



Dear Friends,

In April we celebrate the central belief of the Christian faith – the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

That something wonderful could emanate from something so dark and sordid provides us with a template for living our lives. We can describe it as light shining in the darkness, Life triumphing over death or Good winning out over Evil but how does that help us deal with the tragedies that life inevitably throws at us?

It means first and foremost that there is no situation so dark, no tragedy so terrible, that when all seems lost that light cannot eventually shine out of a situation.

I speak from experience. When my wife of 25 years died, everything seemed dark and empty. But by the Grace of God, light did eventually shine even out of that darkness.

The greatest gift that Christians possess is hope. Not 'pie in the sky when we die' but a living hope that inspires our present and enables us to live our lives with a sense of purpose, meaning and courage. We never lose hope because of what happened 2000 years ago in Palestine.

Love and peace,

***This month's quote***

Easter Peace: It does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble or hard work. It means to be in the midst of those things and still be calm in your heart. *Anon*

**Passover Supper** Maundy Thursday - 7pm  
**The Church Hall, All Saints Church, East Budleigh,**

To attend this supper, a modern day equivalent of the Last Supper, ending with a Holy Communion (also in the Hall), you must give your names in advance to Fran in the RMC Office to get the catering right. The numbers are limited to 50 people. You are also requested to make a donation on the evening to cover the cost of the supper.

The Rev Dr Herbert McGonigle, the Director Emeritus of The Manchester Wesley Research Centre, considers Charles Wesley's great hymn for Easter:

**Christ the Lord is risen today!**

Jesus's death on the cross, and His resurrection on Easter morning are both part of the redemption story. Paul links them in this way: 'He was delivered for our offences [the Cross] and raised again [the Resurrection] for our justification' (Romans 4:25). Charles Wesley does likewise in his glorious Easter anthem.

*Christ the Lord is risen today!  
Sons of men and angels say.  
Raise your songs and triumph high  
Sing, ye heavens, thou earth reply.*

Charles wrote the hymn in 1739, a year after his Pentecost Sunday evangelical conversion, and the year in which he began his open-air preaching. Like all his hymns that followed in the next four decades, this hymn is full of New Testament references and allusions. A great stone was rolled into the opening of the grave where Jesus was laid, and as Matthew records, the Jewish authorities 'made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting a guard' (27:66). But all to no purpose! Christ, the Lord of Life, could not be imprisoned by death!

*Vain the stone, the watch, the seal  
Christ hath burst the gates of hell.  
Death in vain forbids Him rise  
Christ hath opened Paradise!*

The New Testament teaches that Christ's resurrection was the Father's seal of approval on His obedient life and atoning death. His resurrection was the proof that He was indeed Jesus Christ the Lord, as Paul argues in Romans 1:4. 'Declared to be the Son of God ...by the resurrection from the dead.' Charles Wesley works these great salvation truths into his verses. 'Love's redeeming work is done.' 'Once He died our souls to save.' 'Lives again our glorious King.' 'Where, O death, is now thy sting?' 'Second life we all receive.' 'In our Heavenly Adam live.' As our Lord promised His disciples long ago and still promises us; "Because I live, you will also live." (John 14:19).

The Resurrection of Christ, viewed as a historical fact, is only part of the NT teaching. His conquest of death He now shares with all His people. Christians are the people of the Resurrection! We are now 'made alive with Christ;' 'raised up with Him,' and already seated 'in heavenly places' (Ephesians 1:4-6). And Charles Wesley takes up this great theme of how believers share in their Lord's resurrection power.

*Risen with Him we upward move  
Still we seek the things above ...*

*Soar we now where Christ hath led  
Following our exalted Head.  
Made like Him, like Him we rise  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.*

Christ has conquered hell! Death has lost its sting! The grave is spoiled! What a Saviour! What a gospel! What a glorious hope!

**From the Editor - probably his last diatribe!**

This piece above comes from an Internet site to which we subscribe, Parish Pump. It is a very useful source of information for Church Magazine editors!



Charles Wesley (1707 - 1788)

But this commentary raised a query in my mind. It refers to a Charles Wesley hymn, "Christ the Lord is risen today." Sounds familiar? Except it does not appear in our current hymn book under this First Line, nor in our previous book, *Common Praise*, nor in the previous one to that, *Hymns Ancient and Modern - New Standard*. What does appear is 'Jesus Christ is risen today.'! Which is not attributed to Charles Wesley and only has 3 verses.

Further research on the internet reveals that it, or something like it (always the same tune), has been in almost every Hymn Book ever published. There have been many. The number of verses, though, has

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## The Friends of St Peter's - the active fundraisers for our Church!

We should like to thank Christine very much for all the hard work she has done for the Friends. She has so many other commitments but has managed to fit in the Chairmanship of the Friends' Committee amongst all her other roles. Now that she is no longer Chairman of the Friends, perhaps her life will be a little easier.

There are now only three people on the Friends' Committee and we hope to publish the 2019 programme within the next week or two. We shall be publicising it both in the Pew Sheet and also on the Friends' Notice Board which is at the back of the Church near the main door. Then we will be asking for help for the various events as we are such a small team. We can only continue because we know that the congregation of St Peter's responds so positively to such requests for help and we are very grateful to you.

Finally, if you are not a Friend of St Peter's, do please consider joining the Friends. Your subscriptions help to pay for the maintenance of our lovely Church. There are application forms and more details on the Friends' Board.

Betty Clement      Jackie Clemo      Iris Cooper (convalescing)

### Update on the Wine Flagon



A local silversmith has now quoted a much lower figure than the previous one consulted. This quote is a much more acceptable £100. We have asked him to do the job and we are now waiting for him to find space (about a week) in his current workload. In the interim, several members of the congregation have offered to contribute to the cost of this repair - thank you to them all - and so there will be no charge to the PCC. Good news! It might even get done before Easter!

### Good things happen if you wait long enough!

We are pleased to announce that the Editorship of this Mini-mag is being taken on, jointly, by Rosemary Humphreys and Gillian Andrew with effect from the May 2019 edition. Their contact Emails are at the top of this page.

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varied from 3 to about 10! Not all of the words are attributed to Charles Wesley. Mostly they are attributed to no-one. Thinking that he was really a well known Methodist, I went to our own Temple Methodist Church to check on this. They have two hymn books in use. Both have the correct starting verse, which we do not have! *Singing the Faith* has at Hymn No 298 a version with 5 verses, while their other one, the *Complete Mission Praise*, has it as Hymn No 76 with 6 verses!

Charles (and his well-known brother, John,) was a son of an Anglican Minister. When he left Oxford, where he had been involved with the creation of the Methodist movement within the Church of England, he was later ordained as a Methodist Minister and preached as such throughout the world. When he died, he insisted he be buried as a member of the Church of England, in a Marylebone churchyard in London. He is possibly better known generally as a prolific hymn-writer. It is said that probably 6500 hymns came from his pen! Many of them are still very popular and in common use today.

### SOME USEFUL LOCAL NUMBERS

 <p><b>PREMIER CAFÉ</b></p> <p><i>Traditional Fish and Chips and more.....</i></p> <p><b>01395 442962</b></p>	<p><b>Roger Pollard</b></p> <p><b>Plumbing and Heating Engineer</b></p> <p><b>01395 444049</b></p>	<p><b>Bright Garden Services</b></p> <p>Mowing &amp; Edging, Hedges &amp; Strimming, Decking, Gates &amp; Fences, Garden Clearance</p> <p>David Bright 01395 225386, Mob 07790 022767</p>	<p><b>Sherwood's Tree Care</b></p> <p><b>Fully Insured Free Consultations Friendly &amp; Efficient Tree Care</b></p> <p><b>Edward Clarke NCHArb 01395 444423 07961929 383</b></p>	<p><b>Palmers Funeralcare</b></p> <p>Here for you when you need us most</p> <p>Funeral Planning Pre-Paid Funeral Arrangements Memorial Masonry &amp; Floral Tributes Available 24 hours</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>Budleigh Salterton</b> 45 High Street EX9 6LE Tel: 01395 442252 also at <b>Exmouth</b> Tel: 01395 222333</p> </div>
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## St PETER'S CALENDAR for April (including **East Budleigh** and **Otterton** Services)

Mon	1st			Mon	15th	Compline	7.00pm
Tue	2nd	Prayer Group in the Lady Chapel	9.30am	Tue	16th	Compline	7.00pm
Wed	3rd	<b>Holy Communion BCP</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Wed	17th	<b>Holy Communion BCP</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
		6 Zone in the Peter Hall	3.30pm			Compline	7.00pm
		Lent Lecture by the Rev Julia Henley	7.30pm	Thurs	18th	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	
Thurs	4th	<b>Silent Meditation</b>	<b>6.15pm</b>			<b>Passover Supper,</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>
Fri	5th	Rendezvous Coffee Morning	10.00am			<b>All Saints Church Hall - see page 1</b>	
		<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>11.30am</b>			<b>Foot Washing Service</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>
Sat	6th	RMC Away Day at All Saints Church, Sidmouth. Until approx 4pm.	10.00am	Fri	19th	<b>Good Friday</b>	10.00am
						Partnership Good Friday Service in	<b>11.00am</b>
						<i>The Temple Methodist Church</i>	
						Easter Reflections	3.00pm
Sun	7th	<b>Holy Communion BCP</b>	<b>8.00am</b>			<b>Cross of Christ</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
		<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>9.30am</b>				
		Parish Eucharist	10.00am				
		<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>11.00am</b>				
Wed	10th	<b>Holy Communion BCP</b>	<b>9.30am</b>				
		Loaves & Fishes Lunch	12.30pm				
		Lent Lecture by the Rev Karen Young	7.30pm				
Thurs	11th	<b>Silent Meditation</b>	<b>6.15pm</b>				
Fri	12th	Rendezvous Coffee Morning	10.00am				
		<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>11.30am</b>				
		<b>Holy Week begins</b>					
Sun	14th	<b>Holy Communion BCP</b>	<b>8.00am</b>				
		<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>9.30am</b>				
		<b>Palm Sunday</b>					
		Parish Eucharist, but sadly NO donkey. (Equine flu is the problem)	10.00am				
		<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>11.00am</b>				
		Annual Parochial Church Meetings in The Peter Hall	3.00pm				
		<b>Choral Service</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>				
				Wed	24th	<b>Holy Communion BCP</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
						6 Zone in The Peter Hall	3.30pm
				Thurs	25th	<b>Silent Meditation</b>	<b>6.15pm</b>
				Fri	26th	Rendezvous Coffee Morning	10.00am
						<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>11.30am</b>
				Sat	27th	Wedding Harris/Gwynne-Jones	3.00pm
				Sun	28th	<b>Holy Communion BCP</b>	<b>8.00am</b>
						<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
						Parish Eucharist	10.00am
						<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
						Solos Lunch	12.15pm

*Morning Prayer is said at **All Saints' East Budleigh** on **Tuesday mornings at 9.30am.**  
Morning Prayer is said at **St Michael's Otterton** on **9.30 Thursdays.***

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**Miscellaneous musings on life:**

- Why is yawning contagious?