

My story-My Bible

'Isaiah 61.1 says, "He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners." That ties in with what I do with [debt counselling charity] Christians Against Poverty. Sometimes people's stories are dire. You hear their story and your automatic reaction is, "O my word – how is this ever going to be resolved?" But the thing about CAP is that there's always hope. 'I got into CAP in the first place because I was struck by the statistic that 28 per cent of their clients have believed that suicide was their only solution. For me there was something really wrong with that statistic, that people just felt they had nowhere to turn. 'That verse from Isaiah: people in debt are imprisoned by their circumstances. And debt is just the tip of the iceberg for them. There are very few people whose homes I go into and they're just in debt. They've often got physical health problems, mental health problems, family relationship breakdowns. They often haven't been very well educated, they can't read.

If you can't read you really can't manage technology – Universal Credit is based around people having access to the internet. For people who can't read, it's desperately hard – and they just don't open their post. Circumstances like that can make you angry that our society is so imbalanced. 'I work with CAP because I wanted there to be a sense of hope where there was no hope, and just to see lives transformed. CAP is not just about getting people out of debt, it's about sharing the love of Jesus and showing them that there is someone that cares and loves them.

'I've been a single mum for 16 years so I know what it's like to feel that there's no one to support you, so that's a motivator. And I like to solve other people's problems!

'I'm not someone who marches and demonstrates, but I just feel that sometimes there's something that can be done, and we shouldn't just accept things because that's the way they are.'



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Whitchurch Baptist Church

Sunday February 13th 2022



Speaker: Rev Jack Walker

No 1 in a new series

'With Mark to Easter'

Mark 1 v 1-8

'The fore-runner of Jesus has arrived!'

What's on this week:-

Monday 10.30am No Ladies Meeting today due to 'Valentines Day Lunch' at 12.30pm at the Church. If you'd like to attend see Jill, Jayne or June today!

Also Monday evening **Local Brownie** Group meet in Hall.

Wednesday 8pm Mid week study group [All current Church Meetings via Zoom unless notified otherwise]

Future Dates to note:

Sunday Feb 20th No 2 in new series on Mark. *'Picking the right team'*
Mark 1 v 9-20.

Sunday Feb 27th No 3 in series on Mark. *'Faithful Friends'* [Communion]
All Age Service.

March 2nd Ash Wednesday celebration
All Hallows with Rev David Roche.7.30

March 6th No 4 in series on Mark.
'Ministry goes viral' Mark 1 v 21-39

Update for prayer etc.

Sue Vears, in Australia, has seen the Oncologist who has recommended 6 months of chemotherapy. Sue was disappointed as she expected a far less time span, but will wait to see what is in the future for her.

Alun Healey {Carol's husband} passed away on Wed evening. Uphold the family, especially Carol at this time. **Rita** has had one scan and a further investigation on Friday [11th]. Pray that wisdom and guidance be given to the medical team as they decide on any further treatment.

The idea for a Real Easter Egg began in 2008 when David Marshall, who founded Meaningful Chocolate, was given an Easter egg.

On the side of the box it read: 'Easter is the festival of chocolate and loveliness'. He searched for an Easter egg which mentioned the Easter story. It became clear that out of the 80 million eggs on sale there was not a single manufacturer who was willing to mention the religious aspects of the festival. So he asked churches and schools to help crowd fund The Meaningful Chocolate Company to manufacture the UK's first 'Real Easter Egg'.

For it to be a 'Real Easter Egg' it had to reflect the Easter themes of hope and new life and do three things – have a copy of the Easter story in the box, be made from Fairtrade chocolate and support charitable causes.

Twelve years on more than 1.8 million eggs have been sold with over 1.4 million sent through the post. The rest have been sold through retailers and supermarkets. Over £320,000 has been donated to charitable projects with Fairtrade Premium fees paid to farmers allowing them to buy everything from school books and solar panels to providing fresh water. As such The Real Easter Egg campaign is one of the biggest evangelism initiatives in the UK. It crosses all denominations and offers a simple way to share the Easter Story.

Easter is Coming!

There is opportunity this Easter to share the story of Easter, no not bunnies and eggs!!- I mean the 'real' story of the death and resurrection of Jesus! Statistics are readily available about just how **little** the modern generation, children and adults, know about it! The Real Easter Egg gives such a fantastic opportunity and means, to give a traditional Easter Egg to your loved ones with every egg containing the story of the first Easter!

The Supermarkets are not stocking them and YOU are the only medium for getting these out there!!

Gordon will act as Co-ordinator for all those in the fellowship who wish to buy one. Buying together means we can save postage etc and they will be distributed to those ordering one well before Easter. The scheme is pretty simple! You select what type and how many, give the payment to Gordon and your chosen egg will appear here at Church!

The 7 choices of eggs are displayed on the Notice Board in the Hall and they will also be highlighted here weekly. Orders should be in by March 13th and we need to have orders totalling £79 to qualify for free delivery. So over to you!

The 2022 White edition includes a large 24 page Easter story-activity book, a prize competition and a white Fairtrade chocolate egg (125g) with a lovely creamy taste. 29% cocoa – Palm Oil & plastic free. £4-50



Our Sharing Box can provide a welcome back gift for up to 30 children or can be used as giveaways in goody bags for Messy Church or the wider community who may still be at home. Contains 30 high quality midi Fairtrade Belgian chocolate eggs and 30 Easter story-activity booklets. Foil reads 'Christ is Risen'. 600g (20g x 30 midi eggs). 35% cocoa - Palm Oil free.

RRP £30 (£1 per person)



Inside this dark chocolate edition of The Real Easter Egg you will find a simple Easter guide and a large 24 page Easter story-activity book with prize competition. It comes with 3 dark chocolate Mini Squares (3x5g) and a luxury smooth dark Fairtrade chocolate egg (165g). Palm Oil & plastic free. RRP £5.50



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