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Easter joy - Rev Tony Horsfall

I remember vividly a simple poster I saw on the notice board of our local Methodist Chapel. It had a silhouette of three crosses on a hill, and underneath the words, 'FOR YOU'. Nothing fancy or clever, but a clear presentation of the Easter message, and it struck me deeply.

At Easter our thoughts are drawn to the death and resurrection of Jesus. These events are central to our faith, but sometimes we can over-complicate their meaning. The heart of it, though, remains very simple: Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and on the third day was raised to life (1Corinthians 15:3).

He died to show his love for you. He gave his life as a demonstration or proof of the love He has for each one of us, no matter who we are or what we have done. He was motivated to lay down His life for us, not out of duty or obligation, but compassionate love. See Romans 5:8

He died to set you free. Sin has entangled every one of us. We are under its power and unable to ourselves to loosen its grip. At the cross Jesus dealt with sin once and for all by dying in our place. Now, when we turn to Him for help, we can be released from the hold it has on us and find complete forgiveness.

He died to bring you home. The Cross makes it possible for us to be reconciled to God. Like the prodigal son we were once far away from God, but now because we have been forgiven, we can return to our true home in God. A welcome awaits us, and a joy-filled reunion is possible.

This Easter why not think about these two simple words: FOR YOU.



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 man rose and asked to speak. He was a priest of the Russian Orthodox Church. He went and stood next to Bukharin. Facing the people, he raised his arms and spoke just three triumphant 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 an atheist politician, who had no answer to give 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?



Who delivered up Jesus to die? Not Judas, for money; not Pilate, for fear; not the Jews, for envy; but the Father, for love! - Octavious Winslow

Carry the cross patiently, and with perfect submission; and in the end it shall carry you. - Thomas a Kempis

Easter Peace: it does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble or hard work. It means to be in the midst of those things and still be calm in your heart. - Anon

Easter spells out beauty, the rare beauty of new life. - S D Gordon

1 April - Fooling Around *by Canon David Winter*

I was about six when I began to enjoy April Fool's Day. My older brother was very clever at appropriate hoaxes, not only deceiving me but also mum and dad. On the whole my childish efforts were encouraged. The day was full of laughs, even at school, where the teachers would try to trick us and all day long no one quite believed anything they were told. So it went on, year after year, though I think it all seems as a bit unsophisticated for the modern generation.

You couldn't say that, though, about probably the most famous April Fool's effort of all time. In the 1960's BBC TV broadcast a feature on the spaghetti farms of Italy. Even those of us who bought our spaghetti in the supermarket from the pasta shelves began to wonder if we'd been wrong. Italian farmers explained their work and the progress of the spaghetti plants was carefully filmed, from planting to reaping. And all in the BBC's most serious documentary manner. It took a while to appreciate that this was Auntie playing games. Whatever next!

The odd thing is that no one is quite sure of the origin of this very British tradition. Most attribute it to changes in Britain's calendar in the 1700s, when New Year's Day moved from March 25th to January 1st. Not surprisingly, the change caused a lot of confusion and mistakes around the start of April. Others look further back, to the ancient Roman feast of Hilaria, when the goddess Cybele was celebrated with pranks and jokes around the spring equinox, March 25th. Either way a touch of hilarity at the end of Lent does not seem amiss. Go to Greece, where the resurrection of Jesus is celebrated with fireworks and parties to see how it might work.



Easter trivia quiz

- ***What was the largest ever Easter egg hunt?***
The most-ever entrants for an egg hunt competition was 12,773. It was The Fabergé Big Egg Hunt, as part of World Record London, in London, UK in April 2012.
- ***What was the largest-ever decorated Easter egg?***
This was built in March 2008, by Freeport in Alcochete, Portugal. It measured 14.79 m (48 ft 6 in) long and 8.40 m (27 ft 6 in) in diameter.
- ***What was the largest ever chocolate Easter egg?***
It was made in Tosca (Italy) and weighed 7,200 kg (15,873 lbs 4.48 oz). It had a circumference of 19.6 m (64 ft 3.65 in) at its widest point. It was exhibited in a shopping centre in Cortenuova, Italy, in April 2011.
- ***What was the largest ever Easter egg tree?***
This was set by Zoo Rostock GmbH, Rostock, Germany, who decorated a tree with 76,596 painted hens' eggs in April 2007.
- ***What about the most expensive hot cross bun?***
This was baked in 1829 in Stepney, London, UK. It was bought by Bill Foster (UK) for £155 at the Antiques for Everyone show at the NEC in Birmingham, West Midlands, UK,

in April 2000. Hot cross buns were originally made to hang in the kitchen to ward off evil spirits.

- **What was the biggest-ever (real) Easter bunny?**

So far, the longest rabbit was Darius, a Flemish giant rabbit owned by Annette Edwards (UK), who was found to be 4 ft 3 in (129 cm) long when measured for an article in the UK's Daily Mail newspaper in April 2010.



What's the point of Easter? - Rev Paul Hardingham

As we celebrate Easter, it raises the question: **What difference can the Resurrection make to my life?**

My past is forgiven:

Have you ever been half-way through a project and wanted to start again? In life we all have regrets about things we have done, said or thought. The good news is that Jesus died to forgive these things: *'All sins forgiven, the slate wiped clean, that old arrest warrant cancelled and nailed to Christ's cross.'* (Colossians 2:14, The Message). The resurrection is the guarantee that we can know Jesus' pardon and forgiveness. Do we need to let go a load of guilt and unforgiveness that we are carrying?

My present is under control:

How often do we say *'My life is out of control.'* We can't control life, but God can! The *'incomparably great power at work for those who believe'* is the same power that raised Christ from the dead (Ephesians 1:20). God promises us the power that we need to face any situation, as we trust Him: *'I can do all this through Him who gives me strength.'* (Philippians 4:13).

My future is secure:

Death is the great certainty, *'one out of one dies!'* Yet Jesus overcame death by the resurrection, that we might experience the life of heaven, both now and for eternity. *'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in Me will never die.'* (John 11:25,26). We don't need to fear death; but if we are to really live, we have to be ready to die! How does the resurrection affect our view of death?

'The best news the world has ever had, came from a cemetery near Jerusalem: the tomb was empty!'



Where did the Easter Bunny and Easter eggs come from?

The Easter bunny is a gentle figure of folklore, who seems to have first come from the German Lutherans. They depicted him as a rabbit who brought coloured Easter eggs to children. The idea of an egg-giving hare went over to the US in the 18th century, when Protestant German immigrants in the Pennsylvania Dutch area told their children about the 'Osterhase'. Hase means hare, and according to the legend, only good children found the hare's gifts of coloured eggs, placed in the nests that they had made in their caps and bonnets before Easter.

The Easter bunny became a prominent symbol of Easter. Rabbits, prolific procreators, are an ancient symbol of new life. Easter eggs are said to represent Jesus' emergence from the tomb and resurrection.

Decorating Easter eggs dates back to at least the 13th century. One possible reason for the custom was that in those days' eggs were forbidden during the Lenten season. So, people would paint and decorate them to mark the end of the period of penance and fasting, and then eat them on Easter as a celebration.



Egg Smile Lines

Church notice: This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Cusworth to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

Easter morning: the 'Other' Mary by Canon David Winter

As the traditional Easter story is rehearsed again this month, you may notice that there is one name that frequently occurs. It is that of the 'other' Mary - not the mother of Jesus, but Mary of Magdalene, who stood by her at the cross and became the first human being actually to meet the risen Christ.

That's quite a record for a woman who, the Gospels tell us, had been delivered by Jesus from 'seven devils' - New Testament language for some dark and horrible affliction of body, mind or spirit. As a result, her devotion to Him was total and her grief at His death overwhelming.

In church history Mary Magdalene became the 'fallen woman' a harlot who was rescued and forgiven by Jesus but there is no evidence to prove she was a 'fallen woman' but the contrast is sublime, Mary the virgin mother, the symbol of purity. Mary Magdalene, the scarlet woman who was saved and forgiven, the symbol of redemption. Surely, we all fall somewhere between those two extremes.

The dark cloud from which she was delivered may have been sexual, we are not told. What we do know is that the two Marys stood together at the cross, the Blessed Virgin and the woman rescued from who knows what darkness and despair.

The second great moment for her was as unexpected as it was momentous. She had gone with other women to the tomb of Jesus and found it empty. An angelic figure told them that Jesus was not there, He had risen - and the others drifted off. But Mary stayed, reluctant to leave it like that. She became aware of a man nearby, whom she took to be the gardener. She explained to Him that the body of 'her Lord' had been taken away and she didn't know where to find Him.

The man simply said her name 'Mary' and she instantly realised it was Jesus. She made to hug Him, but He told her not to touch Him because his resurrection was not yet complete. She was, however, to go to the male disciples and tell them she had met Him. She did - but they couldn't believe her.

Her words - 'I have seen the Lord' - echo down the centuries, the very beating heart of the Christian gospel.



The other women left, but Mary Magdalene remained. Jesus appeared to her.

The most popular books used in preaching

Which books in the Bible are the most popular with preachers? A website called CrossPreach has taken some 127,000 sermons (available on mp3s) from over 600 churches. It then counted how many times the basic text was taken from which book of the Bible.

The sermons were preached by a total of 9,500 different preachers, with an average of 13 sermons per preacher. One feature was immediately apparent: 43 per cent of them had no specific text at all, so were presumably talks on particular topics. That left 72,000 sermons preached on specific Bible texts.

Of these 72,000 sermons based on Bible texts, 50,000 were based on a NT passage (69 per cent) and the other 22,000 on an OT one (31 per cent). Given that the NT is one-third the length of the OT, this means that two-thirds of sermons were based on only a quarter of the Bible.

Which books were preached the most? In the NT, that honour goes to Luke, at 13 per cent. Overall, half of NT sermons came from the Gospels/Acts, a third from Paul and a sixth from the rest put together.

In the Old Testament, the top book was the Psalms, at 19 per cent. Psalms, Genesis, Isaiah and Exodus together accounted for half of all OT sermons. Overall, the OT sermons came almost equally from the four major sections: Beginnings (the Pentateuch), History, Poetry and the Prophets.

World Day of Prayer

Thank you to all who attended this year's World Day of Prayer service at Newtonhill Parish Church on the 1st March. The change of time from 7pm to 2pm was met with approval from all. We felt the service written by the women of Slovenia with the theme "Come everything is ready" based on the Gospel of Luke chapter 14 verses 15-24, was appropriate to every one of us.

Next year it will be our turn as hosts again and it would be great to have a really good attendance. The World Day of Prayer is always held on the first Friday in March. And we will keep to the time of 2pm. Next year the service will be written by the women of Zimbabwe, with the theme "Rise! Take your mat and walk" based on the Gospel of John chapter 5 verses 2-9.

Hopefully it will be an equally enjoyable and thought-provoking service.

Sue Selway

EASTER (*Acrostic poem where the first letter of each line spells the word EASTER*) By Megan Carter

Even though the darkness raged
And all was still, the sun had gone
Still they shouted their abuse
Taunting Him -' you're not God's Son!

Elijah hasn't rescued you,
Renounce your claim, you're just like me,
Everyone can see you hang
Arms outstretched, nailed to a tree'.

So it seemed that all was lost,
Their hopes their dreams forever gone -
Eternity had other plans
Resurrection Day was soon to dawn.

The Easter Egg Hunt By Nigel Beeton

We seek them here, we seek them there,
We seek those cream eggs everywhere!
Within the church, within the ground
Those hidden eggs which must be found!

The pulpit steps? The hymn book stand?
The lectern we've already scanned
Behind that pew? I'll need a torch!
Perhaps one's hidden in the porch!

Aha! At last! I'm happy now!
No more I search! No furrowed brow!
I found my egg which tastes so good
Within the Minister's vestment hood!



corrected next month. The deficit shows up clearly in our Monthly accounts. There will be two payments recorded next month.

- d. Carol has not yet been able to check the Rectory phone as the Tenant has been away.

4. Property Convenors Report

- a. Rectory
 - i. The bedroom **still** remains to be decorated- Richard has been offshore and dates not conducive to complete the work. Progressing! A Radiator has been changed in the NW corner bedroom – George and Richard -cost £74
 - ii. Still some outstanding work to be done outside, but fascia and rotten soffit of Garage door is completed - £450
- b. Church and extension
 - i. The three pews have been sold and gone to good homes!
 - ii. Porch Roof The tiles moving occasionally in high winds, and drop in to gutter. Can be replaced manually. Nails corroded and will need replacing. There has been remedial work, but long term will need to replace tiles/nails and sarking. Estimate from AJ Donald – £3114.
 - iii. (Concern expressed by Vestry that George goes up the ladder to put Porch Tiles straight)
- c. Grounds
 - i. Storage Hut repaired and shelf installed. Another wooden shed free to good home.
- d. Heating System
 - i. Major repair to boiler with replacement of furnace brickwork, hopper, safety valve, heat exchanger (part of safety system to prevent overheating) and ignitor tube. Total cost £2,443.80

5. Ministry Team Meeting

- a. The point was raised that there is a shortage of Eucharist Assistants to administer the Communion Cup during the Eucharist/Reserved Sacrament. It is hoped that some of the church members would feel able volunteer. They would require some preparation.
- b. It was proposed that there would be a Songs of Praise every 2 months, as part of the Special Services.

6. Social Group Report

- a. The January Monthly Bring and Buy raised £28.
- b. The Haggis, 'Neeps and Tatties' Lunch was greatly enjoyed by everyone. Our thanks to George, Carl and Arma for their respective addresses. A special thank you to all who generously contributed the food. £119 was donated for church funds.
- c. The committee will be meeting in the near future to plan further events for 2019 and will be asking for fundraising ideas from everyone.

7. The Future

Vestry addressed the Minutes of the Future Group Meeting

a. Pottery Classes

- i. Vestry approved of Ken's proposal to have a traditional Bible Study Programme and he has volunteered to lead the Lent Bible Study programme (Ministry Minutes AOCB)
- ii. The Pottery classes were enjoyed by people who attended, and he would be willing to hold them again. Ken has suggested evening for the pottery class

b. Music

- i. Morag and Vestry were supportive of Eric's suggestion of trying new hymn which has been very successful in the past and working towards a Songs of Praise Service.
- ii. Morag also fully supported Oksana regarding forming a choir and will help in any way if needed. Vestry also approved with the following questions:

c. Welcome Leaflet

- i. The appearance of the leaflet and content was discussed at the original meeting. It does need more up-dated information re contacts etc., and reference to the Web page. Does that in turn need reviewing? Should there be a little bit of Church History within the leaflet to hold people's interest - (although there is some on the web pages if people wish to explore further. Not everyone has the technology)
- ii. Put the Leaflet progression back to the Futures Group to develop further

d. Keeping children safe on the internet

- i. This topic was and is very topical at present and Eric and John have been fact finding about what is available. (There is no programme yet available for general release, and the concern is that unsupervised internet activities can lead towards gambling, addiction and similar negative outcomes.
- ii. John has liaised with Robert Gordon's University and wondered if it would be feasible for RGU students to offer courses locally as part of their courses. RGU would be involved as an outreach.
- iii. John to be asked to progress and discuss possibility and viability of the programme, which could be offered locally. He was looking to have it available when it has been developed by/ with RGU - ??later in the year.
- iv. Wi Fi connection and capacity would be an essential element for the course venue. George has costed options, but John would need to discuss/find out re Wi-Fi requirements with RGU.
- v. The matter of security of equipment would need to be addressed? Two articles from local papers indicating this was taking place in schools at the moment were passed to John and Eric but as yet no feedback.

e. Alpha course/Christianity explored

- i. Christianity Explored was felt to be the more favourable option re costs and time. It raised a number of questions which would need to be addressed: -
 - 1. How would it be advertised?
 - 2. Internet and teaching/course requirements
 - 3. Who would lead it?
 - 4. How many people to assist?
 - 5. Marketing strategies?

6. Where will course participants come from?

f. Marketing

- i. It was felt essential that we have to 'market' St Ternans if we are to allow people to know who we are, where we are, what we do, and possibly attract others who wish to join us for services or social events.
- ii. The modern market place is via web sites, face book and poster advertising. Discussion took place as to whether the web site and face book page was kept up to date. It was felt that Jan Horn and George Masson did a very good job in this matter.
- iii. Vestry thought the suggestion of having a rotation of services throughout the month was an interesting idea, but it was felt that we should experiment with the Songs of Praise service first before we went further

g. Church Cafe

- i. Much discussion ensued as Ross felt it was a viable option. Vestry reminded him we do not have anything like the population, the passing footfall or the age differentials that exist in Westhill.
- ii. It was also pointed out that various issues re Health and hygiene, Health and Safety and PVG requirements would require to be explored. Also, the effect of a daily café on people coming into church for quiet contemplation, cleaning ladies, flower ladies, church insurance would have to be reviewed and water/business rates affected.
- iii. Russ had modelled his vision of the Phoenix Cafe on similar lines to Westhill, an active, community-based church cafe with passing footfall and wide community involvement with the young, families and older people.
- iv. An occasional coffee morning, either by invitation to an event in the church, or an event held within the local community is a viable option. We do not have sufficient help or interest from the community to do more as there are other coffee shops/tea rooms nearby. The question was asked if anybody in the congregation had offered to help with the café and the answer was NO.
- v. Maybe once the older person's complex at Chapleton is more active, we can invite people to join us for Sunday /social activities. It may develop into something more in the future.
- vi. Vestry felt it is not a viable option at this present time.

8. AOCB

- a. George has sold 2 St Ternan's CD's – recipients also made a donation and he also sold a copy of the Tolbooth Picture plus another CD - (he makes the CD copies himself)
- b. George did wonder if the original TOLBOOTH Picture could come back to the Tolbooth Museum - Currently in the Bishops office.
- c. Elizabeth Green's wish to have her ashes scattered at St Ternan's will happen on March 17th. Her daughter-in-law, Jane, will hold the service on that day.
- d. Face Book- Vestry looking for someone who can update and post upcoming events on the Facebook page it could go on Newtonhill Community Facebook Page. It can and does have a wide audience.

- e. Chapleton Estate will deliver St Ternan's Welcome Cards to new Residents.
- f. Easter Card- Irene asked for Vestry's approval to join with Newtonhill Church to share church service information for Easter. There will be posters to put round the villages as before. **Approved**
- g. Garden Fete- Social Committee will be meeting to discuss this and future events.

Irene expressed sincere thanks to all members of Vestry and Futures Group.

Rhona Vassilikos



Charles Wesley's great hymn for Easter: Christ the Lord is risen today! - Rev Dr Herbert McGonigle

Jesus's death on the cross, and His resurrection on Easter morning are both part of the redemption story. Paul links them in this way: 'He was delivered for our offences [the Cross] and raised again [the Resurrection] for our justification' (Romans 4:25). Charles Wesley does likewise in his glorious Easter anthem.

Christ the Lord is risen today!
Sons of men and angels say.
Raise your songs and triumph high
Sing, ye heavens, thou earth reply.

Charles wrote the hymn in 1739, a year after his Pentecost Sunday evangelical conversion, and the year in which he began his open-air preaching. Like all his hymns that followed in the next four decades, this hymn is full of New Testament references and allusions. A great stone was rolled into the opening of the grave where Jesus was laid, and as Matthew records, the Jewish authorities 'made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting a guard' (27:66). But all to no purpose! Christ, the Lord of Life, could not be imprisoned by death!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal
Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids Him rise
Christ hath opened Paradise!

The NT teaches that Christ's resurrection was the Father's seal of approval on His obedient life and atoning death. His resurrection was the proof that He was indeed Jesus Christ the Lord, as Paul argues in Romans 1:4. 'Declared to be the Son of God ...by the resurrection from the dead.' Charles Wesley works these great salvation truths into his verses. 'Love's redeeming work is done.' 'Once He died our souls to save.' 'Lives again our glorious King.' 'Where, O death, is now thy sting?' 'Second life we all receive.' In our Heavenly Adam live.'

As our Lord promised His disciples long ago – and still promises us; ‘Because I live, you will also live’ (John 14:19).

The Resurrection of Christ, viewed as a historical fact, is only part of the NT teaching. His conquest of death He now shares with all His people. Christians are the people of the Resurrection! We are now ‘made alive with Christ;’ ‘raised up with Him,’ and already seated ‘in heavenly places’ (Ephesians 1:4-6).

And Charles Wesley takes up this great theme of how believers share in their Lord’s resurrection power.

Risen with Him we upward move
Still we seek the things above ...

Soar we now where Christ hath led
Following our exalted Head.
Made like Him, like Him we rise
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Christ has conquered hell! Death has lost its sting! The grave is spoiled! What a Saviour!
What a gospel! What a glorious hope!



Easter prayer of thanks- *By Daphne Kitching*

Gracious, loving Father,
Thank you for the wonderful reality of Jesus’ resurrection on that first Easter Day.
Thank you that, because Jesus is alive, life has meaning and purpose.
When we don’t understand why some things happen, when life is difficult, when we are struggling through pain and loss, help us to know your risen presence and love in our lives.
Help us to choose to trust you.
Help us always to be thankful for your amazing Easter gift of life and hope.
In Jesus name, Amen.

The world cannot bury Christ. The earth is not deep enough for His tomb, the clouds are not wide enough for His winding-sheet. - Edward Thomson

The Beatitudes - 'Blessed are the Poor in Spirit' - Rev Paul Hardingham

Jesus begins the Sermon on the Mount with the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12). The word **blessed** describes how we can live under God's blessing. Jesus talks about the 'beautiful attitudes' (Billy Graham) that characterise followers of Jesus. They speak more about 'who we are' than 'what we do' and reflect perfectly the character of Jesus that He wants to develop in us.

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.' is the first beatitude (5:3). To be 'poor in spirit' is not simply being poor economically, as the word used means 'being dependent on others for support'. It is the opposite of spiritual pride, recognising that we all fall short of God's standards in our thoughts, words and actions. It's not just about what we do for God, but what He has done for us through Jesus' death on the cross. As we bring our sin, guilt, shame and failure to Him, in grace He offers us His love, acceptance and forgiveness. We come with empty hands: 'Nothing in my hands I bring, simply to thy cross I cling' (Augustus Toplady).

This is well illustrated by the tax collector in Jesus' parable: 'God have mercy on me, a sinner' (Luke 18:13). It is cry that says 'O God, I am in a mess. I've got nothing to offer. I haven't begun to pray or hear you properly. I am spiritually poor' To those who cry out like this, Jesus says 'theirs is the kingdom of heaven' (v3). The kingdom of God flings open its doors to beggars!

'There is nothing we can do to make God love us more; there is nothing we can do to make God love us less.' (Philip Yancey: *What's So Amazing About Grace*).



Smile Lines

Have you ever wondered....

- ~ Are clones people two?
- ~ Why is it called lipstick if you can still move your lips?
- ~ Why is it that night falls, but day breaks?
- ~ Why is it that no word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple?
- ~ Why is it that when you transport something by car, it's called a shipment, but when you transport something by ship, it's a cargo?

Problem solving

There was an engineer, manager, and a programmer driving down a steep mountain road. The brakes failed and the car careened down the road out of control. Half way down the driver managed to stop the car by running it against the embankment narrowly avoiding careening off the cliff. They all got out, shaken by their narrow escape from death, but otherwise unharmed.

The manager said, "To fix this problem we need to organize a committee, have meetings, exchange ideas, develop a solution." The engineer said, "No that would take too long, besides that method never works. I have my trusty pen knife here and will take apart the brake system, isolate the problem and correct it." The programmer said, "I think you're both wrong! I think we should all push the car back up the hill and see if it happens again."





The truth is... *By Daphne Kitching*
(1 Corinthians 15:19-26)

Christ has indeed been raised from the dead!

This is the true, real and wonderful good news story.

Thank God that in this world of chaos,
Lies and fake-news messengers and moaners
Here is truth to sustain and encourage...

Christ has indeed been raised from the dead.

He has overcome the world.
He has overcome death.
Everything is bearable, faceable and possible,
Sense and purpose restored, because...

Christ has indeed been raised from the dead.

Easter changes everything.
Love wins.
Hallelujah!

Ministry Team

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Date:	CELEBRANT/ Pastoral Assistant/ Address/Chalice	Readers/ Intercessions:	Readings:	Sidesperson	Cleaning/Flowers Teas
07/04/19 5 TH Sunday of Lent Passion Sunday	ARMA ISLES <i>Sheila Usher</i>	Di Driver John Usher Sue Selway <i>Sheila Usher</i>	ISAIAH 43: 16-21 PHILIPPIANS 3: 4b-14 JOHN 12: 1-8	Sue Selway	Rhona Vassilikos (NO FLOWERS) Katie Gill
14/04/19 Palm Sunday	REV JANE NELSON <i>Irene Butler</i> Carl Nelson	T.B.A.	LUKE 19: 28-40 ISAIAH 50: 4-9A PHILIPPIANS 2: 5-11 LUKE 23: 1-49	Carl Nelson	Muriel Hargreaves (NO FLOWERS) Carol Masson
18/04/19 Maundy Thursday 7pm	GEORGE MASSON		EXODUS 12: 1-14 1 ST CORINTHIANS 11: 23-26 JOHN 13: 1-17, 31b-35		
19/04/19 Good Friday 12-3pm	READINGS AND REFLECTIONS	12:00 John Usher 13:00 Ken Tonge 14:00 Russ Huddleston 15:00 Sheila Usher	ISAIAH 52: 13 – 53: 12 HEBREWS 10: 16-25 JOHN 19: 1-19 JOHN 19: 25-42		Sheila Usher Rhoda Nelson
21/04/19 Easter Sunday	RUSS HUDDLESTON <i>Sheila Usher</i>	Eric Hargreaves Sue Manson John Usher <i>Ken Tonge</i>	ACTS 10: 34-43 1 ST CORINTHIANS 15: 19-26 JOHN 20: 1-18	Eric Hargreaves	Sheila Usher Peggy Tonge/ Oksana Huddleston
28/04/19 2 ND Sunday of Easter	JOHN USHER Address: Ken Tonge <i>Irene Butler</i> Eric Hargreaves	Di Driver Katie Gill Jan Horn <i>Muriel Hargreaves</i>	ACTS 5: 27-32 REVELATION 1: 4-8 JOHN 20: 19-31	Jan Horn	Kathleen Northcroft Katie Gill
05/05/19 3 RD Sunday of Easter	ARMA ISLES <i>Russ Huddleston</i>	Ken Tonge Carol Masson George Masson <i>Sue Selway</i>	ACTS 9: 1-20 REVELATION 5: 11-14 JOHN 21: 1-19	Eric Hargreaves	Sue Selway Carol Masson

