

in the power of the Spirit...



Christ Church Mount Pellon



March  **April**
2008

Price 50p

*a loving, nurturing fellowship which,
in the power of the Spirit,
awakens all people to the love of Jesus
and spreads the Gospel through words and actions.*



www.christchurchpellon.org.uk

Church Address: Church Lane, Mount Pellon, Halifax, HX2 0EF

Christ Church

Regular events

Sunday Club

Children are welcome at all our services! There is always a crèche available for younger children at every 10.45 service, and age-appropriate groups at all 10.45 services except Parade Sundays and holiday times. Just turn up for a fun morning discovering more about God's love for you. For more details contact Liz Dingsdale (**834439**).

House Groups

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 7.30 p.m. alternate weeks

Get together with others to explore fellowship, faith and prayer to help you in your daily discipleship. For more details and dates contact Karen Hellewell (**365027**)

Uniformed Groups

Mondays 6.00 – 7.00 p.m. Rainbows (for ages 5 - 7)

Contact: Jane Webster **885878**

Mondays 6.30 – 8.00 p.m. Brownies (for ages 7 - 10)

Contact: Tracey Jagger **248365**

Mondays 7.30 – 9.00 p.m. Guides (for ages 10 - 15)

Contact: Ann Cockerill **363892**

Wednesdays 7.30 – 9.00 p.m. Rangers (for ages 14+)

(alternate) Contact: Pam Robinson **345258**

Lunchbox

A monthly chance to worship together, followed by a chance to chat over lunch. Mondays, 11.45 a.m. For dates and more details contact Pam Higgs (**320554**)

Chatterbox

Our parent & toddler group meets every **Monday, 1.00 – 3.00 p.m.** – all are welcome! Just turn up for a chance to have a coffee and a chat while the children play, do craft, sing and have a story and lots of fun! For more details, contact John (**365027**).

From the Vicar

What kind of life?

Dear Reader,

As I've been sat here starting to write this, the weather has been amazing. It's been clear blue skies, warm sunshine, and yesterday I saw several people walking about in shorts and tee-shirts – summer seems to have come early! No doubt by the time you are reading this we will be in the midst of deep snow, but that's the way weather goes!

Mind you, it's not only summer that seems to have come early this year. Easter is earlier than it's been for quite some time, and earlier than it will be for another 150 years (2160 to be precise). Why is this?

Well, the date of Easter is related to the phase of the moon. That's because Jesus died at the Jewish festival of Passover, and the Jews use a lunar calendar. That means that the first day of the month changes depending on when the new moon is.

As with most things in the church, there has been some controversy over the date of Easter, and still today the Eastern Church can sometimes have a different date for the celebration of Easter than the Western Church. That's because the Eastern Church still uses calculations based on the old Julian calendar, whereas we now use rules based on the Gregorian calendar. This year, the Eastern Church will celebrate Easter on April 27th.

The basic rule for the Western Church is that Easter occurs on the first Sunday after the full moon after the Vernal equinox (fixed for these purposes as March 21). This means Easter will always fall between March 22nd and April 25th inclusive. The next time it will fall on 22nd March is 2285 (I won't have to worry about it then!), and 2038 will be the next time it falls on April 25th.

If you want a more detailed discussion of the date, and how to actually work it out, have a look at <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Easter>

But why should we be interested anyway? Apart from the hassle it causes for school terms, what difference does it make to me here and now? What's really so special about Easter?

Well, let me ask another question. What kind of a life do you want? Are you happy just surviving, keeping going? Or would you prefer a life of meaning and

purpose, a life of celebration and joy?

For that is what Easter is really about – allowing people to live ‘life in all its fullness’ as Jesus put it.

For what stops us making the most of life? What gets in the way? Of course there are all the external things that we often feel intrude on what we want to do – work, money, family relationships, etc. But they’re really issues because of how we are in ourselves.

Why do we feel we have to work every hour we can so that we can earn more money so that we can ‘have a better lifestyle’? Will having more money really solve all our problems? Will being able to buy the latest mobile phone really make life worth living again (even if it’s only ’till the next model comes out...)?

We have been sold a lie, that if only we had this or that, we would be happy. If only we can get the best ‘high’, the ‘perfect sex’, the ‘ideal marriage’, or whatever it is, we will be happy. And it’s not something that’s new to people today, with modern advertising and so on. It’s happened all through history.

Back in the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve thought they’d be happier if they ate that one fruit. It didn’t turn out quite as they’d expected. The consequences of eating left them emptier than before.

And so it is with many of the things we try and fill our lives with. It’s not that in and of themselves many of these things are wrong – they’re not. But rather that we’re looking in the wrong place for the solution to life.

That’s where Easter comes in. For we see in Jesus who gave his life on the cross someone who knew how to live life to the full. And we see in the God who raised him from the dead someone who wanted life to be lived to the full. Not just (or even primarily) at some point in the future, in heaven when we die.

No. Easter is an affirmation of life right here and now. Life that does not have to be lived chasing after things that won’t ultimately satisfy us, but rather life that affirms the people we were always meant to be – loved for who we are not for what we can do. Loved without limit by the one who created us. And that love sets us free, makes us whole, and frees us from the fear of death. Frees us to live life in all its fullness.

Why not make the most of Easter this year by discovering for yourself this life-transforming love?

John Hellewell

Parish Noticeboard for March & April



10.45 a.m.

6.30 p.m.

March 2nd **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: MOTHERING SUNDAY**

2 Corinthians 1.3 – 7; Luke 2.33 – 35

Ephesians 5.8 – 14; John 9.1 – 41

Preacher John Hellewell

John Hellewell

Reader Lynn Shaw

Susan Levis

Prayer Karen Hellewell

Ann Cockerill

Sidespeople Karen Hellewell

Coffee Ann, Steve & Kit

Bread Kath Sharman

Chalice Rosemary & June

March 9th **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Matthew 20.17 – 34

Jeremiah 31.27 – 37; John 12.20 – 33

Preacher Karen Hellewell

David Ramanauskas

Reader Ann Gardner

Paul & Patricia Newman

Prayer Lynn Lumb

David Ramanauskas

Sidespeople Ann Cockerill

Coffee Kathleen, Katie & Clare

March 16th **PALM SUNDAY**

Psalms 118.1-2,19-29; Matthew 21.1-11

Matthew 21.33 – 46

Preacher Cathy Reardon

John Hellewell

Reader Kath Sharman

Dave Fawcett

Prayer Caroline Spencer

John Hellewell

Sidespeople Paul Newman

Coffee Margaret, Eddie & Grace

Bread Derrick & Kathleen Lee

Chalice June & Graeme

10.45 a.m.

6.30 p.m.

March 23rd EASTER SUNDAY

Jeremiah 31.1-6; Matthew 28.1-10

Preacher John Hellewell
Reader Trevor Greenwood
Prayer David Ramanauskas
Sidespeople Valerie Schofield
Coffee Fran & Susan
Bread Kath Sharman
Chalice Graeme & David

1 Corinthians 15.35–44a

Iain Lawson
Rosemary Power-O'Mahony
Ann Cockerill

March 30th SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2.14a,22-32; John 20.19-31

Preacher John Hellewell
Reader Audrey Mitchell
Prayer Iain Lawson
Sidespeople Trevor Greenwood
Coffee Patricia & Paul
Bread Trevor & Eileen Hesselden
Chalice David & Christine

Jeremiah 2.1 – 13

John Hellewell
Sue Heptinstall
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April 6th THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

1 John 1.1 – 2.6; John 3.19 – 21

Preacher John Hellewell
Reader Lynn Lumb
Prayer Janet Abel
Sidespeople Eddie Beaton
Coffee Rosemary & Jean
Bread Margaret & Eddie Beaton
Chalice Christine & Rosemary

Jeremiah 8.8 – 9.3

Karen Hellewell
John White
John White

10.45 a.m.

6.30 p.m.

April 13th FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1 John 2.18 – 3.3

Jeremiah 18.1 – 17; Matthew 12.33 – 37

Preacher David Ramanauskas

John Hellewell

Reader Karen Hellewell

Susan Levis

Prayer Ann Cockerill

David Ramanauskas

Sidespeople Margaret Beaton

Coffee Jean, Margaret & Trevor

April 20th FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1 John 3.4 – 4.6; John 8.42 – 47

Jeremiah 23.16 – 32

Preacher Dave Fawcett

John Hellewell

Reader Paul Newman

Paul & Patricia Newman

Prayer Karen Hellewell

John Hellewell

Sidespeople Ian Buckley

Coffee Freda, Tess & Pam

Bread Barrie Kitchen

Chalice Rosemary & June

April 27th SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1 John 4.7 – 21

Jeremiah 29.1, 4 – 14

Preacher John Hellewell

Sue Heptinstall

Reader Guides

Dave Fawcett

Prayer Guides

Ann Cockerill

Sidespeople Michael Cockerill

Coffee Susan & Hazel

May 4th SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1 John 5.6 – 21; John 16.7 – 15

Jeremiah 31.31 – 37

Preacher John Hellewell

John Hellewell

Reader Ann Rollinson

Rosemary Power-O'Mahony

Prayer Lynn Iumb

David Ramanauskas

Sidespeople Douglas Drake

Coffee Ann, Steve & Kit

Bread June 7 Brian Lockwood

Chalice June & Graeme



*...I think I must have missed that module
when I was at theological college!*

A little boy was overheard praying:
"Lord, if you can't make me a better boy,
don't worry about it.
I'm having a real good time like I am."

Without the Holy Spirit,
God is far away and Christ stays in the past,
the gospel is a dead letter,
the church is simply an organization,
authority a matter of domination,
mission a matter of propaganda,
the liturgy no more than an evocation,
Christian living a slave morality.

But in the Holy Spirit,
the cosmos is resurrected
and groans with the birth pangs of the kingdom;
the risen Christ is there,
the gospel is the power of life,
the Church shows forth life of the Trinity,
authority is a liberating service,
mission is a Pentecost,
the liturgy is both memorial and anticipation,
human action is deified.

*Metropolitan Ignatios of Latakia
at the World Council of Churches, 1968.*

PARISH CALENDAR

MARCH

Sunday 2nd March: Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)

10.45 a.m. Family Communion

6.30 p.m. Evening Worship

Tuesday 4th March 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Asquith Court

Sunday 9th March: Fifth Sunday of Lent

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion

10.45 a.m. Morning Worship

6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 16th March: Palm Sunday

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion

10.45 a.m. Family Communion

6.30 p.m. Evening Worship

Monday 17th March 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion for Holy Week

Tuesday 18th March 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion for Holy Week

Wednesday 19th March 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion for Holy Week

Thursday 20th March 7.30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
at HighroadWell URC

(Churches Together)

Friday 21st March 10.00 a.m. Holiday Club

11.00 a.m. Good Friday Service at Highgate
Methodist (Churches Together)

7.30 p.m. Good Friday Service at St Columba's
(Churches Together)

Sunday 23rd March: Easter Sunday

5.45 a.m. Sunrise Holy Communion

10.45 a.m. Easter Communion

6.30 p.m. Celebration

Sunday 30th March: Second Sunday of Easter

10.45 a.m. Holy Communion

6.30 p.m. Evening Worship

APRIL

Tuesday 1st April 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Asquith Court

Friday 4th April 7.30 p.m. Ladies Friday Group at Di Gill's

Sunday 6th April: Third Sunday of Easter

10.45 a.m. Family Communion

6.30 p.m. Evening Worship

Sunday 13th April: Fourth Sunday of Easter

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion

10.45 a.m. Morning Worship

12.00 noon Annual Parochial Church Meeting
in Church

6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

Monday 14th April 11.45am Lunchbox (tbc)

Saturday 19th April 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. Quiet Day At Stod Fold Barn
(meet 9.30 a.m. at church)

Sunday 20th April: Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion

10.45 a.m. Holy Communion

6.30 p.m. Evening Worship

Sunday 27th April: Sixth Sunday of Easter

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion

10.45 a.m. Parade Service

6.30 p.m. Evening Worship

MAY

Sunday 4th May: Seventh Sunday of Easter

10.45 a.m. Family Communion

6.30 p.m. Evening Worship

NEWS FROM THE JANUARY 2008 PCC MEETING

The PCC met on Tuesday 15th January 2008. The meeting was opened with a bible reading, song, and prayer.

After a review of the **Child Protection Policy** the PCC agreed to its contents. Pam Robinson, Christ Church's new Child Protection Officer attended the first part of the meeting to give a report on a recent training she had attended. There are several new changes coming into effect regarding the Child Protection procedure which the PCC and Pam will be looking at and implementing as they come into force. One major change is that a person will have to have a CRB check completed for each organisation it is associated with, for example if you are a Guide leader and also undertake any role in youth and children's work at church you will have to have two checks made. The checks required for church are free of charge.

For anyone needing to complete an application form and have their documentation checked Pam will be in the welcome area at the back of church every fourth Sunday of the month.



Thank you to Pam for being willing to take on this role, especially with all the changes that are coming up. And a BIG THANK YOU to Audrey Mitchell who has carried out this role for a long number of years and has now decided to retire from the post.

Following a review of the **Health and Safety Policy** by the Standing Committee the PCC gave their approval of its contents. (*Apparently the checking of and changing of lightbulbs is the responsibility of the church wardens so if anyone knows of a 18+ foot giant please let Jane or Steve know*). On a more serious note, we are grateful to everyone who carries out those often unseen tasks which keep our church building in good condition and make it a very pleasant place to be, but please, if you are carrying out any work in the church building, take time to think about what you are doing and ensure there are other people around to assist you.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Barrie presented the provisional year end accounts for 2007. A final analysis of both receipts and payments were approx £3,000 over budget roughly balancing.

Income – gift aid / covenants showed a substantial increase on budget, offset by the unaccounted planned giving and collections decreases. Fundraising income was up mainly due to the concert earlier in the year in conjunction with St

Augustine's. Other ancillary details were generally in line with budget. The total income for week by week contributions totalled just under £42,000.

Expenditure – this is fairly predictable from historic accounts. The only major difference being in the fabric maintenance where a roof repair of over £1000 had not been budgeted for. Marginal savings elsewhere brought the ongoing church running expenses back in line at £20,500. On top of this we were able to pay £21,000 towards the quota of £36,950 a deficit of £15,950 giving an accumulated deficit of £59,370.

Budget for 2008 – was also presented by Barrie. It was reported that due to a change in tax rates we will only be able to recover income tax at 22% instead of the previous 28%.

It was noted that recent announcements by the utility companies fuel cost increases are anticipated. The cost of insurance has also risen and our policy is due it's 5 year review by the insurance company.

Commenting generally Barrie reported that the over the last 4 / 5 years income has been fairly static at around £40,000 per annum and working costs have been able to be kept at around £20,000 leaving around £20,000 to pay the quota. 2001 was the last year we were able to pay our quota in full, since then the quota has risen from £21,400 to £38,4000 in 2008 an rise of just under 80%.

The annual review of fees for Weddings and Funerals at Christ Church for 2008 was undertaken.

Other items discussed at the meeting included the pattern for services during summer 2008, progress of possible links with St Augustine's and our theme for the year of 'Growing Together'. I have not gone into detail about these items in this article as they are constantly changing and there will have been further updates by the time you read this magazine – but if you want an update on progress please do speak to any member of the PCC.

As always please do take time to chat to members of the PCC and ask questions or pass on comments and ideas/suggestions.

The next PCC meeting is on 5th March 2008 and the Annual Parochial Church meeting is to be held after the 10.45 service on Sunday 13th April - please stay on if you can.

Jane Webster

MEN'S TEN PIN BOWLING

on Saturday 12th April 2008 at 7.30 p.m.
at the Electric Bowl, Halifax.

Cost £13.50 per person
(includes two games, plus finger buffet)



*To book your place
pay a £5 deposit to David Ramanauskas*

Quiet Day



A chance to take time out and focus on your relationship with God in a wonderful environment. On Saturday, 19th April, 10 a.m. - 4pm at Stod Fold Barn we will have a chance to escape the normal daily pressures, and set time aside for God. Put the date in your diary now, and get ready to meet with God in a special way.

Spring clean!

We need volunteers to help with the Christ Church Spring Clean on Saturday 15th March between 9.00 a.m. and 12 noon. If you can come along for all or just part of the time, your help would be most appreciated.



*May today
there be peace
within you.
May you trust
God that you
are exactly
where you are
meant to be.*

PELLON LUNCHEON CLUB

Thursdays
at Pellon Baptist Church Hall



Food served at 12.30 pm
Two course lunch - £2.50

For more information
contact Norma on 839861



UNWANTED MOBILE PHONES AND USED PRINTER INK CARTRIDGES

Kit Merrill collects these items on behalf of Christian Aid. When sent for recycling each phone adds £3.50 and each cartridge about £1.33 to Christian Aid funds. Please Help. Kit would also be pleased to receive any used large padded envelopes as he recycles these to send the phones and cartridges to Christian Aid

***Please bring your items to church,
or contact Kit directly on 01274 876141***

Special Services for Easter

17th, 18th, 19th March

Communion for Holy Week



Starting at 7.30 p.m. in Christ Church Lady Chapel, this is a quiet, meditative communion as we walk through Holy Week together towards the cross.

20th March

Maundy Thursday Service

7.30 p.m. at Highroad Well URC, a Churches Together service celebrating the last supper.

21st March

Good Friday

10 a.m. – 12 noon A workshop for children, held at Christ Church

10.30 a.m. A Churches Together service at Highgate Methodist Church

1.00 – 2.00 p.m. Singing Easter hymns at ASDA

7.30 p.m. Stations of the Cross at St. Columba's

23rd March

EASTER DAY – HE HAS RISEN!

5.45 a.m. Sunrise Service in the Churchyard at Christ Church,
followed by breakfast together.

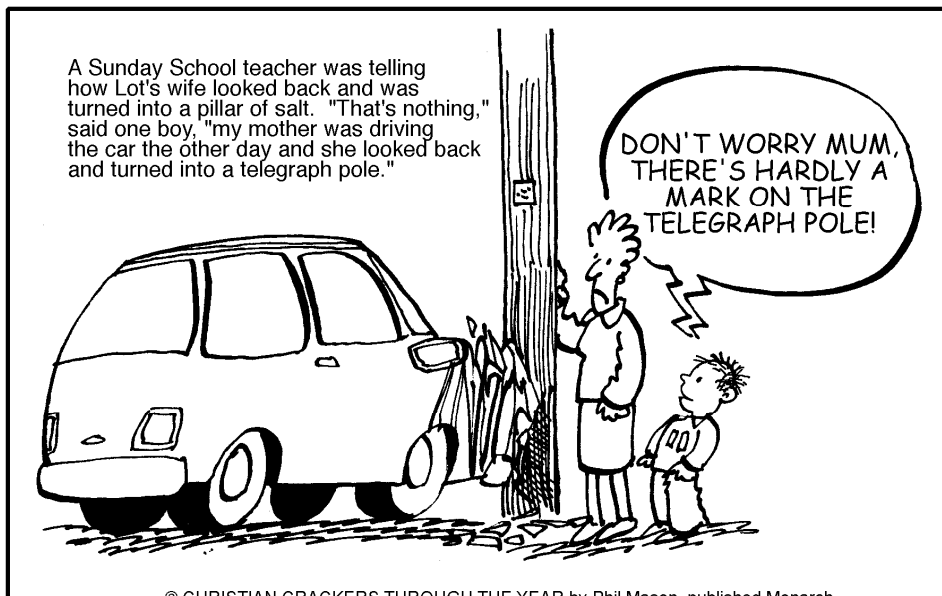
10.45 a.m. Easter Communion at Christ Church

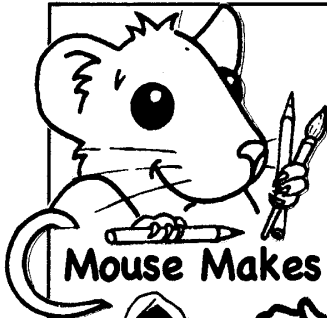
6.30 p.m. Celebration Service for Easter

MOTHERING SUNDAY

This year Mothering Sunday will be on 2nd March, when we celebrate the special place of mothers in our world. This is an ideal service to bring friends or relations to - a good introduction to church as we celebrate one of the good occasions of life. As usual there will be a small gift of flowers for the ladies present.

‘A successful marriage isn’t finding the right person, it’s being the right person.’





Mouse Makes



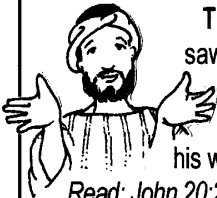
Mary talked to Jesus by the empty tomb.

Read: John 20:10-18

Cleopas

walked with Jesus on the Emmaus road.

Read: Luke:24:13-35



Thomas saw Jesus and touched his wounds.

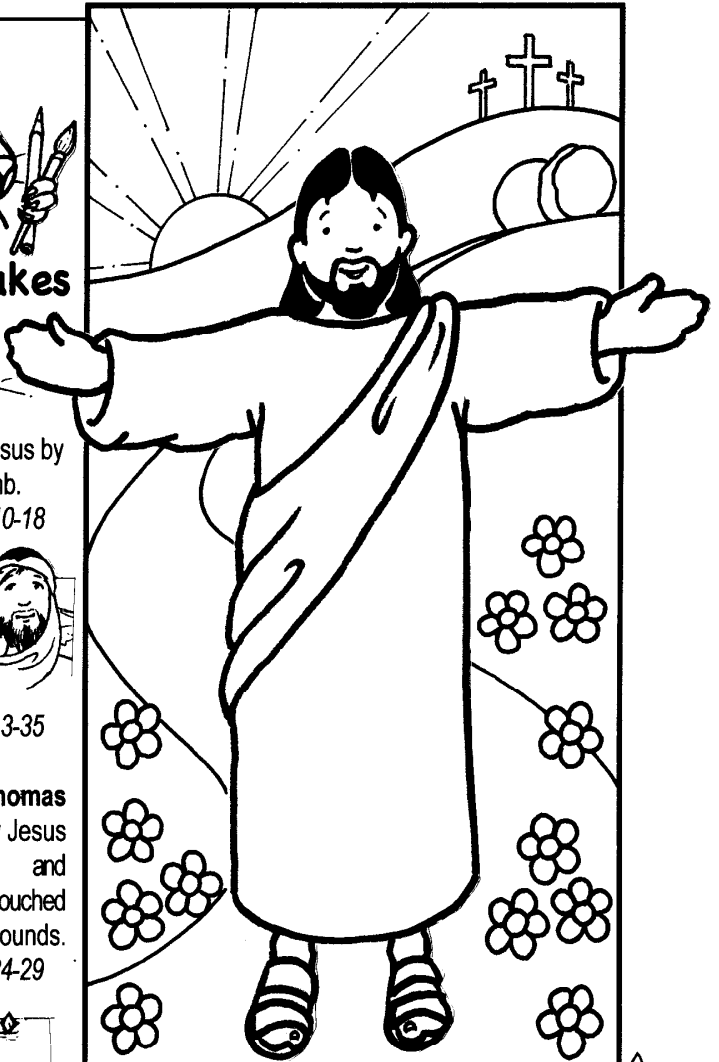
Read: John 20:24-29



Peter ate with Jesus by the Sea of Galilee.

Read: John 21:1-14

Thank you Jesus for being my Saviour and my friend.
Amen



Jesus is alive!



Colour this picture then carefully cut out. Glue onto card to make an Easter greetings card or a window hanging.



A Prayer

*Teach me, Father, how to go
Softly as the grasses grow;
Hush my soul to meet the shock
Of the wild world as a rock;
But my spirit, prompt with power,
Make as simple as a flower.
Let the dry heart fill its cup,
Like a poppy looking up;
Let life lightly wear her crown,
Like a poppy looking down,
When its heart is filled with dew
And its life begins anew.*

*Teach me, Father, how to be
Kind and patient as a tree.
Joyfully the crickets croon
Under shady oak at noon;
Beetle, on his mission bent,
Tarries in that cooling tent.
Let me, also, cheer a spot,
Hidden field or garden grot,
Place where passing souls can rest
On the way and be their best.*

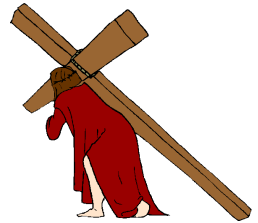
Edwin Markham

Make time for The Passion!

This coming Holy Week, do tune in to watch a major forthcoming BBC television series - *The Passion*. Praised by numerous church leaders, it is expected to make a huge national impact over the Easter season - drawing more than ten million viewers.

The series, which starts on Palm Sunday 16th March, will be scheduled in peak time on BBC1. It tells the story of the last week of Jesus' life, his trial and crucifixion. The last episode, to be broadcast on Easter Sunday 23rd March, dramatises his post-resurrection appearances.

The *Passion* has been made by award-winning drama producer Nigel Stafford-Clark, who was responsible for *Bleak House* and *Warriors*. The cast includes *Cold Feet* star James Nesbitt as Pilate and *EastEnders* actor Paul Nicholls as Judas Iscariot. The part of Jesus is played by the relatively unknown Joseph Mawle, who at



33 is the same age as Jesus during the events of the *Passion*. The Churches' Media Council has launched a website to provide resources and information about the series. Visit

www.churchesmediacouncil.org.uk/passion. The group encourages Christians to seize this "golden opportunity to contribute to a contemporary public discussion about Jesus." Guidelines on the site encourage the Christian community to welcome the retelling of the stories for a new generation, but to treat it as drama first rather than theology.

Andrew Graystone, Director of the Churches' Media Council, was profoundly moved by early versions of the series. "This is an extremely vivid piece of drama. You feel you are right there, in amongst the Passover crowds, alongside the disciples as Jesus comes out with these simple but earth-shattering messages. And then of course, he's taken away and makes the ultimate sacrifice, and like the disciples, you're left to decide what you are going to do about it."

CAFÉ



HIGHGATE METHODIST CHURCH
(Near Pellon Post Office)

Pellon Churches together invite you to their new

Community Café
Tuesday's 9.15 am to 11.15 am

Your Community Café provides a place to meet new friends, have a coffee and a chat, or just somewhere to chill out.

I say, I say, I say...



An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she wrote: They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, so I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This year, our annual Church meeting falls on Sunday, 13th April. We will have a slightly shorter morning worship that morning, followed by the chance for a coffee, and then follow on with the formal meeting. This is the chance to review the past year, and look forward to the coming year. It is also the meeting at which we elect church council representatives, church wardens, and do some other formal business.



If you might be interested in standing for church council, then have a word with John, or fill in one of the forms at the back of church.

In order to vote on matters at the meeting, you need to be on our electoral roll. If you're not sure, ask Anne Rollinson, or fill in a form available at the back of church.



Lassie was able to explain the finer points of dogma to Paul.

'Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish, and he will sit in a boat and drink lager all day.'

Because of JesUs

Before U were thought of or time had begun,
God even stuck U in the name of his Son.
And each time U pray, you'll see that it's true -
You can't spell out JesUs and not include U.

You're a pretty big part of his wonderful name,
For U, He was born; that's why He came.
And his great love for U is the reason He died.
It even takes U to spell crUcified.

Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand?
He rose from the dead, with U in his plan.
The stones split away, the gold trUmpet blew,
and this word resUrrection is spelled with a U.

When JesUs left earth at his upward ascension,
He felt there was one thing He just had to mention.
"Go into the world and tell them it's true
That I love them all - just like I love U."

MAGAZINE DEADLINE

The Parish Magazine is distributed on the last
Sunday of each month. The copy deadline
for the May magazine is
Sunday, 13th April 2008

Books to look at...

The Call to Joy and Pain - embracing suffering in your ministry

By Ajith Fernando, IVP, £9.99.

For the Christian, joy and pain are integral parts of a life of service to God. This truth is clearly taught in the Bible and proved in Christian experience, both individual and corporate. The life of the churches outside the comfortable West reveals it with special clarity.

'The Call to Joy and Pain' explores the connection between rejoicing and suffering, and shows how our distress draws us nearer to God and makes us more effective in ministry. Ajith Fernando expounds Paul's teaching in Colossians 1:24-29 about suffering for Christ, and draws on his own pastoral wisdom and crosscultural experience, to demonstrate that pain can be a blessing, both to the individual Christian and to the churches.



Cherishing the Earth

By Martin Hodson and Margot Hodson, Lion, £8.99

A scientist and a pastor have discovered that sustainable living requires spiritual as well as technological resources. Every system on earth has been affected by human actions. We have plundered its mineral resources and polluted the land, the atmosphere and the water. We urgently need to learn how to care for God's creation. Martin and Margot Hodson draw on stories of people who have found positive ways to respond. They call for Christians and others to become more involved in communities and seek change at national and international level. Far from being a distraction from living a Christian life, this sustainable lifestyle is a key to a life lived with Jesus at the centre.

Growing Green - A young person's guide to taking care of the planet

By Christina Goodings; Lion Children's, £6.99.

The book consists of colourful pictures of a child doing the small things that underpin an environmentally gentle lifestyle - with an emphasis on taking care of small creatures and their habitats,

nurturing seeds and seedlings, picking up litter and recycling - along with brief captions (with a hint of humour), to provide a useful 'talkabout' book.

The whole concept is grounded in the clearly stated awareness that this world is sacred.

Crying for the Light - Bible readings and reflections for living with depression

By Veronica Zundel, BRF, £5.99.

Through these 28 Bible reflections, meditative prayers and poetry, Veronica Zundel weaves her own experiences of living with depression, reaching out to others who share similar situations. Exploring how having faith and suffering from depression do not have to be mutually exclusive, 'Crying for the Light' is not about pulling you out of the darkness, but helping you through it, with God's love in your heart.

Veronica Zundel is an award-winning columnist and poet, established author and popular member of the New Daylight contributor team since 1998, with a regular column in the Quiet Spaces journal and Woman Alive magazine. She is a member of the UK's only Mennonite church, where she preaches regularly.

Easter Days

By Leena Lane, BRF, £3.99

This activity packed puzzle book for 4-7s is based on the events leading up to the first Easter. From Jesus' entry into Jerusalem through to the resurrection each part is illustrated with puzzles for all abilities.

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The Road to Easter Day

By Jan Godfrey, BRF, £5.99

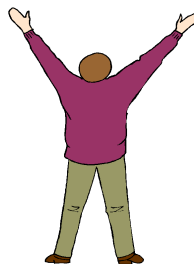
Children aged 5-7 can join a young boy named Ben as he travels along the road to Easter day. Ben joins the crowds as Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey and follows along the road to Calvary. The journey ends at the garden tomb, where Ben discovers that the story is far from over...

Christian Men's Fellowship Weekend

Friday 10th to Sunday 12th October 2008

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Cost £90 per person including food
(a saving scheme will be available
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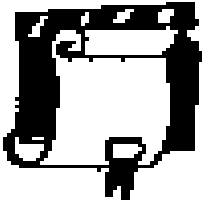
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More details will follow, but to secure your place
a deposit of £20 to David Ramanauskas is required
as soon as possible.

Who am I?



*A very dirty little boy came in from playing in the
garden and asked his mother: 'Who am I?'
Ready to play the game, she said, 'I don't know.
Who are you?'
'WOW!' cried the child. 'Mrs Smith next door was
right. She said I was so dirty that my own mother
wouldn't recognise me.'*

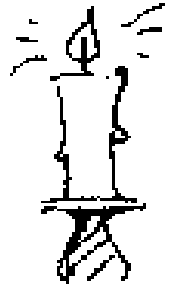


From the Registers...

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27th January

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*our warmest congratulations to
their families and friends*

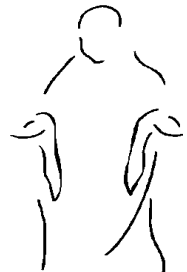


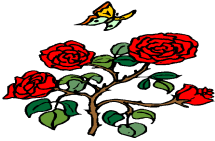
WEDDINGS

None this month

FUNERALS

None this month





CHURCH FLOWERS

25th March

Congratulations to Edith and Reginald Sparkes, who were married at Christ Church and celebrate on this day their 65th wedding anniversary. With love from the Sparkes and Mitchell families.

*To Mr W. Baker of Wheatley, who lost his wife in January,
thank you for the donation towards flowers
for Christ Church*

COMMUNICANTS AND COLLECTIONS

	Communicants	Loose	Stewardship	Total
6 th Jan	70	49.65	331.00	380.65
13 th Jan	47	39.55	267.50	307.05
20 th Jan	77	36.12	367.45	403.57
27 th Jan	33	76.26	384.50	460.76

Observations on modern life

- ◆ A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk I have a work station.
- ◆ A flashlight is a case for holding dead batteries.
- ◆ A good scapegoat is nearly as welcome as a solution to the problem.
- ◆ A gross ignoramus: 144 times worse than an ordinary ignoramus.
- ◆ A journey of a thousand miles begins with a cash advance.
- ◆ Did you hear about the dyslexic, agnostic, insomniac who stayed up all night trying to decide if there really is a Dog?
- ◆ Why do they lock petrol station bathrooms? Afraid that someone will clean them?
- ◆ Why is it that when we talk to God we're said to be praying, but when God talks to us, we're said to be schizophrenic?



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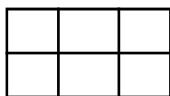
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