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Easter Sunday



Living In The Resurrection Age

Dear members and friends of TaB,

Let us pray: On this weekend, O God, we lift up our heads and shout the good news that your son Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. In these moments, may we come to know in our hearts as well as our minds that Jesus lives now and forever. May the words of our mouths, the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

The gospels make it very clear that Jesus was always looking forward to his day of resurrection. Early in his ministry, Jesus said that the temple of his body would be raised up in three days. (John 2:19-22) Indeed, it is possible to view the teachings of Jesus as instructive in the ways that we should live in this coming age, which would be inaugurated by his resurrection from the dead.

The stone rolled away from the empty tomb on Easter Day is such a sign for us. It is indeed God's greatest miracle. We Christians are Easter people, and we are compelled by fact and moved by faith to find our greatest joy in this the greatest event and mystery in all of human history.

What the world needs now more than ever is the witness of our Easter faith. Nations, communities and individual people are seeking ways to get through the Covid-19 of their lives to the time of resurrection and new life. What people need now more than anything else is a reason to hope. They need to be able to choose life rather than death. Jesus Christ gives us that ability to choose life, as he brings hope to each and every human being.

Jesus' resurrection invites us to celebrate the gift of life even when all we seem to see around us is pain, disappointment and brokenness. It shows us that on the other side of pain, there is resurrection. It reminds us of what is possible whenever there is hope.

Think about the joy one feels upon coming home after being absent for a period of time. Consider how one is moved, staying to the end with another human being through hours of pain and dying. These are the signs, yes, the miracles of God in our everyday lives.

Hallelujah! Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! My prayer to you this glorious Easter weekend is that you take this message with you and live with it every day of your life, as Christ lives in you. May God bless you all this Easter Day.

Yours in Risen Christ,

Rev Sam

LECTIONARY REFLECTION

Acts 10:34-43, Isaiah 25:6-9, Psalm 118:selected verses, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, John 20:1-18 and Mark 16:1-8

Psalm 118 is a song of victory while the readings from Acts 10 and Isaiah 25 are echoed in the words of StF 418, beginning:

*We have a gospel to proclaim, Good news for men in all the earth;
The gospel of a Saviour's name: We sing His glory, tell His worth.*

As expected in this season, the other suggested scriptures focus on the resurrection of Jesus. The previous two days – especially Good Friday - must have been a particularly harrowing time for the people of God at the time. Then the Resurrection Day arrived to rekindle their hopes, aspirations and belief. The accounts in the gospels are reiterated by Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians, in which he recounts how Christ died for our sins, how he was raised on the third day, how he appeared to Cephas (Simon Peter) then to more and more of his followers and finally appeared to Paul himself, a former persecutor of the church of God!

I find that my thoughts about the resurrection are best expressed by the words of some of the ascension hymns, as in the examples below.

*Lo! Jesus meets us Risen from the tomb
Lovingly, He greets us, scatters fear and gloom
Let the church with gladness, Hymns of triumph sing
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting*

*The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now;
a royal diadem adorns the mighty Victor's brow.*

Here are the words of a hymn by Fred Pratt Green, who was a Circuit minister for many years and knew what people needed to have in their hymns.

They needed confidence, honesty and joy. His Easter hymn in Singing the Faith (No314) embraces all those Easter experiences.

**This joyful Eastertide,
What need is there for grieving?
Cast all your cares aside
And be not unbelieving:
No work for him is vain,
No faith in him mistaken,
For Easter makes it plain
His kingdom is not shaken:
No work for him is vain,
No faith in him mistaken,
For Easter makes it plain
His kingdom is not shaken:**

*Come, share our Easter joy
That death could not imprison,
Nor any power destroy,
Our Christ, who is arisen!*

Charles

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PASTORAL



If you would like news items, prayer requests and or celebrations to be included in the Newsnotes
Please send an email to revsam@mail.com before 6.00pm every Wednesday.
Pastoral Sec. Tony Addo – Anthony.addo54@gmail.com

O God our heavenly Father, as our United Kingdom continues with our restricted lockdown, we continue to seek your strength and courage for the days ahead.

God, this week we lift up the people of TaB, the families, friends and those who have asked us to pray for them. Help them to find ways to know that you love us all and consider each one of us important and a part of your creation. Pour into our lives your Holy Spirit to take away our worries, sickness and fear.

We pray for: those who are unwell, for those who are “staying safe” in their homes alone, for those working in care homes as well as the residents. We also pray for parents who struggle; juggling the pressures of work and home schooling, or those whose work puts them in the front line of risk.

We offer new prayers for: Carers who are looking after the sick, especially for those looking after Diane Howard (sister of Peter Godfrey) who is seriously ill at home.

We continue to pray for those who continue to need God’s grace and healing:

Elizabeth Arnold, Joyce Beaumont, Barbara Biggs, Iris Branch, Christina Cabrera, Dorothy Campbell, Yvonne Jardine, Rhona Knight, Yvonne Obeng, Hope Siwela, Victoria Sibanda, Elizabeth Takaedza, Charles & Elizabeth Dadey, Christine (Linda Dawson’s sister), Catherine Smith, Nick (friend of Francis Branch Thomas & the family of Roy Mdudu, the family of Bob Barker and Steve & Francis for the loss of his aunt.

We pray for the families of those who have died recently: including the families of Barbara McNally (previously Lewent) who died last week and also Franklyn & the rest of Cathy Riley’s family

Dear God hear our prayers. Amen



Birthdays & Anniversaries



Happy Birthday to our friends who may be celebrating a birthday this week

Beverly Watkins

May God grant you overflowing joy, abundant opportunities, and a shower of blessings.
Happy Birthday!

To all who have Anniversaries this week.

May your marriage continue to be blessed with love, joy and companionship all the days of your life.

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Remembering our friends and loved ones



As we are not in the church building and enjoying the flowers, we felt it is still important to remember our dearly departed. Where we would usually have flowers in church in their memory, instead, we will still remember them. Let Peter know if there is any dearly departed loved one that you would want remembered.

Cathey Riley & Barbara McNally (previously Lewent)

Donations that would have gone to the flower fund, will instead be used for the church garden project. Please send payment to the Tab bank account detailed on the next page, with a reference "Garden"

Live worship in our church building



Easter Sunday 4th April: Family Service from 10:30 including Communion

Note: We are decorating the Church for Easter and need lots of artificial / natural flowers and some plants. If you have artificial flowers and plants can we please borrow them? We will be happy to collect them from you or you could bring them to Church on Saturday April 3rd, 2021 between 10am and 1pm.

The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9928297354?pwd=TjdiSG40ZG5YbUVLaXBFL0RiRGZ5dz09>
ID- 992 829 7354 Passcode- 518822

Catherine Riley or Cathy, as she was known among us has been an outstanding member of TaB ever since she became a member in the early 1980s. She served as a Senior Church Steward and was also a member of the Property and Finance Committee.

Her funeral shall take place at Tab on Wednesday 5th May at 1pm. More details regarding zoom attendance or live attendance in accordance with government guidelines.

Watch this space



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Church News and Centre Plus

During this Lockdown 3, Trinity at Bowes buildings is now open for worship in person, however worship will still be taking place through the New River Methodist Circuit - Online Church

Available on Facebook OR search You Tube for New River Methodist Circuit. Alternatively, you can use the link on our website's Home page of <http://trinityatbowes.co.uk>

Streaming Schedule for New River Methodist Circuit Online Church

Day/(s)	Time	Online Event	
Monday - Saturday	8.00 am	Thought for the Day	<i>Pre-recorded</i>
Monday - Saturday	9.00 am	Morning Prayers	<i>Live</i>
Saturday	10.30 am	Virtual Coffee Morning	<i>Live</i>
Sunday	10.30 am	Sunday Circuit Service	<i>Pre-recorded</i>

TaB church: Worship on Wednesday

Every Wednesday at 5pm-

As our building is closed, but our worship is growing week by week

Worship & Interactive Bible study.



Join via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9928297354?pwd=TjdiSG40ZG5YbUVLaXBFL0RjRGZ5dz09>

Meeting ID: 992 829 7354 - Passcode: 518822



TaB Church Face Book

"Like" our Facebook Page and receive regular inspirational updates

TaB Sunday School Resources

Updated every Saturday and ready for use from the Sunday following



TaB Bank Account Details

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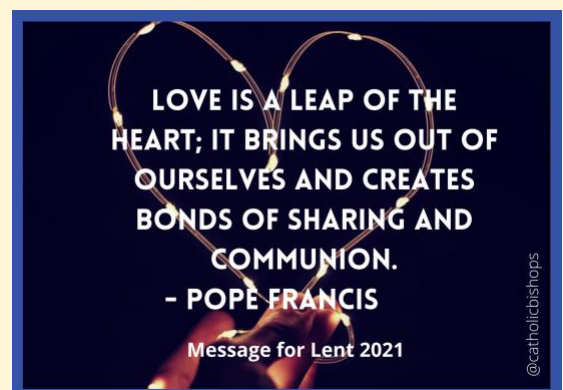
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Local Elections are coming in May. Stay safe – register to vote by post



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