



CARLTON-IN-LINDRICK METHODIST CHURCH

CONTACT

April 2022

*See what a morning, gloriously bright
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded the grave-clothes
Tomb filled with light,
As the angels announce Christ is risen!
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love,
Borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for He lives,
Christ is risen from the dead!*

STF 309 - Stuart Townend & Keith Getty



Dear Friends

I sit writing this letter looking out on a sunny Saturday morning in mid-March about halfway through Lent, with Easter fast approaching, and my Sabbatical just over five weeks away. This will be my final letter until I return in early August. My prayers for my Sabbatical will be that I will return refreshed, and inspired by what I have explored and experienced. Having found the time to stop and stand still without my mind racing to the next task in hand before the present one has finished. As well as enjoying quality family time instead of a snatched hour here and there.

Easter morning services are in my top favourite services along with Easter hymns such as "**See what a morning**" and "**Low in the grave he lay**", not forgetting Charles Wesley's Hymn "**Christ the Lord is risen today – Alleluia!**". These hymns follow the reflective weeks of Lent as we dig deep and journey toward the cross. We have the soberness of Holy Week, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. The writers and artists that sing them express the build-up and explosion of Joy that Easter Morn brings, with the upbeat refrain of "**up from the grave he arose**" which explodes into a faster pace after the slow rhythm of the verse, reflecting the ebb and flow of Lent into Easter.

Although that said, when Easter falls at the end of March and it falls that the clocks go forward an hour that same Sunday, we would be forgiven for

looking slightly less awake at a sunrise service on Easter Sunday. This year the clocks sprang forward on the 27th March, Mothering Sunday.

What has this first full season of Lent felt like after the last couple of years in and out of lockdown? Have we lamented over what we felt we had missed out on over the last two years, or have we given thanks for a different experience and opened ourselves to see how we might adapt and what can be made possible under such circumstances? Have we been excited by the new, has it energised us? Or have we needed to return to the exact point where we were on March 23rd 2020 and feel safe in the knowledge that nothing has changed at all? Is it possible to have a mix?

That first Easter morning, when Jesus rose and appeared to those first few that witnessed that he had risen from the dead, changed the course and future of the human race, bringing a new age of Hope, to all those who believe in the resurrected Christ. Death is not the end.

Many churches have closed across the Connexion over the last year alone and there may be still more, often named as casualties of the pandemic. For all those congregations I pray that this Easter morning God may speak to them and give them the resurrection Hope that there are exciting new experiences awaiting them, that God

will speak to them and guide and lead them into new a beginning, a new age. Our buildings may have to close but we as people can still live out our faith in our discipleship and our lives. The

disciples saw and witnessed first-hand. In our service may we pay witness to God to all we meet, may his light shine through us, from us and in us.

I pray that post Lent and Easter you will continue to seek the stillness of God, to see and explore what his call upon you as a disciple of Christ means.
 May Christ meet you where you are now.
 I pray that you will know God's love and grace of the resurrected Christ Jesus, that he is with you always.
 I will continue to hold you all in my prayers.
 Amen

Happy Easter to you all

Every Blessing
 Rev Angela

*One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
 Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty;
 Honour and blessing, glory and praise
 To the King crowned with power and authority!
**And we are raised with Him,
 Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;
 And we shall reign with Him,
 For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!***

STF 309 verse 3 - Stuart Townend & Keith Getty

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL		
Sunday 3 rd	3.00 pm	Rev Angela Pothecary – Holy Communion
Monday 4 th	10.30 – 12 noon	Coffee Morning
Thursday 7 th	3.00 pm	* Church Annual Review (AGM) followed by 'bring your own tea'
Sunday 10 th	11.00 am	Morning Worship – Josie Dunster
Monday 11 th	10.30 – 12 noon	Coffee Morning
Friday 15 th	3.00 pm	* Good Friday United Service with North Anston, at Carlton
Sunday 17 th	8.15 am 11.00 am	* Easter Communion – Rev Angela Pothecary <i>(A decision will be made at the Annual review re Easter breakfast)</i> Easter Day Worship – Julian Pratt
Monday 18 th	10.00 am start from C&C	* Boys' Brigade Sponsored Walk, followed by lunch at approximately 12 noon (Coffee Morning as normal)
Sunday 24 th	11.00 am	Church Anninversary – Own Arrangement <i>(If anyone has still being collecting coppers for church funds, as previously, please bring them to this service. Thank you.)</i>

* See below

Church Annual Review

Please see Angela's letter which has been circulated separately to members of the congregation. Following the meeting we will share fellowship over tea – please bring your own picnic.



Good Friday Rev Angela Potheary will lead this year's united service with North Anston, held at Carlton. The service will be followed by hot cross buns and tea or coffee.

Easter Sunday A decision will be made at the Annual Review as to whether we have breakfast after the Easter morning communion. Details to follow.

Boys' Brigade Sponsored Walk and Lunch



All are welcome to walk or just to come and join us for a jacket potato lunch. If you are not walking but would like to sponsor one of the boys or leaders, please add your name to the sponsor form at the back of church nearer the time.



If you would like lunch, please add your name to the list, again at the back of church nearer the time.

There will be no set charge for lunch but donations will be gratefully received. All sponsor money and donations will be divided between the Boys' Brigade, the Church and the Ukraine Emergency Appeal run by All We Can and the Methodist Church. (All We Can is the former Methodist Relief and Development Fund.)

Karen (BB Helper) is making and selling jewellery in aid of the Ukraine appeal. Some will be on sale at this event.

The coffee morning will take place as normal.

If it happens to be bad weather, the walk will take place on May Day Bank Holiday (2nd May), but the lunch will go ahead as planned on Easter Monday.

UKRAINE EMERGENCY APPEAL

If you won't be attending the Easter Monday coffee morning or lunch, and would like to donate to the Ukraine Emergency Appeal, there will be a plate on the table at the back of church on Easter Sunday. Thank you.

This prayer for Ukraine is from the Methodist Church website.

Loving God, your Son Jesus Christ, wept over Jerusalem.

Today, we weep over Ukraine.

We weep for those uprooted from their homes and lives.

We weep for those cowering in basements.

We weep for those who have witnessed death and destruction on their streets.

We weep for those separated from parents, from children, from spouses and siblings.

We are amazed at the resilience of people seeking to comfort those in need and so we pray for

Governments opening up borders so that Ukrainians can have safe passage.

We pray for churches and individuals providing food, clothing and shelter.

We pray for medical workers ensuring that shattered bodies are put back together again.

We pray for ordinary Russians demonstrating and voicing their disapproval of the military actions in Ukraine.

May the Holy Spirit give us the willpower to turn our tears into action also.

May we, through our words, prayers and example, pursue the things that make for a just peace in the world today and especially in Ukraine.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.

Amen

BULBS – NEW LIFE (Yvonne)

Bulbs are planted deep in the ground hidden from sight. After winter, snowdrops are the first to appear, followed by crocus, tulips and daffodils. Wild daffodils abound in Gloucestershire growing in woods and fields in 'The Golden Triangle'. In the 1880's, trains on the Daffodil Line took the flowers from Gloucestershire to London's flower markets and to cheer up patients in hospital. Spalding in Lincolnshire is a centre of bulb industry. At one time, tulip covered floats set off in the annual Flower Parade. Now the annual Flower Festival is in Springfields Festival Gardens. There are wild daffodils in Cumbria too.

Muscari or grape hyacinths are a welcome sight in spring with their little blue or white clusters of flowers. Larger hyacinth bulbs in pots have a lovely fragrance and colour in the home. They reappear every year if planted in the garden after flowering. Summer bulbs are more exotic – lilies and agapanthus. Alliums from the onion family have wonderful purple starburst flowers. The large amaryllis bulb from South Africa produces stunning flowers.

Bulb vegetables also begin underground. Shoots appear then garlic, onions, leeks, shallots, fennel and spring onions to flavour dishes and soups.



I'm a very big fan of winter-flowering shrubs and **bulbs**.
You have the smell, you have the colour - it's really like a present from God
when something like that is in flower in the middle of the snow.

Dries Van Noten



RECIPE CORNER (Yvonne)



Leek and potato soup

3 leeks
1½ oz butter
1½ pints vegetable or chicken stock
1 lb potatoes – sliced
1 mug of equal parts milk and evaporated milk
Seasoning

Wash leeks well and slice, using some green parts for colour. Heat butter in pan. Cook leeks in butter for about 5 minutes. Add potatoes, stock and seasoning. Cook for 30 minutes. Whiz or chop in processor or sieve. Return to pan and add milk and evaporated milk. Reheat without boiling.

Garlic mushroom chicken

Oil
4 chicken joints
1 can Campbells cream of mushroom soup
½ pint/300ml single cream
2 garlic cloves, crushed
Seasoning
4 oz/110g mushrooms
paprika

Oven 150°C/300°F/Gas 3. Oil chicken joints and put in covered casserole dish. Cook for 1 hour. Mix soup, cream, garlic, salt, pepper and mushrooms in a bowl. Remove casserole from oven, add juice from chicken to mixture in bowl and stir well. Pour mixture over chicken and sprinkle paprika over top. Leave lid off and return to oven for about 30 minutes until browned.



Lesson from a Beech Tree

'On the third day he will rise again.'

Luke 18:33

I watched a beech tree for three days. It was outside my room in the hospital. There wasn't much else to see, and when the only other thing you can do all day is read, sleep or listen to the radio, a beech tree becomes very interesting.

It was a beautiful tree, its tall, elegant, silver-grey trunk powdered with green lichen. And it moved. Its branches swayed in the wind. Over those three days I watched its hard tight buds develop into crinkly leaves, just beginning to show that light bright green that makes spring come alive. It was a lovely sight.

The tree had been pruned at some time. A couple of branches had been taken off but smooth calluses had grown over the wounds, and they too were beautiful in a way. That was reassuring after surgery. And as I watched, the tree began to talk to me. No, it wasn't the late effects of the anaesthetic. It said to me, "You know, whatever's happening to you the world's still out here, quietly getting on with life. The sun comes up each morning, the rain comes down most afternoons" – it was April after all – "and nature's doing its own thing."

It also reassured me that something, someone, somewhere is still in charge. That there's a power for good which we call God at work, creating, sustaining, shaping and restoring our world, our lives. And if that sometimes involves a bit of pruning, so be it.

The beech tree also reminded me that nothing stays the same. That in three days buds turn to leaves, and that in three days new life can become a reality. Just as it did at Easter.

*Lord, when I'm puzzled, uncertain,
help me to remember you're in control.
Your finger on the button.
And, whether I can see the end or not,
help me to accept that you know where we're going.*

Eddie Askew (1997)

EASTER EGGS

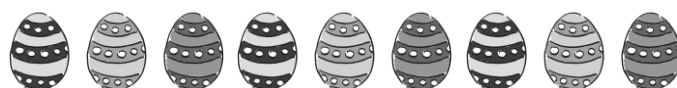
For centuries people have given each other eggs at Spring festivals to celebrate the new season. Eggs represent new life and rebirth. For Christians they became a symbol of the resurrection – just as Jesus rose from the tomb, the egg symbolised new life emerging from the eggshell. It also reminds us of the empty tomb, and indeed new life in Christ.

In medieval times, eating eggs was forbidden during Lent so people would paint and decorate them to mark the end of the period of penance and fasting, then eat them or give them as gifts on Easter Sunday as a celebration. Even royals got involved – in 1290, Edward I purchased 450 eggs, which were decorated with colours or gold leaf and given out to his household. Much later the French and Russian royal families had eggs made of precious metals and jewels, with miniature jewelled gifts inside.

Today, the eggs we give and receive at Easter are made of chocolate! In 1873 Frys sold the first English chocolate egg, followed by Cadburys in 1875. These were made of dark chocolate, until Cadbury's Dairy Milk was introduced in 1897. There is now a huge range available and for every dietary need or choice – dairy free, vegetarian, vegan, diabetic etc – no-one need miss out.

Enjoy your egg(s) this year. On the Children's page you'll find a prayer that can be used by all of us.

HAPPY EASTER.



QUIZ TIME



Treasure Quiz Answers

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| 1. Long John Silver | 7. Diamonds are forever | 14. Golden Gate |
| 2. Golden Mile | 8. Platinum blondes | 15. Neil Diamond |
| 3. Diamonds are a girl's best friend | 9. Silverback | 16. Golden Shot |
| 4. Pearl barley | 10. Goldeneye | 17. Ruby slippers |
| 5. Crystal Palace | 11. Emerald city | 18. Emerald Isle |
| 6. Gold finger | 12. Pearl Harbour | 19. Gold rush |
| | 13. Crystal chandelier | 20. Quicksilver |
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Spring Quiz

1. According to the UK Met Office, on what day does spring commence?
 2. The song "The Flowers That Bloom in the Spring" comes from which Gilbert and Sullivan work?
 3. Who is the Roman Goddess of Spring?
 4. When does a Spring Tide occur?
 5. In British horse racing which two races make up the Spring Double?
 6. What do we in the UK call the vegetables known as scallions in the US?
 7. The appearance of which animal's shadow in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania is supposed to indicate the beginning of spring?
 8. What name is given to the first day of spring when the night and day are the same length?
 9. Popular in SE Asia, what do we call the filled pastry appetiser of meat or vegetables?
 10. What type of animal is the Spring Peeper (*Pseudacris Crucifer*)?
 11. Which town in central Australia takes its name from the wife of an ex-Postmaster General of South Australia?
 12. The song "Younger Than Springtime" features in which Rodgers and Hammerstein musical?
 13. In which of Shakespeare's plays is the poem "Spring" performed in the closing scene?
 14. Who wrote the music for the ballet "The Rite of Spring"?
 15. Who is the Greek Goddess of Springtime, Flowers and Vegetation?
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Thank you to all who brought contributions for this. The collection raised £52 for church funds.



As we close off this edition of Contact, we'd like to wish Angela all the best for her Sabbatical. We hope it is a time of refreshment, rest and renewal and that she returns to her churches encouraged and reinvigorated to continue her work for God in our churches and Circuit.

For I remember it is Easter morn,
And life and love and peace are all new born.

Alice Freeman Palmer



Closing date for items for the next Contact – Tuesday 19th April

CHILDREN'S PAGE

Easter Day

When Jesus was crucified the disciples were terrified. They thought that the authorities would come for them and kill them too. They stayed hidden in the place where they had spent some time with Jesus. They kept the door locked.

It was the law that they did not do anything that could be classed as work on the Sabbath day (Saturday for them). So the next morning some of the women who had followed Jesus, including the mothers of some of the disciples, went to the tomb as early as they could. They went just after it was light. They were wondering how they could get the stone moved from over the entrance to the tomb. The tomb was like a cave in the rock.

The women had brought spices to anoint the body of Jesus. As they came near the tomb they saw that the stone was moved away. When they went inside Jesus' body wasn't there, only the burial clothes. They looked around in case it had been moved. As they did this they met a man whose clothes shone like lightening. He said that Jesus was alive and to tell his disciples to meet him in Galilee as he had agreed. The disciples didn't believe it until Jesus appeared to them and showed that he was indeed alive.

At Easter you might see pictures, perhaps on a church notice board, of an empty cross and the words "He is risen". Easter represents new life and new beginnings, just like Spring with the flowers beginning to grow again after winter. Eggs can represent new life too, and Easter eggs can also remind us of the empty tomb.

In the Easter holidays see if you and your family or friends can have a go at the Signs of Spring walk opposite. There is also a prayer over the page that you might like to think about when you open your Easter eggs.

Happy Easter and God Bless you.
Rev Alan

SIGNS OF SPRING

How many of the below 'signs of Spring' can you find on your walk?
Tick them off as you find them.



Daffodil



Bee



Ladybird



Flower



Puddle



Green Leaf



Blossom



Frogspawn



Birds Nest



Sunshine



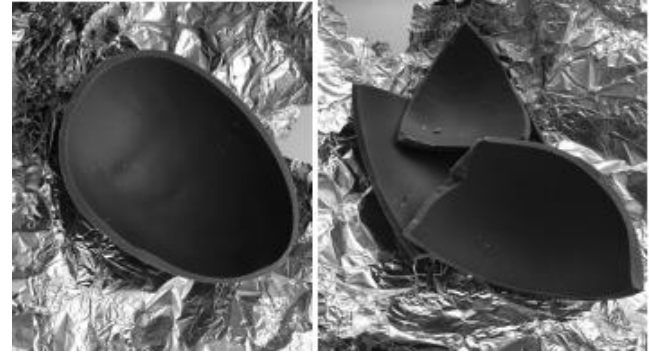
Lamb



Birdsong



Easter Egg Prayer



- As you unwrap your Easter egg, thank God for all the good things in your life.
- As you open your egg, look the empty, hollow shell. Be thankful that Jesus rose from the grave and that the tomb was found empty on Easter Sunday.
- As you break up your chocolate shell, pray for people and situations that may feel broken and ask God to be with those people and in those situations.
- As you eat your chocolate, thank God for the people you love and those who bring sweetness to your life.

(Messy Church At Home – 2021)

A colouring page for the young at heart



CHRIST IS RISEN
HALLELUJAH!