



Queen's Road Baptist Church



Reflective Service

Easter 2023

Dear Friends

Welcome to our Reflective Service for Holy Week and Easter 2023.

Over these past few years we have had to discover new ways of celebrating this special time. With pandemic shut downs in 2020 and 2021 we had to adapt to worshipping 'on our own'.

Perhaps since then it has been difficult for you to gather with others for worship either in person or even on line. We hope that by sending you these few resources you will be able to feel part of the Church family at QRBC, of which you are a very much valued part. We rejoice as we join together in this journey to the Cross and beyond to His glorious Resurrection.

We are grateful to Peter Edwards for sharing with us some thoughts on the disciple Thomas as he travelled that journey with Jesus.

Above all we pray that whatever circumstances you may find yourself in at this time you will know for yourselves the Joy and Peace of the Risen Lord surrounding and within you.



Church Family News:

We continue to rejoice in the new growth within our Sunday congregation and in the wider life of our Church family. Amongst those who are coming are a number of overseas students, sometimes with their families, who have come to Coventry to study for their Master's or Post Graduate Degrees. Some of them are able to remain with us after their studies, others are having to move on to find suitable employment, but we are grateful to them for all the blessing that they are bringing to our Church family in worship and service. For those who watch our service on line on a Sunday, you won't necessarily be aware of this.

New Members:

In the past months we have welcomed Tafara Crowder and Bartholomew Eze into membership. Here's a little introduction to each of them.

Tafara Crowder



Hello. my name is Tafara. I am 18 years old. I first came to QR in 2021 and I am now a church member, joining on Profession of my Faith in Jesus. I help with volunteering at some of our younger people's groups including Lumen Wednesday group for 11–14-year-olds, and FSG for 11-16 year olds on a Sunday.

I am currently taking a gap year but am going to the University of Worcester next year to study software engineering. I am currently working at Tesco Cannon Park in my gap year.

I was also a part of Queen's Road D of E and I completed my Gold award by cycling over 250 miles on expedition in Holland, also by spending 5 days in the Peak District with no one else I knew, I have

volunteered at Samaritans once a week, and had driving lessons for my skill. I also did some extra practice cycles as my 'physical' to help me train for my Expedition.

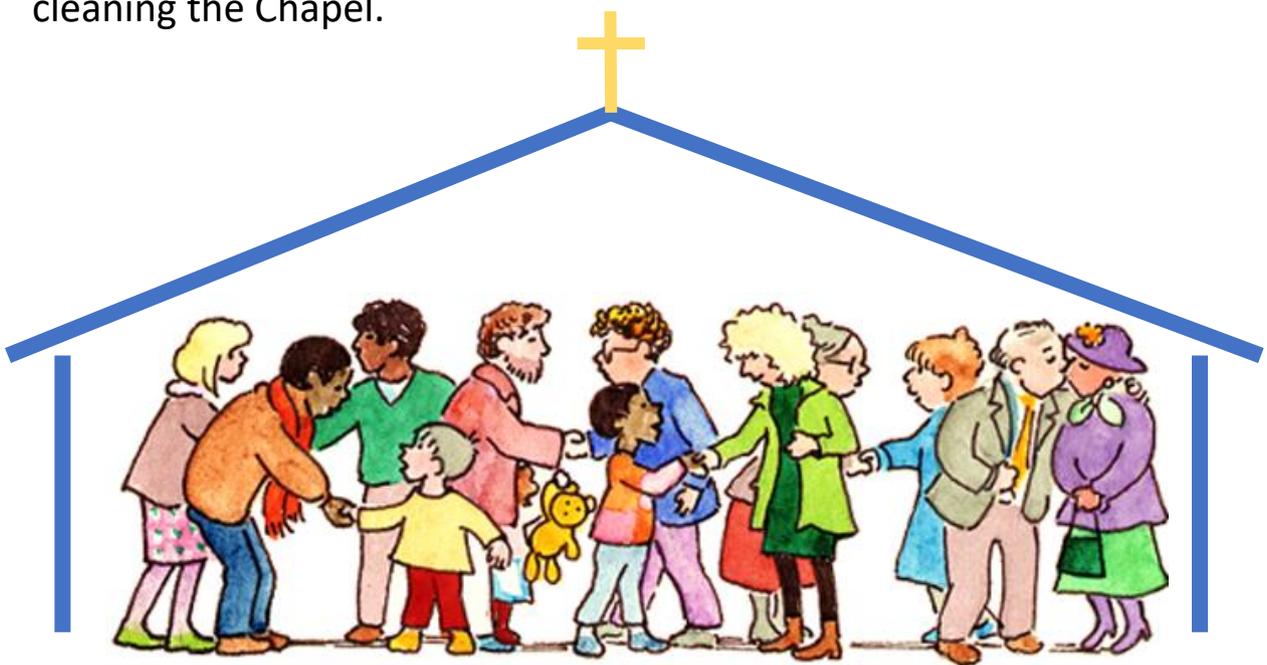
I am adopted and have lived with my current mum for 11 years on April 3rd. My Mum has recently been doing Foster Care Training for a programme called New Steps which puts older children who probably won't get adopted into a family environment.

Bartholomew Eze

Bartholomew has been worshipping at QRBC since the pandemic. He lives in Coventry with his wife and 2 young children (who are part of JAM). Bartholomew joins us by transfer from Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Swansea.

In the week Bartholomew works as a lecturer in Birmingham.

On Saturday mornings he can often be found helping Sujata in cleaning the Chapel.



Queen's Road verse for the year 2023

"Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works" Hebrews 10:24

Deaths

It is with sadness that we record the deaths of two of our members, Rita Barnes and Dorothy Owen

Rita Barnes 1936-2022

Rita was a faithful worshipper at Queen's Road for many years and a much-loved member of our church family.

She was part of the Flower Club and loved all that was involved in that. Lifelong friendships were forged in the arranging of flowers which decorated the chapel for every conceivable celebration. Rita loved gardening and whenever I visited her at home we always chatted about our shared passion for gardening.

She also loved art and crafts and poetry and was especially drawn to Pam Ayres work.

Rita was a Girls Brigade leader for many years, firstly at Foleshill Baptist where she served as Captain and then working as a leader and helper in 1st Coventry Company when she moved to Queens Road.

Rita's health declined a lot in the latter years and eventually she moved into a care home where she settled really well.

Rita will be sadly missed by her family and her many friends at Queens Road. I will miss the chats we shared over a long time.

Kay Hamer



Dorothy Owen 1939-2023

I have known Dorothy throughout the time she has been part of Queens Road Baptist Church but over the last 10-15 years, I developed a deep respect for her spirituality and, although my part in supporting her has been very small compared to others, I am thankful to have enjoyed some stimulating conversations with her and latterly offering a little encouragement through cards and letters.



I particularly respected Dorothy's unwillingness to accept simplistic or traditional answers to spiritual dilemmas and her openness to a variety of writings – even when some of these led her down unsettling paths or did not find approval with Christian or other friends. We shared a deep appreciation of the Christian mystics and especially Julian of Norwich, Theresa of Avila, Therese of Lisieux and Ety Hillesum and enjoyed swapping books and other literature from a very broad spectrum of wisdom literature.

I am glad to have known Dorothy and am thankful she is now at peace.

Barbra Depledge

On the Move:

Our friend and member Brian Caudwell has recently moved from Hexham to Macclesfield. His son Simon and daughter-in-law Lynn have recently moved to nearby Pott Shrigley where Lynn was installed as Priest-in Charge of St Christophers Church in a joyful and meaningful service conducted by the Bishop of Chester. If you would like Brian's address, please contact Helen by phoning the Church office.

What's On



Wednesday Fellowship (Formerly Senior Fellowship):

5th April: Come and join us for More Favourite Hymns 10.30-12.00

3rd May: Celebrate the Coronation with a Quiz etc.

(Contact Alan Betteridge for more information)

Arty Crafters: Thursday 9th April 10.00-12.30

This month's meeting will be held in the Lounge when Coral's Grand-daughter, Eve, will be sharing her textile story, with examples of some of her work and an opportunity to try something yourself. Everyone is welcome to come along.

(Contact Coral Lynes for more details)



Pastoral Care Communion



Our next Pastoral care Communion will be on Wednesday 26th April. We hope that you will be able to join us as we share in The Lord's Supper and a time of worship and Fellowship together.

(Contact Anna Grimshaw for more information)

Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning is on Thursday 4th May 10-00-12.00.



Come along and enjoy coffee, cake and chat. Everyone is welcome.

Sleep out for the Homeless



Our older Young People have been looking at a variety of issues of injustice at their Thursday evening Group. As a result they are holding a 'sleep out' on Wednesday 5th April to raise money for people in need who can't find a safe place to stay. All donations will go towards the work of the YMCA.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

.....For all your additional gifts to support others:

At Christmas our special offering raised
£567.50 for the **YMCA Midlands**

.....and £667 for the **Heat and Hope appeal for Ukraine** through the European Baptist Federation

Ukraine Update

The war in Ukraine has now been going on for over a year. The global Baptist family has responded with overwhelming generosity to the largest displacement of people in Europe since World War II, making this the largest Baptist aid response perhaps in our history as a Christian group. Conservatively, at least 612,445 people have received aid, hospitality, and care in and around Ukraine. The EBF



staff can only offer our deepest gratitude both to our Baptist family around the world and to the God who was able to do immeasurably more than we could ever imagine.....Despite the pain and suffering of the last year, God's mercy and grace has shown through at every moment. Through the faithful, caring witness of Baptists in Ukraine, over 3,000 people have been baptised

and have joined churches.



Despite power outages limiting communications, Ukrainian Baptists organised churches to become centres of Heat and Hope. Through distributing 221 generators and gifts of fuel, churches were able to open up their doors to those during the winter months and provided spaces of reprieve from the cold and from the war. Further, the union has

helped financially support 460 pastors in the winter to enable them to stay in their local communities and serve those in need.

Thank you for making a difference.

Thank you too for your response to the **Turkey Syria Earthquake Appeal.**

£5775 was sent to Christian Aid who are part of the DEC Emergency Appeal. Thousands of people have died, with many more injured in the aftermath of the earthquakes. But it is not too late to save lives. Christian Aid is already working with partners in Syria to provide shelter, winter kits, food and clean water to people seeking shelter. Every prayer, every gift, every action brings hope to people hit by disaster.



Our recent Christian Aid Lent Lunch also raised £225

THANK YOU!

Order for Easter Reflective Service 2023

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| 1. Organ: God So Loved the World | Robert Wale |
| 2. Reading: Verses from Isaiah 52&53 | Andy Knott |
| 3. <i>Hymn: The Servant King</i> | |
| 4. Prayers: | Sandra Hobley |
| 5. Reading: Mark 15: v16-39 | Coral Lynes |
| 6. Reflection: The Darkest Hour | Judith Brazier |
| 7. <i>Hymn: The Power of the Cross</i> | <i>NBA Big Sing</i> |
| 8. Brief pause for thought. | |
| 9. <i>Choral: Alleluia</i> | <i>Jubilate</i> |
| 10. Reading: John 20: v 24-29 | Joy Knott |
| 11. Talk: 'Thomas' | Peter Edwards |
| 12. <i>Hymn: Thine Be the Glory</i> | <i>Queen's Road Singers</i> |
| 13. Blessing Prayer | Judith Brazier |
| 14. <i>Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns</i> | <i>Queen's Road Singers</i> |
| 15. Organ: Low in the Grave He Lay | Robert Wale |

Thank you to everyone who has been involved in taking a part in this service and in putting the CD/On line content together.

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The Servant King

From heaven you came helpless babe

Entered our world, your glory veiled

Not to be served but to serve

And give Your life that we might live

This is our God, The Servant King

He calls us now to follow Him

To bring our lives as a daily offering

Of worship to The Servant King

There in the garden of tears

My heavy load he chose to bear

His heart with sorrow was torn

'Yet not My will but Yours,' He said.....

Come see His hands and His feet

The scars that speak of sacrifice

Hands that flung stars into space

To cruel nails surrendered.....

So let us learn how to serve

And in our lives enthrone Him

Each other's needs to prefer

For it is Christ we're serving.....

Oh, to see the dawn
Of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men,
Torn and beaten, then
Nailed to a cross of wood.

This, the power of the cross:
Christ became sin for us,
Took the blame, bore the wrath:
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain
Written on Your face
Bearing the awesome weight of sin;
Every bitter thought,
Every evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Now the daylight flees,
Now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two,
Dead are raised to life;
'Finished!' the victory cry.

Oh, to see my name
Written in the wounds,
For through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death,
Life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love.

This, the power of the cross:
Son of God, slain for us.
What a love! What a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Stuart Townend & Keith Getty

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! How the heavenly
anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of
him
who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless
King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed over the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died, and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars
may cease,
and all be prayer and praise.
his reign shall know no end,
and round his piercèd feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love,

behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible
above,
in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his
burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou has died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Matthew Bridges & Godfrey Thring



Jesus Christ, you have risen and we see you,

**In the faces of the poor,
In the hurting of the sick,
In the anguish of the oppressed**
Jesus Christ you are risen, and we see you,

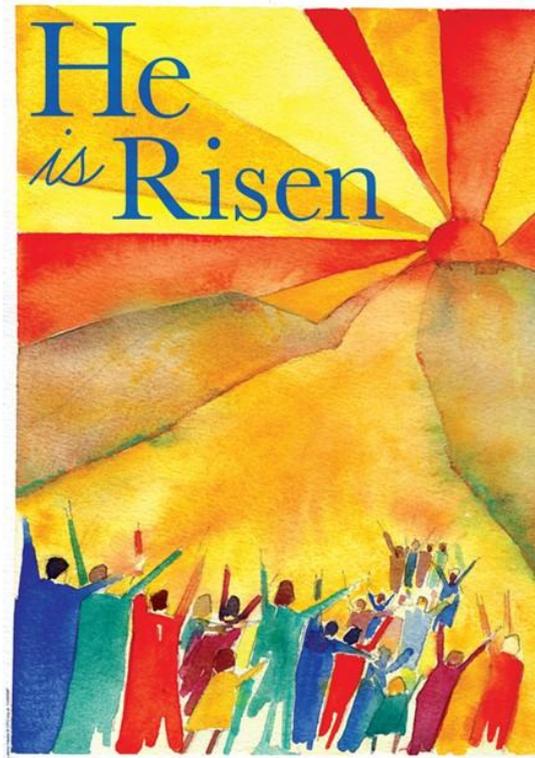
**In the weakness of the vulnerable,
In the questions of the doubting,
In the fears of the dying.**
Jesus Christ you are risen, and we see you,

**In the celebration of the saints,
In the generosity of the faithful,
In the compassion of the caring.**
Jesus Christ you are risen, and we see you,

**You transform our world with love and hope,
You ignite our hearts of stone with compassion and care,
You transfigure our world with the spirit of life.**
Hallelujah, Jesus Christ you are risen, and we see you.

Christine Sine





Good Friday - Reflective service at 7.30pm
Easter Sunday - Contemplative communion at 8.30am,
Breakfast batches at 9.30am followed by All age worship at 10.30am

CONTACT US

Although working from home, **Helen Jones** checks messages left on the Church answer machine every day and will respond as soon as possible: Church Office Tel: 024 76 520621. Her email is

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from 2.00-2.45

Zoom details from Helen