



Week beginning April 11th, 2010

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

Bringing Life to the Heart of 1066 Country, and beyond

## The REALLY Good News!



It's worth lingering another week with the Easter message that Jesus Christ is alive today. Having observed with solemnity the events of the last week of the life of Jesus, we may be forgiven for marvelling at what it meant for one person to die on behalf of others. For one person to die in the place of others is heroic, and sometimes happens in military conflict.

*What is unusual is the idea of a dead person returning to life.* That puts a different angle on what has happened because it speaks of power of which we know nothing.

***The resurrection,  
a central truth  
of the Faith***

Christ's resurrection is *good news*. It is the best news you are likely to hear, for it gives hope for an eternal future. News of the resurrection speaks of eternity. It speaks of the rule of God being planted now in this world.

At the margins of the Christian Church, and sometimes even within it, there have always been false teachers who try to attack, undermine and nibble away at the truth of the resurrection. The evil one knows that a Christian or a church without firm belief in the resurrection will be weak, powerless, ineffective and without *good news*. However, a congregation believing and preaching the resurrection of Christ is a church with certainty at the heart of what it does.

Society today has very little place for certainty in matters *continues...*

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of faith. It craves tolerance and inclusivity rather than dogmatism.

This isn't new. Even first-century churches had some who wanted to diminish the resurrection. They didn't want a dead, broken, lifeless Jesus to become a live, powerful, life-changing Saviour. The apostle Paul encountered this view point in Corinth, and said (1 Corinthians 15:12): "If we preach that Christ was raised from death, how can some of you say that the dead will not be raised to life?"

False teachers still try to explain away the resurrection of the Saviour by seeking to undermine the Gospel accounts. Nevertheless *the literal resurrection of Jesus from the dead in a glorified body remains a central truth of Christianity.*

Can you believe that Jesus Christ was God who died for you? He died so that through faith in Him you might be rescued from this evil, anxious world. He died so that you might be saved by His grace, and anxious for nothing. He died to deliver you from the dominion of darkness, and so that you might be transformed into the kingdom of light. He died so that in the life to come you might have everlasting life with God.

This is the *good news* - the life-transforming news of the resurrection.

Your friend and pastor,

*Dennis*

***Christ's resurrection:  
the best news  
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to hear!***

## News, notes and prayer opportunities

*Our Members' AGM Meeting will be on Wednesday, April 28th, at 7.30pm in the Chapel, and will include voting for deacons and elders.*



*A big "thank you" to all who endured the rain for Good Friday's Battle walk of Faith. The turnout among people of all ages was most gratifying.*

*Congratulations Trevor and Suzanne Jones who were married in a service at Hawkhurst Baptist Church, led by Dennis on the 9th!*

In line with local schools, we are taking a between-terms break from much of our usual programme, including Homegroups, Baby and Toddler Group (Monday and Thursday), Caterpillar Preschool, Prayer for Middle East and Israel and Thursday After School Club. Remaining activities are listed below. If in doubt, please contact your group leader.

# WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

**Sunday, April 14th.** 9am at Zion Chapel, Mount Street. plus Sunday Club and crèche • 10.30am: Main Hall, Claverham Community College, North Trade Road plus Sunday Club and crèche (starting with refreshments). • 4pm: Chapel Service, plus Sunday Club and crèche. • 6.30pm: Youth Service at the Chapel, Mount Street.



*SportsReach Soccer School*  
at Claverham Sports Centre  
Wednesday to Sunday  
This year's theme: "The Greatest Life"

**Friday.** 7am: Early prayer at the Chapel, followed by self-serve breakfast.

**Sunday, April 18th.** 9am: Chapel Meeting, plus Youth Group, Sunday Club and crèche. (Refreshments after.) • **10.30am: SportsReach Presentation Service** at Claverham Community College Main Hall (North Trade Road), plus Sunday Club and crèche. (Refreshments before.) • 4pm: Chapel Meeting, with Guest Speaker Revd Ed Jones, plus Sunday Club and crèche. *Come if you can.* • 6.30pm: Youth Congregation at the Chapel, with Guest Speaker Revd Ed Jones.

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We extend our love and sympathy to **Val White** whose mother died on April 8th. •

**Monica Cook** would greatly appreciate a lift from Heathrow on Monday, April 19th at 5.10pm. Thank you. •

**Could you be a Welcomer** at Parent and Toddler Group every other week (or once each month) on Mondays from 9.15am to 11.45am? Your help will be much appreciated. Please speak with **Pat Nolan**.

**Free:** 3-piece suite, 2 single beds zip together to make King: phone **Di:** 0780 3628599. •

*"Unlock London" Walk: Saturday, April 24th. This year's nine-mile route passes the new Olympic Stadium and West Ham Football Club's Upton Park. Those going will leave on the 07.05 from Battle and return on the 18.45 from Charing Cross. Groups of four travelling together are charged as two! Interested? Let us know at the church office.*

Could you give **Mary Dams** a lift from her home in Westfield to a morning service once a month? If so, please contact **David Walker**: 773593.

*Our Youth Football Team needs a Christian Helper* for the 2010/2011 season, starting in August. Please see our poster, and speak with **Gary Walsh** or **Andy Garlick** a.s.a.p. *Thank you.*

**Caterpillar Preschool** are looking for "bank" staff: NVQ Level 2 or above in Early Years and Childcare preferred. Please contact **Melanie** for details: 775596.

**The Liberated Wailing Wall**, the Jewish Gospel-music group, will be at Walderslade Baptist Church, Catkin Close, Chatham, BWI 177 on Wednesday, April 28th; 7.30pm; admission free. A collection will be received for the work of Jews for Jesus.

**Important reminder.** There are 2 telephone lines at the office for outgoing calls, and there is no way those ringing out know which line the automatic system chooses. When ringing *into* the office **please always dial manually** (01424) 774825. If you use the 1471 facility (or automatic or redial facility on your phone) your incoming call is likely to be diverted to (01424) 775875 — our fax machine — where it remains unanswered, and this is, of course, frustrating to all concerned.

## *Do we understand?*

*We don't understand revival; in fact, we don't even have the slightest concept of what true revival is. For generations we have thought of revival in terms of a banner across the road or over a church entryway. We think revival means a silver-tongued preacher, some good music, and a few folks who decide they're going to join the church. No! Real revival is when people are eating at a restaurant or walking through the mall when they suddenly begin to weep and turn to their friends and say, 'I don't know what's wrong with me, but I now I've got to get right with God.'*

— Tommy Tenney



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Our other elders: John Southam (church manager);  
Rob Duffill (treasurer); Andy and Jo Garlick.  
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