views on whether to discontinue or how to continue Grapevine in its current form. Also, it would be helpful for Colin to hear from anyone who could help with editing, photocopying and distributing Grapevine in its current form. Please contact me on either [colin4fairtrade@gmail.com](mailto:colin4fairtrade@gmail.com) or 01442 256433. Thank you.

There is the possibility of reproducing the Grapevine each month on Carey's website (and possibly Grovehill and Belmont Road's websites also). This would reduce photocopying and distribution costs, as well as the time given in hours by a number of volunteers, for producing and distributing hard copies. However, this version would of course only be available to those able to access it online. If hard copies were to be discontinued entirely, Carey's weekly newsletter would aim to cover most of the news usually featured each month in Grapevine.

Blessings  
Colin



# 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.



He filled a large bowl with water and started washing the disciples' feet.

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!

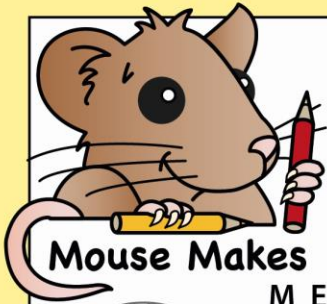


Once Jesus had washed all their feet, he put his robe back on and sat down.



Do you understand why I, 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.





**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

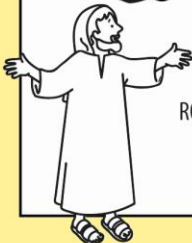
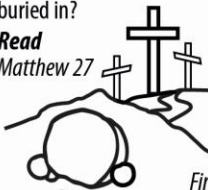


Who betrayed Jesus?  
 Who denied Jesus?  
**Read** Matthew 26:17-75



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

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 PASSOVER • ROOM • BREAD • WINE • CUP • MEAL • BODY • BLOOD  
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 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



## APRIL DIARY

### **BELMONT ROAD**

*(Services on Zoom and in church. All services led by Tim Keightley unless otherwise stated)*

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Worship Service
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday Supper, Communion and Foot Washing
Good Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am- 12.30pm	Messy Easter
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Easter Day Worship Service
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Worship Service led by Kathy Williamson
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Communion Service
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Worship Service

### **CAREY**

*(Services in church and on Zoom and edited audio recording on website – all led by Colin Cartwright unless otherwise stated)*

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	All-age Palm Sunday Service in the hall
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Deacons' meeting
Good Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am- 10.40am 10.45am 11.00am	Good Friday Quiet Service in the sanctuary Churches Together Hemel for Hempstead, Walk of Witness, Marlowes
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Easter Sunday Morning Service with Communion in the sanctuary
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>		Colin on leave
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Morning Service led by Bob Little in the Sanctuary
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	1.00pm - 4.00pm	Heather Club 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tea Party in the hall
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Morning Service in the sanctuary
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Hymn Café in the hall (NOTE: NOT THE 18 <sup>TH</sup> )

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Morning Service in the sanctuary

## **GROVEHILL**

*(Services in church and on Facebook see page 4)*

Sundays	11.00am	Communion Service in church and on Facebook
Saturdays	10.00am-12noon	'Drinks and Dunkables' in Church Hall
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3.30pm	Causeway Church (page 5)
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Service with washing of feet at The COR
Good Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm	Good Friday Meditation at The COR
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Easter Day All Age Communion with Easter Egg Hunt
Fridays 14 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	'Just a Thought' Bible Study Group
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Film Night in church
Sundays 9 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6.00-7.00pm	Hard COR Youth Group (10-14 year-olds)
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	6.00-7.00pm	Digging Deeper Bible Youth Group

## **OTHER EVENTS**

Good Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.45 for 11.00am	Churches Together Hemel Hempstead, Walk of Witness 2023. Start from the Riverside Entrance end of Marlowes (near 'A Point for Reflection' sculpture). Service will be at The Rainbow Stage.
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## **ADVANCE DATES FOR MAY**

Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Christian Aid Week
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> 1pm-4pm	'I Love Hemel' Festival at Carey

# HEMEL HEMPSTEAD BAPTIST CHURCHES

## SUNDAY SERVICES

(see pages 3-6 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* – Children's Church and Youth Church

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

### MINISTERS

BELMONT ROAD	Rev Tim Keightley	07821 741435
CAREY	Rev Colin Cartwright	256433
GROVEHILL	Rev Austin Janes	270585