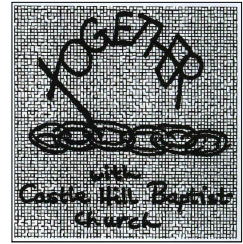


Come... to the cross of Jesus

Find...



Easter
2011

Forgiveness for the past

Peace for the present



A certain hope for the future

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Dear Reader

Have you ever said, 'If I knew then what I know now.....' ? Hindsight is a wonderful thing isn't it? The older I get the clearer the distant past seems to be.

With the wisdom and maturity gained over the years, looking back you can see where you went wrong and how you could have done things differently.

We need to know forgiveness for our mistakes, but even if we're forgiven by others, it's sometimes hard to forgive ourselves and let go.

Do you long for peace of mind?

Come to the cross of Jesus. Tell Him all about your past and ask for His forgiveness. He endured the cross so that you can be free.

Live in the present and get to know the love of Jesus and have real peace of mind.

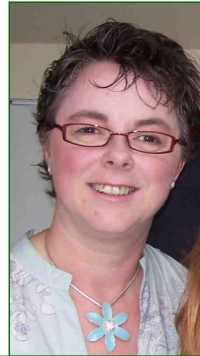
At Easter we don't only think of Jesus death but that He rose again victorious and because He overcame death, we too can have everlasting life.

Look forward to the future as a child of God. Know that He's promised a place in heaven to those who trust in Him.

There's a lovely old Western Style gospel song that says... 'I've got a mansion just over the hill top in that bright land where we'll never grow old.....'

This Easter come to the cross of Jesus and find forgiveness, new life and a new future.

God bless you,
The Editor.



Katherine Wilson is our Family Worker and can be found in or around the church (including the Gateway Café) most days. Contact her via the church office.

Yesterday was history,
Tomorrow is a mystery,
Today is a gift from God,
That is why it's called the PRESENT.

From 'A Box of Delights' by
J John & Mark Stibbe

Easter at Castle Hill Baptist Church and in the town

Maundy Thursday 21st April Soul Space 10.00am - 9.00pm
@ Castle Hill Baptist Church
(see page 6 for details)
Churches Together Communion 7.00pm
@ Northgate Methodist
Good Friday 22nd April Service 10.30am
@ Castle Hill Baptist Church
followed by Act of Witness in Market Place
(assemble at Northgate Methodist Church for 12.15pm)
Easter Sunday 24th April Morning Worship 10.30am
@ Castle Hill Baptist Church Evening Worship 6.30pm
(both services to include communion)

Please come and ,with us , thank God for Jesus.

Tuesday Together...

has been going for just over a year and has successfully achieved three objectives :-

- * To make use of older hymns - from the "green book". (*Old Baptist Hymnal*)
- * To offer fellowship for whoever is available on the first Tuesday of the month.
- * To provide a monthly week day service for people not able to attend on Sundays

Result....A light-hearted but reverent service which enables and inspires

those who come to.....WORSHIP.

No Reserved Seats

Frank.

3.30pm

TUESDAY TOGETHER
In the sanctuary (1st. Tues of month)



Have you seen the Gateway Café at the top of Smith Street, opposite Eastgate? It's part of Castle Hill Baptist Church.



Kim is our manageress and she's there from Tuesday to Friday 10.30am to 5pm (4.30pm in winter months) along with a faithful band of volunteers. If you're looking for a friendly environment to accompany good food then look no further!

Come and enjoy our excellent Fairtrade coffee or ,if you prefer, a nice 'cuppa' instead. Why not indulge in a freshly baked scone as well? Then there's the 'Specials' board! Come and see for yourself!

The Gateway Café Open : Tues.—Fri. 10.30 am—5.00pm (4.30pm winter)
Drinks, Lunches (see our Specials board), cake and more.

For Families



Sunday
 Castle Hill Baptist Church

10.30.am Morning worship, something for all ages.
 Sunday School groups for twos to fourteens
 Creche for under twos.

6.30 pm Evening Service
 (Communion 1st. Sunday evening, 3rd. Sunday morning)



Mon. Tues. Thurs. & Fri.
 9.30.am - 12 noon
 Baptist Hall Gerrard Street
 (Term time only)



Weds. 10.00.am-11.30am
 In the Baptist Hall
 Gerrard Street



Monday & Tuesday
 10.00am-12noon
 Church Lounge
 (Term time only)



children's club

Friday
 6.00pm-7.30pm
 Baptist Hall
 Gerrard Street

(Term time only)



Youth Club

Friday
 7.30pm-9.00pm
 Baptist Hall
 Gerrard Street
 (Term time only)



Sue Davis has been running our Parent And Toddlers' group for more years than she'd care to remember and we as a church fellowship appreciate her dedication.



Joan

Joan Humphreys has been providing the refreshments and she is now joined by Jan Virr. Katherine, our Family Worker, is also there.

The morning starts with table top activities for the children such as, puzzles, painting, drawing, games and building. There are sit and ride

toys for the more active and a 'safe' area for babies. After refreshments for all, they sing actions songs and in summer months the garden is available for play. Sue says that it's a busy but relaxed morning.

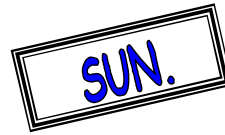


Sue

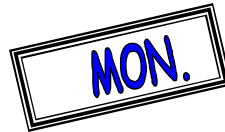


Jan

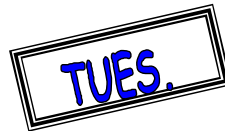
You can contact her on 01926 499561 or email: sue@davis17.fsbusiness.co.uk



10.30.am Morning Worship
 [Young people have own groups during part of this service]
 6.30.pm Evening Worship
 8.00.pm FLOBB at the 'Attic Room', Baptist Hall, Gerrard Street



10am-12pm TIDDLERS
 In church lounge (term time only)



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 In church lounge (term time only)

3.30pm TUESDAY TOGETHER
 In the sanctuary (1st. Tues of month)

1.30.pm CAMEO (3rd. Tues of month)
 (Come and Meet Each Other)
 In church lounge



10am TODDLERS
 At Baptist Hall, Gerrard Street

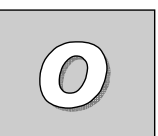
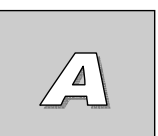
8.00pm Fellowship Meetings/House Groups
 as advertised



9.45am Prayer Meeting in church lounge
 10.30am-12pm 'WOW' group
 (Mums' house group)
 meet fortnightly
 for venue phone church office.



6pm-7.30pm Massive (at Baptist Hall Gerrard Street)
 7.30pm-9pm 'FNATTIC' Youth Club (At Baptist Hall Gerrard Street)



Church Office : 01926 410222



Soul Space is the inspiration of a gifted writer and drama teacher from our fellowship, Meg Harper (pictured).



It happens in the church, where the sanctuary is rearranged for this day to offer the opportunity for reflection, meditation and prayer in a peaceful space. This could be for a short time or longer, as you wish.

It's a good time, the day before Good Friday, when we think of Jesus making the ultimate sacrifice for us, to take time out and give some time to really 'be' in God's presence.

Hear some of the comments from people who have experienced it: *'I like the variety of different aids to contemplation and meditation on God.'* Peter

'I appreciated the 'sanctuary' atmosphere, where you could draw aside and have peace to reflect on and pray to God.' Arthur

'It was a deeply spiritual experience and as I went round I felt the Lord really speaking to me in a new way.' Joan.

Soul Space is open to everyone. You do not need to be a member of Castle Hill Baptist Church.

SOUL SPACE

**Thursday 21st. April 10am to 9pm
at Castle Hill Baptist Church**

It Makes You Think... by W Vellam Pius

SILENCE IS GOLDEN

SOMETIMES noise around us seems just unbearable. Planes overhead – radios and personal stereos blasting away – background “muzak” wherever you go.

For many people noise is an inescapable part of work. It has been an occupational hazard for some, leading to deafness.

Don't you sometimes just wish you could get away from it all and find some peace and quiet?

The Bible tells of a servant of God who desperately needed to hear God speaking to him – and he found it came not in an earthquake, a wind or a fire... but in “a still, small voice”.

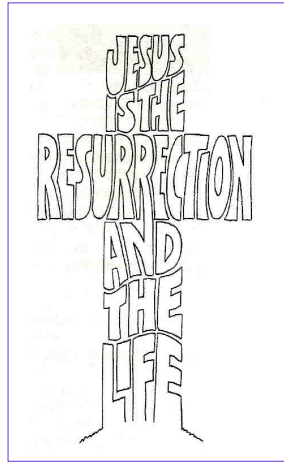
You can find God in the stillness, too, if you listen. When so much else in life bombards us with sounds, take time to be quiet, in worship and prayer.



Peace and quiet is a matter of how you use your time, really. And to those who listen, God will speak.

● Read about Elijah in 1 Kings ch. 19 in the Old Testament of the Bible.

(Release Nationwide)



Answers to an Easter Puzzle
Across: 4, hen; 6, soldier; 7, cross; 8, spices; 9, thief; 10, crowd; 13, disciples; 14, egg.
Down: 1, king; 2, dead; 3, Pharaoh; 5, women; 7, Christ; 11, Pilate; 12, alive.

Greetings from Peter, our Pastor



It is considered very strange by many people that the Christian symbol should be an instrument of torture. Imagine making jewellery out of an electric chair today and you get a sense of how out of place the cross may seem. It was a favoured Roman means of putting rebels and criminals to death – hardly something to proudly wear as an adornment.

And yet, for us it is a beautiful sign, a reminder of the lengths that God went to, to show his love for each and all of us. The Apostle Paul insists that God has reconciled us, made peace with us through the cross (Colossians 1:20) and this is the message of Easter.

Without the sacrifice of Jesus we are left without hope, we are cut off from God with no way of getting back to him. Our 'sin', the attitude of wanting to live our own way and ignore the one who made us and loves us, has created a barrier between us and God and that barrier cannot be broken through without somebody very special helping us. That special one is God himself, incarnate (made human) in the person of Jesus.

Many years ago a ferry boat, The Herald of Free Enterprise sank as it was crossing from Belgium to England. Many people were killed as the ship sank very quickly. During the panic below deck, people were rushing around trying to reach safety. Suddenly one man shouted out for people to follow him. He led people towards a ladder that would carry them to safety but just before it the water was too deep to cross. The man was very tall, he reached over and grabbed the ladder and shouted at people to walk over him to get to safety. Many people did that, literally clambering over him, to reach the safety of the deck where they were able to be rescued. The man wasn't rescued, he died, giving his life that many others might go free. Through his death he enabled many to find life.

That's what the cross represents for us. Through the death of Jesus many, many people across all generations and cultures have found life, eternal life.

The most well known verse in scripture makes clear; God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.' (John 3:16) That is the truth of why the cross is important, because through Christ we are reconciled, brought back into relationship with our heavenly Father ...for ever! If we come to the cross, recognising that we have done wrong; lived in a way that has offended or hurt God, and we accept that Jesus died for each of us to enable us to find friendship again with God, we will find eternal peace.

Come to the cross and God's promise is for you.

May God richly bless you this Easter,
Peter

Visit our website: www.warwickbaptists.org.uk

Reaching Out....

A Passage to India

Since the completion of our own church buildings, as an expression of thanks to God, we have been providing support to churches across the world by way of contributing towards the costs of other church and community buildings. Recently our support has been to Southern India.

In February Peter travelled to India to visit the two communities which we have already helped and to meet young pastors of churches from across the Tamil Nadu region.



Here are pictures of those communities.

The first, (above) shows the building in progress and the second picture (right) shows the site where building work is about to start.

This latter village is in the region affected by the 2004 Tsunami and many of the people who attend this church were involved in that tragedy.

Action Team

Our most recent BMS Action Team have been in Kolkata for the past six months. They write:

' We are staying at the BMS guesthouse, right in the centre of Kolkata, with the other Kolkata Action Team. All seven girls share a room, which is lots of fun but a complete squash and we're having to get used to having very little personal space! The guesthouse has a nice family feel and we love our supervisor, Anu.'



The group have been engaged in teaching children from the poorest homes at a mobile school. The children are picked up daily by bus and on arrival at school they are washed and given a shirt to wear. They are given breakfast and taught games and songs in a mixture of Bengali and English. After playtime the lessons begin.



The team have found their work with Freetset (a fair trade business offering employment to about 170 women previously trapped in Kolkata's sex trade) particularly rewarding. They have spent two days a week working with the women helping them to reach their massive order of 46,000 jute bags for Aldi, Australia. They rely on volunteers to do the

manual work so the team have been doing DIY, engineering and anything else that was needed.

They are back in England now at IMC (International Mission Centre) in Birmingham, training for the tour they will begin soon in this country.

We are looking forward to receiving them this weekend, when they will share something of what God is doing in Kolkata and how they were able to share His love with the children and the women.

**God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish
but have everlasting life.**

John chapter 3 verse 16, The Bible.

In this age of recycling why not create something delicious from left over bread?

Old Fashioned Bread Pudding

From 'Thoughts for Food from Castle Hill Baptist Church'

- 8oz bread (brown or white) with crusts removed
- 1/2 pt milk
- 3oz soft brown/white sugar
- 1 egg — beaten
- Nutmeg
- 2 oz melted butter
- 2 level teaspoons mixed spice
- 6 oz mixed fruit

A 2 — 2 1/2 pt baking dish, buttered

Break bread into small pieces and place them in a bowl. Pour the milk over them. Give the mixture a good stir and leave for about 30 mins. to soak. Now add the melted butter, sugar, mixed spice and beaten egg. Using a fork, beat the mixture well then stir in the mixed fruit. Spread the mixture in the prepared baking dish and sprinkle with nutmeg.

Bake on middle shelf of oven for about 1hour 15 mins
Gas Mark 4, 350 F, 180 C.

Can be sprinkled with sugar and eaten cold or served with hot custard.



Jesus said, 'The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many.'

(Matthew chapter 20 verse 28 the Bible)

Pancake Lesson

- A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5, and Ryan, 3.
- The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson.
- She said, "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait.'"
- Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "OK Ryan, you be Jesus."

Thank you

.....to all those who have contributed in any way to this issue of 'Together'.



An Easter Puzzle



- Across
4. lays eggs
 6. pronounced Jesus 'The Son of God'
 7. Nasty temper?
 8. women brought them for Jesus body
 9. he was forgiven
 10. shouted 'Crucify him!'
 13. they ran away
 14. symbol of new birth
- Down
1. Pilate wrote above the cross
 2. life extinct
 3. tried Jesus
 5. came to tomb on Sunday morning
 7. Jesus ***** rose from dead
 11. washed his hands
 12. '***** and kicking'

Answers at bottom Page 6



Take a Break

A small boy, seeing a funeral procession going **up** the street, asked his mother what it was. She told him: "It's someone who has died on their way to heaven." Some time later the little lad saw a similar procession coming **down** the street. He said, "Hard luck on that one, Mum!"

If someone hasn't got a smile, give them one of yours

From: A Box of Delights by J John & Mark Stübe

PHOTO NEWS



Howard & Vicki Forrester after their marriage in February, at Castle Hill Baptist Church.



Peter in India

Peter with some of the people he met during his travels in the Tamil Nadu region of India, where we are helping to build new churches and community buildings.

Christians from the local area and as far away as Banbury came together for three evenings, in March, to worship and to learn more from the Bible at "Deeper" 2011. Jonathan Lamb, a writer and popular convention speaker, led us through the Old Testament Book of Habakkuk. His understanding and insight was very much appreciated and we were encouraged by his teaching.



Speaker: Jonathan Lamb

Deeper 2011

Worship at the Wednesday night gathering

