

April 2018



Outlook

Beckenham United Reformed Church

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SUNDAY WORSHIP - APRIL 2018

1st	April	Mrs. Marion Bayley - Easter Sunday - Holy Communion
8th	April	Members Service
15th	April	Mr. Tony Russell
22nd	April	Mrs. Marion Bayley
29th	April	Rev'd Nicola Furley-Smith

OTHER DIARY EVENTS

4th	April	2.30pm	Bible Study
10th	April	2.30pm	Crescent Club
25th	April	1pm	Luncheon Club

Please note change of date for Luncheon Club

OUR VISION

Our vision is to glorify God and to serve God throughout our lives, always open to God working through us. We seek to share the good news of love, forgiveness and grace with all in our local community through our actions and our prayers.



Donors

1 st	April	Easter Sunday
8 th	April	The Almonds
15 th	April	The Duncans
22 nd	April	<i>available</i>
29 th	April	<i>available</i>

Arrangers

Marion Bayley
Jane Ball
Monica Duncan
Muriel Aldcroft
Pat Power

Dear Friends,

April, the name is derived from the Greek word for “opening“. In many countries of Europe the first of April has long been used for a facetious custom to send an unsuspecting person on a useless errand of great endeavour only to designate them as “April Fool“. It is, however, a month of rain and sunshine often both together when we can enjoy the uncertain glory of an April day!

This year April first falls on Easter Sunday. The dead and buried Christ rose from the dead and was seen alive in many infallible proofs. The uplifted Christ has an uplifted influence on his people so that we can live in the world with his saving grace. We can also begin to know something of his life, love and joy within us and we can face all that life brings us.

And so we can enjoy April, the bluebells, primroses, new born grass, young lambs bleating, the blossom on the trees and all life’s renewal in its magnificent glory.

Long as there’s a sun that sets
Primroses will have their glory
Long as there are violets
They will have a place. In glory.

WORDSWORTH

Easter Love

On Easter we celebrate love, love coming down from heaven,
love blanketing the earth in a transforming embrace;
unique and infinite love, giving more than we can imagine
for us, to cleanse our sin, a perfect sacrifice, Lamb of God,
the walking, talking Word.
He is teacher, role model, friend, this God in human form,
dying, then rising from the dead, proving all who believe
will also rise to have eternal life, with Him, Lord of all. Oh, Happy,
Happy Easter!

by Joanna Fuchs www.poemsource.com.

FROM THE SECRETARY

It is hard to believe that as I start to write this letter we again have snow! Even though it was snowing for our Women's World Day of Prayer Service over 70 people attended. It is always a good service and a very ecumenical occasion with about 10 churches arranging and taking part.

I am sure Anthony will have written in the magazine that our team beat St. Barnabas Church (who last year were one of the finalists) in the first round of Top of the Pew. Well done to Marion, Anthony, Monica and Julien - the awesome foursome!!!

Finally we have the plaque in situ on the seat in the front of the Church in memory of our late organist David Holmes. Thank you to David for fixing it.

We were saddened to hear of the death of John Morley. He has been a regular preacher at our Church for many years and was liked by many of our congregation.

We have enjoyed another Ploughman's Lunch today after a lengthy Church Meeting! I think we all enjoy this time of fellowship together. We look forward to having our Moderator Nicola Furley-Smith taking the service at the end of April. I do hope that as many who are able to will attend the service.

Gill Ross

Lectionary

1st April Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18 Or Mark 16:1-8

8th April Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31

15th April Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48

22nd April Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18

29th April Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:25-31 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8

PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

Almighty and ever-loving God,
We give you thanks and praise for the players in the Easter story:
for the disciples sticking together for reassurance;
for Mary who mistook Jesus for the gardener;
for Thomas who dared to ask for proof;
for the travellers who failed to recognise Jesus;
for the disciples who tried to catch fish;
for each and everyone who encountered our Risen Lord and Saviour.
Most of all, we thank you for Jesus who paid the price for our
salvation
and then gloriously rose again, that we too may have new life.

Merciful God, we turn to you in confidence to confess those times
when we doubt you; when we have hidden from your presence,
when we have been hesitant to speak of your glory;
when we have been slow to rejoice in your goodness.
Forgive us and help us, Lord.

Loving God, we pray for a world in need of peace:
between warring nations; between conflicting political ideologies;
between peoples of faith.

We pray for a world in need of love:
for people who have lost their self-respect;
for friends who have become alienated;
for relatives who have lost their affection for each other.

We pray for a world in need of joy:
joy when there is cause for celebration;
joy when there is a reason to give thanks;
joy as a means of sharing in the wonder of creation.

Risen Lord Jesus, we recognise your presence with us now
and we acclaim you as our Saviour.

Breathe your Spirit into us to equip us for the work you have given us
and may your peace be with us always. **AMEN**

OFFERINGS

The offerings during February were as follows:-



February 4	£140.50
February 11	£87.50
February 18	£115.00
February 25	£130.00

The after service coffee collections during this period were in aid of Burgess Autistic Trust and totalled £49.93. Anthony Bayley

TOP OF THE PEW

We held our First Round match against our friends and neighbours at St. Barnabas on Sunday 4th March. It was played in a really friendly spirit and with some interesting and enjoyable questions. St. Barnabas took an early lead but we soon caught them up and continued in the lead for the rest of the evening finally winning by 75 points to 66. At the half time coffee break we raised a magnificent £65.70 for this year's charity, the Marjorie McClure Special School in Chislehurst. Thanks to Gill for organising the coffee break and to Monica, Marion and Julien, the other members of the team and not forgetting Alan, our scorer, and those who came out on a Sunday evening to help create an audience. On to Round 2!!!! Anthony Bayley

CRESCENT CLUB

Now that Spring is on the way we had a sunny afternoon for our March meeting which was held at Muriel's house and the theme was Birthday Party Afternoon. It was also an extra pleasant day for Muriel as it was her birthday. Elma brought an album of the photos of her late mother's 102nd party and we all remembered special birthdays of our childhood and teenage years. They seem so long ago now. After that we had a tea party with sandwiches and cakes. Monica had brought a lovely small cake with a daisy and yellow icing and a candle, which was a lovely way to celebrate our hostess's special day. We then raised a glass of bubbly which was a great ending to our meeting. Our next meeting is 10th April and is called "To be or not to be". That theme should get our brainboxes working overtime!!

Patricia Power

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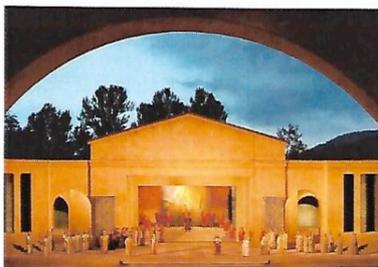
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With The Revd Bill &
Mrs Marion Bowman
31 July—7 August 2020



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Empty Tomb Buns Recipe by Anne Feenstra

Ingredients -

Favorite prepared yeast dough recipe or frozen crescent rolls
Melted butter, large marshmallows, cinnamon, white sugar.

Method

Mix cinnamon and sugar in a bowl. Roll a marshmallow in melted butter and then in the cinnamon-sugar mixture. Enclose sugared marshmallow in a small amount of dough, sealing together well. After placing on cookie sheets, let the buns rise until almost doubled in size. Then bake for 10-12 minutes in a 350-375° F oven. Immediately remove buns from trays, especially if any of the sugary mixture has seeped out of any buns.

Notes Prepared buns may be placed seam-side down on the tray for a smooth bun look.

or:

seam-side up for a slightly rougher look like that of a rock. Seam-side up also helps to prevent more seepage of the sugary mixture.

Plain marshmallows (without melted butter and the cinnamon-sugar mixture) may also be placed in the dough. Without butter, the dough is easier to seal.

Symbolism

Marshmallow - body of Jesus

Butter and cinnamon-sugar mixture – the oil and spices Jesus' body was anointed with

Dough – the tomb

Cavity in bun – the empty tomb

EASTER THOUGHTS

“If man had his way, the plan of redemption would be an endless and bloody conflict. In reality, salvation was bought not by Jesus' fist, but by His nail-pierced hands; not by muscle but by love; not by vengeance but by forgiveness; not by force but by sacrifice. Jesus Christ our Lord surrendered in order that He might win; He destroyed His enemies by dying for them and conquered death by allowing death to conquer Him.”

— A.W. Tozer

“And now brothers, I will ask you a terrible question, and God knows I ask it also of myself. Is the truth beyond all truths, beyond the stars, just this: that to live without him is the real death, that to die with him the only life?”

— Frederick Buechner

A man who was completely innocent, offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act.

- Mahatma Gandhi

Love always involves responsibility, and love always involves sacrifice. And we do not really love Christ unless we are prepared to face His task and to take up His Cross.

– William Barclay

STOP PRESS

We have just heard the wonderful news that our good friend John Grundy, who was a student minister at Hayes and Beckenham, has accepted the call to take on the pastorate of St Andrews, Brockley and St Michaels New Cross Anglican/URC. His ordination is likely to be in August.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Christian Aid Week this year runs from 13th May to 19th May. We will be holding a Christian Aid Lunch after the service on Sunday 13th May and further details will be in next month's Outlook. We will again be holding some house to house collections and I am always looking for volunteers. If you have not done it before please talk to me for further information. The intention is to make collections in streets, stations and supermarkets in addition to the house to house collections and if this is of interest to you please let me know.

Anthony Bayley



COFFEE money for April goes to –

Marjorie McClure Special School in Chislehurst

The Marjorie McClure School is an outstanding school with a strong sense of community that values each individual pupil, whatever their special educational needs or disability. It is the Top of the Pew charity for 2018.

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Why do we paint Easter eggs?

Because it's easier than trying to wallpaper them!

What day does an Easter egg hate the most?

Fry-days.

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Pilates	Monday	19.30 – 20.45
	Tuesday	09.30 – 12.00
	Thursday	09.30 – 12.00
U3A Arts Class	Monday	14.00 – 16.00
Janie Harris Ballet School	Monday	15.15 – 21.00
	Tuesday	16.00 – 21.00
	Thursday	16.00 – 17.45
	Friday	16.45 – 19.15
	Saturday	08.00 – 16.15
Montessori	Mon - Fri	08.30 – 12.30
Spanish Dancing	Tuesday	20.00 – 22.00
	Saturday	14.30 – 16.30
U3A Guitars(2 nd & 4 th)	Wednesday	14.00 – 16.30
Brownies	Wednesday	18.30 – 20.00
Rainbows	Wednesday	17.00 – 18.00
Guides	Wednesday	19.00 – 20.30

For lettings apply to Mr. Anthony Bayley 07983 334946

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