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A LETTER FROM OUR LEADER.

I can hardly believe that we are half-way through the year. We are in the month of June already.

On the ninth of this month we shall be celebrating Pentecost.

The disciples had been having a rollercoaster few weeks since Easter Day. Jesus has been appearing through locked doors, telling them where they could catch fish, and cooking breakfast for them on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. Peter had to answer three times how much he loved Jesus. It says in chapter 21 of John's Gospel that Peter was hurt when Jesus asked him the third time. But when Peter thought about this time with Jesus, his mind went back to the three times he had denied that he ever knew Jesus. Jesus was cancelling out those denials, and forgiving Peter. How wonderful it is to know that our sins are forgiven.

After this occasion, Jesus appeared to the disciples many times over a period of 40 days. And then, 'before their very eyes', Jesus was taken up into heaven, in what we call the Ascension.

But, had Jesus left those disciples? No, physically maybe, but not spiritually. Jesus had promised that 'He would ask the Father' and He would pour out His Holy Spirit upon them. And this is what happened at Pentecost. And on the second Sunday of this month, this is what we shall be celebrating.

The Holy Spirit is described as a sound of mighty wind, and as tongues of fire resting on each of the disciples.

The Holy Spirit who came to those disciples invigorated them and filled them with great courage. And the wonderful thing is that God said He would pour out His Spirit on ALL people. So that promise is for us too. Have we opened our hearts to receive God's Holy Spirit? God's Holy Spirit can invigorate us. God's Holy Spirit can lead us and guide us throughout our lives. And God's Holy Spirit can be received by young and old alike. How wonderful is that?

The Holy Spirit can give us peace. He can give us comfort. And whether we are fit and able, or whether we can only sit in a chair all day, or are so poorly that we have to stay in bed, God's Holy Spirit is for each one of us.

Even if we have received the Holy Spirit, we all need a ‘topping up’, so let’s open our hearts so that we can receive His peace and comfort this Pentecost. Through the Holy Spirit we can feel close to God, and can feel Him near in our time of need, in our time of sadness, or rejoicing with us in our time of happiness.

Wherever you are reading this may God bless each one of you.

Margaret Newman.



TEARFUND

Better farming in **MALAWI**: in 2016 Tearfund’s partner AG Care started working in the Chirambi community, Malawi, to tackle food insecurity. They introduced the Foundations for Farming programme (FFF) alongside self-help groups (SHG’s). FFF is a short course, including theory and practise, teaching simple techniques to farm dry, barren land and make it productive again.

Sylvia’s husband abandoned her and leaving her with one bag of maize to feed a family of 5. She had no hope. But the FFF training has enabled Sylvia to harvest 25 bags of maize this season. Sylvia says “since 2017 we have been able to eat three meals a day” Praise God for his abundant provision.

Sylvia is now selling groundnuts and has bought chickens and goats. This means her family now have eggs, milk and meat. She is using and selling her animal manure helping to increase her yield and income. PRAY that other villages in the Chiramba community will be transformed through embracing FFF techniques.

For more information go to www.tearfund.org/pray or speak to me at church.

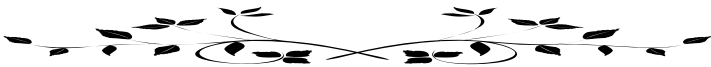
Sue Coatham

DO YOU ADMIT GOING TO CHURCH?

“In the US you have to be religious to be elected, in the UK you increasingly have to pretend not to be.” So says Fraser Nelson, editor of The Spectator. In a recent newspaper article* he pointed out in the UK, “an MP is quite at liberty to talk about their faith, but they ought to realise it comes at a cost to their credibility. ‘This is a side effect of the ongoing collapse of religiosity in Britain. Polls show that barely a quarter of us now profess faith in God or a ‘spiritual higher power’.”

Fraser Nelson continues: “As churchgoing becomes rarer, it is seen as stranger. More suspect. This increases the incentives to cover up one’s faith and treat it like a dirty secret. So, we end up with two self-reinforcing forces: the decline of people going to church – and the decline of churchgoers willing to admit it. He concludes that: “To be Christian in Britain today is to navigate your way through one of the fastest religious changes in the history of these islands.”

* Daily Telegraph, ‘The decline of religion accelerates when Christians hide their faith’, by Fraser Nelson, 30.03.19



THE SLEEP WALK. - A MESSAGE FROM HELEN GALE.

On Saturday 6th July I will be taking part in the 2019 Sleep Walk raising much needed money for Rowcroft Hospice. Any sponsorship you can offer will be gratefully received. Thank you. *Helen Gale*

DAY OF PENTECOST – WHIT SUNDAY...9th June

Pentecost took place on the well-established Jewish festival of Firstfruits, which was observed at the beginning of the wheat harvest. It was seven weeks after Easter, or 50 days including Easter.

A feast day to celebrate the country's wheat harvest does not sound exactly world-changing, but that year, it became one of the most important days in world history. For Pentecost was the day that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit – the day the Church was born. Jesus had told His disciples that something big was going to happen, and that they were to wait for it in Jerusalem, instead of returning to Galilee. Jesus had plans for His disciples – but He knew they could not do the work themselves – they would need His help. And so they waited in Jerusalem, praying together with His other followers, for many days. And then on that fateful morning there was suddenly the sound as of a mighty rushing wind. Tongues of flame flickered on their heads, and they began to praise God in many tongues – to the astonishment of those who heard them. The curse of Babel (Genesis 11: 1- 9) was dramatically reversed that morning.

That morning the Holy Spirit came to indwell the disciples and followers of Jesus: and the Church was born. The Christians were suddenly full of life and power, utterly different from their former fearful selves. The change in them was permanent. Peter gave the first ever sermon of the Christian Church that morning: proclaiming Jesus was the Messiah. His boldness in the face of possible death was in marked contrast to the man who had denied Jesus 50 days before. And 3,000 people responded, were converted, and were baptised. How's that for fast church growth!

Of course, Pentecost was not the first time the Holy Spirit had acted in this world. All through the Old Testament there are accounts of how God's Spirit guided people and strengthened them. But now, because of Christ's death and resurrection, He could INDWELL them. From now on, every Christian could have the confidence that Jesus was with them constantly, through the indwelling of His Holy Spirit.

TWENTY FIVE YEARS.....(or 13,000 hymns?)

To help out, I was asked to play the organ for services at Central on Christmas Sunday, 1993. I was impressed by the numbers in the congregation, the Choir and the cathedral specification of the four-manual organ. A couple of months later I was in Rugby for a managerial course. In the evenings I stayed in my hotel room to pray about my commitment to the church where I was Organist. The outcome seemed to be that I should try to put to one side thoughts of finding an appointment elsewhere.

On my return home, I really couldn't believe my ears when I was told that, in my absence, one of the Ministers from Central had been trying to contact me! When we met, he apologised for requesting a meeting because he felt it was out of order in view of the fact that I was Organist at another church. However, whilst he couldn't condone 'sheep stealing' he felt he had to agree to talk to me because Central's Organist (Ron Meades) was in no doubt that the way forward (for Central) was for me to work with Ron as co-organist.

So I was invited to apply for the post of co-organist in April 1994. The interview panel consisted of the Revd Gerald Bowerman (Minister), the Revd David Sams (Minister), the Revd Valerie Price (Minister), Mrs Jean Baker (Church Secretary), Mr Ron Meades (Church Organist) and Mrs Joyce Taylor (Choir Director).

Coming right up to date, Sunday 28 April this year was the 25th Anniversary of my appointment at Central. The occasion was marked at both services when thanks were expressed for my particular contribution to the worship life of the church over such a long period.

I have been very blessed with good health over the years and this has enabled my ministry to continue with minimal interruption. In fact, in the whole of my 25 years at Central, I can only remember missing one service through sickness. Allowing for the two or three Sundays that I

usually take as holiday each year (and including other services like Christmas and Good Fridays) by now I must have played at Central for around 1300 services – and 13,000 hymns! These numbers would be very much higher of course, if the whole of my 54 year's service were to be taken into account!

Over time, I have been grateful for the thanks and encouragement that I have received from members of the congregation. Some have perhaps expressed interest in a piece of music, some an occasional 'Thankyou'. Those comments have really meant a great deal to me and have helped to 'keep the wheels turning'.

I would also like to take this opportunity of thanking the Choir for their support and encouragement throughout the years. Their regular attendance on Fridays and Sundays has made my role so much easier.

Many thanks are also due to Margaret for recognising my 25th Anniversary and for her supportive comments. I hope to have the privilege of serving the Lord at the organ into the future. *Clive Bastin*



EASTER OFFERINGS

Thank you to all those who handed in their Easter Offering Envelopes. We did not manage to collect as much as last year, but even so, our contributions were £143. Every penny counts and every giver has played their part. Thank you again *Enia Dunn*



CENTRAL CHURCH MEETING 14TH APRIL 2019

If you would like a copy of the Minutes of this meeting, it can be obtained from Philip Kay - either by email or printed copy.

BARNABAS CHARITY.....working for persecuted Christians.

On Easter Sunday in Sri Lanka religious extremists killed more than 250 people in suicide bomb attacks. A week earlier a pregnant woman and three children were massacred at a baby dedication service in a church in Nigeria. These evil deeds are being carried out in many countries around the world.

In Myanmar (formerly Burma) many Christians suffer life-changing injuries. Two men who left their camp to search for food in the forest were severely injured and one had to have both legs amputated. In countries around the world about 3,000 Christians a year are murdered for their faith.

Please pray for the work that Barnabas Charity workers are doing to help persecuted Christians. We have so little idea of the suffering many Christians are subjected to – so pray and pray again. *MML*



THE LEPROSY MISSION.

‘... whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ Matthew 25: 40

Thank you everyone at Central who gave so generously to the appeal for ‘Heal Nepal’. Trevor Grant, our Regional Representative says: “You are truly special people! Thanks to you, lives will change.” Pam Rhodes wrote: “Thank you so much for your wonderful compassion for Nepal. Your generosity means we can begin to see an end to this ancient disease for ever.”

At a retiring collection on 10th March, we gave £421.53. Central’s Fellowship sent £240 and Home Collecting box members £52.15 respectively making a combined total from Central of £718.68. When matched by the Government’s UK Aid Scheme, this sum became £1437.36. Many people will be cured of leprosy and their lives will be transformed as a result of this magnificent amount. Thank you so much.

The latest news is that, nationally, “Heal Nepal” raised £1.3 million which, matched by UK Aid, is an incredible £2.6 million!

Linda Duckworth.

VICTORIA PARK.

PRAYER BOARD

This is where we remember in prayer those friends who are not well, and those friends who are not able to attend church

This month we think of Myra Wise, Margery Vaughan and Susan Gibbs.

BIRTHDAY. Margery on the 5th June.

HELP WANTED!!

Help is urgently needed with the Saturday Coffee Mornings – please talk to Steph or Pat.

More Volunteers are wanted for door duty on a Sunday

We have gaps in the flower rota – if you can help please put your name on the list in the hall.

VICTORIA PARK CHURCH MEETING

Monday 10th June at 10.30am

DATED DOOR STEWARDS FLOWERS

2nd Betty & Pam

9th Steph & Roz Pat & Caroline

16th Pat & Pam

23rd Connie & John Margaret Russell

30th Betty & Steph

JUNE 2019 CALENDAR
Central Victoria Park

DAY	DATE	TIME	DETAIL	C/VP
Sat	1st	10.00	Pop in for a Coffee	VP
Sun	2 nd		See separate page for Services all Churches	
		12.30	Community Lunch	C
Mon	3 rd	6.30	Flexercise Fun	C
Tues	4 th	9.30	Midweek Prayers.	C
		10.00	Coffee & Fellowship	C
		10.00	Busy Bees	C
		2.30	Sisterhood – Nigel Trimbell	VP
		7.00	New Life Housegroup	C
Wed	5 th	10.00	Faith Matters	C
Thurs	6 th	9.30	Central Tots	C
Fri	7 th	10.00	Coffee Fellowship	C
		11.00	Belleplates	C
		7.00	Choir Practice	C
Sat	8 th	10.00	Pop in for a Coffee	VP
Sun	9 th		See separate page for Services all Churches	
		LAST	DAY FOR JULY/AUGUST CORNERSTONE	
Mon	10 th	6.30	Flexercise Fun	C
Tues	11 th	9.30	Midweek Service	C
		10.00	Coffee & Fellowship	C
		10.00	Busy Bees	C
		2.30	Sisterhood – AGM & Homemade Cookies	VP
Wed	12 th	10.00	Faith Matters	C
Thurs	13 th	9.30	Central Tots	C
Fri	14 th	10.00	Coffee & Fellowship	C
		11.00	Belleplates	C
		7.00	Choir	C
Sat	15 th	10.00	Pop in for a Coffee	VP
		9.30	Circuit Devotional Day at Brunel Manor	

Sun	16 th		See Separate page for Services all Churches	
Mon	17 th	2.00	Central's Fellowship- Bring & Buy, Raffle, Refreshments.	C
		6.30	Flexercise Fun	C
Tues	18 th	9.30	Midweek Prayers .	C
		2.30	Sisterhood Afternoon Tea & Fun	VP
		7.00	New Life Housegroup	C
		7.30	Circuit Meeting at Central	
Wed	19 th	10.00	Faith Matters	C
Thurs	20 th	9.30	Central Tots	C
Fri	21 st	10.00	Coffee & Fellowship	C
		11.00	Belleplates	C
		7.00	Choir	C
Sat	22 nd	10.00	Pop in for a Coffee	VP
Sun	23 rd		See separate page for Services all Churches	
Mon	24 th	6.30	Flexercise Fun	C
Tues	25 th	9.30	Midweek Communion	C
		10.00	Coffee & Fellowship	C
		10.00	Busy Bees	C
Wed	26 th	10.00	Faith Matters	C
Thurs	27 th	9.30	Central Tots	C
		7.30	Moors Housegroup	C
Fri	28 th	10.00	Coffee & Fellowship	C
		11.00	Belleplates	C
		7.00	Choir	C
Sat	29 th	10.00	Pop in for a Coffee	VP
Sun	30 th		See separate page for Services all Churches	



Seasoned travellers, the missionary and his wife went to book reservations at the airlines counter. They humbly requested: "Two tickets to wherever our luggage is going."

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR JUNE 2019
(HC) = Sacrament of Holy Communion

CENTRAL

DATE	TIME	MORNING	EVENING.6.30
2 nd	10.30	Revd Simon Bloxam-Rose	Barbara Vond
9 th	9.00	Rise & Shine	
	10.30	Revd Dr John Haley (HC)	Major Denise Brine
16 th	10.30	Revd Peter Williamson	Revd Adrian Phippen
23 rd	9.00	Rise & Shine	
	10.30	Margaret Newman	Revd Dr John Haley (HC)
30 th	10.30	Revd Graham Shaw	Wendy Hugonnet

VICTORIA PARK (10.30)

DATE

2 nd	Revd Dr John Haley (HC)
9 th	Irene Cochran
16 th	Adam Hills
23 rd	Revd Simon Bloxam-Rose
30 th	Irene Cochran



A student called 'Wright', so they say
 Wrote 'right' in a wrong kind of way
 His teacher, inflamed
 Then loudly exclaimed
 "Right Wright, write 'right' right, right away!"

CENTRAL'S WELCOME ROTA

DATE	10.30 am	6.30am
2 nd	Dorothy Barnett & Cynthia Arscott	Paul Sherriff
9 th	Monica Lansley & Philip Kay	Philip Kay
16 th	Gerald & Joy Morris	Sue Coatham
23 rd	Jackie Little & Sue Coatham	Philip Kay
30 th	Monica Lansley & Philip Kay	Barbara Lawton



COMMUNITY LUNCHES.

We're delighted that these continue to be enjoyed, and they bring together people from our own church and elsewhere who would normally be eating at home alone.

The price has remained the same throughout the first year, but we feel this should now be increased. We would not do this without due notice, and we trust you will feel it is still good value for money.

Accordingly as from the 4th August the cost will be £6.

TRINITY

'We worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity; neither confounding the Persons, nor dividing the Essence.' (Athanasian Creed).

On Trinity Sunday we will celebrate God as one God in three Persons. This understanding is based on how we see God at work in the world. We trust in a God who is: *'God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist; God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again and God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world'* (CofE Baptism Service).

The Trinity provides a model for **Christian community**. God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit relate together in a love relationship of mutual accountability with one another. They complement and build on the work of each other. At His baptism, Jesus the Son is obedient to His Father, who declares His approval as the Spirit anoints Jesus for ministry. *'the Holy Spirit descended on Him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'* (Luke 3:22). To what extent does the life of our church reflect this?

We also find our **mission** in the Trinity. Jesus said, *'As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.'* (John 20:21). As the Father sent His Son into the world, so Jesus sends us out to do the Father's work, equipped by the Spirit of God. How are we called to share in God's mission ourselves?



**Forgiveness from others is charity;
from God, grace; from oneself, wisdom**

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CENTRAL'S FELLOWSHIP

We are now in the middle of our summer break but will be holding two 'Afternoon Teas' in June and July. The one in June will be held on MONDAY 17th JUNE, and the JULY one on MONDAY 15th both from 2.00-4.00pm and tickets will be available from Sheila Lawrence. There will be a 'Bring & Buy' Stall, also a Raffle and Refreshments will be served. All proceeds will be for our Heal Nepal Charity and Central Church. Everyone is welcome - we do hope you will join us.

Barbara Lawton

A REFLECTION FROM CENTRAL.

Perhaps by the time you read this Magazine, you will have seen the Torbay Air Show -- or, at least, heard it!

All sorts of aircraft take part in the Show. The Eurofighter Typhoon which is the world's most advanced combat twin engine aircraft. The Hawker Hurricane which was used in the Battle of Britain. The Boeing Chinook Helicopter, which is among the heaviest lifting Western helicopter, to name but a few. And of course there are the Red Arrows which are the world's premier aerobatic display team, representing speed, agility and precision.

Some of these are aeroplanes which flew on a regular basis during World War II. Now they come out of their mothball existence for shows such as this one in Torbay. Who would have thought that when they flew years ago that they would come back for a few moments glory in the skies above our Bay, and, no doubt at other air shows too.

But, what about the Red Arrows? They are amazing -- well, their pilots are. They have to trust each other implicitly, and know that each one of them will concentrate completely during each manoeuvre.

Trust is a worthy attribute isn't it. If someone trusts you it means that you can be relied upon. It means that someone is confident that you will do what you have said you would do. In the Bible, James (who many consider was the brother of Jesus) writes in Chapter 5 "Let your 'yes' be yes, and your 'no' no. Surely, that is a good maxim to live by. Jesus is certainly Someone who can be trusted. Everything He said would happen -- did happen. He said many times that He would be betrayed, rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law. He said that He would be killed, that He would be buried, and on the third day He would rise again. And all that happened. Jesus was a Man who could be trusted.

We are asked to follow Him and live lives that He has taught us to. So are we to be trusted? Can someone say of us that if we say 'yes' we mean it, and if we say 'no' we mean it.

The pilots of each of the Red Arrow planes are so trusted by each other -- they know that they will do just the right twists and turns at the right moment.

Does Jesus know that we will always do the right thing? Does Jesus know that we will always say the right thing?

If you are reading this before the Air Show takes place, as you watch the Red Arrows, let's think of the word trust, and make a promise to ourselves, that we can always be trusted. But, in any case, whether we watch the Red Arrows or not, let us pray that trust will be one of our attributes.

God bless you all.

Margaret Newman.



OPEN DOORS

North Korean believers say they are 'very encouraged by radio messages' from Open Doors supporters, broadcast to them over the radio.

Open Doors broadcasts several Christian programmes to North Koreans each week, all in the middle of the night because it's the safest time for them to listen to the radio. Last year many Christians sent in messages of encouragement that could be shared with North Korean believers, and many sent in prayers and verses to strengthen their North Korean family.

One church leader said "I remember that after the song 'The love of God' was broadcast, a message from a foreign believer was read out. It quoted Colossians 1:1-8, where Paul talks about thanking and praying always.

The message said that the lives of North Korean believers match those from Colossians 1.

'We also pray day and night in our desperation' from Revelations 3:7-13. Please continue to support and pray for North Korean believers. It's thanks to you this incredible work is possible.

Taken from Open doors prayer diary.

If you would like a copy of the prayer diary please speak to Sue Coatham

FOREIGN STUDENTS

We have welcomed several students since we started Saturday morning activities. Christine and Sue have been a wonderful help and the students from South Korea, Asia and Europe have been enjoying our hospitality including table tennis, badminton, chess and cards on Saturday and church on Sunday. They bring their own bibles which are printed in English as well as their own language on the same page.

We had a wonderful trip to Buckfast Abbey on bank holiday Monday. They were so interested in the new organs and the magnificent window in the prayer chapel depicting Christ with outstretched hands. They just sat and gazed at the beauty and colourful glass for some minutes.

A few have come to Central to worship and they stay for a cup of tea or coffee. All this helps them improve their language skills. If you have not spoken to them please do. I know they will take the experience home and have good memories of Central.

They leave us in mid June but they will return at the beginning of September. Exams are keeping them busy so we at Central wish them good results and hope they will continue following Christ wherever they go.

Michael Mann.



OFFERINGS AT THE SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

Our Stewards would very much like to hear from anyone who would be prepared to help with this simple task. With more helpers it becomes even less onerous. Do give this some thought and talk to Graham, Jeff or John on Sunday morning.

WHAT IS FAITH?

According to google, in the dictionary faith means: A complete trust or confidence in someone or something. It is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

I guess hoping for the best and not the worst.

Hebrews 11 (NCV) What Is Faith?

11 Faith means being sure of the things we hope for and knowing that something is real even if we do not see it. 2 Faith is the reason we remember great people who lived in the past.

3 It is by faith we understand that the whole world was made by God's command so what we see was made by something that cannot be seen.

So why is faith important? I tend to give up to those stronger around me unless there is something to believe in, to me faith is to hold on in my thoughts instead of giving up straight away to believe in myself a bit more because of the presence and love of God which I feel is with me when I call upon it.

Where I work at Walmer House I have been invited to read a piece each week at lunchtime after they say grace before lunch. On Monday I will be asking a few residents while I am working about what faith means to them to include in my reading. It leads me to wonder what does faith mean to you?

Leyla Clark



HE HAD NO HOME

He had no home, The birds of the air had nests
But He had nowhere to lay His head. He lived as a poor man
Supported by friends, But fed the thousands with fish and bread.

He preached three years, Persecuted by Pharisees
Who thought He came to destroy the Law, But the people listened
And some believed That He was the One they all waited for.

He came to save When He was lifted up.

On Calvary's cross of suffering and pain, The curtain tore,
The way made through, And man once lost was found again.

By Megan Carter

Shades of Yellow

Have you ever noticed the shades of yellow,
Mother Nature creates in the spring?
Such a vibrant colour, alive and bright,
Like an awakening morning, after the night.
Out of winter gloom, to give joy and delight,
A new life it promises to bring.

Isn't it strange, that so many flowers,
Bloom in yellow around Easter time,
Bringing joy, and gladness and blessing poured
To celebrate the risen Lord.

The stately daffs with their golden trumpets,
Wanting to blast out loud and clear,
To herald the magnificence of this time of year.
In the fields and meadows amidst the green,
Are celandines and buttercups, so clearly seen,
And the leafy lanes with hedges banked,
Is the home of the primrose in clusters ranked.
The delicate perfume of this paler hue,
Drifts on the breeze as it passes through

The flowering forsythia without much leaf,
Emblazoned in shining gold,
The golden crocus, close to the ground,
Is a wonderful sight to behold.

The fields of rape seed, spreading for miles,
Cheers the heart, with happiness and smiles.
The tulip, the dandelion, the hyacinth floor,
The gorse, the cowslip, the iris and more,
Too many to mention, but can be seen I'm sure.

All yellow and gold, a colour of cheer,
A spectrum so wide and bright,
Every bloom, every plant, every petal that grows,
Heralding summer, all gilded with light.

So look around, now spring time is here
In the gardens, in the park, or down the lane,
Then thank our God for the wonders of yellow,
And pray they'll return once again.

Barbara Gissinger



THOUGHT THIS LITTLE STORY MIGHT MAKE YOU THINK!

When I wasn't able to drive to Central I decided I would visit a local church in Paignton.

After a friendly welcome I went and sat down. Immediately I was aware I was SITTING IN SOMEONE ELSE'S SEAT! There were gasps of disbelief and lots of muttering about where Mrs was going to sit, how would she feel if she came in and didn't know where to sit. Behind me there was shuffling around, presumably to try and make room for her in their row.

I felt totally uncomfortable and couldn't concentrate on the service at all. I truthfully cannot remember what it was about. When coffee was offered after the service I thought no thanks, I just want to go home.

If I had never been into a church before I would think that's what they are all like and never enter a church again. As it is I won't be returning to that one.

Sue Lees

Editor's note: Thought this event couldn't happen these days – but clearly it does! We must be on the alert!

Q CENTRAL'S PICTURE QUIZ NUMBER 77



April 2019 'Easter'

For whatever reason, only 10 people returned their entries this time. The 'Hot cross bun' at number 17 did catch some of you out, as I thought it might, (a bit cheeky, that one eh??) so there were only 4 people with completely correct answers. Some of you gave very detailed answers quoting the biblical reference. I was very impressed by that. Well done.

The name 'picked out of the hat' was Maureen Hole, who enters every time, but hasn't been lucky enough to have been selected for a long time. Well done Maureen.

Here are the answers to quiz NO. 77 'Easter'

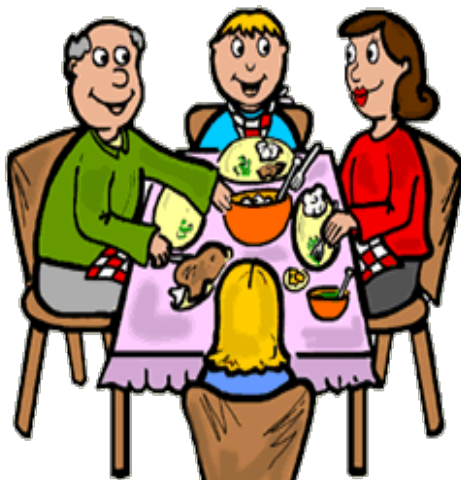
1. CROWN OF THORNS 2. THE EMPTY TOMB 3. JESUS
4. UPPER ROOM 5. EMPTY. 6. TEMPLE / SYNAGOGUE
7. JUDAS WHO HUNG HIMSELF 8. COCKEREL CROWED 3 TIMES, PETER'S DENIAL
9. ANGEL AT THE TOMB 10. (12) DISCIPLES
11. GARDEN 12. PONTIUS PILATE 13. WHIP 14. ARISE
15. PALM BRANCHES or PALM TREE 16. LAST SUPPER
17. HOT CROSS BUN 18. 2 CRIMINALS CRUCIFIED WITH JESUS
19. ROMAN SOLDIER or CENTURIAN 20. 30 PIECES OF SILVER
21. MARY 22. SUNDAY 23. BONNET 24. ALIVE 25. 3RD DAY

The next quiz, number 79 returns to its original style, so I hope you'll all get a copy and have some fun.

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