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From the Vicarage

Dear Friends,

Easter 2021 almost got cancelled – do you remember we were under Covid restrictions? It looked as if we might not be able to share Holy Week and Easter worship, fortunately in the end we could albeit in bubbles and without singing.

Now with the world in a state of dangerous distress, with the inexcusable attack on Ukraine adding to climate crisis and many other places of conflict, hunger and injustice, perhaps we might wonder if we should cancel 2022 Easter festivities.

But the first Easter is born out of a heaving broken world, out of distress, danger and death. It happens in an occupied country, under the heel of Imperial Rome, where people are ill served by politicians and some religious leaders, where there's cruelty, injustice and a longing for freedom.

The Easter moment, the new dawn, the resurrection, comes as an unprecedented act of God, mightier than the power of human wickedness.

The Father raises the Son who lay down his life for love of the world.

The foundations of the earth shake and angels appear.

Distraught, disorientated and terrified disciples discover an end has become a beginning.

We need to celebrate this God's Easter more than ever, not the secular goo of too many easter eggs, or the sentimentality of skipping white lambs in English meadows. We need to keep the feast, the reminder that God's love is tough, tenacious and to be trusted. We don't worship a dead man, but the risen Christ. He is not cold and entombed, but out active in our world, suffering with us, strengthening us. Let us not neglect to celebrate his resurrection, even as we pray and strive for the resurrection of God's world.

Gather gladness from the skies;

take a lesson from the ground;

flowers do ope their heavenward eyes

and a Spring-time joy have found;

Earth throws winter's robes away,

decks herself for Easter Day.

Seek God's house in happy throng;

crowded let His table be;

mingle praises, prayer and song,

singing to the Trinity.

Henceforth let your souls always

make each morn an Easter Day.

(Easter, by Gerald Manley Hopkins)

With my blessing,
Revd Rosy

DIARY DATES

Sunday 3 April

10.15am Bishop Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy, the new area bishop of Willedsen, will be with us for the first time, to lead our worship, which will include Baptism & Confirmation.

Palm Sunday 10 April 10.15am.

Maundy Thursday 14 April 6.30pm Holy Eucharist

Good Friday 15 April

12-2pm Private prayer (silence)
2.15pm The Liturgy of Good Friday with music

Easter Day 17 April 10.15am Festive Eucharist

Saturday 28 May

12 – 3 pm Jubilee Fair

please contact Marie

(07742 757377) if you can help with this, practically, or with financial sponsorship. New bottles, books, soft toys and raffle prizes may be donated now, thank you.



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COFFEE MORNING

**Come and Join us for a Coffee and
a Chat in the Church Hall**

Friday 8th April 2022

&

Friday 13th May 2022

10 to 12 noon

PRAYER PAGE

Thank you

For the green grass
I stand upon
For the fresh air
I breathe in
For the spring flowers
I smell them
For the warm sun
I feel on my skin
For the gift of your good earth and
a season full of sweet hope
thank you, Creator God.



Prayer of Dedication

(from *A Child's First Book of Prayers*, Lois Rock)

Lord Jesus, who died upon the cross:
you know this world's suffering,
you know this world's sorrowing,
you know this world's dying.
In your name, Lord Jesus, who rose again:
I will work for this world's healing,
I will work for this world's rejoicing,
I will work for this world's living.

A Bedtime Prayer (as above)

I climb into my soft bed and
remember those whose life is hard;
I snuggle under my warm quilt and
remember those whose life is cold;
I lay my head upon my pillow and
pray that you will give us all rest.



Women's Institute News March 2022

We've got the year off to a good start with an auction of 'unwanted' Christmas gifts, and this month we made a mini vivarium in transparent egg case, as well as holding a 'bring and buy' sale. The WI year now runs from April to March (it used to be January to December) and we have planned a varied programme, as requested by the members, to include speakers, craft activities, cooking, outings and parties: to keep us all entertained over the year. We continue to meet on the third Thursday of every month. We have had many visitors who have been friends of members, and become members themselves. This is lovely for our group as it ensures that we continue to thrive.



Ladies, have a look at our programme – you may like to join us, either as a visitor or a member!

- April 21st Speaker Dr Barry Twig MBE – “They're changing more than the guard at Buckingham Palace”.
- May 19th ‘Street Party’ (inside or out depending on the weather) to celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.
- June 16th Speaker Tom Way, photographer – “My love of Africa” (brilliant photo’s!).
- July 21st Making lemon curd – with Alison (me!)
- August 18th “How to Wear a Sari”, demonstrated by one of our members. We’ll also be sampling Indian snacks!
- September 15th Celebrating WI Day.
- October 20th Celebrating our 103rd birthday
- November 17th Our GM and card making with one of our members to show and guide us.
- December 15th Christmas party.

Remember - Visitors always welcome!

Alison Fremantle,
West Drayton WI.

Comments from Sister Mary Killeen in Mukuru.

We have the hats in our office now. thank you. they are in good time as the cold weather begins here during and after the March/ April rains. Its hot at present but will be cool when its cloudy and people feel very cold in May until August. the temperature can be ten degrees less. Its now about 28 to 30, and can be 15 to 20 from May onwards. the mornings and evenings can be very cool but the middle of the day is usually warmer. the babies need the hats in the early morning and evenings and sometimes during the cool days when it is over cast without sun.

Mary



Baby hats for Mukuru, children living in the Slums of Nairobi

For many years now, various members of St. Martin`s church have supported the Mukuru Project Centre which helps the people living in the slums of Nairobi. We receive regular Newsletters from The Sisters of Mercy, the nuns who originally started the schools, clinics and also the rehabilitation of the `street boys`. In 2020, one of these newsletters mentioned a need for knitted baby hats for premature and sick children in the hospital. Maureen Thurbon and Sylvia Taylor contacted a group of their friends who are all able to knit and these ladies gave themselves a target of 100 hats to be completed by Christmas 2020.

These wonderful ladies completed their challenge, but we were then unable to find someone who could help us with transport - until just last month! A very good friend of mine has a sister who works for a global courier company and this company not only offered to transport the hats free of charge, but also to pay any taxes or expenses incurred in Nairobi. The hats were duly dispatched and have now arrived safely in Nairobi just two weeks ago and are already being put to good use.

Thank you so much to everyone involved in this enterprise and know that through your efforts, you have helped some of the poorest and most needy children in the world.

THANK YOU or as they say in Swahili, ASANTE SANA.



Love-in-a-Box 2021



A HUGE `Thank you` to everyone who supported the `Love-in-a-Box` Appeal. Altogether, we sent 7 boxes and £140.00 was received in donations towards postage

*Advance Notice for those who begin collecting early,
the next LoveinaBox is Autumn2022*

Lateral thinking puzzles Answers

All of them. Every month has at least 28 days.

1 hour. If you take a pill at 1 o'clock, then another at 1.30 and the last at 2 o'clock, they will be taken in 1 hour.

1 hour. It is a wind up alarm clock which cannot discriminate between a.m. and p.m.

70. Dividing by half is the same as multiplying by 2.

9 sheep.

The match.

Easter Quiz 2022



1. Easter Island is part of which country?
2. When was Cadbury founded?
3. When were Cadbury Creme Eggs introduced?
4. When Easter eggs were first dyed, it was to represent what?
5. Who wrote “Easter Parade?”
6. What garment was popularized by the song “Easter Parade?”
7. Easter’s date is determined by what?
8. From what is the filling in Cadbury Creme Eggs made?
9. Besides bunnies, what animal is considered an Easter symbol?
10. Cadbury Creme Eggs were first called what?
11. What’s the name of the Peanuts Easter special?
12. In the Bible, who was the first person to enter Jesus’ tomb?
13. What celebrity was made into a chocolate bunny for the first time in 2015?
14. In England, when you dance between Easter eggs on a floor, it’s called what?
15. In Britain, the Easter Act of 1928 was an attempt to do what?
16. In eastern Christianity, the end of Lent is called what?

Easter anagrams quiz

The following are anagrams of famous rabbits (and hares!) but can you identify which famous rabbits they are?

1. **The Rump**
2. **Nubby Guns**
3. **Bribe Patter**
4. **Okay Cherub**
5. **Hitter With Babe**
6. **Brat Briber**
7. **Teeny Sunbather**
8. **Riot Grabber**
9. **Very Ha**
10. **Heath Charmer**

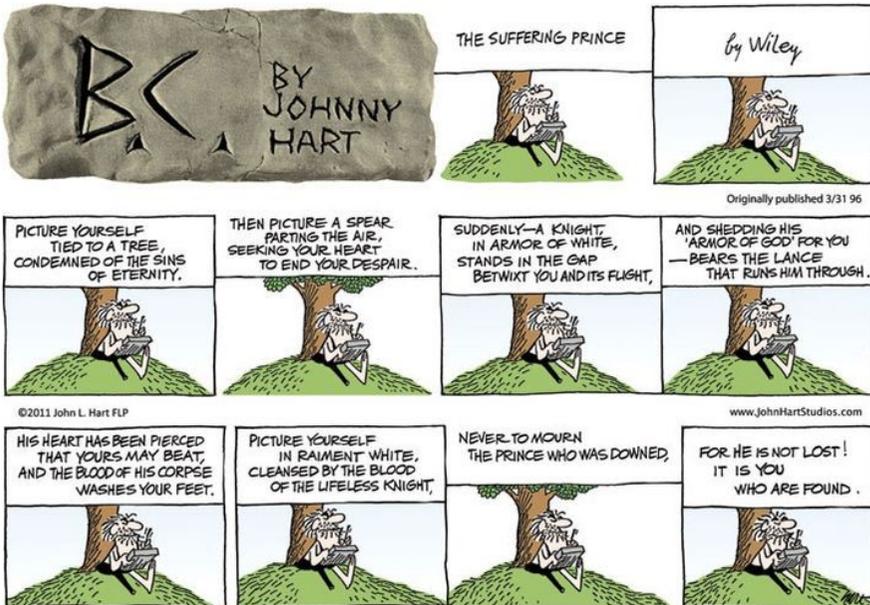
Easter Quiz Answers 2022

1. Chile
2. 1824
3. 1963
4. The blood of Jesus Christ
5. Irving Berlin
6. Easter bonnets
7. The moon
8. Fondant
9. Lamb
10. Fry's Creme Eggs
11. It's the Easter Beagle, Charlie Brown
12. Peter
13. Benedict Cumberbatch
14. Hop-egging
15. Establish a set annual date for Easter
16. Lazarus Saturday



Easter anagrams quiz Answers

1. *Thumper*
2. *Bugs Bunny*
3. *Peter Rabbit*
4. *Bucky O'Hare*
5. *The White Rabbit*
6. *Br'er Rabbit*
7. *The Easter Bunny*
8. *Roger Rabbit*
9. *Harvey*
10. *The March Hare*



Hall Activities

Monday

Tae Kwondo 17:45 - 19:15

Tuesday

Zumba Gold 10:00 - 11:00
Drama Group 16:00 - 18:30
History Society 19:00 - 21:00
(Last Tuesday of the Month)
Craft Group 13:30—15:30
14th December 2021

Wednesday

Irish Dance 19:00 - 21:00

Thursday

WI 14:15 - 16:15
3rd Thursday of the Month
(21st April & 19th May)

AA 7-10pm

Friday

Tae Kwondo 17:30 - 20:30

Saturday

Zumba Gold 10:00 - 11:00



Items for inclusion in the April/May issue of Challenge must be with the Editor by Sunday 22nd May 2022 Items not received by this date will, if appropriate, be included in the next issue.

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FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

FUNERALS

Louiseann Piper, 16 February 2022

Raymond McDonald Simpson, 15 March 2022

We give thanks for their lives and
pray for those who mourn their passing.

ST MARTIN'S IS OPEN

on Sundays 10.15am - Holy Eucharist with music
all ages are welcome to this worship service.

on Mondays 9.30 am - Morning Prayer
a short time of quiet, Bible reading and prayer

on Wednesdays 10-11am - Peace and Quiet Hour
*Pop in and out any time to light a candle, sit, think, read, pray,
enjoy the tranquility of this ancient holy place.
Everyone of all Faiths or none are welcome.*

When in church, **please carry on carrying:**
Covid still exists and we have a number of clinically vulnerable
people in our church family. Thank you.



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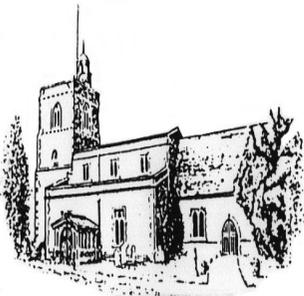
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