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Morning Service 10:30 am Communion service held on the first Sunday of the month.

Pastors Comment ...

A few weeks ago I was attending a workshop for Ministers who were tackling new ways of presenting Easter; apparently, they've tried every angle and perspective, from the viewpoint of the passer-by to a Roman Soldier, one of the disciples, Peter, John, the donkey and even a dormouse! We eventually concluded that you simply can't beat just telling the way it is. Of course, our focus must be Jesus whose death was the most powerful and personal expression of love for us. But much more than that, His death literally gives us new life in the power of His resurrection. It's His power that we work in as Paul said "My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power" (1 Cor 2:4) and Paul says to us "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power" (Eph 6:10). In all our prayer and whatever we do, let us remember that we can do it in His strength and not our own.

The Lent meetings are all about our 'Rich inheritance in Christ and His love' and indeed the meetings have been rich and refreshing. We also have 'Art & Faith' on the 16th April at 7pm with Graham Fish that has already drawn a lot of local interest. Perhaps you could find some time to be part of these events?

Finally, Sandra and Ros are in real need of our prayer support and encouragement. And, a HUGE 'Thank You' to Richard & Hywel who put in the kitchen units and to many others who have donated so kindly. The last meal was excellent and all those who cooked, cleaned and prepared deserve our highest appreciation..

Pastor Tim.

Services

April

3rd	Rev. Tim Skillman
10th	Mr D King
17th	Collective Worship
22nd	Rev. Tim Skillman
24th	Rev. Tim Skillman

May

1st	Rev. Tim Skillman
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Flowers

April

3rd	Mrs. D. Laphorn
10th	Ms. J. Brown
17th	Mrs. P. Discombe
24th	Easter Flowers

May

1st	Easter Flowers
8th	Mrs. G. Sterry



Door Stewards

3rd	Ann
10th	Brian
17th	Brian
24th	Kate

May

1st	Kate
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Hoovering (week ending...)

April

2nd	Mrs. E. Putt
9th	Mr. H. Jones
16th	Mrs. K. King
23rd	Mrs. G. Sterry
30th	Mrs. S. Jones

May

7th	Ms. J. Brown
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Jesus appeared several times to the disciples after He rose from the dead. This is a story of one of those times...

Peter said to some of the other disciples, "I think I'm going to go fishing." The disciples that were there said, "Wait up, we'll go with you." It was getting dark outside but the disciples thought they would catch more fish at this time of day. They got into the boat and went out onto the water, and were out there for a long time. The time passed and it was almost morning and they still hadn't caught any fish.

Jesus knew where His disciples were and went out to meet them. He was standing on shore, but the disciples didn't realize who it was.

Jesus called to them, "Friends, haven't you caught any fish?" "No," they answered. So Jesus told them, "Throw your net on the other side of the boat and you will catch some." What happened next was amazing. The disciples who had been fishing all night without catching anything, threw the net over to the other side and within minutes the net was overflowing with fish.

Then one of the disciples realized who had been talking to them, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Peter heard this he jumped out of the boat to go to Jesus. (They weren't that far from shore).

The other disciples stayed in the boat, and worked hard to tow all the fish to shore. When they met up with Jesus, there was a fire started with some bread laying close by. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have caught, we'll have breakfast together."



Peter helped the rest of the disciples to get the fish out of the boat. There were so many fish and they were all so big that they all needed to lift together to get the fish out of the boat because it was so heavy. After breakfast Jesus asked Peter some important questions. He asked him, "Peter do you love me more than your parents and all your friends?"

"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Again Jesus said, "Peter do you truly love me, no matter what?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Then Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" Peter's feelings were hurt because Jesus kept asking him, but he replied, "Lord, you know the answer, you know that I love you."

"Then follow me," Jesus said.

We have learned that Jesus died on the cross because He loves us, no matter what bad things we do! Now we need to love Jesus no matter what. Here are some questions to think about:

Would you still love/follow Jesus if...

- your mom or dad got very sick
- you had no friends
- you became blind, or couldn't walk anymore
- everything was going wrong
- you had to move away from all your friends
- you were poor and never got any Christmas presents

Some people just like you have these problems, and much worse and they still love Jesus! We need to remember that no matter what Jesus loves us, and He will never ever stop loving us! Sometimes things happen that we don't understand, but Jesus knows everything and He will help us if we ask Him to.

Mark Page

Communion for the first Sunday in April will be led by Rev. Tim Skillman, who will be assisted by Hywell and Sandra. All those who love the Lord are welcome to join us for communion. It is our practice to eat the bread singly, but to drink the wine as one fellowship.



For you to colour in, cut out and stick on the wall to remind you about Easter

Palm Sunday is a collective worship, please can you let Enid have your choice of hymn and let her know if you can do a reading

And what does the LORD require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8