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We welcome all people to our church; you don't need to be a member to attend our worship.

Worship at Hanham Methodist Church

Worship at Hanham is traditional Methodist, in an informal and welcoming style. Hymn singing is led by our traditional pipe organ and we have a loop system for those who are hard of hearing. Notices, Service Sheets and the Church Magazine are all available in larger print and Services on CD are available for the housebound.

Everyone will be most welcome at any of our services.

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Word from the Minister

Dear Friends

The Gospel by which we are saved:

1 Corinthians 15 vv 1 & 2 / Romans 1 v 16 - The Words of St. Paul:

Brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the Gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you ... A Gospel of which I am not ashamed because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.

Recently I went to the cinema to watch the film 'Les Miserables'. Based on the book of Victor Hugo first published in 1862 it captures the disjointed nature of French society at the time moving as it had been for the best part of a century between monarchy and republic with the poor and vulnerable caught up in the middle. Toward the end of the novel, Hugo explains the work's overarching structure in the following words '*The book which the reader has before him at this moment is, from one end to the other, in its entirety and details ... a progress from evil to good, from injustice to justice, from falsehood to truth, from night to day, from appetite to conscience, from corruption to life; from bestiality to duty, from hell to heaven, from nothingness to God. The starting point: matter, destination, the soul - the hydra at the beginning, the angel at the end*'. The book tackles both social and spiritual issues, something which finds resonance in our Methodist tradition, and in the characters it vividly and movingly portrays covers such themes as grace, redemption and salvation. There is also tragedy and hope of things to come. It is said that when the book was published Dutch pastors read extracts of it to their congregations because it was '*The Gospel of the People*'.

We find ourselves now in the period of Lent approaching Easter and travelling with Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem. Soon we shall recount the story of Jesus' passion, crucifixion and resurrection. Here is the original 'Gospel of the People', a 'Gospel for All'. In the Easter Story we come both truly and fully to discover grace, salvation and redemption for ourselves. It is a story also allied with tragedy in the brutal death of Jesus. And we meet

with characters caught up in such events such as Peter, Mary, Pilate, Judas, Barabbas and Simon of Cyrene whose own stories have so much to teach us all. The literal translation of 'Les Miserables' is 'Miserable Ones' or 'Wretched Ones' or 'Poor Ones'. I therefore invite you through this Lent, Holy Week and Easter to read the original 'Gospel Story' perhaps by reading the gospel set by this year's lectionary which we ourselves shall be focusing on in some of our Easter Services - 'The Gospel of Luke'. In reading it with open heart and mind we too can discover or rediscover grace, and come to see in all that Jesus has won and made possible for us by his life, death and resurrection that we no longer are 'The Wretched Ones' but 'The Blessed Ones' who in Jesus have found salvation, new life and a purpose by which we can build a better world and come to know that we are all truly loved by God.

It can be a wonderful thing to read a Gospel from beginning to end. So this Lent and Easter why not read 'The Gospel of Luke'. It is only 30 pages length in my Bible as opposed to the novel 'Les Miserables' which stands in most English translations at a lengthy 1500 pages made even more daunting by the style in which Hugo writes. The latter might make a good summer read but can there be any better time than now in the approach to Easter and through Holy Week to read a Gospel such as 'The Gospel of Luke', and to discover anew the most truest and unchanging 'Gospel of the People', a Gospel by which we in the words of St. Paul have and can find our salvation.

Blessings and Peace for this Holy Season

Andrew

Why God made mums

A number of seven year olds were asked 'Why God made mums?' and throughout the magazine are the responses. Hope they make you smile.

Why did God make mothers?

1. She's the only one who knows all the passwords we use online.
2. Mostly to clean the house, I think.
3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

Sunday's Services

3 Mar	10.45am 4.00pm 6.00pm	Rev Andrew Prout Messy Church Circuit Service at SBMC St Peters	Communion
10 Mar	10.45am 6.00pm	Youth Church Rev Oluyemisi Jaiyesimi	
17 Mar	10.45am 6.00pm	Mr Colin Saunders Rev Andrew Prout	
24 Mar	10.45am 6.00pm	Rev Andrew Prout Rev Henry Lewis	
31 Mar	8.00am 10.45am 6.00pm	Rev Angie Hoare Rev Hilary Cooke Rev Andrew Prout	Communion

March Dates

3 Mar	Messy Church at 4.00pm Circuit Service at St Peter's, Brislington at 6.00pm
10 Mar	Mothering Sunday Service led by Youth Church at 10.45am
16 Mar	Messy Church Planning Meeting at 10.00am
26 Mar	An Evening of Music & Meditations for Easter at 7.30pm
28 Mar	Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 7.30pm
29 Mar	Good Friday Service at 9.45am
31 Mar	Easter Day Communion at 8.00am Morning All Age Worship at 10.30am Evening Communion at 6.00pm
13 Apr	Spring Fair at 10.00am - 12.30pm
20 & 21 Apr	Flower Festival / Music and Flowers

An Invitation to Services in Holy Week

24th – 31st March

Follow Jesus
To Jerusalem
To Calvary
To Glory



Palm Sunday: Morning Service – Rev Andrew Prout 10.45am
Evening Service – Rev Henry Lewis 6.00pm

Holy Week

Tuesday 26 March: Music, Meditations & Readings for Easter led by
Joan Brabon-Hibbs, Glenys Lewis and Veronica Jackson
Commencing 7.30pm

Maundy Thursday: Communion Service – Rev Andrew Prout 7.30pm

Good Friday: Service of the Cross & Walk of Witness 9.45am

Easter Sunday : Holy Communion – Rev A. Hoare 8.00am
Family Service – Rev H. Cooke 10.45am
Evening Communion Service – Rev Andrew Prout 6.00pm

Please place these services in your diary and feel most welcome to attend



FLOWERS WERE NOT ALLOWED
IN CHURCH DURING LENT

How did God make mothers?

1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
2. I've heard it was some amazing experiment on men that got out of hand.
3. God made my mum just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

Hanham Methodist Church

A Reflection for Holy Week
In words and music

We Were There

from the viewpoint of
those surrounding Jesus

Tuesday 26th March
7.00pm

All are welcome



"Not So Simple Lunch"

Again in aid of our charities, this will be held on the weekend of "Music & Flowers", Sunday 21st April at 12.15pm.

This is our traditional 3 course meal, served in pleasant surroundings and pleasant company at a cost of £7 per person. Please put this date in your diary.

Pam Blackmore

What ingredients are mothers made of?

1. God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and one part of man.
2. They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string, I think.
3. They have a lot more hair than dads, are softer to hug, and wear woolly jumpers.

Spring Fair; Saturday 13 April

Our Annual Spring Fair will be held on **Saturday 13th April and will open at 10.00am and close at 12.30pm.** As well as your time we once again ask for your generous gifts of **Cakes** (for the Country Fare and two refreshments outlets), **Recycled Gifts** (those things you have which are in good condition but don't really want but no bric-a-brac please), **Pickles & Jams, CDs and DVDs** (no books or videos please), **Plants & Flowers, Cosmetics, Toys** and anything else the individual stallholders / providers request. We are not able to accept mains electrical goods. Stall holders will be contacted and asked to organize the staffing of their stall. We are also pleased to have people on the day simply available as cover to help and if you are willing to do this please let me know. **We will be setting up the halls and stalls at 2.00pm on Friday 12th April when you can bring your donations and would welcome your help at this time, as well as in the dismantling of the fair once it is finished.** The fair is a means both of outreach into the community and of raising money for the ongoing work of our Church. Please put the date in your diary and make every effort to attend and also to invite neighbours and friends.

Rev Andrew Prout

What kind of little girl was your mum?

1. My mum has always been my mum and none of that other stuff.
2. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
3. They say she used to be nice.

What did your mum need to know about your dad before she married him?

1. His last name.
2. She had to know his background, like has he put anything too disgusting on Facebook?
3. She needed to check out his bank account, to make sure he could buy her clothes.

Crossword

Across

1 Arouse (Song of Songs 2:7) (6)

4 Extinguish (Isaiah 1:31) (6)

8 "They — — , " you will say, "but I'm not hurt!" (Proverbs 23:35) (3,2)

9 Unhappiness (Nehemiah 2:2) (7)

10 Jewish (7)

11 Dirge (anag.) (5)

12 'A truthful witness gives honest — , but a false witness tells lies' (Proverbs 12:17) (9)

17 Paul quoted from the second one in his address in the synagogue at Pisidian Antioch (Acts 13:33) (5)

19 'Do not use your freedom to — the sinful nature' (Galatians 5:13) (7)

21 'As you can see, he has done nothing to — death' (Luke 23:15) (7)

22 Name applied by Isaiah to Jerusalem (Isaiah 29:1) (5)

23 'All the people — — one man, saying, "None of us will go home"' (Judges 20:8) (4,2)

24 Lazarus, who was carried by angels to Abraham's side when he died, was one (Luke 16:20) (6)

Down

1 Appalled (Job 26:11) (6)

2 'In an — to escape from the ship, the sailors let the lifeboat down into the sea' (Acts 27:30) (7)

3 Expel (Acts 18:16) (5)

5 'But I have a baptism to — , and how distressed I am until it is completed!' (Luke 12:50) (7)

6 'Of the increase of his government and peace there will be — — ' (Isaiah 9:7) (2,3)

7 Hurry (Psalm 119:60) (6)

9 'For I desire mercy, not — , and acknowledgement of God rather than burnt offerings' (Hosea 6:6) (9)

13 One of its towns was Sychar, where Jesus met a woman at Jacob's well (John 4:5) (7)

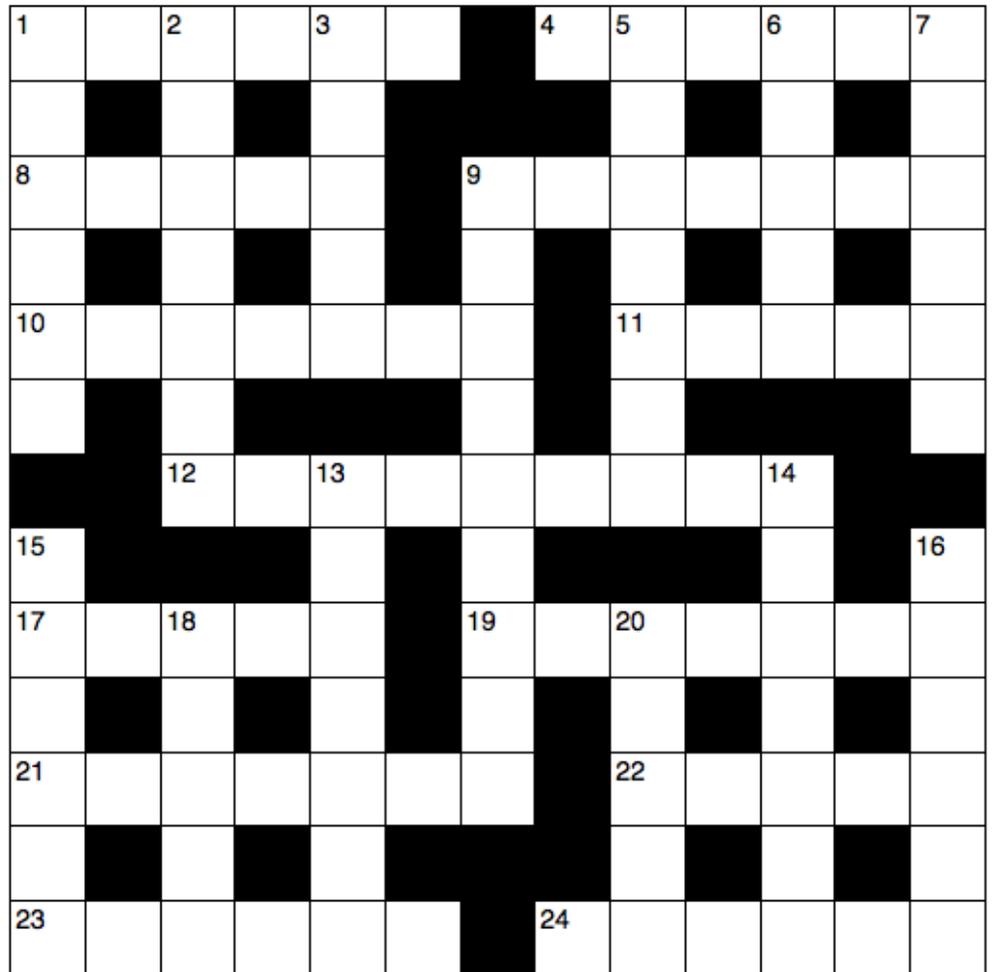
14 Shouting (Acts 7:57) (7)

15 Arachnid (Isaiah 59:5) (6)

16 One of Paul's first converts in Philippi was Lydia, a — in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (6)

18 Donkeys (5)

20 Raked (anag.) (5)



Sudoku

Easy

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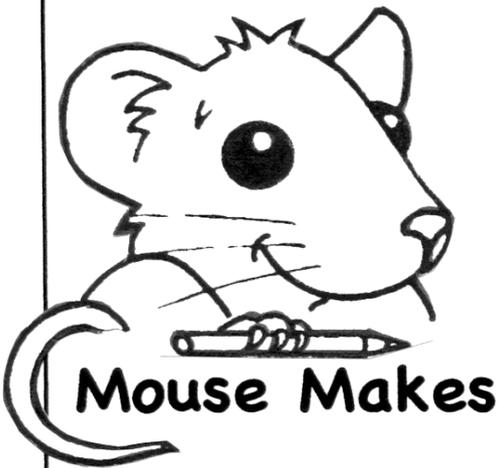
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Intermediate

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For the Children – Mouse Makes



JESUS IS ALIVE!

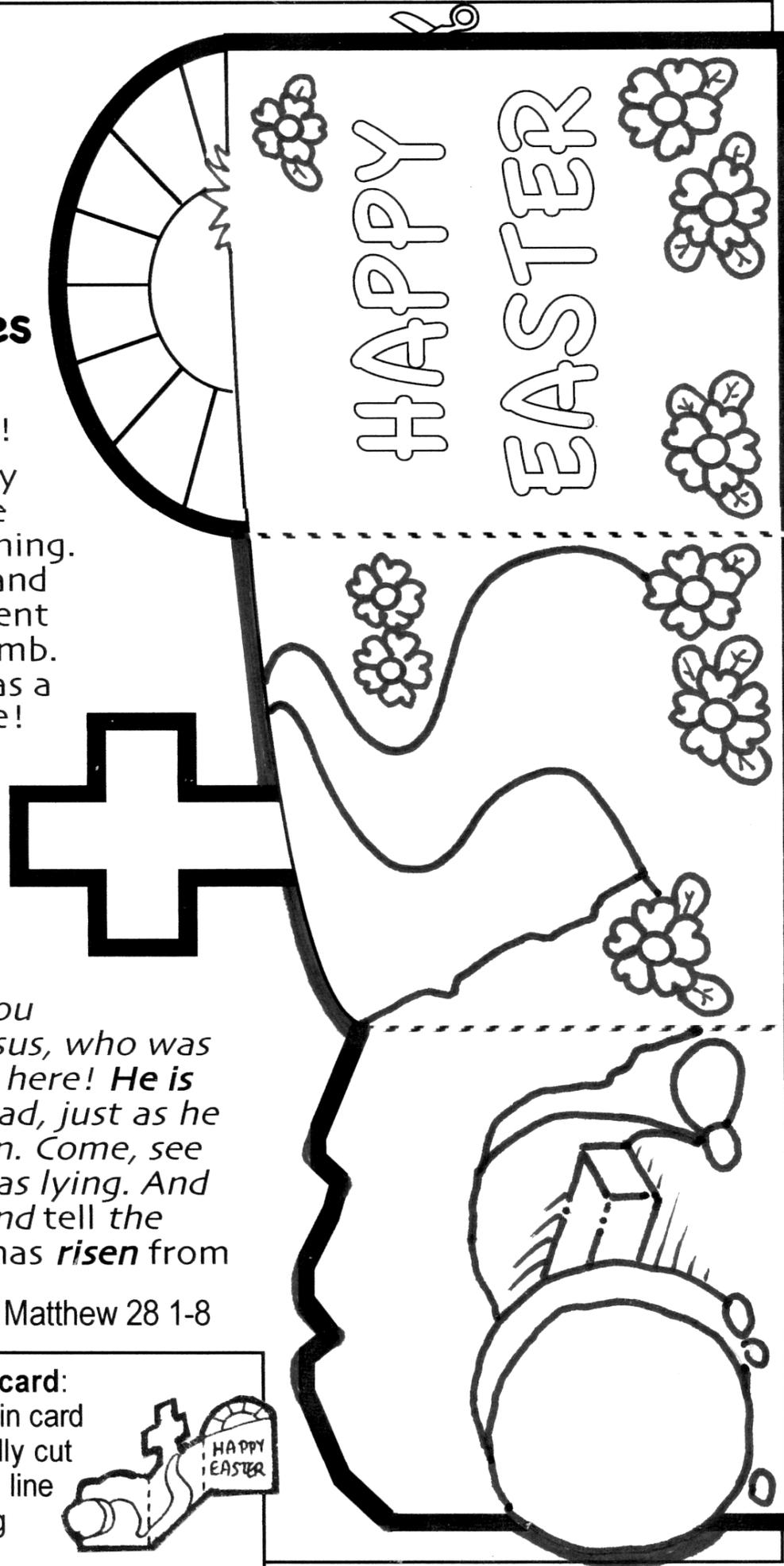


Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb. Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an **angel** of the Lord came down from **heaven**, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it...

"Don't be afraid" he said. *"I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. And now, go quickly and tell the disciples that he has risen from the dead."*

See: Matthew 28 1-8

To make the Easter card:
Glue this page onto thin card then colour in. Carefully cut around the thick black line then zig-zag fold along the dotted lines.



Signposts

We all know that 60 seconds make a minute and 60 minutes in an hour so why in moments of stress does one minute take an hour and if a short rest is taken and your eyes are rested for a minute an hour can be gone.

No sooner than we started this year than half term for schools has gone and into Lent with count down to Easter.

Flood, frost and snow and many people still clearing up and putting things back together as in the case of 'Devil's Bridge' (Tarr Steps) the ancient stones allowing the crossing of the River Barle joining Dulverton and Withypool.

Bridges are so important and many examples big and small can be seen in the West Country crossing the Severn or enabling trains to cross the Tamar.

At this time also with the resignation of the Pope people have to work together and this applies to war torn countries, local communities and fragile human relationships.

It was Jesus coming into the world, refusing to be tempted by the devil in the wilderness as He took the path to the cross on Calvary, to enable the link to be made, the bridge between God and man.

How do we fit in ?

Can we find in our daily life the opportunity to provide a means, a bridge, in all sorts of circumstances? A word spoken, a word of encouragement, a word of love as Jesus loved us.

Arnold Wheeler

Why did God give you to your mother, and not to some other mum?

1. We're related.
2. God knew she likes me a lot more than other kids' mums like me.
3. Other mums wouldn't understand about me being afraid in the dark.

The Prophet

I have been reading a book entitled 'The Prophet' by Khalil Gibran which in short extracts reflects on aspects of the human condition. For example there are chapters on love, children, food, friendship, silence and clothes.

Over the coming editions of the magazine I will publish some extracts and hope that you find them as inspirational as I have. I may occasionally be so bold as to add my own comments.

Tim Lansdown

Why did your mum marry your dad?

1. My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my mum eats a lot.
2. She got too old to do anything else with him.
3. My grandma says that no one will ever know.

Y's Men's Club of Hanham Concert

Rock of Life Band and The Mount Zion Choir

Saturday 23rd March

We are pleased to announce the return of this very popular band and choir.

Please come and support us for an enjoyable evening.

Start Time: 7.00pm

Cost: £6 to include tea, coffee and biscuits

Tickets available from any Y's Man

Pam Liddiard

Dates from the New Room

Friday 1 March

1 pm Holy Communion Phil Hewett (Deputy Warden)

Friday 8 March

1 pm Holy Communion Peter Mortlock (Gordano Valley Circuit)

Wednesday 13 March

3 pm Horsefair Courtyard Education and Resource Centre Development
Launch of the Appeal

Friday 15 March

1 pm Holy Communion David Gray (Swindon and Marlborough
Circuit)

Friday 22 March

1 pm Holy Communion Phil Hewett (Deputy Warden)

Friday 29 March

1 pm Holy Communion David Weeks (New Room Chaplain)

Who's the boss at your house?

1. Dad is, because mum says so. She just helps by reminding him what to do each day.
2. Mum. You can tell by room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed.
3. Dad was, until Mum found what he had written on Facebook about Granny.

What's the difference between mums & dads?

1. Mums work at work and work at home and dads just go to work at work.
2. Mums know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.
3. Dads are taller and stronger, but they panic when the dishwasher overflows.

What does your mum do in her spare time?

1. She takes my brother to football and my sister to violin lessons.
2. To hear her tell it, it's like she pays bills all day long.
3. I think that must happen during the night, because then she just lies there and sleeps.

Lent House Groups

The House Groups continue to run through Lent and we are using the excellent material supplied by York Courses as we have previously. This year the course is entitled 'Glimpses of God ' and is written by Canon David Winter, a name familiar to listeners to 'Thought for Today' on BBC Radio 4.

The dates and venues are as follows:-

Wednesday 6 March at 4 Martins Close

Tuesday 12 March at 58 Greenbank Road

Wednesday 20 March at 4 Hunters Close

Judging by last year's course I am confident that again we will find great benefit in using this well presented material

Tim Lansdown

Worship Committee Chairman

What would it take to make your mum perfect?

1. On the inside she's already perfect. Outside, I think some kind of plastic surgery.
2. Diet. You know, her hair. I'd diet, maybe blue.
3. She would understand why the dog needs to sleep with me at night.

If you could change one thing about your mum, what would it be?

1. She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.
2. I'd make my mum smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it and not me.
3. She'd be more relaxed about me not doing my homework.

Flower Festival 2013

We invite you, your family and friends to visit our Flower Festival on Saturday, 20 April where our displays will be depicting 'Celebrations'. The Church will be open from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Coffee will be served from 10.00am to 12.00pm with cream teas from 12.00pm to 4.00pm.

We look forward to seeing you and thank you for your continued support.

The Flower Committee

News from The New Room

Launch of the Horsefair Courtyard Fund-Raising Appeal

The official launch of the funding appeal for the Horsefair Project is to take place on Wednesday 13 March from 3.00pm to 4.30pm. Light refreshments will be served.

Invitations have already been sent out to Circuits, churches, and other contacts in the Bristol area.

If you have already received yours, I hope you have confirmed your attendance by either phoning the office on 0117 926 4740 or sending an email to info@newroombristol.org.uk.

If you have not received an invitation but would like to come, please phone or email the office without delay.

The Horsefair Project

The New Room has been described as 'The Cradle of Methodism'. It has had a central place in Methodism since the eighteenth century revival in both Britain and in America .

As it stands, the chapel lacks facilities to welcome its many visitors and to tell the story of the Wesleys properly. The existing museum needs to be expanded and redeveloped, and the preachers' room are much as they were 80 years ago. There is no disabled access, nor are there study facilities.

This project will provide an Education Room, a Resource Centre, and storage and research facilities for our extensive library and historic material, all in the new building.

All the upstairs rooms of the 1748 building will be made available for use as a museum, and particular attention will be paid to the centrality of the beautiful lantern window.

The Project will be described in full at the launch, and we hope that you will want to be part of the day.

What is Love?

In a survey of 4 to 8 year olds, children revealed a simple but deep grasp of that four-letter word.

- When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love.
- Love is when my Mummy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK.
- Love is when you kiss all the time. Then when you get tired of kissing, you still want to be together and you talk more. My mummy and daddy are like that. I think they look disgusting when they kiss, but they look happy, and sometimes they dance in the kitchen while they're kissing.
- My mummy loves me more than anybody. You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night.

EASTER – the most joyful day of the year

Easter is the most joyful day of the year for Christians. Christ has died for our sins. We are forgiven. Christ has risen! We are redeemed! We can look forward to an eternity in his joy! Hallelujah!

The Good News of Jesus Christ is a message so simple that you can explain it to someone in a few minutes. It is so profound that for the rest of their lives they will be still be 'growing' in their Christian walk with God.

Why does the date move around so much? Because the date of Passover moves around, and according to the biblical account, Easter is tied to the Passover. Passover celebrates the Israelites' exodus from Egypt and it lasts for seven days, from the middle of the Hebrew month of Nisan, which equates to late March or early April.

Sir Isaac Newton was one of the first to use the Hebrew lunar calendar to come up with firm dates for Good Friday: Friday 7 April 30 AD or Friday 3 April, 33 AD, with Easter Day falling two days later. Modern scholars continue to think these the most likely.

Most people will tell you that Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox, which is broadly true. But the precise calculations are complicated and involve something called an 'ecclesiastical full moon', which is not the same as the moon in the sky. The earliest possible date for Easter in the West is 22 March, which last fell in 1818 and won't fall again until 2285. The latest is 25 April, which last happened in 1943 and is next due in 2038.

Why the name, 'Easter'? In almost every European language, the festival's name comes from 'Pesach', the Hebrew word for Passover. The Germanic word 'Easter', however, seems to come from Eostre, a Saxon fertility goddess mentioned by the Venerable Bede. He thought that the Saxons worshipped her in 'Eostur month', but may have confused her with the classical dawn goddesses like Eos and Aurora, whose names mean 'shining in the east'. So Easter might have meant simply 'beginning month' – a good time for starting up again after a long winter.

Finally, why Easter eggs? On one hand, they are an ancient symbol of birth in most European cultures. On the other hand, hens start laying regularly again each Spring. Since eggs were forbidden during Lent, it's easy to see how decorating and eating them became a practical way to celebrate Easter.

Mothing Sunday – 4th Sunday in Lent

There is an old Jewish saying:

God could not be everywhere, and therefore He made mothers.

Mother Church, Mother Earth, Mother of the Gods - our human mothers - all of them have been part of the celebration of 'Mothing Sunday' - as the fourth Sunday in Lent is affectionately known. It has been celebrated in the UK since at least the 16th century.

In Roman times, great festivals were held every Spring to honour Cybele, Mother of all the Gods. Other pagan festivals in honour of Mother Earth were also celebrated. With the arrival of Christianity, the festival became one honouring Mother Church.

During the Middle Ages, young people apprenticed to craftsmen or working as 'live-in' servants were allowed only one holiday a year on which to visit their families - which is how 'Mothing Sunday' got its name. This special day became a day of family rejoicing, and the Lenten fast was broken. In some places the day was called Simnel Day, because of the sweet cakes called simnel cakes traditionally eaten on that day.

In recent years the holiday has changed and in many ways now resembles the American Mothers' Day, with families going out to Sunday lunch and generally making a fuss of their mother on the day.

Crossword Answers

ACROSS: 1, Awaken. 4, Quench. 8, Hit me. 9, Sadness. 10, Semitic. 11, Ridge. 12, Testimony. 17, Psalm. 19, Indulge. 21, Deserve. 22, Ariel. 23, Rose as. 24, Beggar.

DOWN: 1, Aghast. 2, Attempt. 3, Eject. 5, Undergo. 6, No end. 7, Hasten. 9, Sacrifice. 13, Samaria. 14, Yelling. 15, Spider. 16, Dealer. 18, Asses. 20, Drake.

Pause for Thought

We have a gospel to proclaim
Good news for men in all the earth;
The gospel of a Saviour's name:
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

Tell of His birth at Bethlehem,
Not in a royal house or hall
But in a stable dark and dim:
The Word made flesh, a light for all.

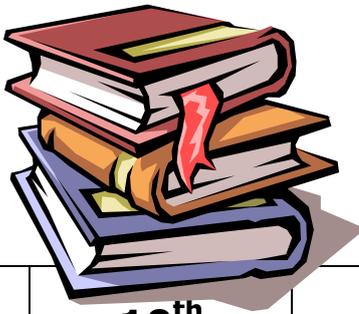
Tell of His death at Calvary,
Hated by those He came to save;
In lonely suffering on the cross
For all He loved His life He gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
Empty the tomb, for He was free.
He broke the power of death and hell
That we might share His victory.

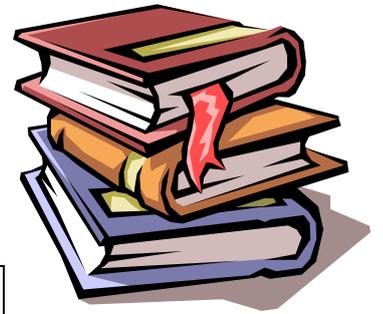
Tell of His reign at God's right hand,
By all creation glorified;
He sends His Spirit on His Church
To live for Him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name Him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel message we proclaim:
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

Edward J Burns (b1938)



Rotas – Doors and Books



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Rotas – Flowers



March	3rd	10th	17th	24th	31st
Church	Barbara Lewis	Flower Committee	Bill Frost	Lynn	Easter – Free
War Memorial	Barbara Lewis	Flower Committee	Pat Saunders	Free	Free

Weekly Activities

You are invited to share in our services and activities as listed below.

If you would like an introduction to any of the groups / activities please contact the Minister or a Church Steward.

Details of further events inside.

Sunday

10.45am Morning Worship, Youth Church & Creche
4.00pm Messy Church (First Sunday of each month)
6.00pm Evening Worship

Monday

10.00am – 3.00pm Friendly Table
2.30pm Bright Hour
Evening Brownies, Guides & Rangers
Table Tennis

Tuesday

7.30pm Girl's Night In
(First Tuesday of the month, ask about venue)

Wednesday

1.30pm Mums & Toddlers
Evening Rainbows
7.30pm Wives Group (Alternate weeks)
Men's Curry Club (As announced)

Thursday

2.15pm Shawl Ministry (Last Thursday of the month)
Evening Boy's Brigade (Anchors, Juniors, Company & Seniors)
Brownies

Friday

7.30pm Y's Men (Third Friday of the month)
Men's Curry Club (As announced)

Saturday

9.30am Prayer Meeting (Second & Fourth Saturday of the month)
Coffee Morning