



Week beginning April 18th, 2010

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Bringing Life to the Heart of 1066 Country, and beyond

With Jesus it's **THE GREATEST LIFE**

The resurrection appearances of Jesus must have been amazing and life-changing for those who experienced them. To meet someone whom you knew had been put to death! Jesus, crucified, dead and buried, and now risen from the dead, and alive for evermore! This is the central tenet of what Christians believe.

Some appearances are mentioned in detail in the Bible. Others are hinted at without giving the longed-for details.

For me the breakfast-time appearance by the Sea of Galilee of John 21 remains my favourite. Here there is none of the bustle and confusion which seem to

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have surrounded the various comings and goings at the tomb on that first Easter day. Neither, here, does Jesus rebuke people for their unbelief. He just turns up, many miles from the place of his execution, in good health and showing his usual interest in his friends.

He went and found them while they were doing something they enjoyed and felt comfortable with. It seems to have been John (verse 7) who first deduced who the stranger on the shore was as he peered through the early morning light: "It is the Lord!"

It was, however, Peter who jumped into the lake and swam ashore, eager to get to Jesus first, eager to know first hand that his recent denial of Jesus was forgiven and forgotten, and that the Lord still had a mission for him in the days ahead – a mission which Jesus outlines as the chapter unfolds.

The resurrection appearances came to a definite end after forty days, a matter attested to by Luke in his Gospel, and in Acts; and the resurrection *continues...*

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tion life of Jesus continues, to this day, to be made known to believers through the presence of the Holy Spirit.

I want to encourage you to expect that just as the Lord visited His friends in the past so He wants to share your life this week. Just as the Lord had things to say to Peter at the end of John 21, so He has things to speak with you about as you wait on Him in prayer. Just as the lives of all who saw the risen Lord were changed, so He still is in the life changing business today. Just as the Lord was able to challenge Peter in John 21, so He is able to challenge us today.

Because Jesus is alive today, and because we can know Him through the presence of the Holy Spirit, we can still expect to be surprised by things the risen Lord will want to do in our lives and say to us this week.

"With Jesus it's the greatest life" was the theme of last week's Soccer School which was an action-packed time of sharing both sport and faith. What a truth is in that title-motto, for with the risen Lord by our side we may truly know and live the greatest possible life.

May the risen Lord continue to bless and encourage you this week.

Your friend and pastor,

Dennis

News, notes and prayer opportunities

On Saturday **Monica Cook** is ministering at a "tweenager" meeting at East Dean, Sussex.

- We extend our love and sympathy to **Eileen Emery** whose sister **Queenie** died recently after a long illness.
- **Dennis** is on holiday all this week, and will return for Sunday 25th.
- **On Saturday! "Unlock London" Walk.** 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.
- Help yourself to a free copy of the latest issue of *The Word for Today*.
- **Part time support** is sought for a church Member living in Battle. Primarily this would involve visiting two or three times weekly, help with shopping, post etc. Driver preferred. No cleaning required. Rates to be discussed. Further information from Dennis.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Homegroups, Baby and Toddler Group (Monday and Thursday), Caterpillar Preschool, Prayer for Middle East and Israel (second and fourth Thursdays at 2pm), and Thursday After School Club as usual, plus:

Sunday, April 18th. 9am at Zion Chapel, Mount Street. plus Sunday Club & crèche. 10.30am: **SportsReach Award Service.** Main Hall, Claverham Community College, North Trade Road (starting with refreshments). • 4pm: Chapel Service with Guest **Revd Ed Jones**, plus Sunday Club & crèche. • 6.30pm: Youth-led Service at the Chapel, with **Revd Ed Jones**. *All ages are welcome.*

Tuesday. 9am: Healing Prayer Group. At 10.30am the prayer-ministry team will be available for anyone who comes for personal prayer. • Twelve 'til One: Soup-and-roll lunch. • Tuesday Fellowship. Speaker: **Rob Duffill**. *All are invited.*

Wednesday. 7.30am: Prayer led by Young People, followed by breakfast. • 7.30pm: Bible Study at The Manna House. *All are welcome.*

Friday. 7am: Early Prayer at the Chapel, followed by a do-it-yourself breakfast. *Everyone is invited.* • 9.15am: "Chatterbox" for parents, carers and young children. • 10.30am: Coffee Club. • 12.30pm: Lunch at the Manna for retired people. (Advance booking *essential* on 772192, weekdays between 6pm and 7pm.)

Saturday. See our website for football fixtures.

Unlock London Walk — read notice on page 2 of this bulletin

Sunday, April 25th. 9am: Chapel Meeting, plus Youth Group, Sunday Club & crèche. (Refreshments after.) • 10.30am: Meeting at Claverham (North Trade Road), plus Sunday Club & crèche. (Refreshments before.) • 4pm: Chapel Meeting, plus Sunday Club & crèche. • 6.30pm: Youth Congregation at the Chapel.

June Farrington will be out of action for a while following an accident in which she sustained a leg injury.

Brian Mills will be in Israel from April 18th to the 27th on a prayer-related visit with some of his colleagues from Interprayer. They will interact with the land, its peoples, history and complexities of issues that make this such a volatile nation. *Please remember them in prayer.*

• **Ashburnham Place** is including an hour of prayer in its schedule each day for the forthcoming General Election. *All are invited to join the,* The hour may vary from day-to-day. Details: www.ashburnham.org.uk

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

Following consultation with church Members those nominated as **deacons** and who have agreed to let their names go forward for consideration are:

Keith Barnes, Di Blackler, Murray Comley, Monica Cook, Brenda Crew, David Gardner, Ben Garlick, Melanie Gould, Susan Lafarge, Carol Noel, Freda Nolan, Melvyn Nolan, Pat Nolan, John Sanderson, David Walker, Gary Walsh, Gary Williams, Peter Woodcraft, Pennie Woodcraft. ·

Elders nominated are: **Rob Duffill, Andy Garlick, John Southam.** ·

Whilst the overall number is large it needs to be remembered that we have four congregations to service each week as well as sub-groups of elders and deacons through whom the day-to-day operation and leadership of the whole church takes place.

Lauren Garlick was welcomed as an adult member of the church on Easter Day.

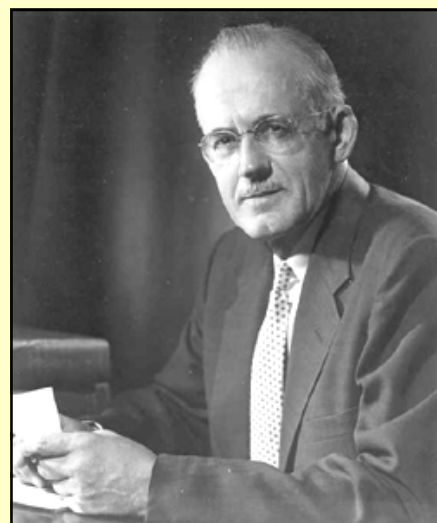
· **Chest freezer: free to collect (7 cubic feet).** Phone **June** or **Ted:** 892836.

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.

Who's in charge?

Our mistake is that we want God to send revival on our terms. We want to get the power of God into our hands, to call it to us that it may work for us in promoting and furthering our kind of Christianity. We want still to be in charge, guiding the chariot through the religious sky in the direction we want it to go, shouting "Glory to God," but modestly accepting a share of the glory for ourselves in a nice inoffensive sort of way. We are calling on God to send fire on our altars, completely ignoring the fact that they are **OUR** altars and not God's.

— A. W. Tozer



Dennis Nolan (pastor); Francis Willoughby (associate minister);
Our other elders: John Southam (church manager);
Rob Duffill (treasurer); Andy and Jo Garlick.
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