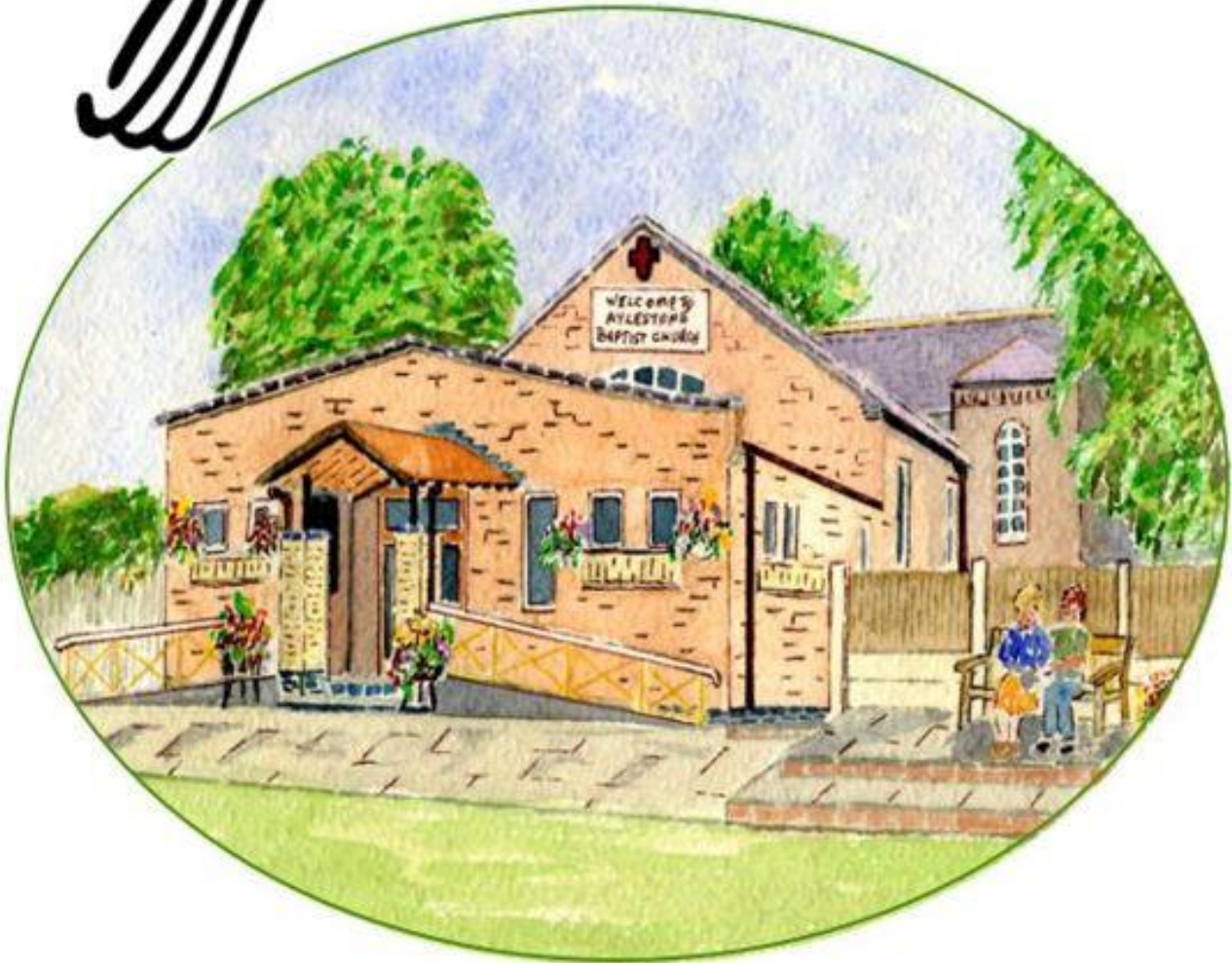




Aylestone Baptist Church
Learning God's Love, Sharing God's Love



**March & April
2019
Church Magazine**

Letter from the editor

Dear friends,

I worked for many years as a peripatetic woodwind teacher, giving music lessons in various schools across the city and county, plus private lessons at home. The lessons are on a one-to-one basis and inevitably the relationship becomes part music teacher, part confidant. I have supported a number of men through their “midlife crisis”, when they wanted to play the saxophone (the alternative when they can’t afford a sports car); I had long conversations with a “lifer” in Leicester jail; but most of my time was with school children with their ups and downs.

I remember one girl, always a cross look on her face, and one day which was a particularly bad day in her 9 year old life. The lesson began and we needed to learn D Major scale. *“All my teachers hate me”*. “Let’s try that scale again”. *“I’ve got no friends”*. “Once more, remember the C sharp this time.” *“My sister has no time for me.”* “Oh dear”. *“My parents hate each other.”*..... Finally the “lesson” was over, and as she reached the door she turned, her askew ponytail whipped round. *“Anyway!”* she stormed, *“Jesus loves me!”*

I’ve never forgotten that incident, the faith of that child. Did she ever master D minor scale? Did her faith grow? I’m not likely to ever meet her again so it’s in the Lord’s hand.

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My dear friend, Beryl Thomas, recently sent me a copy of the ABC 100 years celebration leaflet (she was clearing out Brian’s study), and in the forward by the minister of the time, 1971, Rev. A. Leslie Hilliard, writing of the changes our country had seen over the last 100 years, including 2 World Wars, he writes:

“....and yet this Christian cause, started by a mere handful of very ordinary people, not unlike the very start of Christianity itself, has remained, not as some small museum piece, some monument in a graveyard to brave folks’ hopes, but still alive and active.”

Bless you Mr. Hilliard. And here we are, still alive and active another 48 years on. As we look towards Easter, there are deep theological truths to be studied, and many sermons and thoughts, but when we strip it back, this group of very ordinary people that is Aylestone Baptist Church, we will find the real meaning of Easter, as that little girl said: Jesus Loves Us.

Dorothy

Sunday Services for March/April 2019

Services are usually held at 10am and include Sunday School and creche area.

March

- Sunday 3rd Sam Dunn will be leading and preaching.
Theme: Exodus 32.
- Sunday 10th Annette Johnson leading, Martin Pantling preaching.
Theme: Numbers 20: 1-13
- Sunday 17th Donna Nicholls leading, David Statham preaching.
Theme: Numbers 25. Service includes Communion.
- Sunday 24th Susana Damalie leading, Graham Hill preaching.
Theme: Numbers 27: 12-23
- Sunday 31st Mothering Sunday.
Led by Maxine's Housegroup, Maxine Elliott preaching.

April

- Sunday 7th Lucy Satchell leading, Revd. Simon Prout preaching.
Theme: Deut. 34 : 1-12
Church AGM follows the service.
- Sunday 14th PALM SUNDAY led by Julie's House Group
with Wendy Hall Preaching.
- Sunday 21st EASTER SUNDAY led by Stan Mackley,
Service includes Communion.
Will be followed by a Bring & Share lunch.
- Sunday 28th Freddie Damalie leading, Andy Thompson preaching.

Other Dates March/April 2019

March

Sat. 2 nd .	Coffee Morning & Car Wash to raise funds for Cameron's trip to Costa Rica.
Tues. 5 th	Special Church Meeting, 7pm.
Thurs. 7 th	The Open House.
Wed. 13 th	Gateway Club Worship Evening.
Thurs. 14 th	Community Lunch Club.
Sat. 16 th	Holy Spirit Day led by Martin Gage : 9.30 – 3pm.
Thurs. 21 st	The Open House.
Mon. 25 th	3 rd . Age Film Afternoon. 2pm.
Thurs. 28 th	Community Lunch Club.
Sunday 31 st	Messy Church at Gilmorton Est. 4.30pm.

April

Thurs. 4 th	The Open House.
Thurs. 11 th	Community Lunch Club.
Sat. 13 th	PRAISE & WORSHIP Evening. 6.30pm.
Tues. 16 th	Family Fun Day to raise funds for SIGMA, 10.30am.
Wed. 17 th	Gateway Worship Service.
Thurs. 18 th	Community Lunch Club including Maundy Thursday Service at 12-o'clock.
Thurs. 18 th	MAUNDY THURSDAY Communion Service at Central Baptist Church, 6.30pm, with other Baptist churches in Leicester.
Friday 19 th	GOOD FRIDAY March of Witness – starting at St. Andrews Church at 10am, then St. Edwards Church, and finishing at ABC. There will be a short service at each Church, and finishing with Coffee, hot cross buns and fellowship. 7.00pm Prayer meeting in Church
Sunday 21 st	EASTER SUNDAY Service followed by a bring and Share lunch.
Thurs. 25 th	The Open House.
Sun. 28 th	Messy Church at Gilmorton Est., 4.30pm.

Dates for your diary.....

May 2 nd .	Our church is being used for Polling station.
Sat. May 18 th	Choirs & Cakes for Christian Aid. [Christian Aid week 12 th -18 th]
Mon. July 29 th – Fri. Aug. 2 nd .	Children's Holiday Club
Aug. 13 th /14 th /15 th	Holiday@Home for 3 rd . Age

Discovering **THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**Saturday March 16th 2019
Aylestone Baptist Church**



A day discovering the Holy Spirit with Martin Gage.

SESSIONS INCLUDE:

Who is the Holy Spirit?

Pentecost

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Fruits of the Holy Spirit

9.30am start with coffee and worship, till 3.00pm

**Please bring a bible, a note-taking aid and
a contribution to a shared lunch.**

No charge. Collection for Christian Aid.

All denominations are welcome to join us.

Prayer Room

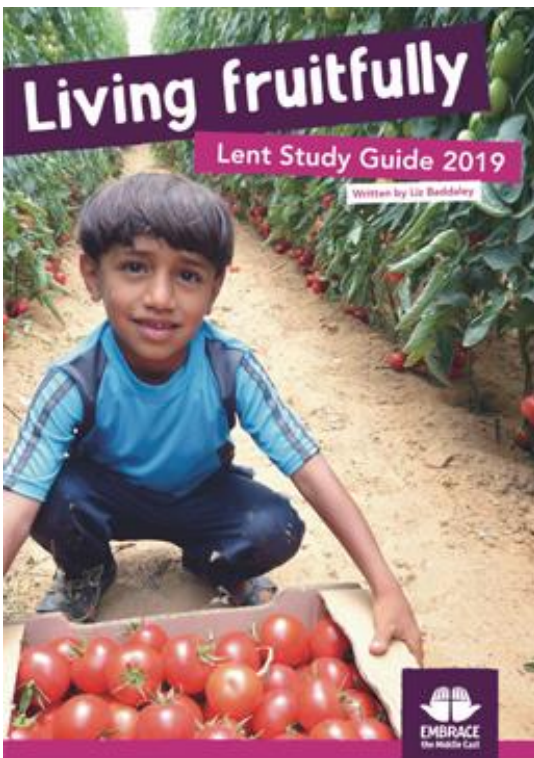
The newly refurbished prayer room at the back of the large hall, is now finished.

Please use this space for quiet prayer (it is accessible 24/7 from outside via a keysafe).



Thanks to those who have worked hard to create this lovely room, and to the memory of Ann Lane and Teresa's mum whose legacies made it possible.

Lent Study



Starting on Monday 11th March at 7.30pm in place of the Monday evening prayer meeting, we will be doing this Lent Study **'Living fruitfully'**.

The sessions are as follows

Mon 11th March 'Living differently'

Mon 18th March 'Living compassionately'

Mon 25th March 'Living exuberantly'

Mon 1st April 'Living courageously'

Mon 8th April 'Living generously'

Mon 15th April 'Living expectantly'

The meetings will be in the Church lounge.

All are welcome, if you can't make all the sessions, come when you can

EASTER IN AYLESTONE



You are invited to join us on...

A Walk Of Witness

Good Friday Walk Of Witness on April 19th at 10am

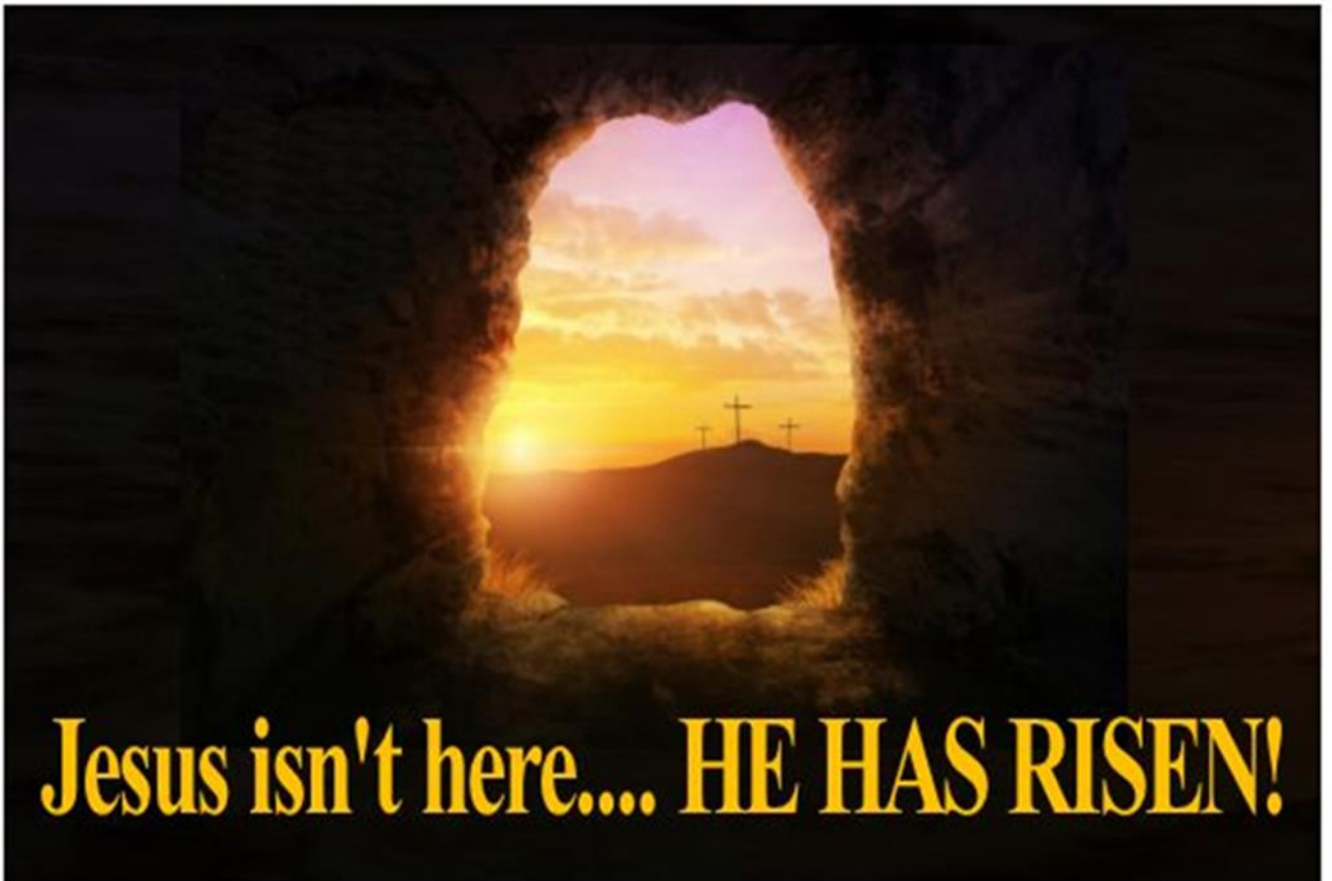
A journey around Aylestone Churches remembering the story of Good Friday.

Following a cross & handing out hot cross buns, the walk will begin at St. Andrews Church at 10am, Middleton Street, & at each of the three churches in Aylestone, we will pause for reflection.

It will finish at Aylestone Baptist Church where refreshments will be served.

Good Friday Activities For Children

1.30pm - 3.30pm at St Andrews Church in the Church Hall, Old Church Street. £2 per Child. Refreshments are available.



Church Family News

Please remember in your prayers Shirley Gray, at present in hospital and very unwell. We pray God's healing touch, and strength for Steve, Sophie and all the family in these difficult times.

Marilyn Winterton has fallen down the stairs and ended up in hospital. She is now at home, in a lot of pain, but gradually healing. God bless you Marilyn.

Ruth Burton's mum, Jo, is having open heart surgery. We pray for a good recovery for her and hope to have her back amongst us soon.

Ruth Hopkins is in hospital with a severe chest infection. We hope and pray she will soon be back at Grey Ferrers Nursing Home, where she has settled and is enjoying life.

Eric Clarke is making a good recovery after replacement knee surgery. He is now "getting around" but it will be some time before he is back on the crossing at Montrose School. May God bless him and Maureen with patience during his healing time.

Our sympathies to Elaine Pantling on the passing away of a very dear aunt.

Please continue to remember Paul Onions in your prayers. He is content in the Nursing Home, but missing our fellowship. Members of the Pastoral Care Team have been taking Communion to him on a regular basis, for which he is very grateful.

Congratulations to Teresa Sleight on becoming a grandma for the first time. May God bless all the family.

Also to grandparents Beth and Duncan as Sam and Paige have had their second child, Taylor, brother for Alana.

*The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer,
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and
the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*

Psalm 18:2



PRAISE
& WORSHIP EVENT
(Admission is Free)
Aylestone Baptist Church
Saturday April 13th
6.30pm - 8.00pm
Everyone welcome

SIGMA UPDATE



On 23rd February we held another quiz night at the Church for the Sigma project. Over 40 people attended, and all enjoyed the food and very varied quiz with a Bible quiz, general knowledge rounds, a TV show themes music quiz, Dingbats, a picture round 'recognising children's TV characters through the 'ages' from Noddy to Dorra the explorer.etc. We raised over £175! Our thanks to all who supported and helped in any way.

We have a Family Fun Day on Tuesday April 16th – see the poster for details. Do come along and support this day if you can. The Church in Akividu has ongoing projects. A recent email from Yesupadam told us what they are working on just now :-

Dear Brother Stanley and Sister Dorothy Mackley

Children preparing for the examinations. We will provide pad and pen and some materials. Every Sunday provide food for old people and very poor people, through this this programme stop some hunger deaths. Please pray for these programmes. Please convey our greetings to Your Family and all the Church Families and Donors of the SIGMA project.

'Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written:

*'They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor;
their righteousness endures for ever.'*

2 Corinthians 9:6-9

FAMILY FUNDAY

Aylestone Baptist Church
Tuesday April 16th 10.30 - 2pm
Easter Crafts & Bouncy Castle
Refreshments & Many Stalls



What's on for 3rd. Age in March/April 2019



The Lunch Club

Thurs. March 14th / 28th

Please note:

Change of weeks for April due to Easter.

Thurs. April 11th

Thurs. April 18th includes Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 12

Thurs. May 2nd.

The Open House

Thurs. March 7th / 21st

Thurs. April 4th / 25th

Thurs. May 9th



The Tuesday Fellowship



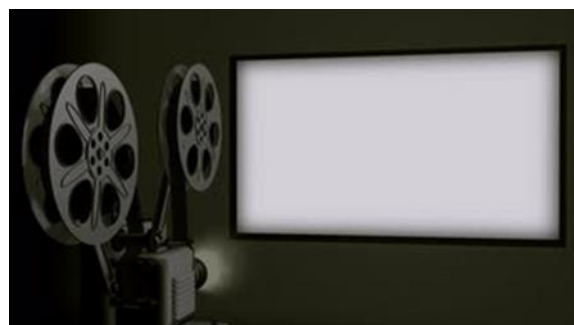
Tuesday March 5th / 19th

Tuesday April 2nd / 9th – lunch outing.

Tuesday May 7th.

Film Afternoon

Monday 25th March –
2pm followed by Afternoon Tea.
This is a free event.



Advance Notice: Holiday@Home August 13th/14th/15th.

BMS Birthday Scheme in aid of medical missionary work.

Happy birthday and thank you to:

March 6 th	Zacery Craston.
March 11 th	Ruth German.
March 14 th	Ron Walton.
March 27 th	Mary Shipton.
March 30 th	Lucy Satchell.
April 1 st	Tracy Bryan.
April 14 th	Brenda Tester.
April 23 rd	Diane Bland.
April 24 th	Helena Barrett.
April 27 th	Neale Craston.



If you would like to join the birthday scheme and support BMS on your special day – please see Denise Vernon.



Smile-a-while.....

Q: At what time of day was Adam created?

A: A little before Eve.

Q: Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?

A: Because Noah was standing on the deck

Q: Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?

A: Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet

Q: Who was the first tennis player in the bible?

A: Joseph... he served in Pharaoh's court

EASTER WORD SEARCH



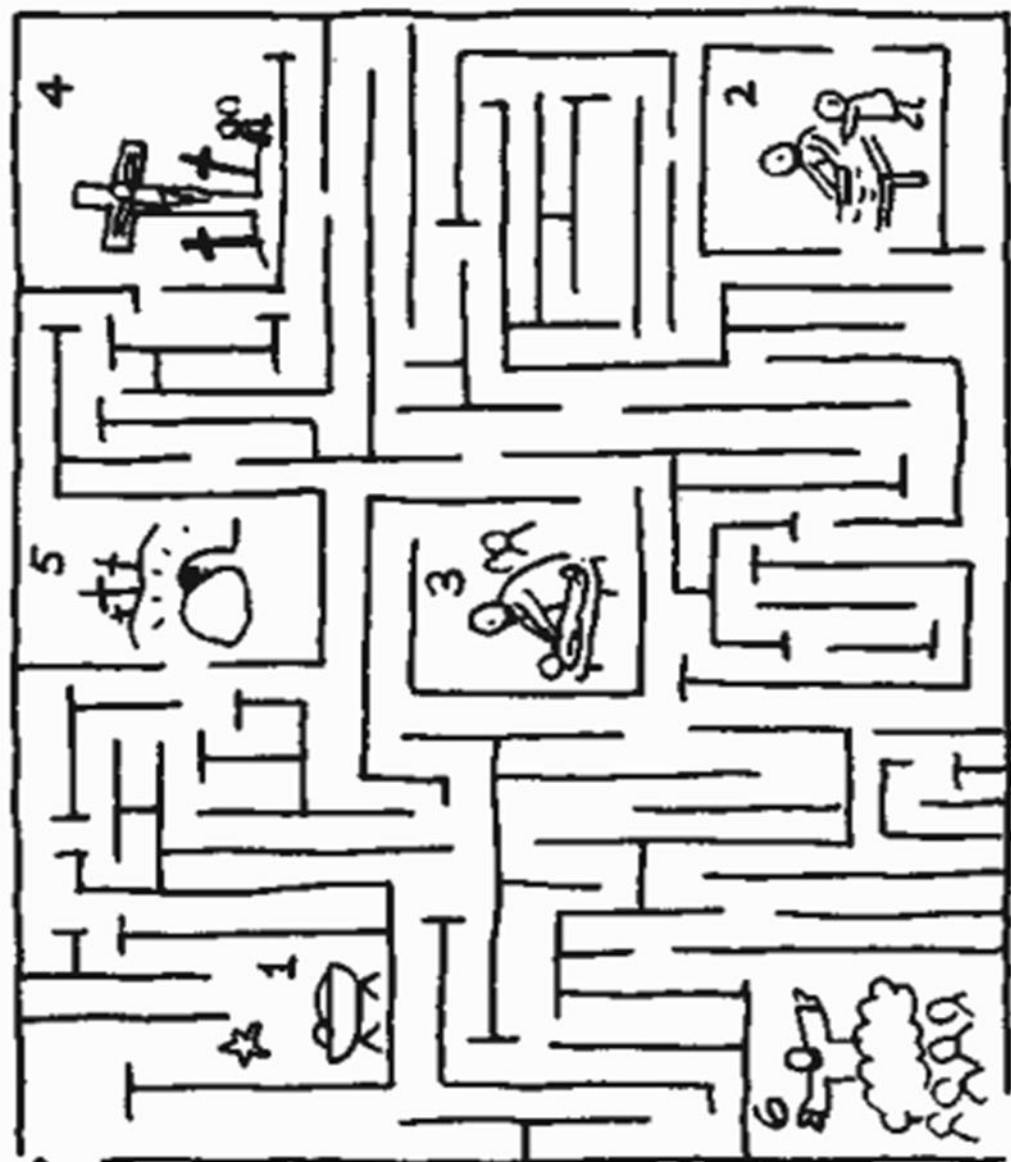
- RISEN
- JESUS CHRIST
- TOMB
- RESURRECTION
- STONE
- CROSS
- GOOD FRIDAY
- CRUCIFIED
- EASTER
- EASTER SUNDAY
- EASTER MONDAY
- DISCIPLES

- LINEN
- ANGEL
- GOD
- SOLDIERS
- MARY MAGDALENE
- CENTURION
- PONTIUS PILATE
- PHARISEE
- MARY
- JAMES
- JUDAS ISCARIOT

- GETHSEMANE
- BETRAYED
- DENIED
- JERUSALEM
- SON OF GOD
- PETER
- COCK CROWS
- HE IS RISEN
- EMPTY TOMB
- LORD'S SUPPER
- PASSOVER
- LAMB OF GOD

CAN YOU FIND YOUR WAY?

START



END

You must travel right through each event in Jesus' life in the right order!

1. Jesus is born at Bethlehem.
2. Joseph teaches Jesus to work as a carpenter.
3. Jesus heals a little girl.
4. Jesus is crucified.
5. Jesus is alive again.
6. Jesus ascends to heaven.

Spotlight on Church Family Night.



It was after much thought and prayer that our Youth Minister brought forward the proposal to close the Friday Night Open Youth Club and instead make this an evening for Church families to grow, bond together, have fun - and this has now been running for a couple of months.

The evening begins with worship, then open time for board games, table tennis and pool, computer games, lots of tea and coffee and always hot food i.e. hot dogs or burgers, hot pork rolls, chilli, depending on who is taking a turn cooking.

A good mixture of ages have come along, ranging from 4 to 84 (roughly!), and from 6.30 to 8pm it makes a relaxing and worthwhile end to the week.

Already some have had proper conversations with church family they had only managed a “good morning” to on Sundays. Some have seen a different side to folks - who would have dreamed the church treasurer would be so competitive at “Dobble” (what is it – come along and see).

The evening ends with a prayer to send them on their way.

If you haven't given Family Night a try, come along on your own or with your own family – all are part of our Church Family and this is a wonderful way for us to draw ever closer to each other.



The race.....

Derek Redmond, twenty-six years old, was favoured to win the four-hundred meter race in the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. Halfway into his semi-final heat, a fiery pain seared through his right leg. He crumpled to the track with a torn hamstring.



As the medical attendants were approaching, Redmond fought to his feet. “It was animal instinct” he would later say. He set out hopping, pushing away the coaches in a crazed attempt to finish the race.

When he reached the stretch, a big man pushed through the crowd. He was wearing a t-shirt that read, “Have you hugged your child today?” and a hat that challenged, “Just do it.” The man was Jim Redmond, Derek’s father.

“You don’t have to do this,” he told his weeping son.

“Yes I do,” Derek declared.

“Well then,” said Jim, “we’re going to finish this together.”

And they did. Jim wrapped Derek’s arm around his shoulder and helped him hobble to the finish line. Fighting off security men, the son’s head sometimes buried in the father’s shoulder, they stayed in Derek’s lane to the end.

The crowd clapped, then stood, then cheered, and then wept as the father and the son finished the race.

What made the father do it? What made the father leave the stand to meet his son on the track? Was it the strength of his child? No, it was the pain of his child. His son was hurt and fighting to complete the race. So the father came to help him finish.

God does the same. Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the One who hears it and not the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference.

Ann's busy few weeks....

Ann Buxton is a “bitch holder” for Guide Dogs for the Blind, with 5 year old Labrador, Tess.

Tess lives as part of the family, and has a lovely life with Ann and Wal, and during her life will be expected to have 4 or 5 litters.

Recently Tess gave birth to her 2nd brood – 10 in all, 5 black and 5 yellow, and Ann was “midwife” for the 7 hours it took for the little ones to be born. They are named as the “E” litter, each one named with that letter, i.e. Elton, Emily etc.. and marked in the order they were born.

During the 6 weeks that Ann is caring for the pups she will be supported by a daily visit from a Guide Dog supervisor.

When the puppies leave Ann and Tess they will go to the National Breeding Centre at Lemington Spa to be profiled, then after 5 days they are sent out to puppy walkers for a year, then to advance training, and finally matched to a blind/visually impaired person if suitable, whilst some may go to work in medical detection.

The puppies are sponsored by individuals or companies, at a cost of £2,500 per puppy, but the difference these cute little bundles of fur will one day make to a blind person is priceless.



We are many,
God's great diversity,
Different faces,
different races,



Butchers, bakers,
website makers,
bankers, tailors,
teachers, sailors

Fathers, mothers,
sisters, brothers,
single, married,
broken, carried,



The happy, the clappy,
the barely out of nappies,
the ancient, the modern,
the famous, the forgotten,

Some hopeful, some hopeless,
some cope well, some cope less.
Some sure and some doubt,
some whisper, some shout,



Those with abundance,
those with need,
those who are generous
or wrestle with greed,

Elbows, tummies, knees and noses,
kidneys, femurs, teeth and toeses.
Some unmentionable, some protected,
some accepted, some rejected.



A broken body,
torn apart,
mars God's image,
breaks God's heart.

And yet our Father knows how the end will be,
when all his kids will sing in harmony,
the bride will dazzle, her branches bloom,
so add your voice to hymn the tune
that we are one in Christ.
For by the grace of God, I am what I am. Amen



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 (5pm, 6pm & 7.15pm / 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 age group. (Fortnightly)
11.00am Community Lunch Club (Fortnightly / Alternate week to Open House)
6.30pm Thursday Young People's Meeting
7.30pm House Groups

Friday

6.30pm Church Family Night



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

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