

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with
boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim
your risen life and fill us
with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father



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LETTER FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends

The chocolate eggs are in the supermarkets, apparently at greater inflated prices than last year due to a bad harvest of cocoa beans. The Easter bonnets are being decorated, daffodils are blooming and the weather (has been at the time of writing!) on the up... Easter celebrations will be here in a few weeks' time.



Once again, we focus our attention and energy toward the coming Spring, as we notice the flowers in our gardens, and the leaves of the trees coming to life around us to be celebrated and admired in all their colour and splendour. After having travelled the recent journey of the winter months with the lengthy darkness, and the cold days and nights, we now come to the anticipated warmth and joy of heart which comes from the light and length of days of the season of Spring. It is indeed a joyous time of year.

Easter is the most important event in the church's calendar. The basis of all we believe as Christians hangs on the death and resurrection of Jesus. If you have trouble believing this actually happened, you are in good company. Many of Jesus' friends had to go and see the empty tomb for themselves, before they believed it had actually happened! But what does it mean for us? One of the purposes of the Season of Lent is for us to re-examine our faith. In particular Lent helps us to prepare our hearts to say with conviction 'Yes, I believe' and this takes a lot of faith and courage, because what we are really saying is this:

'I believe in life being stronger than death; I believe in love being greater than hate; and I believe in good being greater than evil. And I choose to believe those truths in spite of what I see and hear in the world around me. I choose life, I choose love, I choose hope.'

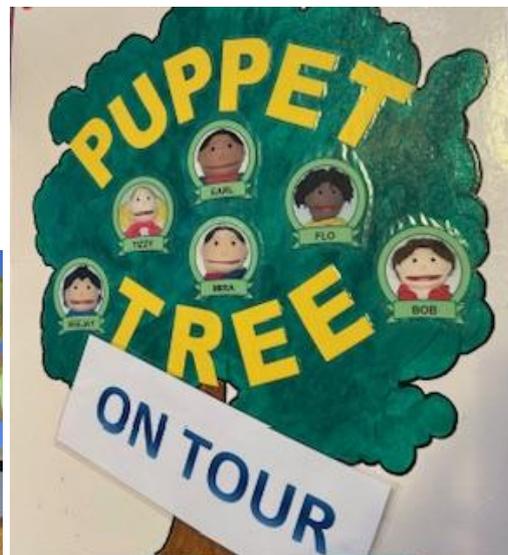
That is what Jesus' death and resurrection means to Christians. It is through Good Friday and Easter Sunday that the words above are a way of being in this life that far surpass anything written in any self-help book. So in the final weeks of Lent, a period often called 'Passiontide', perhaps we should once again consider, 'What is the deeper meaning of Easter for you?'

Every blessing,



CHURCH NEWS

MESSY CHURCH



Puppet Tree joined our Messy Church Service on Sunday 16 March. The puppet band also performed songs which the children loved. Idumi King, one of our young people here at St Mark's Church tried his hand at puppeteering. It was 'Earl' the puppet's best guitar session yet! Well done, Idumi.

EASTER GARDEN TIDY



We will be working in the church gardens on Saturday 12 April. If you can join us, even for an hour or so, it would be much appreciated. Meet us from 10.00am - coffee/tea and cake included.

Patricia Bird and Elisabeth Davis

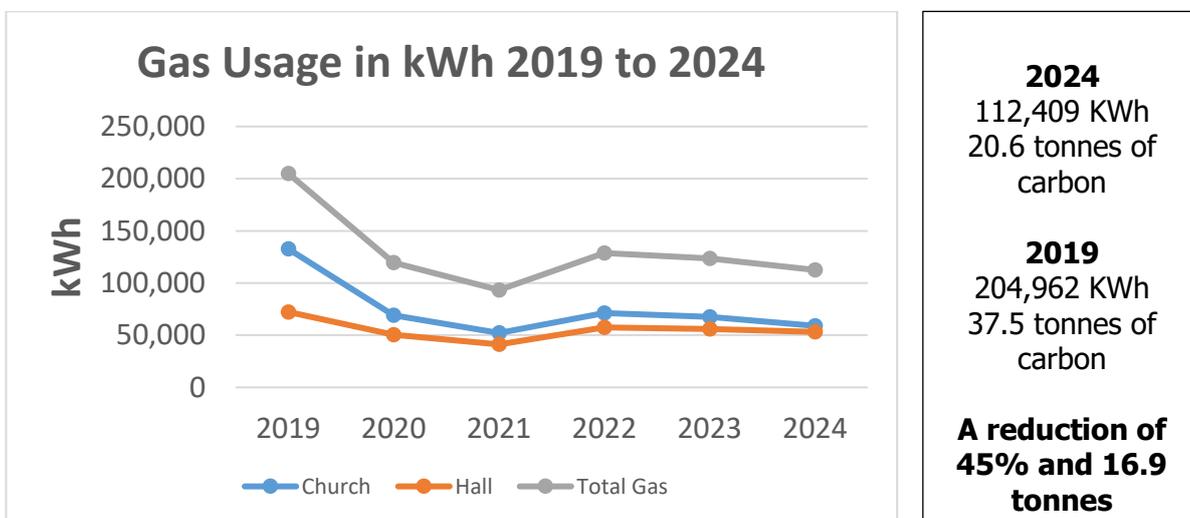
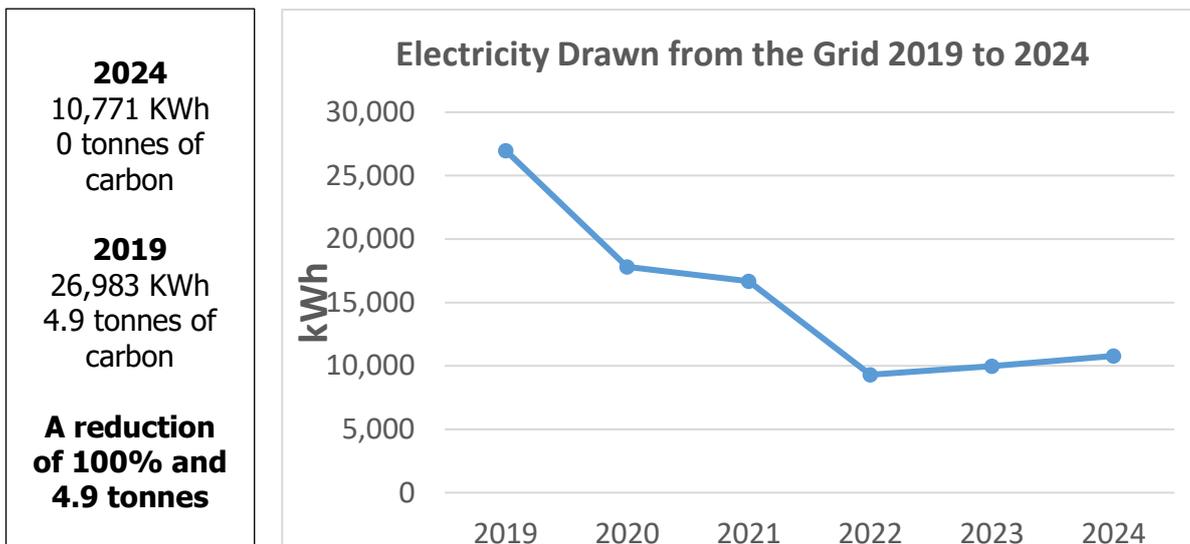


Reducing our Carbon Footprint

As you will all be aware here at St Mark's we are committed to reducing our carbon footprint and aiming for Net Zero Carbon by 2030.

In 2024 as part of the Give to Go Green campaign we raised almost £10,000 from over 140 separate donors to replace all the church lighting with fittings that will use low energy LED bulbs. This was matched with grant funding from the scheme. These lights are expected to be fitted in the next few months substantially reducing our electricity in the church.

We have made good progress in the last few years and all of our electricity drawn from the grid is now from renewable sources. These graphs demonstrate how much we have achieved through a change in mindset and a conscious effort to get to Net Zero by 2030.



We have also recently had an energy audit carried out and, once the report is received, we will be looking at how we can reduce our carbon footprint further.



News from the Church of England

The future of the Church of England safeguarding

Diocesan Secretary Nicola Thomas writes...

Safeguarding is at the very heart of everything we do – and that could not be achieved without the efforts of our ministers and volunteers in parishes across our diocese. We are so grateful for their hard work and dedication in helping our churches to be safe and welcoming places for all.

In February, the General Synod (which is the Church of England’s national governing body) discussed the Future of Church Safeguarding in a rigorous and respectful debate.

The discussions, following several high-profile safeguarding cases, sought to ensure that the lessons of the past were embedded in frameworks that support our communities in the future. Essentially, the General Synod approved a move towards more independent safeguarding structures in dioceses and nationally.

The General Synod asked for more work to be done on the legal and practical requirements for a fully independent safeguarding model (known as Model 4), but agreed to move some elements of safeguarding to an independent model in the short term (Model 3). The combination of putting in place Model 3 now with work towards Model 4 has now been dubbed Model 3.5.

This model includes:

- Setting up an external scrutiny body, which is likely to be on a statutory basis in order to give it regulatory power – and so would require legislation
- Transfer of most functions currently delivered by the National Safeguarding Team (NST) – except policy development – to an external employer, eventually and after all development, consultation and legislative processes are complete
- Further work to determine the legal and practical requirements necessary to implement model 4 – which would involve the transfer of all 85 safeguarding teams in dioceses and cathedrals to the same external employer as the NST

The motion, including amendments, was overwhelmingly approved.

We particularly welcome the General Synod’s amendment to the motion to “lament and repent of the failure of the Church to be welcoming to victims and survivors and the harm they have experienced and continue to experience in the life of the Church.” We owe a huge debt to the courage of victims and survivors of abuse – we must learn from their experiences and work to make our churches safer for all.

These big structural changes cannot happen immediately. There are processes to follow in order to ensure everyone is properly supported while detailed policy development work is completed, and legislative processes are implemented. We are forming a response to the Charity Commission (as are all dioceses) on the changes regarding practical obstacles and challenges, especially for trustees who are responsible for safeguarding in their organisations.

In the meantime, there is currently no change to the way parishes, PSOs and incumbents work and support safeguarding in our diocese and parishes. Parishes will be kept updated and supported through any changes as they come into force.



The Business World Today

I struggle to understand the Business World today, especially with the neglect of truth and the pressing of partisan views particularly in the press. It's tempting to pursue one's own life and ignore the rest. After all what influence can we have?

Yet recent events, even in the church, underline the futility of brushing serious problems under the carpet. So, this is no more than my best shot at understanding what is going on. Man has many motives and values such as kindness, jealousy and concern for others but a major driver is self-interest perhaps growing from the primitive aim of survival of the fittest. But man, also learned to combine with others be it to fight a mammoth or simply other competitors. There can be little doubt that free international trade enhances aggregate income and wealth beyond what is achievable by single nations trading only within themselves, or with others separately. But although in theory even countries with the least resources can benefit by concentrating on what they do best and trading it, there is no explanation of how the achieved surpluses should be shared.

On the other side, trading beyond borders usually weakens organisations such as trade unions (which are not envisaged by the economic theory) so that labour bargaining power is less or even unable to function: production will often follow the cheaper labour costs.

Over the last several decades the world has been driving in the direction of more international trade loosely called globalisation so that even the constituent parts of a product, say of a motor car, maybe made in several countries. The UK is dependent on food imports not only to satisfy new acquired tastes but to feed ourselves. The same dependency is reflected in many countries. The Far East seems to have benefitted by such trade, some specialising in new technologies and products and selling to the rest of the world. China is the preeminent example and they seem to be able to succeed in most areas. But now the consequences of all this is becoming

apparent. In the East standards of living and consumption have grown. I am told you see more Rolls Royces and Jaguars in Shanghai than in London. The fruits of trade have been shared about.

The consequences in the West are different. There you may get a wider, cheaper range of products but there has been a marked shift in the sharing of the enhanced levels of income. The real income of the elite and a rich upper Middle Class has soared, but the real income of the rest of the population has often declined. From this has emerged populists who play on the consequent discontent of voters by emphasising serious problems such as immigration and attribute all ills to that and pretend they have solutions to this cause of general unrest. Such problems may be a legitimate cause for concern but underlying aims of the populist are more sectarian and profound.

We seem to have reached the stage when enterprise often does not operate traditionally and governments can do little within its frame work. For example, more and more contracts, even for large successful companies, such as Astro Zenica, require government grants before they will invest here. The situation is rapidly approaching that of the film industry with which I have a contact. Their profit is unimportant. What producers focus upon is getting grants from government. Income distribution takes the form of high salaries, but profits do not emerge. To get anything done, indeed, to prevent business going elsewhere, governments have to make grants and subsidies.

It's called Corporate Welfare. The business world is no longer a question of costs, supply and demand. This means that those who pay tax from modest incomes are subsidising business whose profits often avoid tax and end up with the elite rich in tax havens. Complaining about such a system is far from socialism which today is totally impractical. But how to change things?

Meanwhile the rich get richer not only from product globalisation but the increased opportunities to make substantial financial gains. Sometimes this is further enhanced by "Quantitative Easing" whereby more cash is injected into the economy. The Keynesian path here was to directly enhance low incomes to stimulate demand which produces a spiral of economic activity, but today the increased funds often find their way into the hands of banks or financial markets causing security prices to further increase the wealth of the better off.

It is said that the first dollar trillionaire will be with us soon and already millionaires are two a penny. We also need to remember that expenditure through foreign companies is likely to give rise to increased income abroad and not in the UK. What is required is new profitable businesses in the UK giving rise to income generated here and higher real wages.

One spin-off of this inequality of incomes here and abroad is the use of housing as investment chips. The two richest streets in London show few house lights because their owners are away in tax havens. A high proportion of new houses are second homes or buy to let. The rich are sheltering from inflation by investing in land and property. The consequence of this along with general inflation is that house prices are well beyond the means of many people. The industry is not centred on producing needed homes.

A recent survey found that a majority of Generation Z were in favour of a strong dictatorship and a significant proportion of middle aged were of a similar opinion. This reflects discontent but the answer is not to withhold the vote from youngsters but to address their legitimate complaints. However, a dictatorship is much more likely to enhance further the disparity of incomes through electing right-wing extremists, than to address the problem.

All this means that the increase in globalisation which was to bring benefits to all in fact has enhanced only a small part of Western populations. Retrenchment behind tariff barriers is now unlikely to improve that disparity.

What next? Governments vainly try to counter inflation, perhaps directly caused by the manipulation of oil prices, or by financial activity but as Liz Truss showed us the market can rebel and undermine such policies. Now there are so many ultra rich that they may even influence markets more than governments. Perhaps this is behind the attacks by Elon Musk on democratic governments seeking to produce more quasi dictatorships. We may yet see populist governments "following my leader" to subvert democratic governments.

The question then is will the move to right wing national governments bring a return to the previous condition of reasonable wage levels more normal profits and more work at home? Sadly, no. The rich by and large will retain their wealth as they have in the past and the right wing is likely to increase income differentials because that is their main underlying aim.

Of course you may say people are not that silly. They will see through the machinations of the populist whose policies will never be cohesive or sufficiently directed at real underlying problems. They will lose the votes. But currently this is not happening. It's worth a passing thought that Hitler was widely supported by the elite majorities in the West who were nervous of the communist threat and power moving to the people as in the nineteenth century revolutions. So, he won his first election and then no more were held.

Today farce elections are quite common in distant countries. Stalin also was popular through cementing the Soviet Union before he showed his true colours with repression. But that, of course, that could never happen here.

Harry Ingram



Hope

"I Hope the sun will shine today!" "I Hope I can find the keys I have lost." "I Hope that the person I love will love me." "I Hope that person will survive from the operation he/she has to have and not die!" "When my life ends, I Hope to go to heaven."

If I Hope to win a race or be appointed to a new job that may mean others are less successful, meaning their dream won't come true.

There are so many things that we can Hope for, some so much more serious than others. Hope is essential for us to be optimistic for the future, and without it we can become depressed.

Our Hopes can be for our own good fortune, that of those we love personally, or for the benefit of our church, our country or for the world as a whole. Even if the realisation of the Hope seems unlikely, having that Hope might provide us with some peace of mind. That for our country is expressed in the song "Land of Hope and Glory!" which is accompanied by Elgar's lovely music.

St Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians said how important to us all is "Faith, Hope and Love" but that the greatest of these is Love.

I have just seen a programme on the television about John Betjemin, a vivid Christian, in which one of his last poems expressed a wish for Hope.

So, I thought I would think now about Hope. With Faith we might be helped in hoping for the future and by Loving someone we then hope for an improvement in their circumstances. How important it is to look forward to better times to come, and when they don't seem to come, they could come later.

In this day of instant satisfaction of our needs waiting is not so easy. How wonderful if we can encourage others to have Hope, whatever their individual circumstances are at this present time.

There must be so many cases when any Hope seems impossible, or at least remote, and in my prayers I ask for God's help in the predicament experienced by all those worrying people.

Ian Archer

CALENDAR FOR APRIL 2025

Sunday 6th April	5th Sunday of Lent – Passiontide begins 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online 4.00pm Family Service – in the Hall
Thursday 10 th April	11.00am Lent Course in Church 12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church 1.15pm Lent Lunch in Church
Sunday 13th April	Palm Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00 am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online 1.00pm Community Lunch
Monday 14th April	Monday of Holy Week 8.00pm Stations of the Cross and Compline
Tuesday 15th April	Tuesday of Holy Week 8.00pm Stations of the Cross and Compline
Wednesday 16th April	Wednesday of Holy Week 8.00pm Stations of the Cross and Compline
Thursday 17th April	Maundy Thursday 8.00pm Eucharist and Liturgy of Maundy Thursday
Friday 18th April	Good Friday 10.00am Messy Church 1.30pm Liturgy of Good Friday
Saturday 19th April	Easter Eve 8.00pm Easter Vigil and 1 st Eucharist of Easter
Sunday 20th April	Easter Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online
Thursday 24th April	Thursday of Easter Week 12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church 8.00pm Social Dance in the Hall
Saturday 26 th April	
Sunday 27th April	St Mark the Evangelist – Patronal Festival 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online 6.00pm Taizé Prayer

Please remember that planned services are subject to change at short notice so please check the details on our website or with the Parish Office.

CALENDAR FOR MAY 2025

Thursday 1st May	St Philip and St James, Apostles 12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church
Sunday 4th May	3rd Sunday of Easter 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online 4.00pm Family Service – in Church
Wednesday 7 th May	3.25pm T-Time Tales
Thursday 8 th May	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church
Sunday 11th May	4th Sunday of Easter 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00 am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online including the APCM 1.00pm Community Lunch
Wednesday 14 th May	3.25pm T-Time Tales
Thursday 15 th May	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church
Saturday 17 th May	8.00pm Social Ballroom and Latin Dance
Sunday 18th May	5th Sunday of Easter 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online 4.00pm Messy Church
Wednesday 21 st May	3.25pm T-Time Tales
Thursday 22 nd May	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church
Sunday 25th May	6th Sunday of Easter – Rogation Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online 2.00pm Rogation Sunday 'Beating the Bounds' 6.00pm Taizé Prayer
Thursday 29th May	Ascension Day 12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church 8.00pm Holy Communion in Church and Online
Saturday 31st May	Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

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Chocolate – food of the gods?

Did you know that the botanical name for the cocoa bean is *Theobroma* – which means ‘food of the gods’?

Millions of us obviously think chocolate is special – on average, each of us consumes 8.1 kilograms of it a year! Certainly, chocolate makes us feel better. Some scientists believe that this is due to the chemicals it contains. These trigger the release of endorphins, similar to those we naturally produce when we fall in love.

But nutritionists warn against using chocolate as a pick-me-up, especially in the evening. Chocolate eaten before bedtime can cause your blood glucose levels to plummet during the night, which will disrupt your sleep. Chocolate eaten in quantity every day can lead to mood and energy swings, weight gain and poor immunity. If you have mad cravings for it, you could have a problem with blood sugar, or a deficiency in magnesium, copper, zinc or iron. But occasional consumption of cocoa can provide medical benefits. Chocolate containing 60 per cent or more cocoa solids is rich in essential trace elements and nutrients such as iron, calcium and potassium, and many vitamins. Cocoa is also the highest natural source of magnesium.

Good as all this may be – most of us enjoy chocolate because of its high sugar and caffeine content. Chocolate simply gives you an instant sugar hit, providing a sudden burst in energy, unfortunately followed by a slump and then the desire for another sugar-fix.

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Prayer for April 2025

Living Lord Jesus, We, your Easter People of today, thank You for the Easter People of the Gospel accounts.

For the women, who loved You so much that they went to the tomb, early in the morning, while it was still dark. Thank you especially for Mary, who wept, then rejoiced, then ran to tell the others, “I have seen the Lord!”

Thank you for Thomas, who doubted, then devoted his life to You, his Lord and his God; for the disciples who ate breakfast on the beach with You; for Peter, who was forgiven and re-commissioned by You.

Thank You for them and Your witnesses through all generations. Thank you for Your true and living written Word, proclaiming You, our true and living Lord, who lived and died and rose again to offer us forgiveness and life.

Thank you, Lord that because You live, we have hope and assurance, whatever challenges the world might bring.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Hallelujah!

Daphne Kitching



All in the month of April

It was:

250 years ago, on 18 April 1775 that American silversmith and folk hero Paul Revere made his famous midnight ride on horseback from Charleston to Lexington to warn residents that the British were about to attack.

Also 250 years ago, on 23 April 1775 that J M W Turner, the British artist was born. Known for his landscapes and turbulent marine paintings.

175 years ago, on 16 April 1850 that Madame Marie Tussaud, French artist known for her wax sculptures, died. Founder of Madame Tussaud's wax museum in London.

Also 175 years ago, on 23 April 1850 that William Wordsworth died. A Romantic poet, he was Poet Laureate from 1843-50.

150 years ago, on 17 April 1875 that the game of snooker was invented by Neville Chamberlain, a British army officer stationed in India.

100 years ago, on 10 April 1925 that F Scott Fitzgerald's novel *The Great Gatsby*, was published.

80 years ago, on 30 April 1945 that Adolf Hitler, Austrian-born German Nazi Party Leader, Chancellor of Germany (1933-45) and dictator (1934-45) committed suicide along with his wife, Eva Braun.

70 years ago, on 5 April 1955 that Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced his retirement because of failing health. He was succeeded by Anthony Eden on 7 April.

Also 70 years ago, on 18 April 1955, that Albert Einstein, German-born American theoretical physicist, died. Considered the most influential physicist of the 20th century. Known for developing the special and general theories of relativity.

50 years ago, on 4 April 1975 that Microsoft, the computer software/hardware company, was founded by Bill Gates and Paul Allen in Albuquerque New Mexico.

40 years ago, on 21 April 1985 that Brazilian racing driver Ayrton Senna won the Portuguese Grand Prix. It was the first of his 41 Formula One wins.

Also 40 years ago, on 23 April 1985 that the Coca-Cola Company changed the formula of Coca-Cola and launched it on the market as New Coke. The public were out-raged, and the original formula was restored within three months.

30 years ago, on 19 April 1995 that the Oklahoma City bombing took place. A truck bomb exploded outside the Alfred P Murrah Federal Building, killing 168 people and injuring 500 more. Timothy McVeigh was convicted of the bombing and executed in June 2001.

25 years ago, on 22 April 2000 that the 'The Big Number' change took place on the UK's telephone system. Many area codes were updated or replaced, and new ones created for mobile, freephone, local rate, national rate, and premium rate services.

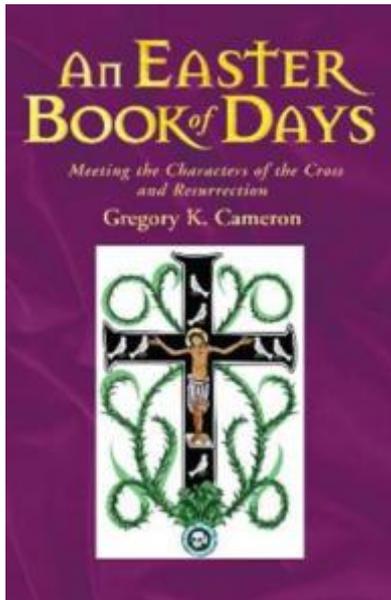
20 years ago, on 9 April 2005 that Charles, Prince of Wales, married Camilla Parker Bowles, who gained the title the Duchess of Cornwall.

10 years ago, on 2 April 2015 that the Gorkha earthquake took place in Nepal. Nearly 9,000 people were killed, 22,000 injured, and 3.5 million made homeless.

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Book Reviews



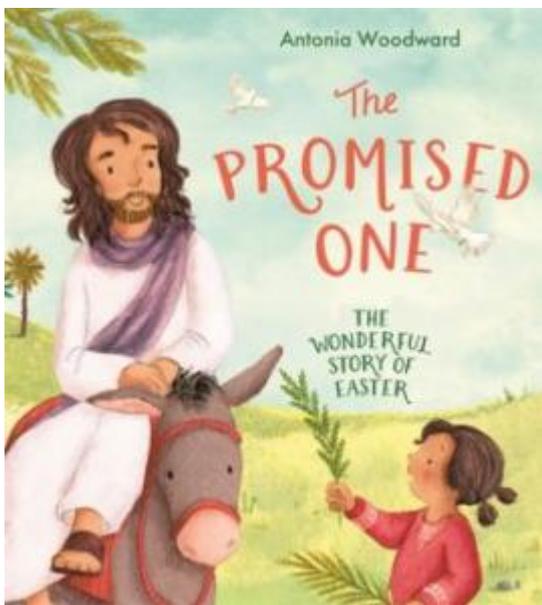
An Easter Book of Days – meeting the characters of the Cross and Resurrection

By Gregory Cameron

Here are 25 characters from the stories of Lent, Holy Week and Easter – from the perspectives of scripture, history and legend. How can they enrich our practice of faith today?

As well as the familiar figures – Christ Himself, Mary His mother, Mary Magdalene, the disciples, Pilate, the soldiers, and the thieves crucified with Jesus, there is Veronica, wiping the face of Jesus as He carried his cross.

The author also explores the rich traditions that have built up around the cross and the crown of thorns, as well as tales of how the robin got its red breast, or what happened to the disciples after the Ascension. All in all, the book offers a richly textured guide to the Easter season.



The Promised One – the wonderful story of Easter

By Antonia Woodward

A colourfully illustrated bedtime picture book for 3-to-5-year-olds, covering Easter from Palm Sunday to Ascension.

It includes stories of how Jesus made sick people well, made food for thousands, and cared for the lonely and the needy. How He was like no one else, and the people believed the Promised One – God-on-earth – had arrived. Others were not so sure.

But God always has a plan.

This is the story of God's plan, and how Jesus came for everyone, everywhere, for all time.

Have you recently read a good book? Tell us about it.
Email office@stmarksreigate.co.uk with your book review.



A Lasting Gift for St Mark's Church

Leaving a legacy

Legacy gifts can make a huge difference to churches. Each year, gifts in wills, ranging from £100s to £100,000s are received. Faithful witnesses leaving generous legacies have enabled churches to invest in their buildings, pioneer new ministries, and sustain a welcoming presence in their communities.

Why should you write a will?

Writing a will means you choose:

- How you would like to share your property and possessions;
- Who you would like to look after any children under the age of 18;
- How to support any charities or churches that are important to you.

Without a will, these decisions will be made according to pre-ordained rules, and by the courts, which may be different from your wishes. Leaving a will gives you peace of mind and lifts a burden from loved ones after you are gone.

To make it easier the Church of England has partnered with Farewill, the UK's favourite will-writer, so anyone can write a simple will online for free, in as little as 30 minutes. You can find out more by visiting <https://farewill.com/southwarkdiocese> .

We strongly advise seeing a solicitor for more complicated wills, or for people wishing to review their existing will or add a codicil.

A gift for future generations

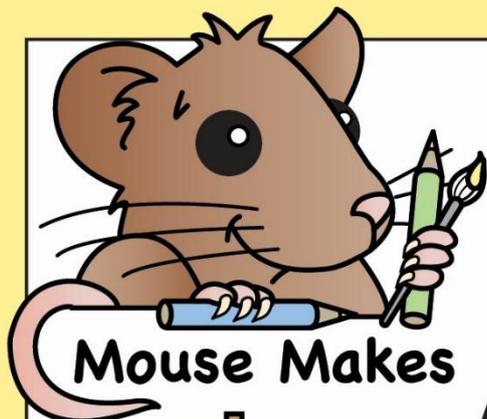
After you have made provision for your family and friends, we hope you'll also consider leaving a gift in your will to St Mark's. A legacy is a valuable expression of how meaningful a church has been during your time there. It's a way to give thanks - a lasting testimony to the faithfulness, goodness and generosity of God.

The policy of the PCC is to use legacies to help fund additional mission or development projects in the parish, whether buildings, equipment or staff. Circumstances change over the years, so church members are encouraged to leave legacies for the general purposes of the parish. The PCC will discuss the most appropriate use of the legacy in the light of current projects and the donor's known areas of interest in the church (for example, children and youth, music, buildings).

You may also receive tax benefits for including a gift to St Mark's in your will. A gift in your will to a charity is free of inheritance tax and may also reduce the amount of tax payable on the rest of your will. <https://www.gov.uk/donating-to-charity/leaving-gifts-to-charity-in-your-will>

Please consider leaving a legacy to St Mark's.

Mel Crighton, PCC Treasurer



Mouse Makes



On the cross Jesus opened wide his arms for us.
 Jesus put an end to death by dying for us,
 and showed us the resurrection to come by His raising to new life!



Jesus is risen!

The angel said:
 "Jesus ...is not here, for He has risen, just as He said."
Matthew 28:6

Jesus is here

Jesus said:
 "Where two or three come together in my name I am there with them."
Matthew 18:20



READ the story of the resurrection in:
Matthew 28:1-10
Mark 16:1-19
Luke 24:1-49
John 20:1-29 and 21:1-14



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Jesus will come again!

Jesus said:
 "I will come back and take you to myself so that you will be where I am."
John 14:3



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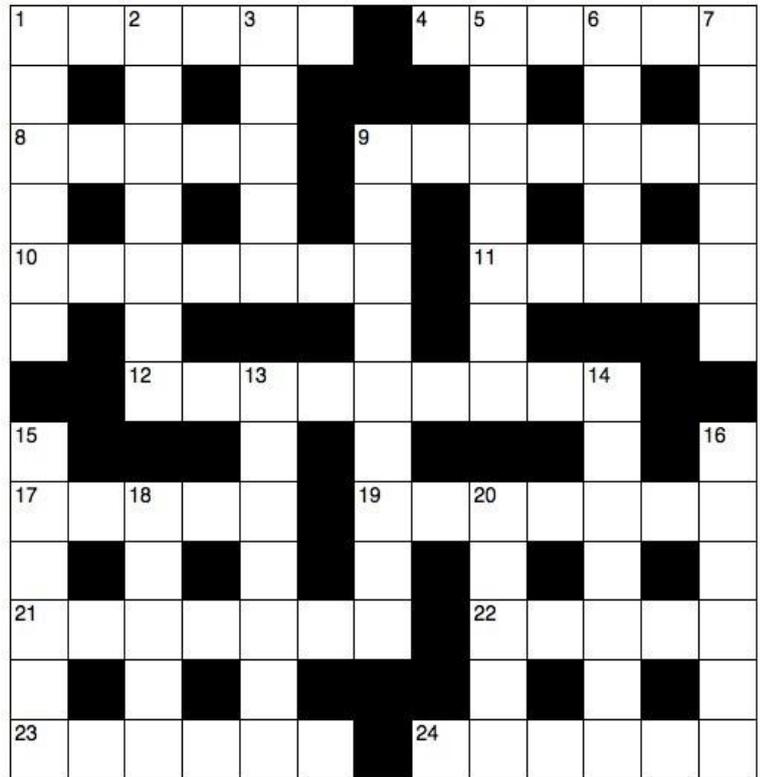


April Crossword

Biblical references are from the New International Version

Across

- 1 Relating to the whole universe (6)
- 4 The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6)
- 8 'Unless I see the nail marks — — hands, I will not believe it' (John 20:25) (2,3)
- 9 He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7)
- 10 Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry — (7)
- 11 'Look, here is — Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5)
- 12 Repossessed (Genesis 14:16) (9)
- 17 Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3-4) (5)
- 19 'Moses was not aware that his face was — because he had spoken with the Lord' (Exodus 34:29) (7)
- 21 Roonwit, CS Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7)
- 22 Grill (Luke 24:42) (5)
- 23 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the — apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6)
- 24 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in — and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)



Down

- 1 Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6)
- 2 Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7)
- 3 Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5)
- 5 For example, the Crusades (4,3)
- 6 11 Across is certainly this (5)
- 7 He reps (anag) (6)
- 9 Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9)
- 13 Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7)
- 14 They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7)
- 15 The human mind or soul (6)
- 16 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is — ' (Graham Kendrick) (6)
- 18 'We played the flute for you, and you did not — ' (Matthew 11:17) (5)
- 20 Bared (anag) (5)

March Answers

ACROSS: 1 Corinthians 9 Abandon 10 Eglon 11 Spa 13 Deem 16 Hi-fi 17 Abijah 18 Ohad 20 Myth 21 Now see 22 Knit 23 Tide 25 Arm 28 Nahor 29 All done 30 Kind-hearted

DOWN: 2 Of age 3 ISDN 4 Tens 5 Idea 6 Nullify 7 Hardworking 8 Enlightened 12 Praise 14 Mad 15 Vigour 19 Abishai 20 Met 24 Is one 25 Arid 26 Male 27 Slur

Puzzles

April Sudoku

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March Solution

3	4	9	5	1	6	2	7	8
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