

Barnt Green Baptist Church



March 28th 2021



This Week

- * Pete will be preaching and Mark will be leading the worship
- * The service will be released on the Website, Facebook and Youtube at 10:15 am BST on Sunday
- * Coffee and Catch up will run from 11:30

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



In Kids' Church on Sunday, Esther M helped us to learn about Palm Sunday. We thought about how we would feel if Jesus walked along our road. We decided that we would be very excited and would give him a hug.

The children designed some banners that they would wave on Palm Sunday.



This Sunday—clocks spring forward

The online services will continue, accessible on YouTube, Facebook and through the church website from 10:15 BRITISH SUMMER TIME

Pete will be preaching this week with Mark leading the worship

Church Chat and catch up

11:30 BST

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=ckdUN21DR2thNlI2SUFLUDB3R2pqUT09>

**Happy Birthday
to Sarah and Jenny
this week**

Easter

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.

In the next few days you will receive 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

The Passage

Luke 24:13-35 (The Voice Translation)

¹³ Picture this:

That same day, two other disciples (not of the eleven) are traveling the seven miles from Jerusalem to Emmaus. ¹⁴ As they walk along, they talk back and forth about all that has transpired during recent days. ¹⁵ While they're talking, discussing, and conversing, Jesus catches up to them and begins walking with them, ¹⁶ but for some reason they don't recognize Him.

Jesus: ¹⁷ You two seem deeply engrossed in conversation. What are you talking about as you walk along this road?

They stop walking and just stand there, looking sad. ¹⁸ One of them—Cleopas is his name—speaks up.

Cleopas: You must be the only visitor in Jerusalem who hasn't heard about what's been going on over the last few days.

Jesus: ¹⁹ What are you talking about?

Two Disciples: It's all about the man named Jesus of Nazareth. He was a mighty prophet who did amazing miracles and preached powerful messages in the sight of God and everyone around. ²⁰ Our chief priests and authorities handed Him over to be executed—crucified, in fact.

²¹ We had been hoping that He was the One—you know, the One who would liberate all Israel and bring God's promises. Anyway, on top of all this, just this morning—the third day after the execution— ²² some women in our group really shocked us. They went to the tomb early this morning, ²³ but they didn't see His body anywhere. Then they came back and told us they did see something—a vision of heavenly messengers—and these messengers said that Jesus was alive. ²⁴ Some people in our group went to the tomb to check it out, and just as the women had said, it was empty. But they didn't see Jesus.

Jesus: ²⁵ Come on, men! Why are you being so foolish? Why are your hearts so sluggish when it comes to believing what the prophets have been saying all along? ²⁶ Didn't it have to be this way? Didn't the Anointed One have to experience these sufferings in order to come into His glory?

Justice Conference: 21 May 2021



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)

New BGBC Travel and Holiday feature

We can't really go anywhere this Easter but two very small members of the congregation will be starting a Grand tour - coming soon.