

WINTER/SPRING - DEATH/NEW LIFE

The older I get the less I look forward to Winter and the more I anticipate Spring. It's good when the dark evenings are here to sit by a lovely log fire to keep warm but how much better when spring arrives to enjoy the increasing warmth of the sun and see the primroses, daffodils and other spring flowers blooming, and soon the trees bursting into leaf. What a few weeks ago looked so bare and forlorn is now radiant with new life.

As we come to another Easter time we remember the first Good Friday, what a dark/black day that was. Jesus had been sentenced to death in what must be the cruellest way possible to be executed. Cruel rough nails driven through His hands and feet as He was nailed to the rough cross which was lifted and dropped into the socket. Jesus the Just and Holy One crucified with thieves on either side. Then for three hours there was complete darkness when God turned His Face away and Jesus was punished for the sins of His people. A verse from the Bible reminding us of this is on our notice board: -

"Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures". 1 Corinthians ch 15 v 3

After Good Friday there is Easter Sunday - Resurrection Day when Christ rose in triumph from the grave having conquered death, He was alive. He died and rose again to atone for the sins of all who repent and put their trust in Him.

"He is not here, He is Risen". Matthew ch 28 v 6

We would love to welcome you to all our Services. Details of our Good Friday and Easter Sunday Services are on the back page.

We have a leaflet, which we would be happy to send to you, if you would like to know more about the Easter story. Please contact me using the details on the back page.

Elwyn Sweetman (Secretary)

Christ is risen! Hallelujah! risen our victorious head! Sing His praises! Hallelujah! Christ is risen from the dead. Gratefully our hearts adore Him as His light once more appears, bowing down in joy before Him, rising up from grief and tears.

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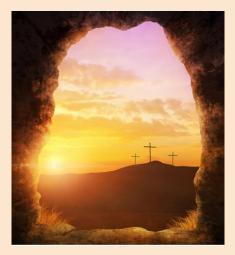
Christ is risen! all the sadness of His earthly life is o'er; through the open gates of gladness He returns to life once more; death and hell before Him bending, He is risen, the Victor now, angels on His steps attending, glory round His wounded brow.

Christ is risen! henceforth never death or hell shall us enthral; we are Christ's, in Him forever we have triumphed over all; all the doubting and dejection of our trembling hearts have ceased; 'tis His day of resurrection, Let us rise and keep the feast. Five Ash Down Chapel Services

<u>Sunday Services</u> are at 11.00 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. <u>Prayer and Bible Study</u> Thursdays 7.30 p.m. Telephone for venue

<u>Good Friday Service</u> 29th March 11.00 a.m. Speaker Mr Danny Ahir from Tadworth Refreshments after the service

<u>Easter Sunday Services</u> 31st March 11.00 a.m. & 2.30 p.m. Speaker Mr Keith Mouland from Hastings



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