

Easter Meditation

Let us kneel at Calvary,
wonder at this mystery,
with the words 'Father forgive',
Jesus dies that we might live.
He was stripped so we might dress
in his robe of righteousness.
Bore the burden of our sin,
as the nails pierced his skin.

*We will kneel in adoration at our
King's sacrifice, see the scandal and
the glory as his death brings us life.
All our hope and our salvation are in
his sacrifice, at the cross.*

At the hill they call the skull,
he was crushed; we are made whole.
Jesus drank our bitter cup,
pouring out his precious blood.
God forsaken all alone,
Jesus made our shame his own.
Suffered hell on earth to save
those who drove him to the grave.

He cried out, then breathed no more,
as the temple curtain tore, made the
new and living way back to God for
us that day.
Why seek Christ among the dead?
He is living as he said!
He was raised at God's command,
in the life of Christ we stand. [cont]

*We will stand in for our King is alive,
see the joy and restoration as we
share his new life*

*We are free, no condemnation, for
our King is alive. Yes he lives, Jesus
lives. Yes he lives, Jesus lives!*

[Sam Hargreaves]

Prayer updates

Continue to uphold those of our
church family who rely on our care,
love, support and prayer. You may
well be aware of someone who needs
our support– then lift up that person
to our heavenly Father! Sue Vears.
Jean Hopkins. Sandra Jackman.
Pray too, for Ukraine, especially up-
holding the Bible Society whose pres-
ence have what they term providing
'physical bread and living bread'.
There is an unprecedented demand
for Bibles from most sections of the
population with some areas de-
scribed by local Christians as 'a re-
vival'. Clearly despite the awful sto-
ries coming from the media, God is
moving in ways we might not expect
but there is a definite work of His
Holy Spirit in that land.

*There is a video from one of the
workers, Anotoliy, on Bible Society
website. Search Bible Society and log
on!*

Minister: Rev Jack Walker.

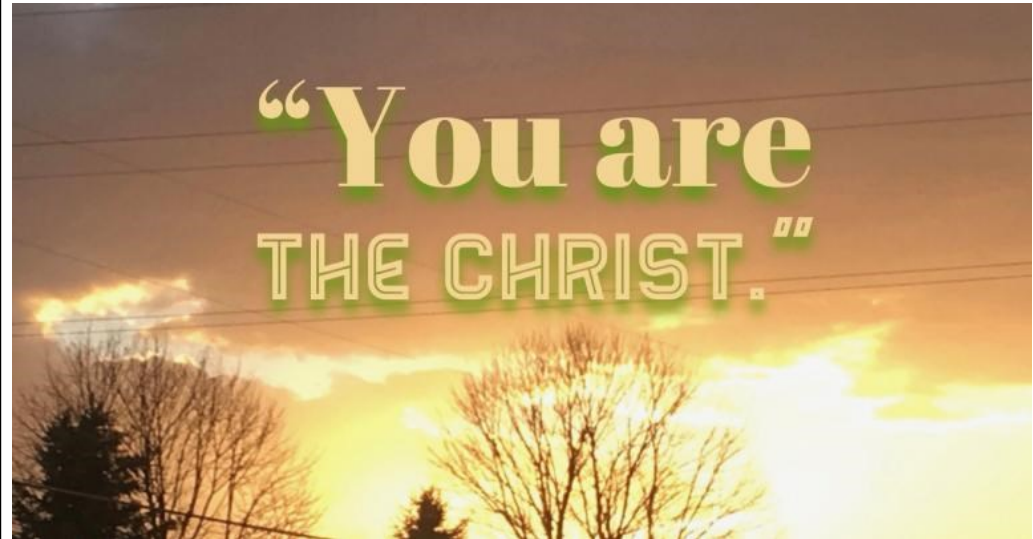
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Whitchurch Baptist Church

Sunday April 10th 2022



No 9 in series on Mark 8 v 27-38

'Oh Peter!'

Speaker: David Culley

Welcome!

What's on this week:-

Monday 11th 10.30am Ladies Study
Wednesday 13th Midweek Study Group
Maundy Thursday 14th 7.30pm
Churches Together Lent Celebration.
Tenenbrae Communion. Methodist
Church led by Rachel Borgars.
Easter Saturday: Distribution of Easter
Biscuits in Town.

Easter Sunday 17th

9.30am Easter Breakfast —need to book!
10.30am 'Celebration Service'
No 9 in Mark 16 v 1-8 Jack speaking

Sunday 24th No 10 'final one!' in Mark
'Heaven touches earth' Mark 9 v 1-14
All Age service.

Wednesday 27th 8pm Church
Members Mtg, [In church, also on Zoom
but those on Zoom unable to vote]

During May we begin a new series from
the book of Acts.

Four weeks in Lent

Week 3 in our Lent readings series.
John 19 v 16-42.
The death and burial of Jesus.

Take some time this week, or even to-
day, to find a quiet place and read
through the narrative of the first Easter,

Sense what was going through the char-
acters minds and emotions as they tried
to make sense of what was happening!

Hymns and their stories

Were you there

The first publication of this stirring
spiritual appeared in 1899 in William
E. Barton's *Old Plantation Hymns*, a
commentary on spirituals.
Barton states in his book that he first
heard this spiritual sung "in the
South" without mentioning further
specifics. However, Barton does
note that the song likely originated
in the African American slave com-
munity.

Further research on the spiritual's
origin confirms that its roots are im-
possible to trace, as the song wasn't
written by an individual songwriter
but arose out of the collective slave
experience of oppression and suffer-
ing.

In the lyrics Barton provided, the
first stanza recalls the Lord's Cruci-
fixion by metaphorically asking the
listener:

*Were you there when they crucified
my Lord?*

*Were you there when they crucified
my Lord?*

*Oh! Sometimes it causes me to trem-
ble, tremble, tremble.*

*Were you there when they crucified
my Lord?*

The singer is asking
the listener to embrace the gravity
and purpose of the Crucifixion and,
through doing so, be transformed in
the here and now.

My Bible—My Story

'I always believed in God. When I was
a child, I wanted to go to church to
join the choir. When I was ten, I
helped teach the other children,
which probably wouldn't be allowed
now! But when you do that, you be-
come much more aware of what you
are reading.

'It was when I was 14 and joined the
Christian Union at school that things
really changed though.

They gave us a pamphlet and in it
was Revelation 3.20, "Behold, I stand
at the door and knock: if any man
hear my voice, and open the door, I
will come in to him and will sup with
him."

'Reading that was the moment when
I changed from being a church mem-
ber to having a personal relationship
with Christ. It was 15 March 1973.

'For me, that is a life-changing verse.
I have contentment about whatever
happens in life. I believe that every-
thing that happens is God's plan.

'It also changed the course of my life.
I became a reader in the local church
and a hospital chaplain. I'm a very
quiet sort of person but I love making



a difference, so I guess that verse has
had an impact on other people, not
just me. I love being able to be with
people and let them feel that there is
somebody there who understands.

EASTER BREAKFAST

**If you are intending to come
please let June know by this
Thursday 14th.**

The biblical significance of the number 40

The number 40 is a significant biblical
number. In Genesis, the flood was
after 40 days and nights of rain ([Gen-
esis 7.12, 17](#)).

Moses and the Hebrews spent 40
years in the wilderness ([Deuteron-
omy 29.5](#)). Moses fasted for 40 days
on Mount Sinai ([Exodus
34.28](#)). Nineveh had 40 days to
repent ([Jonah
3.4](#)).

In the New Testament, Jesus spent
40 days fasting in the wilderness, and
later Jesus spent 40 days after the
resurrection before his [ascension](#)
([Acts 1.3](#)). In fact, in many languages
the word used for Lent comes from
the Latin Quadragesima meaning
fortieth including *Y Grawys* in
Welsh, *Cuaresma* in Spanish, *Carême*
in French, and *Quaresima* in Italian.