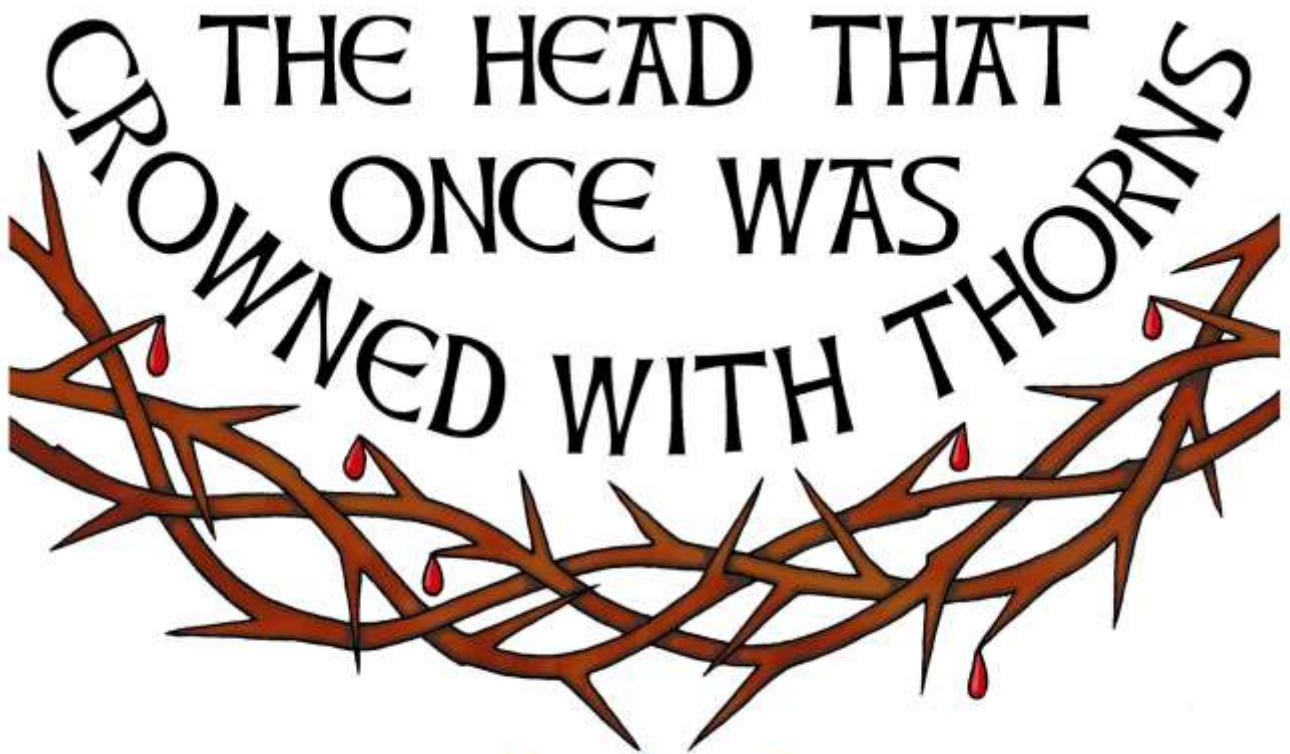


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## CHRISTIANITY|EXPLORED

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YOU'VE EVER HEARD?

Christianity Explored gives you time to think about the big questions of life, and to explore the life of the person at the heart of the Christian Faith—Jesus Christ.

- Who is Jesus?
- What did he achieve?
- What does it mean for us today?

**Christianity Explored**  
**Starting Wednesday 19th April**  
**8.00pm at St Chad's**  
**- in the extension.**

**Let Revd Jane know**  
**if you would like to come.**



**Baptisms**  
**28th March Ruby White**

**Weddings**

**Funerals**

## From Your Rector

In this Easter season, how does Philippians 2 help us to understand more about the cross?

### **Jesus' Example (v6-8)**

'He did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage... And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled himself by becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross!'



Paul reminds us of how Jesus, although fully God from eternity, entered our world as a man to take on a life of service. 'He made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.' He completely surrendered Himself, by identifying with all the weakness, problems, and frailties of human life. This took Him to the cross, where He rescued us from the power of sin and death, so that we might know God's eternal life.

### **Our Response (v3-5)**

Paul says that our relationships should reflect the same attitude as Jesus: 'Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.' We should look out for the needs of others before our own. This will transform our relationships at home and church. How practically can we develop a cross attitude?

### **God's Purpose (v9-11)**

The resurrection demonstrates how God has exalted Jesus in triumph: 'Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name' (v9). Our willingness to serve, like Jesus, will be rewarded by God, especially when we feel used or exploited.

'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' (Graham Kendrick)

Rev'd Jane



Church Social Events  
 Everyone Welcome  
 tell your friends and neighbours

**At St Chad's** - unless otherwise stated

Sun 7th May - Coronation Party

Wed 10th May - **Craft evening at "The Potting Shed" in Hoylake. There will be a charge for this evening and you will need to book your place.**

The PCC are keen to have one social event each month which will be open to the whole community. Could you provide a social event (with help from us) as a one off? It could be anything like a local walk, curry night, etc. Or do you know someone who could come and talk? Tell us how to brew their own beer or about their volunteering. Any ideas and offers of help, please speak to Julie DeBoorder and she will help to co-ordinate dates with the PCC.  
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## MEETING OF PARISHIONERS AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> **April 2023 in St Chad's, starting at 7.30 pm.**

During the two meetings, we will hear reports on the activities and finances of the church during 2022. We will also appoint members of the congregations as churchwardens, members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and Deanery Synod representatives.

The first meeting is the Meeting of Parishioners and is very brief. The second meeting is the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

### The Meeting of Parishioners

The only business during the Meeting of Parishioners is to elect or re-elect churchwardens. Churchwardens are appointed for one year, working closely with the Rector and the PCC particularly in relation to the buildings and the church grounds. There is a time limit of six consecutive years on an appointment as churchwarden.

The appointment of churchwardens is especially important this year. Mrs Whitehead has now been in that role for six years so cannot be reappointed. Churchwardens are essential members of the parish team and are one of the links between the congregations and the Rector. They are supported and assisted by the Rector, PCC members and others. Although one churchwarden can cope with all the requirements, it is much better if two churchwardens are appointed to share them.

If you have any interest at all in becoming a churchwarden, please speak to the Rector or Mrs Whitehead as soon as possible.

The Rector must receive nominations for churchwardens on the proper forms before the meeting begins. The forms will be available in the churches and on the Church website (link shown below) for downloading. Nominations for churchwardens may not be made after the meeting has begun. Anyone who lives in the parish can vote in the Meeting of Parishioners.

### The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

The PCC is responsible for the maintenance of the churchyard, the buildings and their contents. With the minister, it steers the life of the church in its mission, witness and service in the parish.

PCC members are elected for three years, with four members retiring each year. We are hoping for new members who can bring new ideas and fresh thoughts to our discussions and decisions. Four members have reached the ends of their terms of office and may be re-elected and there are three other vacancies.

We also need people to represent us at meetings of the Deanery Synod. Deanery Synod members are elected for three years and are automatically members of the PCC. There will be at least two vacancies for Deanery Synod representatives.

Anyone who has any interest in becoming more involved in helping with church activities should speak as soon as possible to the Rector, the Honorary Secretary or to any PCC member. Everyone can offer something – **do not be put off just because you think you don't know enough about it.**

During the meeting, we shall also receive written reports on what the PCC discussed and decided in 2022, the church accounts and the organisations associated with the church. These will be available on the Parish website for downloading before the meetings.

Notices with more details of the meetings will be displayed on the church website, in both churches and by email, with nomination forms for PCC members, deanery synod representatives and churchwardens.

Finally, if there are any matters that you wish to bring forward for discussion, please inform the Rector or the PCC Secretary before the meeting.

G.J Barley (Hon. Secretary)

The link for the nomination for the nomination forms (copy and paste into browser) is:

<https://thurstaston.org.uk/pcc-information/apcm-annual-parochial-church-meeting/nomination-forms-and-electoral-roll-application-form.php>

Your P.C.C. needs you

As we approach our Annual Parish Meeting, I would urge you to consider putting your name forward for election to the Parochial Church Council.

Often the object of jokes and comedy sketches, depicting hostility and even outright warfare between vicars and, on the one hand, traditionalists and, on the other, progressives in their congregations, the PCC actually performs a vital function in any parish. Members discuss (always, in my experience, in a respectful and civilised manner, even when there are differences of opinion) all matters to do with the running of the parish and its two churches, as well as initiatives put forward by the diocese or national church.



**We are a democratic body; it certainly isn't the case that the Rector makes the decisions and tells us what to do.** And we are also the Trustees of the Parish, which is registered as a charity.

At the present time we need fresh blood, particularly from those below the age of fifty (and for those **who are worried, I promise that it isn't particularly onerous**). **We also need people with a range of interests and skills and who have had different life experiences.** But above all, we need people who **are committed to finding ways of enabling our parish to build God's kingdom here in Irby and Thurstaston.**

**Could you be one of those people? If so, don't hesitate to have a chat with any current member of the P.C.C. I hope you'll be prepared to bring new life and fresh ideas to the council.**

Chris Smale

As we come into another year for the church, please have a think if you could join the PCC. I have been on the committee for a long time and will be re-standing this year.

Yes there are boring bits about finances and pipes, but also important decisions to be made that cannot happen without members. Being part of all sorts of topics discussed, things like our mission to serve the community, growing people in their faith and supporting each other are the rewarding bits. All opinions are valued and varied ones very much needed.

If you could spare an evening every few months, to help the church grow and to give your ideas and opinions, you would be welcomed and a valued new voice.

Julie DeBoorder



### Treasurer Needed

The PCC currently pays a bookkeeper to undertake day to day transactions, banking of money and paying of bills etc. The PCC finance sub committee makes decisions based on the information in the parish accounts, but they would very much value having someone to act as treasurer (who does not need to be a member of the PCC) to assist with producing financial reports for the PCC and the annual meeting, as well as interpreting the more complicated aspects of banking decisions eg parish share.

Please speak to Revd Jane or the PCC secretary (Graham Barley) or a member of the finance committee (Chris Smale, Malcolm Studholme, Pat Neil) if you think you could help.

**St Bartholomew's, Thurstaston and St Chad's, Irby**  
Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting  
**Monday 4th April 2022 by Video Link ("Zoom")**

Nineteen people were present. The minutes of the previous meeting had been published in the March edition of the Church magazine (CrossTalk).

The Rector opened the meetings with a prayer.

1) Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Mr R Jackson, Mr J Oliver, Dr P Robson, Mrs T Samson, Mr P Samson and Mr C Williams.

2) Annual Meeting of Parishioners

a) Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting (held on 19th April 2021)

Mrs P Neil, seconded by Mrs E Whitehouse, proposed that the published minutes of the previous Annual Meeting of parishioners be accepted as a full and correct record. This was agreed unanimously.

b) Election of Churchwardens

Mrs J De Boorder, seconded by Mrs Neil, had proposed the re-election of Mrs Whitehouse as a churchwarden. As there were no other nominations, Mrs Whitehouse was declared elected. A vacancy for a second churchwarden was unfilled.

This was the sixth consecutive year in which Mrs Whitehead had been elected churchwarden. Under the Churchwardens Measure 2001, published in the Church Representation Rules, Mrs Whitehead will not be eligible for re-election at the next Annual Meeting of Parishioners and there will be two vacancies.

3) Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

a) Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting (held on 19th April 2021)

Mr M Studholme, seconded by Mr C Smale, proposed that the published minutes of the previous APCM be accepted as a full and correct record. This was agreed unanimously.

b) Approval of Reports published in the Annual Report

The following four Reports within the Annual Report were considered:

**The Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the churches (Churchwarden's report);**

The business of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) since the previous APCM;

The Electoral Roll;

The Junior Church.

Mrs De Boorder, seconded by Mrs J Davies, proposed that the reports be accepted. This was agreed unanimously.

c) Other reports published in the Annual Report

The following seven reports were also considered:

**The Evening Mothers' Union (EMU);**

**The Children's Society;**

The Bellringers;



Community Action;  
The Guides;  
The Brownies;  
Tots and Tinies.

A proposal by Mrs J Trigg, seconded by Mrs E Barton, that the reports be accepted was agreed unanimously.

4) Verbal statement on the financial affairs of the Parish during 2021

Mr K Marley, the Honorary Treasurer, made a statement about the parish finances. A report on parish finances had been published in the Annual Report.

5) Approval of the independently inspected annual accounts for 2021

Mr C Turnbull asked about the reserves shown in the accounts. In reply, the Rector and Mr Marley said that they comprised three months of expenditure and £32,000 of unpaid Parish Share that had been ringfenced. The PCC hoped that it could be paid to the Diocese in the near future. Mr Marley also referred to a question he had previously been asked by the Honorary Secretary, concerning the percentages of parish share paid and held back. Mr Marley explained that the figures were calculated **from the 'baseline' of 60% agreed with the Diocese. We paid 35% and held back 25%, the total being the 60% "baseline" that had previously been agreed with the diocese.** Mr Smale recommended additional clarity concerning the amount in the reserves.

The Rector asked those present to thank Mr Marley for all his work during his highly successful period of office. He had already been presented with a gift. Mr Marley thanked all those who had helped him, particularly the members of the Finance Team.

Mr M Jones, seconded by Mr Turnbull, proposed that the Accounts be approved. The proposal was agreed unanimously.

6) Appointment of an Independent examiner of the accounts for 2022

Mr Smale, seconded by Mrs Davies, proposed the re-appointment of Ms Margaret Walker. The proposal was agreed unanimously.

7) Report on safeguarding arrangements in the parish during 2021

The report was accepted unanimously.

8) Report on the matters discussed by the Deanery Synod during 2021

Mr Smale described the meetings of the Deanery Synod and reminded those present that there was a vacancy for a Deanery Synod representatives. The report was accepted unanimously.

9) Election of one member of the congregations to fill a vacancy to represent the parish at the Deanery Synod until 31st May 2023

There were no volunteers.

10) Election of four members of the congregations to serve on the PCC until 2025

Mr A Harford, Mrs J Hodgson and Mrs P Neil had reached the end of their terms of office, and there was one further vacancy. Mr Harford and Mrs Hodgson did not wish to be re-elected. Mrs De Boorder, seconded by Mrs C Rostock, had nominated Mrs Neil. Since no one else wished to be a member of the PCC, Mrs Neil was automatically elected, leaving three vacancies for elected members in addition to the vacancies for a churchwarden and a Deanery Synod representative.

## 11) Other business

Mrs Rostock asked if there had been any further progress with the provision of toilet facilities at St Bartholomew's. **The Rector said that the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) was considering our proposal for a modular building.** The DAC had said it would require planning permission but Mr Harford, who had developed the proposal, was less certain and had asked Wirral Borough Council (WBC) for advice. WBC had not yet replied. Mr M Jones asked about siting and disabled access and the Rector replied.

Mrs K Robson asked whether we would be able to cope with rising costs and diminishing income. The Rector answered that the Diocese did not pursue unpaid parish share but unless we could increase our payments, it would be difficult for the parish if she were to move elsewhere – her replacement would be one third of a full-time appointment.

Mr Jones asked about trees and bushes situated immediately opposite the west window that were blocking the view to the Old Tower, adding that the roots might interfere with the new drains. The Rector said the gardening team would be asked to trim the growth. Mr Studholme said that trimming would give better access to the manhole. Mr Jones said the area was originally grassed and that the trees and bushes had been growing there for about 30 years.

## 12) Rector's closing remarks

The Rector said that it had again been a very challenging year. She hoped that the next Annual Meetings would be back to normal, without the need for "Zoom". **The pandemic had made a huge difference, but the Queen's Jubilee should remind parishioners that the church was active.**

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

## Easter Prayer 2023

Thank you, Father, that you raised Jesus from the dead on that first Easter Day and that He is alive now and forever. Thank you that whoever believes in Him and turns away from selfish living and towards you can be forgiven through His name. Thank you that Jesus is the same today as He was then and will always be.

Thank you for the Bible – your inspired, unchanging, and living Word to guide us. Help us to hold fast to Your teaching and not to be led astray. Your Word is truth. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, Lord, that we might be Your faithful, fruitful Resurrection People.

In the name of our living Lord, Jesus. Amen.



## Easter eggs.

We like them. So much so, that about 80 million are sold in the UK each year.

They go on sale early: major supermarkets like Tesco, Sainsbury's, Morrisons, and Waitrose launched Easter-themed confectionery ranges as early as January. Tesco had them on the shelves by 30<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

On average, children in the UK get 8.8 Easter eggs every year.

## Happy Birthday Crème Egg!

Cadbury Crème Eggs celebrate their 60th birthday this Spring. They have a lot to celebrate: the Creme Egg is the best-selling confectionery item between New Year's Day and Easter in the UK, with annual sales of more than 200 million eggs, worth about £55 million.

Cadbury Crème Eggs were first created by the British chocolatier Fry's in 1963, before being renamed by Cadbury in 1971.

## Chocolate

If there was nothing like chocolate  
How dull would this world of ours be!  
A world without wonderful chocolate  
Would not be a good world for me!

For chocolate's a way to say 'thank you';  
Or 'please' if you want something done.  
It's better than mere words or phrases  
Cos eating it's terribly fun!

If somebody went and banned chocolate  
The consequence of his dread fault  
Would be dire beyond contemplation  
The world – it would grind to a halt!

For nothing gets done without chocolate  
Whether milky or silky or sweet,  
Some folk will do wonders for chocolate  
For a taste of a chocolaty treat!

So go out and purchase some chocolate  
There's lots on your local shop's shelf!  
Give someone a gift of some chocolate –  
But also – keep some for yourself!



*By Nigel Beeton*

## Ruth's Reflections

Hello, I assume that all of you, like me, are utterly fed up with miserable weather we are having at the moment! I want to get out into the garden to begin planting up the flower beds properly which I couldn't do last year for obvious reasons. I want to put in some shrubs and ground cover plants, I hate weeding!

Also I need the exercise, since all the problems with my neck and shoulder and the covid, I am now so unfit and really need to get moving! I haven't even been out for many walks, I am definitely a fair weather walker, so I am blaming the weather, again..

I still have quite severe shoulder pain most mornings when I wake up which makes getting up and dressed difficult, if I have to get out early I have to get up very early. This is one of the reasons why I haven't been to Church as much as usual, the other reason is that St Barts doesn't have a loo!

I have been able to do more ringing, I am taking it slowly and so far have had no ill effects. I have also been doing handbell ringing, with some slight improvement.

I Haven't yet been out with my camera, I still find it difficult to hold it up for more than a few moments. I have been going to the meetings which is very enjoyable both from an educational aspect but also for the companionship. I have also had the companionship angle with the W.I. with interesting meetings, craft sessions and outings. In fact we are going to the Palm House in Sefton Park this afternoon, and I am thinking of taking my camera.

Take care and stay safe everyone.

Ruth.



## Reflecting Faith: Easter Flowers

Many types of flowers are used in churches, but during Easter, there is one that is especially loved: the Easter Lily. It is a tall, stately flower topped by large, graceful, white trumpet-shaped blooms.

While commercial bulb production of Easter lilies only began in the 19th century, Easter lilies make many appearances in both the Old and New Testaments, emphasising the flower's importance to Christianity. King Solomon spoke of them, and Christ referenced them, too.

These strikingly beautiful flowers are highly perfumed, with the central stamens covered in bright yellow or orange pollen. Unfortunately, the pollen can be a hazard, as it can permanently stain cloth due to chemicals it contains! For this reason, good florists and especially church flower arrangers will remove all the stamens before bringing them anywhere near church fabrics, or near to where ministers wearing white might brush against them.



It's thought that Easter lilies came to symbolise Christ because they embody purity - the trumpet-shaped blooms recall the horns that heralded the resurrection of Christ. This is also why lilies are identified with the Virgin Mary, and in artworks depicting the Annunciation to the Virgin they are often found in the angel Gabriel's hand.

The second reason that Easter lilies represent Christ is because of their life cycle. Each one grows from a bulb that for several years has lain quietly beneath the earth, before growing tall and stately, and blossoming into magnificent flowers. What a picture of Jesus' life and resurrection!

### *This month*

Have a look around the church over Easter. Daffodils and Easter lilies are often displayed, because they are the first flowers of spring, when Nature is being reborn. Their life after the death of winter reminds us of the Resurrection. For we cannot imagine the death and the passion of Christ without having in mind the empty tomb, radiating hope. Christ's death has

## Spiritual Disciplines: - Confession

This month we are looking at the practice of *confession*. *'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.'* (1 John 1:9). Confession enables us to enter fully into God's grace, as we are assured of forgiveness for our sin and shame.



It is the death and resurrection of Jesus that makes this a reality. On the cross he bore our sin in himself to put us right with God: *'God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.'* (2 Cor. 5:21).

In *'Celebration of Discipline'*, Richard Foster describes three aspects of confession:

*Be Specific:* It's easy to say, *'God, please forgive me because I sinned today,'* rather than being specific, *'God, I spoke angrily today... please forgive me.'*

*Be Sorrowful:* Confession is not primarily about feelings about sin, but having a deep regret at having offended the Father's heart.

*Be Determined to Avoid Sin:* Confession gives us a yearning for a holy life and avoiding sin. It is the *will* to be delivered from sin that we seek. This is a gift, as it can only be done in God's strength, not ours.

*Some practical tips:* Make confession part of our regular prayer time, using the pattern ACTS (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication).

Reflect on what you need to confess, asking God to speak into the situation and then pray with a trusted friend.

Write down those things that are making you feel guilty, pray and then tear the paper up into pieces. This is a physical reminder of the sin being taken away.

*'At the heart of God is the desire to give and to forgive.'* (Richard Foster)

## GOD IN THE SCIENCES: How Can a Christian be a Scientist?

I used to ask this question as a student. I wondered, who could make it in the world of science and still hold onto their faith? Soon enough I met a good number of successful scientists who were sincere Christians, some of whom were at my own university. So, what do people like this make of the opportunities and challenges that a life in science holds for a Christian?

Science is an exercise in observing and measuring things in the world, and coming up with general principles about the way things are. Exploring the world is a great thing to do to express our gratitude to the Creator. There is a sense of awe and wonder that comes when we expand our minds and our horizons by discovering things about the universe can feed into our worship.

Of course, there may be things in science that some Christians don't want to get involved in because of what they believe. But there should also be ethical issues that make them want to get stuck into new research that will help people, protect creation, or tackle injustices. I am glad to see that many senior scientists do their best to find appropriate ways to make their own faith visible, so that people like my younger self can find role models and mentors.

Another helpful thing about science is that although our beliefs may at times affect what we notice about the world and how we interpret our data, they shouldn't affect the outcome of experiments themselves. This means that a scientist can be respected by her colleagues for doing good work, regardless of what she believes and what her colleagues think of that worldview.

In my work at [The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion](#), and my involvement with [Christians in Science](#), I have the privilege of meeting a great number of scientists who are also Christians. One of the most famous living biologists is Francis Collins, who was Director of the project to decode the whole of human DNA. He wrote that it is "possible for the scientist-believer to be intellectually fulfilled and spiritually alive, both worshipping God and using the tools of science to uncover some of the awesome mysteries of His creation." (Francis Collins, [The Language of God: A Scientist Presents Evidence for Belief](#) (Simon and Schuster, 2007)



## **GOD IN THE ARTS :**

### **'He gave us eyes to see them': Poussin's 'The Funeral of Phocion.'**

In the 17<sup>th</sup> century the name Arcadia evoked an earthly paradise that was celebrated in art and literature as an idyllic place of peace and harmony where humanity and nature were at one. To live in such beautiful surroundings was to find heaven on earth. We often have that feeling when we are out in the countryside amid the hills and woods, the valleys and lakes. The sun shines benevolently down on the scene, and we feel nothing can destroy that happiness and sense of unity we have with creation around us.



That is the mood shown to us when we first look at this month's painting, 'The Funeral of Phocion.' It is by the Baroque artist, Nicholas Poussin, who was born in France but spent most of his working life in Rome, where he died in 1665. In the distance are friendly hills, and then closer at hand we see the trees and bushes, a winding river, the shepherd and his sheep, a couple walking and talking, and the farmer and his cart. There are also signs of civilization – it is the city of Athens with its temple and buildings, a place where harmony and reason rule. Poussin presents us with a calm, ordered landscape.

But in the foreground, we see something that jolts us out of this reverie. Two slaves carry off a body for burial. It is Phocion, an Athenian general. He was known as 'Phocion the good,' admired for his honesty and integrity and for his simple way of life. In the 4<sup>th</sup> century BC Phocion argued for peace when the city around clamoured for war with Macedon. His enemies won the day and they intrigued to have him condemned. As a traitor, Phocion was denied a burial in Athens, and so his body is being taken outside the city.

The world of civilization and the world of nature seem oblivious to this tragedy of a moral life cut down by others. In this month of Eastertide we can think of a similar scene of nature and civilization. The garden of Joseph of Arimathea where a body is brought for burial – someone, who like Phocion, stood out for goodness and peace, but who fell victim to the forces of hatred and jealousy within the city walls of Jerusalem.

Poussin painted a second canvas where the ashes of Phocion are returned to his grieving widow – a sad end to a good life with no hint of hope for a better future. In this season we rejoice in a different end to the story of Jesus. On Good Friday His body is laid to rest in a tomb. Two days later the Lord of Easter walks again in that garden to tell a grieving Mary Magdalene that there is hope for her future. There is the promise of transformation – a new creation and a new world where eternal life is triumphant. In such a world, the human heart within, the dwelling places of people and the countryside around can never be the same again. The Easter Alleluia rings out to embrace them all.



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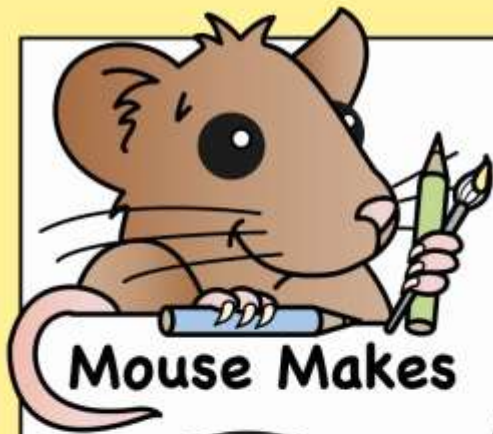
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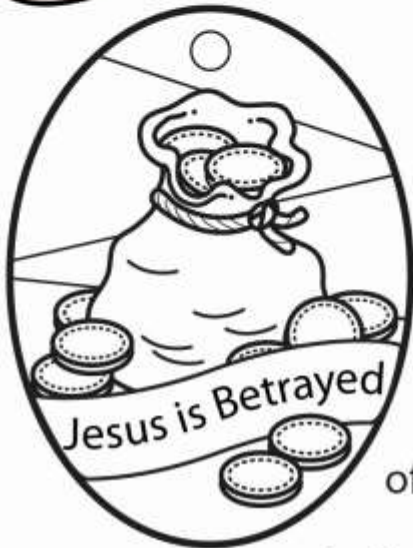


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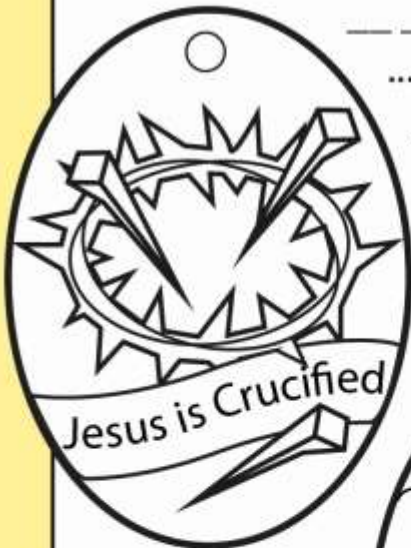
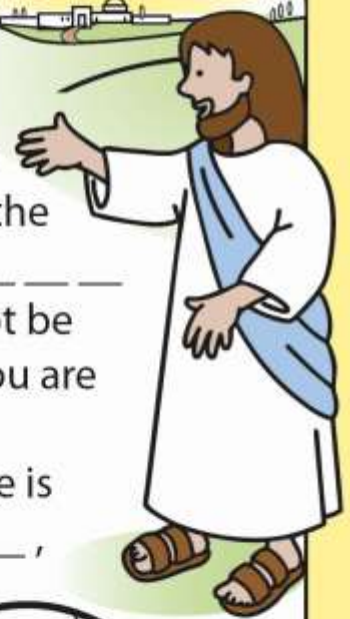




**HE IS RISEN!**  
Read the story of  
The Resurrection in  
*Matthew 28:1-20*



An \_\_\_\_\_  
of the Lord came down from \_\_\_\_\_  
and going to the \_\_\_\_\_  
rolled back the \_\_\_\_\_  
... the \_\_\_\_\_ said, "Do not be  
\_\_\_\_\_, for I know you are  
looking for Jesus who was  
\_\_\_\_\_, He is  
not here; he has \_\_\_\_\_,  
just as he said."



Glue this page onto  
card. Cut out the  
ovals then colour in.  
Punch a hole at the  
top and hang up  
for Easter

Even as Jesus ate that last Passover meal with His disciples, He warned them He was about to be betrayed. He took the bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to them; He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them to drink. The Old Covenant, based on Law, was ticking away its final hours; the New Covenant, based on Christ's body and His blood, was about to be ushered in. Jesus prayed in Gethsemane that this fearful cup of suffering might be removed from Him, but even more, that God's will might be done. And it was. Because of Easter we can approach God through his Son, Jesus Christ. He has opened the gates to heaven for us!

Jesus  
 Ate  
 Last  
 Passover  
 Meal  
 Disciples  
 Warned  
 Betrayed  
 Bread  
 Blessed  
 Wine  
 Thanks  
 Drink  
 Covenant  
 Law  
 Old  
 New  
 Body  
 Blood  
 Gethsemane  
 Cup  
 Removed  
 Will  
 Easter  
 Approach  
 God

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*Did you know.....*

*.....back in the year 1976, a committee based at St Chad's Church was trying to raise funds for the RNLI.*

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EVERY Wednesday 10.30am HC at St Chads

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Sun 2nd April



**PALM SUNDAY**

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's

10.30am Communion at St Bartholomew's

Thursday 6th April

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

7.00pm Communion at St Chad's



Friday 7th April



**GOOD FRIDAY**

2.00pm "Hour at the Cross" at St Bartholomew's

Sunday 9th April



**EASTER DAY**

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's

10.30am All-Age Communion at St Chad's

Sun 16th April

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's

10.30am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's

Sun 23rd April

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's

10.30am Communion at St Chad's with Junior Church

Sun 30th April

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's

10.30am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

Sun 7th May

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's

10.30am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's