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I love Easter and I am looking forward to the time that we will spend together throughout Lent focusing on the prayers of Jesus in our Lent Bible study, but also as we join together in Holy week reflecting afresh on all of the amazing events of that first Holy week. A week of course that culminated in the death of Jesus on the cross on Good Friday and His resurrection on Easter Sunday.

In that week we remember the triumphant entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday when the crowds welcomed Him chanting 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.' (Luke 19:38) We remember how Jesus cleared the Temple of the money changers. How in the Olivet discourse He foretold the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem and the end of the age when Jesus would come again in power and glory. We remember His servant leadership when He washed the feet of the disciples before sharing in the Passover meal with them. We remember when He prayed in the Garden of Gethsemene that He would fulfil God's will for Him but also prayed for those who would follow. And we remember how He was betrayed by Judas and handed over to the authorities which culminated in His death on the cross.

Jesus was willing to set His face for Jerusalem to endure rejection and pain, to die a painful death on the cross, but to rise again so that we may all enjoy an intimate personal relationship with God that starts now, and stretches into the eternity that He prepares for all who accept His saving power into their lives, and who seek to live in the guiding power of His Holy Spirit.

I pray that this time of Lent and Easter will be a very special time in which as we remember again everything that Jesus has done for us, that we will all know afresh God's love and hope for ourselves that Jesus came to bring. And then I pray that we, emulating the example of Jesus, may continue to take up our cross in obedience to all that God asks of us in the days that lie ahead.

God bless each one of you.

Major Kevin



Regular Activities

Sunday:

9:30am Breakfast Church
10:30am Morning Worship

4pm Messy Church (2nd Sunday of the month or otherwise stated)

Fellowship Lunch (3rd Sunday of the month)

Tuesday:

10:00am CAMEO Club

2:00pm Over Sixties Club



Wednesday:

7:45pm Songster Practice

Thursday:

6:00pm Music makers

7:45pm Band Rehearsal

Monday to Friday

Café on the Rec - open for business 8am to 4pm and

Saturday 9am to 1pm.

Also **Sunday mornings** 8.30am to 10am for the Junior Park run.

All items for the April newsletter: messages, prayers or prayer requests, please let Major Kevin, Caroline, Mags or Bev know by Sunday 24th March, 2024. If you would like the newsletter emailed to you each month, please let Bev know.

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Prayers for the season...

May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to you and those you hold most dear. And may Christ, Our Risen Saviour, always be there by your side to bless you most abundantly and be your loving guide.

Author Unknown

Easter Children's Prayer

God made you and God made me,
He made the world for us to see.
God loves you and long ago,
He sent his Son to tell us so.
Jesus showed us many things,
To love and share and dance and sing.
To learn and pray, to help and care,
He promised he'd always be there.
He died but then came back to life,
Let's celebrate for he's alive! Amen.

Author Unknown

Lord Jesus Christ, I rejoice and rejoice continually in Your glorious and triumphant victory over death. For Your victory is my victory. Help me to live by it, in it, and for it. I am grateful to my depths—grateful forever. Amen.
Selwyn Hughes

Father, Thank You for the miracle of life—abundant life here, and eternal life with You in Heaven. Help me celebrate that life every day as I seek You and follow Your plan for my life. Today, I say with the Apostle Paul, “Where, O death is your victory? Where, O death is your sting?” In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Mary Southerland

Easter Grace Blessing

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us this day.

May this meal be blessed as we gather to celebrate together.

May your love be shared amongst us as we enjoy the gift of fellowship.

May we remember to give out the grace and forgiveness that you have freely given us,

And may we always give thanks for your sacrificial love. Amen.

Author Unknown

Continue to remember in your prayers those unable to join us personally in Worship at this moment in time: Francis & Pat Leeks; Murial Coleman; Mildred Pearson; Sandra & Ian Hampton.

Pray for Brian Little, recovering well after his surgery and for Nesa Little who continues to mourn the loss of her mother.

Mike and Sheila Caley celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on the 9th March, congratulations—enjoy your day celebrating with family and friends.

Diary Dates for March 2024:

Sunday 3rd Morning meeting led by Bev Robilliard
4.00pm Messy Church – The Boy who could write

Tuesday 5th 7pm—8pm Lent Bible Study ‘Prayers of Jesus’

Sunday 10th Mother’s Day led by Steve & Ann Hambides

Monday 11th Mission Focus Group Meeting 7.30pm

Tuesday 12th & 19th 7pm—8pm Lent Bible Study ‘Prayers of Jesus’

Sunday 17th Morning service led by the Youth

Saturday 23rd Youth band at Cambridge Citadel (7.00pm?)

Sunday 24th 10.30am Palm Sunday- **Start of Holy Week**
3.30pm to 5.00pm Café Church ‘Look’

Tuesday 26th 7.00pm Easter Reflective Music

Wednesday 27th 24hr Prayer Stations starting at 7pm with the Lent Bible Study ‘Prayers of Jesus’

28th Maundy Thursday ‘Reflections’ with food at 7.00pm

29th Good Friday Service 9.45am

11.00am Churches Together – Walk of Witness

Saturday 30th Coffee Morning & crafts from 10.00am

Sunday 31st 8.45am Easter Breakfast (£7 Adults, £2 Children)
10.30am Easter morning celebration

Trip to Guernsey Monday 16th September, 2024 to Friday 20th September, 2024

16th—Leaving London Stansted on Flight No GR0627 (15:30 pm)

20th— Leaving Guernsey Flight No GR0626 (13.50 pm)



If you are thinking about coming on the trip to Guernsey later in the year, you might like to book your flight (details above) now and take advantage of the lower cost! If you need any help, please give me a call on 07880 721719. We can sort out the accommodation over the next few months. Please let me know when / if you’ve booked. Bev x



An important date for your diary...

Jamie Potter-Steel, along with some work colleagues is planning to do a charity skydive for ‘Suffolk Mind’. They each have to raise £350 so Jamie is organising a concert, to be held at The Salvation Army, on Saturday 29th June which he hopes will raise the funds needed. I’m sure we can help him out! Put the date in your diary (time to be confirmed).

Café Church Dates for your diary:

Sunday 24th March ‘Look’
Sunday 28th April ‘Live’

From 3.30pm to 5.00pm

This is a place for you to explore,
question and belong.
All Welcome.