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Newsletter



Thought – “Easter, what does it mean?”

What does Easter mean to you exactly? Perhaps some time off from work or study, or an opportunity to be with friends and family. Maybe also at this time, you may like to take a moment to stop and consider the meaning behind this holiday, the purpose behind this festival that we enjoy through characters such as the Easter Bunny and through gifts of chocolate!

The true message of Easter is something so powerful and amazing that we want to share it with you. On Good Friday, Jesus Christ, the Son of God died to demonstrate his love for us. Whilst we can say that Jesus died for the whole of mankind, it's often beneficial if you consider this on a personal level. Jesus died for you. He cares so much for you as an individual that he willingly endured pain, and gave his life in an act of love and grace, so that you may become close to the loving and compassionate Creator. Jesus died for you.

We know from the Bible that Jesus was then raised to life by God and now lives with him in heaven. He is able to see all that we do, and is able to live within us and take an active part in our lives if we just let him. So perhaps this Easter, you may like, in your own way, to say thank you to the man who lovingly laid down his life, and start to include him in your own life.

Jesus words from John 15:12-13: *“This is my commandment: that you love one another as I have loved you. No one shows greater love than when he lays down his life for his friends.” (ISV)*

Palm Sunday Service – 20th March, 2:45 pm. “Join us as we revisit the time, almost 2000 years ago, when Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem by people waving Palm Branches and as we welcome him into our lives today.”

Good Friday Devotional – 25th March, 8:00 pm. “A devotional evening of music and readings for Good Friday, refreshments afterwards”

Easter Saturday – 26th March, 7:00 pm. “In the tomb – An Easter meditation”

Easter Sunday Family Service – 27th March, 6:00 pm. “A time to celebrate Easter for all the family.”

1 minute interview ... with Lucy, the Sunday School leader:

Q: What made you decide to become a Christian?

“My mum died when I was 12 so I rejected God. In time I realised that without God, suffering and grief lead to painful nothingness – with God there is purpose in everything and all things work together for good.”

Q: Why do you come to the Bethel?

“I believe God wants me here to work with young people from the area”

Q: Why do you value the Sunday School?

“It is amazing to see children choosing to come and learn about God. They are hungry and thirsty for meaning and direction. I want to be part of God’s means of bringing spiritual food and drink to them – What a privilege!”

What's On? (At Henrietta St. unless otherwise stated)

“Play Time” Parent and Toddler Group – An exciting new parent and toddler group is starting in Old Trafford on April 7th, at the Bethel, Henrietta St. It will be held every Thursday morning during term time from 10 till 12 noon for children aged 0 to 4 years. The cost of £1 per child will include refreshments for both adults and children.

Sunday evening services at 6:00 pm (unless otherwise stated)

DATE	SUBJECT
3-Apr	Guest speaker
10-Apr	Jesus the prophet
17-Apr	Facing temptation
24-Apr	Grill a Christian
1-May	Special service held at “Whalley Range high school”
8-May	Jesus’ manifesto: The secret to happiness
15-May	Jesus’ manifesto: Changing the world

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22-May	Jesus’ manifesto: Secrets of the heart
29-May	Jesus’ manifesto: Loving your enemies
5-Jun	Jesus’ manifesto: Religion without hypocrisy
12-Jun	Jesus’ manifesto: One to one with God
19-Jun	“Trust in God” - Gideon’s story
26-Jun	Guest speaker

Regulars:

- Sunday
 - Breaking of Bread Service 10:30 a.m.
 - Sunday School 2:45 p.m. (From Kids aged 4, up to Adult Discussion Group)
 - Evening Service 6:00 p.m. (See above for details)
- Tuesday
 - Junior Youth club 6:45 p.m.
 - “TheBibleCourse” (7:15 p.m. at Chorlton Adult Education Centre)
- Thursday
 - Bible Class 8:00 p.m.
- Friday
 - Senior Youth Club 7:30 p.m.