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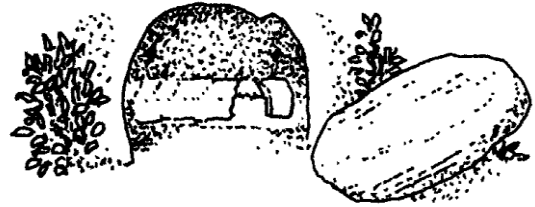
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PASTORAL LETTER FOR MARCH

from Bishop John



In January I visited the Holy Land with two other bishops and several people from Christian Aid. We had been asked to go to visit some of the partners with whom Christian Aid works in the West Bank and Gaza. It was a privilege to be able to see the good work they are doing at first hand and offer moral support.

We were fortunate to obtain a permit to visit Gaza and it was our two days there which affected me most. After its people elected Hamas in 2008, Israel imposed a blockade. This has meant that very little has found its way into what is effectively a vast and miserable prison for 1.6 million people, other than through illegal tunnels from Egypt. The situation is pretty bleak but Christian Aid partners there like the Near East Council of Churches are doing wonderful work.

What was most heart rending was looking at the paintings of young people who were being counselled for trauma following last year's violence. They pictured the stark contrast between life now in Gaza and how they would like it to be. Their pictures of the present were dominated by bombs dropping and rockets firing - as they did in November - and those of the future by images of peace and happiness. The children spoke to us of what they wanted to do when they grew up: one wanted to be a doctor, another a teacher, another a lawyer - the ambition of all of them was to do something to help their fellow human beings in some way or other. It was moving to witness these poor children dreaming dreams. As they did so they articulated a vision of Kingdom values incarnated in that sorry place. They dreamed of a Gaza in which Kingdom values of love, compassion, justice and freedom prevailed - and they wanted so much to contribute to bringing it about.

What I am asking people to do this Lent is to dream dreams as did those children in Gaza. What would things be like in your life, in your church and in your community if Kingdom values were to prevail? What would be different? What would things look like? Can you imagine it? If you can imagine it, can you believe that it is just around the corner or, as Jesus put it, 'The Kingdom of God is at hand.' It is, you see, and our happy calling is to discern that fact and then to play our part in making it a reality.

When Jesus proclaimed that the Kingdom of God was at hand he wasn't expecting those listening to sit back and wait for it to appear. He was inviting them, as he is us, to work for it under God.

The children I met in Gaza had a vision of a better future under God. What is your vision and will you strive in God's strength to bring it about? Will you have hope, as

they did? Will you be part of that change of which you dream, enabling the Kingdom values of love, compassion, justice and freedom, those Kingdom values that characterise the reign of God, to take root in your life, in your church, in your community and in our world?

May God bless you as you seek to become Kingdom people embodying Kingdom values.

+*John*

A WORD FROM THE EDITORS

March: An interesting month this year, mostly Lent but with Holy Week and Easter to come right at the end. Our theme for the month is transformation and change.

Change for all of us as we build our fellowship with St Clements; Change for Justin Welby as he is inaugurated as Archbishop of Canterbury. And as we now know, change for the Catholic Church as they will have a new pope.

We have a lovely letter from a Chinese student contrasting our country with hers, and an inspirational story of how a 17 year old from Surrey had his life transformed: "I had a massive surprise: I met with God."

And why the caterpillar on the cover? Well, what better image could there be for forthcoming transformation and change beyond all recognition? And why this particular caterpillar? Look below at the moth it changes to, and all is revealed!

Sue and Graham Evans



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DATES FOR MARCH 2013

Sunday 3rd March: 3rd Sunday of Lent

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion with Children's Church

5.00 p.m. Evensong

Thursday 7th March

8.45 p.m. Discussion and Compline at St Clement's

Saturday 9th March

11.00 a.m. Wedding Fair 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday 10th March: 4th Sunday of Lent, Mothering Sunday

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion with Children's Church

5.00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Thursday 14th March

2.00 p.m. Thursday at Two (Burroughs' Room).

8.45 p.m. Discussion and Compline at St Clement's

Sunday 17th March: 5th Sunday of Lent

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion

At St Clement's, joint with St John's

10.00 a.m. *No service at St John's.*

5.00 p.m. Evensong

Wednesday 20th March

7.00 p.m. Craft Club (Blakefield Room).

Thursday 21st March

8.45 p.m. Discussion and Compline at St Clement's

Sunday 24th March: Palm Sunday

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion with Children's Church

At St John's, joint with St Clement's

5.00 p.m. Healing Service

Monday 25th March to Wednesday 27th March

8.45 p.m. Discussion and Compline at St Clement's

Thursday 28th March: Maundy Thursday

8.45 p.m. Discussion and Compline at St Michael's

Friday 29th March: Good Friday

12.00 p.m. Three Hours' Devotion

8.45 p.m. Discussion and Compline at St Clement's

Saturday 30th March:

8.45 p.m. Discussion and Compline at St Clement's

Sunday 31st March: Easter Day

2.00 a.m. Clocks go forward one hour to British Summer Time

5.45 a.m. Dawn Vigil

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)

10.45 a.m. Holy Communion at St John's; note 10.45 a.m. **not** 10 a.m.

5.00 p.m. Evensong

The above is correct at the time of going to press, but please watch the weekly church newsletters and website for the latest information.



St. Johns *Wedding Fair*

Saturday 9th March 2013

11am - 4pm

**To be held here
at the church in St. Johns**

Many wedding exhibitors plus fashions shows
at 12pm and 2pm

Wedding music, bell-ringing and refreshments
throughout the day

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IN MEMORIAM

Beatrice Edna Gilbert	1 March 1980
Joan Kathleen Burgess	1 March 2009
Archibald [Bob] Sim	2 March 1963
Ann Brickwell	3 March 1972
Mickey Brown	4 March 1977
Robert Leslie Osborne	6 March 1986
Charles William Hinds	8 March 1959
Henry Barrow	8 March 1998
Dennis Ernest Wheeler	9 March 1977
Ronald Victor Roberts	10 March 1995
Thomas Teague	11 March 1966
Jonathan Nicholas Sigley	14 March 1953
Lily Williams	15 March 1983
Marjorie Mary Jones	22 March 1984
Susan Alice Potter	23 March 1990
Frederick John Halls	24 March 1987
William Hooper	27 March 1985
Stanley Norman Frank Parrott	28 March 1987
Samuel Frank Hodgetts	28 March 2005
Reginald Joseph Sigley	31 March 1978

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS: *We welcome you into the Lord's family*

13th January: Benjamin Oliver Stevens
Theo Marcus Dove

FUNERALS: *Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord*

d. 19th December Thomas Nind
d. 20th December Caroline Scarrott
d. 25th December Patricia Hodgetts
d. 27th December Hilda Saunders
d. 1st January William Glaves
d. 12th January Mary Hunt
d. 13th January Reginald Smith
d. 15th January Margaret Lilian Grimley
d. 16th January Douglas Stephen Farmer
d. 18th January Anthony James Emblow
d. 23rd January Dorothy Hope

FROM THE REGISTER OF SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2013 (4 Sundays):
Communicants 354. Total attendance at all services 940.

MARCH SERVICES AT ST JOHN'S, ST CLEMENT'S AND ST DAVID'S

	St. John's	St. Clement's	St. David's
3 rd March 2013	8 a.m. Holy Communion 10 a.m. Parish Communion 5 p.m. Evensong	9.30 a.m. Parish Communion	6.30 p.m. Evensong
10 th March 2013 <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	8 a.m. Holy Communion 10 a.m. Parish Communion 5 p.m. Evening Prayer	9.30 a.m. Parish Communion	11.15 a.m. Holy Communion
17 th March 2013	 5 p.m. Evensong (BCP)	9.30 a.m. Family Service	11.15 a.m. Morning Prayer
24 th March 2013 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	8 a.m. Holy Communion 10 a.m. Parish Communion 5 p.m. Healing Service		
31 st March 2013 <i>Easter Day</i>	5.45 a.m. Dawn Vigil 8 a.m. Holy Communion 10.45 a.m. Parish Communion 5 p.m. Evening Prayer	9.15 a.m. Parish Communion	11.15 a.m. Morning Prayer

PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER DAY SERVICES AT ST JOHN'S

Palm Sunday services at St John's on March 24th will follow the usual pattern of 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP), 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (when we will be joined by St Clement's congregation) and 5.00 p.m. Evening Prayer.

The 10.00 a.m. service will start with our now traditional procession led by the donkey – Pumpkin – from the Worcester Riding School, but this year with a big difference. The procession will depart from St John's Library at 9.30 a.m. led by Pumpkin and go along Bromyard Terrace to opposite St Clement's church where our friends from St Clement's will join it. From St Clement's we will proceed along Henwick Road back to St John's Library via the Bull Ring where we will cross the Bromyard Road with supervision by the Community Police and be joined by more of St John's congregation. After a clockwise circuit of St John's church we will enter the church and Pumpkin will receive a blessing at the Chancel steps.

We hope as many as possible will enjoy and take part in this act of witness.

On Easter Day at St John's we will be holding the very moving Dawn Vigil at 5.45 a.m. followed by bacon butties. At 8.00 a.m. there will be Holy Communion (BCP) and, at the later than usual time of 10.45 a.m., Parish Communion.

Easter Day will conclude at St John's with Evensong at 5.00 p.m. followed by light refreshments and a chance to meet in a relaxed environment.

We hope as many as are able to do so will join us, especially from the congregations of St Clements and St David's.

Ron Cantrill

NOTES FROM THE CHOIR

Onwards and upwards is definitely the motto of the choir at the moment. For the recent Candlemas Service, John decided that we would sing the lovely anthem 'When to the Temple Mary Went' by Eccard as this is an anthem with words very specific to the occasion. However, the real challenge for the choir was that it is in six parts. So sopranos divided into two as did tenors. A first in the time I've been with the choir but deeply wonderful to hear the richer harmony and beauty of the fuller part writing.

Of course the aim and outcome in the choir's singing is all about unity, as diverse voices and vocal lines join together to produce a complete and integrated sound. At a time when we as a Church are embracing change and joining with our friends at St Clements it is an important message. Certainly collaboration and unity were at the fore in the Service at St Clements for Chris Stuart's licensing and installation. Two congregations and two choirs coming together was a wonderful opportunity to unite in song. A moving, unaccompanied rendition of Wesley's 'Lead Me Lord' was the result.

Here in the choir we pray that the Lord will indeed lead us as we prepare the choral music for Lent and Easter.

Luise Horrocks

EASTERTIDE AT ST JOHN'S 2013

We shall be decorating the Church for Easter on Holy Saturday 30th March from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come and help; refreshments will be served about 11 a.m. Please, if you have any suitable greenery or flowers to help with the decorations they would be most gratefully received.

If you wish to donate money for Easter lilies and flowers in memory of loved family members or friends, please place the gift in an envelope printed with the name of the person or persons you wish to remember and the names will be written in the Memorial List which is placed on the 'Welcome' table near the Church door. Please give the gift to the Vicar, the Churchwardens or myself.

Thank you all for your encouragement and help, we wish you all a Blessed and Joyful Easter.

Eileen Cantrill and the Flower Ladies Team

2013 CALENDARS FOR SALE

There are still available some of the 2013 calendars produced by Colin Nash. These show photos in and around the church. They are now on sale at a price of £4 and are available at church, from the parish office or telephone Jane Askew on 424811. Only available while stocks last.

NEW ELECTORAL ROLL

By law new Electoral Rolls have to be prepared in 2013. This is a requirement of the Church Representation Rules ... no names are carried forward from the current roll and everyone must apply afresh to go on the new electoral roll for 2013.

Robert Higham
Diocesan Secretary

Thank you to everyone who has already filled in an application form for the new electoral roll. If you have not yet filled in an application form, please do so as soon as possible. Remember, the old roll is completely discarded – no names are carried forward; you must apply now to be on the new roll.

The closing date for applications to the new roll is Sunday 17th March. The new roll will be completed and exhibited from 24th March until the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 14th April; during this period any errors or omissions in the roll may be corrected, but subject to that no names may be added to the roll until the end of the annual meeting. As soon as the new roll is exhibited, the previous roll ceases to have effect.

Graham Evans
Philip Evans
Electoral Roll Officers

WE WONDERED....

....when does Justin Welby officially become Archbishop of Canterbury?

On 10th January 2013, the College of Canons met in the Chapter House of Canterbury Cathedral to elect Bishop Justin as the new Archbishop, having received the papers from the Crown authorising the Election to take place.

A further legal ceremony, the Confirmation of Election, took place on 4th February 2013 at St Paul's Cathedral. The Dean of Canterbury reported to a commission of senior diocesan bishops chaired by the Archbishop of York that Bishop Justin had been elected according to statute, and the Archbishop of York, on behalf of his fellow bishops and the wider Church, conferred on him the 'spiritualities' of the diocese of Canterbury. At that point, he became the Archbishop of Canterbury - until then he remained Bishop of Durham.

On 21st March, after paying Homage to Her Majesty in his new role, his public ministry will be inaugurated in a service at Canterbury Cathedral, to which bishops from the whole Church of England, Primates of the wider Anglican Communion and many ecumenical guests will be invited. The new Archbishop will be installed in two places in the Cathedral - the diocesan 'cathedra' in the Cathedral Quire as the bishop of the diocese of Canterbury, and the Chair of St Augustine as Archbishop of Canterbury.

FUN AND FUND RAISING AT ST JOHN'S

Wednesday 20th March 7.00pm – Our monthly craft evening.

This month we will be trying our hand at flower arranging. Do come along to this friendly informal group. Cost is £5 and includes all your materials and refreshments.

Telephone Sue 423257 Jane 424811 or Catherine 749028



ST JOHN'S WEDDING FAIR

A first for St John's!

On Saturday 9th March, St John's Church will be holding its first Wedding Fair. This is an idea I have had for quite a while but it was only when I went to visit St Mary's Tenbury, this time last year, when they were holding their first wedding fair, that I realised we too could do it. Sue, the organizer was very generous with sharing her experiences and so an idea became reality!

The wedding fair will hopefully serve several purposes. It will raise much needed funds for the Church; it will showcase the Church as a wonderful place to get married, with the bells, organist and choir all performing; and it will help many small, local businesses to advertise their services for a much cheaper rate than the big, commercial fairs.

Sandra Nash has been my partner in this from the beginning and we have been delighted with the response from Church members and the many offers of help.

All the stands have been booked and Classic Marquees of Malvern are providing a marquee to give us extra space.

Eileen and her flower team are going to decorate the Church as they do for weddings and as it will be Mothering Sunday the next day, the flowers can be recycled for the children to give to their mothers.

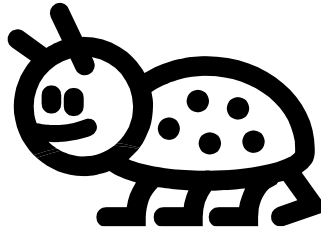
There will be two fashion shows at 12 and 2 pm and refreshments will be available throughout the day.

So, please do come along and support us on Saturday 9th March. We will be open from 11am until 4pm and admission is free!

Catherine Templeton

FUN AND FUND RAISING AT ST JOHN'S

Saturday 6th April 6.00pm



Family Fun Beetle Drive

Join us for an informal fun evening playing Beetle An early start so that the children can come along. Never played- don't worry it is easy to pick up the rules.

Cost is £2.50 a head and will include a light supper.

Need any further details or you have ideas for a fund raising event –

Telephone Sue 423257 Jane 424811 or Catherine 749025

CHARITY BRIDGE DAY

Saturday 13th April 2013

Come and play friendly Rubber Bridge at
St John-in-Bedwardine Church.

Meet at 10.30am for coffee, with play
starting at 11am. Buffet lunch, then more
play until approximately 3pm.

£10 per person.

Please phone Catherine or Gordon on
01905 749025 to book you place, or email
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(All proceeds to St John-in-Bedwardine Church)



Thursday at Two

Are you bereaved or lonely?

Come along and join us for a cuppa, cake and a chat.

Second Thursday of every month.

Next meeting Thursday 14th March.

From 2pm in the Burroughs' Room,
St John's Church.

Just come along; but if you want to speak with someone first then ring Catherine (749025) or Sylvia (422654).

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STOP PRESS – VALENTINE MEAL 16th FEBRUARY

Once again Jane, Sue and Margaret gave us an evening to remember; the Valentine meal was a huge success with good wholesome food and such a choice for everyone. The desserts were so yummy some of us went back for more.

Thank you ladies for all your hard work, you really are a wonderful team. We applaud you; and roll on the next meal.

Sylvia Render

TEEN MEETS GOD – BEN’S STORY

Ben, is 17 years old and lives in Surrey. He was having major family problems when something unexpected happened....here is his true story, as told to Martin Saunders, a youth worker.

“I’ve struggled with dark thoughts for a few years now. Since I was 14, my parents have argued pretty much non-stop, and they don’t seem to care that my brother and I are in the house. There’s other stuff too – my brother is much more popular and successful than me, and I suffer at school for being bad at exams. So that’s why the thoughts came into my head – about hurting or harming myself – because deep down I didn’t really like myself very much. That’s also why I always wear black.

“Or I used to, anyway. Last Summer, my church youth leader persuaded me to go away with the group to a Christian camp. When we arrived, I found out that every day would include two long meetings like church services. To be honest, I wasn’t looking forward to them at all. But when I went along, I had a massive surprise: I met with God.

“On the first evening, someone asked if they could pray for me. As they did, I started crying. Not just a little bit – I was bawling my eyes out. This wasn’t like me, but I couldn’t help myself. All the anger and frustration and sadness I’d been feeling just came pouring out. It wasn’t just that though; there was something else. I started to feel a warmth; like I was getting a hug from within... like all the bad stuff was coming out, and being replaced by something good. Then I did something that I almost never did – I started smiling.

“I don’t completely understand what happened, but I know that somehow, I was touched by God. I know now that I’m not alone when things are tough at home and at school.

“The next day, I went along to the camp’s shop, still dressed in black. They sold hoodies there, and so I picked the most colourful one they had. My way of saying to God: I know you’ve changed me. It’s still my favourite jumper.”

Ben made a decision to follow Jesus. He prayed, asking God to forgive him for the things he does wrong, and then he promised to live God’s way. To find out more about the Christian faith, visit <http://www.lookingforgod.com>

Courtesy of Parish Pump

THE REAL EASTER EGG

The Real Easter Egg is made from Fairtrade chocolate and includes the Easter story, an activity set, stickers and a poster. Eggs cost £3.99 each. If you would like to order one from Traidcraft, please sign the list at the back of church.

Sarah Stuart

AS OTHERS SEE US....

My name is Liya CHEN. I am from Wenzhou, Zhejiang Province in China. My friend is Yunqiao BIAN. She comes from Hefei, An' hui Province. Both of us are studying Business Psychology in University of Worcester. This is our second year in England.

The first Christian group that we joined in is the bible study group of St John-in-Bedwardine Parish Church. In addition, we have attended the Christian Union of University of Worcester. Both of us are very happy to get involved in these two groups. The reason that we join in the bible study group is that we want to know more about Christianity. That interest comes from experience of my father. Because of my father's experiences all my family members have started to seek Father's name. My friend just heard about that story and she thought it was amazing and had more interests in Christianity. Both of us think that our Lord could give people courage and positive attitudes to face the problems in life and he is always there to release people's pains. Faith is really a good lesson that our father delivered to us.

Apart from that, I would like to say differences between China and the UK. There are mainly three things, food, tempo of life, and public facilities.

In terms of food. I would like to say that the dessert made in England is much better than it is in China. It is beautiful, sweet, various and smells good. However, we think that Chinese dietary culture is more profound than it is in England. There are eight famous Chinese cuisines. Chinese people will focus on every steps of making dishes. These steps include, for example, selecting and processing food materials and condiments even cookers. In addition, there will be local traditional dishes and snacks in different cities.

When talking about tempo of life we think that British people enjoy their lives more than Chinese people. In other words, their tempo of life is slower than Chinese people. The reasons must be that China has a large population, everyone intends to earn more money and have a better life. They should be faster and more efficient than others to first get an opportunity. Otherwise the opportunity will be taken by others, not you. As we are Chinese students, we do appreciate and yearn for the British life style.

Last but not least, we think that the public facilities of the UK are better than those in most cities in China. For example, the toilets, traffic and waiting lights, help points in the train stations and stop buttons in buses.

China has a long history and is developing in a fast speed, but we need to learn from the UK. Thank you so much for giving us this opportunity to write and share something about China.

Liya Chen

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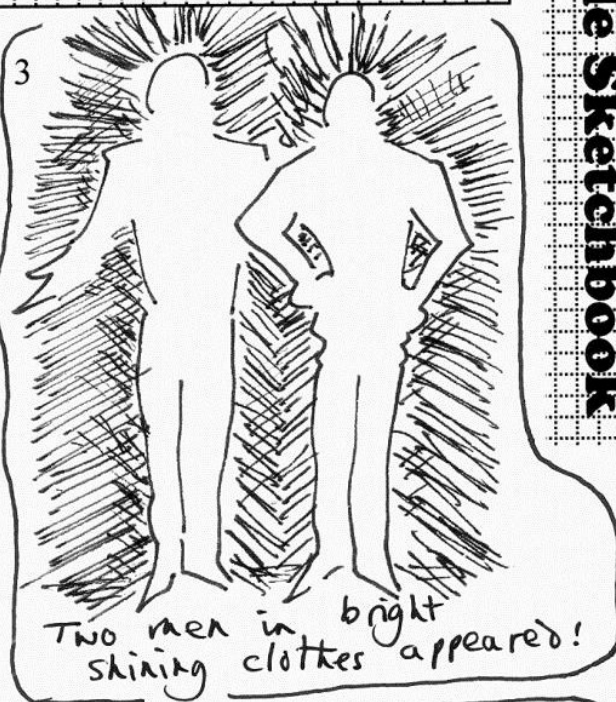
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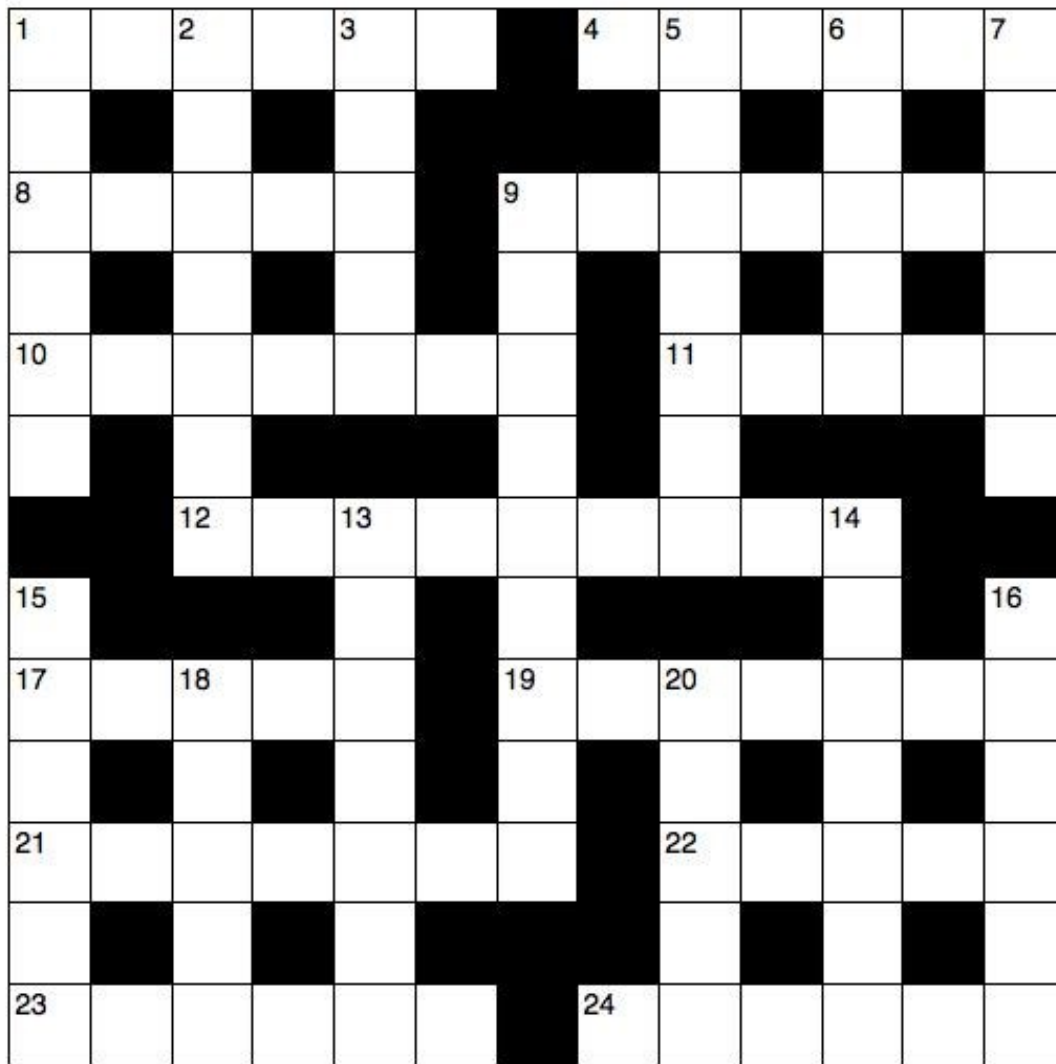
It was amazing. Some women came to the tomb where Jesus was buried. They wanted to anoint his dead body with spices. But the stone blocking the entrance was rolled away and there was no body. Suddenly two men in bright shining clothes appeared and told them: "His is not here, he has been raised!"



They rushed back to tell the disciples and most of them said: "Rubbish!" But Peter ran to the tomb, found the empty grave-clothes and was amazed. How about YOU. What do YOU think?!
Read more in Luke 24:1-12



MARCH PUZZLES



Across

- 1 Arouse (Song of Songs 2:7) (6)
- 4 Extinguish (Isaiah 1:31) (6)
- 8 “They — — ,” you will say, “but I’m not hurt!” (Proverbs 23:35) (3,2)
- 9 Unhappiness (Nehemiah 2:2) (7)
- 10 Jewish (7)
- 11 Dirge (anag.) (5)
- 12 ‘A truthful witness gives honest — , but a false witness tells lies’ (Proverbs 12:17) (9)
- 17 Paul quoted from the second one in his address in the synagogue at Pisidian Antioch (Acts 13:33) (5)
- 19 ‘Do not use your freedom to — the sinful nature’ (Galatians 5:13) (7)
- 21 ‘As you can see, he has done nothing to — death’ (Luke 23:15) (7)
- 22 Name applied by Isaiah to Jerusalem (Isaiah 29:1) (5)
- 23 ‘All the people — — one man, saying, “None of us will go home”’ (Judges 20:8) (4,2)
- 24 Lazarus, who was carried by angels to Abraham’s side when he died, was one (Luke 16:20) (6)

Down

- 1 Appalled (Job 26:11) (6)
- 2 'In an — to escape from the ship, the sailors let the lifeboat down into the sea' (Acts 27:30) (7)
- 3 Expel (Acts 18:16) (5)
- 5 'But I have a baptism to — , and how distressed I am until it is completed!' (Luke 12:50) (7)
- 6 'Of the increase of his government and peace there will be — — ' (Isaiah 9:7) (2,3)
- 7 Hurry (Psalm 119:60) (6)
- 9 'For I desire mercy, not — , and acknowledgement of God rather than burnt offerings' (Hosea 6:6) (9)
- 13 One of its towns was Sychar, where Jesus met a woman at Jacob's well (John 4:5) (7)
- 14 Shouting (Acts 7:57) (7)
- 15 Arachnid (Isaiah 59:5) (6)
- 16 One of Paul's first converts in Philippi was Lydia, a — in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (6)
- 18 Donkeys (5)
- 20 Raked (anag.) (5)

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The solutions to the March puzzles are on page 32.

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Can atheists get insurance for acts of God?

God could not be everywhere, and therefore He made mothers.

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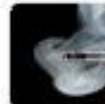
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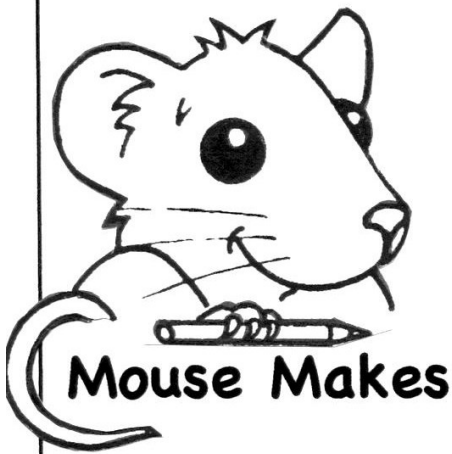


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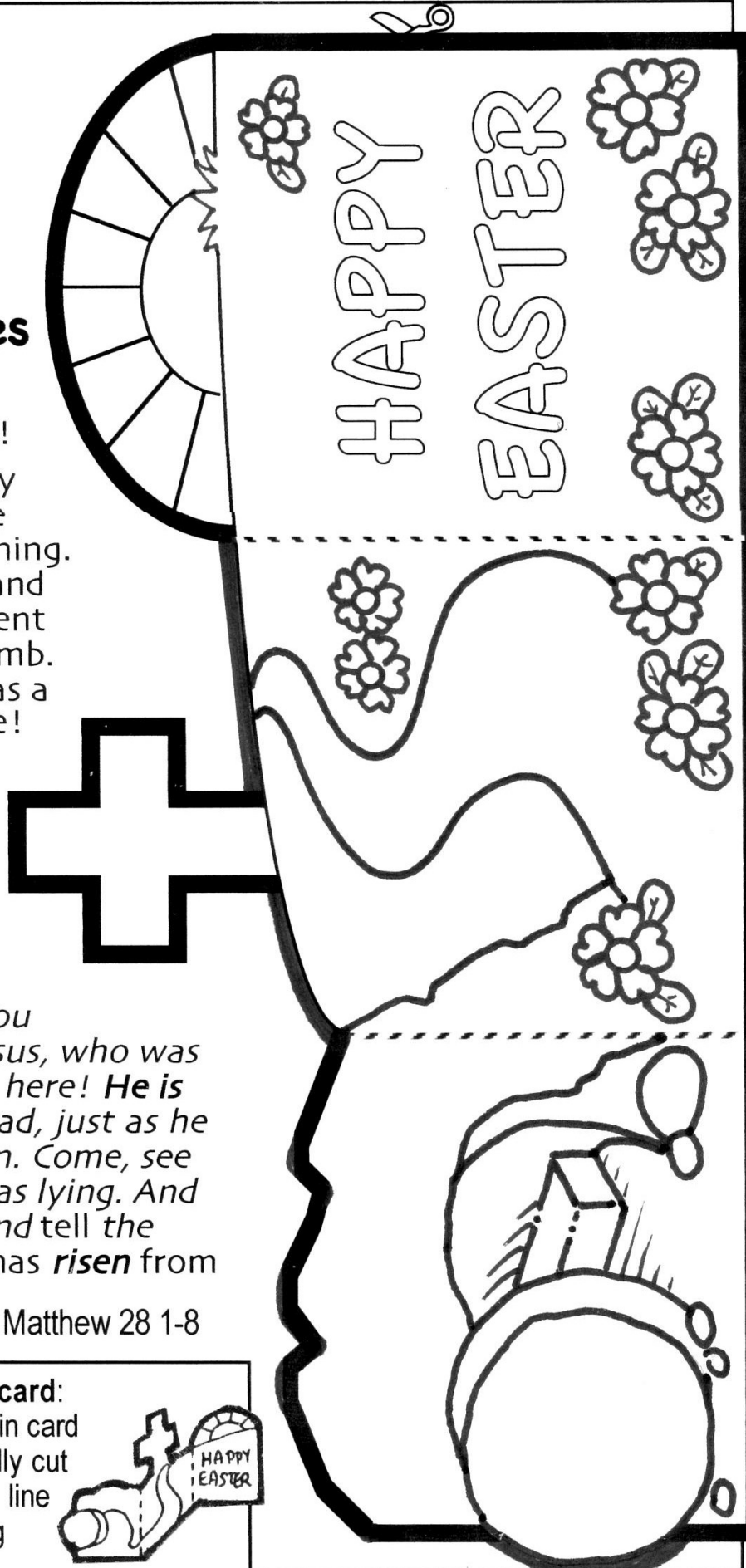
 Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb. Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an **angel** of the Lord came down from **heaven**, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it....

"Don't be afraid" he said. *"I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is **risen** from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. And now, go quickly and tell the disciples that he has **risen** from the dead."*

See: Matthew 28 1-8

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THE STAND IN

It's not me; I didn't do it. Is it always *someone else* when the teacher asks 'who made this mess', or Mum says 'who broke this?' And if we hadn't done it, would we offer to clean up the mess or pay for what is broken out of our pocket money? Even though it wasn't our fault and we hadn't done anything wrong?

The answer is probably 'no'. Why should we? It wasn't our fault! It wouldn't be fair! But then things often aren't fair. It wasn't fair that the crowds in Jerusalem that first Easter shouted 'release Barabbas', a convicted criminal. They could have shouted 'release Jesus' – Jesus hadn't done anything wrong after all.

Jesus told us 'No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends' (St John's Gospel, chapter 15, verse 13). Jesus gave up his life for us. And others have followed his pattern, like Maximilian Kolbe, a Catholic priest in a German concentration camp took the place of another prisoner and was killed instead of him.

WHO? ME?

The answers to this Bible quiz are all words that begin with the letters **M E** ... answers at the bottom of the page

1. Was with Daniel in the lions' den? (Daniel, 3)
2. Is another name for Malta where St Paul was shipwrecked? (Acts, 28)
3. Who did Jesus call blessed, and said they would inherit the earth? (Matthew, 5)
4. Proverbs 17 says that a merry or cheerful heart is like what?
5. What were James and John doing when they first met Jesus? (Mark, 1)
6. Jesus compared the Kingdom of Heaven to yeast mixed with what? (Luke, 13)
7. King Saul's eldest daughter's name (I Samuel, 14)



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3. the meek
4. good medicine
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