



# GREASBROUGH UNITED CHURCH



*April 2017*

## *Happy Easter*

April – a real Spring month, with the colours of Spring flowers, leaves budding on trees and hedgerows, lambs skipping in the fields. All these are God's gifts for us to enjoy. This year Easter is also in this month.



There are those who think that our word '*Easter*' comes from '*Eostre*', the Anglo-Saxon goddess of Spring. While some who study folklore claim that it comes from an old word '*Oster*' meaning '*To rise*.' It doesn't really matter. The re-birth of the countryside and the resurrection of Jesus both have to do with newness of life.

A very old rhyme goes:

***At Easter let your clothes be new  
Or else be sure you will rue.***

A rather modern song says:

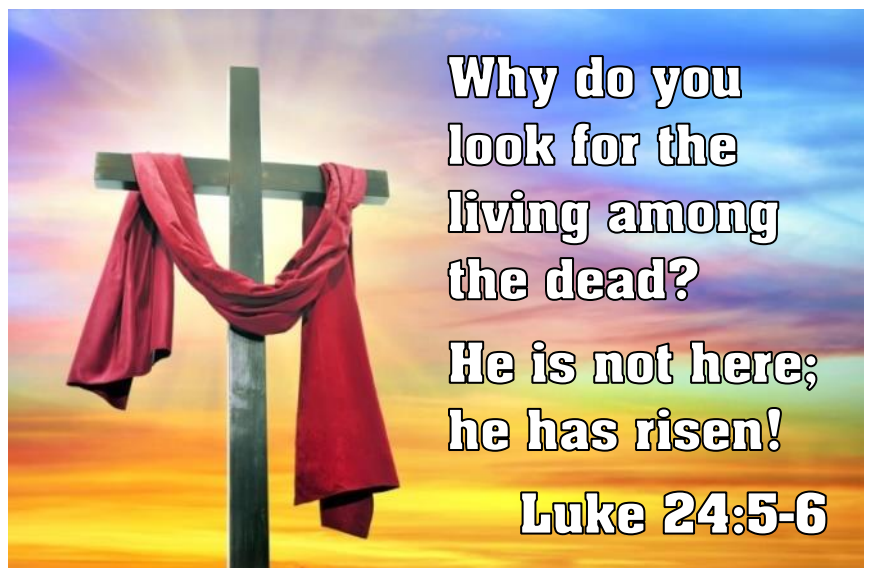
***I could write a sonnet  
About your Easter bonnet.***

So ladies, will you be wearing your Easter bonnet on Easter Sunday morning?

So may Easter be a time of refreshment and renewal for us all.

A happy Easter to you all.

*Judith*



# News

It is with sadness that we have learnt that our friend Norma Pugh died recently. She had been unwell for some time suffering with Pneumonia and she was unable to recover from this. She originally was a member at the Masbro' Chapel Congregational Church and more recently was at West Melton URC. She was a lovely lady who worked tirelessly for the church and her Christian witness was there for all to see. We had the pleasure of her ministry at our church as a preacher and also as a speaker at the Friendship Group. She will be sorely missed. Her funeral will be at West Melton church on 5<sup>th</sup> April at 1pm.

Maybe you have wondered who supplies the flowers for our Sunday morning services. Well in case you did not know, they are gifts by members of the church. There is a flower calendar on the notice board, so that if you would like to give flowers at some time, you can put your name down on a date that is special to you or any date that you wish. If you would like to make a gift of some flowers but are unable to bring them along on a Sunday, then Grace will be only too willing to get them for you. Just have a quiet word with her and she will be only too pleased to help. We are so blessed with nature's flowers at the moment, as they brighten up any room and the great outdoors. Spring is springing, as they say.



Our minister Rev Simon has been unwell for a few weeks now and has been on the sick list. Arrgh, I can hear you saying. He is not good at relaxing to regain his health and is getting bored. Hopefully, he will soon be feeling very much better and be back amongst us with his health and energy restored.

Mary New is still unwell and is mainly confined to her room. She is finding everything a real struggle at the moment. Again, we hope she will soon regain her sparkle and will be back amongst us. Please remember our friends in your prayers.

You may be interested to know that the magnificent sum of £186 has been received so far for the East Africa Famine Appeal and donations can still be made. These monies will then be sent off to Christian Aid.

*Jean*

## Prayer this month

We ask that you pray for:

- those affected by the famine in East Africa;
- an end to terrorism in all its forms.



**I am the  
resurrection and  
the life. The one  
who believes in  
me will live,  
even though  
they die...**  
*John 11:25*

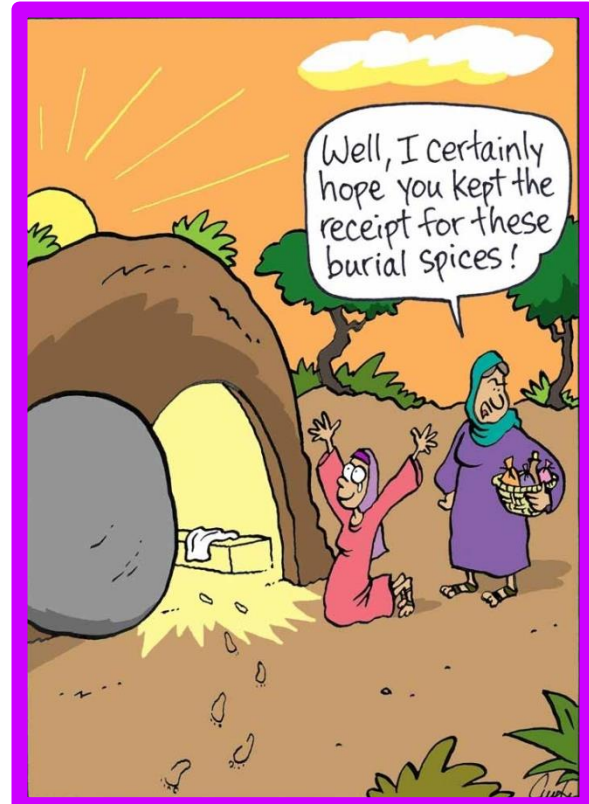


## **Palm Crosses**

Have you ever wondered where our Palm Crosses come from that we receive at Easter. Well, I was surprised to learn that they are made in Masasi, which is one of the 6 districts of the Mtwara Region of Tanzania. Mozambique lies to the south of this area. The palm crosses are made by villagers there whose income is less than \$100 a year from subsistence farming. Once made, the crosses are shipped out from Mtwara on the east African coast and on up through the Suez Canal, then through the Mediterranean Sea to the UK. This work is of great value to them and our purchases of the crosses help. Over 41,000 people thank us for our support of the Masasi Rural Integrated Development Programme.



*Jean*



# WORDSEARCH

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## Easter

Find these words in the grid above. The words may be in any direction – forwards, backwards, upwards, downwards or diagonal. After you have found all the words, use the leftover letters to form a mystery answer.

**Answer:** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

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|------------|-----------|------------|----------|-----------|
| Alive      | Christ    | Gethsemane | Mary     | Risen     |
| Angel      | Church    | Golgotha   | Parade   | Romans    |
| Apostles   | Cross     | Iscaiot    | Passover | Rooster   |
| Appearance | Crucified | Jerusalem  | Peace    | Salvation |
| Arrest     | Death     | Jesus      | Peter    | Sanhedrin |
| Barabbas   | Eggs      | Joy        | Pilate   | Spring    |
| Betrayed   | Emmaus    | Judas      | Priest   | Tomb      |
| Calvary    | Garden    | Magdalene  | Redeemed | Trial     |
|            |           |            |          | Worship   |

## The Promise of Easter

*'Because He Live We Too Shall Live'*

*We need these seven words above  
To help us to endure  
The changing world around us  
That is dark and insecure,  
To help to view the present  
As a passing episode,  
A troubled, brief encounter  
On life's short and troubled road -  
For in knowing life's eternal  
Because our Saviour died  
And arose again at Easter  
After he was crucified  
Makes this uncertain present,  
in a world of sin and strife,  
Nothing but a stepping-stone  
To a **NEW** and **BETTER LIFE!***

*Helen Steiner Rice*

FOR  
GOD  
so loved the world,  
that He gave His only begotten Son,  
that  
whosoever  
believeth in  
Him should  
not perish,  
but have  
everlasting  
life.  
JOHN 3:16



*Christ  
is  
Risen!*

## Chosen

I remember, O so clearly  
The day some men came by.  
They came right up and patted me  
Then my rope they did untie.

My master came and called to them  
To ask them why they did,  
The answer I didn't understand  
They were doing their 'Master's bid'.

He stood and watched as off I went  
And trotted down the way  
I wondered why they wanted me,  
Was it a special day?

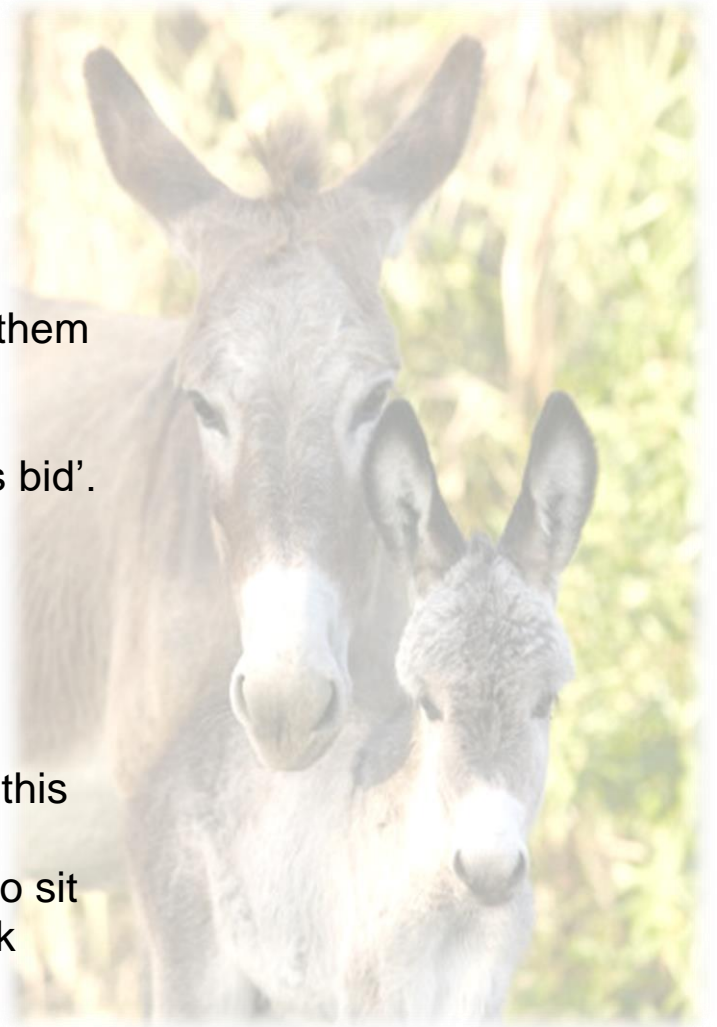
At last we stopped, but what is this  
They put cloaks upon my back,  
And then this man climbed up to sit  
And ride down a well worn track

To say I was amazed at this,  
No-one had ridden me before.  
I wasn't scared, I didn't shy  
And try to tip him on the floor

He spoke to me with gentle words,  
His hands, so strong yet soft  
And as we neared Jerusalem  
The folk waved palms aloft.

They strew the way with palms and cloaks  
They raised their voices high  
And shouted praises to the Lord  
It made me want to fly.

I often think about that day,  
I was picked to do a favour  
Because the man who rode me was –  
No other but the Saviour.



A little boy opened the big family bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages.



**"Mama, look what I found,"** the boy called out.  
**"What have you got there, dear?"**

With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered,  
**"I think it's Adam's underwear."**

### **Sunday Services**

Held at 10.30am every Sunday.

#### **Preachers**

2<sup>nd</sup> Apr Judith Garthwaite  
9<sup>th</sup> Apr Roy Roddison  
16<sup>th</sup> Apr Rev Brenda Hill  
23<sup>rd</sup> Apr Rev Simon Copley  
30<sup>th</sup> Apr Clive Taylor

### **Friendship Group**

Held at 2.00pm every Wednesday.

#### **Speakers**

5<sup>th</sup> Apr No Meeting  
12<sup>th</sup> Apr Rev Simon Copley  
19<sup>th</sup> Apr Rev Jenny Park  
26<sup>th</sup> Apr Ruth Frowen  
3<sup>rd</sup> May Alan Taylor

### **What's on**

**Good Friday service –**  
14<sup>th</sup> April @ 7.00pm

**Nursing home services –**  
20<sup>th</sup> April @ 2.00pm

**Beetle Drive and buffet tea –**  
24<sup>th</sup> April @ 6.30pm



### **Bible study and prayer group**

These are held at 34 Green Street on Tuesday mornings at 10.00am and are a valuable time of learning and sharing God's Word. It is a very relaxed gathering and all are welcome.

### **Contact us**

If you would like to know anything about the church please contact:

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## Who's who: Terry Waite



Terence Hardy "Terry" Waite was born on 31 May 1939, the son of a village policeman, and spent his early life in Styal, Cheshire. Although his parents were nominally religious, he showed a commitment to Christianity from an early age. He started his National Service in the Grenadier Guards, but was discharged after a year due to an allergy to the dye in the uniforms. He initially joined the Church Army until, in 1963, he was appointed Education Advisor to the Bishop of Bristol. A year later he married Helen Frances Watters. In 1969, he moved to Uganda where he worked for the first African Anglican Archbishop of Uganda, Rwanda, and Burundi. Together with his wife and their four children, Terry witnessed the Idi Amin coup in Uganda, narrowly escaping death on several occasions.

In 1980 he went to work for Robert Runcie, the Archbishop of Canterbury. He played a key role in securing the release of hostages being held in Iran, after which he received an MBE. In 1984 he established contact with Colonel Gaddafi in Libya, where 4 Britons had been detained following the seige of the Libyan Embassy in London, securing their release after protracted negotiations.

From 1985, Waite became involved in hostage negotiation in Lebanon; and he assisted in successful securing the release of 2 American hostages. His use of an American helicopter and his appearance with Lt Colonel Oliver North, however, meant that he was compromised when the Irangate scandal broke. The British ambassador urged him not to return to Lebanon as the Amal militia had lost out to the more extreme Hezbollah faction. But he insisted he had to go as he was the one person who had met the kidnappers face to face.

On 20 January 1987, Terry agreed to meet the captors of the hostages and was promised safe conduct to visit the hostages. The group broke the trust and took him hostage. He remained in captivity for 1,763 days, the first four years of which were spent in solitary confinement. He was frequently blindfolded, beaten, and subjected to mock executions. He lived much of the time chained to a radiator and was transported in a giant refrigerator when his captors moved him about. He was finally released on 18 November 1991.

He is now president of the charity *Y Care International* (the YMCA's international development and relief agency), patron of *AbleChildAfrica* and *Habitat for Humanity Great Britain*, and president of *Emmaus UK*, a charity for formerly homeless people.

In 2004, Waite returned to Beirut for the first time since his release from captivity. He said, ***"if I am going to say to anyone, as I do, 'sit down with someone with whom you disagree, put the past in the past, build a new future together', then I have to do it myself. I don't believe you should say anything for others unless you are prepared to do it yourself."***