

People we see at Langford Chapel

After several months without being able to preach “live” as he put it, **Tim McShane** of the **Open-Air Mission** came to us in March and gave a remarkable address on the meaning of the glory of God. He told us that he is looking forward to getting back out to share the good news of the love of Jesus on the streets and also reaching out to the fairground showmen and their families. Some readers will remember that that was done for many years by **Clive Williams** who also led Holiday Clubs at Langford. Tim’s wife **Fiona** is among our NHS heroes, and is working in a local oncology department. Give her a clap!



Easter Bible quiz

1. What was the name of the man who betrayed the Lord Jesus?
2. Which feast was being celebrated in Jerusalem at that time?
3. What did Jesus and His disciples do before they went out?
4. What was the place called where Jesus went to pray?
5. Who did Jesus take with Him?
6. What weapons were those who arrested the Lord carrying?
7. To whom did they take Him first of all?
8. Which disciple denied three times that he knew Jesus?
9. What event made him regret this and go out to weep bitterly?
10. Jesus was then taken to the governor. What was his name?
11. Who was the prisoner who was released instead of Jesus?
12. What was written over the Lord’s head at the crucifixion?

All the answers can be found in Matthew’s Gospel, Chapters 26 and 27.

Verse for the month

The Lord is risen indeed . . .

Luke 24 verse 34.



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June meetings: Dates changed

We can now confirm that **Barry King** has agreed to move the three evenings of his planned visit into the following week to fit better with the Prime Minister’s “Roadmap” for the relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions. As the Stage 4 date for the removal of all legal barriers is set for Monday 21st June it seemed sensible to delay this event till then. So Langford Chapel now expect (God willing) to welcome Barry on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday **22nd, 23rd and 24th June** at **7.45 p.m.** each night. We recognise that things could change but even in pre-pandemic times we accepted that the Lord sometimes has different plans and some arrangements need to be made. We expect to be able to use all the Chapel seating then but we will do livestreams for those unable to come. More details to follow!



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A Resurrection hymn

by Samuel Medley

This hymn was written in 1775. The author, with such a musical sounding name, was converted to Christ after being severely wounded in the Royal Navy. He opened a school and later became a minister in Watford and then in Liverpool, where he attracted a large congregation. He wrote many hymns, some still in use today. The first line appears to be taken from Job 19 verse 25.

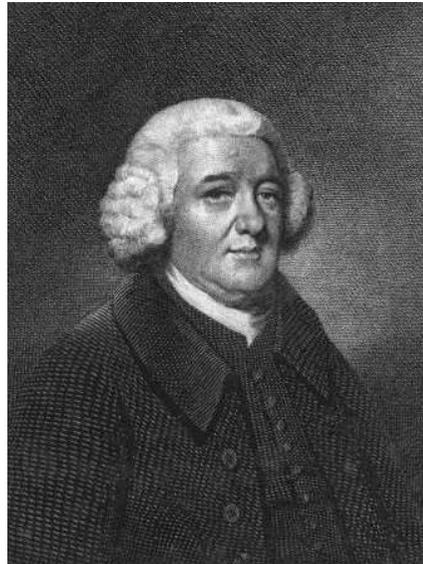
I know that my Redeemer lives;
What joy the blest assurance gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my everlasting Head.

He lives, triumphant from the grave;
He lives, eternally to save;
He lives, all glorious in the sky;
He lives, exalted there on high.

He lives to bless me with His love,
And still He pleads for me above;
He lives to raise me from the grave;
And me eternally to save.

He lives, my kind, wise, constant Friend;
Who still will keep me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives I'll sing,
Jesus, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

He lives my mansion to prepare;
And He will bring me safely there;
He lives, all glory to His Name!
Jesus, unchangeably the same!



Samuel Medley (1738–1799).

Prayer requests

Pray for those **persecuted** for their faith.

Give thanks that the Coronavirus **vaccines** seem to be working.

Praise the Lord that we have been able to encourage **visitors** from other churches which are still closed.

Pray for those who are unable to make use of the online services and are **feeling cut off**.

Remember those who have been **bereaved** recently.

(Pastor George thanks all those who have expressed sympathy in the loss of his brother Chris.)

A post from our Facebook page

What's remarkable about the book of Acts is that it tells us of the everyday struggles of the apostles to establish the early church. Those were difficult days, but these ordinary men who were witnesses to Christ's resurrection and ascension did not give up. They risked their lives for Jesus, they encouraged one another in word and deed and their efforts bore fruit. *Acts 15:40-41: But Paul chose Silas and departed, being commended by the brethren to the grace of God. And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.*

From the Pastor's study

As I begin to write this it is the 23rd of March, the anniversary of the start of the first Coronavirus lockdown, and we are preparing for a second Easter with activities restricted by Government legislation. Last year all our services had to be prerecorded; I'm grateful that in this third lockdown we have been permitted in England to keep churches open and also that we now have the facility at the Chapel to livestream services for those unable to come. For many years I lamented that there never seemed to be the attendance on Easter Day that there is at a Carol Service; now the social distancing regulations mean we *cannot* get many in! However you can join us online. The Resurrection is a central fact of the Christian faith. I'm a great fan of the writings of A. W. Tozer and he says that the Gospels present a unique biography in that they do not end with the death of Jesus; there is another chapter because He is alive again. For nearly a year we have been looking at the sequel to Luke's Gospel, the book of Acts (*see above*). This records how his followers were so convinced that the Lord Jesus Christ had risen that they were passionate about sharing the good news and willing to be beaten, imprisoned, and even killed for doing it. Some believers still are. "Christ is risen!" was the ancient Church's shout. Join us in worship on the 4th April!

For your diary

Easter comes at the very beginning of April this year so the first service this month is on **2nd April, Good Friday**. Please note that as in previous years this will be at **10.30 a.m.** not 11 as on Sundays. It will also

be livestreamed to YouTube with a link on our website.

On Easter Day, 4th April, as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, the services will be at the usual times of 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. and also livestreamed.