

**HE IS
RISEN**

EASTER April 2022 Newsletter

KEEP RIGHT ON TO THE END OF THE ROAD

We all want to "build back better", So did the people of Israel in Jesus' time. He came proclaiming that the Kingdom of God for which they had waited centuries was about to appear. This would overthrow the hated rule of the Romans. So when He began His ministry they flocked to hear Him, as Mark tells us in his Gospel (3:7=8). His healings drew them like a magnet. Who would not want to follow him?

However this popularity did not last long. For various reasons He fell foul of the Jewish leaders. For example, they did not like His concern for the least fortunate members of society. Then He began to tell them of the cost of following Him, as well as its benefits. "If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me" (9:34) . From then on the sky grew darker and the way more difficult.

We often begin new projects, a new hobby or a fresh job with great enthusiasm but the real test comes later when the novelty has worn off. Everybody experiences this. Graham Sansom in last month's Newsletter describes how he had to find a new sphere of service after his time in Albania. We have to adopt the same spirit in our own situation. We were glad when the church was reopened for worship but this was only a beginning.

Although we do not follow traditional ways of observing Lent, we are now in it as we travel with Jesus to Jerusalem. His disciples had to adjust their thinking and their ways. We too may be having to do things a little differently and this is not always easy. It is a test of our discipleship.

The way of Jesus led His disciples to the Cross. Our problems and suffering are not obvious at the moment, although many in Eastern Europe are much greater and we may be called to endure hardship at some time. Yet He led them to the triumph of the Resurrection and the vindication of their decision to follow Him. If we are faithful we may well take heart from their experience..
Keep right on to the end of the road!

Prayer Breakfast

What people took away from the prayer breakfast. Sheila writes "However you like to pray, the prayer breakfast has the answer. Whether you pray alone, with a close friend or in a group. There are activities which open our mind to prayer". People who attended the Prayer breakfast valued the opportunity to come together to pray about how to move forward as a church, because Leyone writes "it is a healthy environment [for the vision] to be discussed and prayed over".



Our upcoming Prayer Breakfasts are;
Saturday 2nd April 10am till 12noon
Saturday 7th May 10am till 12noon

Please think about joining us for a continental breakfast.
Jessica K.

Sunday Preaching Schedule for April

3rd. April: John Austin

(Walsall Central Methodist Hall)

10th. April: **Palm Sunday Service**

Adam Bhardwaj (Bilston Resource Centre)

17th. April: **Easter Sunday "HE IS RISEN"**

Simon Bhardwaj (Bilston Resource Centre)

24th. April: Jackie Humphries

(Tipton Pentecostal Church)

GOOD FRIDAY 15th APRIL

**10am – Walking The Way of Witness March in
Walsall Town Centre**