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The resurrection of Jesus assures us of God's power, a power we need in our daily lives, a power to change human nature, to make cruel people kind and sour people sweet! The resurrection is the supreme evidence in history of the creative and transforming power of God.

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS – HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

During the latter part of April and throughout May the church continues to remember and celebrate the incredible true story of the resurrection of Jesus and its significance and importance for our daily lives.

The resurrection of Jesus strains our credulity to the limit. Human beings have tried with all possible ingenuity both to defy and to deny death. There is a widespread angst and fear of death exemplified by Woody Allen's comment "Its not that I'm afraid to die.... I just don't want to be there when it happens!

Jesus Christ conquered death and defeated it in his own experience and deprived it of its power over others. He rescues his disciples today from the fear of death and gives us assurance that we with Jesus will pass through the experience of death in confidence and peace with the Christian hope of our own personal resurrection and transformation into the presence of Christ.

But the resurrection of Jesus focuses not only on our individual future but also on our cosmic future (the renewal of the universe). The Christian hope is that the present earth will be liberated from its bondage to pain and decay (Romans 8.18-25) and there will be a new heaven and earth



which will be the home of righteousness and peace (2 Peter 3.7-13).

How we need this hope to sustain us as we show care and love in our fractured and hurting society and as we address the horrors of war and suffering in our world.

Followers of Jesus live every day rejoicing and trusting in the fact that Jesus died and rose again for them and praying that the Holy Spirit, who we celebrate on Pentecost Sunday **June 5th** will empower and help us to bring transformation and hope in our society and world today.

We can sometimes find talking about death and the future difficult. Always happy to come round and chat and pray personally and confidentially about things – give me a ring – 835521.

Rev John Angle

Easter Joy

Started early at Holy Trinity with a 6.30am New Fire service. The later risers plumped for the 10am communion service. The church looked beautiful with the altar displaying a wonderful Easter Garden.



St Barnabas was also beautifully decorated for the Easter



Communion. The crown of thorns on the cross outside which had been brought back from Palestine by John was replaced by a garland of spring flowers to reflect the joy of Easter Day.

Church News

Vacancy.

Having said goodbye to Tim and Linda Scott, Yatton Moor Team begins the vacancy with a review of ministry across all the villages led by Archdeacon Adrian and accompanying us during this time will be Rt Rev Mike Hill, previous Bishop of Bristol. Part of this review will be the pattern and types of services in our churches so do speak with Nigel or John over the coming weeks if you have views to share.

New Bishop.

Our new diocesan Bishop, announced at the start of the month, is Rt Revd Michael Beasley. We pray he and his family will quickly settle in and that we have opportunity to meet him sometime. Cont'd on p5..



Services for Cleeve with Claverham in May

8th May - 2nd Sunday The Fourth Sunday of Easter

10am St Mary's Yatton Team Communion Service
Rev's Tim and Linda Scott's final Service in the Team

15th May - 3rd Sunday The Fifth Sunday of Easter

10am Holy Trinity Shared Parish Communion
6pm ONLINE Christian Aid Service led by Nickie

22nd May - 4th Sunday The Sixth Sunday of Easter

10am St Barnabas Parish Communion
10am Holy Trinity Christian Aid Service

Thursday 26th May - Ascension Day

7.30pm St Barnabas Team Service for Ascension Day

29th May - 5th Sunday The Seventh Sunday of Easter

10am All Saints
Kingston Seymour Team Service Holy Communion
7pm Holy Trinity Praise Evening with Robert Yeomans

5th June - 1st Sunday Pentecost

10am Holy Trinity Shared Parish Communion

Weekday Services

May

Thurs 5th 9.30am Holy Trinity Healing Prayer + Communion
Thurs 12th 9.30am Holy Trinity Healing Prayer
Thurs 19th 9.30am Holy Trinity Healing Prayer + Communion
Thurs 26th 7.30pm St Barnabas Team Ascension Day Service.
Thurs 29th 9.30am Holy Trinity Healing Prayer.



Christian Aid Week -

- is 15th-22nd May. There will be an online service on 15th at 6pm and a morning service in Holy Trinity 10am on 22nd to support their work.

Team Services. There will be a Team Eucharist 7.30pm at St Barnabas on Ascension Day 26th May 7.30pm + a Team Eucharist on Sunday 29th May at All Saints, Kingston Seymour 10am. Please support both if you can.

Songs of Praise. Robert Yeomans will play for our Praise evening Sunday 29th May 7pm at Holy Trinity. There is opportunity for you to choose your favourite hymn for this service by letting Nigel or John know by Sunday 22nd

Mothers Union

Although we had to postpone our April meeting the May meeting on Tuesday 17th is scheduled to take place.

We are welcoming Nicki Hook from Yatton. She is going to be telling us about several projects she is involved in including Yatton foodbank which many of our villagers support.

We look forward to seeing our members for our 12 o'clock meeting and afterwards for lunch.

Andrea (on behalf of the committee.)

Christian Aid Week

This year our collection dates are 15th to 21st May.

For some years now Claverham has had no Christian Aid team to collect during this week.

If anyone would like to join the Holy Trinity team and collect in Claverham, please contact Jen Lankester 01934 833463.



Two local self development opportunities -

There will be an **Exploring Calling Event** at Christ Church Clevedon (BS21 7LL) on **Sunday 15th May** (Vocation Sunday) from 2 to 4pm.

This event is a great chance for people to find out more about the different ways and roles that God calls us to. There will be people present with information about roles ranging from street pastors via school governors to Readers, Lay Worship Assistants, Children and Youth workers and ordained ministry.

As we explore as a diocese what wonderful range of ministries God might be calling us to get involved with, this is a great opportunity to find out more, including about the Enabling Ministries work. Please do come along join in with this event. With all good wishes
The Vocations Team

Learning to Meditate in the Christian tradition

Meditation is part of universal human wisdom, practised by people from all faiths or none.

Praying without words - praying by opening to God who dwells in our hearts and in silence is loving to all. Meditation is good for us mentally, physically and spiritually. It brings us to our deepest centre where we find peace, calm, love.

Sitting in a small group with others once a week is transformational. It underpins a daily practice which can become the most meaningful time of our day.

Come to an introductory course at **Saint Francis Church Hall, Ash Hayes Rd, Nailsea BS48 2LP**

Mondays 8 – 9 p.m. starting on **9th May**.

This course is open to everyone from any tradition or none.

To register or for info: contact shelagh.layet@gmail.com or phone 077983 594182

Sad news - in April we lost two well loved residents of Claverham, Peter Pritchard and Madge Massey.

A Memorial Service for the Life of Peter David Pritchard.

17th June 1938 - 23rd April 2022

will be held at St Barnabas on Friday 13th May at 12.00 noon.

Madge Massey, will be greatly missed by her family and by her friends at Holy Trinity, Cleeve. Her funeral is on Tuesday 24th May. 12.45 at South Bristol Crematorium and service at 2pm at Holy Trinity at which Cathy Horder will give the address.



Clevedon Foodbank

Dave has received this letter from Clevedon Foodbank, dated **27th April-**

Dear Friends at Cleeve and Claverham PCC

Thank you once again for your most generous support of the work of Clevedon and District Foodbank.

We have received two recent donations from you. One of £195.00, and a second of £723.00, which I understand includes a sum of £343.00 raised at the Holy Trinity Lent Lunch.

Our recent priority has been the preparation of Easter holiday lunchbags for those schoolchildren in our communities who would otherwise have been receiving free school meals. We have been helped in this work of young people who are working towards their Duke of Edinburgh awards. We included an Easter egg in each parcel!

I apologise for the delay in acknowledging your support, and send you our most grateful thanks.

Lucinda Holdsworth (Trustee)

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH - TEA AND CAKE AFTERNOON
 WITH NEW & PRELOVED SALE
MONDAY 16 MAY 2-4pm - £2.50
BICKLEY, MAIN ROAD, CLEEVE

Everyone is invited to an afternoon of tea/coffee and cake – and a chance to bag a bargain from a variety of goods – with a number of brand new items.

Even if you don't want to buy a bargain, it is chance to meet up for a chat with friends in the comfort of a marquee in the lovely grounds of Bickley.

However, we require numbers to help with the catering, so please book your place by ringing Lin on 838515, or Elizabeth on 07787781716.

Parking, including for disabled, on site.



Claverham/St Barnabas news

Ladies' Guild welcomes new people – see May Mendip Times in the 'charities section' (p47) for which charity we supported last year. This year will be BRACE - based in Southmead Hospital which carries out research to get a better understanding of dementia.

Claverham Market always takes place on the 3rd Saturday of the month which in May falls on the 21st. Always a great atmosphere, lots of stalls to browse round and refreshments to enjoy with your friends and neighbours.

St Barnabas - Has had a bit of an update over the past couple of weeks. There is a new bench outside which is made



of recycled plastic and was paid for by a grant from Bristol Airport. Inside there is a new hinged flip down table in the kitchen, three new cupboards in the lobby for the storage of

crockery, and at the back of the church is a new (to us!) gateleg table.

Many thanks to Janet, John and Clive for the sourcing and assembly of these items.



Holy Trinity Churchyard -

Has also acquired benches courtesy of the Airport fund. The hedges that were planted by our volunteers just a couple of months ago are budding and leafing which is lovely to see.

On 25th April a group of Scouts from the CCY Scouting Group came and assembled a bug hotel at the far end of the churchyard. They did a great job and also spread bark chippings at the base of our new hedglings, and assembled the new benches. Their youthful enthusiasm was quite wonderful. Many thanks to them and to their Leader, Chloe Silney.

Community Garden open day. (GCCG)

We were blessed with great weather on 30th April for our open day. There was lots to do as weeds had flourished

since our last group effort - dandelions had staged a takeover bid in the strawberry patch, and a general tidy up was in order. It was great to see the gazebo in place to which we could



retreat when it got too hot and sample Nickie's delicious rhubarb muffins! Highlight of my day was seeing this little chap being released into the compost heap!

It was a lovely social morning and lots got done as well. The veggie patches are looking good and there was a very companionable atmosphere.

Cleeve and Claverham residents are most welcome to join the Community Garden Group and can do so by contacting Tina Huckle-Mills, Community Development Officer for WERN 07502 641 805 or email - tina@wern.org.uk

Also Contact Tina if you would like to join the Storytelling sessions which will be held on 9th May or 6th June from 3 -

4.15pm. Share stories, poetry, words and friendship through our online storytelling sessions

– join in or just listen – Everyone welcome. Delivered by WERN in partnership with Michael Loader of Somerset Storyfest.



Tea and Tech

The next two sessions of Tea & Tech are to be held in Cleeve Village Hall on Tuesday 10th May and Tuesday 7th June. Both run from 10am - 12 noon.

Don't let those pesky devices win! Bring your techy problems along and let the experts sort them out and show you how to master them.

Sessions are free and come with tea and cake provided.

Well, this is an unusual occurrence! I have run out of copy and still have a page left. Therefore I have no alternative but to give you the recipe for my favourite chocolate cake.

Ingredients

Cake

1½ oz (40g) cocoa powder
4 Tablespoons hot water
6oz (175g) softened butter/marg
6oz (175g) Caster sugar
3 eggs
5oz (150g) Self Raising Flour
1 tsp Baking Powder
Pinch ground cinnamon

Frosting

3oz (85g) Icing sugar
1oz (25g) Cocoa powder
2oz (55g) Caster sugar
2oz (55g) Butter
2 tbsp water
Your choice of jam and/or 150ml whipped cream

Grease and line two 8 inch cake tins and preheat oven to 180C 350F or gas mark 4.

Blend the cocoa powder with the hot water in a mixing bowl, add the other ingredients and mix until completely smooth. Divide the mixture between the two tins and bake for 25 - 30 mins or until the cake is starting to shrink from the tin. Cool in tins for 2 mins then turn out onto wire rack.

Sieve the icing sugar and cocoa into a bowl. In a small pan over a low heat stir the sugar, butter and water until dissolved then bring to the boil. Pour onto the icing sugar and cocoa and beat until smooth. Cool slightly then spread over one cake layer and jam on the other. Sandwich together and pour the remaining frosting over the top of cake and let it run down the sides.

Not what I'd call a 'healthy' cake but sometimes just hits the spot and really easy to make!

Ed

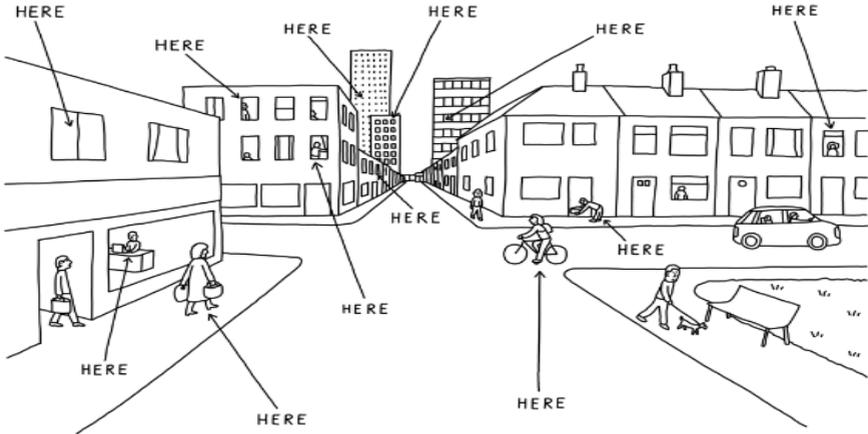


Holy Trinity Cleaning Rota

Gill Roe	May 15th
Carole Perrott Jennie Ford	May 22nd
Helen Bailey	May 29th
Jenny Howarth	June 5th
Jen Lankester	June 12th

Thank you - for your contributions to this month's Messenger. Articles for the June Edition should be with me by **Wednesday 8th June** They can be e-mailed to carole.perrott@gmx.com, given to me at church or put through the door of 15 Chestnut Drive, Claverham.

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