



# Puzzle Corner

**Sudoku**—try your hand at this easy puzzle

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## Wordsearch

- Palms
- Triumphant
- Messiah
- Praise
- donkey
- Passover
- Bread
- Body
- Betrayal
- False
- mock
- Jerusalem
- Pilate
- Judas
- Gethsemane
- Crucifixion
- Soldiers
- Cross
- Vinegar
- tomb
- angel
- stone
- risen
- Mary

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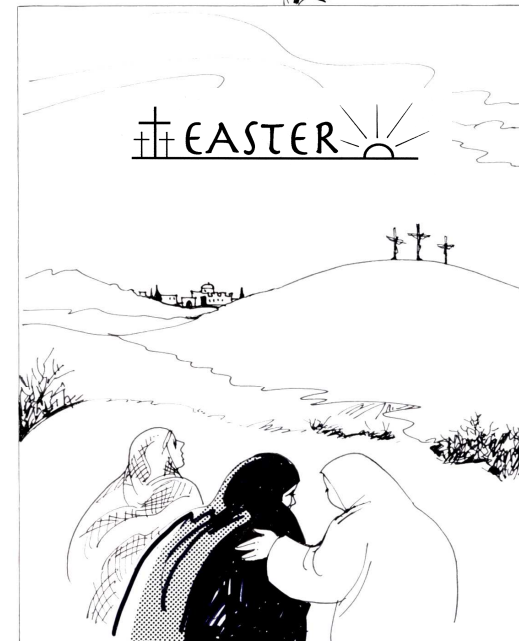
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## The Rector writes . . .

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Dear Parishioners

### HALLELEUJAH CHRIST IS RISEN

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen." (Luke 24:5b)

At early dawn on the first day of the week, the women came to the tomb with the spices and aromatic oils they had prepared to render the last loving service for their friend and Master.

But their fixed assumptions are challenged and questioned: 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, isn't here, but has risen from the dead as he told you he would'. In all four Gospels, whatever other differences there may be, the basic fact of the empty tomb never varies. The Gospels don't explain the resurrection; the resurrection explains the Gospels. Belief in the resurrection isn't an appendage to the Christian faith; it is the Christian faith.

Believing in the Resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth has the following implications:

1. It carries a promise of the resurrection of all believers, for 'though in Adam all die, in Christ all shall be made alive' (1 Corinthians 15:22).
2. Jesus isn't a memory, but a living presence.
3. Jesus isn't a figure in a book but a living person to be met.
4. To be a Christian isn't about knowing about Jesus, but one of knowing Jesus and trusting him implicitly.
5. There is an endless quality of life offered by Jesus Christ in this life.
6. Christ is a living presence to help us to live.
7. Christ did for us that which we couldn't do for ourselves: He died 'with us', 'for us', and 'instead of us'. And his Resurrection frees us from the chains of death and made it possible for us to be given eternal life.

We, as the Church, Christ's brothers and sisters, members of his body, instruments of the Holy Spirit, must live lives which make Christ visible in our communities, by loving God and our neighbour, as well as loving ourselves. Let us do it. Let us do it now.

The Rector



## Flower Rota—April



Apr 3rd .....	Mr & Mrs D Rodgers—in memory of William & Elizabeth Rodgers Mrs S Davey ( <i>Pedestal</i> )
Apr 10th .....	Mrs M O'Rawe Mrs H Bowes & Mrs R Buchanan (need Baird) ( <i>Pedestal</i> )
Apr 17th .....	Palm Sunday
Apr 24th .....	Mr & Mrs J Pentland Mr & Mrs G Sheppard ( <i>Pedestal</i> )



### Remember Prayer

all who are ill or in need:

- Annie
- Betty
- David M
- David S
- Desmond
- Lily
- Martha
- Raymond
- Ronnie
- Sadie, Jim and John

We also pray for all clergy who minister within our parish and for renewed numerical growth

Could you please make sure that you let the Rector know of anyone who is in hospital or unwell.

### MY BEST FRIEND

You ask who my best friend is,  
 Jesus is His name.  
 Although at times I fail Him,  
 He loves me just the same.  
 He is a very caring friend,  
 He answers every prayer,  
 And if I'm feeling lonely  
 I know He's always there.  
 Although the answer to my prayer  
 May be Yes or No,  
 I'm sure He knows what's best for me,  
 Because He loves me so.

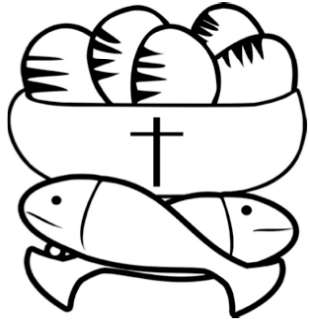


for our younger readers ....



### MOTHERING SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> April

The old Gospel reading for this Sunday was about the feeding of the 5,000 so it was originally called Refreshment Sunday. This Sunday became linked with family reunions and gatherings and became Mothering Sunday.



Mother's Day, which in this country is on the same day as Mothering Sunday, is an American invention started in 1906. Mother's Day is directly connected with the mother of the family but Mothering Sunday is more connected with Mother Church, the family meaning has been added on.

### MOTHER'S DAY CARD

Nice cards for Mother's Day can be rather expensive so why don't you make your own? You don't have to be an artist to make a lacy card. You will need some coloured card, glue and a paper lace doily.

Cut a piece of card twice as big as the card you want and fold it in half. Cut your decoration from the doily, some have lovely patterns of hearts, flowers and leaves. Put a very small amount of glue on the back of the 'lace' and press it onto the card. Finish by writing a nice message inside.



#### Why was the Egyptian girl worried?

Because her daddy was a mummy.

#### What stories do the sailor's children like to hear?

Ferry tales.

#### Did you hear about the little boy that they named after his father?

They called him dad.

#### How did your mum know you hadn't washed your face?

I forgot to wet the soap.

Articles for the May magazine should be with Kate Irving by Sunday 17th April 2011.



## APRIL SERVICES



SERVICE	MINISTER	READER (Morning Service only)
<u>Apr 3<sup>rd</sup>—4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</u> <u>Mothering Sunday</u> 11.00 am Holy Communion 6.30 pm Holy Communion	Rev S Heaney Rev T P Kerr	Jacqueline Stephenson <i>Colossians 3</i> -v-12-17 (Page 189)
<u>Apr 10<sup>th</sup>—5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</u> 11.00 am Morning Prayer 6.30 pm Holy Communion ( <i>St Aidan's</i> )	Rev T P Kerr Rev T P Kerr	Ronnie Luney <i>Ezekiel 37</i> -v- 1-14 (Page 764)
<u>Apr 17<sup>th</sup>—Palm Sunday</u> 11.00 am Family Service 6.30 pm Evening Prayer	Rev A McCartney Rev T P Kerr	Various
<u>Apr 24<sup>th</sup>—Easter Day</u> 11.00 am Holy Communion 6.30 pm Evening Prayer ( <i>St Aidan's</i> )	Rev T P Kerr Rev T P Kerr	David Rodgers <i>Colossians 3</i> -v-1-4 (Page 189)

*Readers read the First Lesson of the Day—taken from the Pew Bible.  
Readers should confirm their reading with the Rector/Minister*

### Thursday Lunchtime Services

These continue to take place in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit at 12.30 pm—  
followed by lunch in the Bistro.

The Church of Ireland "Safeguarding Trust" Policy operates in this church. Panel Members are Rev Terence Kerr, Mr Cecil Dunwoody and Mrs Catherine Irving. Notices to this effect have been placed in the church and halls.

## Midweek Lenten Services—Diary Dates

We will be continuing our usual Lenten midweek services at 7.30 pm on Wednesday evenings, where we are following the story of Jacob from the Old Testament. His story reads like a soap opera, full of intrigue and adventure and a real sense of his humanity. God breaks into his life and works with him and through him. You may want to read the story in Genesis chapters 27-35—previous weeks are included for reference.

Date	Church	Theme	Bible reference
9th March	St Aidan's	Jacob, the heel grabber	Genesis 25:19-26
16th March	St Mary Magdalene	A Tale of Two Brothers	Genesis 25:17-34
23rd March	St Aidan's	Portrait of a Dysfunctional Family	Genesis 27
30th March	St Mary Magdalene	Jacob's Ladder	Genesis 28
6th April	St Aidan's	Hard Times in Haran	Genesis 29
13th April	St Mary Magdalene	The Breaking Point	Genesis 32:22-32

## Holy Week

Date	Church	Theme/Preacher
Tuesday 19th April 12.30	St Aidan's	Lunchtime service followed by lunch * (Preacher: Rev W Nixon)
Wednesday 20th April 12.30	St Mary Magdalene	Lunchtime service followed by lunch * (Preacher: Rev W Nixon)
Thursday 21st April 7.30 pm	St Aidan's Holy Communion	Mission—Luke 4:16-21
Friday 22nd April 7.30 pm	St Mary Magdalene Good Friday	Liturgy of the Cross


\* Lunchtime services—This is a slightly different way to engage in Holy Week this year—an opportunity for us to meet for worship at lunchtime and enjoy fellowship and a meal together. These two events will take place on the Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week. We will have to get some rough numbers for these lunches so there will be an opportunity to sign up during Lent.



## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

A mouth doesn't have a backspace key

## INK CARTRIDGES

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## Happy Mothers' Day

Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever.



For your diary

Select Vestry	Mon 11th Apr	7.30 pm
Ladies' Guild	Wed 13th Apr	6.45 pm
Antiques Fair	Sat 16th Apr	12.30-4.00 pm <i>Teas rota: Dawn McDowell</i>
Snooker Club	Tuesdays	7.00 pm
Midweek Services	Thursdays	12.30 pm
BB	Thursdays	6.30 pm onwards



"It's the only way we can cope with all the couples who want to get married on the same day as William and Kate."

### Real Easter Egg on its way to become a UK top seller

A church backed campaign has succeeded in convincing retailers to stock The Real Easter Egg, the UK's first and only Fairtrade charity egg to mention Jesus on the box.

Morrison's, Waitrose, Co-op and one or two others are to stock a limited 'trial listing' of the Real Easter Egg and sell it in their biggest stores. A number of independent shops and a selection of cathedrals are also stocking The Real Easter Egg. And hundreds of Traidcraft supporters have ordered thousands of eggs on behalf of their communities.

The retail price of The Real Easter Egg is £3.99. It is made from high quality Fairtrade chocolate. Two charities benefit from the sale of the egg: Traidcraft Exchange receives 30 pence from every egg sold and Baby Lifeline will receive

10% from Real Easter Egg net profits.

Despite selling over 80 million Easter eggs a year, supermarkets initially turned down The Real Easter Egg, unsure if there was a place for a charity-faith egg in their Easter range. The Rt Revd, Nigel McCulloch, Bishop of Manchester, said; "It is great news that for the first time people will have the chance of buying an Easter egg from a shop that explains the significance of the festival on the box. Through the charitable donation and its Fairtrade chocolate the egg brings to light the Easter themes of hope and new life. I believe there will be widespread support for the product from the faith community with many others likely to be interested."



### The little boy who drew a cross

A Sunday School teacher asked her young class to draw a cross. Most children quickly drew a stick-like object that closely resembled the letter "T," but one child got out all the pastel crayons and became quite intent while working on his drawing. When he finished, his picture was a cross, covered with beautiful flowers. He explained, "I put flowers on my cross to make it beautiful because that's how Jesus made it so I could go to Heaven."

### The Thief

Today is my last one on earth – this thought does terrify  
My very being and my soul for I am going to die.  
And soon I will be taken to be punished for my crime,  
My prison door will slam behind me for the final time.

The Roman soldiers soon will come and I'll be crucified,  
Hung on a cross at Calvary where many more have died.  
Custom decrees a prisoner this day will be set free,  
And though I've pleaded for my life I know it won't be me.

A man known as Barabbas is the one whose life is spared  
And not the prophet Jesus, whose crimes I have not heard.  
But the people saved Barabbas with a loud and fervent cry  
And for the man from Nazareth they screamed out "Crucify!"

We are going now to Calvary, my fear grows with each tread,  
I walk this road with Jesus, a crown of thorns upon his head.  
The death hill looms before us and my anguish I can't hide,  
I'm soon to be nailed on a cross with this man by my side.

The pain is unbelievable but never does he cry,  
The sun burns down, I cry and moan and wish that I could die.  
Through misted eyes I see a mother weeping for her son,  
But no-one weeps for me, a thief who can no longer run.

The soldiers mock and laugh at Jesus crucified on high,  
"King of the Jews, Son of God, now save yourself, don't die!"  
But he hangs on the cross of shame in all humility,  
He is more than mortal man, I now begin to see.

I cry: "Please take me with you to your Kingdom I implore,"  
He looks at me and I can tell my past sins are no more.  
"This day you will be with me," He does promise and I know  
My earthly life has ended but to God's House I will go!

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## Ladies' Guild

### BB Parents' Evening

This year we will be holding a Parents' Evening - hopefully on Thursday 5th May at 7.30pm. This date will be confirmed at a later stage.

The boys have been working very hard and we hope to have your support on this night.

We will also have our presentation of awards on this evening.

*William McMillan—Captain 1st Irish*

### Gift Aid

We are grateful to all those who continue to Gift Aid their freewill offerings. This goes a long way in raising the much needed funds to maintain our church and halls.

The Select Vestry is now sending out a special appeal to those of you who have not yet signed up for Gift Aid. We urgently need to raise more funds for work required—the damage caused by the flooding in January alone, is in excess of £20,000. If you are a taxpayer, please consider Gift Aiding your contributions. Remember **it will cost you nothing** and you will be helping your church. If you wish your contributions to be treated anonymously, that too can be arranged.

Please consider this and speak to Libby, (Treasurer), or one of the church wardens. Every penny counts! *Thank you—The Select Vestry*



We were delighted to welcome Mrs Debbie McDowell from Christian Aid to our March meeting. This

was held after a celebration of Holy Communion in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit as our meeting fell on Ash Wednesday.

Debbie told us of the work of Christian Aid and in particular of her visit to Malawi, where she experienced at first hand the daily difficulties facing those born into such abject poverty. It was a sobering thought for all of us and it will make us all think more about the work of this charity, when Christian Aid week comes round in May.

In April, we look forward to our visit to the Garden of Remembrance at Police Headquarters. Can I remind everyone to meet in the church hall at 6.45 pm as we need to have some discussion about our May meeting and the proposed fashion show.

I look forward to seeing you all.

*Joan Rodgers—President*

#### ADVANCE NOTICE OF GENERAL VESTRY MEETING

This will be held  
on  
Wednesday 4th May  
at 7.30 pm

*further details in next month's  
magazine*

## What goes around comes around

### The 5 Minute Meditation

One day a man saw an old lady, stranded on the side of the road, but even in the dim light of day, he could see she needed help. So he pulled up in front of her Mercedes and got out. His car was still sputtering when he approached her. Even with the smile on his face, she was worried. Was he going to hurt her? He looked poor and hungry.

He could see that she was frightened, standing out there in the cold. He knew how she felt. It was that chill which only fear can put in you. He said, 'I'm here to help you, ma'am. Why don't you wait in the car where it's warm?' By the way, my name is Bryan Anderson.' Well, all she had was a flat tyre, but for an old lady, that was bad enough. Bryan crawled under the car looking for a place to put the jack, and soon he was able to change the tyre. As he finished the job, the elderly lady rolled down the window and asked how much she owed him. Bryan never thought twice about being paid. This was not a job to him. This was helping someone in need, and God knows there were plenty, who had given him a hand in the past. He had lived his whole life that way, and it never occurred to him to act any other way. He told her that if she really wanted to pay him back, the next time she saw someone who needed help, she could give that person the assistance they needed, and Bryan added, 'And think of me'.

The lady drove off and a few miles down the road saw a small cafe. She went in to grab a bite to eat, and take the chill off before she made the last leg of her trip home. It was a dingy looking restaurant. The waitress came over. She had a sweet smile, one that even being on her feet for the whole day couldn't

erase. The lady noticed that the waitress was nearly eight months pregnant, but she never let the strain and aches change her attitude. The old lady wondered how someone who had so little could be so kind and pleasant. Then she remembered Bryan. After the lady finished her meal, she paid with a hundred dollar bill. The waitress quickly went to get change for her hundred dollar bill, but the old lady had slipped right out the door. She was gone by the time the waitress came back. The waitress then noticed something written on the napkin. There were tears in her eyes when she read what the lady wrote: 'You don't owe me anything. I have been there too. Somebody once helped me out, the way I'm helping you. Under the napkin were four more \$100 bills.

That night when the waitress got home from work and climbed into bed, she was thinking about the money and what the lady had written. How could the lady have known how much she and her husband needed it? With the baby due next month, it was going to be hard. She knew how worried her husband was, and as he lay sleeping next to her, she gave him a soft kiss and whispered soft and low, 'Everything's going to be all right. I love you, Bryan Anderson'.

There is an old saying 'What goes around comes around.' Today God works in mysterious ways and sometimes puts people in our lives for a reason. Always remember the will of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not protect you.