

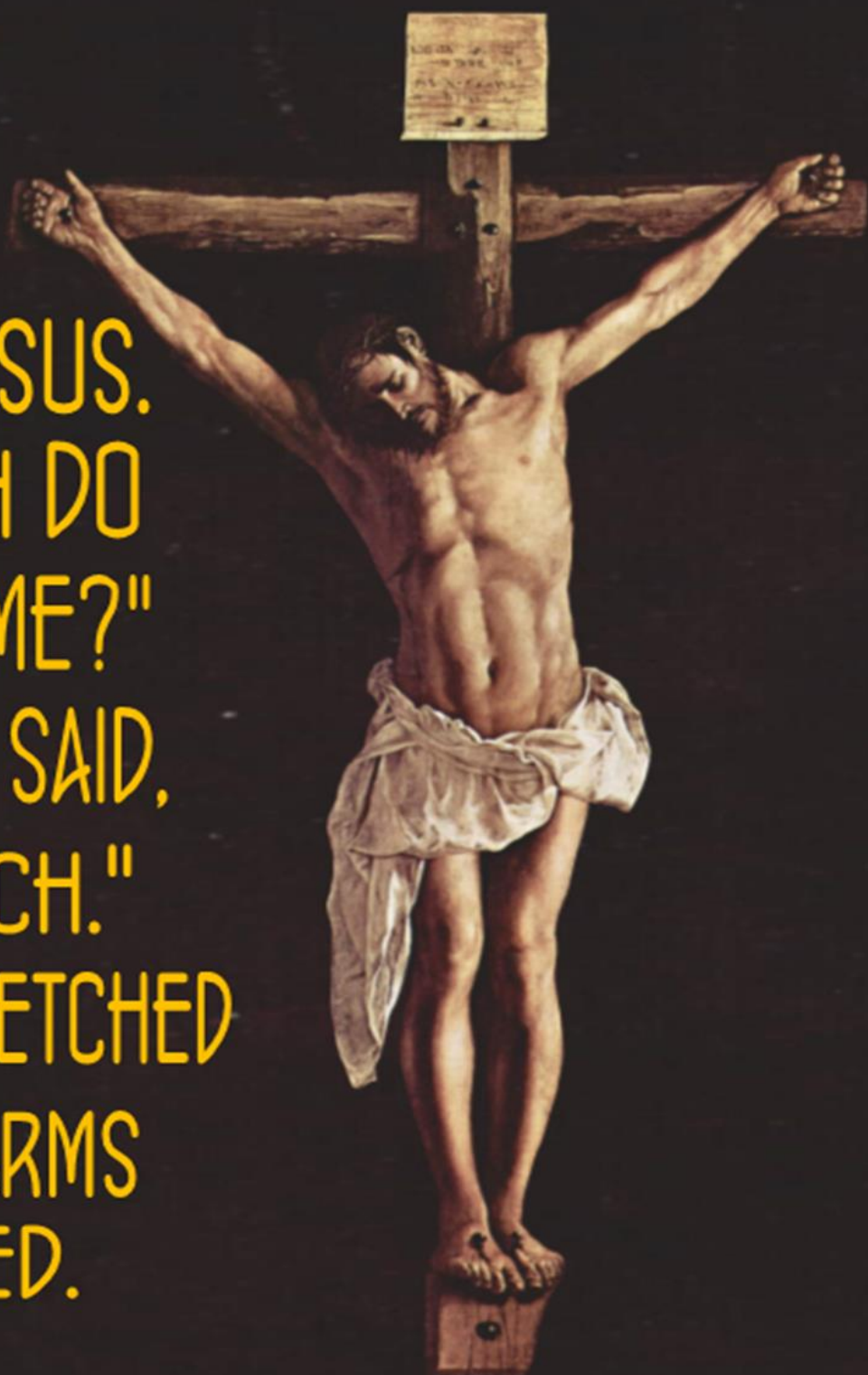


Aylestone Baptist Church  
Learning God's love, Sharing God's love



**March & April  
2018  
Church Magazine**

I ASKED JESUS.  
"HOW MUCH DO  
YOU LOVE ME?"  
AND JESUS SAID,  
"THIS MUCH."  
THEN HE STRETCHED  
OUT HIS ARMS  
AND DIED.



HE WAS PIERCED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS.  
HE WAS CRUSHED FOR OUR INIQUITIES:  
THE PUNISHMENT THAT BROUGHT US PEACE WAS UPON HIM.  
AND BY HIS WOUNDS WE ARE HEALED.

ISAIAH CH 53 : 5

## Letter from the editor....

Dear friends,

In the weeks leading up to Easter – the period of Lent – many of us have been inspired to give up something. (A practice not traditionally followed by Baptists, but is now popular).

I have given up chocolate in the past, but this year I am “doing” instead (again something that is becoming popular). My “doing” is to study Paul’s letters in the New Testament, and my study recently brought me to :

### Galations 6:7-8a

***“Do not be deceived. God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction.”***

How sad and disappointed have we been to hear of Aid workers who have abused their position and their calling.

The passage goes on to say – v8b-10

***“The one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap Eternal Life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.***

***Therefore as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”***

So – whatever you may have given up for Lent – DON’T give up on doing good.

There are many opportunities within our fellowship to “do good” by volunteering to help in the many activities run by our Church –

And if you wonder, “Do I have a gift?” Yes, God has given you a unique gift.

And if you wonder, “Am I up to the task?” Yes, the Holy Spirit enables you in all things as you work for God.

And if you wonder, “Am I good enough?” Yes, Jesus died for you, and rose again to take away your sin and so that you may have life in all its fulness.

May God Bless you at this Eastertime.

Dorothy.

## **CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**

We thank God for the life of Len Cross, who worshipped with us for many years. Len told us the story some years ago, of how he was evacuated during the war to a family in Hinckley who took him, for the first time in his 10 year old life, to church at Hinckley Baptist, and there he gave his life to Christ. Len was well known in the farming community as a salesman for a seed merchant, and then in later life starting up his own business in fertilizers. Our thoughts and prayers are with Len's family as they mourn a much loved and lovely man.

Special birthdays!

Happy 18<sup>th</sup> to Joey Asuncion

Happy 30<sup>th</sup> to Chanel Holcroft.

Please remember Ruth Hopkins in your prayers as she has now returned home with a new care package, that the carers will be patient and kind.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Nicky, our Youth Minister, Graham's wife. Nicky is suffering severe pain, and we pray that the correct diagnosis can be reached and her condition controlled.

Many of our folk have suffered with the flu or very heavy colds over the last few weeks, we hope and pray for full health for all.

Please also remember in your prayers all those who have been recently bereaved. We pray for peace in their hearts as they adjust to a new way of life.

Our love and prayers to Paul Onions now in South Lodge Home, to Michael Gamble, suffering ill health.

Please remember in your prayers our teenagers and University students as they move toward major exam times.

Please also uphold in prayer those who are working towards calling a new minister for us. The Church Profile has now been sent off and as the search begins we pray for wisdom and guidance for those who have been appointed to begin the process.



## Worship Services for March/April 2018

### MARCH

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Service will be led by Richard Wiggins with David Basoah preaching. (Mark 4:35-41)

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Mothering Sunday and BAPTISM.  
Service will be led by Lucy Satchell with Graham Hill Preaching. (Mark 5: 1-20)



Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Service will be led by Freddie Damalie with Ellen Price Preaching. (Mark 5:21-43)  
Service will include Communion.



### *EASTER SERVICES*

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> PALM SUNDAY Preaching and led by Stan Mackley.

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> GOOD FRIDAY - Procession of witness & services with other Churches in Aylestone. 10am.

### APRIL

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> EASTER DAY. Service led by Maxine's Housegroup.

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Service led by Susanna Damalie with Martin Gage preaching.  
(Mark 6 : 1-13)

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Pam Bryan will be leading and preaching. (Mark 6:14-29)  
Service includes Communion.  
Church AGM will follow immediately after the service.

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Graham Hill will be preaching. (Mark 6:30-44)

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Service led by Dorothy Mackley with Freddie Damalie preaching.

## Other Dates in March/April 2018



### MARCH

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Lunch Club
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Deacons' Meeting.
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	The Open House
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch Club
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	EMBA Women's Day at Melton Mowbray.
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	The Open House.
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Messy Church at Gilmorton Estate, 4.30pm.
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	FUN DAY, 10.30 – 2pm, raising funds for SIGMA, stalls, food, Bouncy Castle, children's Easter crafts.
Wed. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Gateway Club Easter Service, 7.15pm.
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch Club Maundy Thursday Service, 12-o'clock, followed By lunch.
	Maundy Thursday Service with Baptists Together in Leicester, 7.30pm at Oadby Baptist Church.
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	GOOD FRIDAY – Spirit of Aylestone, churches together, Meet at St. Andrews Church, 10am, for a short time of worship Then parade to St. Edwards Catholic Church for a short worship time, before parading back to ABC to complete Worship time, and have hot cross buns and fellowship together.
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	PRAYER TIME. 7.30pm onwards – You are invited to meet together in Church for a time of quiet prayer and reflection.
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Praise and Worship Evening, 7.30pm

## APRIL

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	<u>EASTER DAY – SERVICE AT 10am</u>
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	The Open House.
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Deacons' Meeting.
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch Club.
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	CHURCH AGM, 12-O'clock.
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	The Open House.
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	EMBA Association Day.
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Age FILM AFTERNOON.
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch Club.
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Messy Church at Gilmorton Estate, 4.30pm.



### **Dates for your Diary:**

Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup> – AYLESTONE 2018 – Event held at Aylestone Hall Gardens including Open Air Worship Service followed by day of sports, activities etc.

July 30<sup>th</sup> – August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Children's Holiday Club.

August 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> - Holiday @ Home for the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Age.

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*In this restless world of struggle  
It is very hard to find  
Answers to the questions  
That daily come to mind –  
We cannot see the future  
What's beyond is still unknown,  
For the secret of God's Kingdom  
Still belongs to Him alone –  
But He granted us salvation  
When His Son was crucified  
For life became immortal  
Because our Saviour died.*



## SIGMA UPDATE – FEB 2018

We are very grateful to all those who came along to our Quiz night on February 10th. An evening enjoyed by all with hot dogs and cakes before seven teams competed in the family quiz with questions ranging from recognising breeds of dogs to a Bible questions and lots of 'general' knowledge. With ticket sales and a number of donations we raised £200.



Our link Church in India whose ministry in the community in and around Akividu we support through SIGMA is growing its work in helping youngsters with their education – so important if the next generation are to get themselves and their families out of poverty.

So in the many Children's centres the Church run in the town and surrounding villages, apart from the



Christian teaching, they help the children with their general education.

Then for the older children and young people they are providing school bags, books, pens and other essential equipment not provided by even the schools which require some contributions towards education. The local state schools only provide a very poor basic education. Your money will help to rescue many families from poverty in the future.

We have a Fun Day at our Church on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – please come and support us if you can

Thank you. Stan & Dorothy 😊





**Aylestone Baptist Church**

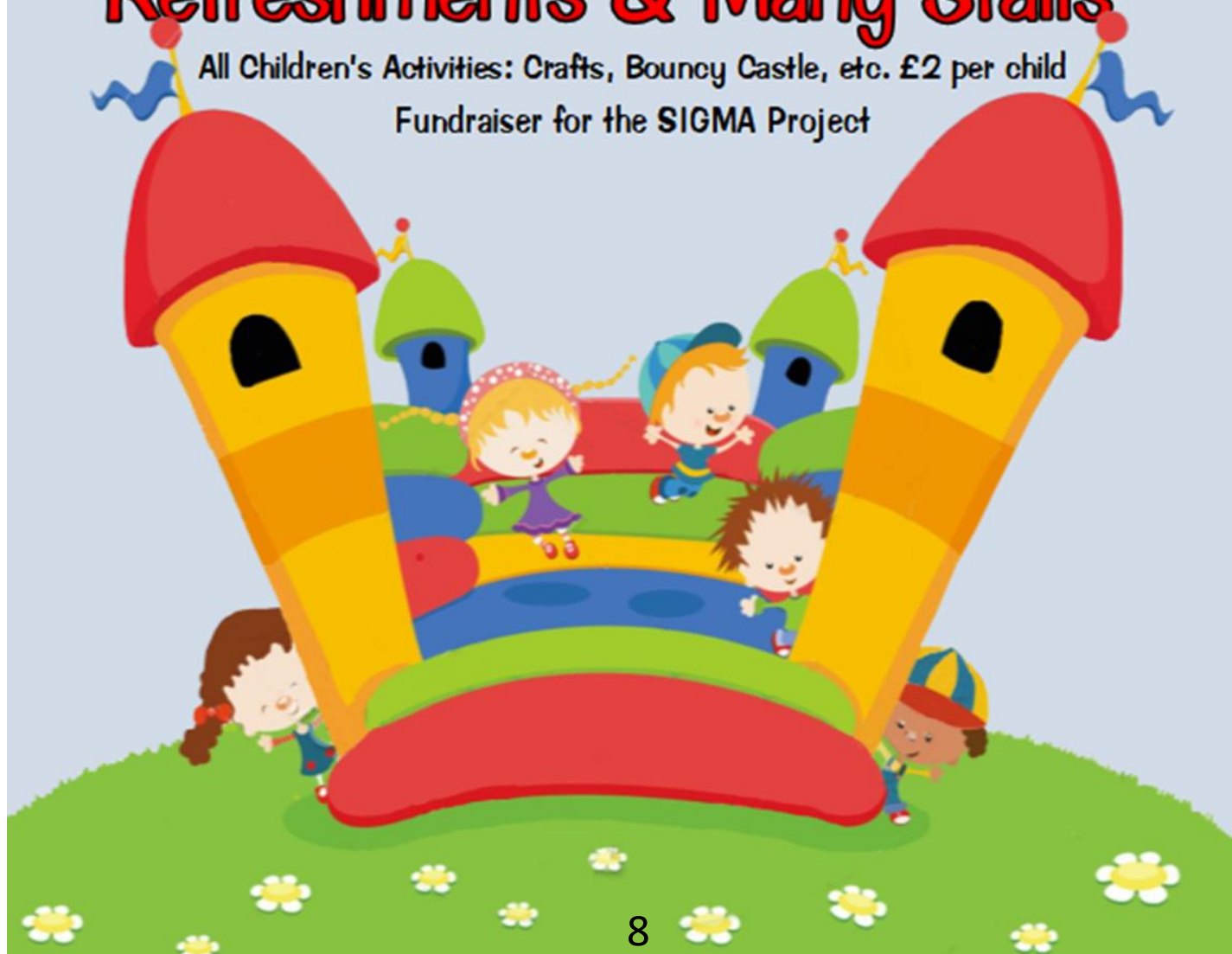
**Tuesday March 27th 10.30 - 2pm**

**Easter Crafts & Bouncy Castle**

**Refreshments & Many Stalls**

All Children's Activities: Crafts, Bouncy Castle, etc. £2 per child

Fundraiser for the SIGMA Project



## What's on for the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Age.

### Community Lunch Club

Dates for March /April.

Thursday March 1<sup>st</sup> / 15<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> -this is Maundy Thursday and there will be a service before lunch, at 12-0-clock.

Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup> / 26<sup>th</sup>



### The Open House

Dates for March / April

Thursday March 8<sup>th</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup>

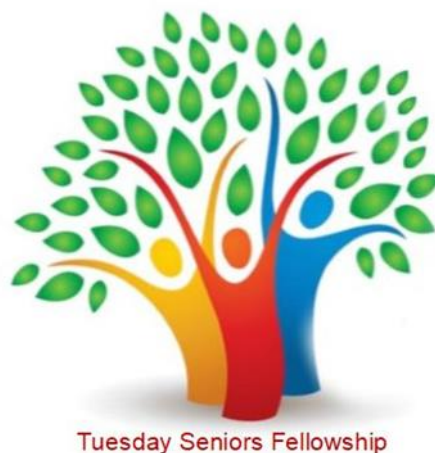
Thursday April 5<sup>th</sup> / 26<sup>th</sup> / May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Tuesday Fellowship

Dates for March / April

Tuesday March 6 / 20

Tuesday April (no meeting 3<sup>rd</sup>) / 17<sup>th</sup> / May 1<sup>st</sup>.



### FILM AFTERNOON

Monday April 23<sup>rd</sup> – 2pm “The King and I” followed by afternoon tea.  
This is a free event.

## **SPOTLIGHT on the 3<sup>RD</sup> AGE Activities**

There has been a lot of attention on the media just lately about loneliness – even a “minister of loneliness” appointed by the Government! Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Age Groups are open to all the community, held in a warm, friendly atmosphere – and of course – food !

**The Lunch Club** (fortnightly on a Thursday) has been running for over 30 years and welcomes 30 – 40 folk to enjoy a meal of home-made soup, followed by a roast dinner, and home-made dessert, plus a cup of tea, for £5. During the year we have a Carol Service before our Christmas dinner, and a service on Maundy Thursday before the Easter meal. There is no need to book, just turn up, the Church is open from 11am for coffee, and the meal served at 12.45.



We celebrated Irene's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday at Lunch Club, and presented her with a cake. Irene has been coming to Lunch Club for about 18 years.



**The Open House** (fortnightly on the alternate Thursday to the Lunch Club) is now in its fourth year, meeting in a very informal way, from 11am – 2pm. There are various activities, or just sit and chat with endless cups of tea or coffee and biscuits. At about 12.30 a lunch is served of alternately home-made soups or jacket potatoes, followed by an array of delicious desserts – rice pudding, bread & butter pudding, trifle, treacle sponge, fruit pie, etc, etc.... (all you can eat!)





**The Tuesday Fellowship** meet fortnightly on a Tuesday morning from 11am-2pm, a group of about 16 ladies and gentlemen, to look at a Bible passage, have a talk about it, how it has affected our lives in the past and the relevance for the future.



At about 12.30 a two course lunch is served, and a chance to chat over the meal. You don't have to be a Christian to join this group – it is suitable for anyone who is wanting to know

more of the Bible, how it is relevant to your life no matter what your age (a number of people in our church have been baptised over the age of 80!).

**Holiday @ Home** has run over the last 3 years for 3 days in August (this year the dates are August 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>). Two days involving lunch, followed by activities afternoon on one day and a film afternoon the other, and afternoon tea. The third day will be a coach outing (destination to be confirmed!). This is open to all but booking is essential.

A new initiative has been a film afternoon. Just before Christmas we showed the film "A Wonderful Life", and followed this with an afternoon tea. This proved so successful that another event has been arranged for Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April when the film will be "The King and I" (and of course followed by afternoon tea!).

All of these activities are open to the Community – so as you read this maybe you, or some-one you know, may like to give it a try – be assured of a warm welcome.

## Sacrifice...

By the end of July 1941, Auschwitz was working like a well organized killing machine, and the Nazis congratulated themselves on their efficiency..



About the only problem was the occasional prisoner from the work side of the camp who would figure out a way to escape. When these escapees were caught, as they usually were, they would be hung with special nooses that slowly choked out their miserable lives – a grave warning to others who might be tempted to try.

Then one July night as the frogs and insects in the marshy land surrounding the camp began their evening chorus, the air was suddenly filled with the baying of dogs, the curses of soldiers, and the roar of motorbikes.

A man has escaped from Barracks 14.

The next morning there was a peculiar tension as the ranks of phantom-thin prisoners lined up for morning roll call in the central square, their eyes on the large gallows before them. But there was no condemned man standing there, his hands bound behind him, his face bloodied from blows and dog bites. That meant the prisoner had made it out of Auschwitz. And that meant death for some of those who remained...

Soon there were ten men – ten numbers neatly listed on the death roll.

The chosen groaned, sweating with fear. “My poor wife!”, one man cried, “my poor children! What will they do?”

Suddenly there was a commotion in the ranks. A prisoner had broken out of line, calling for the commandant....

The prisoners gasped. It was their beloved Father Kolbe, the priest who shared his last crust, who comforted the dying, who heard their confessions and nourished their souls.

The frail priest spoke softly, even calmly, to the Commandant. "I would like to die in place of one of the men you condemned"..

"Why" snapped the Commandant.

"I am an old man sir, and good for nothing. My life will serve no purpose."

His ploy triggered the response Kolbe wanted. "In whose place do you want to die?"

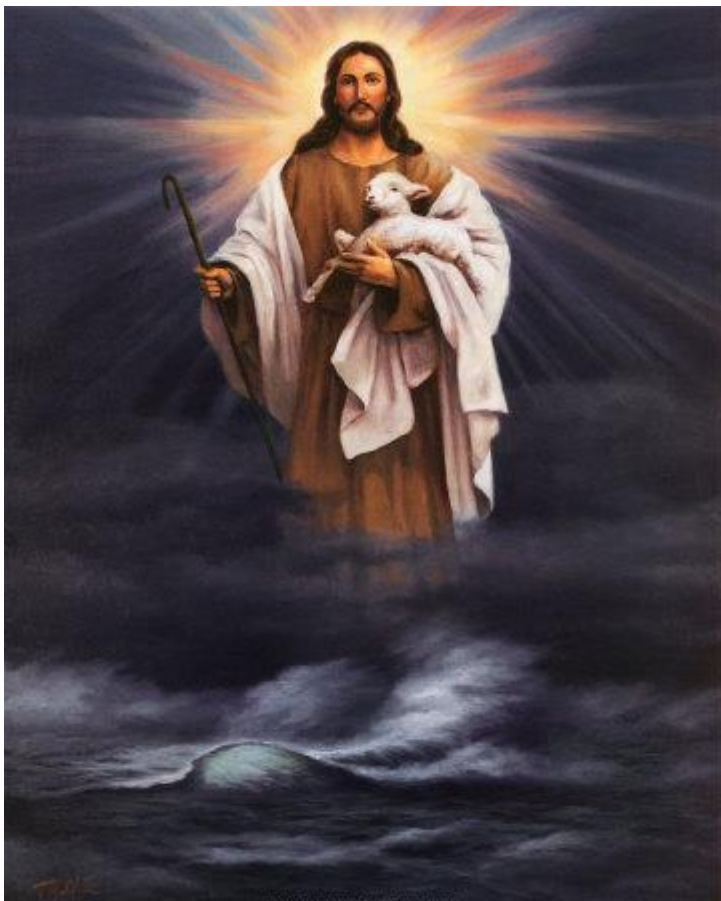
"For that one," Kolbe responded, pointing to the weeping prisoner who had bemoaned his wife and children.

Kolbe's place on the death ledger was set.

Kolbe wasn't looking for gratitude. If he was to lay down his life for another, the fulfilment had to be in the act of obedience itself. The joy must be found in submitting his small will to the Will of One more grand....

In the basement the ten men were herded into a dark, windowless cell.

As the hours and days passed, however, the camp became aware of something extraordinary happening in the death cell.. Coming from the death box, those outside heard the faint sounds of singing.



For this time the prisoners had a shepherd to gently lead them through the shadows of the valley of death, pointing them to the Great Shepherd. And perhaps for that reason Father Kolbe was the last to die.

For those with eyes to see, it points to the Man who laid down His life for His friends, on the cross. To the only King in history who died for His subjects.

(From: The Body by  
Charles Colson)



**BMS BIRTHDAY SCHEME** in aid of Medical Missionary Work.  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY and THANK YOU to:

March 6<sup>th</sup>      Zacery Craston  
March 11<sup>th</sup>     Ruth German  
March 14<sup>th</sup>     Ron Walton  
March 27<sup>th</sup>     Mary Shipton  
March 30<sup>th</sup>     Lucy Satchell

April 1<sup>st</sup>        Tracy Bryan  
April 14<sup>th</sup>      Brenda Tester  
April 23<sup>rd</sup>      Diane Bland  
April 24<sup>th</sup>      Helena Barrett  
April 27<sup>th</sup>      Nikita Fereday  
April 27<sup>th</sup>      Neale Craston



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Have you heard...?

*If you are tempted to reveal  
A tale to you some-one has told  
About another, make it pass  
Before you speak, three gates of gold.*

*These narrow gates, First, "Is it true?"  
Then, "is it needful?" In your mind  
Give truthful answer. And the next  
Is last and narrowest, "Is it kind?"*

*And if to reach your lips at last  
It passes through these gateways three  
Then you may tell the tale, nor fear  
What the result of speech may be.*

*(Anon)*



## Smile a-while

An old fisherman lived down by the harbour.  
The new minister was visiting the neighbourhood and gave him a call. After chatting for a while, the minister rose to go. "Well vicar," said the old fisherman, "next time you are down by the harbour I hope you'll drop in."

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*A Sunday School teacher asked her class what a conscience was. One young lad put his hand up and said, "A conscience is something that makes you tell your mother before your sister does."*

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The new parish priest was being briefed by the housekeeper on problems in the rectory requiring immediate attention.

"Your roof needs repair, Father," she said, "your water pressure is bad and your central heating is not working."

"Now, Mrs. Kelly," the priest said, "you've been the housekeeper here for five years and I've only been here for a few days, why not say *our* roof and *our* central heating?"

Some weeks later, when the priest was meeting with the bishop and several other priests, Mrs. Kelly burst into the office, terribly upset.

"Father, Father", she blurted, "There's a mouse in our bedroom and it's under our bed."

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*'Teenager's Hang-ups' was the title of a talk advertised on the noticeboard at a church women's club. To this someone added 'Anything but their clothes.'*

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The vicar was pleased to announce that he had been presented with a Victorian flower vase by an old lady, only slightly cracked.

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*After his address at a special service, the Bishop said to a young reporter who was covering the event, 'When you write the story I would appreciate you not mentioning the several anecdotes I related. I may want to use them again in other speeches.'*

*The reporter obliged but unfortunately the story contained the sentence, 'The Bishop told several stories that cannot be repeated.'*

**Muslims who fled the war in Aleppo are turning to the Bible** – The Bible Society are in Lebanon supporting some of the 1.5 million Syrian refugees whose lives have been shattered. One in four of the Lebanese population are now Syrian refugees. They arrive with no money and are often traumatised. **But there is a real hunger for the Bible.**

### Yasmine's story

Yasmine, 30, is from a Muslim background and after getting married she helped her husband, Idris, build a two-bed home in Aleppo. They started a family, but within six weeks of moving to their new home, the war shattered their dreams.



‘I was preparing food and my husband was coming home to have lunch together. A bomb dropped. It was so close the whole house shook, and my little boy, Iskander, was on the floor because he was so scared’

‘The day we left, the bombs never stopped,’ she recalled. ‘People said we’d be killed in our car. **But we didn’t have any other option.**’

After a gruelling 22 hour journey to escape Yasmine and her family arrived in Lebanon in a state of trauma: ‘I had flashbacks about my parents, and friends who have been killed. I spoke to my sister one day, and the next day she was dead,’ she told us.

Despite her hardship, **Yasmine is one of many refugees in the Middle East whose life has been changed by meeting Jesus Christ.** It all started when she was offered a free Bible by one of our volunteers.

‘I met a Christian woman who invited me to church,’ she said. ‘I didn’t know anything about Christianity or Jesus. But we started studying the Bible. I’m so glad I did!’ ‘The burden in my heart and soul has gone. I feel at peace,’ said Yasmine. ‘I am proud to know Jesus Christ.’

**‘The Lord Jesus changed our lives.** We know the way now. We want to learn more about him. Without Jesus, we are nothing.’

There are a number of ways you can support the Bible Societies work – some of our members are in the ‘Bible a Month’ Club. See their web site.

## EASTER WORDSEARCH



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# Aylestone Baptist Church

Lutterworth Road Aylestone Leicester LE2 8PE

**Church Moderator Rev. Pam Bryan / Youth Minister: Graham Hill**

## Weekly & Fortnightly Activities

### Sunday

10.00am Morning Service / Junior Church / Crèche Facilities  
Communion: The third Sunday of each month

### Monday

7.30pm Prayer Meeting

### Tuesday

9.30am Babes & Toddlers Club  
11.00am Seniors Bible Study (Fortnightly)  
5.00pm Urban Saints (Boys & Girls Club from Ages 4 – 18)

### Wednesday

7.30pm Gateway Club

### Thursday

11.00am The Open House. 3rd Age. For the 50's and over aged group (Fortnightly)  
11.00am Community Lunch Club (Fortnightly / Alternative week to Open House)  
6.30pm Meet & Eat for Young People  
7.30pm House Groups

### Friday

7.00pm Hangout Youth Club (Boys & Girls Club from Ages 10 – 14)



**Loop System Installed**



**Wheel Chair Access**



**WC Facilities**

Church Membership, Baptism, Infants Dedication, Weddings, Funerals, House Groups, Urban Saints, Community Lunch Club, Babes & Tots Club, Youth Club & The Open House.

To find out more about church membership, Baptism, etc. or any of the activities please call us on 01162 832 527; by email: [minister@aylestonebaptistchurch.co.uk](mailto:minister@aylestonebaptistchurch.co.uk) or by visiting our website at [www.aylestonebaptistchurch.org.uk](http://www.aylestonebaptistchurch.org.uk)