

The Drive Methodist Church

Eastern Avenue Ilford IG13PP

Newsletter

APRIL 2023



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May)**

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Church Mission Statement of The Drive Methodist Church

The Drive Methodist Church aims to be faithful to the commandments of Jesus, and the calling of the Methodist Church.

The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission, and to fulfil the promises detailed in the Methodist worship book.

Provide a weekly opportunity for all people to worship God in Christ, here at The Drive Methodist Church.

Enable people to grow and learn as Christians through mutual support and care.

Be a good neighbour to the immediate and wider community. Sharing our faith with others through pastoral care, church activities and communication.

Rev Mmasape Zihle is on sabbatical.



Lent

*These forty days of prayer and discipline
are given for us to slowly grow in grace
and learn to be your people once again,
to find our truest home in your embrace.
In pilgrimage, through hours and days and
weeks*

*of changing who we are and what we do,
the human heart may find that which it seeks:
ourselves, once restless, find their rest in you,
our mother hen, whose chicks at last come
home*

*to find the safest place where they may cling;
we need not face the wilderness alone,
but nestle in shadow of your wing.
Oh, forty days of learning how to be
what you have promised us eternally.*

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CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

A warm hello to all our friends who cannot come to church to worship. We pray for those known to us who are ill or finding life difficult.

You are thought of often and we hope you are able to follow the streamed services on You Tube. Please ask if you need help with this.

A thoughtful service arranged by her family took place at The City of London Crematorium for **Doreen Barclay** on 28th February. Reverend Bernadino was present, along with representatives from The Drive. We pray that Doreen rests in peace.

We remember **Sandra Runeckles** and pray that her treatment will help her to feel more comfortable.

We are pleased to hear that **Anne**, who has been poorly with Covid, is now on the mend. In addition, we have recently welcomed Anne as a new member of our Pastoral Team.

To mark his 60th birthday, **Andrew** was presented with an ornamental Acer tree, a gift from the church family.



We send love and very best wishes to **Bambo and Belinda** on their marriage, which is taking place on 12th April at Hedsor House in Buckinghamshire.

We hope a wonderful forward to seeing lots



day is had by all and look of photos.

Birthdays

Josie will celebrate her 97th birthday on April 6th.



Sending you love and congratulations Josie for your very special day.



Sophia's thoughtful tribute to her friend Doreen Barclay

'I am so sad to learn of your sudden death. I am still in denial as I cannot accept that you are gone for good, but God knows best'.

'I still remember the last chat we had on 23rd of January when I called to check on you, like I always did every week. Little did I know that would be my last conversation with you.'

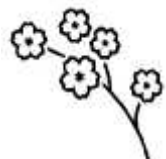
Doreen always said she was not afraid to die, but prayed for her last days to be peaceful and less painful and I think God granted her, her wish.

Each time I asked how she was, she responded by saying, I am still here. I always asked her 'where are you going, better hang on tight', then she laughed. As a church family member I will always miss her.

*If we live, we live to the Lord. And if we die, we die to the Lord, so then, whether we live or die we belong to the Lord.
Romans 14: 8*

May God grant my friend Doreen Eternal Peace.

Beautiful words Sophia.LB



WEEKLY LENT GROUP STUDY

“THE THINGS HE SAID”

From the book by Stephen Cottrell

Week 5—Chapters 9-10

Thur 30th March 7.30pm on Zoom

633 9460 159P/W:2nuKgZ

Sun 2nd April 3pm at Becontree Heath Methodist Church

For further information on course details contact:

Rev Kido Baek—07904808073

kido.baek@methodist.org.uk

Andy—07785108574

ex20any@gmail.com

You are advised to purchase the book and read the relevant chapters before joining the sessions.

For assistance with purchasing the book, speak to Jackie at the circuit office: bdcircuitoffice@btconnect.com

0208 5176159



Easter Egg Hunt



Saturday 8th April

The Drive Methodist Church Hall

10.30am – 12.30pm

All are welcome to join in the fun

Lots of craft activities

Hot cross buns and refreshments

Children £1.50 - adults are free!

Parents/carers must accompany their children, at
all times, during the morning

We look forward to seeing you!





Please sponsor an Easter Egg

It's wonderful that we can celebrate Easter together. We would be grateful if you could sponsor an Easter Egg, that will be hidden at our annual Easter Egg Hunt. All donations gratefully received. There is a tree for you to hang your Easter messages on and if you wish leave a donation.

Thank you in advance.

Jo and team TDY

PACE EGGS

One tradition just about clings on in some parts of England – the 'pace egg', and pace egg plays. The word 'pace' comes from 'paschal', the Latin name for Easter. They were hard boiled hen, duck or goose eggs with a colourful shell.

The first mention of pace eggs comes from early 18th-century Lancashire, and they grew in popularity over the century. They were given as presents or at pace egg plays, and sometimes they were rolled along the ground in a race – perhaps to symbolise the rolling away of the stone from Jesus' tomb.



COME AND SING

FAURE REQUIEM

GOOD FRIDAY 7 APRIL

The Drive Methodist Church, Ilford IG1 3PW

4:00pm Registration

4:30-6:30pm Choral Rehearsal

7:30pm Public Performance

£10 for registering singers (includes hire of score if required)

Audience free – retiring collection

An annual fundraiser for:

**Bahay Ng Pag Asa – The House of Hope
Orphanage and Outreach Centre, Santiago City,
Philippines**



THROUGH LENT TO EASTER

PASSION SUNDAY 26TH MARCH

PALM SUNDAY 2ND APRIL

MAUNDY THURSDAY 6TH APRIL

GOOD FRIDAY 7TH APRIL

HOLY SATURDAY 8TH APRIL

EASTER DAY 9TH APRIL

Bible Reading Group.



Jan and John Pearson welcome you to the monthly Bible Reading Group.

The details of this months group are as follows:

Friday 28th April at 11:00 at Jan and John's.

This months discussion will be Luke 21—24,
followed by refreshments.

All are welcome.



Here Rev. Graham Thompson gives and insight into the work of Action for Children.

Helping Children Flourish

The effects of the pandemic on the youngest members of society were brought home to me when I visited the **Action for Children** Early Child and Family Service in Norwich. I heard of the needs of two and three years olds whose early experiences were limited by restrictions and mask-wearing. I also heard about the impact of the cost of living crisis on families with young children and the way in which this has extended beyond the most deprived parts of Norfolk to people and places that never thought they would be experiencing the difficulties they are tackling today.

Action for Children has been commissioned by Norfolk County Council to provide their service for children under the age of five and their families. The five-year contract for this work commenced in 2019 and has been running throughout the restrictions caused by the pandemic and evolving to support the changing needs of those in early years and their carers.

Attachment issues have been an increasing problem as those whose early days were confined to a very small number of people are now being exposed to the wider

family, nurseries, etc. In the early years it is harder to diagnose neurodiverse conditions and so care has to be taken to enable the developing youngster to adapt to changing circumstances. At the same time, carers need support in order to help their youngsters to flourish.

Emma, who leads of this work, also told how some babies have adapted. On a home visit and whilst wearing a mask, she met a boy just a few months old and not yet walking or talking. Through her mask she smiled at the baby and said, 'Hello'. The youngster responded with a big smile, having learned to recognise a friendly face by looking into the eyes of another and noticing the tone of voice. How adaptable youngsters can be and how they need all the help they can get if they are to develop and thrive into their later years.

We should be both glad and proud of the work of Action for Children - our 'grown up' Methodist child, now living independently and serving others - as the charity seeks to support those who are struggling the most.

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HISTORY OF ACTION FOR CHILDREN

In 1869, the Reverend Dr Thomas Bowman Stephenson saw some children living rough under the arches of Waterloo Station

Instead of walking by, he stopped to listen to their stories. Then he worked out the most practical way to help.

Dr Stephenson was a Methodist Minister from the North East of England, He was also passionate about social justice. So when he moved to London, he challenged the Methodist Church to take action to help children living on the streets.

His work led to the creation of the National Children's Home (NCH). In 1994 the charity became

NCH Action for Children. Since 2008 they have been known as Action for Children.

ACTION FOR CHILDREN SUNDAY -

2nd SUNDAY IN JULY

THE FIRST CHILDREN IN CARE

Fred and George were the first children Dr Stephenson helped in 1869. It was a time of widespread poverty, with many vulnerable children sleeping rough or facing the workhouse

He was soon supporting more and more children. He moved to Bonner Road, London, in 1871 where he later established the National Children's Home. This was a place where vulnerable children were fed and cared for. It was a safe place to spend the night.

Today we support 671,275 children, young people and their families in the UK every year. We do this through 447 services in local communities, in schools and online. Where ever you find us, we are doing what's right for children

Rev John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, said: "Go not only to those who need you but to those who need you most". Later, Dr Stephenson promised to work "in the service of the children".

These principles continue to inspire us today.



Methodist Partnership

Since we were founded, our partnership with the Methodist Church has been a great source of inspiration. Methodists generously support us in so many ways including:

Raising funds, Leaving legacy gifts Offering church premises for our vital work, Volunteering and Supporting our campaigns for change.

Our board of trustees and national committees in England, Scotland and Wales have at least one Methodist representative. We also give reports to The Methodist Conference.

We're proud of our partnership with the Methodist Church, and grateful for the generosity of our devoted supporters. Their kindness never ceases to amaze us.

Karis Kolawole, Faith Partnerships Lead

April 2nd is World Autism Awareness Day.

Thanks to Sheela for this insight, taken from recent Autism training

Autism is:

Unable to speak, or maybe speaking too much

Hugging everyone, or disliking touch

Escaping outside,

Or trying to hide

Excitedly flapping

Inappropriate clapping

Aggressively hitting

Autism varies so much

Struggling to learn, or has wonderful gifts

Obsessions of numbers, trains, films or lifts

Spinning around

Throws things on the ground

Constantly spitting

Aggressively hitting

Autism varies so much

Alone without friends, or controls every game
Always looks different, always dresses the same
Swinging on doors
Head banging on floors
Freaks at the dryer
Keeps climbing higher
Autism varies so much.

Can't answer questions, won't do as they're told
In their own world or bossy and bold
Over prepared
Anxious and scared
A spectrum so wide
But they all bring us pride
When autism touches our lives.

I support autism awareness always

Autism is a lifelong developmental disability which affects how people communicate and interact with the world. More than one in 100 people are on the autism spectrum and there are around 700,000 autistic adults and children in the UK.

SATURDAY LUNCH



The next Saturday lunch is on 15th April at the usual time of 12.30pm

At the request of a few of our regulars, on this occasion we will be ordering Fish and Chips or the usual alternative meals you find at a fish and chip shop.

Your meal will come boxed, to ensure it arrives hot.

You will find an order form at the back of the church that we need you to complete by 11th April.

Unfortunately, due to the rising costs of fish and chips etc, we are unable to keep to our usual low cost.

We look forward to seeing you and hope you will bring a friend along.

Ruth and Lorraine

What do you enjoy with your Fish and Chips?

Scotland— 22% Brown Sauce

North— 23% Gravy

Wales— 17% Curry Sauce

South—26% Mayonnaise



Beetle!!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the JMA Family Beetle Drive and Tea on Saturday 18 March – to all those who came along and played and to those who very kindly made donations. The final total raised was a splendid £390 – a record!

It was once again a great fun family afternoon with ages ranging from six years to a lot older and from where I was in the kitchen it sounded like everyone was enjoying themselves. As well as our regular participants it was good to see some new players including ten children which was great. This was our first Beetle Drive for four years and because of this and the new players, Jeremy had to explain the rules a few times. But people soon got the hang of it and the beetles were coming thick and fast! The under 16 prize went to Harry whose grandparents attend Goodmayes Methodist Church and the adult prize went to Revd Kido Baek. Both winners won by just one point – a very close game!

Many thanks to Michelle for her help once again in preparing the tea, to Matthew for selling the raffle tickets and to Jeremy for keeping control of the game and making sure people were sitting where they were supposed to sit!

All money raised for JMA goes to fund projects supported by the Methodist Church's two mission funds - World Mission and Mission in Britain.

Thank you again for your support.

Diane Foster *Well done Diane and Jeremy LB*



www.homemade-gifts-made-easy.com/easter-coloring-pages.html

Lets Sing

HOSANNA, Hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, Hosanna,
Hosannah in the highest .
Lord we lift up Your name,
With hearts full of praise,
Be exalted, O Lord my God,
Hosanna in the highest.

GLORY, glory, glory to the King of Kings
Glory, glory, glory to the King of Kings.
Lord we lift up your name, with hearts full of praise,
Be exalted, O Lord, my God,
Glory to the King of Kings.

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Care

Test your knowledge with an Easter Quiz

1. What was the Jewish feast which was being celebrated the week Christ was crucified?
2. When Jesus entered Jerusalem during what is known as His Triumphal Entry, what animal was He riding on?
3. Why is the Sunday before the resurrection called Palm Sunday?
4. Which disciple cut off the ear of the high priest's servant in an attempt to protect Jesus from being taken as a prisoner?
5. What was the name of the high priest's servant who had his ear cut off by the disciple and subsequently reattached by Jesus?
6. How many times did Peter deny Christ after he abandoned the Lord?
7. How many pieces of silver did Judas trade the life of Jesus for?
8. How did Judas identify Jesus to the soldiers?
9. In repentance Judas returned the money to the priests that he was given as the price of betrayal of the Lord and then did what?
10. The priests took the money that Judas had returned to them and did what with it?
11. Who was surprisingly released before Pontius Pilate sentenced Jesus to death?

12. What did Pilate's wife counsel him to do concerning Jesus?

13. A man named Simon was compelled to carry the cross of Jesus. In Mark 15 we are told the names of Simon's two sons. What were their names?

14. What was the inscription above the cross?

15. Can you quote 4 of the 7 statements recorded in the Bible that Christ said from the cross?

16. Following the statements of Jesus on the cross, there was a statement by a Roman soldier concerning Christ. What was it?

17. What happened in the Temple as a sign that the death of Jesus had made way for the individual believer to approach God?

18. When Jesus died there was darkness in the land. How long did it last?

19. In John 19 two men helped prepare the body of Christ for burial. One is said to have been a secret disciple and another secretly came to Jesus early in His ministry to ask question. Who were these men?

20. Who was the first person to see the risen Christ?



Answers to the quiz can be found on page

Safeguarding Prayer



Lord Jesus, Hear our voices as we pray for your care and protection.

Strengthen and guide us as we strive to make our church communities a safe place for all.

We especially ask that the children and vulnerable adults you entrust to our care are protected.

Give us the wisdom and courage to listen with open hearts, see with open eyes, and speak out to ensure they are safe, loved, respected, and cared for.

We also pray for those who have been harmed. Give them the courage to seek the truth and to heal.

Lord, you call us to walk with integrity in the service of others. May we all strive to understand our collective responsibility to work together to safeguard our church communities.

Guide us to build spaces that foster everyone to flourish and be safe.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE PRIORITY SERVICE REGISTER?

The Priority Services Register is a free support service that makes sure extra help is available to people in vulnerable situations.

This register is held by all energy and network Services i.e water, energy, phone etc

You are eligible if you:



-) have reached your state pension age
-) are disabled or have a long term medical condition.
-) are recovering from an injury
-) have a hearing or sight condition
-) have a mental health condition
-) are pregnant or have young children
-) have extra communication needs
-) need to use medical equipment that requires a power supply
-) have poor or no sense of smell
-) would struggle to answer the door or get help in an emergency

Register by contacting your service provider and give them details of your needs.

You can register even if your extra needs are short term, such as recovery from an operation.

BE AWARE OF STROKE

Any age can be affected by STROKE

Sudden numbness or weakness in the face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of the body.

Sudden confusion, trouble speaking, or difficulty understanding speech.

Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes.

Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance, or lack of coordination.

The signs and symptoms of a stroke vary from person to person, but usually begin suddenly.

As different parts of your brain control different parts of your body, your symptoms will depend on the part of your brain affected and the extent of the damage.

-) **FACE** – the face may have dropped on 1 side, the person may not be able to smile, or their mouth or eye may have drooped.
-) **ARMS**– the person may not be able to lift both arms and keep them there because of weakness or numbness in 1 arm.
-) **SPEECH** – their speech may be slurred or garbled, or the person may not be able to talk at all despite appearing to be awake; they may also have problems understanding what you're saying to them.
-) **TIME** – it's time to dial 999 immediately if you notice any of these signs or symptoms.

It's important for everyone to be aware of these signs and symptoms, particularly if you live with or care for a person who is in a high-risk group, such as someone who is elderly or has diabetes or high blood pressure.

If you suspect you or someone else is having a stroke, phone 999 immediately and ask for an ambulance.

News from your Stewards



Hello Again!

You may have noticed that it all went a bit quiet in this Stewards Corner, in recent newsletters. Apologies for that but we're back and raring to put pen to paper for you!

Firstly, Amy Gabbidon joins us as a Steward so please expect to see her around doing Steward type things. Amy we are glad to have you.

Secondly, please expect to hear all our Stewarding voices in this Corner. Diane, Sheela, Oli and Ruth as well as Amy are all excited to join me and add a whole range of items to this section. Watch this space!

Vacancies at the Drive

Everyone who takes up a role at church is a volunteer and we are all very grateful for your input; in combination, it keeps the church open.

For a number of reasons we have vacancies in a number of areas. These are all important roles and we will all benefit from having them filled, can you help?

We need :

- J **A Church Council Secretary** - mainly to take minutes of the church council which meets 3-4 times a year.
- J **A Church Life Committee Secretary** - mainly to take minutes of the meeting which happens 3 times a year.
- J **Pastoral Visitors** - mainly to stay in touch with members (as well as non-members who have been attending) and especially in the event that people are no longer able to attend church. Visiting isn't essential as there are many ways to keep in touch.
- J **Stewards** - mainly to take on roles which allow the church to stay open.

We have job descriptions available, information about what each role fully involves, so that you know what you are saying 'yes' to!

For any of these roles we can arrange for you to chat with someone who currently volunteers.

If you are interested or feel that you can give some time to one of these roles, please speak to Lorraine or Michelle and we can tell you more.

Membership

It was lovely to be a part of the service where Roxanne was admitted to membership of the Drive a few weeks ago and with Clifford having his membership transferred to us too.

I became a member many moons ago and I still remember the service. With passages that are reminiscent of the Christening service, there are promises that we make to each other and to God. Membership for Methodists is the way that we commit to worshipping together and to helping each other in our walk with Christ. We both show our commitment and begin to fulfil it and it is an important way of growing our church.



If you are a member of another church denomination you can also become a member here and have dual membership. Equally you can transfer your membership to the Drive if you are a member of another Methodist church. The ministers in the circuit (Mmasape, Kido and Andy) run membership classes periodically to facilitate thinking and discussion to prepare for membership. If you are interested or would like to find out more, please speak to one of the stewards. **Michelle**

SUPPORT
REDBRIDGE FOOD BANK

IF WE ALL BRING JUST

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ITEM EACH WEEK.
WE WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE



THE CORONATION



King Charles III will be crowned
at **Westminster Abbey on 6 May**

2023. The Queen Consort will be crowned alongside her husband. The venue is steeped in royal history. The current abbey has witnessed the coronation of every monarch since Edward I in 1274 - except for Edward V and Edward VIII, who were never crowned.

Monday 8th May 2023

The Big Help Out

The Big Help Out will be held on Monday, 8th May 2023 and is being organised by The Together Coalition and a wide range of partners such as The Scouts, the Royal Voluntary Service and faith groups from across the United Kingdom. The Big Help Out will highlight the positive impact volunteering has on communities across the nation. In tribute to His Majesty The King's public service, The Big Help Out will encourage people to try volunteering for themselves and join the work being undertaken to support their local areas.

The aim of The Big Help Out is to use volunteering to bring communities together and create a lasting volunteering legacy from the Coronation Weekend.

If YOU will be involved, we want to hear about it!



Are you a volunteer?

Many of us use our time voluntarily in our church which is indeed so valuable. But what about those who also volunteer outside of our church life. I know of many who quietly volunteer and have done so for a considerable time.

If you volunteer, or have done so in the past, will you tell us about it and why you enjoy volunteering in that particular role?

Knowing about volunteering roles may encourage others to join.

Church Flowers



On behalf of our church family and flower team I would like to thank Janet Brunnen for the years of dedication she has given to the role of Flower Secretary. We are most grateful to her for all the work she has done, not only as secretary but for the many years she has committed to supporting the work of the flower arrangers. Janet has arranged displays for numerous flower festivals, Christmas, Easter services and monthly arrangements to enhance our church.

Janet has recently retired from the role of flower secretary but thankfully will continue as an arranger. I am pleased to have been accepted as the new flower secretary and should anyone have any queries regarding flower arrangements, donations or have any interest in joining our team please call me on : 07866 982561

Anne Dellow



Easter Flowers

at the Drive

The flower team are planning the Easter arrangements for our church and would like to thank the people who have given donations towards the cost of our Easter flowers.



Should anyone wish to donate towards our flower fund or dedicate an arrangement to a loved one, please call me on 07866 982561

Anne

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR FLOWERS TO DRESS THE CROSS ON EASTER MORNING.

CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY - C A P

Do you need help with debt?

Iford Debt Centre: for help from a Debt Coach

Call 0800 328 0006

Quiz answers

1. Passover (Luke 22:1)

2. A young donkey (Matthew 21:1-7; Mark 11:1-7; Luke 19:28-35; John 12:12-15). In eastern tradition it was customary for a king going to war to ride a horse. Yet when the king was at peace he would ride a donkey. The symbolism is the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, was coming for purposes of peace between God and man.

3. When Jesus entered into Jerusalem at the beginning of the Passion week, the people welcomed Him as King and Messiah. They covered the road with their garments and palm fronds as a symbol of their worship and acceptance of Him as king (Matthew 21:8; Mark 11:8; Luke 19:35, 36; John 12:12, 13).

4. Peter (John 18:10)

5. Malchus (John 18:10)

6. Three times (Luke 22:54-57; Mark 14:69, 70; Matthew 26:73-75; John 18:13-27)

7. 30 (Matthew 26:15)

8. By giving Him a kiss (Matthew 26:47-49).



9. Hanged himself (Matthew 27:3-5)

10. Bought the potter's field with the money which is where strangers were buried (Matthew 27:6-8).

11. Barabbas (Matthew 27:15-26; Mark 15:6-15; Luke 23:18; John 18:40)

12. To leave Jesus alone because He was a just man. She had a bad dream concerning the Lord and she probably felt it would bring bad luck on the household of Pilate (Matthew 27:19).

13. Alexander and Rufus (Mark 15:21)

14. "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews" (Luke 19:19). It was written in three different languages according to John 19:20; Hebrew, Greek and Latin.

15. "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34)

"Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." (Luke 23:43)

"...he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother!" (John 19:26, 27)

"Eli, Eli, lama Sabathani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34)

"I thirst." (John 19:28)

"It is finished." (John 19:30)

"Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit:" (Luke 23:46)

16. "Truly this was the Son of God" (Matthew 27:54). Slightly different statements, but the same idea are found in Mark 15:39; Luke 23:47.

17. The veil in the temple was torn from top to bottom (Matthew 27:51). We call this access to God the "priesthood of the believer." This means that Christians can approach God's throne through prayer without the need of a human mediator or priest. Because the veil was torn from the top to the bottom, that is symbolic that it is God who grants us access and not that we have worked our way into God's throne room; which could be implied if the veil was torn from bottom to top.

18. Three hours (Matthew 27:45; Mark 15:33; Luke 23:44-45). From noon to 3 pm.

19. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus (John 19:38-42). Interestingly, these two men did not follow Jesus as He travelled through the region, but they were there when all the outspoken disciples had abandoned the Lord.

20. Mary Magdalene (Mark 16:9)



How did you do?

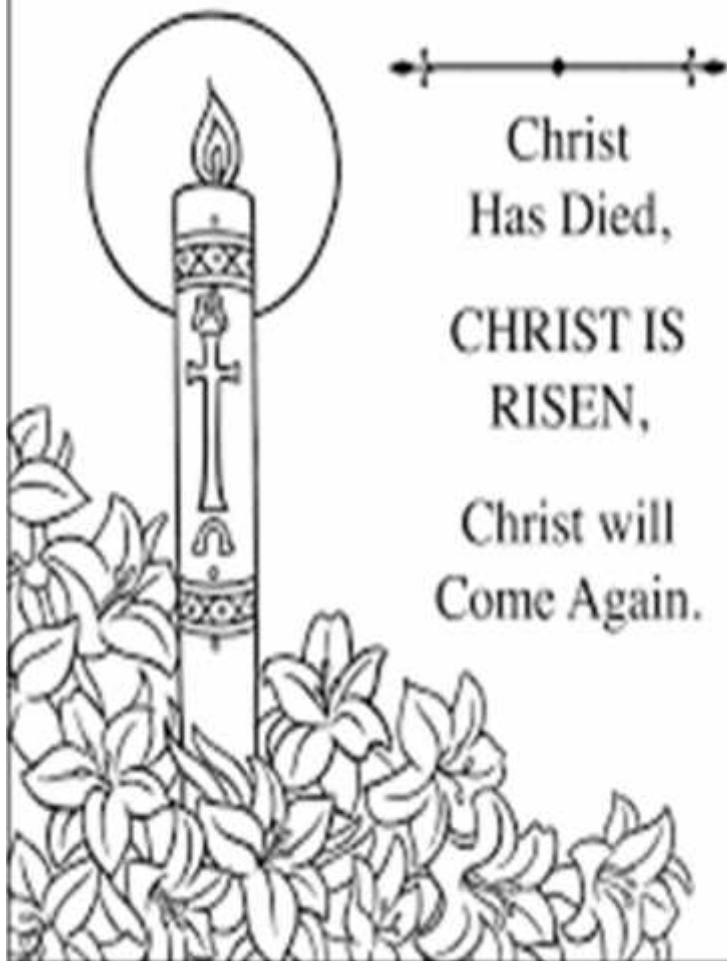
EASTER BLESSINGS

May the glory and the
promise of this joyous time
of year bring peace and
happiness to you and those
you hold most dear.

And may Christ, Our Risen
Saviour, always be there by
your side to bless you most
abundantly and be your
loving guide. Lord we lift
our hearts to you.

Amen

Alleluia



Christ
Has Died,
**CHRIST IS
RISEN,**
Christ will
Come Again.

Alleluia Easter Candle - ©TheCatholicKid.com

CARERS UK

Information advice and support for people who are looking after a friend or family member.

Advice line: 0808 808 7777

Disability Rights UK Information and advice on a wide range of issues for disabled people.

Disabled Students Helpline: 0800 328 5050

Personal Budgets Helpline: 0300 555 152

24-hour National Domestic Violence A national service for women experiencing domestic violence or others calling on their behalf.

Helpline: 0808 2000 247

Refuge - Help for Teenage Girls

Information and advice on violence against teenage girls and young women.

Helpline: 0808 2000 247 Advice line: 0808 801 0660

Men's advice line Free advice and support for men experiencing domestic violence and abuse .

Helpline: 0808 801 0327

AL-ANON Helpline: 020 7403 0888 (10am-10pm) For families affected by alcohol abuse

Samaritans. To talk about anything that is upsetting you, you can contact Samaritans 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. You can call 116 123 (free from any phone), email jo@samaritans.org

SANeline. If you're experiencing a mental health problem or supporting someone else, you can call **SANeline on 0300 304 7000** (4.30pm–10.30pm every day).

ChildLine

Free confidential service to help young people under 19 with any issue they are going through.

Helpline: 0800 1111

Family Lives (previously known as Parent line)

Offers information, advice, guidance and support on any aspect of parenting and family life, including bullying.

Helpline: 0808 800 2222

The Mix

The Mix's Crisis Messenger text service 24/7 and open to anyone aged 25 or under living in the UK. If you're in crisis and need to talk, text **THEMIX to 85258**.

Webchat and Helpline service for free and confidential information and help on a wide range of issues for 13 to 25 year olds. All issues.

An Iona blessing

May God, who is present in sunrise and nightfall,
and in the crossing of the sea, guide your feet as
you go.

May God, who is with you when you sit and when
you stand, encompass you with love and lead you
by the hand.

May God, who knows your path and the places
where you rest, be with you in your waiting be your
good news for sharing, and lead you in the way
that is everlasting.

CHURCH DIARY FOR April 2023

**2nd April Sunday Morning Service 11.15am Palm
Sunday Service — led by Janet Pearson**



2nd April Sunday 3pm LENT Programme Becontree Heath

7th April Good Friday—10.30 am Meditation

7.30pm COME AND SING (see inside)

8th April Saturday 10.30am—12.30pm Easter Egg Hunt

9th April Sunday 11.am EASTER DAY Service & Holy

Communion led by Rev. Diane Smith

15th April Saturday Lunch 12.30pm

**16th April 11.15am Sunday Morning Service led by Deacon
Andy Packer**

**23rd April 11.15am Sunday Morning Service led by Anthony
Russell**

**30th April 11.15am Sunday Morning Service led by Robert
Debrah**

Services every Sunday at 11.15am

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