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*Happy*

*Easter*

*to All of our*

*Readers*

# Minister Letter

## The Resurrection Story

Last month I suggested that we needed to be looking at what God wants of us this year, and this month as we participate in the events of Holy Week we are reminded of all that God has done for us. Surely these mystical events of eternal love demand action from people who bear the name of God's son, Jesus Christ. What is the 21<sup>st</sup> century response to the eternal truth of death overcome and love triumphant?

As individuals, we need to be able to answer this question for ourselves. We need to be able to recognise our need for Christ's selfless sacrifice, and the victory won on the cross for us. The mere belief in a story is not enough, we need to believe in the truth behind the gospel, that Jesus is Lord of all, and because of what he has done all can have a relationship with God the Father through Jesus, and in the Holy Spirit.

As church communities, we need to be able to answer the question for ourselves. If we recognise our individual need for Christ, and the need to worship him in Spirit and in truth with others, then we should also desire it for all. This puts an onus on us to be genuinely welcoming of strangers, genuine concerned for their spiritual wellbeing, and genuine bringers of 'Good News' to our neighbourhoods. At our recent Circuit Meeting, and following the Circuit Review, the Circuit Stewards shared their vision of how this might be achieved. Your Circuit Meeting representatives will be talking to you about this over the next few months.

But predominantly Easter is an account of resurrection, life from death, hope from despair, an empty tomb and empty cloths. In our present generation when all around seems to be in turmoil, both outside the church and within, when life has no purpose for many and

hope seems out of reach, we are called to be people of the resurrection. We are called to be people who live in Christ, who seek new life in Christ, and who desire Christ more than gold or silver.

Steve

*Steve*



**Deaths,**

Henry (Harry) Kempson – member at Burnham for 46years Died 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017 aged 92

Cremation at Sedgemoor followed by The Thanksgiving Service was held at Burnham with a full Church on 17<sup>th</sup> March



# Calendar

## MARCH

Sat	25th	10.00 - 12.00	B/H	Shoppers Coffee at Burnham
Sun	26th			Mothering Sunday
Tue	28th	2.30pm	E/B	Link Villages Fellowship – Westfield Cafe - Jackie Jukie - Collection
Tue	28th	2.30pm		Lent Course at Burnham Methodist Church
Tue	28th	7.30pm		Lent Course at Burnham Baptist Church
Wed	29th	7.00pm		Safeguarding Co-ordinators Meeting at East Brent

## APRIL

Sat	1st	10.00 - 12.00	B/H	Fund Raising Coffee Morning by the Stewards & Thursday Fellowship
Tue	4th	2.30pm	B/H	Lent Course at Burnham Methodist Church
Tue	4th	7.30pm		Lent Course at Burnham Baptist Church
Wed	5th		B/H	Wednesday Group - Lent Group
Thur	6th	2.30pm	B/H	Thursday Fellowship - Mrs Jackie Morris - Rambling in the Caribbean.
Sat	8th	10.00 - 12.00	B/H	Shoppers Coffee at Burnham
Sun	9th	3.00pm		Palm Sunday Service at Crosses on Brent Knoll
Sun	9th	4.00pm		Palm Sunday Service at Brent Knoll Methodist Church
Mon	10th	7.30am	B/H	Reflections and Breakfast at Burnham
Tue	11th	7.30am	B/H	Reflections and Breakfast at Burnham
Tue	11th	2.30pm	E/B	Link Villages Fellowship - Holy Week – Rev. Jim McKnight.
Tue	11th	2.30pm		Lent Course at Burnham Methodist Church
Tue	11th	7.30pm		Lent Course at Burnham Baptist Church
Wed	12th	7.30am	B/H	Reflections and Breakfast at Burnham
Wed	12th	12.00	B/H	Communion Service
Wed	12th	12.30		Church Lunch -
Thur	13th	7.00pm	B/H	Maundy Thursday Communion

				Service at Burnham
Fri	14th	10.30am	B/H	Good Friday Service at Burnham
Fri	14th	11.30am		Good Friday Walk of Witness from Catholic Church to St Andrews Church
Fri	14th	7.00pm	W/H	Service of Reflections & Mediation at West Huntspill led by Rev. Steve Bennett
Sat	15th	10.00 - 4.00		"Stations of the Cross" at Milton Methodist Church W s M
Sat	15th	10.00 - 12.00	B/H	St Margaret's Hospice Coffee Morning At Burnham.
Sun	16th	6.00am	B/H	Sunrise Service at Brean Down
Sun	16th	10.30am	B/H	Easter Sunday Morning Service
Sun	16th	6.00pm	W/H	There will be a Communion service at West Huntspill led by Rev. Steve Bennett
Mon	17th	2.30 - 4.00	B/H	Afternoon Tea, Cake & Chat - All Welcome
Thur	20th	2.30pm	B/H	Thursday Fellowship - Rev. Joyce Plumb - Easter.
Sat	22nd	10.00 - 12.00	B/H	Shoppers Coffee at Burnham
Sun	23rd	<b>LAST DAY FOR THE MAY LINK</b>		
Tue	25th	2.30pm	E/B	Link Villages Fellowship - Members Afternoon - Bring and Buy.
Wed	26th	8.00pm		A charity quiz in aid of Burnham Church Roof Fund at the Ritz Social Club
Fri	28th	10.00 - 12.00		Coffee, Cake & Chat at West Huntspill
Sat	29th	10.00 - 12.00	B/H	Shoppers Coffee at Burnham
<b>MAY</b>				
Wed	3rd	7.00pm	B/H	Christian Aid Beetle Drive at Burnham
Thur	4th	2.30pm	B/H	Thursday Fellowship - No meeting due to Election.
Sat	6th	10.00 - 1.30	B/H	<b>SPRING FAIR</b> (lunch available from 11.30)
Tue	9th	2.30pm	E/B	Link Villages Fellowship - Luhimba – Mr. Paul Temple.
Wed	10th	12.00	B/H	Communion Service
Wed	10th	12.30	B/H	Church Lunch - Barbara
Sat	13th	10.00 - 12.00	B/H	Shoppers Coffee at Burnham

Sat 13th Christian Aid Lunch at St Mary's East Brent

**Sun 14th To Sat 20th May Christian Aid Week**

Mon 15th 2.30 - 4.00 B/H Afternoon Tea ,Cake & Chat – All Welcome

Thur 18th 2.30pm B/H Thursday Fellowship - Mr Len Horlock

Sat 20th 10.30am B/K Animal Service at Brent Knoll

Sat 20th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H St Margaret's Hospice Coffee Morning At Burnham.

Sun 21<sup>st</sup> **LAST DAY FOR THE JUNE LINK**  
**B/H Burnham, BR Brean, B/K Brent Knoll, E/B East Brent, W/H West Huntspill**

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## A charity quiz

in aid of Burnham Church Roof Fund

at the Ritz Social Club on Friday 26th May

Starts at 8pm with a table quiz and questions starts at 8.30pm.

There is a cheese and biscuit supper provided and

the cost of entry is £1 per person

and there is a maximum of 6 to a team.

## Stations of the Cross

As part of our Circuit events during the Easter Season, we invite everyone to Milton on Easter Saturday to spend time meditating on the events of the first Easter.

Work at your own pace through a devotional guide based on the traditional Stations of the Cross but using a slightly more modern approach.

Working your way through the various Stations takes about an hour and you are welcome to come at any time during the day.

We look forward to seeing you for what many people have found to be a moving experience.



## **CHRISTIAN AID**

The aim of Christian Aid is to help people around the world get out of poverty.

This is done by supporting local projects across 39 countries as well as helping when there are emergencies such as hurricanes and earthquakes.

Some of the funding for this aid is raised during Christian Aid week:-a week in May in which volunteers arrange events This is done by local areas throughout Great Britain. The local area of Burnham and Highbridge need some more volunteers to ensure that this year's Christian Aid Week May14th to May 20th runs efficiently.

For more details please phone Katherine Main 01278 788 776

## **Friends of Burnham on Sea War Memorial Hospital**

We held our Annual Party Night on 18<sup>th</sup> March with the theme “wear stripes”. Thank you to everyone that supported us. It was a fantastic night, we made over £1200.00 as always the Oaktree did us proud with food and we danced until Midnight with music from The ‘Lipinski Band’ who were fantastic. This brilliant result shows just how much you value your local hospital.

Follow us on ‘Facebook’ and as always please keep an eye on our website for future announcements and check out our diary of events. [www.friendsofburnhamhospital.org.uk](http://www.friendsofburnhamhospital.org.uk)

We were very fortunate that our fellow committee member Paul Hambleton contacted Asda and got us nominated as one of the charities for the green counter initiative. Throughout December, with your help the green counters piled in to our collection box, the first one rapidly filled and then you continued to fill the second. We were

successful in the outcome and Asda donated £500.00 to the hospital, the cheque was presented to us on 3 March. We have you to thank.

In addition Asda afforded us the opportunity to do a bucket collection in their foyer this took place on Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup> and we raised over £100.00.

Tesco's have afforded us two bucket collections which we are very grateful for so please pop along and have a chat the first one is in Burnham on 1 April and the second is on 22<sup>nd</sup> April in Weston.

We also have great news for you on July 16<sup>th</sup> we are holding a "Garden Party" at the hospital which we hope you will support, there will be cream teas, face painting, table top sale and lots more. Contact Bernie for more details on 01278-785727.

The Ritz - Following our successful Quiz night back in February we shall be holding another one on August 4<sup>th</sup>

As always if you have any unwanted gifts, bottles, boxes of chocolates/biscuits and gift vouchers for our future tombola's/raffles then please contact me on 01278-323794 or 07977-191799 and I will come and collect.

Once again thank you for your support

Regards

Ceri Joyce

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|                |                      | Apr-16                                                             |                                                      |                                                           |                                                        |
|----------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
|                |                      | 27<br>Easter<br>Sunday                                             | 3                                                    | 10                                                        | 17<br>Vocations<br>Sunday                              |
| Brean          | 10:30am              | Trapp HC                                                           | Bennett                                              | McKnight                                                  | Jenks                                                  |
| Brent Knoll    | 10:30am              | McKnight HC                                                        | Gale                                                 | Pipet                                                     | Horlock                                                |
| Burnham        | 10:30am              | Bennett HC                                                         | Barrett                                              | Dallimore                                                 | Ingrouille HC                                          |
|                | 6:00pm               |                                                                    | Bennett                                              |                                                           | G. Hoare Café                                          |
| Church Road    | 10:30am              | Hoare HC                                                           | Allen                                                | Jenks                                                     | McKnight                                               |
| East Brent     | 10:30am              | Pembro HC                                                          | Treble/ Hill                                         | Trapp                                                     | Bennett HC                                             |
| Locking Castle | 9:15am               | Yacomeni                                                           | Yacomeni                                             | Bennett                                                   | Yacomeni/ Lloyd                                        |
|                | 10:30am              | Yacomeni                                                           | Yacomeni                                             | Brown                                                     | Yacomeni                                               |
| Milton         | 10:30am              | Thomas                                                             | McKnight HC                                          | Hoare AAW                                                 | Dallimore                                              |
|                | 3:00pm               |                                                                    | G. Hoare Healing                                     |                                                           | Hoare Easter Offering                                  |
|                | 6:30pm               | Hoare HC                                                           |                                                      | Bennett HC                                                |                                                        |
| St Andrews     | 10:00am              | Marr HC                                                            | Bridges                                              | Erridge HC                                                | Erridge/ Hoare                                         |
|                | 6:00pm               | LA                                                                 | Bleadon                                              | Victoria                                                  | Milton                                                 |
| Uphill         | 10:30am              | Stedman HC                                                         | Williamson                                           | G. Hoare                                                  | Marr HC                                                |
| Victoria       | 10:30am              | G. Hoare ext HC                                                    | Hoare                                                | Horlock                                                   | G. Hoare                                               |
|                | 6:30pm               | SoP LA                                                             | Luker                                                | Hoare HC                                                  | Williamson                                             |
| West Huntspill | 11:00am              | Jenks                                                              | Krull                                                | Bennett HC                                                | J. Pipet                                               |
|                | 6:00pm               | Bennett HC                                                         |                                                      |                                                           |                                                        |
|                | Lectionary<br>Year C | Acts 10:34-43<br>Ps 118:1-2,14-24<br>1Cor 15:19-26<br>John 20:1-18 | Acts 5:27-32<br>Ps 150 Rev<br>1:4-8 John<br>20:19-31 | Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)<br>Ps 30 Rev<br>5:11-14<br>John 21:1-19 | Acts 9:36-43<br>Ps 23 Rev P<br>7:9-17 John<br>10:22-30 |

| May-16                                                |                                                                  |                                                                           |                                                                                |                                                         |                                                                   |
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| 24                                                    | 1                                                                | 8                                                                         | 15 Pentecost                                                                   | 22 Trinity / Aldersgate                                 | 29                                                                |
| Marr HC                                               | US @ St Bridgets                                                 | McKnight HC                                                               | Allen                                                                          | Krull                                                   | Trapp                                                             |
| Bennett                                               | Pipet HC                                                         | Bennett CA                                                                | Marr HC                                                                        | J. Pipet                                                | Allen                                                             |
| Treble                                                | McKnight                                                         | James                                                                     | Bennett HC                                                                     | Williamson                                              | Davis                                                             |
|                                                       | Bennett                                                          |                                                                           | Bennett Café                                                                   | CS @ Victoria                                           | Treble                                                            |
| Hoare HC                                              | Marr                                                             | OA                                                                        | Dallimore                                                                      | Ingrouille                                              | Hoare HC                                                          |
| Dallimore                                             | Treble                                                           | Murphy                                                                    | Pipet HC                                                                       | Gale                                                    | Horlock                                                           |
| Hoare                                                 | Yacomeni                                                         | Amyes                                                                     | Yacomeni/<br>Richardson                                                        | Ingrouille                                              | Hoare                                                             |
| Dean                                                  | Yacomeni                                                         | Scotland                                                                  | Yacomeni                                                                       | CS @ Victoria                                           | Lester                                                            |
| Ingrouille HC                                         | Gale                                                             | G. Hoare AAW                                                              | Treble                                                                         | McKnight                                                | Pembro HC                                                         |
|                                                       | Bennett                                                          |                                                                           |                                                                                |                                                         |                                                                   |
| Hoare                                                 |                                                                  | Hoare HC                                                                  | Bridges                                                                        | CS @ Victoria                                           | G. Hoare                                                          |
| Thomas                                                | Erridge HC                                                       | OA                                                                        | Hoare HC                                                                       | Bennett HC                                              | G. Hoare                                                          |
| LA                                                    | Bleadon                                                          | Victoria                                                                  | Milton                                                                         | CS @ Victoria                                           | LA                                                                |
| Pipet                                                 | Dallimore                                                        | OA                                                                        | Ingrouille HC                                                                  | Barrett                                                 | Jenks                                                             |
| McKnight HC                                           | Pullen                                                           | Hoare HC                                                                  | G. Hoare                                                                       | Marr                                                    | Dallimore                                                         |
| G. Hoare                                              | Pembro                                                           | Bennett                                                                   | Hoare/ G Hoare<br>Healing HC                                                   | SoP LA Circuit<br>Service                               | Hoare                                                             |
| Jenks                                                 | Horlock                                                          | OA                                                                        | Thomas                                                                         | Treble                                                  | Pipet HC                                                          |
|                                                       |                                                                  |                                                                           |                                                                                |                                                         |                                                                   |
| Acts 11:1-18<br>Ps 148 Rev<br>21:1-6 John<br>13:31-35 | Acts 16:9-15<br>Ps 67<br>Rev 21:10, 22-<br>22:5<br>John 14:23-29 | Acts 16:16-34<br>Ps 97<br>Rev 22:12-14, 16-<br>17, 20-21 John<br>17:20-26 | Acts 2:1-21<br>Ps 104:24-34,<br>35b Rom<br>8:14-17<br>John 14:8-17 (25-<br>27) | Prov 8:1-4, 22-31<br>Ps 8 Rom<br>5:1-5 John<br>16:12-15 | 1Kings 18:20-21<br>(22-29) Ps<br>96 Gal 1:1<br>12 Luke 7:1-<br>10 |

# BURNHAM

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## STEWARDS COLUMN.

We are looking forward to the coming of Spring warmer weather lighter evenings and the new life springing up in the garden, so much to do. The pace of life both in the workplace our social lives get much busier. We have much to look forward to don't we. In this hectic life style we have it is so easy to over look the season of Lent, at this time we should take time and reflect on Jesus' time in the wilderness. The temptations that he was subjected to and the answers he gave to those temptations. Can we in our own lives pause, and perhaps in quietness read and reflect on this season and then listen to what our lord is saying to us. I find Holy week so powerful and the despair of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday so meaningful. Then we have those wonderful words on Easter Sunday 'The Lord has risen Alleluia'. I hope you all enjoy the Easter season and indeed the wonder of Springtime.

Geoff Stait



# BREAN

[www.brean-methodist-church.home.dhs.org](http://www.brean-methodist-church.home.dhs.org)

During most of the 'odd' months of the winter, that is, November, January and March, we only worship in our own church on two occasions. On the first Sunday of each of those months we are to be found with our Anglican friends sharing in worship in St Bridget's and in two of the three second Sundays we are at East Brent or Brent Knoll worshipping with our friends from those churches.

So it has been in this third month of the calendar as Brent Knoll welcomed us to worship under the leadership of our minister.

It is good to come together in worship and fellowship but there are practical advantages too. It means you don't have the expense of heating your own church, for starters. And if you remind us that it

also means we could be short in our collection plate, well our treasurer has thought of that, and persuaded us to commit our offering to standing order at the bank!

We all go our separate ways in the summer months but we look forward to coming together again in the autumn.

For us in Brean we turn to our holidaying friends some of who have already appeared on the scene.

We held a very successful Indian evening in March where the ladies cooked up Indian food and Steve spoke to us about the united mission at Durgapur in West Bengal.

April gives us Easter this year, and I have no doubt we shall see many of you at dawn on Brean Down as Steve leads us in a dawn chorus there (I'm not wrong am I, we shall see you there?).

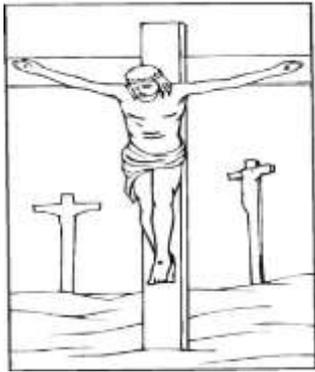
We share with Burnham in the sadness of Harry Kempson's passing. Those of us with long enough memories will remember the contribution Harry made to the Circuit and to the Link group. He was conscientious in his preaching and an open and generous soul.

Our best wishes to all for Easter, that it be time of renewed hope and spiritual blessing.

*Harvey Allen*



# WEST HUNTSPILL



Good Friday April 14<sup>th</sup>

Service of Reflection & Mediation at

7pm led by Revd Steve Bennett



Easter Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup>

There will be a Communion service  
led by

Revd Steve Bennett at 6pm



**Our regular Coffee and Chat Morning**  
Friday April 28<sup>th</sup>

10am -12md

Table Top Sales and lots of free coffee

Cakes and Chatter

Donations for Malda Children's Safe House



# BRENT KNOLL

[www.brentknollmethodistchurch.com](http://www.brentknollmethodistchurch.com)

**Minister Revd. Steve Bennett**

The annual Palm Sunday service at the top of the Knoll will take place at 3pm on 9<sup>th</sup> April. This will be followed by a service here at Brent Knoll Methodist Church at 4pm which will be led by Rev Steve. Refreshments will be provided after this service.

Looking even further ahead, a reminder that our Praise for Pets service will be held on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am and that all our best loved animals are welcome. And of course, they should bring their much loved owners/carers/housekeepers with them. It's a chance for us to give thanks and bless our furry, finned and feathered companions which bring us such joy. Don't worry if you're unable to bring your cherished pet with you - we will offer a time where you can bring your photos if your pet can't come along- and it may be that you want to remember and give thanks for a much cherished companion who is no longer with you. This service is open to all who want to give a resounding thank you to all God's creatures and our much love friends. Refreshments for all will be provided after the service.

From all of us here at Brent Knoll, we wish you a wonderful peaceful and joyous Eastertide.

God bless

Rosemary Krull

# EAST BRENT

APRIL 2017

Our recent church council and lunch was one of the first times we have used our new cooker and it was very efficient. As Margaret Scott made such a good job of choosing it (& arranging our lunches) we officially elected her as our Catering Officer!

There has not been such good progress with the spare part for our organ, which at the time of writing is still awaited from Italy.

We say “au revoir” but not “goodbye” to Bob Otley who has been a regular attender at our church for several years now. He first came along with a friend of his who is a Methodist and he has been joining us ever since. Due to his mobility, he has decided it will be easier to attend Burnham church. Please look out for him in future weeks.

Can I remind you all about the service on the top of the Knoll on Palm Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> April, which is organised by Churches Together. The service at the top is at 3 pm and this year the service at the bottom will be at Brent Knoll Methodist at 4.00pm.

Rosemary Gilling



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