

The Easter Story

Jesus came to compensate
For all the wrongs we do.
He came to earth to die for us,
So we'd be born anew.

"This bitter cup, let it pass from me,"
He cried, in a plaintive voice;
"Yet not My will, but Thine be done;"
He said, in His faithful choice.

The Judas kiss would seal his fate;
He faced a hostile crowd;
The governor, Pilate, saw through it all;
Jesus' guilt he disavowed.

"I wash my hands of all of this,"
Said Pilate, "Let Him be."
But the crowd yelled "Crucify him now,
And set Barabbas free!"

Pilate yielded to their wish;
And Jesus was led away.
The soldiers beat him, and mocked Him, too,
Yet He continued to obey.

A crown of thorns lay on His head,
As His sentence was carried out;
His hands and feet were pierced with nails,
But He did not scream or shout.

"Father, forgive them for this crime;
They know not what they do."
He said this despite His torment, because,
He was thinking of me and you.

"It is finished," he sighed in His anguish and pain,
As His body gave up to death.
The curtain tore, and darkness fell,
After He took His last breath.

The best of the story is the very last part;
It's why on Easter we're filled with pleasure:
Death could not our Saviour hold;
His power is beyond all measure.

He rose from the grave, and was seen all around;
Ever since, He's inspired devotion,
And we'll be with Him for eternity,
When we get our heavenly promotion.

That's why Easter is a major event:
He suffered and died in our place.
He rose and forgave us and loves us still,
Our Saviour of matchless grace.

EASTER DAY



Mark 16. 5 As they entered the tomb,
they saw a young man dressed in a white
robe sitting on the right side, and they
were alarmed.

6 "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are
looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was
crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See
the place where they laid him.

7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is
going ahead of you into Galilee. There you
will see him, just as he told you.' "

Sunday 5th and 12th April 2015

Welcome to PSJ Methodist church

We pray that all services held here will be
Spirit-filled times, and that the presence of
the Lord Jesus is truly felt.

We believe in the power of prayer in the
name of Jesus and therefore..

If you have a concern or a joy that you
wish to share in confidence, our prayer
team would like to support you, and pray
with you, so if that is helpful for you,
please join them after the service.

Today we share in Holy Communion as we
celebrate this most wonderful of days - the
day of Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour
Jesus Christ..

Next Sunday 12th the service will be led by
Mr Des Colechin

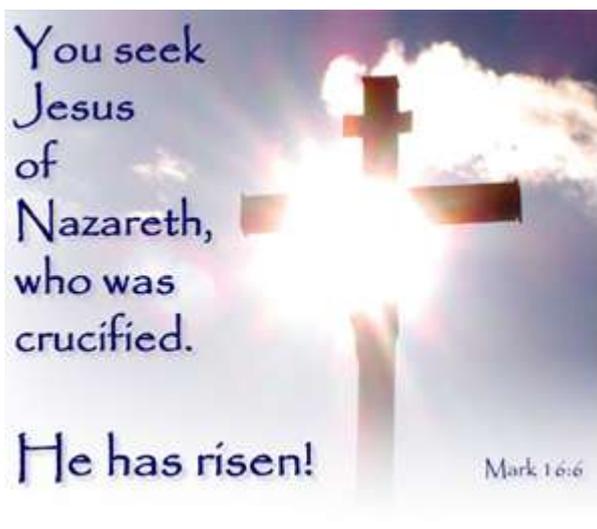
Paul in his writings can at times be a little convoluted, however the message is clear. He challenges those who say that Christ didn't rise from the dead – if that didn't happen he says, and you have nothing to look forward once this life is ended then what's the point of that????!

And he's right – have a read...

1 Corinthians 15:12-19 New International Version (NIV)

The Resurrection of the Dead

¹² But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. ¹⁵ More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.



Grand total for JULIAN HOUSE SLEEPOUT



£1412.50

Remaining birthdays in April April 6th Shelley Caine, 11th Bailey Briggs & Dan, 17th John Cole and Karah Perry, 18th Nora Whittock, 21st Ron Plummer & Lizzie Souter, 22nd Toby Caine & Jenny Townsend, 23rd Christopher Midgley & Janis Scott, Anniversary - 30th April Marilyn and Nick

Next CHURCH COUNCIL-TUESDAY 5TH MAY

PLEASE RETURN ANY OUTSTANDING EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES SUPPORTING MISSION AROUND THE WORLD

Don't forget - 'Developing a Prayer Ministry' Training Day

Saturday 18 April 10am to 4.30pm.
David Betts, a speaker from New Wine will be leading the day with his team. There will be the opportunity to hear about why, and how, to pray for others, and during the four practical sessions we will have the chance to practice praying for one another in a safe and encouraging environment. The aim of any prayer ministry is to get more people praying more, strengthening one another and our church family.

Volunteers needed to run a Christian Café at New Wine – free board and lodge – see noticeboard

An organisation called Family Matters has been set up for Bath and the local area, if you would like to know more about their work see noticeboard

March offerings - 1st £792, 8th £570.50, 15th £419.50, 22nd - £726.50, 29th - £383.20

March breakfast - £ 161 Easter Fayre - £362.71