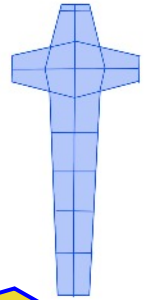


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Dear Friends,

Some of you know that lately, on Monday mornings, I have been making it a practice to “loiter with intent” ten feet outside the front door of our church. From 10:30 am to 12 noon, during our *Coffee and a Warm Space* time, I linger out there saying good morning to as many people as I can - and I see this as part of my Christian witness. I stand there wearing my clerical collar, with a big poster of John 3:16 showing through the window behind me, and I try to look as friendly as a 65-year-old, clergyman possibly can. Then, in the brave hope that my appearance will attract rather than frighten, I endeavour to make small talk with anyone who passes by. With most people there is only an exchange of greetings and a word about that subject that everyone has an opinion about, but no one understands, the weather. Occasionally someone stops to talk, and very occasionally, a passer-by will go into the church where “the team” inside will get them a hot drink and a biscuit. Such is the stuff of Christian witness at St Andrew’s on a Monday morning, and I have to say I enjoy it.

Related to all of this, I have recently read that talking to strangers is good for you. Indeed, I have read a couple of articles on the internet suggesting that the benefits of making friendly chit-chat with people we don’t know can include a greater sense of well-being, more self-confidence, the release of healthy endorphins in our brains, a stronger immune system, and even a longer life span. In an article called, “How talking to strangers could save your life,” Chris Weller encourages us to be a bit more friendly with strangers noting that a strong sense of community has been repeatedly linked with decreased heart attacks, increased happiness, and longer life. Who would have thought it? On the other hand, given that we are social creatures for whom loneliness and social isolation are killers, why wouldn’t we think it?

So, I am inclined to think that being a witness for Jesus is a complex, challenging thing. Knowing when to speak and when not to speak, knowing what to say and what not to say, is as daunting as it is exciting. Of course, it is good to share our faith with others and we probably need to work a lot harder at it than we do, but it is also good just to say hello to a stranger, to take an interest in a passer-by, and to make small talk with someone we don’t know at the supermarket. And when all that is in the spirit of Christian love, it will be good for the stranger, good for us, and there in the midst of it, Christ will be there.

With Easter Blessings, Rev Blair

All updates on church information are on our
CHURCH WEBSITE www.standrewsharlow.org.uk
If you get an old version at first, press the F5 key to refresh.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

The Christian Church has the resurrection written all over it. *E G Robinson*

Christianity is the revelation of God, not the research of man. *J A Stewart*

The Resurrection is the central theme in every Christian sermon reported in the Acts. The Resurrection, and its consequences were the 'gospel' or good news which the Christians brought. *C S Lewis*

All the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever were built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of mankind on this earth as powerfully as has that one solitary life. *J A Francis*

It is the person who most knows himself liable to fall that will be most ready to overlook any offences from his fellow men. *Alexander Auld*

When we take least notice of our good deeds ourselves, God takes most notice of them.

Matthew Henry

Rush is destructive of rest, and pace of peace. *Thomas Adams*

The hurrier I go, the behinder I get!

The world needs more warm hearts and fewer hot heads.

What the nations of the world need is a peace conference with the Prince of Peace.

Jesus heals sin with a medicine: his own blood shed for us. *Richard Wurmbrnad*

When praying, don't give God instructions – just report for duty.



Information for EASTER SERVICES

Maundy Thursday Service and Meal, April 6th 6 pm in the Hall - A missionary from the Jews for Jesus organization will be leading us and we will be experiencing the Passover and the Lord's Supper from a Jewish Christian perspective. A meal of Cottage pie, with a vegetarian option, and dessert to follow will be provided. It should be really interesting and moving. A sign-up sheet is in the Church Lobby. The cost is free but we need to know numbers by April 2nd.

Good Friday morning service 10:30 April 7th This will be a very moving service of reading, prayers and hymns. Please join us as we remember Christ's death between two robbers for the sake of our salvation.

Easter Sunday Communion Service 10:30 am April 9th – Join us on Easter Sunday as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

**We welcomed ADELAIDE OSEI
as a STEWARD during the service
on 5th March 2023.
We ask God's blessing on her
in this new task within our church.**

We are continuing our
MONDAY MORNING COFFEE TIME each week
from 10.30 am to noon. (excluding Bank Holidays)

We need two helpers each week to chat to people
who come in and to serve light refreshments.
Please let Blair know if you would like to help once
or twice a month or just occasionally.

We also hope that church members, who are not at
work, will come along to meet others in a relaxed
situation.

Christ the King Picnic in the Stow Park on May 13th from 11am to 3pm

Things we will enjoy in no particular order:

- A Treasure Hunt for children
- Ghanaian and Columbian dancing
- Acrobat and fire eater
- Worship service with Christ the King as the theme
- Selfie Frame and royal clothing with which to dress up as a King

Food that we will eat:

- Burgers and hot dogs
- Jollof Rice & Chicken
- A vegetarian dish

The Charities this year – Christian Aid and the Turkey Syria Earthquake appeal.

**Rexford Koomson
born 13th September 2022
was BAPTISED
on 26th February 2023.**

**His parents are John and Francisca Koomson
We ask God to bless him and his family.**



Lord and Saviour,

We worship you.

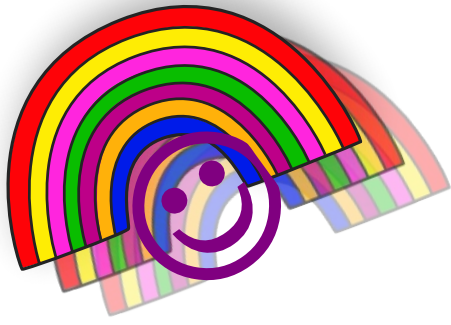
We praise you for your love for the world and for each one of us.

You went to the cross willingly to save us. You rose triumphant so that we
might rise with you.

May we accept your forgiveness and live a risen life, loving you. May our lives
reflect your glory.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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It was Palm Sunday, but because of a sore throat, five-year-old Bobby was kept home from church with his grannie. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds and Bobby asked them what they were for. "People held them over Jesus' head as He walked by," his father explained.

Bobby was aghast. "I don't believe it! The one Sunday I don't go, and He shows up!"

A little boy had spent all afternoon playing outdoors, and accidentally left his jacket at the end of the garden. When his mother realised this a couple of hours later, she told him to go back and get it. But by now the garden was dark, and so the little boy hesitated. "Don't be frightened," she said. "The Lord is out there too."

That gave the little boy an idea. He opened the back door and called softly: 'Lord, please could you pass me my jacket?'

A devout cowboy lost his Bible while he was mending fences out on the range. Three weeks later a cow walked up to him, carrying the Bible in its mouth. The cowboy couldn't believe his eyes. He took the book out of the cow's mouth and exclaimed, "It's a miracle!" "Well, hardly that," said the cow. "Your name was written inside the cover."

You can learn many things from children. How much patience you have, for instance.

If you think nobody cares whether you're alive or dead, try missing a couple of mortgage payments.

In order to keep a true perspective of one's importance, everyone should have a dog to worship him and a cat to ignore him.



Getting older is just one body part after another saying, 'Ha ha, you think that's bad? Watch this!'

The good thing about becoming forgetful is that you can hide your own Easter eggs.

Signs found outside churches....

Free Trip to heaven. Details Inside.

Searching for a new look? Have your faith lifted here!

Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low.
But the retirement benefits are out of this world.

WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PUBLICISE
**THE NEW REQUIREMENT WHEN YOU VOTE
IN LOCAL AND GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS.**

The way you vote is changing – Voter ID in Polling Stations

The next Harlow District Council Elections are taking place on **Thursday 4 May 2023**.

The UK Government have introduced new voter security measures under the Elections Act 2022 and for the first time voters will have to show photo ID at the polling station. Acceptable ID will include a passport, photo driving licence and a national concessionary bus pass.

You can still use your photo ID if it's out of date, as long as it looks like you.

The name on your ID should be the same name you used to register to vote.

There is a fuller list of other ID that will be accepted. See the Contact email or phone number at the end of this article.

If you do not have any of the ID required, you can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate that will be posted direct to your registered address.. This must be applied for by 20th April.

Also, if you would prefer you can apply for a Postal vote, which does not require photo id. You can download the application form from <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter> or contact the council on the number below.

Further information can be found by visiting

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/>

Contact: Email: registration@harlow.gov.uk Telephone: **01279 446038**



IN LOVING MEMORY of

**Gwen Arrell who died on 27th April 2019.
Doris Dougherty who died on 19th April 2020.
Lesley Malcolm who died on 29th April 2021.
May Quinton who died on 9th May 2021.
Matthew Franklin who died on 18th May 2021.**

May God comfort those who mourn.



EASTER OFFERING

On Easter Sunday, April 9th, we will be distributing envelopes in which we invite you to give money to support the Methodist Fund for World mission. This support was instigated many years ago by Methodist Women giving 1 penny a week to support Mission Work. Last year St Andrew's gave £228.50 through the Easter Offering. Thank you.

On June 6th at 2.00pm at Hoddesdon Methodist church monies given through Easter Offering from the HAEBEA Churches will be dedicated at a service written by Methodist Women in Britain. All are welcome.

Margaret Torkildsen

Methodists 'Live longer than the rest of the population'

Methodists live longer than the rest of the population, on average 7 years longer for men and 9 years longer for women, according to an academic study reported in the *Daily Telegraph* in an article by Martin Beckford on 25th June 2010. The following is an extract from this article. It may be of interest to members of the church and those thinking of joining.

'Men belonging to the famously clean-living denomination live to the ripe old age of 83.9, research has found, compared with a national average of 77.

For women the difference in longevity was even greater, with female Methodists [living to] 91.1 on average – nine years longer than the 82 years enjoyed by most British women.

Last week Stanley Lucas died in Cornwall aged 110, having become not just the oldest male member of the Methodist Church but the oldest man in Europe.

Dr Richard Vautrey, Vice President of the Methodist Conference, said, "I'm sure there are many different factors at work for Methodists to attain these numbers. But I would guess that our emphasis on caring for our spiritual as well as physical health, avoiding excess, engaging with people in our communities and being good neighbours all help."

The increased life expectancy of its followers, who now number 265,000 in Britain, was calculated by researchers working for British Religion in Numbers, based at the University of Manchester.

They studied family announcements placed in the denomination's newspaper, *The Methodist Recorder*, which found that the mean age of death for Methodist men and women in 1973 and 2008 was far higher than that of the general population as recorded by the Office for National Statistics.

Study of obituaries for Methodist ministers appeared to confirm the trend, with a mean age of death of 83.4 for men who died in 2009 – again more than six years older than the British average of 77.

The Methodist Conference, currently meeting in Portsmouth, begins each year with a rendition of a hymn [which begins]: "And are we yet alive, and see each other's face?", written by one of the movement's founders, Charles Wesley.'

Photo shows Stanley Lucas, then the oldest male member of the Methodist Church and oldest man in Europe, celebrating his 110th birthday in January, 2010, looking remarkably well. Photo credit: Richard Austin / swns.com

Submitted by Andrew Wong



Regarding what was the Sunday Club and children's work at St Andrew's

The name of the Sunday morning group for our children will no longer be Sunday Club but **Youth Church**. We have been thinking about this for some time and at the last leaders' meeting we decided that the name **Youth Church** will be more appropriate for our older children and also make the younger ones feel a bit more special.

- **The content** - the leaders of the Youth Church are trying hard to make their time with the children Biblical, engaging, age-appropriate and fun. The aim is to bring our children to a point where they make a decision for Christ and become mature in their faith.
- **The hope and expectation** - is that children will come as regularly as possible and engage with the subject matter. Sessions may not always be entertaining, but they will nonetheless be valuable. The children themselves, have a part to play in making these sessions worthwhile and formative.
- **Guest speakers** - We are keen to expose the children to guest speakers who have interesting faith stories. A speaker may come from outside or inside our church.
- **A confirmation/baptism service** - We would like those children who are ready to make a statement of faith to do so. This will involve a short preparation course with Rev Blair. If you are interested, please speak to him.
- **The need for more leaders** - The leadership of the Sunday morning sessions is shouldered by a small number of women. We need more leaders, and it would great to have some men or even one man. Leading our children to faith is a great responsibility but also a rewarding privilege. Might you be able to help?
- **Christ the King Picnic in the Park May 13th** - This is going to be a great day for which we want the children to have input and responsibility. Watch this space.
- **A Holiday Club** - We are hoping to have a Holiday Club this Summer for 5 to 11 year olds. If it happens, it may take place the first week after school ends on the mornings of July 24th -28th. Could you help with it?

Rev Blair Kirkby

Easter faith in atheist Russia

Three years after the Russian Revolution of 1917, a great anti-God rally was arranged in Kiev. The powerful orator Bukharin was sent from Moscow, and for an hour he demolished the Christian faith with argument, abuse and ridicule. At the end there was silence.

Then a man rose and asked to speak. He was a priest of the Russian Orthodox Church. He went and stood next to Bukharin. Facing the people, he raised his arms and spoke just three triumphant words: 'Christ is risen!'

At once the entire assembly rose to their feet and gave the joyful response, 'He is risen indeed!' It was a devastating moment for an atheist politician, who had no answer to give to this ancient Easter liturgy. He had not realised he was simply too late: how can you convince people that God does not exist when they have already encountered Him?

Parish Pump

DEADLINE FOR NEXT MAGAZINE -

Paper copy by Sunday 14th May or email copy by
Wednesday 17th May, to magazine@standrewsharlow.org.uk



EDITOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Throughout the Bible there are witnesses to God and his Son Jesus Christ and their grace, power and love. Here are a few from the New Testament. The quotes are from The Living Bible.

God sent John the Baptist as a witness to the fact that Jesus Christ is the true light.

John 1:6-7.

(At Jesus' Baptism) And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my beloved Son, and I am wonderfully pleased with him. *Matthew 3:17.*

(Jesus told the Pharisees) I am one witness, and my Father who sent me is the other.

John 8:18.

(Peter, who denied Jesus was his friend, wrote later in life) For we have not been telling you fairy tales when we explained to you the power of our Lord Jesus Christ and his coming again. *2 Peter 1:16.*

(St Paul said, during his life story-telling to King Agrippa) I teach nothing except what the prophets and Moses said – that the Messiah would suffer, and be the first to rise from the dead, to bring light to Jews and Gentiles alike. *Acts 26:22b-23.*

(Jesus was talking to two of his followers, who didn't recognise him when he joined them, as they hiked from Jerusalem to Emmaus) Then Jesus quoted them passage after passage from the writings of the prophets, beginning with the book of Genesis and going right on through the Scriptures, explaining what the passages meant and what they said about himself.

Luke 24:27.

(We're not sure who wrote the book of Hebrews, but he or she was a true Christian) Since we have such a huge crowd of witnesses watching us from the grandstands, let us strip off anything that slows us down or holds us back, and especially those sins that wrap themselves so tightly around our feet and trip us up; and let us run with patience the particular race that God has set before us. *Hebrews 12:1-2.*

(St Paul, that great witness for Christ wrote) For his Holy Spirit speaks to us deep in our hearts, and tells us that we really are God's children. *Romans 8:16.*

(Jesus, talking to his disciples) But when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will receive power to testify about me with great effect, to the people in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth, about my death and resurrection. *Acts 1:8.*

And as we think of Easter and Christ's suffering and death, and then his triumphant rising to new life, we remember the witnesses to the empty tomb and Christ risen. St Paul says that Jesus appeared to more than 500 men at once after he rose from death. His women followers had seen him first and then the eleven disciples. They were all witnesses to the living Lord.

And we also are witnesses. As Christians, our lives are lived for Jesus. Although we cannot see him physically, we can also be his witnesses. He has called us to follow him and in doing so, we witness to his love, grace and saving power.

Easter Blessings,
Hazel

CHARACTERS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT 8 – JOSHUA

Arthur Revels

Joshua was the successor to Moses. The book of Joshua is the first of 12 history books. It records the arrival of Israel in the Promised Land following their 40 year journey in the wilderness. It covers a period of 25 years. The name Joshua means the same as Jesus, God saves. The book of Joshua includes the destruction of Jericho, Rahab the prostitute and the defeat of Israel at Ai.

God gave Israel the land but they had to take possession of it. God made promises about the land as part of the covenant with Abraham. Joshua was one of the original 12 spies sent to the land of Canaan by Moses to report details of the land for the conquest (Numbers 13). Only 2 of the spies, Joshua and Caleb, thought they should enter the land. The people grumbled about it and God decreed that only Joshua and Caleb of the original population would enter the Promised Land.

Joshua later sent 2 spies to Jericho where Rahab the prostitute lived. The King of Jericho discovered the spies had entered the house of Rahab. Rahab hid the spies on her roof under stalks of flax and lied to the men who searched for them, saying that they had left. She helped them escape with a rope from a window. The spies asked Rahab to tie a scarlet cord from the window from which she helped them escape to ensure that when the land was taken, nobody in her house would be harmed. You can read about Rahab in chapters 2 and 6 of Joshua. Some commentators say that the scarlet cord is symbolic of the blood of Jesus on the cross. Matthew lists Rahab in the genealogy of the royal line to Jesus. One challenge for us is lying, and is it permissible to lie to protect someone from harm?

The city of Jericho was built on a large hill and surrounded by two strong walls, making it difficult to capture. God instructed the army of Israel to march round the city once each day for 6 days, and on the 7th day to march around seven times, and the priests blow the trumpets. Following this God made the walls of Jericho fall down, ready for the conquest. Unusual instructions perhaps but the inhabitants of Jericho must have been confused. Rev. Blair asked me during a service the number of times the army walked round the walls of Jericho and I got it wrong. It had to be 7, the number of completion and perfection.

God was helping the Israelites in the capture of the land but with one exception, they were defeated at Ai. One man was responsible for the defeat: Achan. He took some spoils of victory (silver and gold and buried them inside his tent.) This represented disobedience to God's instructions. God took lots (possibly using the Urim and Thummim) to indicate who was responsible. Achan was identified and stoned to death.

There are other miracles in addition to the fall of the walls of Jericho. God stopped the flow of the waters of the river Jordan for the Israelites to cross, and caused the sun to stand still. He stopped the moon at Gibeon, possibly to extend daylight for Israel to defeat the enemy.

The book of Joshua concludes with the allocation of the land to the tribes but this doesn't make interesting reading, and Joshua spoke to the people, reminding them of the covenant made with Israel, committing them to obey God's laws. The people failed to take possession of all the land promised by God.

What is the significance of Joshua to us today? God keeps his promises, we need to keep our faith in God (Rahab is included in the book of Hebrews' hall of faith). Don't be like Achan, sinful and disobedient to God. Know your scripture and follow the teaching of Jesus.

Note – The Urim and Thummim: The belief is the priest carried a black and a white stone inside his breastplate to determine God's will. When the white stone was drawn the answer was positive, if the black one - negative. (Source 'Unlocking the Bible' by David Paterson)

Information for Offertory Envelope Users & Would-Be Users

The new financial year begins on 6th April, and new Offertory Envelope packs will be available for collection from church on Sunday, 26th March. If you are new to this church and would like to start using envelopes for regular and responsible givings on Sundays, please contact me, the Envelopes Secretary.

We have made good progress in reducing the number of envelope packs ordered each year, thus saving some stationery expenses and reducing paper wastage. So this time round, please note that for envelope users with numbers between 31 and 40, when you receive your new packs, your numbers will have been reassigned upwards to fill the gaps.

It would be much appreciated, therefore, if users could refrain from using envelopes that are not meant for this coming year. The colour of envelopes to be used in the new year is 'yellow'. Using envelopes of colours other than 'yellow' has the potential of mixing up your donation with those of others, and so, to avoid confusion, sadly can only be treated as 'loose' and cannot be attributed to your good self.

As with previous years, envelope numbers that have not been used for more than six months will not automatically be carried through to new box sets. If affected members wish to resume using envelopes to make donations, please ask me for a new set.

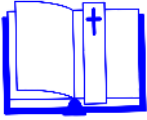
As an alternative to envelopes, have you considered using Bank Standing Orders for your regular payments instead of envelopes? Once set up, you no longer need to worry about chores such as remembering to bring in envelopes on Sundays, or looking for the right amount of cash on Saturday nights. If you change your mind, you can always cancel the order or amend the amount you pay at anytime.

The bank that our church uses has recently reclassified charity accounts as 'business accounts' and start charging customers on cash and cheque deposits. The amount charged is proportional to the amount paid in. However, electronic deposits incur no charges. So moving over to electronic payment will save the church money and protect the value of your contributions. If you have changed over to electronic payment and no longer require envelopes, please let me know, so that I can remove your name from the envelopes list, but still assign the correct amount to Gift Aid claims.

Whilst on the subject of Gift Aid, I'll repeat my annual recruitment drive for more donors to join the scheme. If you are a tax payer, please consider assigning your donations to Gift Aid. This gives the church the ability to increase the value of your contribution, at no additional cost to yourselves, by up to 25%. The church's financial health has yet to recover to its pre- Covid level, so if you can lend a hand to help the church by this simple act, it will be much appreciated and valued.

Andrew Wong, Envelope Scheme and Gift Aid Secretary





BIBLE READING from St Mark 15:1–5 Living Bible.

Early in the morning the chief priest, elders and teachers of religion - the entire Supreme Court - met to discuss their next steps. Their decision was to send Jesus under armed guard to Pilate, the Roman governor.

Pilate asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?'

'Yes,' Jesus replied, 'it is as you say.'

Then the chief priests accused him of many crimes, and Pilate asked him, 'Why don't you say something? What about all these charges against you?'

But Jesus said no more, much to Pilate's amazement.

Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid Week 2023 is to take place on **14th-20th May**. St. Andrew's Church will follow our tradition of supporting the event with the following activities:

- **Envelope collection:** individuals can make donations through the Christian Aid envelopes which will be available and can be handed in with the Church offertory from 7th to 28th May
- **Donation online:** please use the following link to make donation online <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>
- **Christian Aid Lunch:** will take place on Sunday 21st May, starting at 12.00pm. Please take this opportunity to sit down with friends to enjoy a lunch and catch up on Church affairs
- **Christian Aid information display** will be on the Church foyer in May, please watch out for them

In 2022, St. Andrew's donation for Christian Aid Week was £740.00, plus Gift Aid tax rebate of £180. We thank everyone for their kind support and enthusiastic contributions. We hope to maintain a similar level of collection this year and rely on your generosity and support.

The focus of this year's campaign is on Malawi: Families in Malawi are paying the price of this global crisis. Food, fuel, fertiliser and school fees have doubled in price in the last 12 months. Hard-working farmers are seeing their harvests fail as the climate crisis brings increasingly erratic weather.

- £10 could pay for 2kg bag of seeds to plant pigeon peas – a hardy, drought-resistant crop.
- £50 could provide pigeon pea seeds and farming tools for a family.
- £100 could provide a business training session, helping farmers to secure higher, fairer prices for their crops.

Please Give, Act and Pray for this Christian Aid Week.

Christian Aid Week Organisers
Kay Wong & Susan McKenzie

SUNDAY COFFEE



Sunday Coffee - Alison Brand - 445187

week 1	Gay Brown & Barbara Baldwin
week 2	Margaret T.& Maureen Etchells
Week 3	Hazel Taylor & Andrew Proctor
week 4	Alison Brand & Louise
week 5	Margery and Eddie Collier

STARS

Each Tuesday in term time @ 10am
 Contact: Alison Brand 445187



First Tuesday Gay Brown
 Second Tuesday *CAN YOU HELP?*
 Third Tuesday Gay Brown
 Fourth Tuesday *CAN YOU HELP?*
 Regular helper at start - Andrew Proctor

HELPERS

Flower Rota

APRIL

9th Beth and John Hutchings
 23rd Jane Steer



MAY

7th The Mountsteven Family
 21st Hazel and Bob Taylor



Flowers:

*contact Margaret Mountsteven - 411028
 or Hazel - 438905*

Please let one of the above have the money and any colour preferences
two weeks before your flower date.

APRIL DIARY

**WE ARE WORSHIPPING
IN CHURCH
and also on ZOOM**

**YOUTH CHURCH
Sunday 10.30am
Not meeting 2nd & 9th
April**

BIBLE STUDIES

MONDAY - 12 NOON Eat your lunch as you share in a Bible discussion.

AT CHURCH, led by Rev Blair.

TUESDAY 7.30pm - Led by Fred Arthur IN THE CHAPEL. We are studying Genesis.

THURSDAY 12 NOON - ON ZOOM - led by Rev Blair.


THURSDAY 7.30pm - Led by Fred Arthur. ON ZOOM. Continuing in Corinthians

NIOMIE CARTWRIGHT WILL BE SUPERVISING A CRÈCHE DURING OUR
SUNDAY SERVICE ONCE A MONTH and in April it's the 2nd

**Please don't come to church if you are unwell. All Sunday Morning
Services are also on Zoom. Phone Rev Blair or Rev John for the link.**

MONDAY MORNING COFFEE TIME 10.30 - 12. Each Monday in April except 10th

PALM SUNDAY 2nd 10.30am Morning Worship - Rev John Buxton. **Crèche this Sunday**

Maundy Thursday 6th 6.00pm Jews for Jesus
including Communion 
and a meal, information page 2

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P **Good Friday** 7th 10.30am A Service of Readings, Prayers & Hymns 

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R **EASTER SUNDAY**

9th 10.30am Morning Worship and Holy Communion -
Rev Blair Kirkby 

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L Saturday 15th 11.00am Pop-in Prayers

SUNDAY 16th 10.30am Morning Worship - Mr Michael Beccato-Fischer

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Wednesday 19th 7.30pm *Area Meeting at Epping URC*

Thursday 20th 12.30pm *Friendship Group at the home of Margaret M. in Pennymead*

SUNDAY 23rd 10.30am Morning Worship - Rev John Buxton

Sunday 30th 10.30am Morning Worship and Baptism - Rev Blair Kirkby

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	Thursday	4th	10.15am	Friendship Group leave Harlow for Ongar Garden Centre	
M	Saturday	6th		THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III	M
	SUNDAY	7th	10.30am	Morning Worship and Holy Communion - Rev Blair Kirkby	
A	Saturday	13th	11 - 3pm	CHURCH EVENT - ON THE STOW FIELD - 'CHRIST THE KING' Our Coronation Celebration: SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS	A
Y	SUNDAY	14th	10.30am	Morning Worship - Mrs Julie Finbow + Crèche this Sunday CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 14th - 20th - SEE PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS	Y
	Thursday	18th	7.30pm	Area Property and Finance Meeting	
M	Saturday	20th	11.00am	Pop-in Prayer	M
A	SUNDAY	21st	10.30am	Morning Worship on Ascension Day - Mrs Efua Koi-Larbi	A
			12 noon	CHRISTIAN AID LUNCH	
	Wednesday	24th	7.30pm	Area Executive Meeting	
Y	SUNDAY	28th	10.30am	Morning Worship for Pentecost - Rev John Buxton	Y

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Easter Offering Dedication Service at Hoddesdon Methodist Church
Tuesday 6th June @2.00pm. All welcome.

Church Council Meeting - Sunday 16th July @ 2.30pm

Celebration Service welcoming BSMC Circuit as they join HAEBEA
on Saturday 9th September @ 4.00pm.

The Preacher is Rev David Chapman, Chairman of the District.
The service is followed by refreshments.

HARVEST Thanksgiving 1st October

Church ANNIVERSARY - 22nd October with Rev Steve Mayo