

## Sundays in April

10.30 am to approx. 11.45 am Service with special activities for children and young people in JAM (Jesus And Me).

5<sup>th</sup> April Palm Sunday Service led by Barbara Seddon and Gordon Crompton

12<sup>th</sup> April Easter Morning Service led by Doreen

19<sup>th</sup> April Morning Parade Service led by Chris and Sandra

26<sup>th</sup> April Morning Communion Service led by Charlie

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 4.00 pm – Café Service

## Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> April

Prayer meetings at 10.00 am at the Church

## Thursdays

Girls Brigade meets at 6.30 pm  
(except during school holidays)

## Fridays

**Pop-in** meets between 10.00 am & 12 noon  
(except during school holidays)

## Good Friday – 10<sup>th</sup> April

7.00pm evening Communion Service led by David Collinson

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### And FINALLY...

An atheist was spending a quiet day fishing when suddenly his boat was attacked by the Loch Ness monster. In one easy flip, the beast tossed him and his boat high in the air. Then it opened its big mouth to swallow them both.

As the man sailed head over heels he cried out -"Oh, my God! HELP ME!"

At once the ferocious attack scene froze in place and, as the atheist hung in mid-air, a booming voice came down from the clouds, "I thought that you didn't believe in me!"

Come on, God, give me a break" pleaded the man, "Two minutes ago I didn't believe in the Loch Ness monster either!"

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# Priory Baptist News April 2009



At this Easter time we focus our thoughts on the events in Jerusalem nearly 2000 years ago, when an entirely innocent young man was cruelly crucified. I would like you to think of the last three words which He spoke as recorded in John's Gospel - *"When He had received the drink, Jesus said, 'It is finished.'"*

**To the Roman soldiers** there would be no emotion in this whatsoever. To them this was another job done - an opportunity to go home early!

**To the Pharisees and Jewish religious leaders** these words represented a success. Right from the start of His ministry Jesus had criticised the hypocrisy and behaviour of many religious leaders – they both hated Him and plotted His death.

**To Mary** these words would probably not have meant much at the time. She was probably too numb with the pain and agony of seeing her son die in such a horrible way.

**To the disciples** there would have been a very real sense that everything was finished – that they had reached the end – their master was gone. They had seen the great works of God that He had done – now it was over. All their hopes gone.

**To Satan** this would have been the moment he had looked forward to. He had managed to "get" his enemy's son! "He's mine now" could have been Satan's reaction – "and do I have bad news for him". Oh Boy – was he wrong!!

**For Jesus** these words conveyed success. He had rescued mankind – He would never again be separated from His Father.

**And what about heaven?** This death represented the culmination of a plan by God to win people back to him. We have a sense of the whole heaven holding its breath - "Will he go through with it?" - "Will it really happen?" These words from Jesus "It is finished" are a shout through the earth and the whole of the Universe that "He has done it". "He has won."

### And what do those words mean to us?

For us that cry on a cross on a rubbish dump outside Jerusalem nearly 2000 years ago means new life - that we have been saved from eternal separation from a Holy and Righteous God - that through Jesus we can stand before a Holy God and be declared righteous beings - that we have a path opened up to eternal life - that we are no longer a people without hope – that we are a people with every hope. What is finished is our state of hopelessness – we now have a bridge over that chasm of wrong doing that would separate us from God - and Jesus did that for you and me and for everyone who commit themselves to follow him.

**Let us be really thankful for that – and accept the offer Jesus makes.**

Here is a lesser known conversation that took place between God & Noah

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One day God calls down to Noah and says "Noah, I want you to make me a new Ark".

Noah replies, "No problem God, anything you want - after all you're the boss".

But God interrupts, "Ah but there's a catch this time Noah, I want not just a couple of decks, I want 20 decks one on top of the other".

"20 DECKS!" screams Noah, "Well, OK, whatever you say, should I fill it up with all the animals just like last time?"



This time I want you to fill it up with fish" God answers.

"Fish?" Queries Noah.

"Yep, fish ... well, to make it more specific Noah, I want Carp, Wall to wall, floor to ceiling - Carp!"

Noah looked to the skies, "OK God, let me get this right, you want a New Ark? With 20 decks, one on top of the other?".

"Check"

"And you want it full of Carp?"

"Check"

"Why?" asks the perplexed Noah

Wait for it.....

"I just always fancied a Multi-Storey Carp Ark"

## The day we met the Queen



On 5<sup>th</sup> March we arrived at Feren's Art Gallery with a group from Derringham Bank Methodist Church and people involved in flood work and flood victims – we expected to see the Queen from a distance.

After going through strict security checks we were told to wait in a café where tea and coffee was being served. Everyone was then split into small groups and told the correct way to address the Queen in case she stopped to speak to anyone. It was "bob" for the women and "bow" for the men, whilst saying "good morning/afternoon your majesty." After that we had to address the Queen as "ma'am". We were told that we should not attempt to shake her hand.

As we waited in a small group for the Queen to arrive, some people were getting very nervous and really worked up about meeting the Queen. However, as we both thought that all we were going to do was see her at a distance, we were relaxed – just excited to be there.

Then the Queen walked into our Gallery and everything went very quiet. She was introduced to everyone in the room, including us. She was interested in how the floods had affected everyone in Hull and the work that the church had done to help.

It was a real honour to represent the church and meet the Queen. She was very softly spoken and showed genuine interest in what everyone had to say to her. It will be a day that neither of us will ever forget.

But it made me think. Why don't people get as worked up and excited about meeting the King of Kings – Jesus.

Only a very small number of us got to meet the Queen, but EVERYONE is invited to meet King Jesus. There are no security restrictions, no correct or incorrect way to approach Him, we come to Him just as we are and talk to Him as a friend.

And what is more, meeting Jesus is not just a once in a lifetime encounter, but something which can happen every day.

Doreen and Edna