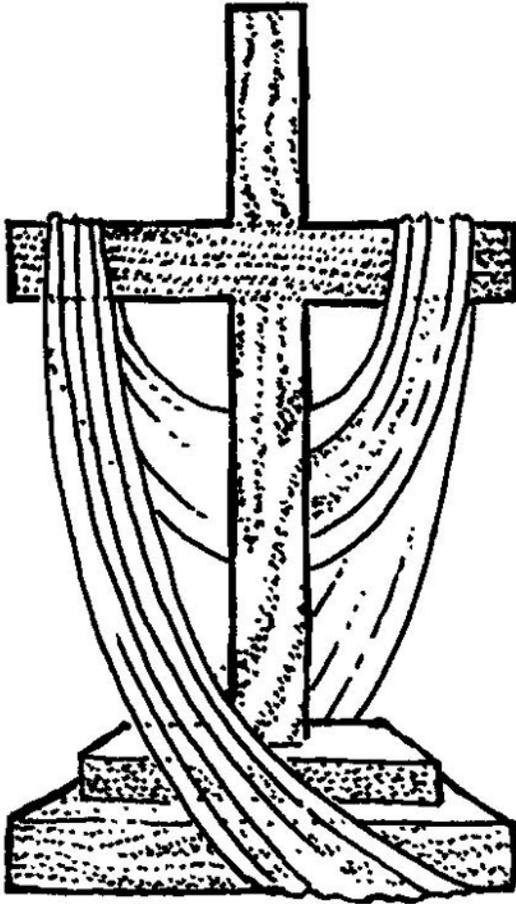




KINGSDOWN MESSENGER



April 2014



SERVICES FOR APRIL

6 Apr 10.30 Ms Rebecca Catford

13 Apr 10.30 Rev Chrissie Howe, Family/Parade Service
PALM SUNDAY

GOOD FRIDAY

18 Apr 14.30 Rev Chrissie Howe

EASTER DAY

20 Apr 08.00 Rev Chrissie Howe, Holy Communion
10.30 Rev Chrissie Howe, Holy Communion



27 Apr 10.30 Mrs Keji Phillips



And then Holy Week...

All the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever were built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of mankind on this earth as powerfully as has that one solitary life.

He suffered not as God, but He who suffered was God. **John Owen**

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Dear Friends,

We remain on our journey through Lent, with the events of Holy Week and the celebration of Easter Sunday still before us. I wonder what you have experienced so far? Have you taken up a Lenten discipline? Have you noticed a change in your relationship with God. Have you grown more in love with the Creator and Sustainer of life? Have you received answers to some of your innermost questions – or have you been presented with more?! These questions are meant, not to make us feel guilty, but to challenge us – the journey through Lent continues! More importantly, as disciples of Christ we are called to become more Christ-like, to allow God’s love and grace to transform us and enable us to serve the rest of creation – and that applies all the time. God is for life, not just for Lent!

On Easter Day amid the celebration of God’s overwhelming power in resurrecting Christ we also celebrate the ushering in of God’s kingdom on earth. What does that mean to you? Is it a time to indulge in chocolate, a good meal, rest from work, or is it also something more? On 5th April there is an opportunity for members of the congregation to gather at St Katharine’s in Limehouse to look back over the past and look towards the future, to envision what God may be calling Kingsdown Methodist Church to do and be in the coming years. If you haven’t signed up please do!

As we remember Christ’s final journey to Jerusalem, his betrayal, his never-ending love, his death and resurrection – what difference will it make to you and what difference do you resolve to make? In a few weeks’ time, as part of our General Church Meeting, we will elect people to the office of Church steward. Do you feel God is calling you to serve in this way? Or maybe God is leading you to work out your calling in some other way. There are many ways you can serve; as local preachers, worship leaders, junior church leaders, welcomers, offering stewards, readers, pray-ers, people to operate the new AV equipment during services... the list of ways to serve our God in this church is limitless! The ways you can serve God in this community is limitless!

We are all called to serve God, we all have gifts and skills to offer. God is at work in our community. Please prayerfully consider what God is calling you to do.

Love and prayers this Easter,
Chrissie



KINGSDOWN FAMILY NEWS

A number of our church family have been, and still are in some cases, going through, a rough patch healthwise - Gwen Goodchild, Kathleen and Peter Loveridge, and Doreen Winston to name but a few. There are no doubt others about whom we have received no recent news. Please let us know of any other names you would like to see mentioned so that all may be included in people's prayers. Best wishes to all for steady and sustained progress, whatever the problem.

'DEATH IN VENICE' - Murder/Mystery Evening at Kingsdown

The general feeling seems to be that this was a good evening's entertainment and the cast certainly felt that they were being well supported by the responsive reactions from its audience.

'Scenes' were broken up by a 'pizza' supper, followed by an ice-cream interval, and then a coffee/tea break, before the 'dénouement'.

Many thanks to Gerald and Sue Barton for their sterling efforts in organising the evening and to all who helped in any way to set up and clear away after a thoroughly enjoyable event.

'QUOTES' for EASTER

The world cannot bury Christ. The earth is not deep enough for his tomb, the clouds are not wide enough for his winding-sheet. **E Thomson**

The best news the world ever had came from a graveyard.

The empty tomb of Christ has been the cradle of the church. **WR Nicoll**





Another great day for our Boys on Saturday 22 March

We attended the West London Marching Competition in Uxbridge and came home with a trophy we haven't won for seven years!

We entered two events: we came an agonisingly close second in the Figure Marching but romped home in first place for the First Year Boys' event.

A big Well Done to all of the Boys. The judge spoke to me afterwards and expressed her delight at the very high standard of our squad.

Thank you to LCpl Daniel Plews, Cpl Jonathan Lane and Mr Mark Tobias, our Junior Drillmasters.



Check out our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/10thEalingBB?ref=hl>

Thanks, as always, for your wonderful support. If anyone has pictures of the event please send me copies if possible!

Tony Plews
Captain
079 4031 1019

CHRISTIAN AID NEWS
CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2014
THEME - PEACE AND RECONCILIATION



Arrangements are in hand for Christian Aid Week and I'm extremely grateful to those who have indicated that they are willing to help again with House-to-house collecting or Flag Day. I hope to contact all previous collectors soon.

DATES FOR 2014

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|------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <u>10 May</u> | Book Fair with stalls |
| <u>11-17 May</u> | House-to-house collecting |
| <u>17 May</u> | Flag Day (Northfield Avenue and West Ealing) |

SUNDAY 18 MAY - CIRCLE THE CITY WALK

Anna will take part again in the Circle the City Walk. Please do sponsor her. Last year she raised £389.00!

Our Annual Book Fair will be held on 10 May - we need cakes, gifts, plants and bric-a-brac, and also helpers to sell!

Do read the Christian Aid Church magazine article 'War tears lives apart - Love can help piece them back together', which you will find in this edition of the Messenger.

Ruby Warne



The minister visited the Jones family in their new home. "Do you like it?" he asked one of the three children.



He replied, "It's great, I have my own room, Bobby has his own room and my sister has her own room, but I'm afraid mum and dad still have to share."

War tears lives apart Love can help piece them back together

The Lord is my rock,
my fortress, and my
deliverer... in whom
I take refuge.'

2 Samuel 22:2-3

For a growing number of people across the world, the horror of war is a part of daily life.

Right now, fuelled by the devastating violence in both Syria and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the numbers of people driven from their homes by war is on the rise.

It stands at 42 million people – an appalling statistic and a stain on the conscience of humanity. We can't turn our backs. We must act now.

The good news is that your church can make a real difference.

Last year, a magnificent 20,000 churches across the country helped raise over £12m for Christian Aid Week.

This Christian Aid Week (11–17 May 2014) we want to go even further. We want every church in Britain and Ireland to get involved – whether by giving, acting or praying.

Together we can send people living in fear this message: you are not alone. We're with you, helping you to rebuild your lives, and working for peace.



Imagine what such an expression of love would mean to people searching for the strength to cope with the devastation of war, and how it could help to drive out their fear.

Demonstrate God's love for those living in poverty and show how much good the church is doing in the world this Christian Aid Week.

Together we can reach the 42 million people caught up in conflict and help them live a life free from fear.

Could you provide the gift of hope?

- £15** could provide blankets for refugee children to protect them from bitter night-time temperatures.
- £40** could provide enough good quality and nutritious food for two refugee children for a month.
- £150** could help us provide specialist emotional support for a child deeply traumatised by the horror of war that they've witnessed or experienced.

**Be an instrument of God's peace.
Give, act and pray this Christian Aid Week.**

caweek.org





A Fruitful Exchange in Ethiopia



MRDF Trustee, Sian Arulanantham, land has been subject to extreme degradation. reflects on her recent visit to our partner ADHENO in Ethiopia.

I've recently joined MRDF and was keen to meet some of our overseas partners to see the fruit of our support. I visited Ethiopia for my work as Head of Programmes at The Leprosy Mission and used this opportunity to introduce staff from ADHENO, a partner of MRDF, to staff from the Ethiopian National Association of People Affected by Leprosy (ENAPAL). We coordinated a joint field visit so each partner could share ideas and exchange learning.

Seeing potential in the wilderness

ADHENO began in 1998 when a group of Ethiopians from the nation's capital, Addis Ababa, formed a voluntary committee to renovate an historic church in the North Shewa Zone. During the project some members of the committee observed the extreme poverty of the region, a barren wilderness without trees where the

The committee realised that if local farmers were to have any hope for the future then they needed to start revitalising the environment. They decided to re-organise themselves to provide assistance to the local people in the area; it was then that the work of the organisation, ADHENO (meaning Saviour in English), began in earnest.

Putting down roots

MRDF has supported ADHENO's tree fostering programme for a number of years. Seeds are sown in the ADHENO nursery and then the seedlings are given to farmers who are provided with a very small amount of money to foster them. The farmers are required to take care of their trees, making sure they grow and are not chopped down.

Training from ADHENO has enabled farmers to realise the conservation benefits of tree planting and the need to protect the environment if they are to protect their future livelihoods. You can now see trees,

terraced farming and new crops that help to feed the families living off this land.

Impact of ADHENO's work in the North Shewa Zone

Protecting women and girls, community health and the environment

Another innovative element of the project is the production of low fuel stoves. The stoves are easily created using basic materials and are then left to dry in the sun. The stoves are a great source of income for those producing them, but they are also benefitting the community in other ways too.

The design of the stoves means that they require far less firewood to produce the same heat. This means less trees are cut down, protecting the environment, but also means that women and girls in the village now have time go to school and don't need to spend hours collecting wood alone, vulnerable to potential abusive attacks. The stoves also produce less smoke, protecting the health of women in the community who traditionally do the cooking.

Sharing experience.

ENAPAL were so impressed with ADHENO's low fuel stoves that they plan to start new enterprises with groups of people affected by leprosy.

In return for support to get these enterprises off the ground, ENAPAL have agreed to show ADHENO the successes they have had with their women's weaving and embroidery cooperative. Through sharing learning both organisations benefit, but more importantly hundreds more lives will be transformed.

Reflecting on first impressions

ADHENO has a small team of staff who are totally dedicated to improving the lives of the people living in the area they serve. Local organisations of this size rarely get international funding as they are viewed as being too small to engage with. This is where MRDF partnerships are different.

We work with small organisations that have the potential to bring about change, supporting them to make their vision a reality. ADHENO's Director, Dr Fisseha, has the vision of transforming North Shoa from a barren wilderness to the Promised Land; empowering people to lift themselves out of poverty.

There is still a lot to do to transform the communities in this area but ADHENO are doing all they can. With on-going support from MRDF, our partner has the potential to do amazing things.

World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday was celebrated on Sunday 16th February 2014. The speaker was John Cotton, Chairman of the Trustees of the Karibuni Trust. The Trust was set up many years ago to assist children from the streets and slums of Kenya.

The Trust is expanding as the Trustees seek to help more children, the charity support them by supplying food, shelter, clothing and schooling and each child is kitted out with school uniform. Without the project most of the children would not attend school or would be so malnourished that they would be unable to learn.

Following the Service, John wrote: "Thank you for choosing Karibuni Trust to be the subject of today's service at Kingsdown Methodist Church. Sheila and I were made to feel welcome and it turned out to be a very special day for us.

I thought you would like to know that we sold £183 worth of Kenyan merchandise and received £250.81 in direct donations. That was very generous of the Kingsdown folk."

With best wishes and thanks
John

PS: Kingsdown contributed £100; Thanks one and all for your support.

Sybil Corbin
Secretary to World Mission Sunday



*and the theme of this morning's service is..."
Preaching a Gospel of Simplicity"*

The Upper Room

*They meet together in the upper room
Gathering together in one accord,
He fetches a towel and washes their feet
And Judas slips out to betray His Lord.*

*The bread and wine are there on the table
He takes up the bread and breaks it in two
The cup is passed round, each drinking from it
These symbols He says are given for you.*

*This bread is my body I freely give
This cup is my blood which soon will be shed
They eat and they drink not really knowing
Or understanding of what lies ahead.*

*A new covenant that night has been made
Where God Himself gives His life for us all
The Life divine in exchange is given
To free mankind from the curse of the fall.*

*Two thousand years on we come to partake
Of His life poured out to cover our sin
We eat and we drink the bread and the wine
With thankful hearts in remembrance of Him.*

By Megan Carter

Easter faith

Three years after the Russian Revolution of 1917, a great anti-God rally was arranged in Kiev. The powerful orator Bukharin was sent from Moscow, and for an hour he demolished the Christian faith with argument, abuse and ridicule. At the end there was silence.

Then a man rose and asked to speak. He was a priest of the Russian Orthodox Church. He went and stood next to Bukharin. Facing the people, he raised his arms and spoke just three triumphant words: 'Christ is risen!'

At once the entire assembly rose to their feet and gave the joyful response, "He is risen indeed!" It was a devastating moment for an atheist politician, who had no answer to give to this ancient Easter liturgy. He had not realised he was simply too late: how can you convince people who have already experienced God, that he does not exist?



This page is waiting

for your items - stories - recipes - news -

bible thoughts - prayers -

coming events - wanted - available -

Whatever -

It's YOUR page

17 April Maundy Thursday – time to wash feet

Maundy Thursday is famous for two things. The first is one of the final acts that Jesus did before his death: the washing of his own disciples' feet. (see John 13) Jesus washed his disciples' feet for a purpose: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." His disciples were to love through service, not domination, of one another.

In Latin, the opening phrase of this sentence is 'mandatum novum do vobis'. The word 'mundy' is thus a corruption of the Latin 'mandatum' (or command). The ceremony of the 'washing of the feet' of members of the congregation came to be an important part of the liturgy (regular worship) of the medieval church, symbolising the humility of the clergy, in obedience to the example of Christ.

But Thursday was also important because it was on that night that Jesus first introduced the Lord's Supper, or what we nowadays call Holy Communion. Jesus and his close friends had met in a secret upper room to share the Passover meal together - for the last time. And there Jesus transformed the Passover into the Lord's Supper, saying, 'this is my body' and 'this is my blood' as he, the Lamb of God, prepared to die for the sins of the whole world. John's gospel makes it clear that the Last Supper took place the evening BEFORE the regular Passover meal, and that later Jesus died at the same time that the Passover lambs were killed.



A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales.

The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small.

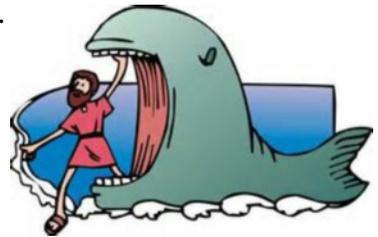
The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale.

Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible.

The little girl said, 'When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah'.

The teacher asked, 'What if Jonah went to hell?'

The little girl replied, 'Then you ask him'.



David Suchet's marathon

David Suchet, the British actor best known for his portrayal of Agatha Christie's Belgian detective Hercule Poirot, has recorded an audiobook of the entire Bible from Genesis to the Book of Revelation. It took him over 200 hours in the recording studio to deliver the 752,702 words, the very first full-length audio version of the Bible spoken by a single British actor. Suchet became a Christian after reading a hotel room Bible in 1986. His moment of epiphany came upon reading St Paul's epistle to the Romans, in which he proclaims: "if God be for us, who can be against us?"

Suchet says of his own faith: "I am a Christian by faith. I like to think it sees me through a great deal of my life."

In 1989 Suchet was one of a band of leading British actors who recorded parts of the Bible for an earlier Hodder & Stoughton project: Suchet reading the Gospel of St John.

Now, close to 30 years on and in between filming the final episodes of Poirot, Suchet has produced an 80-hour recording, which is available to buy from this Easter.

News items from the



On the first Sunday of each month, Wesley's Chapel will be hosting an evening Taizé prayer service, with the next service being on 6th April

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength" - Mark 12.30

Are you tired of sitting at your desk all day? Struggling to find time to read your Bible?

Teddington Methodist Circuit present:

'Alive to Tell the Story'

Susie Hare retells the Easter Story through the eyes of Lazarus in this dramatic all-singing, all-dancing musical - including performances from members of the different churches in the Teddington Circuit

Entrance is free, but a collection will be taken after the service to cover costs

21st June - 7.30pm - Sunbury Methodist Church, TW16 5AD

For further details, please contact Louise Bools

e-mail: lousie@acorns.plus.com

Mary Jones visitor centre

Work has begun to turn a deconsecrated church in North Wales into a new £1 million visitor centre. Mary Jones World will be based at St Beuno's Church, in Llanycil, Bala. In 1800, Mary Jones, aged 15, walked 25 miles from Llanfihangel-y-Pennant, across the Welsh mountains, to Bala to get a Bible from Revd Thomas Charles. Mary had saved for six years to purchase one and Thomas Charles was so touched by her determination that he helped establish the Bible Society. The new centre will tell their story and give visitors the chance to learn about the Bible's impact in Wales and the rest of the world.

EASTER



EASTER

Out of the 80 million chocolate Easter eggs sold each year in the UK, The Real Easter Egg is the first and only Fairtrade chocolate Easter egg to explain the Christian understanding of Easter.

A sizeable donation from profits and Fairtrade Premium fees goes to their farmers, allowing them to invest in their community, buying everything from school books and solar panels to providing fresh water.

The Real Easter Egg is now in its fourth year of production with more than 400,000 sold so far.

Original Real Easter Egg 2014 design

Inside is a 24 page Easter story book, a Belgian milk chocolate egg and pack of Swiss Chocolate organic Chunky Buttons. There are three crosses on the front and under the lid there is a quote from the bible - the resurrection text from Mark chapter 16. £3.99 each.

Special Edition Premium Real Easter Egg (280g)

A special edition Real Easter Egg. Inside is an olive wood holding cross from Bethlehem, an Easter message an extra thick Belgian Chocolate gold foiled egg (180g) and Meaningful milk Chocolate bar with a hint of natural orange (100g). The box has gold foil highlights and Celtic crosses. £9.99 each delivered in single boxes.

Sharing Box Real Easter Egg (400g)

Inside are 20 Midi eggs and 20 copies of the Easter story 8 page booklet. Midi-egg foil reads 'The Real Easter Egg. Christ is Risen.' Ideal for church services, assemblies or events where you have a budget of £1 per person. £19.99 each delivered in single boxes.

On line from: <http://www.realeasteregg.co.uk/shop>

Or

The Christian Resources Shop in Perivale is taking orders.

Tel: 020 8998 2933 or 0845 388 3940

Email: sales@perivalechristianbookshop.co.uk

28 April - St George - our patron saint who isn't English by David Winter

It's perhaps typical of the English that they should have a patron saint who isn't English, about whom next to nothing is known for sure, and who may not have existed at all. That didn't stop him being patriotically invoked in many battles, notably at Agincourt and in the Crusades, and of course it is his cross that adorns the flags of English football fans to this day.

It's most likely that he was a soldier, a Christian who was martyred for his faith somewhere in Palestine, possibly at Lydda, in the early fourth century. At some point in the early centuries of the Church he became associated with wider military concerns, being regarded as the patron saint of the Byzantine armies. There is no doubt that he was held as an example of the 'godly soldier', one who served Christ as bravely and truly as he served his king and country.

The story of George and the dragon is of much later date and no one seems to know where it comes from. By the middle ages, when George was being honoured in stained glass, the dragon had become an invaluable and invariable visual element, so that for most people the two are inseparable. Pub signs have a lot to answer for here: 'The George and Dragon'.

However, it's probably more profitable to concentrate on his role as a man who witnessed to his faith in the difficult setting of military service, and in the end was martyred for his faithfulness to Christ.

The idea of the 'Christian soldier' was, of course, much loved by the Victorian hymn-writers - 'Onward, Christian soldiers!' The soldier needs discipline. The heart of his commitment is to obedience. The battle cannot be avoided nor the enemy appeased. He marches and fights alongside others, and he is loyal to his comrades. In the end, if the battle is won, he receives the garlands of victory, the final reward of those who overcome evil.

St George's Day presents a challenge and an opportunity. The challenge is to distance the message of his life from the militarism and triumphalism that can easily attach itself to anything connected to soldiers and fighting. The opportunity is to celebrate the ideal of the 'Christian soldier' - one who submits to discipline, sets out to obey God truly, does not avoid the inevitable battle with all that is unjust, wrong and hateful in our world, and marches alongside others fighting the same noble cause. Discipline, obedience, courage, fellowship and loyalty -

they're not the most popular virtues today, but that doesn't mean that they don't deserve our gratitude and admiration.



A good home is wanted for some good quality large

CARDBOARD BOXES

The AV system came in lots of good heavy duty cardboard boxes - anyone want them before they go to the tip for recycling???

*Contact Alan 01802 446 835 or e-mail
magazine @kingsdownmethodist.org.uk*



Kingsdown's Charity of the Year 2013/14

A reminder of what WORKAID needs -

carpentry, plumbing, electrical, building, blacksmithing, welding, lathes, motor mechanic tools, manual and electric sewing machines, knitting machines, leather working, upholstery, haberdashery, wools and yarns, sturdy adult bicycles, horticultural tools, typewriters and many other items.

There is a box in the Church Foyer for any further items that you would like to donate. So please continue to look out for items.

Perhaps you could widen the search for unwanted tools by asking family, friends and neighbours to see if they can find any.

For further information or if you require bulky items collected, please contact us on 0208 567 2668

Steve and Liz Palmer

THE WAR TO END ALL WARS:

Part 4 of 12 : The Great War THE HOME FRONT AND THE LONG HAUL



THE GREAT WAR
1914 - 1918

The euphoric triumphalism of the Summer of 1914 - 'over by Christmas' - didn't last long. August saw the German army storming across Belgium and advancing to the outskirts of Paris itself. Because at this stage the Allied forces involved were mostly French, the true gravity of the situation was not generally appreciated in Britain, but in France there was widespread fear of a swift German victory.

However, the Allies - who had disagreed over tactics - managed to sort themselves out. A few generals were dismissed, Lord Kitchener fired off some urgent messages from Whitehall, and in the face of apparently imminent disaster a brilliant counter-attack was planned and launched. Its aim was to drive the Germans back from the river Marne, north of Paris, and inflict a heavy defeat on them by outflanking their forces to the east of the capital. Crucial to this plan, for the first time in warfare reconnaissance aircraft were used to spot movement on the ground and relay the information to the military commanders.

The Battle of the Marne in September 1914 was the Allies first and greatest victory of the entire War. They pushed the Germans back some forty miles, until they

managed to halt the Allied advance.

Both sides, having suffered heavy casualties - half a million men were killed or wounded, most of them French and German - then decided to dig in, literally. The trenches which they created following the Battle of the Marne remained more or less in place for the next four years. Finally the generals, the troops on the ground and eventually the public at home accepted that this was now a war of attrition. Over by Christmas? Three more Christmases would pass before this appalling conflict came to an end.

Slowly the British public abandoned the jingoistic fervour of the summer of 1914. The newspapers began to report the casualty figures, and as these rose inexorably during the following months and years the mood of the nation slowly changed. Kitchener called for more men, and hundreds of thousands responded to the call. Women too found themselves involved in new ways: as nurses and ambulance drivers just behind the front lines; as workers in munitions factories, satisfying the artillery's voracious appetite for more shells, and in taking over jobs

previously done by men. My own mother, then in her teens, left her Norfolk village to come to London and work for the rest of the war as a telephonist.

It was a long while, however, before the full horror of what was happening across the Channel became generally recognised. The poet Laurence Binyon could speak at the end of 1914 of those mud and blood-stained young soldiers in triumphant terms: 'they went with songs to the battle, straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow'. Even in 1916 the war correspondents were still sending back dispatches

describing our gallant young men bayonet-charging the enemy lines, putting terror into the hearts of the frightened Hun. But slowly the truth filtered through: this war, uniquely, would involve the whole nation and touch every single family in it. It would be long and difficult. It would demand resilience and courage. And it would not be glorious.



THE GREAT WAR
1914 - 1918

by David Winter



Through your letter box this week will be a pack from Greenredeem an organisation working with Ealing Council aimed at the upgrade of the amount of recycling to a target of 50%.

By signing up and registering your recycling you can earn rewards from local businesses from pizzas to flowers.

The point rewards can be passed onto to Community Organisations.

It is funded by a £1.1 million grant the council has secured from the government to improve local recycling rates. This money is also enabling improvements to recycling services with the introduction of weekly collections of food waste, plastics and cardboard from flats and council estates and recycling banks for old electrical and electronic items.

More information from: www.greenredeem.co.uk

Brush up on your Bible and prevent truth decay.



DAISIES

There is an old saying 'when you can stand on seven daisies at once then spring has come'. I like daisies with their bright yellow middles and tiny petals. If you look closely, you'll see that not all the daisies in any lawn will be white; some of them are edged with pink. When I was little I asked my mum why and she told me this story to explain why.

On that first Easter morning, when Jesus walked in the garden and was seen by Mary and the other women who thought he was a gardener, his bare feet touched just some of the daisies in the grass. And because he still had the wounds in his feet his blood touched the daisies and marked their petals pink.

I love this story and still to this day I feel sorry for the daisies that Jesus didn't touch - because when Jesus touches our lives all things change and spring comes into our hearts forever.



BIBLE 'D's

Can you find all the answers to this Bible quiz? All the words begin with the letter D. Answers at the bottom of the page.

1. A tribe of Israel.
2. He spent the night with some lions.
3. Where Saul was going when he met Jesus on the road.
4. Followers of Jesus.
5. These made Joseph unpopular with his brothers.
6. A famous king of Israel who played the harp.



How do dinosaurs pass exams?

With extinction.



What is the main ingredient of dog biscuits?

Collie flour.

My little brother's name is Dad.

Why is that?

They named him after my father.



Answers: 1.Dan 2.Daniel 3.Damascus
4.disciples 5.dreams 6.David.

EVENTS AT KINGSDOWN

APRIL

- Tue 1 2 pm Kingsdown Club - 'Happy Days are Here Again' with the Reminiscence Roadshow
- Wed 1-3 pm Babies & Toddlers Group (Term time only) (restarts after Easter 30 Apr)
7.00 pm Youth Group
- Fri 4 10.15 am Coffee Morning in Foyer - Everyone welcome
BOYS BRIGADE 6.30-7.30 pm Anchor Boys, 6.30-8.00 pm Junior Section, 7.30-10.00 pm Company Section (most Fridays throughout month)
- Sat 5 10.30 am Coffee & Chat in the Foyer - Everyone welcome
- Mon 7 8.00 pm Guides (most Mondays throughout the month)
- Tue 8 Liz & Steve Palmer's Home Group
- Tue 15 2 pm Kingsdown Club - AGM and Bingo and Quiz Afternoon
- Thu 27 Kingsdown Church Council

Circuit Lent Course 7.30 pm - 9 pm Tuesdays at Hanwell, repeated Thursdays 10-11.30 am at Pitshanger.

MAY

See p.6 for details of Christian Aid events in May

This year's Annual General Church Meeting

Sunday 18th May after the morning service.

The meeting is open to everyone who attends Kingsdown, so please put the date in your diaries.

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