

**Alleluia, Christ is risen
He is risen indeed.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

So what?

As you read this we will be about to or will have just celebrated the tremendous truth that Jesus has risen from the tomb. We would have found the alleluias we buried at the start of Lent and we have rejoiced together, sharing some late night and early morning worship as well of course plenty of Easter Eggs!

But, when the dust settles, the eggs have been eaten and we've caught up on our sleep, what next? If the resurrection of Jesus is true, if he is still alive and we are open to receiving the gift of his Spirit, what do we do with this? We believe we know God is transformative. Our relationship with him, or worship, the opportunity to read the Bible and to pray makes a real difference in our lives, and can change others. The first thing that the disciples did when they found out Jesus was alive was tell others, beginning with those who knew him, but then they went to Jerusalem and then the rest of the world. That should also be our response to the Good News of Easter.

Easter Sunday is the beginning of Eastertide, a season in the church when in particular we look at the early church and how it grew and impacted those who were around. In our worship on a Sunday we are going to explore this together, starting on Sunday 12th April. In the first part of the worship, before the children go out, we will look at the journey of the church in Acts. This will involve a short interactive talk for the whole church. After the children go out to their groups we will be looking together at a series called *Fruitfulness on the frontline*. This is a series put together by the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity and encourages us to consider the relevance of our faith in the context of where we live and go to school. There will also be house groups for those who wish to explore the sermon further each week. I do hope you can join us as we consider the challenge of being the Good News here in Arbury.

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He is risen indeed.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Who are you going to tell?**

David

3-part round unknown

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

2 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

3 A - men, a - men!

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READINGS FOR APRIL

Sundays and holy days

2 MAUNDY THURSDAY
Exodus 12: 1-4, 11-14
John 13: 1-17, 31-35

5 EASTER VIGIL
Romans 6: 3-11
Mark 16: 1-8

5 EASTER DAY
Acts 10: 34-43
Mark 16: 1-8

12 EASTER 2
Acts 4: 32-35
Genesis 1: 24-31
John 20: 19 - end

19 EASTER 3
Acts 3: 12-19
Leviticus 26: 1-13
Luke 24: 36-48

26 EASTER 4
Acts 4: 5-12
Mark 13: 5-13

Wednesdays

1 Isaiah 50: 4-9
Hebrews 12: 1-3
John 13: 21-32

8 CHURCH CLOSED

15 Acts 5: 17-26
John 3: 16-21

22 Acts 8: 1-8
John 6: 35-40

29 Acts 12: 24 – 13.5
John 12: 44 - end

FIRST CALL

Sunday April 19 at 7pm at Arbury Road Baptist Church.

REGULAR SERVICES IN APRIL

Sundays 8.30am Holy Communion
10am Parish Communion

Wednesdays 9.30am Holy Communion

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays Morning Prayer, when said in church, will be at 9.15.

Second Monday of each month will be set aside for Staff Prayer.

CHURCH CLOSURE

The Church will close after the 10am service on Easter Day (April 5) and will re-open on Monday April 13. On Sunday April 12 there will be a service at 10am only

SPECIAL SERVICES IN APRIL

Sunday April 26 the 10am service will be an All Age service

EVENTS IN APRIL

Sunday April 12 at 12 noon Sunday Lunch Club meets in the Church Hall.

Sunday April 26 at 11.15 the Annual Church Meeting will be held in church.



HOUSE GROUPS

start week beginning Monday April 13.
Details will be in the weekly bulletin.

EASTER AWAKENING

After the winter of the spirit, the dark obeisance
of heart and seed, the frost's tapestry
cold as a shroud, the keening wind
pawing the hillside like a wild dog,
came suddenly a day when earth unlocked,
grasped its forgiveness; when fragile spears
of growth broke tentative from the soil's prison,
air spilled with birdsong and the freshets ran.

Then it was joy, it was Magdalene and garden,
Rabbouni on the lips, the glad tears welling,
and over all the sun's disc rising, rising
above three crosses on the singing hill.
Rex Collinson



MESSAGE FROM JANET MACDONALD'S DAUGHTER

Matthew (my boyfriend), my sister Kate, our friends and I will be doing a midnight half marathon walk on 16 May organised by Walk the Walk. They are a grant giving charity who support various Breast cancer charities, organisations and research.

We would love to smash our fundraising target to help women like mum all over the UK

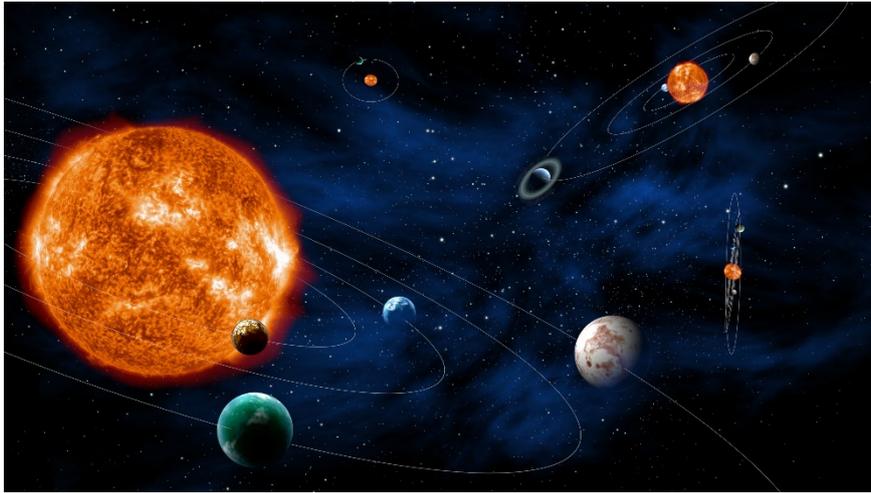
The link to our online page is <https://give.everydayhero.com/uk/plummy-s-pink-ladies>

Arbury Carnival 13th June 2015

This is early notice of our involvement, I know, but as usual we will be taking two stalls, one of which will be the Cake Stall, to be organised by Paula. The theme of the carnival this year is "SPACE", so maybe this could be reflected in any cakes donated. We'll still welcome the traditional cakes, pastries and savouries for which our regular customers can't get enough of, so put on your thinking caps.

There will be more details in the weekly bulletin as we get closer to the event.

Ruby, Evelyn & Paula



YESTERDAY

Yesterday,
All those backups seemed a waste of pay.
Now my database has gone away.
Oh I believe in yesterday.

Suddenly,
There's not half the files there used to be,
And there's a milestone hanging over me
The system crashed so suddenly.

I pushed something wrong
What it was I could not say.
Now all my data's gone
and I long for yesterday-ay-ay-ay.

Yesterday,
The need for back-ups seemed so far away.
I knew my data was all here to stay,
Now I believe in yesterday.

(Sung to the tune of the Beatles' song "Yesterday")

FOR YOUR AMUSEMENT

Show and Tell

A kindergarten teacher gave her class a "show and tell" assignment. Each student was instructed to bring in an object to share with the class that represented their religion.

The first student got up in front of the class and said, "My name is Benjamin and I am Jewish and this is a Star of David."

The second student got up in front of the class and said, "My name is Mary. I'm a Catholic and this is a Rosary."

The third student got in up front of the class and said, "My name is Tommy. I am Methodist, and this is a casserole."

The laws that govern the universe

Law of mechanical repair After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.

Law of gravity Any nut, bolt, screw when dropped, will roll to the least accessible place in the universe.

Law of probability The probability of being is watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act

Law of random numbers If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal; someone always answers

Law of the bath When the body is fully immersed in water, the phone will ring

Law of close encounters The probability of meeting someone you know *increases* dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

Given by Dorothy Gardner

New Wine for seniors

A single glass at night could mean a peaceful uninterrupted night's sleep.

Clare Valley vintners in South Australia, which primarily produces Pinot Blanc, Pinot Noir, and Pinot Grigio wines, have developed a new hybrid grape that acts as an anti-diuretic.

It is expected to reduce the number of trips that older people have to make to the bathroom during the night.

The new wine will be marketed as

Pino more

Given by Finsetta Cummings

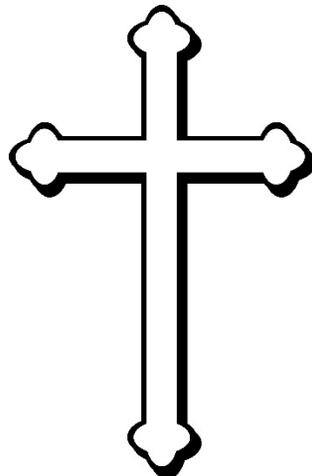


WHAT IS SALVATION?

(from my 2014 collection COME WHAT MAY)

Until we heed the call to free
Ourselves from what we've been in past,
And what's been done to us, we'll not
Embrace the nagging need to cast
Aside our sense of selves perceived
As constant victims. Blind to tales
That other's tell of how we came
To be so unaware of scales
Concealing truths from selves, we choose
To entertain a fiction view
Preventing moves to pray for grace.
We each must ask for life's that new
When Holy Spirit opens hearts
To love incarnate holding reins.
It's thus enslaved we find ourselves
Accepting selves as flawed. The gains
Allow our fears to die, our worries cease
To hinder wills, as servants now
We find we're free from brittle aims
And cheap desires. We disavow,
But don't deny, our selfish pasts.
We've joined the pilgrim band intent
On building Kingdom now. Despite
The storms and dark that won't relent,
Our hopes are kept alive by glow
Of Gospel's light we glimpse in lives
Of fellow fools inspired by Christ.
It's thus we tame our inborn drives
And win a prize that can't be priced.

Henry Disney



A PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

A 92-year-old, petite, well-poised and proud man, who is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock, with his hair fashionably combed and shaved perfectly, even though he is legally blind, moved to a nursing home today. His wife of 70 years recently passed away, making the move necessary.

After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, he smiled sweetly when told his room was ready. As he maneuvered his walker to the elevator, I provided a visual description of his tiny room, including the eyelet sheets that had been hung on his window.

"I love it," he stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy.

"Mr. Jones, you haven't seen the room; just wait."

"That doesn't have anything to do with it," he replied. "Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time. Whether I like my room or not doesn't depend on how the furniture is arranged. It's how I arrange my mind. I already decided to love it. It's a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice; I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work, or get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do. Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open, I'll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I've stored away. Just for this time in my life..."

HOW TO WRITE GOODER

Here are several very important but often forgotten rules of English:

1. Avoid alliteration. Always.
2. Prepositions are not words to end sentences with.
3. Avoid cliches like the plague. (They're old hat.)
4. Employ the vernacular.
5. Eschew ampersands & abbreviations, etc.
6. Parenthetical remarks (however relevant) are unnecessary.
7. It is wrong to ever split an infinitive.
8. Contractions aren't necessary.
9. Foreign words and phrases are not apropos.
10. One should never generalize.
11. Comparisons are as bad as cliches.
12. Don't be redundant; don't use more words than necessary; it's highly superfluous.
13. Understatement is always best.
14. Exaggeration is a billion times worse than understatement.
15. One-word sentences? Eliminate.
16. The passive voice is to be avoided.
17. Even if a mixed metaphor sings, it should be derailed.
18. Who needs rhetorical questions?

SO FAR TO FIND YOU

You were broken, abandoned
And crying all alone
We were waiting and praying
And longing to bring you home
And then we saw your face
In a moment you were wrapped up in our hearts
We took a step of faith
And now here we are

Will you let me hold you in my arms tonight
I have come so far to find you
So far to find you
Will you take my love and give up the fight
I have come so far to find you
So far to find you

From a world away, I journeyed
Just to hold your hand
You will never be alone again
I've come so far to find you
So far to find you

You were fighting and fearful
You were hiding your heart away
But I was trying so hard to show you
'Cause there were no words that I could say
If you could see my heart
You would know that all I want to do
Is care for you

Here in your eyes I see
Reflections of myself
How I'm the child that's really running
But I can hear a voice that's whispering my name
Saying come to me, don't run from me
I'm all you need and I am calling

From Heaven's throne
Down to a rugged cross I came
It was My love for you that brought Me all the way
So far to find you
So far to find you
You were broken, abandoned
And crying all alone.

This is a track from *Come to the well* by *Casting Crowns*. Easter in a nutshell? Especially the last verse.



Plant and Book Sale 23rd May 2015

Now that the weather seems to have brightened up a little and Spring is just around the corner, the garden is calling and it's time to split up those clumps of hardy perennials and shrubs. While you are answering the call, please pop a plant or two in a pot and put it aside for the P&B sale. It's a great event to acquire new stock at bargain prices and chat with other gardeners about techniques and plant care. A very enjoyable way to contribute to Church fund raising!

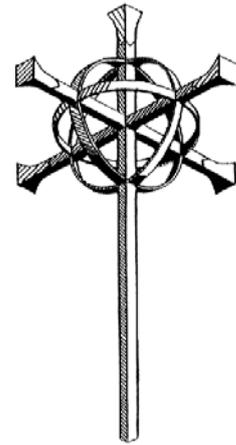
More information about the event will be in the Bulletin as we get closer to the day.

Ruby & Evelyn

IN THE CHURCH HALL (to book call 352151 (evenings))

THE SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB 1 st Sunday of the month noon – 1.30pm	Jinty Keir	572303
RED HEN Monday 8.15 – 11am	Christine O'Reilly	0781 6444439
MONDAY MUMS 11am – 1pm	Zuzana Lovellova	328521
THE MONDAY CLUB Monday 2.00 – 3.30pm	Eva Hutson	574070
THE GOOD SHEPHERD CUBS Monday 6.30 - 8pm	Charles Brown	07720 441123
LINE DANCING Tuesday 10.15 - 11.45am	Deborah Walker	01954 231382
KEEP FIT 50+ GROUP Tuesday 2.30 - 4pm	Margaret Briggs	01954 250870
THE GOOD SHEPHERD RAINBOWS Tuesday 6.15 – 7.15pm	Miss Rachel Marsh	574520
DOG TRAINING CLASSES Tuesday 7.30 - 9.30pm	Susannah O'Hanlon	235281
CARERS & SUFFERERS OF DEMENTIA Wednesday 10 – 12 noon	The Manager	884031
THE 18th & 25th GOOD SHEPHERD BROWNIES Wednesday 6 - 7.15pm	Mrs Pat Marsh	574520
THE CAMERA CLUB Wednesday 7.30 – 9.30pm	Steve Morrell	529670
GUILDHALL RETIRED MEMBERS CLUB 2 nd Wednesday of the month 2 - 4pm	Yvonne Wisbey	523549
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION 3 rd Wednesday of the month 2.30 - 4.30pm January to November	Mr. Gawthrop	351855
T G W U 4 th Wednesday of the month 2 – 4pm	Evelyn Hunnyball	364293
ALZHEIMERS DROP IN CAFÉ 12.15 – 3pm on 1 st Thursday of the month	Sheila Burgess	01353 699422
THE GOOD SHEPHERD BEAVERS Thursday 6.15 - 7.30pm	Emma Roberts	426043
THE GOOD SHEPHERD SCOUTS Thursday 7.30 – 9.00pm	Chris White	0700 891511
CHURCH TODDLERS' CLUB Friday 9.15 – 11.30am	Claire Duell	0787 4850867
TAI CHI Friday 2 – 3pm	Mike Tabrett	503390
DOG TRAINING CLASSES Friday 7.30 - 9.30pm	Arbury Road Vet. Surgery	361911

**Submission date for
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CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Here at the Good Shepherd we like to help you to celebrate and commemorate many of the milestones on the journey through life; these include weddings, anniversaries, funerals, and baptism services.

If you wish to find out more about these, the first step is to contact the Vicar, the Reverend David Maher. He will be able to tell you what is involved and arrange for a meeting with you if you then wish to take things further.

He can be contacted on 01223 351844

Church website: www.churchofthegoodshepherd.co.uk

