



Monthly Newsletter
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March 2024

It feels like we've barely said goodbye to Christmas, and now Easter is just around the corner!

Historically, I always enjoyed Christmas more than Easter. Perhaps it was all of the festivity and presents that came with it! However, over the past 5 years or so, I've found the run-up to Easter to be a more poignant time that I have increasingly considered to be valuable in my walk with Jesus. Both Lent and Advent are special seasons of waiting and anticipation, however, I find the stripped-back nature of Lent to be a better opportunity to genuinely reflect on Christ's journey to the cross, and on the themes that the Easter story bring to mind.

Whether or not you're someone who normally engages with the build-up to Easter, or whether you would describe yourself as a Christian, I would love to encourage you to consider reading about Jesus' journey to the cross, his death and his resurrection. The easiest Gospel to read this from is Mark, chapters 14-16. Just three chapters. Perhaps commit to reading one section a day over the final few weeks of March.

Additionally, towards the end of this month, we will be marking the run-up to Easter in a number of ways at MBC.

Palm Sunday – This will be an all-age service led by local Baptist Pioneer Minister Tim Haines

Daily contemplation – During Holy

Week, you will find me in the church hall at 9am each day on Tuesday (26th) through to Friday (29th). I will be using the daily prayer app 'Pray as You Go' which provides a 10-minute audio contemplation following the journey that Jesus takes to the Cross through Holy Week. Please feel able to drop in and join me, with the opportunity to reflect together in light of the meditation.

Tenebrae service – Tenebrae is Latin for darkness/shadows, and at 7.30pm on Maundy Thursday (28th) we will share in this service together at MBC. We will journey through nine readings from the Gospels about Jesus' journey to the cross. After each of the readings, there is a reflection or a song, and also a point where we shall share communion. Each of these readings is followed by the extinguishing of a candle, symbolising the growing darkness before Jesus died. This sombre event is a powerful and reflective way of setting the scene before we gather again on Easter Sunday to really celebrate Jesus' resurrection and New Life.

Walk of Witness – On Good Friday (29th) at 11.30am, there will be a Walk of Witness shared by the two churches in the village. It will begin at MBC with a short service, before prayerfully processing to St. John's.

Easter Sunday – This will be an interactive celebration service of the resurrection of Jesus. Come along to join in with this happy morning!

Everyone is incredibly welcome to attend any (or all!) of these events. Let's journey together with Christ in this special season of Lent and Easter.

Grace and Peace,

Nick Drury

Our Vision Statment:

Growing Together by loving God loving others & serving our community

What's On—March 2024

Friday 1st

MBC Café—open to all
10am—12pm

Saturday 2nd

9.30am Zoom Prayer Meeting

Sunday 3rd

10.30am Communion Service
With Nick Drury
7pm Lent series—Be Still

Monday 4th

MBC Café—open to all
10am—12pm

Friday 8th

J&J's baby & toddler group
10am—11.30am

Saturday 9th

9.30am Zoom Prayer Meeting
Ask for login details

Sunday 10th

10.30am Morning Service
With Richard Palmer

Monday 11th

MBC Café—open to all
10am—12pm

Friday 15th

MBC Café—open to all
10am—12pm

Saturday 16th

9.30am Zoom Prayer Meeting
Ask for login details

Sunday 17th

10.30am Morning Service
With Nick Drury
7pm Lent Series—Be Still

Monday 18th

MBC Café—open to all
10am—12pm

Friday 22nd

J&J's baby & toddler group
10am—11.30am

Saturday 23rd

9.30am Zoom Prayer Meeting
Ask for login details

Sunday 24th

10.30am Morning Service
With Nick Drury
7pm Lent Series—Be Still

Monday 25th

MBC Café—open to all
10am—12pm

Tuesday 26th — Friday 29th

Pray as you go
9am with Nick Drury

Maundy Thursday 28th

MBC Tenebrae Service
7.30pm

Good Friday 29th

Walk of Witness
11.30am start @ MBC

Sunday 31st

10.30am Easter Sunday Service
With Nick Drury

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