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APRIL 2009

SUNDAY 5th

PALM SUNDAY

10:00am Worship & Holy Communion - Rev Rog
Followed by lunch in the Lower Deck Hall.

6:00pm Salvation Army Meeting : Captain Penny

Tuesday 7th

7:30pm Holy Week service.

SUNDAY 12th

EASTER DAY

10:00am Worship & Holy Communion - Rev Rog

6:00pm Salvation Army Meeting: Majors Dave & Gill Coates-DHQ

SUNDAY 19th

10:00am Worship - Revd David Grosch-Miller
URC Moderator South West Synod

6:00pm Salvation Army Meeting : Major Carol

SUNDAY 26th

10:00am Worship - Rev Rog

6:00pm Salvation Army Meeting: Major Carol



HE IS NOT HERE;
He IS RISEN!

Worship Through Giving



We are pleased to announce that the amount donated to the CHURCH GIFT DAY and LUNCH held on Sunday February 22nd was

£1,557 .00p

Thank you to all who came and gave, to Roger for providing the beef and Joy for cooking. We also thank Jenny Beavon for coming to talk about "Time For Life".

There will be another "Time For Life" Coffee Morning on Monday March 30th from 10am - 12noon in the Vestry. All over 50 are welcome!!



We were saddened to learn of the death of Mrs Lilian Reid on Sunday February 22nd.

Lilian's funeral service was held at the Glynn Valley crematorium, Bodmin on March 5th.

We thank God for her life and are assured that for Lilian suffering and pain are no more and, reunited with Fred and the twins, she is at peace.



The Annual Church Meeting was held on Sunday March 8th and Mrs Isobel Houldin was voted onto the Eldership.

It is good to report that the majority of our job vacancies were filled and welcome the following people to their new positions:-

Mrs Anne Snook : Noticeboards

Mr Neville Donovan : Fabric Committee

Mrs Janet Dashper : Women's World
Day of Prayer Committee

Mr Mike Silcox & Mrs Anne Snook : Social & Fundraising Coordinators

However the position of **CHURCH SECRETARY** is still to be filled.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LOWER DECK CAFÉ WILL BE CLOSED ON GOOD FRIDAY

Sorry to mention CHRISTMAS (!) but for those of you who fill shoe boxes for families via LINK ROMANIA we hope you have started to find lots of smiles to fit inside your box!

The leaflet gives you ideas of what - and more importantly - what not to pack. (if you haven't got a leaflet speak to Janet Dashper)



If you buy any new shoes - please ask for the box and if you don't want it yourself, please bring it along to the church where someone else may like to take and fill it.

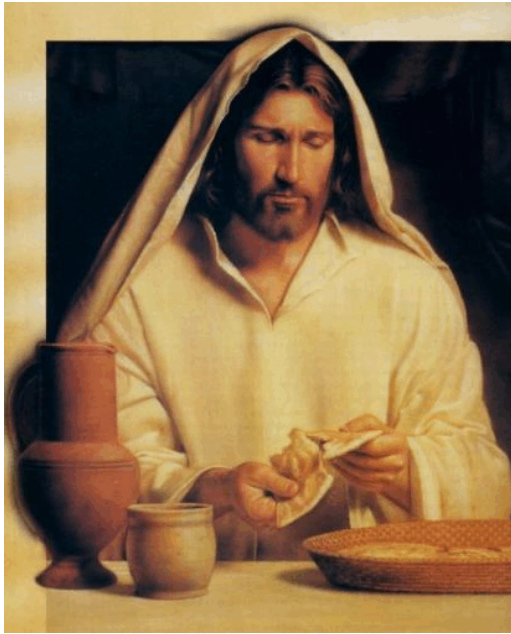
Boxes will need to be completed by early November.

**Fill a shoebox
full of smiles**

PALM SUNDAY : APRIL 5th 10:00am

As well as singing hymns and songs for Palm Sunday this service marks the end of the Lent course - "Building Relationships - with God's Love."

After the service, coffee will be served and we have invited a speaker to talk about the work done by the Tavistock Children's Centre - who meet on our premises every Tuesday and Thursday. Then at 12:15pm (approx) a roast turkey lunch will be served in the Lower Deck Hall and we hope to be joined by the lady who won the turkey in a raffle and kindly donated it to us! (It's a big one!!) Please invite any of your friends /neighbours/ relatives to come along to the service but remember to sign the list in the church if you intend to stay for lunch - a vegetarian option will be available.



A special film for HOLY WEEK will be held in the Church on **TUESDAY APRIL 7th at 7:30pm.**

"The Last Supper" was filmed and dramatised entirely on authentic locations of the Holy Land and Middle East. The film emphasizes both its Christian tradition and Jewish roots and explores the recipes of the courses served at the Jewish Passover (Seder) meal.

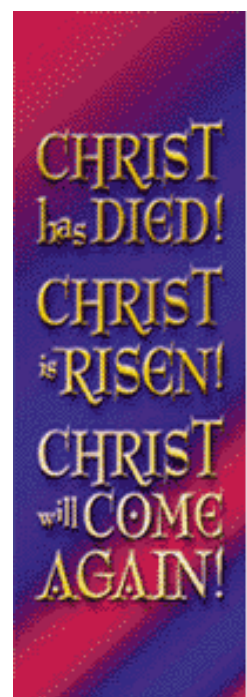
A short service of Holy Communion will follow and all are welcome to come and **"Do this in remembrance of me"**

The Film Nights will take a short break over the Easter holiday and start again on **Tuesday April 21st** .

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 12th Come and praise the risen Lord !

10:00am Worship and Holy Communion - Rev Rog

6:00pm Salvation Army Meeting - Majors Dave & Gill Coates.





The US Presidential election is (mercifully) behind us for another 4 years . The process seemed to go on forever with endless rallies and earnest speeches. There was one light-hearted moment, however, when Barack Obama wanted to deflate the growing hype that seemed to be surrounding him. "Contrary to the rumours you have heard" he said mischievously, "I was not born in a manger.....I was actually born on Krypton and sent here by my father Jorel, to save the planet Earth." His audience roared with laughter, but they got the point too. People were starting to pin all sorts of unrealistic expectations on him. If he wasn't Christ, then surely he was at least Superman...

Obama knows that he is an ordinary human being like the rest of us. He can't work miracles and there will be times when he will fail. His joke worked though, because many people – perhaps all of us at some level – would love to find a super hero, someone who has a magic source of answers that will wipe away the world's problems.

It was no different at the time of Jesus. People were hoping for a Messiah, a deliverer. Some thought he would be a military leader, some a spiritual teacher. Whoever he was, though, they thought his power would be plain for all to see and that he would swiftly put right all that was wrong in their world. Early in Jesus' ministry, many people thought that he would fit the bill just fine. They had always expected miracles from their Messiah, signs that he really was God's chosen one, and they got these aplenty from Jesus. He healed the sick, calmed storms and fed crowds with a few loaves and fish. No wonder people flocked to him. But just as President Obama's supporters will discover, real change doesn't come through the miraculous interventions of a single person; it takes shared effort and it is often personally costly too.

Some Christians complained that the Jesus portrayed in the BBC's showing last year of "The Passion" was too human, too weak. "Where were the miracles?" they asked. The truth was that there are no miracles in Holy Week, with the sole exception of a single, rather incidental, healing during his arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22.51). Onlookers then were just as baffled by the lack of miracles as the critics of *The Passion* seem to have been. "He saved others; let him save himself!" they shouted, as he hung on the cross. But there was no squadron of angels, no last minute reprieve, just a humiliating and painful death. It is true that the Gospels go on to tell the story of Christ's resurrection, but for the majority of those who were looking for a first century Superman the crucifixion seems to have been taken as proof that Jesus had failed, that he was not the Messiah and that God had rejected him.

Here we are, however, 2000 years later, in a world that has been profoundly shaped by the story of Christ. Instead of fading into obscurity as a failed leader, Jesus inspired a movement which reached even to this damp corner of the world. It did this because his followers learned that God was not simply going to act through a single Superhero, but through the everyday actions of those who had learned from him. Barack Obama's slogan during his campaign was, "Yes, we can!" It wasn't "Yes, I can!" and that is very significant.

God calls us to work together, inspired by Christ's love, to become the change we long for.



Anne Le Bas

TAVISTOCK AREA CHRISTIANS TOGETHER

Thursday April 2nd 7:30pm TAVI PRAISE @Kings, Pixon Lane

Saturday April 4th 10:00am Prayer in the Square

PALM SUNDAY 1:00pm Lent Lunch @ Abbey Chapel.

GOOD FRIDAY 10:00am SHINE FOR JESUS

Church ministers will be shining shoes while hot cross buns are served and Easter hymns played by the Salvation Army band to the backdrop of a tableau of Calvary in Bedford Square.

EASTER SUNDAY near the Pimple, Whitchurch Down

5 am vigil - a time of quiet to watch the dawn,
marked by readings from the Old Testament.

6.15 am Sunrise service : The Son is Risen!
followed by breakfast at St Andrews, Whitchurch.

Saturday April 18th 8:30am Prayer Breakfast -Tavistock Methodist

Tuesday April 21st 10:00am Prayer Walk around Tavistock College
(meet at the underpass)

Monday April 27th 7:30pm Evening Prayers - Tavistock Methodist

Every Wednesday - GOD AT WORK 1:10 pm at St Eustachius. A short, informal service of lunch-time prayer for those who work in Tavistock plus the opportunity discuss issues of faith which relate to the workplace - feel free to bring sandwiches.

A Quaker Meeting for Worship is held on the last Wednesday of every month (April 29th, May 27th) 12:30 pm at Friends Meeting House (near the Wharf). 30-40 minutes followed by lunch (bring your own, drinks provided)

NB - from June this will move to the last Thursday of the month .



Notices from Major Carol & Captain Penny:

Plymouth Exeter Hall Whitleigh are holding meetings on Good Friday at 6:30pm and Easter Sunday at 11:00am and 4:00pm.

The Bible Fellowship will start on **Wednesday April 22nd** at 2:30pm in the Church.
On Wednesday April 29th there will be Fellowship & Cream Tea at Doreen Bunkhams.

Supplies of certain items are beginning to run low - if you can help by donating any of these items we would be very grateful !

FAIRY ANTI BACTERIAL Washing Up Liquid (no other brands please)

Black Tie Handle Dustbin Bags

Toilet Rolls



The CHURCH DIRECTORY needs updating so please check your details on the list at the back of the Church and amend if necessary.

If your name is not there, please add your details where indicated. Thank you.

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**A concert for the Church Roof Fund
by the
PLYMOUTH AREA POLICE CHOIR
on FRIDAY MAY 8th
at 7:30pm
Admission £5
Tickets from Bookstop or on the door.
Refreshments and Raffle.**

Offers of **RAFFLE PRIZES** and **REFRESHMENTS**
will be gratefully received. Thank you!