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Praying.....

As winter turns into spring
As lifeless trees begin to sprout
leaves

As from dry ground flowers begin
to bloom

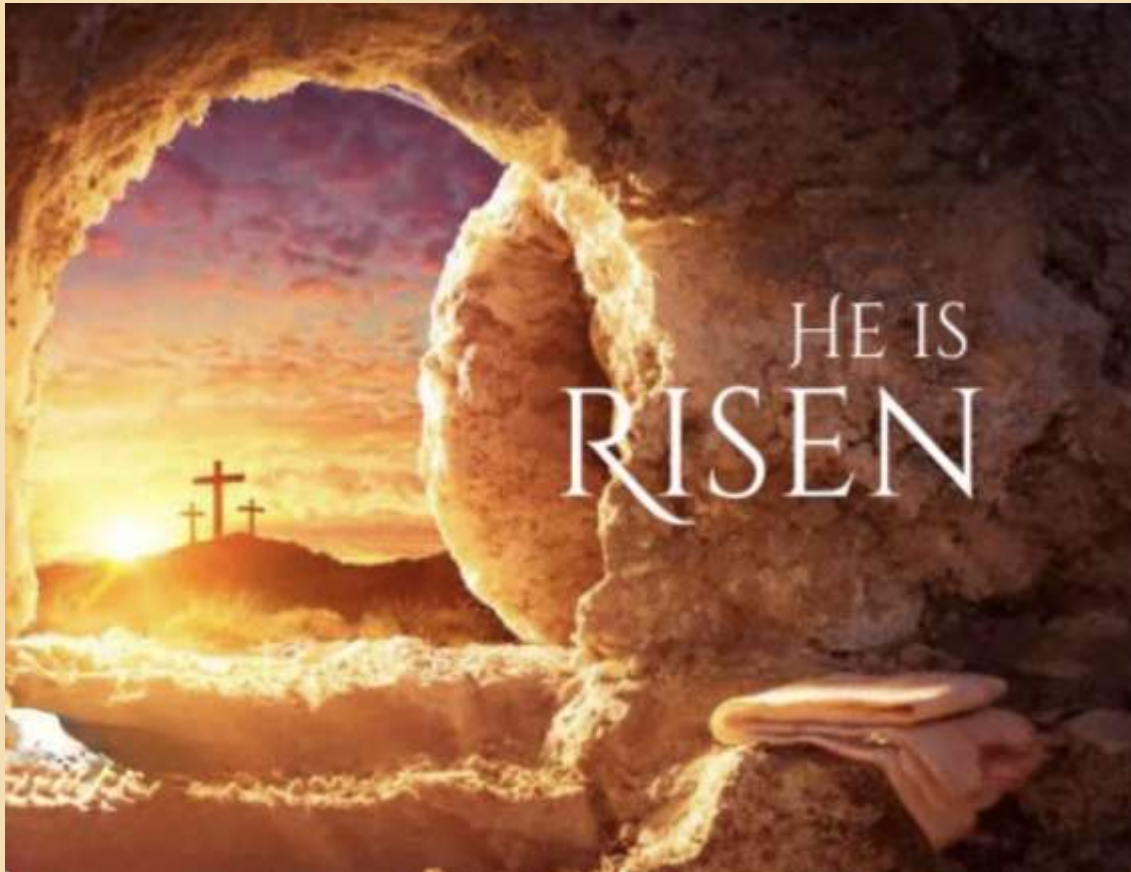
May the darkness of heavy clouds
lift

Confession bring way to the
release of forgiveness

A deeper understanding of the
power of the Easter Message
Bring cleansing, healing, renewed
joy in your salvation

An understanding of how much
you are loved

And desire to share this with
others



We would appreciate your prayers for the upcoming services for Palm Sunday, a special evening service for Good Friday which Ian will lead, and Easter Sunday at the Clevedon Family Service. We will also be doing special programs

Southfield Church will be doing an Easter Experience with school age children, next Tuesday, please pray for the young people that this will provide new understanding of what Easter is all about, and the significance of what Jesus did for them personally. We pray for

with the Lift Youth group and other age groups. Regular Saturday Open Airs have started up again, please pray for good interaction, conversations and follow up.

opportunity to speak about the true meaning of Easter, and for openness among the contacts that we have to attend services.

Dear Family and Friends,

As the new year rolls into spring, there are signs of new life springing forth, daffodils and some very welcome sunshine. Hope!

At the same time the news reminds us of continual conflict, wars and rumors of wars, inflation is crippling the economy, darkness spreads, personal contacts are going through traumatic life altering situations: death, suicide attempts, terminal illness, divorce, joblessness to name a few, and words seem inefficient to comfort and help prayers are the only life-line, and we need to call in reinforcements!

"Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls." Jeremiah 6:16

The same trials were faced by the disciples and the people at the time of Christ, wars and conquests, oppression from without and within, polarization of politics, inflation, sickness, desperation...

And Jesus taught them to pray....

He washed their feet.....

He ate and drank with them....

Then shared the Passover meal in the most unusual way, speaking of brokenness, His body that would be broken, of blood, His blood that would be shed,

He confronted their pride, their

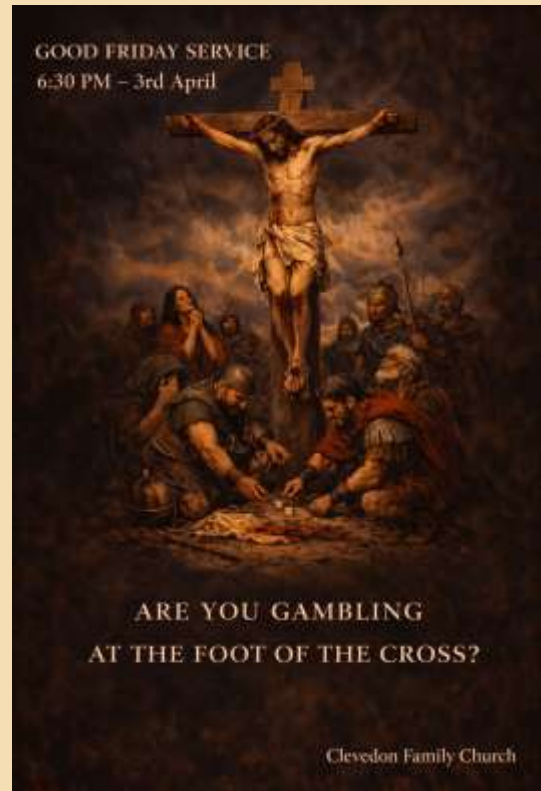
tiredness, their lack of faith,

He showed them how to carry a cross: how to obey the Father, even when everything inside wants to resist, how

to give it all, with an eternal

perspective. How to be so consumed in pleasing the Father, that you don't think about pleasing man, how to walk humbly and honestly, and to know when to be silent.

He wept, He lamented, He battled in prayer, He sweat drops of blood, He pleaded with His friends to persist in prayer with Him. He walked the



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journey with them, and explained it would be different for each, that only the Father knew. He promised that He would never leave them, and reassured them that He would go and prepare a place for them, so that one day they would be with Him forever.. He persevered until **IT WAS FINISHED!**

Precious memories they would keep with them forever, and that they would record so that we could know these words of Life ourselves.

We are so privileged to live on this side of the cross, to have the assurance of the resurrection and the ascension. The confidence of forgiveness of our sins. But yet to be challenged to understand afresh what it all means to follow Christ, to carry our cross, to finish the race that He has placed before us, and to persevere and finish well not having run in vain, but to run to win the prize, holding forth the word of Life

What does that mean to us today?
The Easter season gives us the



Praise God for answered prayers! We are proud to introduce Henry Wyly Walker, born on February 10th, Ashlie and Wyly handled the early arrival in stride and have plunged into parenthood with a united front. It was a joy to be with them for a few weeks just after his birth. We are truly enjoying being grandparents, even though we feel too far away! We thank God for working out so many details!

chance to REMEMBER Him again, to reflect, to seek, to be in awe again of all that was accomplished in His short life, and in particular in the Passion Week. What was planned from the beginning, and which will effect our eternity, all was accomplished and sealed, for every one who will believe in His Name.

The Name above all Names, the Name that will cause every knee to bow, the Name of our Saviour and Brother and Friend, Jesus Christ, our Advocate and Shepherd, our All in All... our Treasure. It is a privilege to share this faith and love and family relationship together with you. We are so grateful for you, who are running (and walking!) alongside us.

With love,
Ian and Caralee



It was a joy to meet Jessica in Virginia when I visited. They are both busy preparing for their wedding in August. Isaac took the bar in February, awaiting the results in April. He was offered a job, which he accepted with the organization he was working with. Praise the Lord for this position and provision. Jessica is a journalist but is applying to positions more in line with her degree in International relations. They plan to live in VA after their wedding.

Specific Prayer Needs

1. PRAISE GOD for the safe arrival of

Henry!

2. We thank God for providing a new rental home in an ideal location, He has answered above and beyond what we asked for. We feel so blessed.

3. For Ian, as he works with the pastoral team of Clevedon Family Church, and develops younger men for leadership. It has been exciting to see young men coming to the Lord and wanting to seriously follow Him.

Please continue to pray for Mervyn.

4. For the Come For Coffee ministry and the Men's and Women's Bible Studies at CFC. For the Food Bank Cafe at Southfield Church. For the outreaches planned for Easter. Please pray for effective communication, productive conversations, and many participants.

5. For Ian's work with the Afghan army officers discussing faith, etc. Delicate and painful times.

6. For the Tuesday: Easter Experience in Nailsea at Southfield church. For good participation and clear gospel message.

7. For the Lift Youth program, that there will be more peace and less chaos, that their ears will be open to God's voice.

8. Please pray for the school assemblies. For effective and memorable messages.

I would like to get into more schools. Also



David continues to have a passion for golf, and is very close to reaching his goal of scratch! He has begun driving lessons, and has just landed his dream job at a resort called Celtic Manor which hosts two golf courses and a driving range. He is due to start the 30th of March. Please pray that he can find a suitable car and insurance within budget.

our Open the Book teams. In one assembly, we are able to reach between 200-300 children! There is a battle for their hearts and minds.

9. For Ashlie, Isaac and David, to walk in the plans the Lord has for each of them. For Henry to flourish and reflect God's glory.

10. We would like to see people coming to know Jesus, so we pray for fruit from our labors, boldness in our message and discernment in communication. May the Holy Spirit lead, and we follow. May the resurrection power be seen here today!



Please pray for Dorisa: Dorisa was sent to Korca to stay in the Girls Home, after a traumatic experience in her village. She remembers that this was when she learned of the love of Jesus, and invited Him into her life. Many years later, we are still in touch, especially after an accident which left her disabled. Through the support of a local church and missionary friend, PT, and much prayer, she has stood on

her own two feet last week! A miracle and answered prayer. We received a monetary gift one day, and that very day, Dorisa shared her need of that exact amount to pay for this leg support she needed. It was so clear that the Lord had provided for this need at that very moment.

It's such a joy to continue to share in these miracles, even when we are living in the UK.



This is our Clevedon Open the Book team. Please pray for the Christian assemblies happening at this time in Portishead and Clevedon, that they will be effective with clear communication, helping the children understand who Jesus truly is. Please also pray that we will have open doors into more schools to do assemblies. And that I also personally will be able to do more

If you have the Bible app I want to encourage you to do the Holy Week and Easter

Reading plan:

<https://bible.com/reading-plans/68046/together/79659433/invitation?token=EtsAIOPTNvNYJBKcLgRMw&source=share>

As we continue to live by faith, your gifts make it possible for us to sustain our ministry here and abroad! We appreciate your partnership in sharing the love of the gospel to every age group... and people group... in every way possible.

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