

KNAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH

MAGAZINE

Changing lives for good through the power of God's word



Easter 2025

A Word from the Editor:



Hello and welcome to the Easter issue of the KMC Magazine.

At the time of writing Spring has sprung and the weather is glorious! I am hoping this remains the case by the time we get to Easter Sunday.

My thanks go to Allan Taylor for a very interesting item about himself. It is always a pleasure to see him at KMC as we did on 13th April.

I would also like to thank Linda Chingwaru for taking time out of her busy schedule to be interviewed for the Magazine. I hope, like me, you find her article of great interest.

The annual fundraising for Christian Aid is happening in May and Lynda Shore would very much welcome as much support as possible as you will read. Good luck to her with the challenge she has set herself.

Congratulations to Tarina Berry on her Local Hero award. She was invited to County Hall in Reigate to receive it and if you don't happen to know how this came about and why she deserves to be recognised, all is revealed within these pages.

Also deserving of recognition and thanks within KMC is the team who every week produce fantastic flower arrangements for the church. We perhaps take the flower displays a bit for granted but we would certainly notice if on any one Sunday they were not there! So many thanks to the 4 members who make up the team.

The Circuit Mission Supper this year had as its speaker Trey Hall. Not only was his talk interesting from the perspective of the job he holds within the Methodist Church, but also as an individual and the life he has led from being raised in the USA to moving to the UK nearly 10 years ago. Evangelism and mission growth is becoming more important and following Trey's visit it is likely there will be more to say on this subject in the coming months.

As ever, my thanks to everyone who has contributed to this Easter issue and may I wish you all a happy and peaceful Easter.

With every blessing.

Robin Spice, Editor

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Message from Paul:

Hello everyone,

There are some names that hold a great place of affection in our house - Dom, Lucia, Sonnaz, Brenton, Kirsten, Well...if you haven't guessed it yet they are some of the wonderful group of heritage craftspeople who keep me spellbound on 'The Repair Shop' each week on BBC1.



You know the format. A group of hardworking expert craftspeople and artisans gather together in a barn just outside Chichester and people from around the country bring much treasured objects with extraordinary stories behind them to be rescued and given a new lease of life. So you'll get a bag of broken ceramic bits brought in and Kirsten will recreate the vase or bowl that they once were. Someone else will bring in a mechanical device

and Dom will work his magic - resurrecting it for future use. Often incredibly moving stories are told - the object is fixed, the glorious narration in the Scottish burr of Bill Paterson, which is a thing of wonder, tells you what is going on, and the object is handed back rescued, transformed, given a new lease of life and tears are shed as new beginnings are made possible and second chances are celebrated. I love it. There is something gloriously of God about the whole enterprise. And it speaks very powerfully to me of what is going on at Easter.

We believe in a God of new life, of fresh beginnings, of new chances. We are a community of the second chance - the new life. We come in our brokenness and need for forgiveness and here in our community...in our Church - we find the glorious new start - the new life - that God offers to each and every person.

We can be sad as we travel through Holy Week, we can be overcome by the power of the story of the cross. But we cannot pretend that we don't know the end of the story. We cannot live as though Sunday never happened. For we are Sunday people - new life and fresh starts people, and that is the glorious message of the empty tomb and Easter Day.

Paul



Trey Hall

If you have not heard of the Evangelism and Growth Team at the Methodist Church, you would certainly have done so if you had been able to attend the Circuit Mission Supper on Saturday 8th March at Trinity Methodist Church. For it was after an excellent fish & chips meal that we had a talk by Trey Hall.

It was back in 2018 that Trey was announced as the Methodist Church's Director for Evangelism and Growth. This was a new position aimed at supporting the development of mission and growth within church life.

Trey hails from Memphis in Tennessee where he studied theology before eventually moving to Chicago where he became a Methodist minister and pastor in a number of city churches. He moved to the UK around ten years ago by which time he had become known as a church pioneer, coaching scores of practitioners renewing inherited forms of church or launching fresh expressions of church.

Trey is passionate about helping diverse Christian leaders discover and engage in authentic evangelism that reaches new people in new places, brings spiritual joy to those who practice it and centres us all in God's love and power.

Currently living in North London, Trey not only travels around the country to help individual churches but has also appeared as a regular contributor to "Thought for the Day" on Zoe Ball's Breakfast Show on Radio 2.

Whilst KMC do practice what could be referred to as "soft" evangelism by way of our Coffee Mornings and Christmas Tea for example, there is of course more that could be done to reach out and thereby grow as a church, and it is likely we may hear more on this subject from Paul in the coming months.





Dramatize Community Garden

Spring is just around the corner, and the team at Dramatize Community Centre is hard at work preparing our community garden for everyone to enjoy.

Thanks to the support of Cllr Hussain, Dramatize secured funding to introduce a new program that will help our students with learning disabilities develop essential gardening skills, potentially leading to future horticulture opportunities.

The community garden welcomes everyone to help maintain the space, connect with like-minded individuals, and become part of our community.

A notice board will soon be erected with clear guidance on what needs to be completed within the garden, making it fully accessible for anyone to volunteer their time. We cannot wait to see the garden grow for all the local residents to enjoy. For more information on how to participate, please reach out to info@dramatize.co.uk



A Reflection for Easter

I started learning the English Language in the British Far East Colonies. This was at a local civilian school owned by Christians. My first subject in religious studies was the "Heroes of March" which I thought meant all the characters were born in March. I soon found out that these characters were from the Old Testament. Later I moved to St Joseph Institution (Catholic school) where we read the Gospel of St Luke. However, at that time, I was too young to realise the messages in this Gospel.

On 23rd February at KMC the reading was from chapter 6 verses 27 to 38 of Luke's Gospel. I found as I read the message from Jesus Christ that this was and is challenging for us ordinary human beings: "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate, bless those who curse you; pray for those who ill-treat you." The rest of the verses are just as challenging because the normal human reaction would be to retaliate. The message here is NO REVENGE.

I kept this copy of the reading and read it again and again and found the instruction - Commandments from Jesus the Saviour - not easy to follow. I compared these with some of the current affairs internationally and realised the difficulty I would have to obey Jesus's instruction as I am fully aware Good Friday and Easter are just over five weeks away (at the time of writing). The Messiah was crucified - he died on the Cross to atone our sins and save our souls.

So, for me the Gospel Reading of Luke's Chapter 6 verses 27 to 38 is definitely the challenge regarding my Faith - obedience to the teaching and Commandments of the Messiah as I ponder deeply over His Crucifixion. Now it has dawned on me that to be Christ's disciple one has to obey his Commandments.

As a Psychiatric Nurse for forty years, I have understood the dimensions of human ego. CHRISTIANITY CHALLENGES OUR ORDINARY HUMAN NATURE EVERYDAY. Thankfully, the invisible God Almighty answered my prayer and got me to this Christian nation where I trained as a Registered General and Mental/ Psychiatric Nurse. As I prayed, I hoped for divine intervention.

Good Friday and Easter are reminders of the sacrifice made to atone our sins. Christ's sacrifice is the priceless gift aligned with the salvation of our souls.
AMEN.

Raj Chhetri



Christian Aid Week



11-17 May 2025

This year the focus for monies raised during Christian Aid Week is the Alta Verapaz region of Guatemala. 93% of the population there are indigenous people and 90% of them live in poverty. They are highly dependent on agriculture, but this is being badly affected by climate change. In addition, they suffer pressure and harassment from mining corporations which want to extract resources.

As is often the case, the women of the community are responsible for growing food crops to feed their families. This is always hard work but is being made

harder by rising temperatures (often up to 42 degrees) and less water as rivers become shallower. Children are often malnourished – not necessarily because they don't get enough to eat, but because they lack sufficiently nutritious food.

Christian Aid is supporting a project to teach women how to collect water better to irrigate their crops and other techniques, which they can then pass on to other women. Ana Maria and Aurelia, featured on the CAW envelopes this year, are two of the women who train others in the community. Aurelia, a grandmother, makes chocolate and bread which she can sell to supplement her family's income.

I aim to do all the things done last year for CAW in Knaphill and around, plus one new thing. As usual I am organising a street collection on Saturday 10th May outside Waitrose at Goldsworth Park, for which I shall need volunteers, and I plan to collect in as many streets as possible in Knaphill itself. Call and collect (i.e. going round and knocking on doors) is the most productive, but I will also be pleased if anyone volunteers to do a deliver only collection in their road or near it. There will be a collection in church and an online collection dedicated to our Knaphill efforts, which the link below will access, or use the QR code:

fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2025/knaphill-2025

The new item is the "70k(km) in May". This was introduced last year by Christian Aid and encourages people to walk, run, cycle, swim, or other means of movement powered by non-

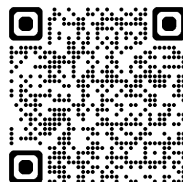
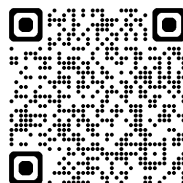
mechanical means, 70km over the month of May. I have

calculated that an average of 2.4km per day will more than cover 70km, so I plan to do this by walking regularly and am seeking sponsors. If you are able to sponsor me with a small amount you will be supporting 2 good causes. Firstly, you will be raising money for Christian Aid, but in addition you will be doing a good turn for me. My doctor keeps telling me I need to do more exercise, so taking on this 70k challenge will help me to be fitter! The link (or QR code) below will take you to my sponsorship site (or I am happy to accept cash when the challenge is completed):

fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/challenge-2025/lyndas-challenge

Thank you for taking time to read this and I hope I can count on your support.

Lynda Shore





Family News

New Member - Jo Mooney

At the end of September 2024, we witnessed Jo Mooney become a member at KMC. Jo lives in Bisley and has been attending KMC for a long time and was a great supporter of the King's House Coffee Shop, the project which was run by the churches in Knaphill from 1994 to 2013. It is great to be able to welcome Jo as an official member of the KMC Family.



Tarina Berry

Many congratulations to Tarina who received the Chair's Award from Surrey County Council and attended a ceremony on Friday 15th March to be presented with a certificate which reads:

Certificate presented to Tarina Berry from the Chair and Members of Surrey County Council in recognition of your outstanding contribution to Surrey and its residents. We thank you!



Over the past several years, Tarina Berry has made an extraordinary impact by raising thousands of pounds for the

Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance. Her incredible efforts are supported by the local church which graciously allows her to host coffee mornings, cake sales, tombolas, and raffles. Tarina's exceptional organisational skills have made these events so popular that people from all over Woking travel miles to attend eagerly anticipating the next gathering.

Tarina's dedication and passion for her cause are evident in every event she organises. Her ability to bring the community together for a common purpose has not only raised significant funds but also fostered a powerful sense of community spirit. The success of these events is a testament to Tarina's hard work, creativity, and unwavering commitment to making a difference.

Her efforts have not gone unnoticed, and the positive impact she has made on the community and the Air Ambulance service is truly commendable. Tarina Berry is a shining example of how one person's dedication can inspire and mobilise an entire community.

Cllr Saj Hussain (Chair of Surrey County Council)



Farewell to Suzi Hadlow

On 13th January, Julia Broad and her husband took me to Morden Crematorium to attend Suzi's ashes ceremony.

The ceremony was very simple and the ashes were buried in a pre-selected plot. We then returned to the home for lunch, which was Kentucky Fried Chicken - one of Suzi's favourite meals. Afterwards the special garden bench provided in memory of Suzi was unveiled. The inscription on the bench reads "In loving memory of Suzi Hadlow. Those we love never go far but forever in our hearts".

A really lovely memorial to Suzi.

Eileen Lane



Above:
Some of the staff at Ashbrook House in Morden, where Suzi lived, sitting on the new garden bench bought in Suzi's memory.

Left:
Eileen Lane on the bench

Knaphill Methodist Church in the early 1970s!

It was around about September 1970 that the Revd Stanley J.J. Field became the minister at KMC. From February 1971 at least and until early 1973, if not longer, a monthly newsletter was produced for the congregation. Below is a photograph of the one produced in April 1971.

"Fircroft,"
Lane End Drive,
Knaphill.

April, 1971.

Dear Friends,

The advertisements tell us that "Life begins at 40!" I hope it will also be true at 50! However that may be, there is no doubt that with the coming of Spring, life begins again in the world of nature. All about us just now is the hope and promise of fresh foliage, blossom and fruitfulness. Thanks be to God for the constancy of the seasons.

For Christians the season has an added significance. It coincides with Easter, and that means new life for all mankind through Jesus Christ and His resurrection. We reach the climax of His life on earth, and the outcome is "He lives for evermore!" Through faith we may share in His life, and like Him, overcome the world. Thanks be to God for the message of this season.

It would be a good thing if our Christian life could begin this Easter. Or begin again! It is a good time psychologically and theologically. "For everything there is a season." Let it be a time to begin in the Christian way. Thanks be to God for the opportunity of this season.

A Very Happy Easter to you all.

Yours sincerely,

Stanley J.J. Field.



Newsletter

We often like to think that things were so much better in the "old" days than now and to some extent this can be true. However, on reading the letter written by Revd Field in September 1971 it seems that some things at KMC have not changed! On the next page is what he wrote at that time:

Dear Friends

In the Methodist Church, this month marks the beginning of another year. Let us hope and work and pray that it may be a happy and encouraging one for us all.

Twelve months ago (how the time has flown!) we were strangers, and I was trying to put names to faces. Now we know one another a little, and I look forward to our continuing fellowship in the service of God and the community.

Every sensitive and earnest Christian must be concerned about life in the churches these days, and I'm no exception regarding our own church. Let me mention a few things.

Attendance at church is poor.

I note those who are present, and wonder where all the rest are, and what they are doing. I know there is more to being a Christian than "going to church" but worship and fellowship are both a duty and a necessity we ought not to neglect.

Money is short.

Most recent blow is an unexpected repair bill of nearly £300 for the organ.) Apart from this, the general level of giving is nothing like what it ought to be. Casual and occasional giving is really not good enough, and I appeal to you to think seriously about giving regularly and thoughtfully through the Envelope System.

We need practical help

- especially in the service of children and young people during the week and on Sundays, and also in the maintenance and general oversight of the premises. At present there are too few people doing too many jobs. If you can lend a hand please have a word with me.

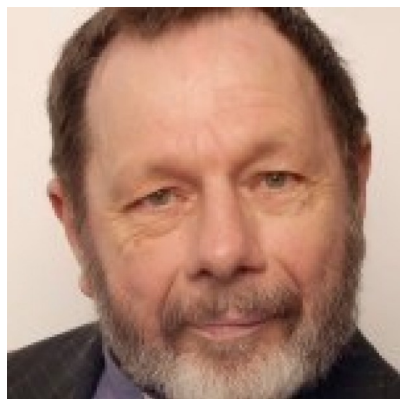
Stanley J.J. Field

The Christmas Tea 2024!

Another enjoyable Christmas tea party was held and attended by both Church members & friends from the community. My heartfelt thanks go out to all those who helped on the day to make everything run so smoothly. Please put this date in your diaries - this year's party will be held on **Sunday 7th December 2025 from 3pm to 5pm**. I hope to see many of you there, either as helpers or as our guests.
Helen Chamberlain



Local Preacher Profile: Allan Taylor



Hello Knaphill Methodists,

Robin has invited me to write a few lines about my history. Well, I was born a cradle Methodist, both of my parents belonging to Methodist families and my father was a Local Preacher. My home-town is Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire, in the foothills of the Pennines. I was in the Boys Brigade from the age of 6 in the Life Boys until I was 18. At school I played a lot of sport especially football and cricket. Talking of sport I have always supported Manchester City and Lancashire County Cricket Team, watching City at Maine Road and Lancashire at Old Trafford.

I went to university in Wales and read Theology and Philosophy. In the snowfall of the '63 winter we were cut off and had to have supplies dropped in by helicopter! Whilst at university I was given 'a note to preach' and was fully accredited in 1965. I became a Religious Studies teacher in a girls grammar school in Cheshire, teaching to 'O' and 'A' level, and became head of department and a pastoral head.

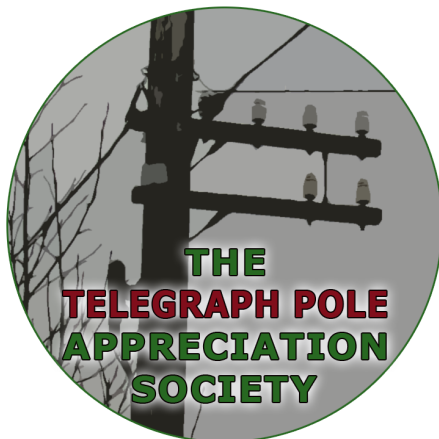
Although I am an only child I have three children and two step-children. Kirsty is a senior manager in HM Inspectorate of Constabulary, Richard is a classical guitarist and composer and Lucy is a civil servant in the Justice Department. They are all happily married and between them they have three boys and two girls. Sophie is a vet and has two girls and Laurence is a freelance journalist. My wife Janice, a former English teacher and head of a team supporting ethnic minority children in Surrey, is a Licensed Lay Minister in the Church of England... so we are in an ecumenical partnership!

I was a hospital chaplain for 20 years, 14 of those years at the Royal Surrey in Guildford, and now I'm an honorary chaplain at Elmbridge retirement village in Cranleigh. We live only 4 miles from Elmbridge in the village of Plaistow in West Sussex.

One thing you won't know about me... I'm a member of the Telegraph Pole Appreciation Society!!

All good wishes.

Allan Taylor



Recipe Corner

Simnel Cake

This is a light fruit cake with added marzipan in the middle and on top. It makes an excellent treat for the Easter period. Conventionally, 11 marzipan balls are placed on top of the cake to symbolise the 11 apostles.

Ingredients:

175g butter or margarine
175g light brown soft sugar
175g self-raising flour
50g plain flour
1 level tsp mixed spice
3 eggs
3tbs of milk

175g sultanas
175g raisins
110g currants
450g marzipan
3tbs sieved apricot jam
Juice & rind of 1 lemon

Method:

Grease and line 7inch cake tin. Pre-heat oven to 170c.

Cream butter and sugar. Gradually beat in eggs and milk.

Fold in sifted flour and spice and stir in dried fruit and lemon.

Place half mixture in tin. Roll out ½ marzipan into 7 inch circle and place on cake mixture.

Put rest of cake mixture on top.
Bake for 1 hour and then reduce heat to 140c and cook for a further 1½ hours.

When cake is cool, brush over with warm sieved apricot jam. Cover with marzipan.

Make 11 marzipan balls and place on top.

Put under hot grill for a few minutes with the option of putting parchment paper over the top of the cake to prevent the marzipan balls from burning.



Unsung Heroes!



Elizabeth Gurd



Gill Ball



Sheila Mynard



Shirley Chase

Each Sunday, how many of us really take notice of the flower arrangements which appear as if by magic at the top of the chancel steps and in the front porch area? Week in and week out the small band of members (as above) take turns to source and arrange the flowers to brighten our church. Quite often the flowers are provided in memory of members' loved ones. Sometimes, however there is no donor, and it is on these occasions that the team either use money that has accumulated in the flower fund and/or provide and pay for the flowers themselves.

I asked the team to let me know how they go about their task of choosing and arranging flowers and perhaps not surprisingly they all take the same things into account.

Is there a donor and if so, is there a budget?

Is it for a celebration or in the memory of someone and are they male or female?

Are there any colour preferences? Usually obtaining requested colours is not a problem apart from blue which can be difficult to find at any time of year.

Of course, different flowers are available at different times of the year so this will have some effect on what is chosen.

Flowers are likely to be sourced from Morrisons for example, which can be reasonably priced or Longacre Garden Centre, the latter being somewhere to use if it is a special request.

If the flowers are of particular good quality, it is possible that an arrangement can last for more than 1 week. When this is the case the chancel flowers are often moved to the porch area for the second week with a fresh arrangement created for the chancel.

The actual task of arranging the flowers is a very individual thing. One member of the team likes to go by a framework where she has strong heavy looking flowers to ground it at the base; 5 -7 tall flower spikes to make an arch at the top; 5-7 flowers to provide the main exciting colour like gerberas, roses etc. followed by something like gypsophila to provide the "fluff" with leaves to hide the oasis within which all the flowers are held.



When responding to my request another member of the team unintentionally ended up providing information in the form of a poem (see next page) and luckily, but not surprisingly, it encapsulates all the above but more succinctly!

Thank you ladies for all that you do to enhance the inside of our church every week of the year! Here are a number of photos of the team's flower arrangements from the past few months for us all to enjoy again.



How I Arrange Flowers

"Do you prefer a colour ... or, a bloom?"
And, "Who, or what, are you remembering?"
Each donor's wishes must be given room;
so I accommodate their 'preferring'.

Then think: container? ... shape? ... and
stand? ... and size?

I try to envisage the arrangement.
To keep within the budget would be wise ...
(though, often, I will make a 'supplement'.)

Preview the flowers: see what I might use:
int'esting hue, texture, and form are key.
Rethink the whole ensemble.

And, then ... CHOOSE!
... allowing flora to inspire me.

Build together, creating the display:
'a work of heart' to brighten that Sunday. **EG**



RECORD BREAKERS

All of these are documented world record breakers – can you guess the stats that won them the accolade?

1. **Heaviest Carrot** a) 8.2kg (18lb); b) 10.17kg (22.42lb); c) 12.25kg (27lb).
2. **Fastest-growing plant (a species of Bamboo)** a) 56cm (22in) per day; b) 12cm (4.7in) per day; c) 91cm (35.8in) per day.
3. **Most Brussels Sprouts eaten in 1 minute** a) 104; b) 23; c) 31
4. **Living tree with the greatest circumference (a Montezuma Cypress)** a) 36m (118ft); b) 28m (92ft); c) 44m (144ft)
5. **Largest Oak leaf** a) 41cm (16.14in long and 28cm (11in) wide b) 29cm (11.41in) long and 21.3 cm (8.4in) wide; c) 24.9cm (9.8in) long and 17.23cm (6.8in) long.
6. **Heaviest Lemon** a) 3.6kg (8lb) b) 5.26kg (11.6lb) c) 5.99kg (13.2lb)
7. **Most rainfall in 24 hours** a) 1,105mm (43.5in) b) 1,870mm (73.6in) c) 2,499mm (98.4in)
8. **Most juice extracted from grapes by treading (by an individual) in 2 minutes** a) 6.9 litres (12.1 pints) b) 20.3 litres (35.7 pints) c) 14.7 litres (25.8 pints)
9. **Smallest documented species of Water Lily (size of lily pads)** a) 3-4mm (0.1-0.15in) across b) 8-12mm (0.3-0.5in) across c) 10-20mm (0.4-0.8in) across
10. **Longest Beetroot** a) 6.4m (21ft) b) 2.6m (8.5ft) c) 53.m (17.4ft)
11. **Tallest climbing rose** a) 12.8m (42ft) b) 22.4m (73.5ft) c) 27.7m (91ft)
12. **Longest journey on a lawnmower** a) 1,760km (1,093 miles) b) 23,487 (14,594 miles) c) 15,736km (9,778 miles)

Answers on page 25



Help to Reduce your Fuel Bills

*Following on from the article on Warm Welcome Venues in the Christmas issue of this Magazine here are the top 10 savings that we can follow to help reduce our energy bills at home over 1 year.**

- Draught-proof windows and doors to save £125
- Keep shower time to just 4 minutes = £95
- Avoid using the tumble dryer = £70
- Insulating your hot water cylinder will save £70
- Switching appliances off standby mode like the TV will save £65
- Not overfilling the kettle and fitting an aerator onto the tap which help reduce any splashing = £43
- Washing at 30c and do one less wash a week = £34
- Turning off lights when they are not needed = £25
- Swapping one bath a week for a shower = £20
- Setting your boiler's flow temperature to between 55° & 60°C saving £70

**Source: Energy Saving Trust & The Heating Hub*

Spring Bulb Anagrams

Spring has sprung so you might have some of these bulbs ready to plant or have already planted them in the garden. Something to think about over a cup of tea!

SCARS IN US
WORN PODS
FAIRY TRILL
ATE COIN

A CHINK IS UP
HOLLY IVY LEAFLET
LIT UP
DO HOAX ICON

Answers on page 25.



TRUST IN GOD

I asked God for strength
and God gave me difficulties to make me strong

I asked God for wisdom
and God gave me problems to solve.

I asked God for courage
and God gave me dangers to overcome.

I asked God for love
and God gave me troubled people to help.

I asked God for patience
and God gave me situations where I was forced to wait

I asked God for favours
and God gave me opportunities.

I asked God for everything so I could enjoy life.
Instead God gave me life so I could enjoy everything.

I received nothing I wanted
I received everything I needed.



NEGATIVE

POSITIVE

Adversity Can Bless Us

The way we use adversity
is strictly our own choice,
For in God's hands
adversity can make the heart rejoice.
For everything God sends to us,
no matter in what form,
Is sent with plan and purpose,
for by the fierceness of a storm
The atmosphere is changed and cleared
and the earth is washed and clean,
And the high winds of adversity
can make restless souls serene.

And while it's very difficult
for mankind to understand
God's intentions and His purpose
And the workings of His hand,
If we observe the miracles
that happen every day,
We cannot help but be convinced
that in His wondrous way
God makes what seemed unbearable
And painful and distressing
Easily acceptable
When we view it as a blessing.

Virginia J. Ruehlmann & The Helen Steiner Rice Foundation 1996

CHRIST JESUS LAY IN DEATH'S STRONG BANDS



Christ Jesus lay in death's strong
bands
For our offences given;
But now at God's right hand he
stands,
And brings up life from Heaven:
Wherefore let us joyful be,
And sing to God right thankfully
Loud songs of Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!

So let us keep the festival
Whereto the Lord invites us;
Christ is himself the joy of all,
The Sun that warms and lights to us;
By his grace he doth impart
Eternal sunshine to the heart;
The night of sin is ended.
Hallelujah!

It was a strange and dreadful strife,
When life and death contended;
The victory remained with life,
The reign of death was ended:
Stript of power, no more he reigns:
An empty power alone remains;
His sting is lost for ever.
Hallelujah!



Martin Luther 1483 - 1546

People in Profile:

Lindah Chingwaru

In this issue the spotlight focuses on Lindah whom, you may recall, officially became a KMC member last September having been an attendee at our church on and off since 2009 when she would bring her sons with her. They are now adults and have their own families which means Lindah is a grandmother too.

Lindah was born in Mutare, which is the third largest city in Zimbabwe. Her father worked as an officer for the Ministry of Education whilst her mother had a family of five to look after, including Lindah who was third in the family after two older brothers.

Lindah's mother was a Methodist and because she was a regular at the

Methodist Church and fulfilled various duties she wore a uniform, as is the custom. The children meanwhile all attended Sunday School.

Lindah's education started at the age of 7 which was normal at that time in Zimbabwe. From there she moved to Mutare Girls High School at the age of 13 and left after her A Levels when she was around 19 years of age.

Attending Mutare Technical College, Lindah concentrated on studying accounts and did work experience as part of a Forestry Commission course and eventually joined them on a permanent basis. She was later promoted to become a Creditors Officer, which amongst other things involved paying both local and foreign workers and this also meant contact with other organisations. It is this latter aspect of working with people, which Lindah thought she was particularly good at and ideally wanted to focus on in the future.

When Lindah was made redundant from her job at the Forestry Commission, she thought of setting up her own business but did not have the resources to do so. Her elder brother, who by this time was living in the UK, invited her to come here and funded her trip. On arrival, Lindah enrolled on a diploma course at South Birmingham college for health and social care which she passed. She also applied for a nurse training course but was told that the UK was no longer accepting foreign students. However, when Lindah referred to the application she had made originally to UCAS (Universities & Colleges Admission Service) on a nurse training course whilst in high school and was successful, it was on the strength of this that she was accepted onto a nurse training course at Birmingham City University.



At the end of the 3-year course, having successfully passed all of her exams, Linda applied for a preceptor nursing role at the Cygnet Hospital here in Knaphill. Later Linda was promoted to Clinical Team Leader and more recently has become the Clinical Manager.

Linda is married with five children, three sons are based here, one daughter in Poland and one in Zimbabwe.

Linda lost her eldest brother in 2018, so she now has responsibility for looking after the interests of his family. This means regular visits to Zimbabwe usually on an annual basis.

Linda started coming to KMC shortly after her sons moved here to be with her. Following her childhood experience she wanted her sons to get used to church and to hear the word of God. Due to her work schedule at that time, she could not attend regularly but was nonetheless pleased to have found a Methodist Church nearby that she was comfortable to attend.

Linda says that life can be challenging and in her line of work particularly so, but she finds that if you believe and surrender everything to God everything comes together in the end. It is for this reason that Linda's favourite hymn is "Be still and know I am God".

Be still and know that I am God.

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In you, O Lord, I put my trust.

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I am the Lord who saves and heals.

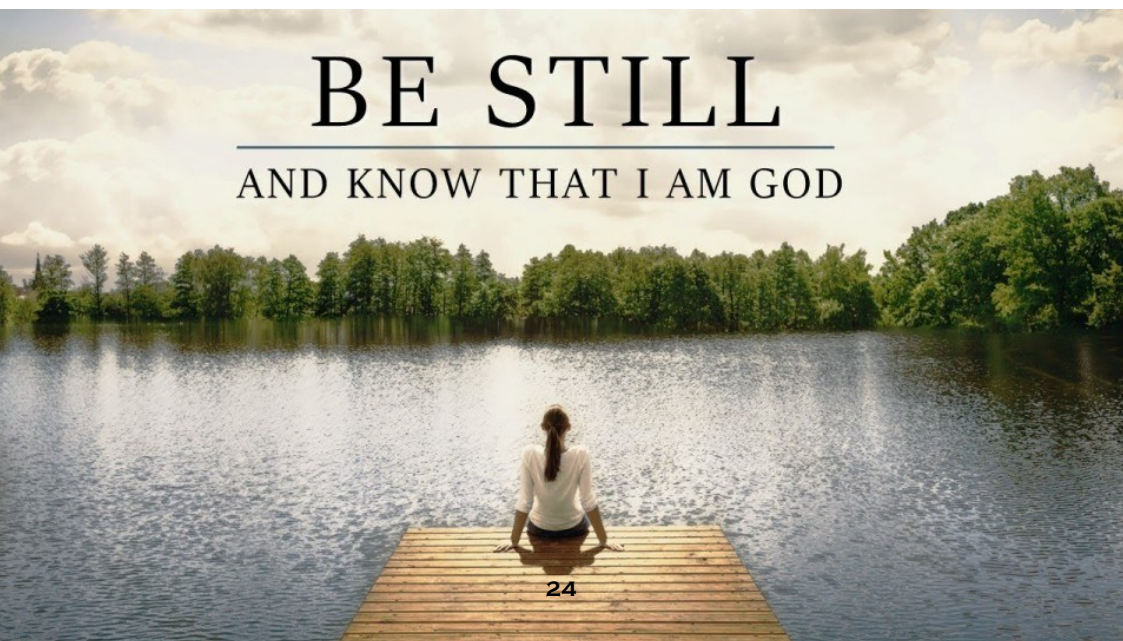
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Based on Psalm 46: 10

BE STILL

AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD



John Wesley's Rule

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.

Answers to Children's Crossword on page 29

Down: 1 Risen 3 Stone 4 Carrot 5 Bunny 7 Sunday 8 Hop 11 Lamb
Across: 2 Basket 3 Spring 4 Chick 6 Easter 8 Hunt 9 Candy 10 Tulip

Answers to Record Breakers on page 18

1 - b) 10.17kg; 2 - c) 91cm; 3 - c) 31; 4 - a) 36m; 5 - a) 41cm long-28cm wide;
6 - b) 5.26kg; 7 - b) 1,870mm; 8 - b) 20.3 litres; 9 - c) 10-20mm across; 10 - a) 6.4m;
11 - c) 27.7m; 12 - b) 23,487km.

Spring Bulb Anagrams on page 20

Narcissus; Snowdrop; Fritillary; Aconite; Puschkinia; Lily of the Valley; Tulip;
Chionodoxa

Flowers in the Churchyard

On Easter Eve, country folk in Wales used to decorate their family graves. Frances Kilvert, who was curate in Clyro, described in his diary for Easter Saturday 1870 the scene in his churchyard:

People kept arriving from all parts with flowers to dress the graves. Children were coming from the town and from neighbouring villages with baskets of flowers and knives to cut holes in the turf. The roads were lively with people coming and going and the churchyard a busy scene with women and children and a few men moving about among the tombstones and kneeling down beside the green mounds flowering the graves...

More and more people kept coming into the churchyard as they finished their day's work. The sun went down in glory behind the dingle, but still the work of love went on through the twilight and into the dusk until the moon rose full and splendid. The figures continued to move about among the graves and to bend over the green mounds in the calm clear moonlight and warm air of the balmy evening.

At eight o'clock there was a gathering of the choir in the church to practice the two anthems the next day. The moonlight came streaming in broadly through the chancel windows. When the choir had gone and the lights were out and the church quiet again, as I walked down the churchyard alone, the decked graves had a strange effect in the moonlight and looked as if the people had laid down to sleep for the night out of doors, ready dressed to rise early on Easter morning... The air was as soft and warm as a summer night, and the broad moonlight made the quiet village almost as light as day. Everyone seemed to have gone to rest and there was not a sound except the clink and trickle of the brook.

Frances Kilvert



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Children's Pages

The Easter Garden

Once upon a time in a small village, there lived a little girl named Emily. She was curious, kind-hearted, and loved exploring the world around her.

One sunny spring morning, Emily woke up with excitement. It was Easter Sunday, and she knew there would be a special celebration in the village garden. She put on her favourite dress and joined her friends at the garden. The air was filled with the scent of blooming flowers and the cheerful chirping of birds. As they gathered, the village pastor, Mr Thomas, began to tell them a story.

“Today, we celebrate a very special day,” Mr Thomas said. “It’s a day that reminds us of hope, love and new beginnings. Many years ago, Jesus gave us the greatest gift of all. He showed us the power of love and faith, and on Easter Sunday, He rose from the dead, bringing hope to everyone.”

The children listened eagerly, their eyes wide with wonder.

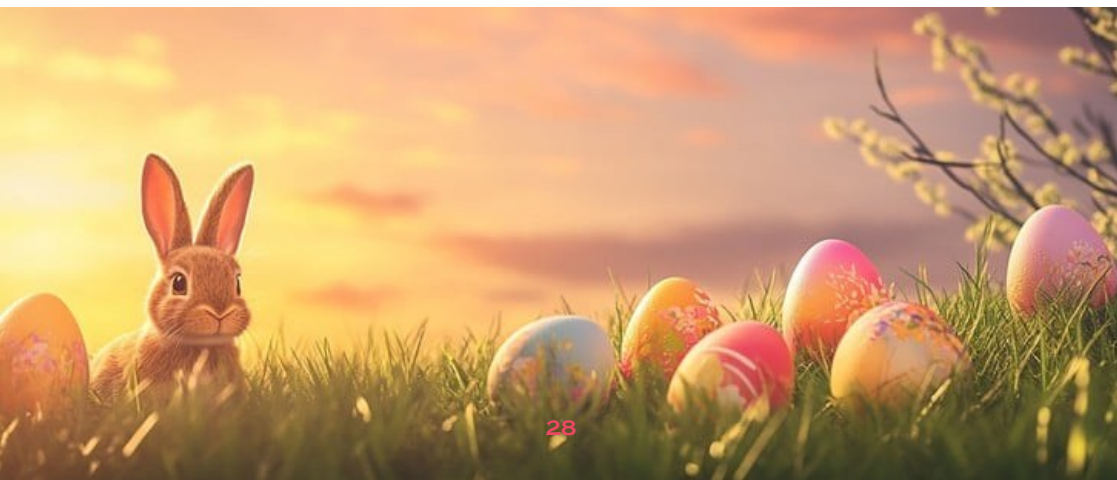
Mr Thomas continued. “In a garden much like this one, Jesus’s friends discovered the empty tomb. They were amazed and filled with joy because they knew that Jesus had risen. He taught us that love and kindness can overcome anything, even death.”

Emily felt a warmth in her heart as she heard the story. She knew that Easter was about more than just eggs and bunnies – it was about love and the promise of new life.

After the story, the children went on an Easter egg hunt in the garden. As they found their brightly coloured eggs, they remembered the story Mr Thomas had told them. They understood that each egg was a symbol of hope and new beginnings.

Emily found a particularly beautiful egg, and she decided to share it with a friend who hadn’t found any. She knew that by sharing, she was showing the love and kindness that Jesus had taught.

As the sun set and the children returned home, Emily looked back at the garden and smiled. She felt grateful for the Easter story and the lessons of love and faith that it had brought to her life.



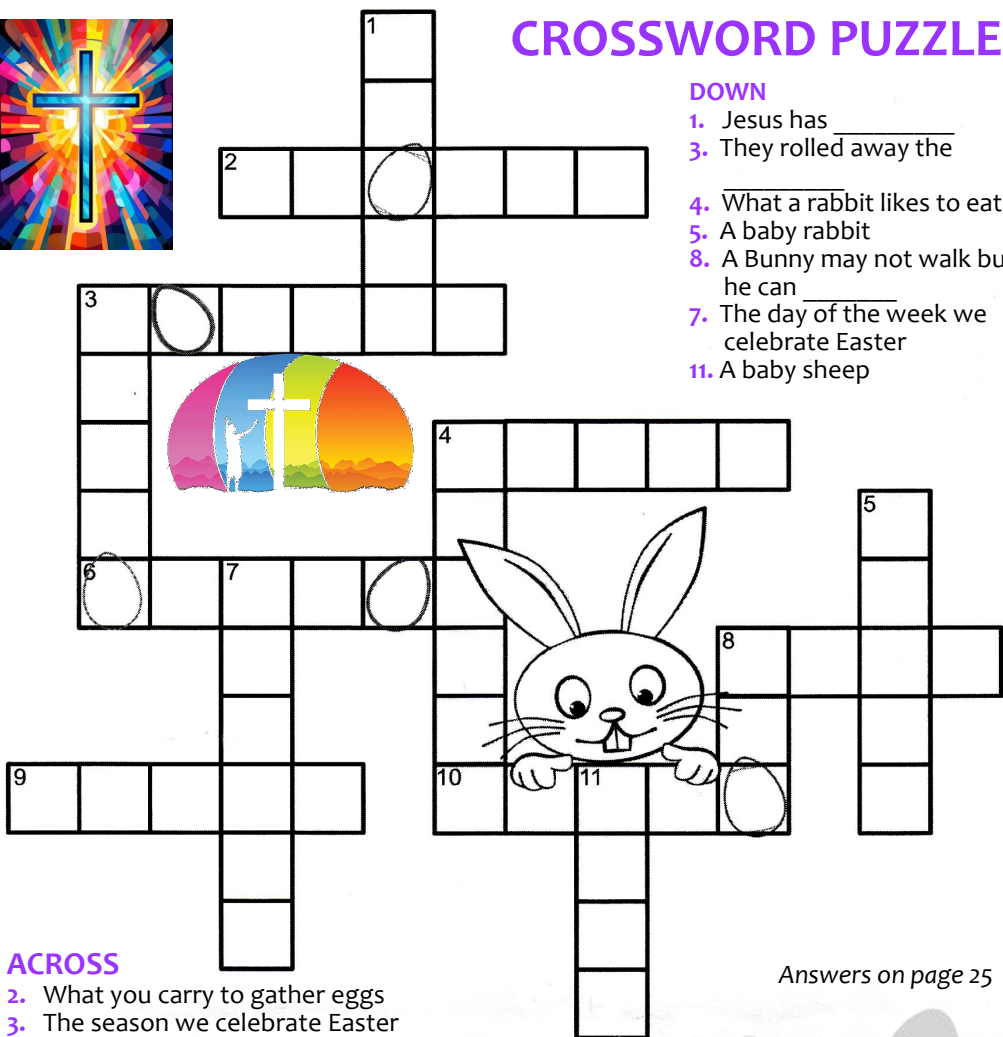
EASTER



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

DOWN

1. Jesus has _____
3. They rolled away the _____
4. What a rabbit likes to eat
5. A baby rabbit
8. A Bunny may not walk but he can _____
7. The day of the week we celebrate Easter
11. A baby sheep

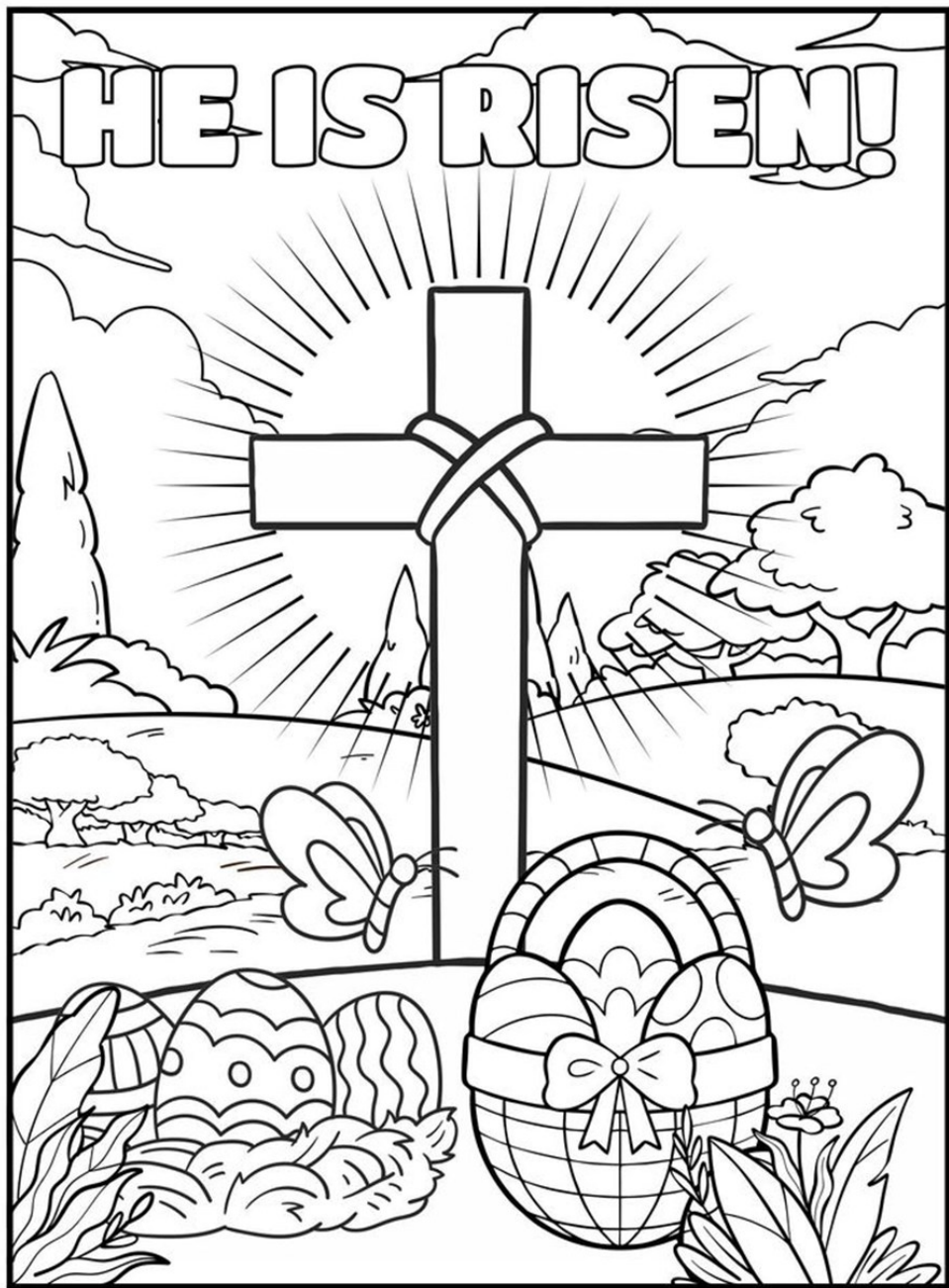


ACROSS

2. What you carry to gather eggs
3. The season we celebrate Easter
4. A newly hatched bird
6. The day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus
8. An Easter egg _____
9. A tasty treat you may find in Easter eggs
10. A flower that grows from a bulb

Answers on page 25





KNAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH



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The Minister with Pastoral Charge for our church is Rev. Dr. Paul Glass.
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SUNDAY SERVICE : 10am - Morning Worship *(includes facilities for children)*

Our services are warm and cordial. We include traditional and contemporary hymns and songs, led by our Worship Group.

The sermons are Bible based and are sometimes themed over several weeks. Holy Communion is generally on the 2nd Sunday of every month. After the service everyone is welcome to join us for refreshments; a time for a chat and to get to know each other.

We have a special Family Area at the back of the church with things for children to do. For further information see the notice boards outside the church or contact:
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A NOTE TO CONTRIBUTORS

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Services @ KMC

13th April	10am	Morning Worship with Allan Taylor
17th April	7pm	Maundy Thursday Meal
18th April	10am	Good Friday Walk of Witness
<i>(starting at Holy Trinity Church and walking to St Hugh of Lincoln Church for a service at 10.30am)</i>		
20th April	10am	Easter Sunday Communion with Paul Glass
27th April	10am	Morning Worship with Rosemary Lee
4th May	10am	Morning Worship with Elizabeth Gurd
11th May	10am	Morning Worship with Jane Briggs
18th May	10am	Holy Communion with Claire Hargraves
25th May	10am	Morning Worship with Paul Glass



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