



The Beacon

Newsletter of St John's Church, Workop

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An Easter Message ~ LIFE WINS!

What does Easter mean to you? A festival of spiritual significance, or just another Spring weekend with a couple of Bank Holidays? A pivotal event in human history or a good excuse to go a bit mad on chocolate?

For Christians, Easter celebrates the central event of human history: the death and return to life of Jesus Christ.

The evidence is compelling:

- * An empty tomb
- * Countless appearances of Jesus, referred to by the apostle Paul
- * A reborn and revitalized group of followers, prepared to face death and persecution because of their beliefs.
- * A rapidly growing early church charted through the book of Acts, leading to a global Church of billions around the world today.

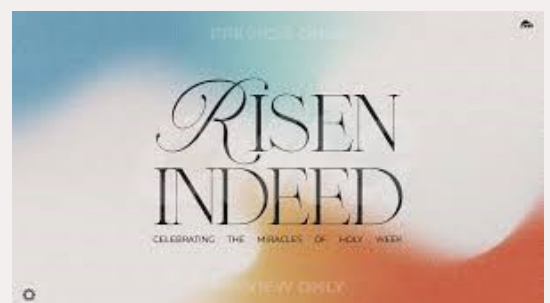
If Jesus is alive, it changes everything: our attitude to life and death, our past, our present — and our future. It means death is not the end, and there is life that lasts for ever. Life wins!

It means we can know the creator of the universe, and live life as He intended it to be lived.

So—at Easter we celebrate the most amazing news of all:

JESUS IS ALIVE TODAY
and loves you more than you can imagine.

(extract from CPO Easter resource)



ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

All Anglican churches need to have an annual meeting to present information to the congregation and appoint officers etc.

St John's held theirs on Sunday 6th April after the morning service.

Summary

Ready-printed reports were circulated which informed us of the state of our buildings and finances. In addition verbal reports were given of various church groups informing us of what they had been doing in the past year. These were given by our Treasurer, Kids' Church leader, Safeguarding Officer, Tuesday @ 10.00 representative and a Friday night Games Night regular.

We are thankful that our finances are in good order, partly due to increased giving by members of the congregation. This generosity is really appreciated. We are also thankful that so many church members are involved in church activities either on Sundays or during the week. No-one is taken for granted.

We are especially grateful to our leaders who are continuing to go the extra mile during our time without a Vicar.



Easter Poem ~

SPECIAL TODAY! (Romans 4:12-19)

Special today!

One free gift – not like any other,
no 'special purchase' price, no hidden cost.
no breach of Trade Descriptions,
this is –THE gift,
the one that lasts and lasts,
renewable each day by covenant,
guaranteed and authorised
against all acts of violence or
attempts to make it void.

A free gift, triple in strength,
available from God, who has exclusive
rights.

It cannot be reduced because
He also paid the price.

Karen



Recently several of our children attended a preparation course to explore the meaning of Holy Communion. Here are Tobias and Harper receiving their certificates from Bishop Andy who visited us recently.

Since attending church services on a regular basis, and over the years of Christian study and learning, Easter has become my favourite Christian celebration. Although I still delight in the carols, services and events of Christmas that bring back memories of joyful and exciting childhood times.

Secularism doesn't seem to have hijacked the celebration of Easter as much as it has that of Christmas. In fact, I think that our adversary is concentrating his efforts on getting the event removed from society's curriculum altogether, which is not surprising as the walk of Jesus to Calvary was very much a victory parade, yet still a journey of torture, abuse and humiliation to the cross where Jesus Christ's passion was fulfilled.

Roman soldiers seized Simon of Cyrene, a bystander, (Luke 23:26) and forced him to carry the cross behind Jesus and therefore share in His suffering. Servant King, suffering servant.

The call to suffer for Jesus happens. We are freed from sin but not always from the sorrow of suffering. But like Simon, it is Christ's cross that we are carrying and He goes before us.

Like some other members of the congregation, Sylvia and I have had our health issues over the past several years. We have, during our times of sufferings, been very grateful for your support, encouragement and prayers.

God Bless you all.

Isaiah Chapter 53, verse 5.

But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed.

Ben

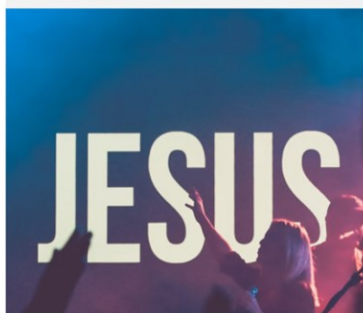
REVIEWS

We would really like to know what inspires you. It might be a book you are reading, a Podcast listened to, some music that you've heard and thought weyhey!

Below (for example) is an album that Chris L listened to whilst out walking & came back buzzing.

Email any recommendations to us at
chrisandsuel@hotmail.co.uk

Top Praise and Worship Songs - Volume 2
Album • Top Praise and Worship Songs



Becoming a Christian

At Easter time you may be thinking what is it all about? Why not try your local church to find a place to ask your questions?

Many people have found saying this prayer to be a helpful first step to a relationship with God....

'Lord Jesus Christ,

I am truly sorry for the things I have done wrong in my life. Please forgive me. I now turn from everything that I know is wrong.

Thank You that You died on the cross for me so that I could be forgiven and set free.

Thank You that You offer me forgiveness and the gift of Your Holy Spirit.

Please come into my life today.

Thank You, Lord Jesus.'



Smile a While



Knock, knock!
 Who's there?
Norma Lee.
 Norma Lee who?
Norma Lee I ring
the bell.



-Knock knock
 -Who's there?
 -Tank
 -Tank who?
 -you're Welcome

Knock, knock.
 Who's there?
Goat.
 Goat who?
 Goat to the door and
 find out!



**Fastest way to
 mess up
 someones
 Knock Knock
 joke?**

"It's open"



TUESDAYS @ 10

**April 29th
 Heritage talk**

**Join us in the church hall for coffee,
 a chat and hear the story
 from our locality.**

**Find out more about
 WORKSOP PRIORY GATEHOUSE**

Guest speaker - Fran Walker

ALL WELCOME

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SUNDAY SERVICES

10.30 am Morning Worship
 + Kids, Church

6.00 pm Sunday @ 6.00
 Informal service in the
 Church Hall Lounge



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