

Barnt Green Baptist Church



Easter edition

April 4th & 11th 2021



Yorkshire Easter

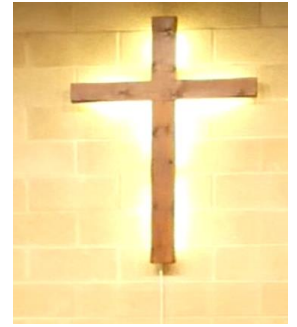
This Easter

- * Good Friday service at 10am + Emmaus walk event during the weekend
- * Easter Sunday and the April 11th services will be released on the Website, Facebook and YouTube at 10:30 am on Sunday
- * Coffee and Catch up will run after the YouTube/Facebook Premiere videos have ended

Find us on <https://www.bgb.org.uk/> and



Easter - Good Friday



We know from Acts that one of the marks of the early church was that they met together, as well as teaching and fellowship, they met together to 'break bread'. This Easter we want to provide two opportunities for this. One on Good Friday, and one during the time leading up to Good Friday. We are being advised it is still not safe to meet in a large gathering, but we are allowed to meet up with folk outside. So the idea of an Emmaus Walk is being offered to us all so we might be 'Together yet Apart' this Easter.

Emmaus Walk

The idea for this Easter Church Wide activity is for you and another person to go a walk, call each other up for a virtual walk, just connect with another person from the church community, talk, as they did on the Emmaus Road about the events of these days, what they have lost, what they have gained, but then invite God into the conversation. Stop and read the passage at the end of this.

Then... Pray. Pray for what you have talked about, past, present, future. Pray for where you are, what is around you, your neighbours, the village/town you live in, pray for the church community, your friends, those who have worked supporting or in the NHS, those you know have lost family, your leadership team, the wider church, pray for those you know who do not yet know Jesus.

You should have received an envelope with two communion cups per member of your family, plus 1 just in case. One is for Good Friday. One for this activity. Use these to take communion with your fellow traveller. This will mean we can do this in a safe way.

Our hope is as you partake in the activity, and invite God into your conversation, you will also take time to stop, and listen to the Holy Spirits still small voice.

We would then like you to send us your experience. Maybe it's just the emotion of being with someone and taking communion, maybe it's the Holy Spirit speaking directly into your life. Maybe it is something you feel God has for His church as we start to look at rebuilding. Whatever it is, send it to Pete or Steve, send us an email, call us up, send us a short 2 min video, and if we can, we will incorporate those into our 'Together yet Apart' Easter service.

We recognise that not everyone will feel confident enough to find their own partner. Maybe you are not in a small group. Maybe you just don't want to presume on a friendship. If that is you, but you want to take part, please let us know and we will do our best to connect you with someone else so you can partake in this corporate act of prayer, fellowship and communion.

This Easter let's be an Acts 29 Church, a church writing our own part of Church history. Doing what we can to still be a biblical community upholding the marks of that original Acts church.

Pete



Easter arrangements

Good Friday— 10 am Service online

Emmaus Walk event see previous page

Easter Sunday—Service at 10.30am online

April 11th—Service at 10.30am online

Church chat and catch on Zoom will follow both services

The online services will continue, accessible on YouTube, Facebook and through the church website from 10:30 Sundays, 10am on Good Friday

PLEASE BE AWARE AFTER EASTER SUNDAY PETE IS OFF FOR TWO WEEKS, IF YOU NEED HELP PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

The next news sheet will arrive on Friday April 16th

Someone is going on a trip





Save the date – Women’s Activate Weekend Away March 4-6th 2022

“In a world where everyone is telling you who and what to BE, what does God want us to BE? How does that look in our society today and how can the answers help our friends and communities too?”

Activate Your Life is a charity that aims to encourage, resource and inspire Christian women. They have just announced their 2022 weekend away dates and venue, and are encouraging people to book on to secure places.

The weekend will take place on 4th-6th March 2022, an hour away in Daventry at the De Vere Staverton Estate. Costs on the website with what is included. Why not discuss it in your small groups.

activateyourlife.org.uk/be-activate-weekend-away-2022

[BE: The Activate Weekend Away 2022 – Activate Your Life](#)

Thank You

Dear Church family

I just wanted to say a very big ‘thank you’ for your kindness whilst David has been poorly with pneumonia for the past month – we were so grateful for the meals, fruit box, emails and phone calls. Pastor Pete and Cathryn have been fantastic, being at the hospital several times in the ‘small hours’, liaising with the doctor and keeping an eye on David. David is progressing well – all the fluid and chest infection appears to have gone but he is very weak just now. We are so fortunate to belong to such a lovely and loving Church family.

Much love Barbara W.

Justice Conference: 21 May 2021

The logo for Tearfund, featuring the word "tearfund" in white lowercase letters on a dark teal rectangular background.

God *is* at work in the midst of the world's chaos, and we can partner with him in transforming and restoring our relationships, communities, and world.

You are invited to *The Justice Conference 2021* – a global gathering of Christians who are passionate about living out the message of Jesus and making justice a way of life.

Since 2018, Tearfund has been hosting *The Justice Conference* in the UK. This year, the conference will be online, broadcast on 22 May 2021 from 11 countries over 24 hours.

Leading speakers from around the world will be taking part and delegates will have the opportunity to join with thousands of Christians to pray, worship, discuss and take action together.

There is an inspiring line-up of speakers including [Danielle Strickland](#), [Krish Kandiah](#), [Lisa Sharon Harper](#) and many more, tackling topics such as racism, poverty and climate change from a biblical perspective. Sessions can be watched live and will be available on-demand for up to a month after the event.

PS If you register, can you let Steve know? If there's a group of us, however small, we could organise a watch party (we gather online to watch at the same time)

DIARY DATE

The AGM Church Meeting will be held on Zoom on
Thursday 29th April
at 7:30pm

Church Chat and catch up

drop in for 5 mins or the full 30,

Meeting ID: 872 0556 9890

Passcode: 307244

You can join the Zoom Meeting by using this link and providing the passcode above when prompted

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87205569890?pwd=ckdUN21DR2thNII2SUFLUDB3R2pqUT09>

In the next two weeks

Happy Birthday

To Tim, Matt Dakin and Andy Sloan

Hi Everybody,

Guess who arrived?!

On Saturday there was a knock on the door and two little friends had come to visit! Mouse and Troll explained that they were totally fed up with Lockdown and decided to make a little tour. They have had lots of fun with Toby and Flo (and maybe some fun without them too!?)



To begin with, Mouse started wearing a face mask but Flo explained that he could relax as he had now joined our bubble.

We have noticed that Mouse has eaten a lot of our cheese this week- Cathedral City seems to be a clergy rodent's preference. We also had to limit the amount of time that Troll spent on the iPad, mainly to prevent him becoming an Internet Troll.



They have tried on Easter bonnets, fished in the pond, hidden in the Spring flowers and done lots of garden play!



Troll enjoyed riding in the basket on Flo's bike and



.....they enjoyed a spot of gardening together.



Mouse and Troll have enjoyed a break in the countryside and are looking forward to visiting some more friends over Easter. They didn't tell us where they were going next so I suppose we'll have to watch this space! They are staying a few more days but then will be making their way onwards.

Please let us know if they turn up at your house!

Love from The Vandersons plus guests xx

