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Newsletter

13th & 20th April 2025

Dear friends,

As I write this, our journey through Lent is almost over and we stand at the very edge of Easter and the great drama of the death and resurrection of Jesus. This is a time of conflicting emotions and themes. There is an ancient Anglo Saxon poem, one of the oldest in the English language, called "the Dream of the Rood." One translation of it goes like this:

"I beheld bright in the air a wondrous cross of wood speeding its way, and all that blessed sign glorious with gold, glittered with jewels: and still through all this splendour I could see its agonies of long ago, as it began to bleed from its right side. It seemed to change, this speeding sign, sometimes all red with blood, sometimes with treasure hung."

Gold and Jewels, but also blood, suffering, death and loss. The Dream of the Rood is about the paradox of the cross: it is a thing of suffering and death which became the route by which Christ gained

his greatest glory. It is a paradox that has inspired composers and artists and hymn writers throughout the ages.

As Easter arrives, hold on to that image of a cross hung with treasure. We are an Easter people, sent out to share the treasure of the Gospel. Our good news was bought at a terrible price, but remains good news nonetheless, as William Fullerton captured in his great hymn, "I cannot tell":

I cannot tell how silently He
suffered,
As with His peace He graced this
place of tears,
Or how His heart upon the cross
was broken,
The crown of pain to three and
thirty years.
But this I know, He heals the
broken-hearted,
And stays our sin, and calms our
lurking fear,
And lifts the burden from the heavy
laden,
For yet the Saviour, Saviour of the
world is here.

We look at the cross, and think "I cannot tell." But then we look at the glory, and say "but this I know..."

David

Easter Services at Rugby Baptist Church

13th April - Palm Sunday

10:30am Sunday Morning Service

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6:30pm Evening Service

**Flowers given today by Paul and Trish Ridgway
celebrating their 51st Wedding Anniversary**

18th April - Good Friday

10:00am Service in the church garden followed by a Walk of Witness to St Andrews for closing worship and hot cross buns.

20th April - Easter Sunday

10:30am Sunday Morning Service

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Rugby Revive - Party in the Park

12:30-4:00pm Harris Academy

**Flowers given today by Barbara Dougherty
for family and friends**





Easter

PICNIC IN THE PARK

+ Sunday 20th April 2025

Harris Academy Field / 12:30pm - 4pm

REVIVE PICNIC & FUN AFTERNOON.

We invite all to join us for a Revive family fun picnic at Harris Academy on Sunday 20th April from 12.30 til 4pm.

We have the following to look forward to:

Food Hot and cold refreshments available to purchase

Inflatable bouncy castles, assault course, soft Play

Football Matches and Basketball shoot out

Lots of childrens toys like giant jenga, connect4, parachute, axe throwing, etc

Face Painting and Body Art

Rich and Ollie Show for the little ones!

Ice cream van

EASTER EGG HUNT WITH PRIZES

It's an afternoon not to miss! All are welcome to join us and bring your family and friends!

Harris Academy, 25 Saunton Road, Rugby CV22 6EA



The kitchen project in the John Lees Hall is almost complete.

Volunteers have received training on the Combi-Oven and the dishwasher has been in use.

The team of volunteers making this project happen have worked incredibly hard, clearing cupboards, painting, repairing, tiling and cleaning. It looks fantastic!





Regent Tots had fun hunting for eggs last Monday and making hatching easter chicks, they learnt about the Easter Story from David in the church and they all received a book "The good story" to take home too.

Regent Tots are now on their Easter break but will be back on Monday 28th April.

Thank you to all of the volunteers that make Regent Tots happen, you have done a fabulous job again this term.



1st Rugby Girls' Brigade have been preparing for Easter too. They have made Easter trees showing the qualities of Jesus and Easter baskets. Although now on Easter holidays the girls meet every Monday during term time from 6pm and new members are always welcome. Contact us on gb@rugbybaptist.org.uk

The church garden is looking fantastic in the sunshine. If you can spare a few minutes, come and have a rest and enjoy the hard work of our gardening volunteers.



The Quiet Revival



The Bible Society is speaking of a "quiet revival" happening in Britain. And they have done solid research to back it up.

Their research shows that over 2 million more people are regularly attending church than were 6 years ago.

Co author of the research, Dr Rob Barward-Symmons, suggests that while part of this growth is driven by believers from ethnic minorities, the largest growth has been among young men from all backgrounds. The biggest factor has been people searching for meaning, community and satisfaction with life.

Our Minister goes to prison!

Trudy went to Onley Prison as part of the Revive network in Rugby. The visit started with worship in the chapel which included a moving testimony from one of the prisoners. This was followed by lunch with the meal prepared and served by some prisoners, as part of their preparation for release. The food was fantastic and the service was amazing.

The tour that followed included visiting two wings and some of the workshops where the men spend their time recycling items or repairing bicycles.

At the end of the visit there was opportunity to ask questions and were surprised by a visit from the Governor.

REVIVE are now working closely with the prison chaplaincy to see how churches in Rugby can offer support and resources for this ministry.

A valuable experience that Trudy would highly recommend.

Read more:
[www.biblesociety.org.uk/
research/quiet-revival](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/research/quiet-revival)



Church Spring Clean

Lots of helpers needed to make the most of an empty building and give things like the tables and chairs a deep clean.

Tuesday 22nd April, 9am until no later than 12 noon.
All welcome.

If you'd like to get involved please let Cathy Barker or Gill in the office know.

Refreshments provided.



Rugby Baptist Church's **Luncheon Club**

Reopens!

Tuesday 29th April 12 noon



Once again Rugby Baptist Church will be taking part in the Food and Drink Festival on Saturday 26th April. We will be serving cakes and drinks* in the John Lees Hall alongside the very popular bouncy castle on the lawn, and the church will also be open for people to explore. As always this is a great opportunity to be present in our community.

Please get in touch with Kathryn Morley if you can provide a cake for the refreshments or can volunteer a couple of hours (or more!) to help on the day. We need volunteers to staff the kitchen, the bouncy castle and the church. The event will be running from 11am to 5pm. *We will serve soup as well if someone volunteers to make the soup!

Rugby's Spring Food & Drink Festival

Saturday 26 April
11-5pm



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Friday 18th April - 7pm to 9pm

Saturday 19th April - 3pm to 5pm + Rugby Elim Kids

Saturday 19th April - 7pm to 9pm

To attend this Event, tickets are available with Supported donation options of £5, £10 and £15. Refreshments also available.



More information and to book:
www.rugbyelim.org.uk/easter



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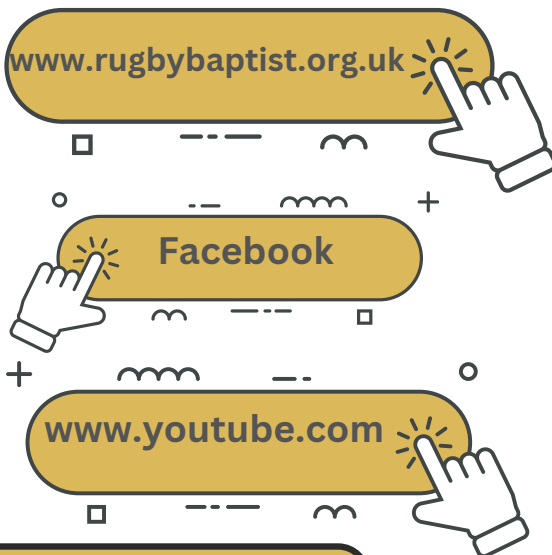
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