

Favourite Easter Songs!

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today" is another popular Easter hymn and some may be more familiar with a slightly different version, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today."

*Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross,
Alleluia!*

Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Dating back to the 14th century, this hymn is one of the oldest on record. In 1739, the composer Charles Wesley wrote a poem based on this hymn. Titled "Christ the Lord is Risen Today," Wesley's poem was quickly put to music and soon became a favourite. While Wesley is credited with composing as many as 6500 hymns, this particular hymn stands out and is still used in Easter services today around the world.

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave,
Alleluia!

Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

But the pain which He endured,
Alleluia!
Our salvation hath procured, Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!



Special Wishes today to all our Mums

Prayer Updates

Give thanks for Mums today, especially 'yours' whether with us or not! Pray for those with unpleasant memories of childhood asking for healing and grace to see all the positive things.

Remember those of our fellowship who need our support and prayer. Those recovering from illness, surgery and hospitalisation. Ask for healing and wholeness to be their blessing.

Continue to pray for the ever changing situation in Ukraine asking for the God who is Almighty, to show His power and glory

Pray for this Easter's celebrations that our community will see the true meaning of Easter.

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Whitchurch Baptist Church

Sunday March 27th 2022



It's Mothering Sunday today too!

No 7 in series on Mark 4 v 1-20

'Sowing, reaping, keeping'

Speaker: Jill & Jack Walker

Welcome!

What's on this week:-

Monday 28th 10am Ladies Study Group

Wednesday 30th 7.30pm

No 2 'Art in Scripture' with Jack Walker.
Part of Churches Together Lent Series

Sunday April 3rd No 8 in Mark

'Scary Ministry' with Communion

Monday 4th

Jack/Jill on holiday for 1 week

Future Dates:

Sunday April 10th No 9 in Mark

'Oh Peter!' Speaker: David Culley

Maundy Thursday

7.30 Tenebrae Service

Churches Together Communion at Methodist. Rachel Borgars

Easter Saturday Distribution of Easter Biscuits in town. 9am Baptist Church.

Easter Sunday April 17th

9.30am Easter Breakfast

10.30am Celebration Service

Sunday 24th No 10 'final one!' in Mark

'Heaven touches earth'

All Age service.

Andover Foodbank are in need of:

Tinned fish Tinned fruit

Tinned meat Longlife fruit juice

Tomorrow 28th last day for Easter Eggs.

Congratulations to Jack and Jill on the safe arrival of granddaughter Rosie arriving last Friday.

Lina's story

Thirteen year old Lina leans over and immerses herself in the pages of the Bible she's just received.

Christians are in a tiny minority in Jordan, where Lina lives. With

growing friction between the moderate and radical Islamic elements, there is a simmering tension in this authoritarian nation.

Every Friday as others head to the mosque for prayers, Lina skips through the narrow streets of Amman to join the Youth Group.

I always feel unloved being the only girl in a house filled with boys, but here I feel Jesus' love for me! I eagerly wait for Friday to go to Church and hear new stories about Jesus, I love learning about him! People's support through the Bible Society in helping to put Bibles in the hands of young people like Lina equipping them to be strong Christian witnesses in a troubled region

Lina's name has been changed to protect her identity.

My Bible—My Story

'The end of Romans 8 has been important to me for many years. It's the reading we had at our wedding almost 35 years ago, and I hadn't realised at the time just how that would sustain me for the future. Paul reminds us that there'll be tough times. But those final verses are really significant: "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution ...?" No, he says: "In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us" (verses 35, 37, NIV). 'At the lowest points of my life I've seen God's faithfulness, and I've known his love and leading – in married life, in family life, through my own call and my wife's call to ordained ministry.

'Before I was ordained, there was a time when it felt as though all the doors were closing and we didn't know why. What evolved out of that a year or so later was my own call to ordained ministry. It felt like an oppressive time, but actually God was leading me through his faithfulness.

'Before I came here, I knew I had to leave my previous church. There was a sense of the unknown, quite a long period where the end was in sight but there was no new beginning. It meant just holding on to God's promises and knowing that, as Paul says, he is for us, not against us.



"Quotations on Spring"

"If spring came but once a century, instead of once a year, or burst forth with the sound of an earthquake, and not in silence, what wonder and expectation there would be in all hearts to behold the miraculous change." (*Henry W. Longfellow*)

"Spring is God's way of saying, 'One more time!'" (*Robert Orben*)

"I wish each of us Easter eyes, able to perceive in death, life; in guilt, forgiveness; in separation, unity; in wounds, glory; in the human, God; in God, the human; and in the I, the you." (*Bishop Klaus Hemmerle of Aachen*)

Four weeks in Lent

For the four Sundays leading to Easter Day why not take time to remind you again of the Easter story.

Today March 27th

Week 1.

John 18 v 1-18

Jesus is arrested and Peter denies knowing Jesus.

Look out for Week 2 reading in next weeks News Letter.

Take some time to read through the story to get some idea of the sequence of events.