St Hargaret's Parish Church, Burnage

In Touch Easter 2015





Easter Message from the Rector

There have been some unbelievable triumphs across the centuries – wars won against all the odds, extraordinary discoveries that advance the human race's understanding, people who have faced terrible suffering and survived.

Yet no single event has changed history so much as the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

The astonishing story at the heart of Easter is also the central truth of the Christian faith: that Jesus has defeated death – and is alive today. These are the words spoken to the women who went to the tomb very early on that Sunday morning: "You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn't here! *He is risen from the dead!* Now go and tell his disciples . . ." (Gospel of Mark, chapter 16, verses 6 and 7)

Join us as we once again echo the age-old words "He is risen!" – and discover what it means for you today. Join us at St Margaret's at one of our Easter services to find out more.

Messy Good Friday: There will be the usual opportunity in church for a thoughtful, reflective time focusing on the cross. At the same time, in the Parish Centre, there will be a special 'Messy Church' activity centre around the Good Friday theme. We will then all come together in church for the last 15 minutes for a final time of worship, followed by refreshments with hot cross buns.

Walk of Witness: At 12 noon on Good Friday we will meet up with fellow Christians from the other Burnage churches for our annual silent walk of witness along the streets of Burnage.



Easter Sunday: Services will be at 9am and 10.30am. The former is quiet, reflective and very traditional. The latter is more of an Easter Celebration for all ages. Communion will be offered at both occasions.

Please join us if you can at any of these occasions.

You'd be most welcome!

All at St Margaret's wish you a very happy Easter.





Good Friday Special Friday 3rd April

10.30am-

11.30am

LOVE BURNAGE

CRAFTS, GAMES, CELEBRATION followed by HOT CROSS BUNS

and our CTIB WALK OF WITNESS at 12 noon

Messy Church is FREE and everyone is WELCOME

Poem

Lord we would have done it differently, Your coming to earth. Press releases. April 2015 Banner headlines. Discussions on the telly. 05/04/15 Kingsway (East side): Mauldeth Rd. to All the hype of the supermarket. Barcicroft Rd, & Ferndale Gdns. We'd have really sold it Lord. 19/04/ 15 Burnside Dr. & Astor Rd Your coming Kingsway (West side), Burnage 26/04/15 Park to Grangethorpe Rd. Yet you chose to come as a baby. Helpless, dependant. May To a carpenters wife. "no better than she should be", 03/05/15 Grangethorpe Rd I expect they said. 10/05/15 Hoscar Dr. Orville Dr & Lynton Dr Away from home, on the road. 17/05/15 Burnage Hall Rd Not the sort of people we'd notice, Burnham Drive, Omer Drive & Calverley 24/05/15 Except to joke about their accent. Ave 31/05/15 Lindsay Rd. And yet your arrival moved the world. Shook it. Changed it June Shone light in dark places. Brought hope and love. 07/06/15 Devon Ave, Paignton Ave & Hanlith Mews Especially love, Lord. 14/06/15 Acorn Close, Cringle Hall Rd & Ferguson Not the pale reflection we show, But love as a flame. 21/06/15 Brecon Ave, Connaught Ave Brighton Ave Burning into our lives, Main Ave, East Ave, South Ave 28/06/15 Bright, clean, pure. Burning itself out on a cross. July

At St Margaret's we pray for the people who live

and work in the streets of Burnage. Here's a list of streets for the next 4 months

Eddie Askew

And yet, in the burning out,

Flames of faith and hope.

Love, rich in a poor stable.

Glorious in resurrection.

Tangible in human lives Made beautiful today.

Love, discounted on a cross.

Spreading warmth across the world.

Lighting new flames,

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05/07/15

12/07/15

19/07/15

26/07/15

luesday Group at St Margarets								
Tuesday 3lst March 2015 Keep fit sessions with George 10.00 - 11.00 and 11.30 - 12.30pm	Why not join the Knitting /chat group? Tuesdays 10.00 to 12.00pm.	Easter Reflections in Church March 31st at 2.00pm Followed by refreshments.						
Time to have coffee and chat 10.0012.30pm	Easter Meal March 31st at 12.30pm –Cost £2.50 Drop in and let Margaret know in advance if you want to join us.	All welcome to join us.						

North Ave, West Ave., West Place.

Chorleywood Ave & Winslow Place

Asquith Rd, Ascot Parade, Epsom Ave &

Hydefold Close, Bibby lane,

Church Lane. Dahlia Close

Hatfield Ave

Western Circle, Baldwin Rd,

What's in a name?

Easter, that wonderful spring festival that (usually!) heralds the end of the winter and the beginning of summer. For Christians, it celebrates the time when Christ Jesus, the Son of God, came back from the dead bringing the promise of new life, eternal life, to his followers.

But for the very first Christians centuries ago, the season was known as <u>Pasch</u> – one translation of the Hebrew word for the Jewish Passover festival, which is when Jesus was executed, buried, and rose again. Some churches light a special candle, the Paschal candle, on Easter Sunday to represent Christ, the light of the world, returning from the darkness of the grave to spread the light of God's love to all people.

But what about that name "Easter"? Well, *Eástre* (or Eostre) was the name of an old pagan Saxon or Norse goddess, the divinity of the radiant dawn, of upspringing light, a spectacle bringing joy and blessing, a festival whose meaning was easily adopted by early Christians as the resurrection-day of God's own son. And where does the Easter Bunnie come from? The hare was the special animal sacred to Eastre, which looks very much like a rabbit (although they are very different creatures) hence the "Easter Bunnie" made popular by Walt Disney, and beloved of children everywhere who hunt for Easter Eggs.

I have no trouble with eggs at Easter. Eggs are a very old symbol of new life, and cracking open an egg represents Christ breaking out of his tomb on Easter morning. Easter eggs have been made in all sorts of ways for a long time – from boiling eggs with onion skins to produce a lovely red colour on the shells (as I did when a child), to tasty chocolate eggs*, and fine china eggs studded with precious jewels and painted with gold which only the very rich could afford.

But why does the date of Easter wander about so much? By tradition,

Easter falls from one to seven days after the paschal full moon, shortly before the spring "equinox" (when the hours of night and daylight are about equal) so if the paschal full moon is on Sunday, Easter is the following Sunday. Thus the earliest possible date of Easter is March 22, while the latest possible date is April 25.

What's in a name? Does it matter <u>what</u> we call the festival, when we honour the sacrifice Christ made for us all? He died, the only sinless human being there has ever been, so that we can stand before God the Father with the slate wiped clean of all our sins. All those things which we do (or don't do) in our lives that cause pain or sorrow to other people.

As long as we remember the "reason for the season" I don't think the name matters. God bless you this joyful Easter time,

*Fair trade or Traidcraft "Real" chocolate Easter eggs are delicious, and are available in most supermarkets. They guarantee that a fair price is given to the growers of cocoa, and that small farmers are not exploited by the big retail companies. Buy one, read the real story of Easter inside, and enjoy your Real Easter Egg with a clear conscience.

Pam Corps, Lay Reader, St. Margaret's Church

	Parish Register	
Baptisms	Funerals	
None	Dec 22	Joseph Billington
	Jan 13	Irene Tonge
	Jan 16	Thelma Duffin
	Jan 20	Leslie Morrison
Weddings	Feb 13	Michael Kay
None	Mar 06	Stephen May

Easter Activity Zone



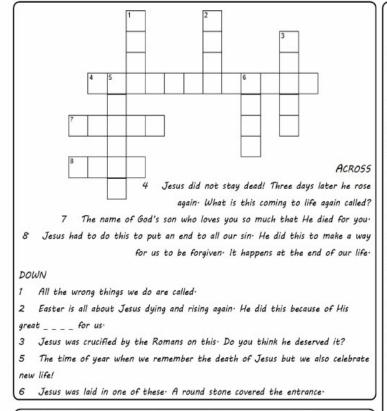
Welcome to our St· Margaret's children's page· We hope you enjoy these activities this

Easter time· Get started by cracking this Easter coded message·

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This editions Video Hunt - Type Y3UKd6LQKng into Youtube and WATCH the Easter Story. This ace video is made by www.biblesociety.org.au



Loads happening! We love having fun here at St. Margaret's-Why not come along one Sunday morning? Or call to ask about our Boys Youth Club or Brownies and Guides.

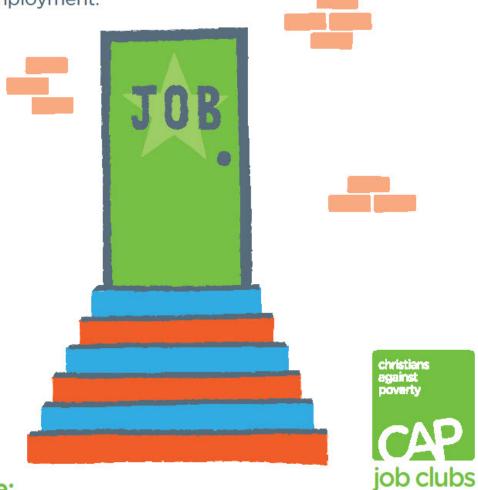
Speak to our Youth Worker Tom on 07769 644 191

Jesus died on the cross, but didn't stay dead· God raised him to life! Jesus has paid the punishment for all the wrong things we do wrong· Now we can live as God's friends forever when we trust Jesus· What does this tell you about Jesus? How do you feel about Jesus, that He died and is alive again? Draw or write your thougths feelings and feelings here:



Step towards employment

A free club for jobseekers, helping you step by step into employment.



Venue:

S. Mcr Family Church, 814 Burnage Lane, M19 1RS

Runs on:

Every Thursday 5.30-7.30pm

Call to get involved:

0800 328 0006





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Christ Church Parrs Wood Rd
United Reformed Church
Maundy Thursday 7pm
Good Friday 10.15am
Easter Day 6.30am Sunrise
worship at Marple Ridge
Meet 6am

Christ Church, Burnage Lane United Reformed Church Easter Sunday 10.45.am E

St Bernard's RC Church
Burnage Lane
Good Friday:
Stations of the Cross 10.30am,
Passion of our Lord, 3pm
Easter Sunday:
Holy Mass: 10.30am

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St Nicholas C of E Church, Kingsway

Monday 30th March 7pm:
Stations of the Cross
Tuesday 31st March 7pm:
Evening Prayer
Weds 1st April 7pm:Evening
Prayer

Maundy Thursday: TBC Good Friday 2pm: An Hour at the Foot of the Cross

> Easter Day 8.30am:Communion 10.30am: All-Age Easter Celebration

l-Age ration St Margaret's C of E Church. Burnage Lane

Tues 31st March:
Easter Reflections 2pm
Maundy Thursday:
Holy Communion 8pm
Good Friday:

Messy Good Friday 10.30am Easter Sunday: Holy Communion 9.00am All-age Family Communion

10,30am

S.Manchester Family Church Parrs Wood High School Easter Sunday, 10.30am

CTIB Good Friday Walk of Witness – meet at St Nicholas' Church Kingswav at 12 noon

