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## Poetry Café

Poetry Café meets each month in the Open Doors Café, Warwick Road Centre at 2.30pm. Meetings are normally on the first Thursday of each month but this is sometimes changed so please check beforehand with Warwick Road Centre Office: 024 7622 0299.

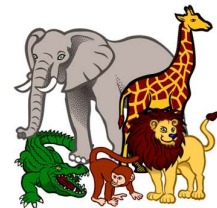
We each share two or three poems – these are usually on a set theme but don't have to be! All are welcome.



The next meetings are:

**Thursday, 6 April, Theme: 'Towns & Cities'**

**Thursday, 18 May, Theme: 'Animals'**



For more information, please contact David Lathbury: [david@dlathbury.co.uk](mailto:david@dlathbury.co.uk).

## Dear Friends – The Meaning of Easter

I fear that the present day established church, of all denominations, is still living in the 1st Century and much, if not most, of what is being portrayed to the membership, from outdated hymns to 1st Century beliefs, in this day and age are no longer believable. In this article I will attempt to write a brief outline of what is, for me, a more believable meaning of the crucifixion of Jesus and his resurrection.



It is a fact that Jesus had to die – but not to save us from our sins and the ‘wrath of God’. Jesus had become a thorn in the flesh of the Romans and the Jewish religious authority. Turning over the tables of the money-changers in the temple was the last straw.

The fact that Jesus was crucified proves that the Roman authority thought that he was trying to create an uprising against Rome, because crucifixion was only used for this sort of crime – lesser crimes were dealt with in other ways or forms of execution.

The notion that Jesus died for our sins, as the only true understanding of the crucifixion, did not come about, to any great extent, for the first 1,000 years of Christian belief. The idea was first fully articulated in 1098 by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Anselm (1033-1109).

Further strength to the belief that Jesus died for our sins, was given when Jesus became understood as the new ‘Pascal lamb’, and also as the goat and lamb of ‘Yom Kippur’ – the Jewish Day of Atonement.

In Jewish folk-law, God had sent many plagues to make the Pharaoh free the people of Israel from bondage in Egypt. When none of this accomplished God’s purpose, He consulted Moses and it was decided to send the ‘Angel of Death’ to pass over Egypt, to kill the first-born male of everyone from the Pharaoh down. To make sure that only Egyptian males were killed, the Jews were instructed to sacrifice a pure lamb and spread its blood over the doorposts of the houses where the Jews were sheltering. When the Angel of Death passed over these houses no males were killed; hence the name ‘Passover’.

The flesh of the lamb – now called ‘the Lamb of God’ - was now cooked. This is why Jesus became known as ‘the Lamb of God’; the earliest notion that we should eat ‘the Lamb of God’ – the flesh of Jesus.

Jesus was also known as both the goat and lamb of Yom Kippur. Each year at Yom Kippur two animals were selected, usually a goat and a lamb. The priest inspected the two animals to ensure that they were pure with no blemishes of any kind. The priest then took the lamb and after slaughtering it, sprinkled the blood over the people present – hence the phrase ‘washed in the blood of the Lamb of God’.

Following this, the priest took the goat by the horns and shook his head over it. Everyone else present also shook their heads in the direction of the goat. The reason for this was to symbolically shake their sins on to the back of the goat. The goat, now bearing everyone's sins, was driven in to the wilderness, no doubt to be killed by wild beasts. This is where we get the phrase 'scapegoat' – someone taking the blame for the wrong that other people had done. After all this was over the people were considered to be free from sin, at least for that one day only.

Archbishop Anselm seems to be responsible for melding the Pascal Lamb and the lamb and goat of Yom Kippur into the meaning of the death of Jesus. In his death on the cross Jesus took on the sins of the world – the 'scapegoat'. In like manner, when we take Communion, we symbolically eat Jesus' flesh – the flesh of the Pascal Lamb and the lamb of Yom Kippur.

After his crucifixion, and according to the Bible, Jesus' body was placed in a tomb and after three days he was raised from the dead. The whole of the Christian faith rests on this belief that Jesus was raised from the dead; if he wasn't, then there is no truth in Christianity.

Many, if not the majority of, people nowadays do not believe that a dead body can come back to physical life – one of the many reasons for the fall in church membership.

For many Christians of a progressive 21<sup>st</sup> Century, understanding of what is meant by the resurrection is more the understanding of what Jesus' life was all about – that loving one another is the way we should live our lives.

'The Lord is risen – He is risen indeed'. This greeting, always used on Easter Day, didn't mean that Jesus' body had come back to life; it was the dawning of the meaning of Jesus' life – that he opened to us the meaning of God, as the power to free us to live, to love and to be.

Much misunderstanding comes about because all of the Bible was written by Jews who had an understanding of 'Midrash', a Jewish mode of biblical interpretation. Christianity is now a religion of Gentiles, most of whom have little or no understanding of 'Midrash' and literalise things that were never meant to be taken literally.

I believe in the 'Resurrection', but it has nothing to do with Jesus' body coming back to life again. I'll leave you to ponder over that statement – maybe in another article I'll try to explain something about 'Midrash'.

Wishing you all a Happy Easter.

*George Drake*

## Notes from Elders' Meetings - March 2023

Elders agreed arrangements for the following:

- Morning of Mission, Saturday 1 April
- Easter Coffee Morning, Saturday 8 April



Discussion held:

- Area deployment: no formal response received from Synod Office. However, it is thought there may be a preference for 3.00fte posts working towards a Team Ministry by 2027.
- Role of Non-Serving Elders has been passed to the Admin Group for further discussion, with report back to Elders. Alongside this, the Group will also review the role of Church Secretary and possible additional role of Assistant Secretary and Treasurer.
- Uniformed Organisations: some Elders are in conversation with Leaders to see if greater involvement in Church Parades and other events can be encouraged.
- Redevelopment project has gone to tender, preferred builder agreed. Plans and further details to be available for the Morning of Mission and discussion will include whether we should proceed with the project.

Other items –

- Staff Development reviews have begun.
- Safeguarding Policies have been agreed and copies sent to Synod Office.
- Agreement given from Synod for CD and SM to preside at Holy Communion.
- DBS checks: updates are being progressed.
- New Pastoral Care Group is being formed.
- Budget update was received.
- Service on 28 May to begin at 11.00am as there is to be a christening and people will be travelling from some distance. Coffee will be available prior to the service.
- Agreed to move the date of the AGM from Sunday 23 July to Wednesday 19 July with a 6.30pm Bring and Share tea to start, followed by the meeting at 7.00pm.

*Pauline Luckett, Church Secretary*



### Thank you!

A huge thank you to everyone who came to our Big Brew Breakfast on 4 March. Your contributions with washing up, serving tea and coffee, buying books and jigsaws, etc was really appreciated. There was a real buzz around the bungalow! We raised £350 for Traidcraft Exchange, which will be used to support fair trade projects around the world.

*Colin and Sue Davis*

## **Mission, Outreach and Worship Report for April 2023**



### **Mission Morning 1 April 2023**

I invite you all along to our Mission Morning on 1 April 2023 at 9.30am. The purpose of the morning is to continue to look to the future of the church. We will also look at how as a church we serve and support the communities we are in.

My hope is that we get a number (maximum 4) of mission pledges that the church then focuses on during the next few years to help us secure Christ's mission in our area of Styvechale and the City Centre; these will also hopefully help us focus on securing a lasting future for the church.

To help you decide to come we are offering bacon sandwiches and coffee as a welcome. More details can be found in the church vestibule where there is a display with all the relevant information, including the minutes from previous discussions.

Please use the sign-up sheet to indicate that you wish to attend so we can judge numbers for catering.

### **Looking Forward to Easter Saturday Coffee Morning 8 April 2023, 10.00am**

We will once again be gathering to celebrate Easter Saturday with a shared coffee morning. There will be hot cross buns and chocolate eggs, plus a stall with books and DVDs for you to peruse. It was a fabulous occasion last year and the weather was fine. As the Belonging Christian Fellowship will be in the main Sanctuary, we will meet in the Large Hall.

### **Apse Redevelopment**

The apse redevelopment is at the stage where we are looking for your approval to continue to modernise our worship space. At the back of church will be a display with the relevant information to hand, including the architects' plans and some 3D drawings (artist's impression) of what the basic area will look like. We will also put out for members' information the quotes received from our preferred builder and audio – visual provider.

The purpose of this display will be for you, the members, to come to an informed decision during the April church meeting as to whether you wish to continue with the rework.

### **Feeding rough sleepers**

During January, February and March, Kevin Green and I will be walking the precincts of Coventry City Centre on Friday lunchtimes, armed with hot sausage batches. Our aim will be to feed those unfortunate souls who find themselves needing to camp out on the streets and in need of some donations of loose change or food. A kind and generous sum of money was donated to the Open Doors Café by

a lady wishing to feed rough sleepers and so it is our privilege to execute her wishes and help feed those we find.

### **Contact me**

As your Mission and Outreach Leader I am always on the lookout for new ideas and projects to help spread the Good News of Jesus Christ into our communities. So if you have an idea for something that you think will help to achieve this, let me know and I'll try and make it a reality.

So don't be shy: email, text, phone or meet me in church and let's talk about what is possible, because anything is possible with God's help.

*Revd Peter Kimberley, Mission, Outreach & Worship Leader*

### **Women's Prayer Breakfast**



Next dates: 15 April, 13 May - 8.30am in the Small Hall. Please check weekly Notices in case the room or venue has to be moved.

A warm welcome to all women from our church, Belonging Church and any friends from another or no church. We meet once a month at 8.30am to set up and start with a bring-and-share breakfast – always delicious and varied with more than enough!

It is an opportunity to offer each other encouragement and a listening ear as we share our good times and our tough times, laughter and maybe tears. We spend about 20 minutes with an activity to nurture our spirit and soul and always end in prayer for concerns shared as we talk. There is no obligation to speak, you can just listen and eat too. Everything we share is confidential to those present.

Nobody comes every time, come when you can. We promise that it is always worth getting up for! Please ask me if you need a lift or wish to know more.

*Margaret O'Kane*

### **Free to a good home - Canon printer cartridges**

My Canon Pixima Printer advised me it was about to expire! The result is I now have a new printer but have some unused Canon cartridges that are no longer of any use to me: two Colour 511 cartridges and one Black 510 cartridge.

These are free to a good home but a donation to church funds would be appreciated. If you are interested, please contact me via the Church Office.

*Barry Stelfox*



## Report on Responses to the Musicians Survey

Thank you to everyone who took time to complete the Musicians Survey. It would seem that most would welcome a variety of musical items and this is what we will try to offer. Thank you to those of you who suggested songs or hymns you would like to hear the Choral Group sing.

We received 35 forms back and responses are:

• Introit	Yes 20	No 15
• Hymn during the service/ Prior to Holy Communion	Yes 23	No 7
• Sung Blessing	Yes 18	No 15
• Introducing a new song	Yes 32	No 2
• Traditional Hymns	Yes 4	
• Modern Hymns	Yes 4	No 2
• Mix of both Trad and Mod	Yes 31	No 1

Name of Group:

• Choir	13
• Singing Group	14
• Choral Group	4
• Choristers	0
• Choral Ensemble	1
• Worship Group	1
• Baginton Road Choir	1
• The Singers	1
• The Songsters	1

Warwick Road referred to its singers as the Choir and West Orchard the Singing Group and so we thought it fairer to compromise - we will be known as the Choral Group.

Additional comments were: "Please could we have music before the service begins"; "Music with clear rhythm and beat"; "More action and joyful songs"; "Some traditional hymns at special times – Christmas, Easter, Harvest".

There were specific requests for: "Be still for the presence of the Lord"; "The Lord's My Shepherd", tune 1008 Mission Praise; "Go Peaceful in Gentleness", Paul Field.

Of course, we are not just a group of singers – we are extremely grateful to Tim, Nick, Wilf and Fiona for the musical contribution they provide in order to enhance our worship.

*Pauline Lockett*





## **Mission Morning**

I hope you have all taken the opportunity to read the article taken from the December 2022 edition of *Progressive Voices*, called Start a Religion by R.J. Harvey. I think it says a great deal about a possible way forward for the future of the church here at Baginton Road.

For a number of reasons, it is expected that the church membership will decline over the course of the next five years. This will result in fewer people to do the real work of the church that takes place during the rest of the week. The church can be justly proud of the work being done by those of our members still able and willing to do so – our thanks go out to them.

The question is: for how much longer can this work continue unless more helpers can be found? Would it be possible to start a drive to find helpers from outside the church family, regardless of what religion or none they may belong to, providing they are willing to help the church in the work it is doing for the local community and further afield?

This is just a suggestion, no doubt you have your own ideas. I hope that as many as possible will come along on 1 April to make it a constructive meeting.

*George Drake*

## **1934 Warwick Road Congregational Church Directory**

I have been archiving records and came across the above document with details of members' addresses. (It would not be published today!) This also was Coventry without household telephones.

The structures in place in 1934 for looking after members were similar to those in the church today, with one Minister (S. Maurice Watts) and 12 Deacons (who been elected betwixt 1905 and 1933) plus one Life Deacon.

Membership was approximately 725 divided into 23 districts, each with a Deacon and a lady visitor. Stoke had three and Earlsdon four districts. Within the membership were 30 officers, from Church Secretary to Church Officer.



There is a picture of the former schoolroom and hut which was replaced by Sibree Hall in 1932.

The County members lived outside the city boundary and came from Allesley, Baginton, Balsall Common, Berkswell, Coombe, Finham, Gibbet Hill, Kenilworth and Walsgrave.

*Barry Stelfox*

## Outreach Update from Steve Elton - April



### Easter Worship Project out now

Thanks to lots of hard work, support and prayer, the Easter Worship Project *The Journey* is now out (as of Sunday 26 March). 'The Journey' is a worship and spoken word project that seeks to tell the story of the Easter weekend, through the grief, loss and pain of Good Friday, into the confusion, uncertainty and doubt of Holy Saturday and finally through to the joy, hope and celebration of Easter Sunday. Our hope is that it provides a space for everyone to connect with Jesus this Easter, not matter where they are on their journey.

You can view it by scanning the QR code here with your phone camera and clicking on the link or by going to: [bagintonroadurc.org.uk/the-journey/](http://bagintonroadurc.org.uk/the-journey/)

There will also be a link to the video on the Easter cards being given out, so please pray that the cards and the video get into the hands and hearts of those who need to encounter Jesus this Easter. Also, please do share the video with friends, family, neighbours and colleagues. It will be on the Baginton Road YouTube channel and website.



Scan the QR code above with your phone camera and click the link

Thank you very much to everyone who has been involved, it has been such a team effort and it would not have been possible without everyone's involvement.

### Worship Evenings coming up

The Worship Evenings we have hosted so far this year have felt very significant, with a real sense that God by His Holy Spirit is doing something. We have another two in the diary here at Baginton Road on Tuesday 28 March and Tuesday 25 April (both start at 7pm). Why not come along, give some time in worship to Jesus and see what happens!

*Steve Elton, Outreach Consultant*

## NEWS IN BRIEF FROM THE UK AND AROUND THE WORLD

In the mid-90s the Benedictine monks of the monastery of Santo Domingo de Silos in Burgos province, northern Spain, released a compilation CD of Gregorian chants they had recorded over a 20 year period which sold over two million copies; the proceeds were used to finance repairs to the monastery, with the balance going to charity. EMI have offered \$75m for a sequel but this offer has been declined as the Abbot said “we operate on the principle of not needing”. Alas, this remote monastery has stopped being a tourist attraction, especially with the monks becoming elderly and often singing their chants to small congregations at vespers.

A humanist has been appointed as the first non-religious head chaplain at a British university. James Croft leads a team at the University of Sussex that includes Anglican, Catholic and orthodox priests and a rabbi, as well as Muslim, Quaker, Methodist, United Reformed and Buddhist chaplains.

Four days before fire destroyed most of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, 16 statues were removed from the base of the spire. These have been restored using microbeads to remove the rust before a patina was applied, along with a layer of wax. They are now part of an exhibition at the City of Architecture. Approximately 1,000 people are now working to restore Notre Dame which is now scheduled to open Christmas 2024.

The chapel at the historic Crosby Hall in London was blessed in February at a unique joint service by the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, and the Reverend Dr James Hawley, the Anglican canon theologian at Westminster Abbey and a chaplain to the King. The original 15<sup>th</sup> Hall has been the home of Richard III, Catherine of Aragon and later Sir Thomas More, Henry VIII's Lord Chancellor, who was executed for his opposition to the King's divorce from Catherine. The original Crosby Hall was moved brick by brick from the City to Chelsea in 1910 when a bank wanted to clear the site for an office.



Leicester Cathedral has become the first in the Church of England to have an all-female clergy team of dean (acting), precentor, pastor and two curates. The Bishop of Leicester, the Right Reverend Martyn Snow, hopes “this team will encourage and inspire others to explore their vocation and contribute to the flourishing of the ministry of women”. Please note that the Bishop has to be invited to preach in the cathedral. In the Church of England's almost 660 parishes, about 5% do not accept women as priests or bishops.

*Barry Stelfox*

## Thoughts of Easter, by Mary Ogilvie

Easter – time to remember small flowery faces making their way to watery rays of the sun. Colours white, purple, and buttercup yellow, state appearance around festive stately time. A cross witnessing all time stands spiritually in our midst. Of all different shapes and sizes humankind altered its structure, it still represents the same meaning.



A hill was climbed back in time by a soul who was to sacrifice himself for others. He knew full well the task that lay ahead. Today the essence of that tale is still echoing around the globe, but it bounds and bounces back unheeded by some. Perhaps its true meaning has yet to be learnt.

Music plays for those who listen to its contents. A message is there with a meaning. Does its tide pass in second performance to Christmas-tide its companion? Thorns form a circle. Those of this material world carry it in their passing from one to another. Some carry it graciously; others feel as they carry it in silence on bended knee. But the face that bore the smile rejoiced in its making, for it understood the bitter sweetness of that burden, and the victory it would gain others. The drink of vinegar given in kindness was to represent the very cup of life, although distasteful, was to symbolise the help that is there when it is needed, though not always in the liking it is given.

That purple cloak, that light, that crown around us. Easter a time of the spiritual blessing. Does it indicate a meaning of spiritual and material? A period of two worlds joining, and souls nearer in thought?

Church bells ring out tidings of goodwill to all humanity, whatever creed or colour to one and all far and wide. The idea of Easter is for each one to decide. Free will as in all things stands like that wooden cross of long ago. That cross once carried by a man (a spiritual being) representing the sacrifice of all humankind.

This period of the solemn and rejoicing bears witness of all that exists, of what lies within, the true one, the spark of life, belonging to love, truth, perfection - God.

*Submitted by Revd Peter Kimberley*

### **Making Mondays**



Dates for the Spring Term: 27 March, 24 April.

1.30pm – 3.30pm in the Small Hall at Baginton Road. Everyone welcome, please bring scissors and a pen or pencil.

*Sue Davis*

# Spires' Spring Concert

Saturday 15 April 2023, 2.30pm

Some of you may have heard the Spires Chorus rehearsing hard in the Sanctuary in recent weeks. We are preparing for our Spring Concert which will be held in the Central Hall, Coventry.

The choral work is Amy Beach's Mass in E flat major. She was an American composer who was underrated during her lifetime, and this performance will be a premiere in the UK. The orchestral work is Dvorak's Symphony No 9, 'From the New World', perhaps his best-known work.

We invite you to come and share this memorable event with us. Tickets (£15) are available on the website, [www.ticketsource.co.uk/spiresmusic](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/spiresmusic), or on the door.

**Spires Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorus**  
Conductor: Jack Lovell-Huckle Leader: Alistair Kennedy

**Antonin Dvořák**  
**Symphony No.9 in E minor**  
**"From the New World"**

**Amy Beach, Mass in E flat**  
**UK Premiere**

Saturday  
15th April 2023  
2:30pm - 4:45pm

Coventry Central Hall  
Warwick Lane  
Coventry CV1 2HA

Soloists:  
Natasha Agarwal Soprano  
Gaynor Keeble Mezzo-soprano  
Matthew Sandy Tenor  
Peter Lidbeller Bass

**Tickets: £15** (65 students and unwaged), Children Free  
available from: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/spiresmusic](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/spiresmusic)  
and on the door

*Kathy White*

## CCM OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 13 MAY 11AM—3PM

COME AND HAVE A LOOK!

- Enjoy a free cream tea in our 'Pay what you can' cafe
- Have a go at litter picking or join our walkers on a short walk
- Donate items or pick up a bargain in our second chance shop
- Learn more about the activities and groups at the Mission
- Join in with a craft activity with our craft group
- Donate a shrub to help create our community garden space

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## Social Committee News

### Games Evening

We would like to thank everyone who helped to set up and clear away at the Games Evening on 11 March. Your support helped make the evening a great success. We hope you enjoyed the mix of games - building paper straw towers, two different types of bingo, garden and board games. Ansty Road URC lent us a variety of wooden games for which we gratefully thank them. The proceeds from the donations will be included in the Good Cause for March which is the City Mission's special 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund.

### Bring and Share Coronation Lunch

This will be held on Sunday 7 May after the Morning Service. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate the Coronation with us. Two lists will be placed at the back of church to help with the organisation of the lunch:



- One will be for volunteers able to help on the day to set up clear away and wash up;
- The second will be a list of food needed for lunch, for people to sign to say what they will bring if able to.

If you are unable to bring any food please do not worry, you are still very welcome to come and share lunch with us.



### Dates for your Diary

The Committee have planned the following events and would appreciate any ideas you may have for the coach trip or other social activities:

- 7 May (after Morning Service): Bring and Share Coronation Lunch
- 9 July: Anything Goes musical entertainment with a cream tea
- 31 July: Summer Outing (TBA)
- 1 & 2 August: Holiday at Home at Baginton Road
- 9 & 10 September: Heritage Weekend
- 24 September (after Morning Service): Harvest Lunch
- 4 November: Christian Aid Soup Lunch.

We hope that you will come and support the various activities and have a great time. There will be further information nearer the time for each of the above both in the notices and magazine.

*Social Committee (Sarah, Pauline, Liz, Jenny and Pam)*

## Warwick Road Centre and Café - April Update

- The next Film Club is on Wednesday 5 April at 2.00pm. If you want to book or find out more details of the film, please contact Ruth or George in the Office.
- Weekday evening bookings are on the increase and in the month of March there were 17 bookings in the 23 weekday evenings available. It is encouraging to know our Centre is retaining existing customers and attracting new customers.
- Coffee Shop Sunday, which is a new expression of church, now uses the Open Doors Café on the third Sunday each month from 1.30pm to 3.00pm. The format is novel and different: it is primarily a drop-in for passing footfall and last month more than 20 people popped in to enjoy cake, a chat, a drink, music, and prayer. Coffee Shop Sunday will be hosting a service at Baginton Road on Sunday 14 May at 10.30am. This will provide an opportunity for Baginton Road Church to experience a Coffee Shop Sunday-style informal contemporary service.

*Trevor Gay, Warwick Road Centre Manager*

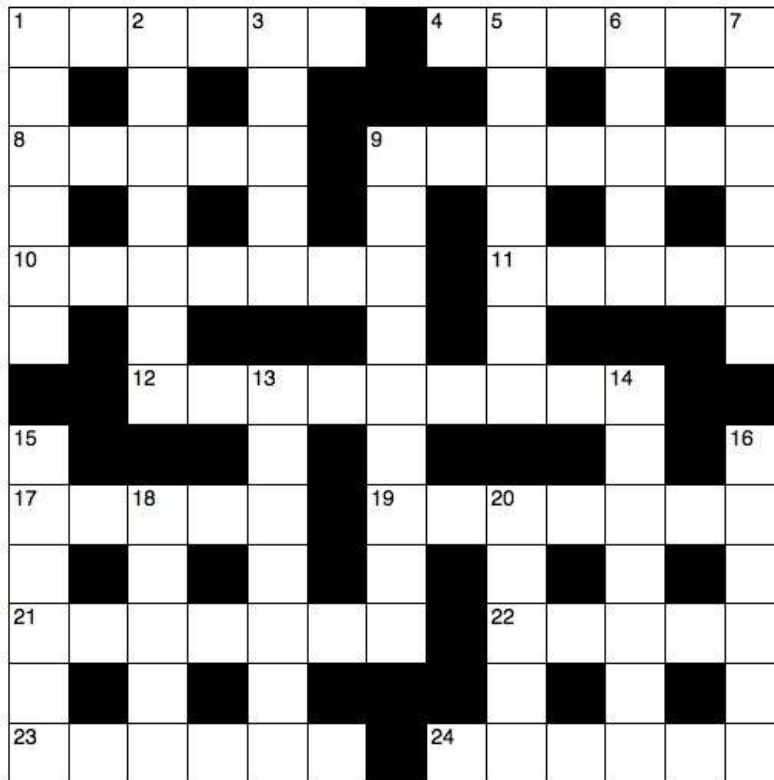
## Open Doors Café Menu - April

The café is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays, offering snacks and drinks 10am – 11:30am and hot meals from: 12 noon – 1:30pm (last orders 1pm). Main course £4.50; pudding £2.50. Meal Deal (main & pudding, served with tea or coffee) £7.



Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Chicken Kyiv, salad and potatoes Marmalade sponge and custard
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Beef lasagne, new potatoes and peas Banana & walnut sponge and caramel sauce
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Café closed – Good Friday</b>
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Smoked haddock, potatoes, peas and parsley sauce Apple crumble and custard
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Chicken casserole Cherry pancakes and ice cream
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Cheese & broccoli quiche, new potatoes and peas Jam sponge and custard
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Corned beef hash and cauliflower cheese Cranberry Bakewell tart and custard
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Lancashire hotpot Eton Mess
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Sausage & vegetable hotpot Maple syrup & pecan sponge and custard
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Steak in ale pie, potatoes and vegetables Mandarin orange flan and cream
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Hunter's chicken, potatoes and green beans Dutch apple pie and custard
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Minced beef cobbler, vegetables and potatoes Raspberry & white chocolate sponge and cream

## Puzzle Pages



### Across

- 1 Relating to the whole universe (6)  
 4 The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6)  
 8 'Unless I see the nail marks — — hands, I will not believe it' (John 20:25) (2,3)  
 9 He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7)  
 10 Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry — (7)  
 11 'Look, here is — . Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5)  
 12 Repossessed (Genesis 14:16) (9)  
 17 Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3-4) (5)  
 19 'Moses was not aware that his face was — because he had spoken with the Lord' (Exodus 34:29) (7)  
 21 Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7)  
 22 Grill (Luke 24:42) (5)  
 23 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the — apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6)  
 24 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in — and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)

### Down

- 1 Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6)  
 2 Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7)  
 3 Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5)  
 5 For example, the Crusades (4,3)  
 6 11 Across is certainly this (5)  
 7 He reps (anag.) (6)  
 9 Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9)  
 13 Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7)  
 14 They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7)  
 15 The human mind or soul (6)  
 16 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is — ' (Graham Kendrick) (6)  
 18 'We played the flute for you, and you did not — ' (Matthew 11:17) (5)  
 20 Bared (anag.) (5)



### SUDOKU (EASY)

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### SUDOKU (MEDIUM)

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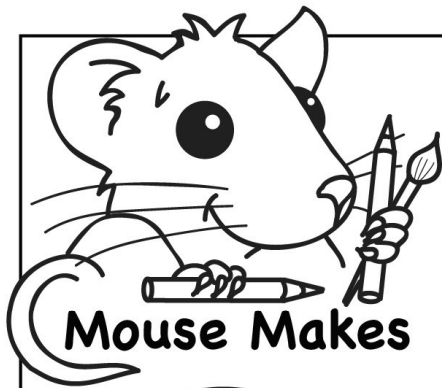
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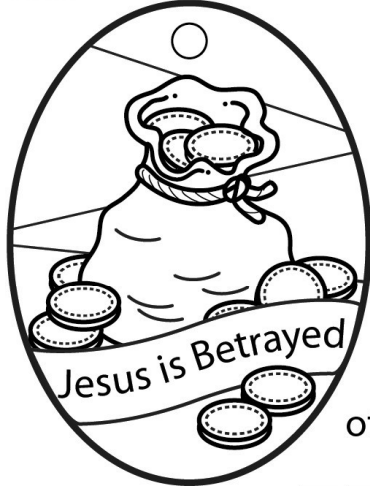
## WORDSEARCH

Even as Jesus ate that last Passover meal with His disciples, He warned them He was about to be betrayed. He took the bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to them; He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them to drink. The Old Covenant, based on Law, was ticking away its final hours; the New Covenant, based on Christ's body and His blood, was about to be ushered in. Jesus prayed in Gethsemane that this fearful cup of suffering might be removed from Him, but even more, that God's will might be done. And it was. Because of Easter we can approach God through his Son, Jesus Christ. He has opened the gates to heaven for us!

JESUS	COVENANT	L I D N L D O O L B R P
ATE	LAW	E S A B E T R A Y E D G
LAST	OLD	T K E N I W W A V W A E
PASSOVER	NEW	P N R A P P R O A C H T
MEAL	BODY	U A B L E S S E D T D H
DISCIPLES	BLOOD	W H A D I S C I P L E S
WARNED	GETHSEMANE	L T T N A N E V O C V E
BETRAYED	CUP	Y A P P M A T K E D O M
BREAD	REMOVED	D G S U S E J W N C M A
BLESSED	WILL	O S O T C K A I T I E N
WINE	EASTER	B L E D D O N L L S R E
THANKS	APPROACH	U R D N D D S L C E U D
DRINK	GOD	

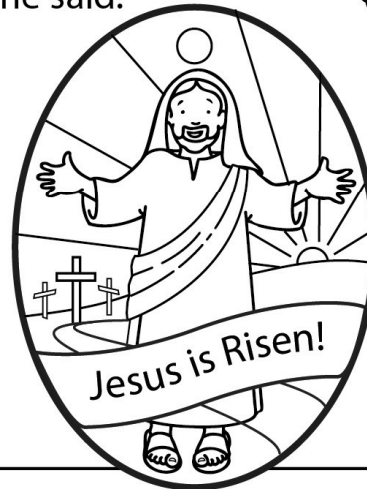
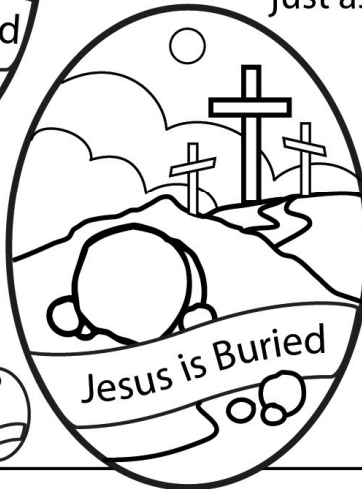
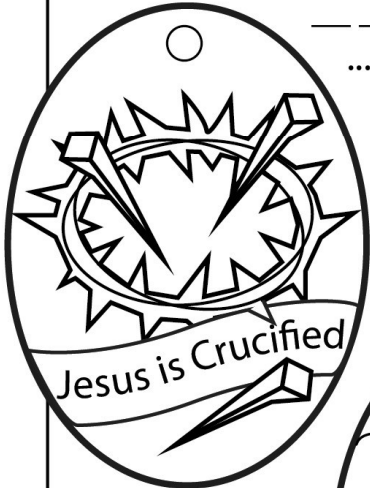
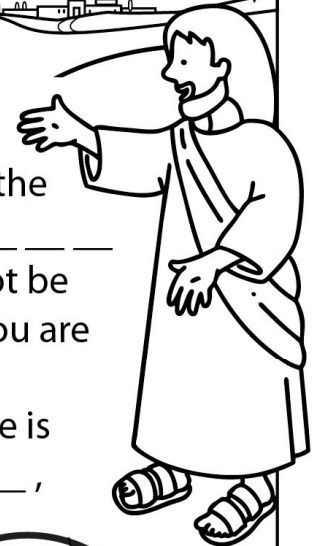


**HE IS RISEN!**  
Read the story of  
The Resurrection in  
*Matthew 28:1-20*



How many other  
words can you  
make from  
**RESURRECTION**

An \_\_\_\_\_  
of the Lord came down from  
\_\_\_\_\_ and going to the  
\_\_\_\_\_ rolled back the \_\_\_\_\_  
... the \_\_\_\_\_ said, "Do not be  
\_\_\_\_\_, for I know you are  
looking for Jesus who was  
\_\_\_\_\_, He is  
not here; he has \_\_\_\_\_,  
just as he said."



Glue this page onto  
card. Cut out the  
ovals then colour in.  
Punch a hole at the  
top and hang up  
for Easter



← scan me!



## WHAT'S ON THIS EASTER?



There are some amazing family friendly events and activities coming up in and around Coventry's...

**Easter Egg Hunt at Coventry Cathedral | Sat 8th April**  
Forage for goodies around Coventry Cathedral grounds, solve puzzles and get crafty!



### Easter Fayres

There are lots of lovely Easter and Spring Fayres popping up all over Coventry. Head to [coventryrocks.co.uk](http://coventryrocks.co.uk) and hit the Easter button to find them!

**Coventry Rugby - Free Tickets | Fri 7th April**  
Coventry Rugby are offering free of charge match day tickets! Watch Coventry vs. the RAF on Friday 7th April.



### Easter at Ash End Children's Farm

Meet and greet the young animals, feed the lambs and goats and meet the Big Bunny for a sweetie treat!

**Roar at Arena Shopping Park | Sat 8th April**  
Get up close and personal with some amazing dinos at Arena Shopping park! Don't forget to grab a selfie!



### NEW Air Slide Park at Jump In Warwick

The Jump In Adventure Park in Warwick opens the UK's first indoor Air Slide park in the UK on 24th March!



### Easter Fun at Lower Drayton Farm

Lower Drayton Farm have got some egg-xtra special treats in store for you alongside all the usual fun of the farm.

### I Spy with my Little Eye | Tues 4th April

Molly and Bingo the puppy are having a birthday party and, best of all, you're invited! Don't miss this family friendly show at The Albany Theatre

## FOLLOW US AND JOIN THE COMMUNITY!

There are thousands of local parents following us Social Media, and we'd love for you to join in! Just search [Coventry Rocks](#) and like our page!

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**SOLUTION - SUDUKO (EASY)**

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**SOLUTION - SUDUKO (MEDIUM)**

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**CROSSWORD SOLUTION**

ACROSS: 1 Cosmic. 4 Thomas. 8 In his. 9 Delaiah. 10 Falwell. 11 Water.  
12 Recovered. 17 Sidon. 19 Radiant. 21 Centaur. 22 Broil. 23 Eleven. 24 Prison.

DOWN: 1 Cliffs. 2 Scholar. 3 Issue. 5 Holy war. 6 Moist. 7 Sphere. 9 Deliverer.  
13 Candace. 14 Deacons. 15 Psyche. 16 Stolen. 18 Dance. 20 Debar.

**Connections - May 2023 issue deadline**

News, articles and other items to be included in the May 2023 issue of *Connections* should be sent by email to the editor Claire Booth (clairehbooth@hotmail.com) no later than **Wednesday, 19 April 2023**.

Items should ideally be no more than 1 page in length (about 450 words) and definitely no longer than 2 pages.

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Thanks,  
*Claire*

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## Worship at Baginton Road URC

**April 2023**

Morning service: 10.30am; Evening service: 6.30pm (unless otherwise stated)

Date	Time	Preacher	
2 April (Palm Sunday)	am pm	Richard Knott Crawford Dow	Parade Holy Communion
<b>Easter Week</b> 3 April	7.00 - 7.30	Pauline Lockett	
4 April	pm	Tuesday Home Group	
5 April	pm	Mary Goodwin	
6 April (Maundy Thursday)	7.00 pm	Revd Peter Kimberley	Holy Communion
7 April (Good Friday)	7.00 pm	Wilf Hawes	
9 April (Easter Sunday)	am pm	Revd Peter Kimberley Wilf Hawes & Pauline Lockett	Holy Communion
16 April	am pm	Revd D. Spriggs Rita Dalton	
23 April	am pm	Revd Colin Offor Sue Matthews	
30 April	am pm	Guy Willcock Margaret Marshall	TLM
7 May	am pm	Revd Steve Faber Revd D. Spriggs	Holy Communion



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Please note that the entire Baginton Road Church site will be closed for essential electrical work from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023.

It will not be possible to run the usual groups, activities or meetings during that week.

Sorry for any inconvenience that this will cause.