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St Mary the Virgin, Ramsden Bellhouse

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What's on when and where

Tuesday 1 April

7.00pm	St Margaret's Downham	Lent Course
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Sunday 6 April - Lent 5

10.00am	St Peter's South Hanningfield	Holy Communion
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11.00am	St Margaret's Downham	Family Service
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Note: No service at Ramsden Bellhouse

Tuesday 8 April

7.00pm	St Margaret's Downham	Lent Course
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Sunday 13 April - Palm Sunday

10.30am	Joint service with Ramsden Bellhouse Baptist Church	
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Note: *There will be no services at Downham, South Hanningfield or St Mary's Ramsden Bellhouse*

Thursday 17 April - Maundy Thursday

7.30pm	St Peter's South Hanningfield	Holy Communion
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Friday 18 April - Good Friday

2.00pm	St Margaret's Downham	Good Friday meditation
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Sunday 20 April - Easter Day

5.45am	St Margaret's Downham	Sunrise service
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10.00am	St Peter's South Hanningfield	Holy Communion
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10.00am	St Mary's Ramsden Bellhouse	Holy Communion
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11.00am	St Margaret's Downham	Sung Eucharist
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Sunday 27 April - Easter 2

10.00am	St Mary's Ramsden Bellhouse	Holy Communion
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11.00am	St Margaret's Downham	Sung Eucharist
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Note: No service at South Hanningfield

Sunday 4 May - Easter 3

10.00am	St Peter's South Hanningfield	Holy Communion
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11.00am	St Margaret's Downham	Family Service
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Note: No service at Ramsden Bellhouse

From the ministry team

Finding Treasure at Easter

There was a news article on the BBC the other day on a new Egg Hunt in London. 100 giant decorated eggs will be 'hidden' around London and after Easter sold, raising money for charity.

Back in 2012 a similar event was run; I was living in the capital at the time and some friends and I tried to find a few - we were a long way from finding them all! For that event there was a prize - if you recorded your find on the app you were placed in a prize draw to win "The Jubilee Egg", made by Fabergé and worth around £100,000. You could also visit the Fabergé shop to see this prize egg - which my friends and I did. While we were there a man and his young son were also looking at the egg. The shop assistant offered the boy a chance to hold the golden egg. He held out his hands and was given the precious object. He then, to the horror of his dad (and the concern of the nearby security officer) turned to just walk out of the shop - £100,000 egg in hand! The dad swiftly told the boy - "No, that has to stay here!" and the egg was returned safely to the shop staff.

At Easter, Christians celebrate the most precious gift of all - Jesus' death and resurrection. Jesus sacrificed himself on the cross, so that he might take on the consequences of our wrong doings. He did this, so that we would never be separated from God. This gift brings hope, peace, and joy. We are not perfect - we all do things that are wrong sometimes, but in Jesus there is forgiveness, the chance to wipe the slate clean, to not carry our mistakes around with us forever; and there is promise of life after death - eternal life with God and with our loved ones.

We may, like the boy, not realise the value of what it is that we have been freely given. But unlike the boy, the gift is not one that we must return, but that is ours. All we are asked to do is to open our hands and accept.

Happy Easter!

God bless,

from *The Revd Jacqui*

PS Everyone, whether a frequent churchgoer or not, is very welcome at any of our services. If you would like to learn more about the Christian faith, visit explorechristianity.info

Maundy Thursday, time to wash feet

Maundy Thursday is famous for two things. The first is one of the final acts that Jesus did before His death: the washing of His own disciples' feet (see John 13). Jesus washed His disciples' feet for a purpose: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." His disciples were to love through service, not domination, of one another.

In Latin, the opening phrase of this sentence is '*mandatum novum do vobis*'. The word 'maundy' is thus a corruption of the Latin 'mandatum' (or command). The ceremony of the 'washing of the feet' of members of the congregation came to be an important part of the liturgy (regular worship) of the medieval church, symbolising the humility of the clergy, in obedience to the example of Christ.

But Thursday was also important because it was on that night that Jesus first introduced the Lord's Supper, or what we nowadays call Holy Communion.

Jesus and His close friends had met in a secret upper room to share the Passover meal together - for the last time. And there Jesus transformed the Passover into the Lord's Supper, saying, 'this is my body' and 'this is my blood' as He, the Lamb of God, prepared to die for the sins of the whole world. John's gospel makes it clear that the Last Supper took place the evening BEFORE the regular Passover meal, and that later Jesus died at the same time that the Passover lambs were killed.

From the registers

Downham

Burial of ashes

23 February Doreen Janet Cox

Funeral

19 February Paul David Stephen Bagshaw

21 March Vera Joyce Tucker

Ramsden Bellhouse

Burial of ashes

20 February Ray Clements

Funeral

17 February Paul Russel Tissiman

Palm Sunday Service

Palm Sunday falls on 13 April. There has been a long tradition for the congregations of Downham, South Hanningfield and Ramsden Bellhouse to join with our friends from the Ramsden Bellhouse Baptist Church for a joint service on Palm Sunday. Sadly this stopped during the Covid lock-down and was only resurrected last year. Last year the Baptist congregation came to St Mary's and this year we will be going to the Baptist Church to join them for their morning service. Please note that the service starts at 10.30am. There is parking available at the Baptist Church, but it is limited so you may wish to park at St Mary's which is just a short walk away. We hope to see you there.

St Margaret's Downham

Churchyard clear up

Thank you to everyone who came along on 10 March to assist with the churchyard clear up. We were able to clear away the remnants of Christmas decorations from the graves and have a general tidy up.

Palm Sunday

There will be no services at St Margaret's on Palm Sunday, 13 April. See article above regarding arrangements for Palm Sunday.

Good Friday

There will be a service of meditation in church starting at 2.00pm on Good Friday.

Easter Sunday

As usual we start the Easter celebrations with our sunrise service in the churchyard which will start at 5.45am. This is a short service of hymns, readings and prayer, during which the new Paschal candle is lit for the first time which then burns at every service until next Easter. As Easter is late this year we don't have to rise quite as early, so we hope that many of you will join us for this special service. Afterwards tea/coffee and hot cross buns will be served in the church.

News from Downham School

In March, we celebrated British Science Week at Downham Church of England Primary School. The Revd Jacqui started our week by leading a Collective Worship based on Thomas, Jesus' disciple, who had many questions following the resurrection. We thought about the importance of asking questions and looking for evidence. This thread ran throughout the

week as we explored the theme of Changes and Adaptations. Some children investigated how animals have adapted to suit their environments, others studied antigens and antibodies. One class considered the issue of micro-plastic pollution and how it harms marine animals, helping the children to come up with ideas for how they can adapt their behaviour to try and solve this problem.

Our Science Week investigations connect well with how we have also been thinking about Lent and the opportunities this season provides for us to make changes to our mindset and our actions. We have encouraged the children to take on a series of challenges to bring positive change to the world around us. These challenges include making Easter cards or pictures for neighbours, learning how to help with jobs around the home, and sitting with different people at lunch time in the school's dinner hall. Lent is also a time for reflecting on the message of Easter and the centrality of Jesus' death and resurrection to the Christian faith. In RE lessons, children have been considering big questions such as "Why do Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday?" and "What difference does the resurrection make to Christians?" These challenging questions help us to consider the hope that Christians have because of the resurrection. Christians believe that Jesus has overcome death and that one day all bad and sad things will be gone forever. What a glorious message of hope!

All of us at Downham Church of England Primary School would like to wish everyone in our local community a very happy and blessed Easter. May it be a time of positive change and hope for us all.

Lynne Boyd

RE and Collective Worship Leader at
Downham Church of England Primary School

St Mary's Ramsden Bellhouse

Palm Sunday service

We will be joining with Ramsden Bellhouse Baptist Church for our service on Palm Sunday. Please see article on page 5 for full details.

Easter Day service

Our service on Easter Sunday will be at the usual time of 10.00am. Please see page 2 for details of other services being conducted in the Downham Group during the Easter period.

Forthcoming events

26 April Coffee Morning

31 May Coffee Morning

Unfortunately we have had to cancel the Strawberry Tea planned for 14 June as the Village Hall is unavailable.

28 June Coffee Morning

Saturday and Sunday 12-13 July Flower Festival - 'A year in the church'

On Saturday 12 July there will be a concert in church. Tickets £10 each including refreshments. Please call Beryl Clements on 01245 601298 or Gail Carpenter on 01268 710753 for further details.

27 September Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care

More details to follow in future editions of *The Herald*.

Ramsden Heath Social Club

Our regular monthly BINGO NIGHT will be on Friday 4 April at 8.00pm.

Just £1.00 to play plus £2.00 for each book you would like to play with. All ages welcome. FREE tea/coffee/biscuits at the half-time break, but please feel free to bring other drinks/snacks of your own.

Following this is our HOT CROSS BUNS EVENING on Friday 18 April also at 8.00pm. A relaxing start to your Easter weekend - come along for a chat with friends, a wall quiz should you wish to take part, as well as a hot cross bun or two! Entry on the night is just £2.00 for Members & £3.00 for Guests, plus we will have an Easter Raffle at £1 per strip of tickets.

Please bring along any drinks & other snacks of your own.

All our events take place in Ramsden Heath Village Hall, Dowsetts Lane.

For more information/tickets please contact:

Dave Quinney on 07950 309524 or Dave Charlton on 07940 540819

Community Cuppa & Cake afternoon

Ramsden Heath Village Hall

Dowsetts Lane CM11 1HX

Tuesday 8 April 2.00 to 4.00pm

We are actually over the moon about how many people came along on 11 March to celebrate our 15th birthday running Coffee Mornings/Afternoons all for charity. This year alone from March 2024 to March 2025 we have donated a total of £2,020.00 to various charities and we only charge £1.50 for

a piece of homemade cake (all made by our wonderful Cupcake team free) and 50p a cuppa. Everyone is welcome to sit and have a chat for a couple of hours in a very friendly atmosphere

Ramsden Cupcakes

Ramsden Heath Horticultural & Allotment Society

Our March meeting was well attended with a great display of entries for the mini show.



Our speaker was George Lockwood who gave lots of tips and ideas about the choices for summer planting. His recommended slug solution of garlic spray has been forwarded to members and, hopefully, this summer our gardens will be 'slug free'.

Spring Show Saturday 12 April Please make a note of the deadlines for entries – Monday 7 April for children and Wednesday 9 April for members. The earlier deadline for children's entries is to allow time to buy the prizes. Have a look round your garden to see whatever you have that could be entered in the show. If the weather hasn't yet tempted you to get outside, there are plenty of other classes in the Schedule for cookery and various types of handicraft.

If you have any queries or would like further information about the show please contact the Show Secretary: Brenda Burnell, 2 Allens Road, Ramsden Heath, CM11 1JF.

Phone: 01268 710904, email: blburnell48@gmail.com.

April meeting

Our next meeting on Thursday 3 April will be a fun quiz, hosted by Paul and Angie James. Please bring your own nibbles and drinks. Maybe these will help stimulate the 'little grey cells'.

Please remember there will be no mini show at our April meeting.



ALLOTMENT PLOTS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

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Tel: 01268 710820

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The poster features a green background with a sun icon in the top right. On the left, a man in a straw hat and white apron is kneeling next to a box of tomatoes. On the right, a woman in a white shirt and green apron is bending over a pile of soil. In the center, there is a potted plant.

St Peter's South Hanningfield

We have three services at St Peter's during April. Our normal 10.00am service of Holy Communion on Sunday 6 April. Then on Maundy Thursday 17 April we host the three Downham Group churches for a service of Holy Communion at 7.30pm. Finally on Easter Day 20 April we have our Easter Communion service at 10.00am. We will be serving refreshments after the two Sunday services.

Bell

St Peter's only has a single tolling bell, but it is many years since it was last rung. We have been keen to see if the bell could be rung again and Marguerite was able to persuade Nigel Taylor, the Diocesan Bells adviser and one of the bell-ringers at Downham, to come and have a look. Nigel formerly worked for the Whitechapel Bell Foundry and is an expert at everything to do with bells. So, a couple of weeks ago Nigel came to take a look. The frame, the bell and the spire structure are in great condition. The bell dates from the 1600s, but was rehung in 1890. When the spire was resingled in 1980 the builders worked around the bell and took great care not to disturb it. The

bell was cast by the Bartlett family, who owned the Whitechapel Bell Foundry from 1619 until the end of the 17th century. Our bell rings a sharp F (not to be confused with F sharp!). Nigel oiled all the bearings and it is now good to go - Jon Spriggs has already had a go, apparently it is not as easy as it looks. We are planning to ring the bell before all future services, just in case you need waking up on a Sunday morning.

Quiz night

The St Peter's annual quiz will take place on Friday 9 May at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start in South Hanningfield Village Hall. Teams consist of 6 people and the cost is £48 per table ie £8 per person. Please bring along your own drinks and snacks. We would like to thank Paul and Paula Smith for once again, organising the quiz and to Cathy for being in charge of the raffle and for helping with ticket sales 01268 710926.

Best wishes

Mission Control

South Hanningfield Village Hall

Cladding Finished on the Hall You may have noticed the scaffolding at the hall again recently. The cladding work at the back is now finished, completing the whole hall building thanks to the recent funding that the committee has received from Tesco Groundworks, Tudwick Foundation and Bernard Sunley Foundation.

Our **St Patrick's Ceilidh Dance** on Saturday 15 March was a great success. We decorated the hall inside and outside to mark the occasion. The Yardarm Ceilidh Band entertained us with their music while the callers put us through our paces with the various dances. We had around 90 people attend our



event and we made just over £1,000 for the village hall through the tickets, bar and Raffle. Thank you to our volunteers who helped set up and down the hall as well as working at the hall bar. Thanks to everyone who attended and or donated raffle prizes including those from Asda South Woodham Ferrers and Tesco Chelmsford. We have had lots of positive feedback about the Ceilidh.

Our next events for this year are:

St George's Day There are still some tickets for the Chas and Dave tribute act for Friday, 25 April, doors will open from 7.00pm. Tickets are £15 each and bring your own drinks and food. There will also be a Raffle. To book, please call Sandra on 07396 546050 or email shvhall@gmail.com

To commemorate the **80th Anniversary of VE Day**, the village hall is hosting Wartime Newsreels on Thursday, 8 May in the evening, using funding from National Lottery Community Fund. Free event.

South Hanningfield Summer Show on Saturday 12 July from 12.00noon to 6.00pm. This year, it will be the 40th Anniversary year of the rebuilding of South Hanningfield Village Hall so there will be even more reason for a celebration and bringing the local community together. This Free Entry village event will be outside either on the tye green (by kind permission of South Hanningfield Parish Council) or in the field beside the village hall by kind permission of the landowner. The village hall will also be open to showcase its use on that day. There will be local entertainment as well as various crafts, traders, community stalls, children's activities and food and drinks stalls. Thank you to Pronto Training who will be sponsoring their First Aid services on the day of the event. Thank you to South Hanningfield Parish Council who are sponsoring the cost of the children's entertainment.

If anyone would like a stall space, could provide entertainment or help in anyway, please let Clive know on email vallisc@aol.com or phone 07891 653238. Further details of the Summer Show will be in future editions of *The Herald*.

Magic Evening on Saturday, 27 September, doors open from 7.00pm. The tickets cost £8 each adult and £3 for children over 10 years. Bring your own drinks and snacks. There will also be a Raffle. For further information, email vallisc@aol.com or phone 07891 653238.

Christmas Fayre on Saturday, 22 November from 10.30am to 4.00pm. There will be lots of Christmas crafts, gifts, festive refreshments and a Raffle. Free entry. Further details about the Christmas Fayre will be in future editions of *The Herald*.

Raffle Prizes Needed If anyone has any suitable items that could be used as Raffle prizes, please can you donate them to us which would be used at future fundraising events for the hall. The committee would be very grateful.

No Parking on Pavement by the Hall South Hanningfield Village Hall Management Committee requests that vehicles don't park up on the pavement outside the village hall because of the health and safety risks. Please alert the volunteer committee if you see such vehicles parked in this way outside the hall on 07891 653238.

Mobile Library

The Mobile Library visit South Hanningfield Village Hall every three weeks.

Day of visit: Tuesday Time of visit: 11.25pm to 11.55pm (change of time)

Next visit dates are 1 April and 22 April.

Regular Activities

Coffee Morning

Second Wednesday of each month from 10.30am – 12.30pm

This month Wednesday, 9 April.

Please call the listed contacts below to book a place.

Pilates & Keep Fit

Monday 9.45am – 10.45am

Thursday 10.30am – 11.30am

Contact Hayley on 07758 427379

Strollercise Dance

Monday 11.15am – 12.15pm

Tel: 07952 791183

Email: lynne.strawford@sky.com

No booking is required, just turn up.

Puppy Dog Training Classes

Monday from 6.00pm and 7.00pm

Dog training for puppies of all ages

Contact Rachel on 07484 706085 or

email Rachel@PuppyPotentialDogTraining.co.uk

Karate and Kick Boxing

Tuesday evenings:

5.30pm Children's Karate

6.30pm Advanced Children's Karate

7.30pm Senior Karate

7.30pm Kick Boxing

Free first classes at all sessions

Phone number to contact for Leah and Richard is 07934 213010

1-1 Ballroom and Latin lessons and wedding dance lessons

Available with Callie every Wednesday afternoon and evening from 3.00pm £30 for a 45-minute lesson. Please contact Callie on 07885 630241

Yoga and Zumba Thursday night

Zumba 6.30pm to 7.20pm and Vinyasa Flow Yoga 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

Pay as you go. Tel: Charlene on 07772 443028 or

email info@sakurayogastudios.co.uk

Upholstery Class

Friday morning 9.30am – 1.00pm Contact Fiona on 01621 776586 or 07887 507208

Zumba Saturday mornings

Zumba 9.20am to 10.20am

Pay as you go Tel: Charlene on 07772 443028 or

email info@sakurayogastudios.co.uk

If you would like to book the South Hanningfield Village Hall for any regular activities or events, please call Sandra Graves, our Bookings Secretary on 07396 546050 or email shvhall@gmail.com to check availability and prices.

Please continue to support our local village hall in 2025 and if there are any other ways you can help us, let us know. Please contact the Chairman, Clive Vallis for further information on 07891 653238.

Website <https://e-voice.org.uk/shanningfieldvillagehall>

Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/southhanningfieldvillagehall>

All in the month of April

It was:

250 years ago, on 18 April 1775 that American silversmith and folk hero Paul Revere made his famous midnight ride on horseback from Charleston to Lexington to warn residents that the British were about to attack.

Also 250 years ago, on 23 April 1775 that J M W Turner, the British artist was born. Known for his landscapes and turbulent marine paintings.

175 years ago, on 16 April 1850 that Madame Marie Tussaud, French artist

known for her wax sculptures, died. Founder of Madame Tussaud's wax museum in London.

Also 175 years ago, on 23 April 1850 that William Wordsworth died. A Romantic poet, he was Poet Laureate from 1843-50.

150 years ago, on 1 April 1875 that Edgar Wallace was born. This British writer, playwright and journalist was best known for creating King Kong.

Also 150 years ago, on 17 April 1875 that the game of snooker was invented by Neville Chamberlain, a British army officer stationed in India.

125 years ago, from 14 April - 12 November, that the 1900 Paris Exposition, a World's Fair, was held. Nearly 50 million people visited Paris that year.

100 years ago, on 10 April 1925 that F Scott Fitzgerald's novel The Great Gatsby, was published.

80 years ago, from 1 April to 22 June 1945 that the Battle of Okinawa, Japan took place. The largest amphibious assault in the Pacific War, it was an Allied victory.

Also 80 years ago, on 30 April 1945 that Adolf Hitler, Austrian-born German Nazi Party Leader, Chancellor of Germany (1933-45) and dictator (1934-45) committed suicide along with his wife, Eva Braun.

70 years ago, on 5 April 1955 that Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced his retirement because of failing health. He was succeeded by Anthony Eden on 7 April.

Also 70 years ago, on 10 April 1955 that British nightclub hostess Ruth Ellis shot and killed her lover, David Blakely. On 13 July she was hanged at Holloway Prison, the last woman to be executed in the UK.

Also 70 years ago, on 18 April 1955, that Albert Einstein, German-born American theoretical physicist, died. Considered the most influential physicist of the 20th century. Known for developing the special and general theories of relativity.

65 years ago, on 1 April 1960 that Dr Martens boots went on sale in the UK.

50 years ago, on 4 April 1975 that Microsoft, the computer software/hardware company, was founded by Bill Gates and Paul Allen in Albuquerque New Mexico.

Also 50 years ago, on 23 April 1975 that US President Gerald Ford gave a televised speech in which he announced that the USA's involvement in the Vietnam war was over, and all US aid to South Vietnam had ended. The war itself ended on 30 April, when North Vietnamese forces captured the South Vietnamese capital Saigon.

40 years ago, on 21 April 1985 that Brazilian racing driver Ayrton Senna won the Portuguese Grand Prix. It was the first of his 41 Formula One wins.

Also 40 years ago, on 23 April 1985 that the Coca-Cola Company changed the formula of Coca-Cola and launched it on the market as New Coke. The public were out-raged, and the original formula was restored within three months.

30 years ago, on 4 April 1995 that Kenny Everett, DJ, comedian and TV entertainer, died. Known for his zany humour, characters and sketches.

Also 30 years ago, on 19 April 1995 that the Oklahoma City bombing took place. A truck bomb exploded outside the Alfred P Murrah Federal Building, killing 168 people and injuring 500 more. Timothy McVeigh was convicted of the bombing and executed in June 2001.

25 years ago, on 12 April 2000 that Queen Elizabeth II awarded the Royal Ulster Constabulary the George Cross in recognition of its collective and sustained bravery during the Troubles in Northern Ireland.

Also 25 years ago, on 22 April 2000 that the 'The Big Number' change took place on the UK's telephone system. Many area codes were updated or replaced, and new ones created for mobile, freephone, local rate, national rate, and premium rate services.

20 years ago, on 2 April 2005 that Pope John Paul II died. Succeeded by Pope Benedict XVI on 19 April.

Also 20 years ago, on 9 April 2005 that Charles, Prince of Wales, married Camilla Parker Bowles, who gained the title the Duchess of Cornwall.

15 years ago, on 20 April 2010 that BP's Deepwater Horizon oil platform in the Gulf of Mexico exploded, killing 11 workers. Around 210 million US gallons of crude oil were spilled, causing an environmental disaster. BP was fined \$18.7 billion - the largest settlement in US corporate history.

10 years ago, on 2 April 2015 that the Gorkha earthquake took place in Nepal. Nearly 9,000 people were killed, 22,000 injured, and 3.5 million made homeless.



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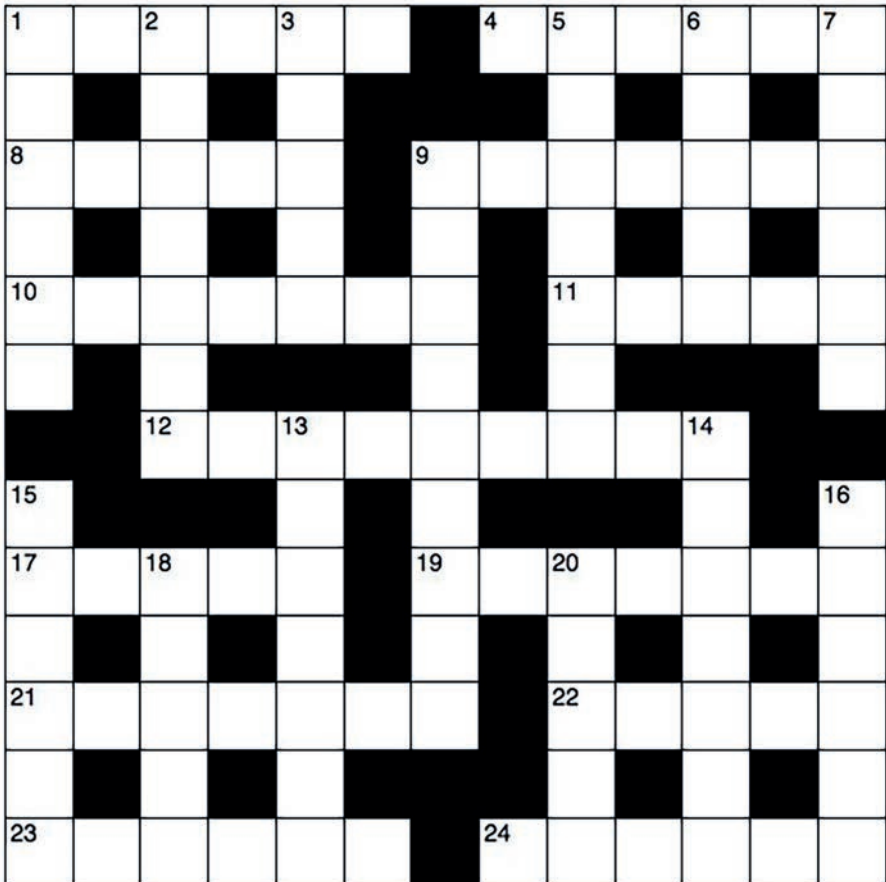
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START FROM 7:30PM



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Puzzle corner



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)

Answers on page 33

Children's pages



On the cross Jesus opened wide his arms for us.
Jesus put an end to death by dying for us,
and showed us the resurrection to
come by His raising to new life!



Jesus is risen!

The angel said:
"Jesus ...is not here, for He
has risen, just as He said."
Matthew 28:6

Jesus is here

Jesus said:
"Where two or three
come together
in my name I am
there with them."
Matthew 18:20



READ the story of
the resurrection in:
Matthew 28:1-10
Mark 16:1-19
Luke 24:1-49
John 20:1-29
and *21:1-14*



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Jesus will come again!

Jesus said:
"I will come back
and take you to
myself so that you
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John 14:3



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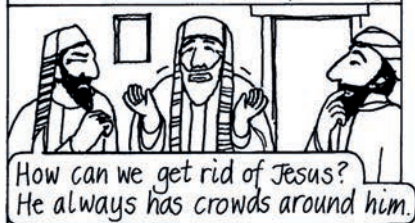
Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Lk 22:1-13, Mt 26:14-19, Mk 14:10-16

It was just before Passover, when Jews celebrate God rescuing them from Egypt. Jesus and his disciples were in Jerusalem..

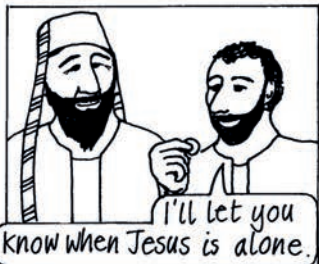
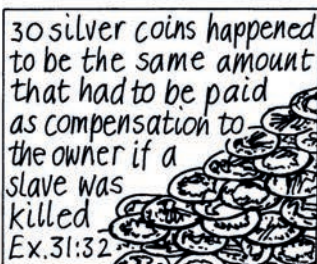
The Chief Priests were plotting



Jesus' disciple Judas came to them...



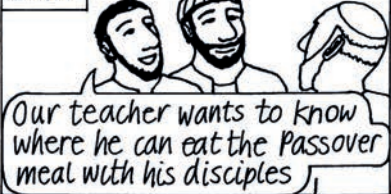
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Smile lines

10 Easter one-liners

- What do you need if your chocolate eggs mysteriously disappear? An eggsplanation
- What kind of jewellery does the Easter Bunny wear? 14-carrot gold
- What is the Easter Bunny's favourite kind of music? Hip hop
- What do you call an Easter Bunny wearing a kilt? Hopscotch
- What do you call a bunny with fleas? Bugs Bunny
- What do you call a line of rabbits jumping backwards? A receding hare-line
- How can you tell which rabbits are oldest in a group? Just look for the grey hares.
- Why do people paint eggs for Easter? It's easier than trying to wallpaper them!
- What do rabbits say before they eat? "Lettuce pray."
- Where does Christmas come before Easter? The dictionary.

What can I eat for Easter?

- Can't eat beef.....mad cow.
- Can't eat chicken..... bird flu.
- Can't eat eggs..... Salmonella.
- Can't eat pork.....fears that bird flu will infect pigs.
- Can't eat fish..... heavy metals in the waters.
- Can't eat fruits and veggies..... insecticides and herbicides.
- Can't eat potatoes, pasta, bread, rice.....nasty carbs.
- Hmmmmmmmm! I believe that leaves.....chocolate.

Easter chocolate dilemma

364 days of the year we tell our kids: *"Do NOT eat anything you find on the ground, or anything from strangers!"*

On Easter morning we tell them: *"Why don't you go outside and search in the dirt for chocolates that a strange giant bunny has left for you?"*

Joseph's tomb

Pontius Pilate: *"Joseph, I really don't understand you. You're one of the richest men in the region, and you've just spent a fortune on that new tomb for you and your family - and now you want to suddenly give it to this man Jesus?"*

Joseph: *"Well it's just for the weekend."*

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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.

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