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From the Editor

Recently I've had a number of interesting conversations with various people, and a resounding theme has been the way God moves in "mysterious ways", bringing about His purpose. Coincidence? God-incidence!

Seeking God's guidance often seems like a really tricky task. It's so comforting to make our own plans, to be in control. And then when something unexpected comes along, we question why it is happening to us.

Hindsight is, they say, a wonderful thing – we look back and see how, through all the good and difficult times, God has had His guiding hand on our lives, sometimes bringing us back to the path we should be on, and other times, being our guiding light on the path that we are on.

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Isaiah 55:8-9 (NIV)

So, as you read through this edition of Grapevine, consider how God has led people, bringing them to a deeper knowledge of Himself, and then consider how He may be prompting you. Be blessed.

Cheryl Schulte

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Our purpose is to take the life-changing message of Jesus Christ to all, with the goal that they become His loyal disciples.

Pastor's Page

In a newsletter I received from our Doctor's Surgery this week, I read the following advice, "You may or may not follow media reports into the NHS – I try not to, having heard some words of wisdom in years gone by, that the easiest way to improve your happiness is to stop reading newspapers."

I understand this only too well but the



sad thing is that, although the Bible has the opposite effect, we do not read it as we should and we are more likely to believe what we read

in the daily paper than what we read in the Bible.

As a church, we want to not only read the Bible but to live it. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is good news! It is transforming and life-giving. As we focus our discussion around Vision 20:21, taken from the verse in John 20:21, we read Jesus' post-resurrection words to

his followers, "As the father sent me so I am sending you." We are being sent into God's world to make a difference. Jesus describes his followers as salt and light, images that are captured in our church logo. Salt does little good when held in the salt cellar, out of it salt transforms things, adds flavour to food, lowers the freezing point of water, takes bitterness out of coffee (use only a very few grains though.) Light dispels darkness, no matter how much darkness is there, a little light will always be seen. Light shows the way, reveals dangers, brings hope. We are being called to take big steps to make Jesus known in word and action.

As we, as a church, continue our journey towards being the church that God is calling us to be, where we live the gospel, share the gospel, are the gospel, let us continue to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and what He is wanting us to do.

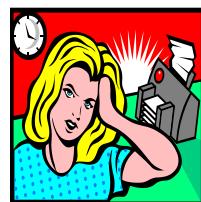
*Ian Bunce
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**The deadline for the June/ July 2016 edition of the Grapevine is
Sunday 8th May 2016**

Please give any items to Cheryl Schulte, put them in the tray on the Welcome Desk or email them to

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Baptism

Angela Beswick-Springer - 6th December 2015



I was born into a Caribbean family. My sister and I were made to go to church every Sunday, which was a Baptist church, however my parents and brothers did not attend. At the

time I didn't understand what going to church meant, I just went because I was told to go.

I stopped going to church in my teens when everything was good, I was partying hard, and giving my family a lot of trouble. I met my ex-husband late into my teens and we lived together. My mum didn't agree with this as she said it's not good to "live in sin" and we got married.

I don't actually know the time when I started to drink alcohol, but I drank for comfort. I had my daughter two years after my marriage; she was born asleep. My drinking got worse, I think it was grieving, but I drank to hide the pain. My marriage ended in a divorce and I carried on drinking. My daughter's father said he would take her

away from me, but I didn't care, I just carried on drinking, and spiralled out of control.



I remember waking up in hospital and asking what day it was, as I had to get my daughter to school. The nurse said it was Tuesday, I was discharged from hospital. My ex-husband

said I couldn't see my daughter without supervision from him, it was horrible; my daughter didn't want to see me, she put the phone down when I called, I went to see her at school, she didn't want to see me. I accepted that I had lost her and I would have to learn to live without her.

I had passed a Baptist church many times where I lived in Harrow and I said to myself I need to go there. I went on the Sunday and felt at home. I attended the Alpha Course, I began to

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accept Jesus as my saviour. I prayed to God that I could have a closer relationship with Him.

I saw my daughter and tried to get our relationship



back on track but she didn't trust me; my family said never give up hope, pray. Which I did. She came home when she was 16. We have the best relationship

now. I carried on attending church, I attended baptism but I felt I was not ready.

I was ready to move home, I tried several Baptist churches in the area, but it didn't feel right.

I got a job and looked through the window and saw this church. I came in July 2014, I attended the church weekend and I spoke to a fellow church member about baptism, how-



ever I didn't feel that I'm perfect enough to be baptised. She said, you will never be perfect and that's when I knew I wanted to give myself to the Lord and Saviour. He has taken me out of the depths of darkness, assisted me to keep my job and just love him so much.

I realise that this is the beginning of my journey, and I feel like Jesus Christ is watching over me, protecting me, moulding me and shaping me into a better follower of Christ. This decision has made me a better person in Christ and to understand more about the Bible and to teach the Gospel to those who don't know who Christ is.

Philippians 4v6-8: *Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done, then you will experience God's peace which exceeds anything we can understand, his peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.*

I have not drunk since 2007 as I will not make it rule me. Only God can rule.

My daughter has written this letter to me for today:

Dear Mum,

Congratulations on this next step in your life!

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It takes work, perseverance, faith and a whole lot of other things to be able to pluck up the courage to take this plunge – yes, literally!

Although I can't be with you today, do not doubt that I am supporting you 110%. We may not agree on faith and religion, but we strongly believe in the love we have for each other and that is bigger than anything.

The last couple of years haven't always been the easiest for you, but I never doubt that you can pull through anything, including the most recent hurdle that had threatened everything you've ever worked for.

You inspire me always to be a better and stronger woman who thinks about everyone else, and then, herself.

So let today be yours and about this new chapter and achievement in your life. We could all do with more spirituality and I am endlessly proud of you for taking this step. I am with you today, even if not physically.

I am with you, God is with you. I love you endlessly and eternally.

God Bless.

Angela Beswick-Springer

Pause to smile

A young husband was taking his wife to the maternity hospital as their first child was well on the way. But the husband miss-timed their departure. After



a series of hold-ups in traffic, they arrived at the hospital just in time for his poor wife to give birth on

the front lawn of the hospital's entrance. Fortunately all went well with mother and child, but when the bill arrived from the hospital, the husband noticed there was a charge for delivery room service and equipment, £30. Most annoyed, he wrote a



strong letter to the hospital administrator, pointing out that he was certainly not liable for that charge as his wife had been delivered of the baby on the front lawn outside the hospital. Two days later, he received an amended bill which included the item, Green fee £30.



The Church Mouse



Claudio Nitisor Inducted at Salem Baptist Church 9th January 2016



Ian Draper - Day of Thanksgiving



You may or may not recall that last May 2015 my father (Ian Draper) had an accident which caused a significant injury. Romford Baptist Church were very faithful in their prayers for my dad and people often asked after him and still do.

God has truly worked a miracle and after being told dad may possibly be able to feed himself with one arm, he is now walking confidently, mainly without a stick and driving among other things. We are so very grateful for his recovery and the love and support shown by so many. Thank you to everyone at RBC who has prayed for him and shown love and support to us as a family.

My parents are hosting a day of prayer and thanksgiving for his recovery. Please see the details below.

TIME OF THANKSGIVING

ALL are welcome, on the 9th of April between 10.00 and 16.00, we are holding a time of praise and thanksgiving for the miraculous recovery Ian has made. We wish to give thanks to God.

The plan is that from 10.00 to 10.30

we will have refreshments, followed by 30 minutes of prayer, praise and thanksgiving, and repeat the process every hour.

Please feel free to bring anything to share, a psalm, the words from a song, we could try and sing if we have the right people, and time for prayer, concentrating on thanksgiving.

Do feel free to come as you wish and go when you must. We realise that the date may not be convenient to you, or the distance to travel may be too great, if this is the case could we ask that you spend a few minutes to give thanks wherever you are.

Our address, for those who do not know it, is:- 89 Hamilton Avenue, Barkingside, IG6 1AD; our telephone number is 020 8554 0052.

Thank you for your prayers over the last 10 months and we look forward to seeing you if you can make it.

Cathy and Ian Draper (Alison Shorter's parents)

Thank you once again.

Alison Shorter



Baptism
Rachel Adekanmbi – 6th December 2015



New Members
7th February 2016



Rev Ian Bunce welcomes: Ayo Balogun, Rachel Adekanmbi, Lydia Abbey and Devon Spencer into membership.

Frances Bardsley expedition to Uganda 2017



At the end of June 2017 I will be going to Uganda with my School, Frances Bardsley Academy for girls. I will be teaching children how to read write and spell. Before I had been given the opportunity to undertake this expedition I had to apply and interviewed. 80 applied and 40 where interviewed and only 24 could actually go. Here is some information on where I will be going and what I will be doing whilst being there.

Project 1: Lungujja New Model Junior School

- Meet with teachers, students & parents
- Helping children in their classes
- Improving/ building a new kitchen

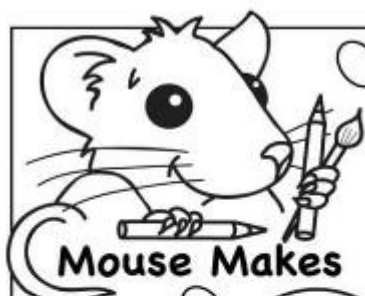
Project 2: New Era Nursery and Primary School

- Meet with teachers, students & par-

- ents
- Helping children in classes
- Building parts of the school, setting new furniture, new resources (books, paper, and pens, new black-boards)

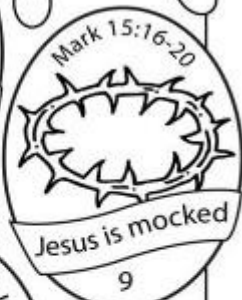
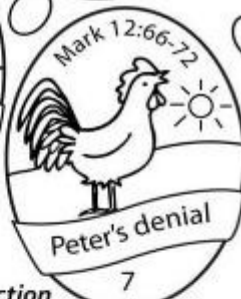
I have never travelled outside the UK before, so this experience will not only allow me to see the world but I will also see other people's way of life and I will also be able to connect more with some girls from my school that I may have never spoken to. Also I have skills such as reading, creative writing, dancing, sports, cooking and IT. I also like teamwork, so I am hoping that I will be a good sport and supporter of any team I am put with. In order to go on the trip I will need to fundraise some money to help with some of the resources that I will be taking, so on the 9th July 2016 I will be doing a family fun day where there will be a BBQ, cakes, game for the whole family and a carboot sale. Also if anyone is looking for a babysitter I would happily take the offer, and for any more information please speak to Janet Walden who will be coordinating the event. Hope to see you all on the 9th July.

Christabel Ogunleye



Each big egg tells a part of the Easter story. Colour them in then look up the bible verses.

Easter Story Eggs



Jesus said:
"I am the resurrection and the life"
John 11:25



Jesus said:
"I will come and get you so that you can always be with me" John 14:3

Cut out the big eggs. Glue onto card and use them for a bible story Easter egg hunt.

Prayer Diary for April 2016

Fri 8 th	Continue to pray for those recently baptised and for those currently exploring what baptism means.	Richard & Jane Lauder
Sat 9 th	CAP Money course starts today. Thank God for the help this has been in the past.	Olive Layzell
Sun 10 th	Pray for the work of Church 1v23; Rich Shorter and the team will give us an update this morning.	John Leach
Mon 11 th	Pray for the work among young people, from Parent & Toddlers to teenager. Thank God for the blessing they are to us.	Sandra Leach
Tues 12 th	Pray for encouragement for the local Baptist Ministers, who have their monthly meeting today.	Brian & Rosemary Loveard
Weds 13 th	Small groups recommence tonight, with a time of prayer together.	Jan Loveard & Jemima
Thurs 14 th	Thank God for the blessing the music team are to us, and pray that more people will be prepared to use the musical gifts that God has given them.	David & JJ Majekodunmi, Caroline & Samuel
Fri 15 th	Continue to pray for the Special Needs small group and their leaders, who meet this morning.	Ayodeji Majekodunmi
Sat 16 th	CAP course continues to and next Satur. Pray for Anthony Gill and the church at Chase Cross, with his final Sun tomorrow.	Pankaj & Vasant Makwana
Sun 17 th	Jan leads All-age worship this morning and Mike Simpson leads the service this evening.	Katrin Manga, Emily, Julie & Makani
Mon 18 th	Thank God for those who drop in on Sun evenings and Mons for the coffee and Foodbank. Pray that we may reach out with God's compassion and love.	Stephen Mansfield
Tues 19 th	Pray for our students and the University & Colleges Christian Fellowship staff as they support the Christian Unions.	Beki & Paul Martin, Sarah & Sophie
Weds 20 th	Church AGM tonight, including the election of Deacons. May we all come, seeking to follow God's agenda.	Beryl Mather
Thurs 21 st	Pray for the Royal Family, and thank God for them, as they celebrate the Queen's 90 th birthday.	Don & Daphne May
Fri 22 nd	European Baptist meetings take place in Birmingham, yesterday, today and tomorrow. Thank God for the diversity of the Baptist family.	Michael & Beverley McKenzie, Arianna & Chaeli

Prayer Diary for April 2016

Sat 23 rd	Pray for a school near you – students, teachers, teaching assistants, admin Staff, cleaners, etc.	Bren McSweeney
Sun 24 th	Father God, we pray that we might discover afresh Your great love for us, and in doing so, be filled with love for others.	Emma & Stephen Miller, Stephanie & McKenzie
Mon 25 th	Pray for local councillors; may they seek the best for local residents.	Paul & Anne Miller, Tommy & Katie
Tues 26 th	Haverling Mind monthly support group; pray for the valuable contribution made by such meetings.	Sam & Cecilia Moy
Weds 27 th	Small groups meet tonight; pray about the need for more leaders. Could this be you?	Barbara Moore
Thurs 28 th	Remember those who lead services at Parkside, each Mon and Thurs, and Chaseview on the last Thursday of each month.	Rachel Morris
Fri 29 th	Think of as many service providers as you can – post-men, street cleaners, etc. Thank God for them, and thank them when you see them.	Wendy Mott
Sat 30 th	Pray for clarity of mind and thought for the many young people facing exams in the next couple of months.	Doris Murphy
Sun 1 st May	Ian leads both services of worship today. Pray for those overseas – Ian and Andrea, Teddy and Didi, and D and D.	Paul & Susan Murray, and PJ
Mon 2 nd	Thank God for all who have shown us love and served His church over the years. We pray for those finding life hard at the moment.	Claudiu & Dana Niti-sor, Darius, Giulia & Dan Luka
Tues 3 rd	Leadership Team meets this evening. Thank God for, and pray for, all those who serve in this way.	Ruth Nicholls
Weds 4 th	Pray for the final plans being made for the Holiday at Home, to be held next month.	Hannah Njuhi
Thurs 5 th	Greater London elections today – The Foyer is again a Polling Station today.	Cecilia Nkeng
Fri 6 th	Pray for BMS, especially Jess, Elizabeth and Susie, who have been the Action team in Mizoram (India); they're with us next month.	Doris Norman
Sat 7 th	Pray for the Prospects service this afternoon at St Peter's for people with Special Needs.	Caroline Oduyemi



If you have any items for inclusion in the
May 2016 Prayer Diary,
please contact the Church Office.



Baptism

Devon Spencer – 6th December 2015



"For him who has conquered the mind, the mind is the best of friends; But for one who has failed to do so, his mind will remain the greatest enemy" – *Bhagavad Gita*

For many years my mind was my greatest enemy, but I am learning to be the master of my own mind. I have a choice in the way I respond to how I feel.

Today is the first day of the rest of my life, today is my rebirth, the day I am washed clean, from all the pain, misery, torment, from all the shame and guilt, from all the disappointments, and move at last from the darkness of the past into the light of life, my present and future. My whole life, everything that I had to endure, all that I have put my family through, the darkness that engulfed me has led to this moment in my life.



When all hope had gone, that cleansing water awaits me now.

Let me tell you a story, take you on a journey into my life, and how life can sometimes deal a horrible blow, sometimes in life things happened beyond your control and left you scarred. Self-harming was my cure for the demons in my head, gambling became a way of life to escape from reality. I was in a quicksand, sinking, with no way out. Severe depression they called it then.

Flashbacks and memories haunted my dreams, I was sinking and drowning in confusion and helplessness. Medication, section again, PTSD, but I could not face it. I was not ready to tell the world how my innocence was stolen, fear of rejection and blame, with all the shame and self-loathing.

And for the last 45 years that has been my life - lost, voiceless and too damaged to be fixed. I was stuck in the past, trying to cope with it all. This time a year ago in my head I was ready to go, and yet something called me to RBC. Today I stand here and tell you that I still take medication, am in therapy dealing with the past, but my new

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family here, Richard Knight and his family who embraced me and offered me a place at his table, Carol, Angie, Sandra and Clarie, and Karen and her amazing testimony, they are just a few of many, and they have been my greatest therapy. I am healing now and breaking free.



My family is here today, as they have always been, supporting me through some difficult times, even when I push them away, even when they could not comprehend what was going on with me, they never gave up on me, their patience and love, and their giving is beyond measure. My cousin Alistair and his wife who took me in when I was at my most vulnerable, weak, lost and frightened, and there were times when I tested him, but he never gave up on me. Patricia, a lady of substance, who came to me when I was at a dark, dark place, is here today to witness my testimony, my truest friend.

Today is for them and all who have given me so much and ask for nothing, but most of all today is for my God and His power to heal and transform a lost wretched soul like mine. For me, being

a Christian is being a new Christian every day, with passion and excitement, with an insatiable thirst and hunger aching to be filled.

My journey has just begun, a new day is dawning and whatever plans my God has for me, I will follow Him without question, and thus I put my faith, my life and all my trust in Him.

I cannot change what happened to me, or the mistakes I have made, but I can change the way I respond to it.

Joshua 1 v 9: Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

And thus I leave you with this poem:

I am free

I was lost and wandering aimlessly;
On a long dark melancholy road
But you found me, and guided me
I was alone and scared in the dark,
No one heard my cries,
No one saw blackness
But You shine a bright light on me.

I was broken,
My spirit faded into obscurity,
No more future
Anxiety and tears
No more hope
Torment and rage

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Bitterness, emptiness

Colours of emotion

Overwhelmed my every being
My thoughts, my soul, my dreams
But You mended me.

I was a captive like a wolf in a cage,
Rage turned in,
But my indignation was strong
My chains were broken,
You freed me.

My soul in torment,
My mind in confusion
Tears, fears
I cried out in pain
You lifted me out of my despair

My eyes were closed,
You opened them,
My ears could not hear,
Now I hear every song.
I was voiceless,
You opened my mouth and I sing out
loud,
At last I am free,
I am free,

Like the seasons of time,
Moving in a rhythmic rhythm and
rhyme
Captured in the raptures of
Love, gratitude, joy, hope,
Gone is all the anger
I know God has a plan
This is my destiny yet to be written
And the possibilities are endless
I am free, I am free

Inspirations Card Making

The next session of Inspirations will be on Saturday 21st May 2016 from 9:30am – 12:30pm in the Willow Hall. We hope that with the arrival of spring and hopefully warmer weather and brighter days, you will all feel inspired and ready to create. If not, don't worry, we can help. Just sign up for the next Inspirations workshop for some fresh ideas to get your mojo back!

As usual, the £5 fee includes all materials and refreshments including homemade cakes.

There are 2 choices of class this time, so please book as soon as possible to ensure your first choice.

Everyone is welcome! Even if you are not a regular card maker – just come along for some 'me' time.

Tea Bag Folding - Sue:

We welcome Sue Hall to Inspirations today. Sue has been card making for many years and brings with her a wealth of experience. We hope this will be the first of



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many workshops Sue will be running. She will be introducing us to Teabag Folding - a technique originating from folding the fancy square envelopes used to hold tea bags. Now any square paper can be folded to create a design which you can then build up to make your card. Some different folds are pansy corners, as in picture, also square, triangle and kite folds. Master these folds and you can make an eye-catching array of different designs. A great use of left-over papers.

You've Got Style – Pauline:



Pauline will show you how to make a classy chic card which can be adapted to suit many occasions. We will be using various techniques, including stamping, colouring, mat-

ting and layering and distressing. There will be stamps suitable for men and women, and different colour backgrounds and mirror board. Copy my design or create your own - start with a card blank and see where your imagination takes you. Complete your design with a greeting and some embellishments to create a stunning card.

To register for this workshop, please complete the booking form available in the foyer of the church or on the notice board in the Willow Hall. Please book by Sunday 8th May 2016. (Cheques payable to "RBC Inspirations" please).

If you would like more information about Inspirations, please ring Pauline on 07742 707790 or leave a message with the church office (01708 743382) and we will call you back.

Pauline Yates

BMS BIRTHDAY SCHEME

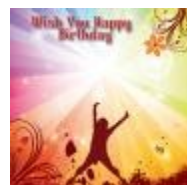
Birthdays April 2016

10th Jim Hooper
25th Kathy Metcalfe
25th Beryl Dunnings
27th Richard Knight



Birthdays May 2016

6th Neil Walden
8th Betty Davey
23rd Elizabeth Callender
28th Margaret Powell
30th Abigail Howson





RBC Catering Team



The RBC Catering Team is a group of people who are responsible for providing or organising the food and drink for activities in the church. This includes events like Fellowship lunches, prayer breakfasts and outreach events. There are many different roles within this team of people. Some cook, some set up tables, others lay the tables, some clear tables, some wash up, some enjoy making sandwiches, others prefer baking cakes but each of these roles is essential to the smooth running of the event.

As co-ordinator of the catering team, I would like to recruit some more members for our team to lighten the load a little on the present team. This is an excellent way of getting to know new people and being able to serve God in the church. Any training required, will be given. I am also looking for people who are willing to put their name on my cake bakers list! Do you enjoy baking? Could you bake a cake for an event occasionally when requested? Please give your name and contact details to me, along with a list of cakes you are confident with, and I will be in contact with you the next time I need a cake!

If you can help with either of the above please email me at jwalden63@icloud.com

Many thanks in anticipation!

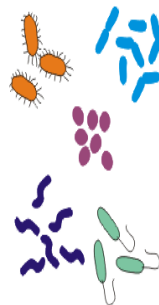
Jan Walden





Notice for group leaders and all kitchen users

As part of our roles of Catering Co-ordinators, Fay and I regularly check the fridges, freezers and cupboards to maintain food hygiene on church premises. This has become increasingly time-consuming in recent weeks, so we would be most grateful if you would follow the suggestions given below:



Fridges and Freezers

Using the stickers and pen now provided, please mark any food item which you are leaving in the fridge or freezer with a name or a group name and when it is to be used.

Longer stay items like jams and sauces must be marked with the date on which they were opened.

Cupboards

We would ask group leaders to monitor the items stored in the cupboards in rooms used for activities, and dispose of items which become out of date.

Many thanks for your help in maintaining good food hygiene on the church premises!

Fay Veares and Jan Walden



CAP Money

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starts at RBC

@ 2-4pm on the

9, 16 and 23 April 2016

Contact:

RBC Office

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SATURDAY 23 APRIL 2016 9AM TO 5PM

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HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is the week before Easter Day; it starts with Palm Sunday which is on 20th March this year. Palm Sunday is when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey.

The Thursday of Holy Week is called Maundy Thursday which is named for the words that Jesus used at his last meal with the disciples, what we now call the Last Supper. The Latin words are 'Mandatum novum do vobis' – a new commandment I give you'. Do you know what that commandment is? You can read the whole account in St John's Gospel, chapter 13.

Then comes Good Friday - a lot of people can't see why a day that commemorates the trial and crucifixion of Jesus could be called 'good'. It was a black day but Christians know that without what happened that Friday there would be no Easter. Without the death of our Lord there would have been no empty tomb on Easter Day, no glorious Resurrection.

HOT CROSS BUNS

One of the pleasures of Easter is eating hot



cross buns. Like most things they cost more now than they did in this old rhyme...

Hot Cross Buns,

Hot Cross Buns,

One a penny, two a penny,

Hot Cross Buns.

If you have no daughters,

Give them to your sons,

One a penny, two a penny,

Hot Cross Buns.

If you have some time to spare, see how many words you can make from the letters in the words HOT CROSS BUNS. Words of at least 3 letters, no plurals, proper names or foreign words.



What do you get when you pour boiling water down a rabbit hole?

A hot cross bunny.

Why couldn't the rabbit fly home for Easter?

He didn't have the hare fare.

Flowers

April 2016

24th Colleen and David Thompson

May 2016

1st Beryl Mather

8th JJ Majekodunmi

15th Wendy Mott

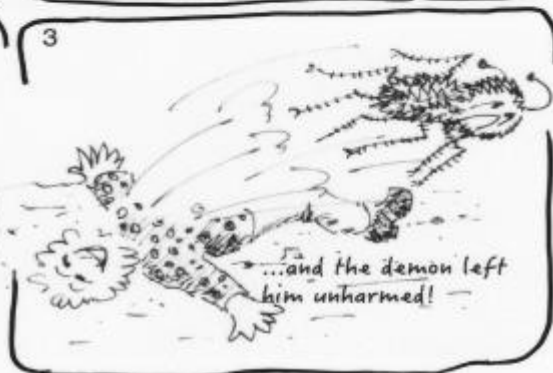
22nd Iris Hooper and Hayley Ayris

29th Temi



Be Free!

Bible Sketchbook



Many of us carry around problems, memories, pains, and struggles.

Some of us even carry demons - like this man here, symbolised as a big spider attached to him and making his life a misery! It even recognised

who Jesus was! But Jesus got rid of the demon quickly. "Be quiet and come out of the man!" he ordered, and it did! People were amazed then at the authority and power of Jesus - and through prayer he still has that power today. So whatever the problem we can bring it to Jesus and he has the resources to deal with it. So what about you? Are you too living in His freedom?!

Read more in Luke 4: 31-36





Regular Church Activities



Monday	10 am	Parent & Toddlers
	1 pm	Parent & Toddlers
	6.45 pm	'Parksiders' (Social and Fellowship Group) - first Monday in the month,
	7 pm	Streetlight Youth Club (Year 7+)
Tuesday	10 am	'Stitch in Time' Needlecraft Group
	2.30 pm	Tuesday Fellowship
	6.15 pm	Energize and Re-Energize (Primary School age)
Wednesday	9.45 am	Parent & Toddlers
	8 pm	Midweek Meeting (Small Groups or central meeting)
Thursday	9.30 am	Focus (alternate Thursdays)
	9.30 am	Small Group (alternating with Focus - Foyer)
	7.30 pm	RBC Music Team
Friday	10:30 am	Small Group for People with Learning Difficulties
	12.30 pm	Prayer Meeting - Oak Room
	12:30 pm	Small Group Alternate Fridays
Sunday	10.30 am	Morning Service
	6.30 pm	Evening Service

If you have any regular church activity which you would like to have advertised, please let the editor know.



*Mary wished she'd never mentioned
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