

How quickly can you unscramble all the words below? Each word has an Easter connection.

Puzzle Corner

nuynb

fddaisolf

blmsa

snkdiuglc

etasregge

irsi

tebnon

thayncih

ejlysbneal

suhbcsotsrno

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gges

eccotlhoa

Answers

bunny, daffodils, lambs, ducklings, easteregg, iris, bonnet, hyacinth, jellybeans, hotcrossbuns, basket, spring, rabbit, chicks, eggs, chocolate

PASSWORDS



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Christ is Risen Hallelujah!



April 2014



CHURCH SERVICES



SERVICES	READER
6th April—5th Sunday in Lent 11.00 am Holy Communion	David Stephenson <i>Romans 8 –v– 6-11</i>
13th April—Palm Sunday 11.00 am Morning Prayer	Jennifer McMullan <i>Isaiah 5 –v– 1-7</i>
20th April—Easter Sunday 11.00 am Holy Communion	Libby Garstang <i>Colossians 3 –v– 1-4</i>
27th April—2nd Sunday of Easter 11.00 am WOW Service— Theme: New Life 7.00 pm Songs of Praise with the 1st Old Boys’ Association Band	—

Mid-week Lenten Services are listed on Page 5

Thursday Lunchtime Services

The lunchtime service for April will take place as usual on Thursday 3rd, followed by lunch in the church hall. Please note we will not be meeting on Thursday 10th, 17th or 24th April. Normal service will resume in May!

All welcome

The Church of Ireland “Safeguarding Trust” Policy operates in this church. Panel Members are the Rev Bob Cotter, Mr Cecil Dunwoody and Mr Peter Ainley. Notices to this effect have been placed in the church and halls.



Flower Rota—April



- Apr 6th Mrs G Stewart—in loving memory of George and Elizabeth
- Apr 13th Palm Sunday
- Apr 20th Mr & Mrs D G Sheppard
Mrs M O’Rawe
- Apr 27th Mrs H Bowes & Mrs R Buchanan —(*nee Baird*)

HOLY BAPTISM



Sophie Alex
10 Lindsay Court
9th March 2014

‘Suffer the little children to come unto me’

SENSES

*God gave me eyes that I might see
Christ Jesus die on Calvary,
He made my ears that I might hear
Christ’s loving words as death drew near.
My lips he formed that I might tell
He died for me—and you as well.
My beating heart God made to feel
His loving presence when I kneel
To thank Him for His only Son,
Who conquered death, the victory won,
Who took my every sin away
And rose again on Easter Day!*

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did and said the most amazing things before being obliterated by one of the most fearsome military machines the world has ever known – the Roman Army. It unsettles us when we reflect on our own shortcomings, and the lack of spiritual progress since last Easter.

As Christian believers, though, Easter is much more than that. For this Jesus who was executed could not be held in the tomb. He rose again and lives to draw us to himself. 'I am the resurrection and the life' he tells us. Through his new life we too can have access to a life after our earthly span has elapsed. It will be a time when we will be reunited with all our loved ones and can look forward to an eternity in God's nearer presence, freed from all the limitations of our physical bodies. What a prospect! What a Saviour! Happy Easter!

Rev Bob Cotter

Hi

I'm a member of The Boys' Brigade. I am doing a Skydive and a relay marathon to raise money for the Northern Ireland Children's Hospice. I am leaving a Sponsor Sheet in the church, so if you could please sponsor me, that would be great.

Thank you.

Matthew Smyth

✍ What an amazing effort! God luck Matthew and we hope that you manage to raise a lot of money for this great cause.



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Earth's saddest day and gladdest day were just three days apart!



Q: Where does the Easter Bunny get his eggs?

A: From Eggplants.

Q: What happened to the Easter Bunny when he misbehaved at school?

A: He was eggspelled!

Q: Did you hear about the lady whose house was infested with Easter eggs?

A: She had to call an egg-terminator!

Q: What do you call a rabbit with fleas?

A: Bugs Bunny!

Q: Why was the little girl sad after the race?

A: Because an egg beater!

Q: What do you get if you pour boiling water down a rabbit hole?

A: a hot cross bunny.



For your diary

General Vestry	Mon 7th Apr	7.30 pm
Ladies' Guild	Wed 9th Apr	7.30 pm
Snooker Club	Tuesdays	7.00 pm
Midweek Services	Thursdays	12.30 pm
Lenten Services	Wed 2nd, 9th Apr	7.30 pm
Holy Week Services	See Page 5	
Songs of Praise	Sun 27th Apr	7.00 pm
Mothers and Toddlers	Thursdays	10-12 noon
BB	Thursdays	6.30 onwards



"Ten bucks and I'll tell you where all of them are."

LENTEN LUNCH

Thanks to everyone who supported the Lenten Lunch ~ the cooks, those who set up and cleaned up and to all who came along and helped make it such a success.

£220 was raised for Crosslinks Missionary Society.

Well done!

Crosslinks Missionary Society



Crosslinks Missionary Society God's Word to God's World

Thank you most sincerely to all those who contributed to the above Missionary Society. This very generous giving is greatly appreciated.

The amount of £843.35 was received.

Lena and Cecil

ANNUAL GENERAL VESTRY MEETING

This will be held

on

Monday 7th April 2014

at 7.30 pm

Please make every effort to attend this important meeting

Your input is valuable and you will be very welcome.

This is the Rector's first General Vestry meeting with us, so please show your support.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE
the adventure begins here



On Sunday 13th April, the Belfast Battalion of The Boys' Brigade will be holding their annual Battalion Church Parade for Junior, Company/Senior Section boys in the "Magdalene", birth place of The Boys' Brigade in Ireland, continuing our 125th anniversary celebrations.



Old Boys of the company may wish to parade to the church with the Battalion—meeting at RBAI (Inst school) at 2.20 pm or 3.15 pm at the church.

More information from the Company Captain.

*William McMillan
Captain 1st Irish Company*

Don't forget the Songs of Praise Service on Sunday 27th April at 7.00 pm. This will be led by the 1st Old Boys' Association Band who will be playing many of our favourite hymns.

Ladies' Guild



It was a pleasure to welcome Sharon Craig from The Deborah Project at our March meeting. Sharon showed some slides and explained about the work of this team that provides love, shelter, care and above all hope, to girls aged 3-16 in Romania.

It was heartbreaking to hear some of the stories, but joyous to learn of the incredible work being carried out by Sharon and others in providing refuge and well-being for those young girls suffering from serious physical, mental and sexual abuse. Sharon's passion for this cause was very evident and it is always humbling to realise how much we have and how little others have.

We urge all our members to attend the Lenten Service on Wednesday 9th April at 7.30 pm. Afterwards, we will adjourn to the hall when Kate and myself will show some photos and tell of our incredible time spent in the Holy Land last November.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Joan Rodgers—President