



Weekly Notices

Sunday 5th April

Easter Sunday

10:15 for 10:30am Cafe Church led by Revd. Leon Dundas

Hymns: StF298 Christ the Lord is risen

StF479 The King of love

StF437 When the music fades

StF313 Thine be the glory

StF626 Even though I walk

Readings: John 20 v 1-18

Jeremiah 31 v 1-6

or join the service from 10:00am on your computer

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Dear Friends,

He is risen indeed! The Evidence

Flavius Josephus (AD 37 – c. 100) was a Jewish historian and military leader. His works are a chief source next to the Bible for the history of Israel, offering independent extra-biblical account of figures like Pontius Pilate, Herod the Great, John the Baptist, James, brother of Jesus, and of course, Jesus himself. About the resurrection, Josephus wrote: “It is also stated that after his execution and entombment Jesus disappeared entirely. Some people actually assert that he had risen; others retort that his friends stole him away. I for one cannot decide where the truth lies.”

He admitted, with the honesty of a careful historian, that he could not decide where the truth lay, possibly because for him it remained unexplored. But the resurrection is a claim that demands to be examined.

Brooke Foss Westcott, renowned biblical scholar, theologian, Regius Professor of Divinity at Cambridge and later Bishop of Durham was perhaps best known for co-editing ‘The New Testament in the original Greek’ in 1881. Having studied the subject in great depth, he concluded “Taking all the evidence together, it is not too much to say that there is no single historic incident better or more variously supported than the resurrection of Christ.”

In the late 1920’s, the English advertising agent and writer Albert Henry Ross, sceptical about the resurrection, set out to analyse all the available evidence, and debunk the story. Yet in the process, he came to be convinced of its truth. He set out his reasoning in the book ‘Who Moved the Stone?’ (1930) under the pseudonym Frank Morrison. It’s a powerful work, and many people have become Christians after reading it.

More recently, American investigative journalist Lee Strobel, went on the same journey. A convinced atheist, he decided to investigate matters after his wife became a Christian, with the intention of dismantling the story piece by piece. Instead, he too became a Christian and wrote the book ‘The Case for Christ’ in 1998, which was later made into a film.

It seems that the evidence is there to find ...if we approach it with the same curiosity that has changed so many lives before us. Across the centuries, the pattern repeats itself: those who look closely often find themselves surprised by what they discover.

The resurrection is not a fragile hope that collapses under examination; it is a reality that has carried the weight of history, scholarship, and personal encounter.

The empty tomb is not just a mystery to unravel—it is a loving invitation. An invitation to embrace the truth that Jesus is alive, that despair does not have the last say, that forgiveness is within reach, and that life can always begin anew. He is risen indeed! Every blessing at this Easter time! Cathy

FOR OUR PRAYERS AT HOME:

"He is not here, he has risen". (Luke 24 v 5)

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for the great message of Easter, that you won the greatest of all victories, your triumph over evil and death. Thank you for your own experiences of your power over seemingly impossible situations, teaching us that nothing is impossible if we put our trust in you. AMEN

"But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ".

1 Corinthians 15 v 57

FRIDAY LUNCH CLUB

The next lunch is to be held at Homeleigh Garden Centre Friday 10th April **12noon**. Please add your name to the list if you wish to attend, or contact Meg

FRIDAY FOCUS 10th April - 2.30 p.m.

"April showers". Please bring poems, stories and other things you would like to share about Easter, the month of April and springtime in general. All welcome. Tea and home made cakes will be served.

CHURCH FAMILY Lauren is running the London Marathon. She is running for Children with Cancer and I have organised a Coffee Morning at the Bowling Club on Thursday 9th April from 10am to 12 noon which is to help her raise funds. I attach the poster which has all the details and her little spiel about why she is running *Karen*

Week beginning Saturday 4th April

Sat 4 th April	10 - 11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for Church Funds
Sun 5 th April	10:15 for 10:30am	Cafe Church in church or on the web led by Leon Dundas
Mon 6 th April	8 am	Start the week in prayer in Church or wherever you are
		No Big Top resume 20 th April
Wed 8 th April		3Ls Discipleship postponed UFN
	7:00pm	Emmaus at Home
Fri 10 th April	10 am - 12 pm	Coffee and Chat
	12:00pm	Lunch Club Homeleigh Garden Centre
	2:30pm	Friday Focus
Sat 11 th April	10 -11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for Disaster Emergency
Sun 12 th April	10:30 am	Morning Worship in the Church or on the web led by Rev Barbara Greenwood

CREDITON FOODBANK requests this week:

Tinned pies, potatoes, fruit, orange juice and apple juice
 Dog food (dry or wet) Honey, Crisps, Cooking oil, Cornflakes
 Size 5 nappies

Contact Details

A CHURCH STEWARD

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