

EASTER APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER

O YES, HE DID!

It is a common belief, even among some Christians, that Jesus died on a cross and that three days later, he came back to life,

O NO, HE DIDN'T!

Jesus did not “come” back from death. As some people have apparently done. He went through death and destroyed it. Unlike those who returned to the same sort of life they had known before, He broke death’s power and destroyed what is mankind’s last enemy. Scripture tells us that death is the result of mankind’s sin. In reaching out for what was not rightfully theirs, they forfeited God’s gift of life. When Jesus took upon himself what was not rightfully His, namely the sin of the world, God reversed this judgement

And raised Him to life which could never be destroyed. This life is available and offered to all who will repent and put their trust in Jesus. What greater gift could there be? This is why we call it “Good News”. This is why we preach it.

We should celebrate Jesus’ resurrection more frequently than we do, not merely on Easter Sunday. We should sing Easter hymns more often. Every Sunday is Easter Day every day of a believers’ life is Resurrection life. It empowers us and gives us hope which the world cannot give or take and enables us and prompts us to join with Christians everywhere in the great words of hymns such as;- The powers of Hell have done their worst, But Christ their legions has their dispersed,

Let songs of holy joy outburst,
Hallelujah!” **Happy Easter.**

Rev. Fred - Answers to last month’s puzzle:
4 Gospels, 1 history (acts) 21 letters of the NT, 1 apocalypse (Revelation)

Samaritan’s Purse Shoebox Appeal

We’ve been told that our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes were in fact delivered to church projects in Belarus. Thank you to everyone who contributed. The organisers say the gifts were appreciated by the smiling children who received them.

Road to Renewal

We will be continuing the teaching from the Book of Revelation and what Jesus had to say to the seven churches in Asia on Sunday mornings this month, with a break over Easter.

Sunday evening Bible Study which is run via WhatsApp is looking at the books 1John-3John. There will not be a session on April 9

Guest Preachers

2nd April: Jackie Humphries
(from Tipton Christian Church)

9th April: Rev.Mike Buck, our moderator
(from Londonderry Baptist Church Oldbury)

16th April : Simon Bhardwaj
(From Bilston Resource Centre)

23rd April: Maxine Chamberlain GLBC

30th April: Adam Bhardwaj
(from Bilston Resource Centre)

Bibles Resources

More copies of the Bible are being made available as required to newcomers and visitors. The Bible Bank is still running in the lobby. In addition, a stock of New Testaments has been purchased through the Gideon representatives who came to visit us some months ago.

If anyone has Bibles they no longer need, please bring them in.