



Palm Sunday Today

Welcome to our **Palm Sunday 'Messy Church' Service** today. Worship and fun for all ages!

If you are new or visiting please make yourself known and feel welcome to join us for tea and coffee, before and after the service ▲



New to St. Paul's? It's great to welcome you!

Our usual Sunday services are very simple. An opening hymn, a talk or sometimes DVD teaching, followed by a time of worship and prayers then (usually) we have Holy Communion (all welcome) and finally, a closing hymn. During the worship time we have an offering (look out for the little brown bag!) We welcome contributions but please don't feel obliged to give!

If you would like information about giving regularly either by standing order or using weekly envelopes please speak to Penny (at the back by the sound desk) or to Ian or Andrew our Churchwardens ▲

Electoral Roll

The St. Paul's Electoral Roll is now open for applications from new people wishing to join and closes after church on Easter Sunday (1st April) ▲



News If you were 'snowbound' and missed last weeks newsletter, copies are available on the font (or on our website). Make sure you get a copy of Fiona Smith's

Newsletter, she's currently in India exploring what God has in store there!

Palm Sunday Collect
True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory. Amen.

St. Paul's - For Families...



For young people aged 4 - 16
Sundays 9.45 - 10.30am
(except the 1st of each month)
in St. Paul's Christian Centre
School Lane, Newport

Contact Ignite at
www.stpaulsbarnton.co.uk

worship - prayer - craft
Bible study - fun!

Little Rascals



Little Rascals

Meet on Tuesday mornings in term time in St. Paul's Christian Centre (School Lane) for babies to pre-school 5's 9:45am - 11:30am. All welcome with a parent / carer.

Messy Church

The next Messy Church at St. Paul's is on Saturday 26th May
Text 07470959576 to book.



Contact St. Paul's

Website: stpaulsbarnton.co.uk

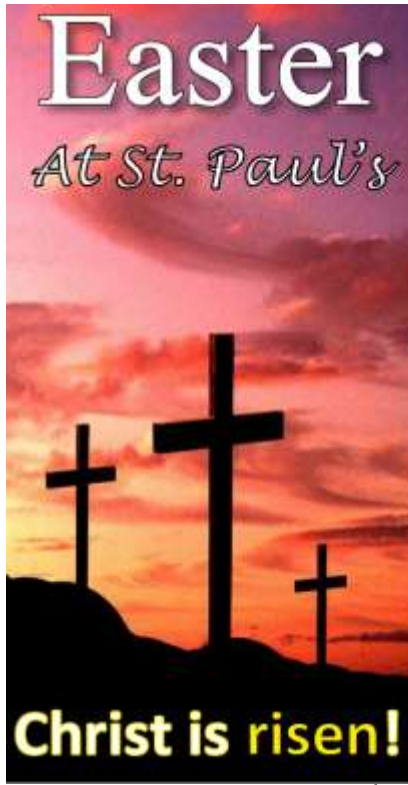
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Easter 2018
Good Friday

On Good Friday at 2:00pm we have a time of worship and reflection with Rev. Carol Smart. Why not join us and take some 'time out' to reflect on what Easter means and what God has done for us?

Also, starting at 12:30pm there is the Churches Working Together in Newport Walk of Witness starting at the Congregational Church.



Good Friday
30th March 2pm
Worship & Reflection

Easter Sunday
1st April 10am
All age worship with
Holy Communion

www.stpaulsbarton.co.uk

Good Friday Collect

Eternal God,
in the cross of Jesus
we see the cost of our sin
and the depth of your love:
in humble hope and fear
may we place at his feet
all that we have and all that we are,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Easter 2018
Easter Sunday

Join us on Easter Sunday at 10:00am when we will celebrate Easter Day with our All-Age Worship and Communion Service with Canon Alan Brown.

GOOD FRIDAY
WALK OF WITNESS 2018



“IMAGINE the statement that 1,000 Christians walking together would make...”

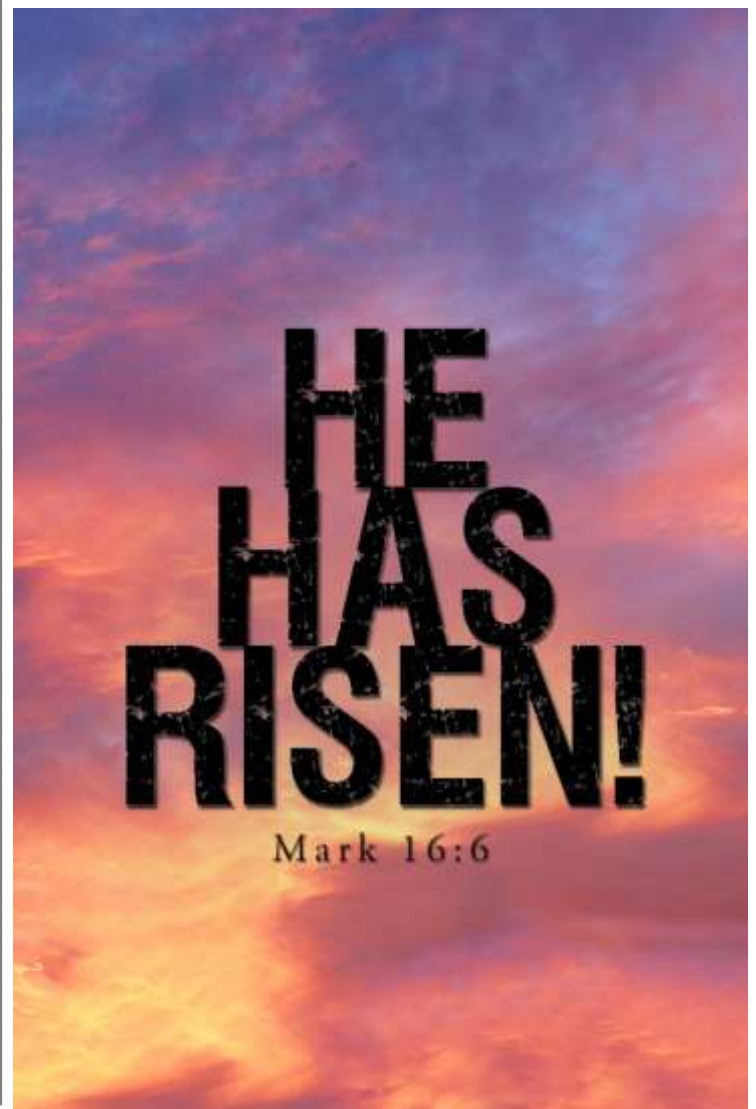
STARTS 12.30 outside the Congregational Church
Then walking down the High St, stopping at key points for hymns, readings and prayers
FINISHES 2:30pm at Church on the Roundabout for Hot Cross buns

HOPE
in our villages, towns and cities

with the Salvation Army Band



CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER in NEWPORT



EASTER ORIGIN - Did you know?

Easter Origin - A One-time Event

Easter origin, as a Christian holiday, can be found in the pages of scripture itself. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, all followers of Jesus, offer their own unique eyewitness accounts of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is this culminating event of Christianity that is celebrated on Easter Sunday every year.

Easter Origin - The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Easter origin actually began as a part of the Jewish Passover, as Christ was crucified and resurrected during Passover week. Christ is believed by Christians to actually be the Passover Lamb spoken of in Exodus, for He Himself became the perfect, sinless sacrifice for the sins of all people. Jews who chose to follow Christ then honoured this day in succeeding years during the Passover season, but as Christianity was spread throughout non-Christian nations, the celebration of Easter was gradually combined with pagan "rites of spring" traditions. Modern celebrations are the result of this compromise. At the same time, Easter is often the only day that many people attend church and are introduced to the "Good News" of Jesus Christ.

Easter Origin - Christ Revealed in the Jewish Passover

Easter origin can be traced to the Passover ceremony itself. Christian scholars believe that the Old Testament is Christ concealed, while the New Testament is Christ revealed. Let's hold the elements of the Passover up to the light of the life of Christ. By tradition, the lamb to be sacrificed during the Passover was selected four days before the sacrifice was to be made. Jesus rode into Jerusalem four days before He was crucified.

The lamb was customarily slain at 3pm on Passover. Jesus uttered the words "it is finished" and died on the cross at 3pm (this is known traditionally as Good Friday, but many Bible scholars have determined the crucifixion to be on a Wednesday or Thursday). The festival of Unleavened Bread began at sunset. One of the rituals involved the sacrifice of a grain offering, representing the first fruits of the harvest. Jesus, according to the Apostle Paul, became the first fruits of those raised from the dead (1 Corinthians 15:20). During the Passover dinner, three matzahs are put together. Christians see these matzahs as representative of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The middle matzah is broken, as Christ said at the Last Supper, "This is My body, broken for you." The middle matzah is also striped and pierced, as Jesus was during His crucifixion, and as was prophesied in Isaiah 53:5, Psalm 22:16 and Zechariah 12:10. This matzah is then wrapped in a white cloth and hidden, just as Christ was wrapped in linen and laid in the tomb.

Easter Origin - The Biblical Accounts

Easter (also known as Resurrection Day), is the event upon which the entire Christian faith hinges. Paul, once a Jewish leader hostile to Christians, became a convert

when he met Jesus on the Road to Damascus (Acts 9). As an eyewitness of Christ, Paul made it abundantly clear that without the resurrection, there is no basis for faith in Christ: Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. (1 Corinthians 15:12-29).

When Christ was born, He fulfilled a number of Old Testament prophecies concerning the Messiah. By the time of His crucifixion, resurrection and ascension, He had fulfilled more than 300 of them. These numbers alone provide staggering evidence that Jesus Christ was the promised Messiah. So it is with good reason that Christians the world over regard Easter as a very special event. But in the early days of the church, most Christians were Jewish converts. Because Jesus was crucified and rose again during the Passover season, their celebration of Christ's resurrection was acknowledged during that annual observance of the deliverance from bondage in Egypt. Christian Jews (or Messianic Jews) consider the Passover to be symbolic of the time when Christ set all believers free from the penalty of sin (through His death on the cross) and death (through His resurrection from the dead).

The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ is the most important event in history, providing irrefutable evidence that Jesus is who He claimed to be - the Son of God.

Easter Origin - What Does the Resurrection Mean to You?

Easter origin? Can a man who claims to be God and then rises from the dead actually be God in human form? Is He someone you should follow? C.S. Lewis asked those same questions and came to the conclusion that there are only three possibilities. Jesus Christ claimed to be God. Therefore, to say He is just a "good man" or "great teacher" is to call him a liar. Any sane person who would claim to be God, but who in fact, is not, must then be a madman! If Christ is neither a liar nor a madman, then there is only one other possible conclusion - He must be the Lord! If He is the Lord, what does Resurrection Day mean to you?

WHAT DO YOU THINK? - We have all sinned and deserve God's judgment. God, the Father, sent His only Son to satisfy that judgment for those who believe in Him. Jesus, the creator and eternal Son of God, who lived a sinless life, loves us so much that He died for our sins, taking the punishment that we deserve, was buried, and rose from the dead according to the Bible.

If you truly believe and trust this in your heart, receiving Jesus alone as your Saviour, declaring, "Jesus is Lord," you will be saved from judgment and spend eternity with God in heaven.

What is your response?

- Yes, today I am deciding to follow Jesus
- Yes, I am already a follower of Jesus
- I still have questions...



This week

Date	Time	Event
Tue 27th	9:45am 7:15pm	Little Rascals Parent and Toddler Group for 0 - Pre-school 5's. Meets in the Christian Centre. Christian Centre Tuesday Group - See Malcolm or Gary.
Wed 28th	10:15am 7:30pm	Morning Prayer. PCC Meeting
Thu 29th	10.15am 2:15pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	MAUNDY THURSDAY Thursday Prayers - All welcome, meeting in the Christian Centre - See Malcolm or Gary. Ladies Fellowship - See Mary or Margaret. Worship Team Practice. Meals for the homeless in the Christian Centre. (This is the last one of the winter series)
Fri 30th	12:30pm 2:00pm	GOOD FRIDAY Good Friday Walk of Witness - Starting at Newport Congregational Church A 'Churches Working Together in Newport' Event Worship and Reflection at St. Paul's - Rev. Carol Smart.

Looking ahead - Dates for your diary...

Date	Time	Event
Sun 1st April	10:00am	EASTER DAY Easter Sunday All-Age Worship and Communion - Canon Alan Brown.
Thu 5th	2:00pm	'Tea & Chat' in the Christian Centre (2:00pm - 4:00pm) - All are very welcome!
Sat 7th	9:00am	Prayer for Israel & the Middle East (9:00am - 10:00am) in the church.
Sun 8th	10:00am	Worship & Communion Service - Rev. Dennis Lloyd.
Sun 15th	10:00am	Worship & Communion Service - Rev. Carol Smart. Speaker Mary Prangnell.
Wed 25th	7:30pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

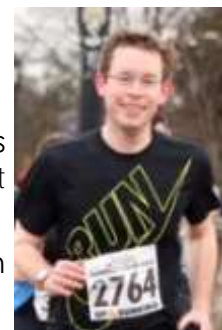
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ovarian cancer charity

Giving a helping hand...

Pat Trevett's son, Andrew, will be taking on the challenge of the London Marathon this year in aid of Ovacome, a charity supporting those with and informing others about ovarian cancer.

The run is on Sunday 22nd April. If you'd like to sponsor him speak to Pat or you can visit Andrew's Donation Page at:

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/andrewovacome2018>



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HOW TO MAKE CHURCH BRILLIANT



Join a group...

Monday Fellowship Group
fortnightly at 8pm

Christian Centre Tuesday Group
Fellowship, Study, Worship & Prayer

St. Paul's Fellowship Group
Wednesdays at 8pm

Ladies Fellowship
-Thursdays 2.15pm-