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## Holy Week

Today is the start of Holy Week – a very special time for Christians everywhere, but particularly in our own church. By taking time this week to walk the easter trail, to reflect through music, to join in fellowship and to share in worship means that we can truly immerse ourselves in the Easter story.

It is a story that is familiar to us all, but still a story that continues to teach us so much about ourselves, about human behaviour, about the nature of Jesus and about God's love. I can almost guarantee that something that is said, sung, played or presented this week will make you stop and say "I've never thought of it that way before". So take the opportunities that we have this week to learn something new.

*Tell me the story slowly, that I may take it in,  
That wonderful redemption, God's remedy for sin.  
Tell me the story often, for I forget so soon;  
The early dew of morning has passed away at noon.*  
[The Song Book of The Salvation Army, No. 150]

Paul Heath

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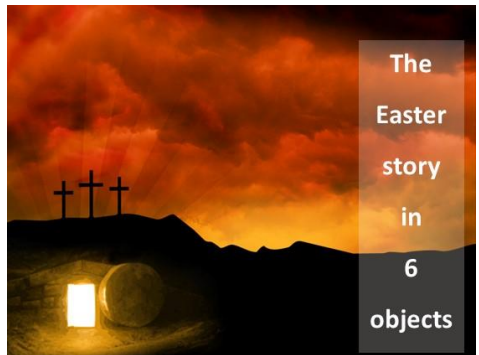
## PEOPLE:

We continue to remember those who are in hospital and living with serious health concerns. At the time of writing Gwen remains in hospital, as does Roy - although he is hoping to move to a nursing home. Jill is still far from well and continues to live at Gracefields. Please pray for our friends along with those people in our fellowship who are unwell.

Congratulations to Colin and Nicola, who celebrate their 30<sup>th</sup> (pearl) Wedding Anniversary tomorrow.

## THE EASTER STORY IN 6 OBJECTS:

For those of you who listen to the radio, you may have heard the BBC4 radio series titled: 'A history of the world in 100 objects'. For Easter this year we are going to use a similar theme and look at the Easter Story in 6 Objects and intend to use the same (or variations of) objects to direct our thinking on Palm



Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. It is our intention to prepare a bag of the 6 objects for everyone who comes to worship over Easter. However, the bags will need to remain at the hall until Easter Sunday, after which time you will be welcome to take them home. If anyone is able to help with the preparation of the bags, then some help at the coffee morning and during the week would be appreciated. Please speak to Colin.

## **SELF DENIAL APPEAL:**

Our Corps Self-Denial Appeal raised £6433.20 towards the international work of The Salvation Army. What a fantastic total!

Thank you

## **FLOWERS:**

Majors Paul & Liz Church have presented the flowers at the front of the hall today in celebration of their Wedding Anniversary.

## **STATISTICS GATHERING:**

It's that time of year again where we count our attendance in every activity. Deb Hatcliffe is coordinating and numbers need to be recorded until Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May Remember, the number needs to include under 18s and over 18s separately. Thank you.

## **RECYCLED PAPER:**

You will have noticed from the printed bulletin and Extra Slice material, that they were printed on recycled paper. Whilst there is a difference in quality and colour, we hope that you are supportive of this move. Any problems, please let us know.

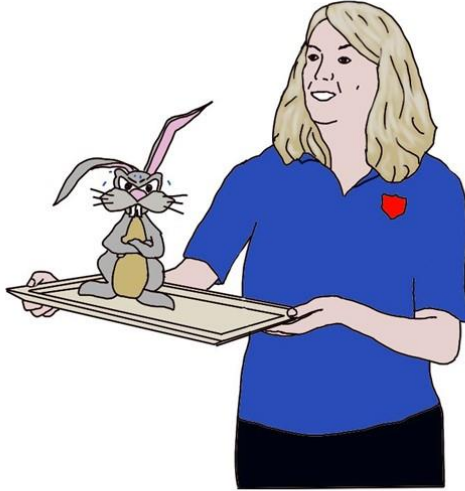


Most of the SiLent booklets (our Holy Week daily reflections) have been distributed. There are still a few to be picked up/delivered. If you are able to help with this, please let Colin know.

We have been asked to prepare a large print version. If this is something that will help you, then, again, please speak to Colin and we will print you a copy.

## **EASTER TRAIL:**

From Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April to Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April there will be an Easter trail in our building – a creative way of engaging with the Easter story suitable for adults and children. Why not make time to come and see, please see opening times.



**Would you like a hot cross bun?**

## **BLACK LIGHT COURSE:**

Urban Expression are partnering with The Ascension Trust to run the Black Light course. It includes 8 evening online sessions from 4<sup>th</sup> May to 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023. The course explores the presence and contributions of black people in the Bible, in church history and in Britain today. It celebrates the remarkable growth of the church in Africa and the exciting ‘reverse mission’ impact in Europe. It does not shy away from looking at the legacies of Christendom and colonialism, but it invites creativity and courage in seizing the opportunities that are emerging. It’s for anyone interested in evangelism, justice, healthy churches and peaceful communities. Take a look at the website:

[www.blacklightcourse.uk](http://www.blacklightcourse.uk)

## **IN THE MONTH AHEAD:**

<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Mission Council Meeting CAMEO
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Messy Church

## **SOME MORE KEY DATES THIS YEAR:**

<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Page Park Coronation Event
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Page Park Praise
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Page Park Praise
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Armed Forces Day in Page Park
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Page Park Praise
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Page Park Praise
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Page Park Praise
<b>30<sup>th</sup> Sept / 1<sup>st</sup> Oct</b>	Harvest Weekend
<b>14<sup>th</sup> / 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>	YP Prizegiving Weekend

## THE WEEK AHEAD:

### TODAY Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April: *Start of Holy Week*

- 10am All Age Worship for Palm Sunday  
'The Easter Story in 6 objects'  
11.30am-12:15pm Children & Youth Activities  
*4pm-4:45pm Easter Trail Open*  
4pm-6pm Messy Church

### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April:

- 10.30am-12pm Easter trail open*  
7.30pm 'Come as you are' - *An evening of musical reflection with the Songsters and Band*

### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April:

- 9:30am-11am Tots on the Hill  
*3pm-4pm and 8pm-9pm Easter trail open*

### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April:

- 9.30am-11am & 12pm-1.30pm Easter trail open*  
11.15am Easter Worship (*coffee from 11am*)  
12.30pm Lunch Club  
7pm 'Celebrating Passover' Fellowship Meal  
(*suitable for all ages, booking required*)

### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April:

- 10am Good Friday Worship  
'The Easter Story in 6 Objects'  
11.30am Outreach in Fountain Square

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April:

- 8.30am Easter breakfast (booking required)*  
*8.30am-10am Easter trail open*  
10am Easter Sunday All Age Worship  
'The Easter Story in 6 Objects'  
12pm Easter March to Page Park  
12.30pm Easter Band Concert under Clock Tower in Page Park

*Extra Slice groups are meeting at the hall this week to take part in the Easter Trail as a group. Please check with your leader for timings. Anyone who wants to join with a group this week for a trail, please speak to Nicola.*

