



UPPER EDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

Newsletter

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May the promise of the Springtime, cheer you,
And the magic that it brings, thrill you,
May the healing of the sunlight, warm you,
And the blessings of Easter fill you.

May the peace of flowing waters, calm you,
And the strength of the hills, uphold you,
May the joy of waking earth, enrich you
And the blessings of Easter enfold you.

May the music of the morning, lift you,
And the hope of all the world, guide you,
May the love of those you love, sustain you,
And the blessings of Easter stay beside you.

Author I. Hesselden



A hearing loop is
installed in church.





Dear All

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And they called it “good” Friday...

¹⁷ Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others - one on each side and Jesus in the middle. John 19: 17-18

We are coming toward the end of Lent and will soon be celebrating Easter, a time in the Christian calendar where we remember the death and resurrection of Jesus. If you are an outsider I imagine it may seem a tad bizarre that Christians refer to the day that Jesus died as “good” Friday - it seems a bit of a contradiction in terms doesn't it? Everyone knows that good Friday is a bank holiday, most will know that it has some link to Jesus but if you are not a Christian then I find myself asking, “*how significant is it to you?*”

We often talk about people that seem to carry their own cross or we say that we all have a cross to bear. Both are shorthand for explaining that somebody has a great burden or trial that they are going through, it can signify that this is a struggle but can also be used lightly as a way of lampooning somebody that may be over-egging the difficulties they are experiencing. The term clearly originates from the crucifixion of Jesus and as we know crucifixion was a cruel and painful method of execution: both physically and mentally.

Jesus was made to carry the instrument of his death through the very same streets where he had been hailed and cheered just a few days before. The aim was to ridicule and insult, the powers that be wanted to make it clear to everyone that Jesus had now been put firmly in his place.

Put firmly in his place.



Even if we are not a Christian we all know how that worked out don't we? Not only did Jesus not stay in the place he was put but his subsequent resurrection demonstrated a new way to live, a new way to experience God and offered hope to all. Over 2000 years later this event is still marked and celebrated. Celebrated because it showed love beyond compare, a love that transcends everything – even death on a cross. The cross that He carried was not just His own but the cross for each and every one of us, Jesus carried it so that we no longer need to.

Our burdens, our wrongs, our guilt, he took it all. The darkness that He felt was in order for us to be brought into the light. This is why we look upon what should have been the saddest of days as “good” Friday and that is why it is of significance to us all.

May you find the light of the Lord this Easter.

Many blessings.



Daryll

APRIL

Wednesday 2nd

10.00am Lent Group at Church
2.00pm The Easter Show with Field Lane Primary at Church

Sunday 6th *5th in Lent Passion*

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr John Froud

Monday 7th – Thursday 10th

Lent Groups Rastrick Group of Churches

Wednesday 9th

10.00am Lent Groups at Church
12.15pm for 12.30pm Church Lunch

Sunday 13th *6th in Lent Palm Sunday*

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr Simon Thompson

Monday 14th

7.45am Prayer Breakfasts for Holy Week (Blackley)

Wednesday 16th

10.00am Lent Group
7.00pm The Easter Show – Joint Lent Group @Thy Kingdom
Come' @ Upper Edge Baptist led by Daryll Hackett.

Thursday 17th MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.30pm Holy Communion with Foot Washing at St Johns

Friday 18th GOOD FRIDAY

11.30am Procession of Witness from St John's
11.40am The George, Brighthouse for a hymn
12.00pm United Service for Good Friday (Central Methodist)

Saturday 19th Men's Breakfast @ Toby Carvery Ainley Top

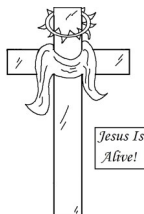
Sunday 20th EASTER SUNDAY

8.00am Rastrick Group of Churches Joint Service at the Round Hill

9.30am Easter breakfast with bacon butties and vegetarian option at Upper Edge Baptist

10.30am Morning Worship led by Daryll Hackett

Monday 21st EASTER MONDAY



Wednesday 23rd

10.00am No Time To Reflect

Sunday 27th

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr Julian Dowson

Monday 28th

7.00pm Deacons' Meeting
7.00pm Beer and Banter for men @ The Four Sons
Wire-in Calderdale - Paul Thompson

Wednesday 30th

10.00am Time To Reflect

MAY

Sunday 4th

10.30am Morning Worship led by the Young Church
Monday 5th Bank Holiday

Wednesday 7th

10.00am Time To Reflect

Sunday 11th

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr Daryll Hackett including Communion

Wednesday 14th

10.00am Time To Reflect
12.15pm for 12.30pm Church Lunch
Saturday 17th Men's Breakfast@ Toby Carvery Ainley Top

Sunday 18th

10.30am Morning Worship led by Daryll Hackett
11.45am followed by Church AGM

Wednesday 21st

10.00am Time To Reflect

Sunday 25th

10.30am Morning Worship tba

Monday 26th Spring Bank Holiday – WHIT MONDAY

Wednesday 28th

10.00am Time To Reflect
Thursday 29th ASCENSION DAY

JUNE

Sunday 1st

10.30am Morning Worship



DATES for LENT and EASTER

April 13th	Palm Sunday 6th Sunday in lent
April 14th	Holy Week commences
April 17th	Maundy Thursday
April 18th	Good Friday
April 20th	Easter Sunday
May 29th	Ascension Day
June 8th	Pentecost



Wednesday 2nd April at 2.00pm

“All of this - The circus Easter story”

Field Lane Primary School Attending

**Wednesday 16th April at
7.00pm**

“All of this - The circus Easter
story”



Rastrick Group of Churches Joint Lent Groups join together
for a Service at Upper Edge Baptist Church

**‘Thy Kingdom Come’
including the Easter Show**
led by Daryll Hackett



News of and from the Fellowship

Father in heaven, may we share the light and life of
Jesus with others today, and always.



Please remember in your prayers those who mourn the
loss of family members and friends. We remember at this time
Ann Gilmore and her family as they adjust to the loss of her son
Lloyd Jackson. Help us to be there for them and often just to wait
in silence and listen when they speak.

If you would like us to pray for someone then please let us know.

The funeral for Ann Gilmore’s son, Lloyd Jackson will be
held on Thursday 17th April at 12.30pm at Fixby
Crematorium.



Cycling Morocco’s Great South

We arrived at Church at 6.45pm and on entering the hall, we
were greeted by a room full of friends who were enjoying their
pie and peas and Anne’s gorgeous homemade ginger biscuits.

Just before 7.30pm Ken invited us to go upstairs to church to
watch Anne and Ken’s epic cycle across Morocco.

There were plenty of ‘ups’ and ‘downs’. Ha Ha! At times the road
was so narrow I would have been scared to drive myself.

On the first few days they were cycling along roads that had been damaged by the earthquake the year previously and had not yet been repaired. The scenery though was beautiful and spectacular as they travelled through villages which were quite small and remote.



As they were cycling up one hill round sweeping bends towards a village they met some children being taken up to school by the adults so they got off their bikes to speak to them and find out where their school was and how long it took to walk each day. – 30 minutes up hill. It was lovely being able to converse with them in French! They hadn't expected that!

One short video they showed us was of some goats in an argan tree eating the fruit and jumping from branch to branch. These goats used to help in the production of argan oil as they excreted the nuts.

With Anne and Ken's permission I would like to thank the folk who cleared the hall and the three 'washer uppers' who did a brilliant job

Thank you for all your hard work which made it a truly wonderful time of fellowship.

God bless you.

David and Joyce Kaye



A big thank you to all who came and made it such a great evening. You let us share and re-live our cycle holiday where we experienced such a different way of life for the people who live in the Atlas mountains.

A grand total of £224 was raised for church funds.

Ken and Anne Inwood





A Time for Everything

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens (Ecclesiastes 3: 1)

Time is a precious thing isn't it? Sometimes we feel that life is flying past us and at others moments it appears to move at the pace of a snail. Whatever the case, it is important to remember that we are part of a rich history: each month, year, decade and century bringing us new innovations and important landmarks. Here are just a few things that happened on April 20th through the years...

- **295** 8th recorded perihelion passage of Halley's Comet
- **1290** Round tournament event held near Winchester, England, in imitation of King Arthur, to commemorate betrothal of daughter of Edward I, and attended by the king
- **1611** First known public performance of Shakespeare's tragedy "Macbeth" at the Globe Theatre, London - an eye-witness account recorded by Dr Simon Forman
- **1862** First pasteurisation test is completed by Frenchmen Louis Pasteur and Claude Bernard
- **1902** Marie and Pierre Curie isolate the radioactive compound radium chloride
- **1910** Halley's Comet passes 29th recorded perihelion at 87.9 million km
- **1931** British House of Commons agrees for sports play on Sunday

Words to ponder...

Our words to ponder this month are from Oscar Wilde, the Irish poet, playwright, author and renowned "wit". Although more famous for his exploits and pithy comments, the following words demonstrate a great understanding of what it means to be human.

"Who, being loved, is poor?"

Oscar Wilde

How does this quote resonate with you? What kind of riches are you looking for in your life and how do you measure real wealth?

In this season of Easter remember that you are loved beyond compare and with the love of God you have received riches beyond your wildest dreams. *(Pun very clearly intended and no apology given!)*

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11—17 May 2025

Christian Aid Week

Will you help fund vital tools and training, so farmers can support their community to escape hunger?

As the house to house collection is no longer undertaken don't forget there are other ways to donate - send a cheque, donate online, or ask the church treasurer!

The last time I collected before Covid I was able to hand in about £200 from my round. What does that mean this year for this charity?

What's Easter all about then?

An alien visiting from Mars might have a little trouble figuring out what Easter means for us - if he based his view on our popular supermarkets.

Shelves full of chocolate eggs, maybe a spray or two of daffodils, and (if you can find them) one or two Easter greetings cards featuring rabbits.

It's hard to see how the event Christians believe to be the pivotal point of human history has ended up being dominated by flowers and confectionery ...



Why do we give eggs at Easter?



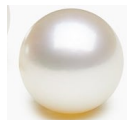
Throughout history, people have given each other eggs at spring festivals to celebrate the new season. Eggs have always represented new life and rebirth, and it's thought that this ancient custom became a part of Easter celebrations.

Where did the tradition of hiding eggs on Easter come from?

The egg hunt became an Easter tradition in 16th century Germany. Martin Luther held egg hunts at the church for his congregation, where the women and children would look for eggs that the men hid around the property. This practice is symbolic of the women who discovered that the tomb was empty after the resurrection.

Daily Thought

To remind me that
I am precious to God



Pearl

So how many words did you get out of **FORGIVENESS**

Here are some words for you!

7 letters erosive, frisson, genesis, grieves, ignores, ingress, inverse, refines, resigns, serving, veering, version,

6 letters egress, feigns, finger, fringe, govern, grieve, ignore, infers, refine, region, reigns, renege, resign, revise, roving, seeing, senior, sensor, serene, series, serves, sieves, singer, sneers, snores, soiree

There are so many others of 3, 4 and 5 letters which are easy to find and not enough room to record them all here.

Congratulations to Dawn and Christine who found **85 words including**

forgiveness 7) forgive, regions, serving, finesse, foreign, 8) forgiven, forgives, 9) governess, sovereign



Forgiveness doesn't mean acceptance, it doesn't mean trusting the person, but it means releasing and letting go of the debt of that person who has done wrong.

NEXT challenge is to find the 9 letter word from the letters on the right, as well as, as many 4 or more letter words as you can. All words **must include** the letter in the middle square.

N	S	C
O	A	S
E	N	I

Target: for total number of words 10 Good, 14 very Good, 18 Brilliant.

There are an amazing number of 4 letter words in particular from all of the letters. I wonder how many you can find!

Answers in the next newsletter near the end of May



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plus kitchen

Disabled access and toilet facilities

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS in

APRIL

Elaine Maclean 2nd

MAY

Beryl Oddy 1st
Joan Hampson 6th
Anne Hainsworth 10th
Jan Morris 26th



Congratulations to Jan Morris who will be celebrating her
90th birthday on May 26th Bank Holiday Monday.

We hope your day is a very special one for you.



Thursdays
2.00pm — 4.00pm
In the Church Hall

YOU are invited to come and join us for either or both of
these activities — table tennis (£2.50) and line dancing (£5).
First session is FREE



If you see a rabbit laying
little brown eggs,
Don't eat them,
It's not chocolate!

Happy Easter
Every Bunny!



I DID A PUSH-UP TODAY.

WELL, ACTUALLY
I FELL DOWN, BUT
I HAD TO USE MY
MY ARMS TO GET
BACK UP, SO ...
CLOSE ENOUGH



NOW I NEED CHOCOLATE

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