# The LINK Community Magazine

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#### **JESUS IS ALIVE!**

On the first day of the week, the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! "Peace be with you," he said. As he spoke, he held out his hands for them to see, and he showed them his side. They were filled with joy when they saw their Lord! John 20 v 19-20

Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. He said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!" John 20 v 26-27

Because God's children are human beings - made of flesh and blood - Jesus also became flesh and blood by being born in human form. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the Devil, who had the power of death. Only in this way could he deliver those who have lived all their lives as slaves to the fear of dying. Hebrews 2 v 14-15



#### **ZOOPERS**



Breakfast and After School Club at St Julian's Baptist Church Hall Beaufort Rd, Newport, NP19 7PZ

Fun, stimulating and safe Childcare. Pick up and drop off to St. Julian's Primary School. Children from other schools accepted although own transport must be provided.



Children aged 3 to 12 years

Registered with CSSIW

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#### **BibleWise**

#### Match Followers of Jesus with the Events

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#### Followers Events 1. John A. He sold Jesus for 30 pieces of silver. B. She was the first to see the risen 3. Matthew C. She believed in the resurrection before Jesus raised her brother. 4. Judas D. He baptized a eunuch. 5. Thomas E. The first disciple to realize Jesus was risen. 6. Andrew F. Left tax collecting to become a disciple. 7. James G. Jesus changed his name after he announced Jesus as the Christ. 8. Philip H. He doubted that Jesus was risen. 9. Mary Magdalene I. He and Philip presented the request of the Greeks to Jesus. J. Jesus' brother and the head of the 10. Martha church at Jerusalem.

#### What does EASTER mean to you?

Chocolate Eggs?

A long weekend off work?

Time to spend with the family?

The weekend to sow seed potatoes?

Time to appreciate the spring flowers?

Would you like to know more about the very special story of Easter celebrated

by Christians all over the world?

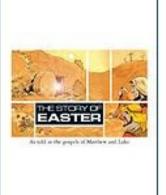
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The Story of Easter as told in the Bible

by Luke, please pick one up from the

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The God I love created me he made me what I am,
He knows my strengths and weaknesses,
My life is in his hands.

He's blessed me in so many ways, Of that I'm well aware

How often I've said "thankyou Lord"

For his patience love and care.

He's forgiving and understanding

my greatest friend indeed.

For every day He's with me, and knows my every need.

So when I come to him in prayer
The words are hard to find,
To say what is within my heart,
And what is on my mind.

So thank you Father God for loving even me.

Help me now to grow in faith and show my love for thee.

A poem from Dolly





Lord Keep us safe this night away from all our fears, May angels guard us while we sleep til morning light appears. Amen

Spring is here and the grass has grown.

I wonder where the bird is hiding?

They say the bird is "on the wing" (flying).

But that's absurd. (It's the other way around.)

The wing is on the bird.

Happy Easter, Love Jen Draper

## Planting your Spring garden for the garden of your daily living :

#### Plant 3 rows of Peas

- 1. Peace of mind.
- 2. Peace of heart.
- 3. Peace of soul.

#### Plant 4 rows of Squash

- 1. Squash gossip.
- 2. Squash indifference.
  - 3. Śquash grumbling.
- 4. Squash selfishness.

#### Plant 4 rows of Lettuce

- 1. Lettuce be faithful.
  - 2. Lettuce be kind.
- 3. Lettuce be patient.
- 4. Lettuce love one another.

#### No garden is complete without Turnips

- 1. Turnip for meetings.
- 2. Turnip for service.
- 3. Turnip to help one another.

#### To conclude our garden, we must have Thyme

- 1. Thyme for each other.
  - 2. Thyme for family.
  - 3. Thyme for friends.

Water freely with patience, and cultivate with love, because you will reap what you sow.

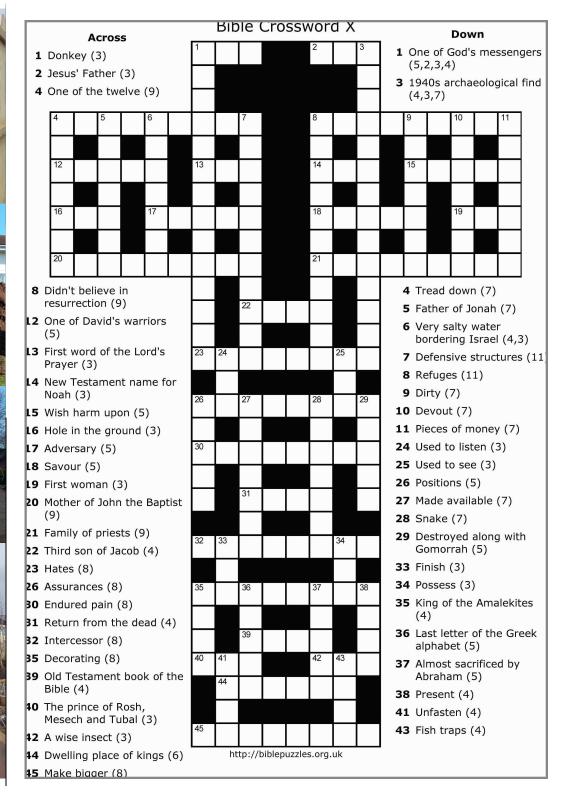
#### Jubilee Hall update April 2019

Building work has finally begun on the new Jubilee Hall! We are very excited about the possibilities it will offer for our church and our community once it is built.

It always feels like a long time waiting for planning and doing all the preparation, but then suddenly everything moved very quickly! Within days, the site was sealed off, the demolition team moved in and the Banbury hall was gone in a day - all except for the concrete foundations which apparently took a long time to dig out!

Over the coming weeks the foundations will be laid for a building similar in shape and height to the church building. Once again, it may seem as if nothing appears for a while, but laying down good foundations is as important for a building as it is in shaping our own lives. If we have a firm place to stand on, we can build well to last.

We are delighted that we have been able to accommodate all our existing activities and groups in the main church and adjoining rooms, and we are coping with having less space for a few months! Everyone has been helpful and co-operative, and we aim to minimise disruption throughout the building phase. Most of the time it will be possible to park at the church for events or to pick up children from our youth activities. We also hope to run a Holiday Club this summer on a slightly smaller scale. If you have any questions about the work or the new building, please do get in touch with us.



## Fridge night Ephesians 2:10 project

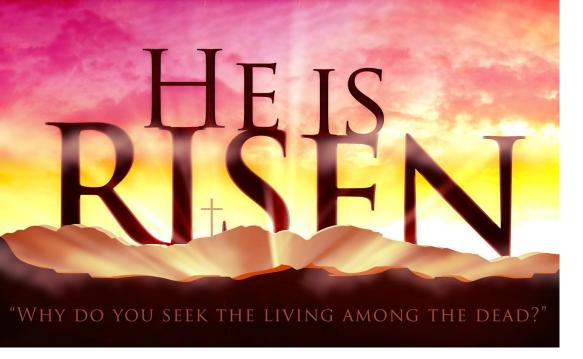


## Saturday 27th April 16 & OVER

Meeting at the Church at 7am!

St Julian's Baptist Church Centre





## Men's Breakfast @ St Julian's Baptist Church

On the **1st Saturday** of each month we serve a buffet style full English breakfast consisting of egg, bacon, sausage, beans, tomatoes,



mushrooms, hash brown, onion rings, toast, juices, tea and coffee.

There will be a combined Men's & Ladies Breakfast

on Saturday 4th May at 9am.

Meeting from 8:30am for prompt 9am serving.

Meet other Men from all walks of life for an enjoyable friendly experience, discussion and listen to the guest speaker.

Contact Nick Taylor—Tel Newport 258067 for booking.

They decided that Easter Day should be on the same date across the world and would always be the first Sunday following the full moon at Passover.

The calculations - known as the computus - are complicated but are based on Easter Day as the day of Christ's

Resurrection, two days after the Crucifixion.

Jesus was crucified the day after The Last Supper (on what we call Maundy Thursday), which is held at the time of the Jewish feast of Passover.

Passover is on the first full moon after the Spring Equinox.

The full moon can fall on different days in different time zones so the bishops decided it would be taken as the 14th day of the lunar month. This is called the Paschal Full Moon.

Once that is known, then Easter can be worked out.



**Dates** vary from year to year because Easter is what's called a moveable feast - a Christian festival that moves around the calendar.

Some events like Christmas, Halloween and saint's days (such as Valentine's Day, St Patrick's Day) stay the same each year but others change.

Those that are different from year to year are Easter and everything that depends on it - including Lent, Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday and Mother's Day.

There was no consensus on the date of Easter until 325 AD when a group of bishops gathered at the Council of Nicea to decide how it should be worked out.



Jesus confirmed that the love of God is to be the very first priority in our lives. He showed us that if we love God and do what He wants for our world, then everything in our lives will fall into perspective. Because of this, worship of God has to be our starting point. As we put God in his rightful place in our lives, our lives become renewed, directed and focused on what is true, right and lovely. Worship of God is therefore fundamental to our life as a church.

The church is intended to be a place where all can come and worship God, from the youngest child and the coolest teenager, to the oldest adult. We know we cannot be all things to all men, but we can come together as a family and worship Him. As we focus on God, we are changed to be more and more like Him. We seek to touch God's heart and be open to Him so He can speak into our situations as we allow Him to lead us by His Spirit.

We have a deep need of God, and our desire is to learn from Him and follow closer every day. As you would expect, our service regularly includes celebrating communion. This is open to all who know Jesus as their Saviour—members and visitors alike.

Our music is a mix of the old and new. Our aim is to be led by God's Spirit – to be neither particularly contemporary nor traditional but God focused.

After the morning service we have tea and coffee so we can spend time together as a family.

So please come and share the special time we call 'Church'.

## **EASTER WEEK**

You are welcome to join us for any of the following:

#### **Maundy Thurs 18th April 7.30 pm**

Come and experience the movie 'Risen' with tea, coffee and hot cross buns.

Held at St Julian's Baptist Church

#### Good Friday 19th April 10.30 am

We are joining with Duckpool Road Baptist Church on Good Friday for a service reflecting on Jesus' death on the cross.

Followed by tea, coffee and hot cross buns

Please note—We are at

Duckpool Road Baptist Church

### **EASTER SUNDAY 21st April**

Celebrating the Risen Lord Jesus at St Julian's Baptist Church



8.30 am - Early Morning Communion9.00 am - Celebration Breakfast10.30 am - Easter Morning Celebration