



## Sunday 11 April 2021

We meet at The Salvation Army Hall Sunday 10.15am



We have made the hall as Covid-Safe as we can; intensive cleaning, ventilation, spaced seating, temperature checks, masks, hand sanitiser. We cannot sing or greet each other – but we are together for worship.

**Also Sunday worship on is on  YouTube**

The easiest way to find the link to the YouTube meeting each Sunday is to find the link on the Corps web page. Type.....

[www.salvationarmy.org.uk/ramsgate](http://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/ramsgate) and select **Church on YouTube**

**AND at 11.30 on ZOOM**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8651865167>

**Ramsgate ZOOM 8651865167**

**AND DVDs of the service** are available for those who would like them



## What's happening next week at Ramsgate Salvation Army?

Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> 9am	Church at Home on YouTube –
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> <b>10.15am</b>	Worship at the Ramsgate hall
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> <b>11.30 am</b>	ZOOM fellowship
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> 12 noon	ZOOM Youth Group
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> 4.30 pm	<b>NO ZOOM</b> Children's Church Kids Club (up to 11 years)
Monday to Friday (6.30am-9am)	Breakfast Drop-in (street homeless only)
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm	APEST
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> 1pm	Funeral of Captain John Garbutt
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> 7pm	Bible study
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> 7pm	Zoom Fellowship
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> (10am - 12 noon)	Food Bank (Food Bank now only on Fridays)



There is a full day of activities on Fortress Radio.



<https://www.fortressradio.online/listen-now.html>

And don't forget Songs of Praise Sunday at 13.15pm

### This week tribute is given for the life of Prince Philip

**Maggie** is available with the constant prayer line where you can call or text for prayer. You can contact her on 07840 753 603  
Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line.



### Birthdays

Muriel Beckett	11-Apr
Samantha James	16-Apr
Isobel Williams	17-Apr
Ruth Kilian	18-Apr
Garry Price	18-Apr

Prayers please for

Continued prayers for **Jean Mayton** in a nursing home in Westgate-on-sea, for the family and friends of **Captain John Garbutt** whose funeral will be Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 1pm at Thanet Crematorium , for **Ann** and Fred – neighbours of Jason, **Chris**, a friend of Gay.

For the family and friends of **Melvin Harris** who recently passed away. We are waiting for details of his funeral.

We continue to pray for **Grant** and **Al** and **David** and **John** McCairn all waiting for medical treatment. For Tracy's dad **Ivan**. Continued prayers for **Paul** , son of Hazel, who has one more treatment session and for **Archie**, Lisa and Scott.



### **Prayer based on the Road to Emmaus**

'Our eyes are kept from recognizing you'

Open our eyes, Lord.

Without the gift of your revelation,  
our eyes are kept from recognizing you.

Appear before us, suddenly, unexpectedly, in all your glory.  
So that we, too, may proclaim to a world in despair,  
that we have seen the risen Lord.

# A prayer for Prince Philip

Lord God

We give thanks for the long life of Prince Philip, for all that he has contributed to our nation and beyond, and for his support of our Queen. We remember before you Her Majesty the Queen and her family praying that they will know your comfort and strength in the days to come.



In Jesus' name, Amen.



Friday 9 April 2021

## Statement on the Death of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh

Commissioner Anthony Cotterill, Territorial Commander for The Salvation Army in the UK and Ireland said:

“I am deeply saddened to hear today of the death of His Royal Highness Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh.

“Our sincerest condolences and prayers go out to Her Majesty The Queen and all of the Royal Family at this extremely difficult time.

“Prince Philip has been an inspiration to us all and we give thanks for his long life and his living out of outstanding service to country and Commonwealth. We especially remember with gratitude and affection the occasions when he demonstrated his support for the frontline work of The Salvation Army.

“Over the years the Prince visited a number of our services working with the most vulnerable in society, including people battling drug addictions and homelessness. During these visits Prince Philip would take time to talk with individuals, always showing a great interest in their lives. On other occasions when Salvation Army bands have been privileged to play at Buckingham Palace and at other locations, Prince Philip has shown great encouragement and appreciation of the ministry of Christian music by The Salvation Army.

“I know that Salvationists throughout the United Kingdom, and beyond, will give thanks to God for his long life of service and devotion and will continue to pray for Her Majesty and the Royal family in these sad days.”



### **Order of Service for Auxiliary Captain John Garbutt.**

Conducted by Major John Watson and Lieutenant Carl Whitewood

Welcome and introductions

Scripture verses

Prayer Lieutenant Carl Whitewood

Reading John Chapter 14 verses 1-6 Jenny

Song ‘The Saviour sought and found me’

Reading 1 Corinthians Chapter 13 Maria

Comment Lieutenant Carl Whitewood

Song ‘I want to tell you what the Lord has done’

Family Tribute Joyce

Tribute and recognition of service from Territorial Commander, Commissioner

Anthony Cotterill Read by TE Heather Whitewood

Committal

Song ‘Onward, Christian Soldiers’

Blessing and Benediction

Exit Music ‘When the roll is called up yonder, I’ll be there’

**Your work here must now be done, welcome home good and faithful servant.**

## Thoughts from Major John.

### Christ is Alive!

Scripture 1 Corinthians 15 v 17.

Christ Jesus has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

We celebrated Easter Day last Sunday and we continue to live in the hope and the light of the Easter message, that 'Christ is Alive'.

As Christians we are Easter people, we serve a risen Lord Jesus Christ and enjoy a living faith.

Malcolm Muggeridge in his book 'Jesus the man who lives', wrote...

Plenty of great teachers, mystics, martyrs and saints have made their appearance at different times in the world, and lived lives and spoken words full of grace and truth, for which we have every reason to be grateful. Of none of them however, has the claim been made and accepted, that they were incarnate God. In the case of Jesus alone the belief has persisted that when he came into this world, God deigned to take on the likeness of man that thenceforth men might be encouraged to aspire after the likeness of God. Reaching out from their imperfection to His perfection.

The saints lived among us, and left behind them blessed memories and continuing inspiration.

What is unique about Jesus is that, on the testimony and in the experience of innumerable people, he remains alive.

'Christ is risen. He is risen indeed!' Someone has written, 'The Easter acclamation encapsulates the heart of what Easter is all about. The present tense emphasises that while Easter celebrates an event in the past, its reality and significance is not locked in history. Jesus not only came back from the dead; he defeated death and lives today.

TWM Lund, preaching at the early part of the last century challenged his people... 'Ask yourselves whether you think Christ has made new individuals of you, - risen people, ask whether He is with you and in you, all days and every day, and

whether it is obvious as to make your neighbours believe that Christ has really risen, and is clearly visible in the way you are living, the love you are showing.'

May we be true witnesses to the 'Risen Christ'. Amen

### **Time to Smile**

A Salvation Army captain was collecting at a local station. 'I am sorry' said a sad looking lady. 'I can't give you anything, I've just lost my husband.' Full of love and Christian compassion, the captain asked, 'And how long ago is it since you lost him? With a quick look round she replied, 'Well, about five minutes ago. I think he must have gone to the toilets.'

While decorating the church hall a vicar fell down his ladder and broke his ankle. His wife, a lay preacher stepped in to take the service the following Sunday. She was warned to avoid a hymn which he had taught the congregation a few weeks before: 'We are Climbing Jacob's Ladder'. She took great care in choosing the hymns, and felt quite safe with 'I will Sing the Wondrous Story'. Safe, that is, until they reached verse three and found themselves singing, 'Bruised was I from many a fall'.

### **Words of Wisdom**

Always keep your words sweet – just in case you have to eat them.

If you tell the truth you don't have to remember anything.

The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the ability to reach it.

Those who can't laugh at themselves leave the job to others.

Never go to a plastic surgeon whose favourite artist is Picasso.

If you can't see the bright side of life, polish the dull side.

### **Quiz**

- 1.Which part of London is famous for its diamond trade?
- 2.Which group of Islands includes Aran?
- 3.Who wrote the novel "the Count of Monte Cristo"?
- 4.Which country has Sans Salvador as its capital?
- 5.Which bird was on the old coin the farthing?

## Living World

1. What is a male honey bee known as?
2. What is another name for insect feelers?
3. Which bird is associated with Lundy Island?
4. Which beetle was sacred to the Egyptians?
5. Which is the largest member of the crow family?

**Anagram** What is the only English anagram of MARASCHINO?

### Answers

#### Quiz

1. Hatton Garden
2. Hebrides
3. Alexander Dumas
4. El Salvador
5. The Wren

#### Living World

1. Drone
2. Antennae
3. Puffin
4. Scarab
5. Raven

**Anagram** The only English anagram of MARASCHINO is HARMONICAS.

While Prince Philip didn't often address matters of faith, royal photographer for The Sun, Arthur Edwards, described him 'as a good Christian man.' Edwards took many photographs of the Queen and the Duke Edinburgh over the years and said his faith was evident.

"He's a very Christian man. When I've seen him in church the first thing he does is say his prayers, deep in prayer throughout the whole service."

Gavin Ashenden was an honorary Chaplain to the Queen from 2008 until 2017. He told Premier how he imagined the Queen would cope following his death.

"The fact is she is a Christian and we are all making our way to heaven and bits drop off, literally, figuratively, emotionally we have to die to live, she'll understand that he will be in heaven and she will meet him there and that's how all Christians manage death."

John Pritchard, former Bishop of Oxford and Bishop of Jarrow preached at Sandringham: "I think Prince Philip had a real faith but an intelligent, thoughtful, questioning faith as well. He loved, as it were, taking us on or getting into some proper debate," he told Premier.

Congratulations to **Janet** – who wins first prize for spotting the chocolate references in our Malteaster Story

How well did you do? (and how many times did you groan!)

A **Malteaster** story?

We've been thinking of this **topic** of easter throughout **Lintt**. I'm sure that you already know the story because you are all **Smarties**, but we'll recap just before we **Chomp** our way through all of our chocolate.

Jesus, the son of God, the one who made the **galaxy** and the **Milky Way** and the **planets** and the **magic stars** and all kinds of **marvellous creations** came down to live on earth just like us. You know, the Christmas story where he was , **bourville** in Bethlehem. It says in the Bible that although he was **divine**, he was also fully human, just like you and me although he might have had **curly wurly** hair. Unlike you and me, he lived a perfect life with no sins. But his life was no **picnic**, let me tell you.

Now all of this talk of chocolate.... it's just so tempting. I might just eat some. I know, I'm a bit of a **flake** but I need a **boost** and it's so delicious and I've got the **munchies!**

Jesus was tempted by the Devil, whose envy for Jesus was **Green & Black** was his heart, when he spent **time out** in the wilderness; forty days and forty nights all on his **Toblerone**. He was so hungry but he was strong and he didn't give in even when things got **rocky**.

Now a lot of people didn't really like Jesus and that's kind of the same today. Some people think that if you believe in God, you're a bit of a **fruit and nut**. They might **whisper** but that's okay. Back then, though, when Jesus said he was the Son of God, people thought he was **lion**. How **dairy milk** it they thought! Because of that he had a huge **bounty** on his head and because of that his friend Judas betrayed him for 30 **coins**.

Soldiers **walnut whip** Jesus and hit him with a **club**. Then they thought it would be funny to **twirl** together a crown of **thorntons** and put it on his

head. They nailed him to a cross to the sound of **snickers** and jokes and they stuck an **aero** in his side.

Sometime **after eight** he died. Then they took him away to **Cadbury** him in a tomb.

But we know what happens next the most incredible thing in three days. He came back to life. Angels came to **rolo** way the stone and Jesus was back like the most super of **Heroes**.

Jesus **roses** from the dead and so let the **celebrations** begin.

Jesus died for everyone all: young, rich, poor, even if they're living on **buttons** and don't have a **daim**.

But why? Well, it says in John 3:16 for God so loved the world. Love.

But even though he went through all of that, when it comes to the **crunchie**, we still **fudge** it. Much to his sadness we **drift** away from him. All the nasty **wix** we play on each other and all the bad things we do think and say (our sins) **mars** our friendship with God.

Jesus died so that friendship would be mended and so that we can **revel** in his goodness. He will **counters** as his friend and just like him we can have new life.

Jesus' death and rising again is **yorkie** to a life with God. So that's the **riesen** we have **Easter eggs**. This symbolize the new life that Jesus gives to all that believe in him.

So that Easter morning changed the world forever and caused a **ripple** throughout eternity.

The tomb was empty to everyone's amazement just like our easter eggs.

And when all is said and done, there's never been a **Kinder Surprise**.

**The Answer was 53**



Founder:  
William Booth



## International Headquarters London EC4V 4EH

May it please Your Majesty,

My wife and I are deeply saddened to learn of the death, this morning, of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. We offer our sincere and heartfelt condolences for the loss of His Royal Highness, a faithful husband and constant support of 73 years. Our prayers are with the entire Royal Family at this difficult time.

Salvationists and friends linked with The Salvation Army in the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth, and the wider world will join me in giving thanks for the His Royal Highness' faithful life of public service, honourable companionship, and support as royal consort, and for his personal Christian faith – as well as the meaningful spiritual support he offered to fellow leaders in the Church universal.

His accomplishments over 99 years are a tribute to His Highness' fortitude, generosity of spirit and strength of character. I know that countless individuals will have been particularly impacted by his care for the environment and through the exemplary Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme, which has challenged and inspired generations of young people.

We recall the Apostle Paul's words to the Romans: 'Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn' (Romans 12:15). While there is much thanks to give for in His Highness' life well spent, please be assured of our earnest prayers for Your Majesty, your children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and for people around the world who were touched by His Highness' life and will be profoundly affected by his passing.

I have the honour to remain, Madam, Your Majesty's most humble and obedient Subject.

Brian Peddle  
GENERAL

## Worship 11 April 2021



**Risen Christ,**

Meet us, Lord as we come to worship you today

As you journeyed with the two who travelled the Emmaus Road  
travel with us on our journey of faith.

Renew our strength as we continue to walk and talk with you.

Open our eyes, so we see the signs of your presence around us;

Open our hearts, so we may receive your peace and love;

and empower us to pass on to others the grace you have shared with us so  
freely.

Amen

## Song Number 847

I serve a risen Saviour,  
He's in the world today;  
I know that he is living,  
Whatever men may say;  
I see his hand of mercy,  
I hear his voice of cheer,  
And just the time I need him  
He's always near.

*He lives, he lives,  
Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me  
Along life's narrow way.  
He lives, he lives,  
Salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives?  
He lives within my heart!*

2 In all the world around me  
I see his loving care;  
And though my heart grows weary,  
I never will despair;  
I know that he is leading  
Through all the stormy blast;  
The day of his appearing  
Will come at last.

3 Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian,  
Lift up your voice and sing

Eternal hallelujahs  
 To Jesus Christ the King;  
 The hope of all who seek him,  
 The help of all who find;  
 None other is so loving,  
 So good and kind.

Alfred Henry Ackley (1887-1960)

Carl	Who do you think the greatest character actor is in film and theatre?
Heather	Why?
Carl	Because we need to understand what we have to do to get into the part, take on the persona, understand the character, live the life. People like Alec Guinness, Ralph Richardson, Ben Kinsley, Dominic Cumberbatch, Donald Pleasance....and my all time icon - Sooty
Heather	(gives me a stern look)
Carl	Its critical because the bible story we are about to watch is much deeper than you might imagine. We need to understand what is going on in the minds of the two characters, Cleopas and his walking partner.

### **Luke 24:13-35 On the Road to Emmaus**

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still,

looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

## **Song Number 217**

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

2 Christ is alive! No longer bound  
To distant years in Palestine,  
But saving, healing, here and now,  
And touching every place and time.

3 In every insult, rift and war,  
Where colour, scorn or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
And lives, where even hope has died.

4 Women and men, in age and youth,  
Can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
And find the way, the life, the truth,  
Revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
Good news to this and every age,  
Till earth and sky and ocean ring  
With joy, with justice, love and praise.

*Brian Wren*

Heather	What do we know about the two walkers then?
Carl	Well this is where we need to start acting very convincingly – some of the commentaries suggest this might to a husband and wife walking along – obviously the depiction we have seen shows two men – but it may not have been so – and as we will see they are having a flaming row – are you up for that?
Heather	So what evidence is there that they are husband and wife?

Carl	<p>Well its just a bit of guess work. In John’s gospel c(John 19:23-25) it says this  This was to fulfil the Scripture which says,  “They divided my garments among them,  and for my clothing they cast lots.”  So the soldiers did these things, <sup>25</sup> but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.</p> <p>So what the Bible scholars are suggesting is that it is this Mary who is at the cross – and reasonably – she would have gone to tell her husband all she had seen – and it is the two of them that are walking home</p>
Heather	<p>But we don’t know who they are, far more important was what was in their hearts and minds</p>
Carl	<p>Meaning what?</p>
Heather	<p>It’s clear they are very distressed, the NIV simply says sad, but its better translated as downcast or even devastated and it’s clear that they are not sullen and silent – it says that their conversation is a discussion, the Greek is <i>suzeteo</i> which means an argument. They are having a row!</p>
Carl	<p>It doesn’t make sense does it? Jesus asks what on earth has upset them so much and in their reply they can’t stop sharing their disappointment with him</p>
Heather	<p>Jesus, more than anyone, knew exactly what had happened in Jerusalem, yet he patiently listened to them share the anger, their disappointments, their confusion. Jesus listens to us when we tell him things he already knows. He wants to share our burdens and help us overcome them. And we can learn so much from that that teach in how we should respond to others too.. How often do people come to us and need to share the problems they are experiencing. We need to allow others to share their problems with us We need to be good listeners.</p>
Carl	<p>I think we have seen this a lot during Covid – people need someone to tell how difficult it has been for them – Jesus simply reminds us we need to listen and and I think when we can come back to activities at the hall we are going to need to do this even more.</p>

Heather	These disciples were angry with the leaders who had crucified. They were disappointed that Jesus was not who they had thought. They felt discouraged.
Carl	<p>The disciples were talking about Jesus in the past tense. He <b>was</b> a prophet. We <b>had</b> hoped that He <b>was</b> the one. This can be like discouraged people we meet Even in church we might meet Christians who are discouraged look back at how good things were before. They cannot stop looking back. They simply want to go back and are unable to look forward.</p> <p>Some keep focussing on discouragement and cannot move from it. They find someone to blame and cannot move on.</p>
Heather	I wonder why these disciples had decided to leave the others. After all surely they would be able to comfort and support each other in their grief. Were they scared?
Carl	<p>Yes perhaps. It was a dangerous time. But I think they were so discouraged they just felt like getting away. They had given up on Jesus. The woman had even shared about the open tomb and angels telling them about the risen God yet according to verse 11 of this chapter, some thought they were talking nonsense. They were so upset and despondent that they had given up and wanted to get away .</p> <p>Discouraged people can fail to see what is right before them and refuse to listen – even when the news is good.</p> <p>And sadly we see that – at the very time when people need the love and care of the church family – they might stop coming. I am really praying we don't see this as one of the effects of covid lockdown. That some who have become so destressed by this last year decide they cannot return or feel unable to return.</p>

## Song Number 1005

Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
 Let me be as Christ to you;  
 Pray that I might have the grace to  
 Let you be my servant too.

2 We are pilgrims on a journey,  
We are family on the road;  
We are here to help each other  
Walk the miles and bear the load.

3 I will hold the Christ-light for you  
In the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
Speak the peace you long to hear.

4 I will weep when you are weeping,  
When you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joys and sorrows  
Till we've seen this journey through.

5 When we sing to God in Heaven  
We shall find such harmony,  
Born of all we've known together  
Of Christ's love and agony.

6 Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
Let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I might have the grace to  
Let you be my servant too.

Richard A.M. Gillard

Heather	But I wonder why they didn't recognise Jesus? Was it just because they were depressed and looking down? Sadly a lot of people do walk around with eyes on the pavement, totally disconnected from the world around them. Pre-occupied in their own troubles. Who was it who said? Look up at the stars, not down at your feet?
Carl	You did, just then.
Carl	Well, here's a thought. It's based upon a trip to Sainsbury's yesterday. I decided to run up the stairs rather than take the escalator and saw someone I knew as I bounced up the stairs. "Hello James" I said. "I'm not James" came the reply.

	<p>Oh I said, the 1/3 of your face that I can see look a lot like James. Nice to meet you.          Actually he really did look a lot like James from Global Generation. But the covid mask meant I was prevented from recognising him. OK so it can't have been covid masks on the Emmaus Road, but other theories include the glare of the sun late in the day – that's more reasonable, or maybe different clothes, the resurrected Jesus may have looked different yet the same....but the scripture actually says they were kept from seeing him. – which we see in some of the other resurrection stories.</p>
Heather	<p>I wonder if it was because really they had not understood all that Jesus had been teaching them about why he was here and how he would save them by suffering and dying and he needed an opportunity to explain this clearly.</p>

O Jesus, I have promised  
 To serve thee to the end,  
 Be thou for ever near me,  
 My Master and my friend.  
 I shall not fear the battle  
 If thou art by my side,  
 Nor wander from the pathway  
 If thou wilt be my guide.

2 O let me feel thee near me;  
 The world is ever near;  
 I see the sights that dazzle,  
 The tempting sounds I hear.  
 My foes are ever near me,  
 Around me and within;  
 But, Jesus, draw thou nearer  
 And shield my soul from sin.

4 O Jesus, thou hast promised  
 To all who follow thee,

That where thou art in Glory  
 There shall thy servant be;  
 And, Jesus, I have promised  
 To serve thee to the end;  
 O give me grace to follow,  
 My Master and my friend.

*John Ernest Bode (1816-1874)*

Song Number 613

Carl	OK, we are beginning to see what these two travellers are like – I’m not sure I want to get into their characters any more There is anger, there is depression, there is the loss of hope – even when they have been told everything is now alright they refuse to listen – and walk away. All expectation is gone. What on earth can we do for them?
Heather	Well, what Jesus does is just amazing. We have said – he listened patiently – and then he teaches using scripture. These disciples would have been doubting God’s love and care. They were so despondent I imagine that they had given up on God which I suppose could be another reason they might have left the believers. Yet as Jesus shared the scriptures with them about who he was and why he had come to earth, they would have discovered that all that happened in Jerusalem was to fulfil God’s plan and show them he really did care. Jesus dies because he loved them and everyone else. He died in our place.
Carl	And as Jesus shared scripture with them the effect was profound. They said later ‘Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened the scriptures.’ (Luke 24: 32). Paul writes. ‘Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.’ When we open the word of God, the scriptures, the bible, Jesus comes to us through the holy Spirit. He speaks to us. Our hearts become open.
Heather	Yes. I have experienced this before. No wonder they did not want Jesus to go. What he was revealing to them would have been so exciting.
Carl	The more time we spend reading God’s word and allowing it to speak, to us the more we desire to be in his presence.

## Song Number 345

To be in your presence,  
To sit at your feet,  
Where your love surrounds me  
And makes me complete.

This is my desire, O Lord,  
This is my desire.  
This is my desire, O Lord,  
This is my desire.

To rest in your presence,  
Not rushing away;  
To cherish each moment,  
Here I would stay.

Noel Richards

Heather	<p>The song reminds us it's about letting go and focussing on God</p> <p>Anthony Mello tells of an eastern tale of a crow who flies into the sky with a piece of bread in its beak. 20 seagulls begin to attack him viciously and, at first, he manages to keep hold of the bread. He flies on and fights with the seagulls while grasping the bread in his bill. Finally, it is all too much and he gives in and drops the bread, As he does, all the seagulls follow the bread down, shrieking as they dive, Instead of being upset though, the crow suddenly feels fulfilled and uplifted. He says to himself, 'I might have lost the bread, but I've gained this peaceful sky.' We don't find God by clinging on to what we have but by letting go of things. We need to let go of our doubts and trust in God.</p>
Carl	<p>The disciples as they listened to Jesus would have gradually let go of their doubts about who Jesus was. The prophecies that he shared with them would have convinced them how</p>

	<p>the crucifixion was really what God had planned and he to will have shared how on the third day the Messiah will have risen from the dead. I am sure as they hearts were opened, the words of the women at the open tomb would have seemed possible, believable. Let go of doubt and trust in Jesus.</p>
Carl	<p>I like what happens next because it's again a really important pastoral lesson. It's getting dark and they are nearly home, and Jesus appears to walk on. But they ask him not to leave. Part of that is, I think, their desire to keep being spiritually fed – they don't want to lose the blessing – but perhaps part of it is their concern for him. It was late. They were all hungry. How often when we offer to help – are we are told “no, I'm fine” when clearly they are not. What do we do? It is a spiritual gift to discern when to keep insisting – because there are times when we really do need to say, please accept our help...we do that because God has guided us to.</p>



Has anybody here ever been to Emmaus? Which one? According to the latest issue of Biblical Archaeology there are at least nine possible locations that are candidates for the Biblical town of Emmaus. Historians tell us that there is no record of any village called Emmaus in any other ancient source. We simply don't know where Emmaus might have been. Tradition tells us that it might have been a place just a few hours walk from Jerusalem. New Testament scholars, Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan **suggest that Emmaus is nowhere**. Emmaus is nowhere precisely because **Emmaus is everywhere**. Each and every one of us has at one time, or indeed for some of us, many times, travelled along the road to Emmaus.

Have you had times where your sadness is so intense that you have failed to know God's presence around you? This next song contains both a plea and an affirmation.

Which is it for you just now?

No more we doubt thee, Glorious prince of life!  
Life is naught without thee; Aid us in our strife;

### **Song Number 276**

Thine is 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 is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory  
Thou o'er death hast won.*

2 Lo! Jesus meets thee,  
Risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly he greets thee,

Scatters fear and gloom;  
Let his Church with gladness  
Hymns of triumph sing,  
For her Lord now liveth;  
Death has lost its sting.

3 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.

*Edmond L. Budry (1854-1932), trs Richard B. Hoyle (1875-1939)*

Our Territorial Commander urges us to sustained prayer for NHS at this time as outlined by Churches Together (CTE), with a suggestion to focus on five key areas, let's also remember to include the health services in the Republic of Ireland:

Pray for all the NHS staff for their own safety, energy and peace in dealing with each and every patient.

Pray for those in hospital leadership, for wisdom and for good decisions to give the best outcomes for patients.

Pray for patients; for healing, for peace and ultimately to fight this disease and get home and pray for their relatives who feel helpless.

Pray for the vaccine, that it will and is working against this latest strain of Covid-19.

Pray for a reprieve and an end to Covid-19.

Loving and Merciful God, we give thanks for all those who work within the Medical Services providing care and support to those who are ill, we would ask that you would renew their energy when they are tired, give support when talking with family and loved ones and provide them with opportunities to rest and relax. We remember the bereaved and grieving, praying that they would know your presence, strength, support and peace. Lord we pray for wisdom and discernment for our government as they continue to lead the country through the next few months, we recognise this could cause tension and unease and pray that people will continue exercise caution and concern for communities and people who are vulnerable.

Amen.

Carl	And so Jesus goes in. But goes in where?
Heather	I think we assume that this is the house of the two disciples – it says he goes in and stays with them – and its possible the conversations continues while the meal is being prepared because it says – <i>when</i> he was at the table with them. This is <b>then</b> they realise <b>who</b> they have been with. It’s interesting – last week when Mary was at the tomb you will remember she has a conversation with someone she thought was the gardener – and it is only when Jesus says her name, “Mary”, that she realises who he is. But for the two disciples, hearing the voice of Jesus was not the trigger. What was it?
Carl	Well Luke makes a clear connection – when Jesus broke the bread – they realised who he was – and he went from their sight. So, what was special about the breaking of the bread? Firstly, it was very usual to break bread at the beginning of a Jewish meal, and what is odd here is that it should have been the host who did it – not the stranger -
Heather	Jesus had broken bread before – obviously at the last supper, at the feeding miracles – and probably many other times – so was there a way he did it that was unusual? – or maybe when he lifted his hand the marks of his scars were revealed? Or maybe this was the time that Jesus allowed their eyes to be opened. What we know is that they saw and their believed.
Carl	It comes down to faith. Jesus is always present – whether we chose to acknowledge him comes down to our faith.

	These disciples rejoiced because their hearts that had been so sad and hopeless was suddenly full of joy and hope.
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- 1 See what a morning, gloriously bright  
with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;  
folded the graveclothes, tomb filled with light  
as the angels announce Christ is risen!  
See God's salvation plan,  
wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,  
fulfilled in Christ the man,  
for he lives; Christ is risen from the dead.
  
- 2 See Mary weeping, 'Where is he laid!'  
as in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;  
hears a voice speaking, calling her name;  
it's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!  
The voice that spans the years,  
speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,  
will sound till he appears,  
for he lives; Christ is risen from the dead.
  
- 3 One with the Father, Ancient of Days,  
through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty,  
honour and blessing, glory and praise  
to the King crowned with power and authority!  
And we are raised with him,  
death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;  
and we shall reign with him,  
for he lives; Christ is risen from the dead.

Stuart Townend (born 1963) and Keith Getty (born 1974)

Carl	Why did Jesus appear to them?
Heather	We know Jesus appeared to many people. Not just the main disciples and friends. Jesus appeared at one time to over 500 people in one go.
Heather	I think Jesus knew that they would be changed by such an encounter to make a difference.
Carl	They knew Jesus was the Messiah, the Lord who had come to save them and they understood why he had to suffer and die. His teaching and revealed to them how Jesus had fulfilled God's plan prophesied in Scripture how Jesus had died to take the punishment of the whole world. Then seeing him alive, they knew the promise of eternal life is a reality.
Heather	God is more powerful than death and can give us all new life both here on earth and for eternity.
Carl	And what happened next reminds us of last Sunday – who will I tell? Their excitement overrode their hunger, their tiredness, fear of the dark and fear of what dangers awaited them in Jerusalem . They rushed back to tell the others. When you know Jesus as Lord, you are compelled to tell others because you want them to know him too.
Heather	I wonder what God has said to you? Perhaps it a reminder that God is alive and walking with us everywhere. Maybe it is the fact that Jesus loves us to talk to him about everything. Perhaps it is a reminder to keep looking for him. Perhaps it urges you to look into scripture, to seek his guidance, teaching, explanations about his ways. Perhaps it is know the fact that Jesus has conquered death and has prepared an eternal place for us to live with him. For me, it the fact, that Jesus wants us to know about his forgiveness and the new life he gives to us who believe. The excitement of this should be so much that we are just burting to tell others
Carl	For me it is to trust in God's promises always even win desperate times. He promises to be with us always. He also wants us to come alongside others on their walk. What about you? Let's continue the discussion on ZOOM – but before we do spend some moment asking God to speak to us and to renew our hope.

Risen Christ,

As you journeyed with the two who travelled the Emmaus Road  
travel with us on our journey of faith.  
Renew our strength as we continue to walk and commune with you.  
Open our eyes, so we see the signs of your presence around us;  
Open our hearts, so we may receive your peace and love;  
and empower us to pass on to others the grace you have shared with us so freely.  
Amen

### **Song Number 882**

O happy day that fixed my choice  
On thee, my Saviour and my God!  
Well may this glowing heart rejoice,  
And tell its rapture all abroad.

*Happy day, happy day,  
When Jesus washed my sins away!  
He taught me how to watch and pray,  
And live rejoicing every day;  
Happy day, happy day,  
When Jesus washed my sins away.*

2 O happy bond that seals my vows  
To him who merits all my love!  
Let cheerful praises fill his house  
While to his blessed throne I move.

3 'Tis done, the great transaction's done!  
I am my Lord's and he is mine;  
He drew me, and I followed on,  
Charmed to confess the voice divine.

*Philip Doddridge (1702-1751) (verses), Anon (chorus)*

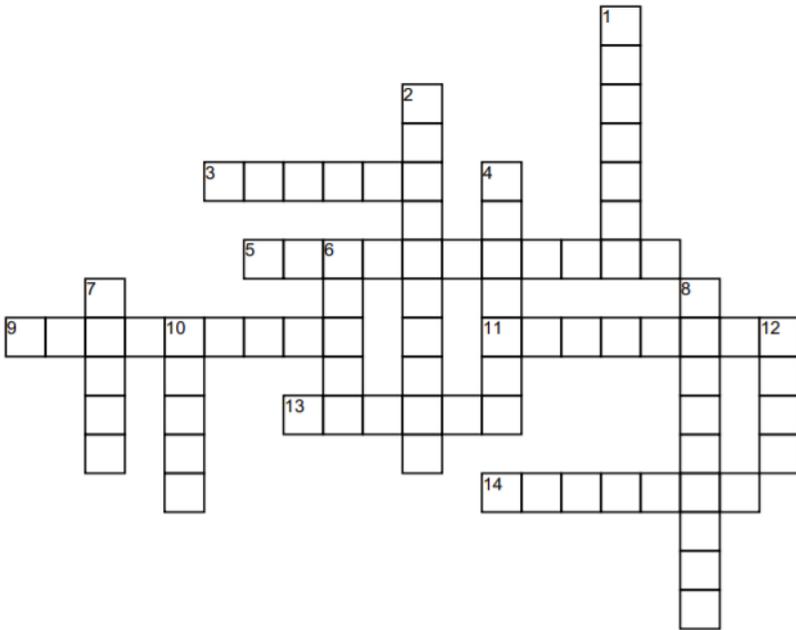
## **Benediction**

Your light is the only light we need  
as we travel through life's mystery  
Your word the only voice we hear  
that still small voice that leads us  
to the place where we should be  
Your presence is the only company we need  
as we walk this narrow road  
Your fellowship the warmth we crave  
to help us on our way

May the truth of Easter  
The joy of Easter  
And the blessings of Easter  
Be with us this day and all days

**Amen**

## The Road to Emmaus (Luke 24: 13 -35)



### Across

3. Jesus told the disciples that according to scriptures the Christ would have to \_\_\_\_\_ these things.
5. As soon as the disciples recognised Jesus, he \_\_\_\_\_ from their sight.
9. Where did the disciples go immediately after Jesus had gone?
11. Jesus talked to the disciples about what the \_\_\_\_\_ had said about the Christ.
13. What had the women seen at the tomb?
14. When Jesus talked to the disciples their felt this sensation in their hearts.

### Down

1. Emmaus was a \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. Jesus explained to the disciples what was said in the \_\_\_\_\_ concerning himself.
4. What was the disciple's name who answered Jesus' questions?
6. Who did they discover Jesus had also appeared to when they got to Jerusalem?
7. The disciples did not recognise Jesus until he \_\_\_\_\_ bread.
8. When Jesus first joined the disciples on their journey, they did not know it was him because they could not \_\_\_\_\_ him.
10. How many miles long was the journey to Emmaus?
12. What did the disciples urge Jesus to do as they reached the village?

The Road to Emmaus (Luke 24: 13-35)

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