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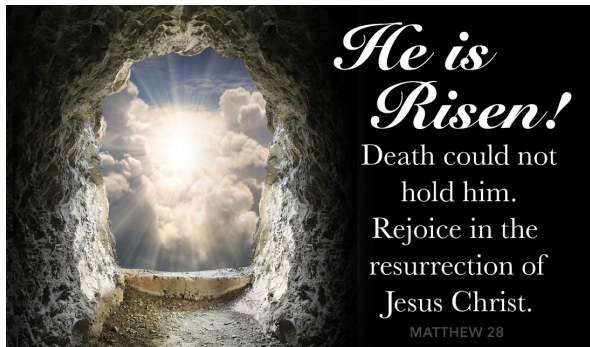
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Dear friends,

I write to you on Easter Monday, with my heart still full of the joy of Resurrection Sunday.

Easter morning may be behind us, but the power of the resurrection is ever-present. Christ is risen, not just as a historical event, but as a living truth as I said in yesterday's sermon: "People cannot change this truth, but this truth can change people."

This powerful true truth breathes eternal life into our present moments and this changes everything. Jesus said in John 11:25, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die." This means eternal life isn't only what we wait for on the other side of heaven, it begins right here and now. On this side of heaven, in this earthly life, every act of faith, every choice to love, every step towards hope, we are already living in the reality of God's forever kingdom.

But on this side of heaven there are challenges like: scrolling through the headlines; browsing your social media feed.

The world (this side of heaven) we live in still aches with pain, conflict, injustice and despair. Let me say this, the Easter message doesn't ask us to ignore that reality rather it calls us to confront it with resurrected courage as did the disciples. So, I wonder how do we, as Easter people, live out this powerful true truth?

- * By being witnesses of new life, in how we forgive, serve, and speak life into brokenness.
- * By carrying resurrection hope into the forgotten corners of our communities.
- * By being peacemakers in our homes, encouragers in our workplaces and bringers of light wherever we go.

Friends, we are certainly not spectators to the resurrection, we are participants in it. The tomb was empty on Easter Day, what does this teach us? It means there is no situation too dead for God to bring life. Not in our families, not in our churches, not in our neighbourhoods, not in our world.

Let's live as people who believe, this is what the early church believed and did. Let's show the world with boldness, demonstrate with compassion that Easter is not a day, it's a lifestyle. Let's make the risen Christ known not only in word, but in the way we live, love and lead. Christ is risen so we rise, too.

With all my love in His deathless love, and with Easter hope.

Rev. Asif Karam



Brenda Parker, 101, with Doreen , receiving Holy Communion from Rev Asif.

Christine Elles made this
wonderful
EASTER GARDEN



Christine also organised,
with help, placing of
flowers on the cross to
celebrate Easter Day.

Thank you Christine for all
your hard work. Ed

OUR MAUNDY THURSDAY QUIZ— continued on next page (6)

1. What is Maundy Thursday?

The day that Jesus was crucified

The day that Jesus was resurrected

The day that Jesus celebrated the last supper with his disciples

The day that Jesus was arrested

2. What is meaning of the word 'Maundy' in Maundy Thursday?

Love

Sorrow

Charity

Command

3. Which of the followings was NOT part of the Last Supper that Jesus celebrated on Maundy Thursday?

Wine

Bread

Pizza

Olives

4. What is another name for Maundy Thursday?

Great Thursday

Bright Thursday

Black Thursday

Hungry Thursday

5. How did Jesus honour His disciples in Maundy Thursday?

He said nice things about them

He gave a medal

Washed their feet

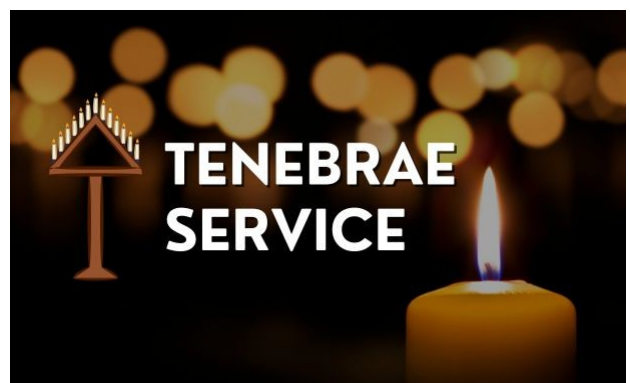
He gave them a day off



6. **Which name is NOT another name for the last meal that Jesus shared with His disciples traditionally?**
- Passover
 - Sabbath
 - The Eucharist
 - The Lord's Supper
7. **Which colour is used in liturgical worship during Maundy Thursday?**
- Purple
 - Red
 - Black
 - Green
8. **Which gospel records the Last Supper between Jesus and the disciples?**
- Matthew
 - Mark
 - Luke
 - All the above
9. **The Last Supper commemorates what event from the Old Testament?**
- The completion of the Temple
 - The destruction of Jerico
 - The Passover
 - The creation of the world
10. **What is the command given by Jesus on Maundy Thursday?**
- To feed the poor
 - To be honest
 - To love one another
 - To evangelise the world

If you need to check.....

Answers later in this T/News





LUNCHESES

I am extremely sorry about the confusion caused with regard to the April Lunch shown in the Notices as TBC but thanks must go to Mary Stevenson who kindly stepped in at the last minute. I would never expect anyone to do lunches two months running and Keith and I had hoped to do the vacant April lunch date but slower recovery than expected from illness for both of us and then a late volunteer dropping out and despite many phone calls looking for a replacement I believed it impossible that it could go ahead until I discovered the situation had changed when I arrived at Church last Sunday, having already asked the Stewards to announce the definite cancellation. To avoid further confusion with regard to the remainder of the year I have spoken to several of our Diners who have said they would be more than happy to have bi monthly lunches until the end of the year and I have finalised the Rota on this basis. However, I am again repeating my plea for anyone who thinks they can help in any way towards the provision of an extra Lunch this year or to join the Rota for next year year which I am now working on, to contact me as soon as possible to choose a date or to see what is involved. Who knows, two helpers coming forward to work together makes this an even better possibility that Friendship Lunches can continue and I send a very big thankyou to those loyal friends who have continued to provide lovely lunches this year.

Keith, Jenne and John Essam



Whitechapel Mission

Many thanks again to everyone who continues to support the vital work done by Whitechapel Mission with all the much needed donations of clothing that are left in the Link, inside our porch at home or collected by ourselves from you if requested. As previously said, following Covid many of their Donor Churches have closed down or donations have reduced considerably and they are always so grateful when we arrive from Trinity with a car packed full. Please continue to spread the word amongst friends and neighbours as by doing this our donations have increased considerably. If you have queries about items that may or may not be suitable to donate or would like us to collect bags from you then please do not hesitate to contact us, leaving a message on the answerphone if we are not available when you ring and we will be happy to arrange a suitable collection date. If you are able to bring them along to Church yourself then please leave them in the garage in the Link.

Hopefully our next trip to Whitechapel will be in the middle of May. Again a big thank you. We greatly appreciate the continuing support from friends at Trinity. *Keith, Jenne and John Essam*

Kit Wells - Trinity family wish her happiness and stable health as she moves to her new home with 24/7 care. Kit will be closer to her daughter, Jess.



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What kind of world do we want to live in?

I've been doing a lot of thinking about this question recently. I don't much like the state of the world at the moment. Yes, things have been a lot worse at various points in the past, but today doesn't fill me with joy, and I know a lot of people are anxious. But how would we want the world to look? And, if Jesus was here today, what kind of world would he want? Looking at the stories about him in the four Gospels in the Bible, I can suggest a few things.

It would be a world where people genuinely and deeply care about each other – not just those in those in our family or group or tribe, but everyone; where people care about the prosperity and flourishing of all, instead of competing with each other and grasping everything we can for ourselves and keeping others in poverty so that we can have our luxuries; where we have individual freedoms but also consider the needs of others; where leaders speak with grace and care about others rather than belittling them; where we speak the truth in love, rather than twisting everything for our own gain; where there is justice for all and no-one is above the law, regardless of how rich or powerful they are; where love not fear is the primary human motivation; where we take especial care of the most vulnerable people (because they need it); where we learn to trust each other; where we spend more on education than we do on warfare; where social media posting is fair, gracious and informed, and seeks to build up rather than tear down; where we live sustainably on the Earth (we might be going to Mars, but the scenery and the air are much better right here!).



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We might feel rather powerless to create a world like this.

The forces of fear and self-interest seem just too big. And yet the Christian Gospel is a message of hope: God raised Jesus from the dead 2,000 years ago, which means that he will put the world right and heal every wound. This might be hard to believe right now, but it's always been hard to believe. Like in the Psalms in the Bible, the prayers of ancient Israel that Jesus himself would have said, we might want to ask God "how long will you let this evil go on for?" or even "would you just wake up and do something?"

Waiting on God's timing is painful, but there are things that we can do in the meantime. We can pray, as the Psalms encourage us to do, even anguished prayers that blame God for everything. We can vote (I only have one vote but it is a little of power to build the world I want to see). And we can work. Christianity was never about people sitting around and waiting for God to fix everything; it was always about telling us that WE need to make a difference in the world around us.

Let these dark, scary days inspire us to work harder to be people of kindness and generosity to everyone we meet. Because that's how we build a better world – one kind act at a time.

May God bless you,

David



It is with great sadness Trinity heard that Lily Thomson passed away on Saturday 21st April 2025. She was 100 years of age. May she rest in peace. Our prayers are with Marion and all the family.



Tenebrae Quiz Answers

- 1 The day that Jesus celebrated the last supper with his disciples
- 2 Command
- 3 Pizza
- 4 Great Thursday
- 5 He washed their feet
- 6 Sabbath
- 7 Black
- 8 All the above
- 9 The Passover
- 10 To love one another

Trinity Church Membership

If you are worshipping at Trinity Church regularly and feel that this is the place to be, where you belong, as the minister in charge of this church family, I wholeheartedly extend an invitation to you to become a member of Trinity Church.

Why do I encourage church membership? Membership strengthens the bonds of fellowship among believers. The church functions as a spiritual family, offering emotional and practical support during times of need and celebrating milestones and successes together.

Church membership is more than formal affiliation, it is a declaration of your commitment to God and His people. It serves as a foundation for spiritual growth, a means of fellowship, and an opportunity for service, ultimately helping believers fulfil their purpose in God's kingdom. If you have any queries or questions about membership, please do not hesitate to call me or write me an email. I will be more than happy to assist you in becoming a member of Trinity Church.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours in His service, Rev. Asif Karam

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