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The Team Rector writes...

More people attend church services at Christmas than Easter. This may be because carol services and crib services draw crowds for which there is no equivalent at Easter but do these different levels of church attendance reflect anything about their relative importance? One thing we can say with certainty is that there would not have been a Church had not the apostles experienced the risen Christ at that first Easter. This event turned frightened and dejected men into people who could not keep themselves from preaching the Gospel to all the nations. So without the experience of Easter and the good news about the resurrection of the Saviour there would have been no point in telling anyone about his birth at Bethlehem.



On the other hand, the message of Christmas is also supremely important, for in God becoming man, Jesus has chosen to identify himself with those whom he is going to redeem and transform through his subsequent death and resurrection. So it is true to say that both are central to our faith even if it is the case that the event of Easter was what sparked it all off.

So Christmas and Easter are not separate events but part of the same process of salvation. As the early church fathers understood the work of Jesus, "*that which he did not assume, he did not redeem*". In other words, he took the form of a human in order to redeem humanity. All that Jesus did by means of his birth and resurrection constitute a single divine act of salvation.

The message of salvation is so important and relevant to us today because our lives, no matter how imperfect they may have become, can be radically transformed by God. God takes us as we are and redeems us, so whether we are feeling guilty, humiliated, degraded, betrayed, misunderstood, abused, broken, deserted, mocked, cheated, rejected, ridiculed or alone, all these and more the Son of God suffered for us and put them all to death by dying for us on the cross. He rose again, freed from them all so that we might live in freedom from them too.

Though there tend to be more people in church at Christmas than Easter, the life-changing event of Easter gives us good reason to join with others to share the celebration of the great news of this day.

With my best wishes for a truly joyful Eastertide,

Rev. James Watson
Team Rector of the Wheatley Team Ministry

SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Sunday, 5th April - Palm Sunday

11.00 a.m. Family Communion

Monday to Wednesday at All Saints, Cuddesdon

9.15 a.m. Morning Prayer with address by Ralph Godsall

12.15 p.m. Eucharist

5.45 p.m. Evening Prayer

Tuesday, 7th April

7.45 p.m. Lent Group Service at the Methodist Church

Thursday, 9th April - Maundy Thursday at All Saints, Cuddesdon

9.15 a.m. Morning Prayer with address by Ralph Godsall

8.00 p.m. Cluster Service, followed by night watch

Friday, 10th April - Good Friday

10-3 p.m. Experience Easter at St Giles Horspath
(Meditative and interactive prayer stations that walk the road to Easter)

11.00 a.m. Children's Service in the Graham Room at College

1.00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy with veneration of the cross at All Saints, Cuddesdon
(Begins at the War Memorial outside the College)

Saturday, 11th April - Holy Saturday

8.00 p.m. Easter Vigil Readings with meditation and music in the Graham Room at College

Sunday, 12th April - Easter Sunday

5.45 a.m. First Communion of Easter at All Saints, Cuddesdon

11.00 a.m. Family Communion with Easter Egg Hunt

3.00-4.30 p.m. Messy Church at the Methodist Church, Horspath

Services for the rest of April

19th April - the Second Sunday of Easter

11.00 a.m. Family Service

26th April - the Third Sunday of Easter

11.00 a.m. United Service with the Methodists at the Methodist Church

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Thursday, 23rd April at 7.30 p.m. in the church. All are welcome to attend but only those on the electoral roll have the right to vote.



The Easter Workshop at Garsington School will be taking place on Saturday, 4th April from 10.00 to 12.00 p.m. Booking forms are available from the school.

Experience Easter. From 10.00 till 3.00 p.m. on Good Friday you are invited to enter into the mystery of Easter and experience the last week of Christ's life through interactive, meditative displays. On the hour the story will be read out with a prayer and you are invited to stay for tea and hot cross buns at 3.00 p.m. Don't miss this opportunity to walk the way of the cross and rediscover the meaning of Easter.



FLOWER ROTA FOR APRIL

Sundays	5 th		Nell Gray	Penny Mercer
	12 th	Easter Sun.	Nesta Long	
	19 th		Friends of Horspath Churches	
			Brian and Carol Lowe	

Will all helpers and friends please come with flowers and greenery to decorate the Church in preparation for Easter on **Saturday, 11th April.**

HORSPATH SENIOR RESIDENTS' CLUB

Wednesday, 1st April: Martin Harris will tell us of his journey by helicopter to the Russian Arctic. 2.00 p.m. in the village hall.

Wednesday, 15th April: Coffee morning and mini-sale. Also ideas wanted for planning our Autumn Bazaar. 10.00 a.m. in the village hall.

Wednesday, 6th May: Visit to Kew Gardens. Coach leaves at 9.00 a.m. Cost £16.00.

- Sheila Dandridge

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Contact: Dorothy Stepney, Bookings Secretary.

Tel: 01865 243216 or 01865 862259.

Kathy Talbot of 33 Butts Road would like to thank people for their concern, following the recent death of her mother-in-law. Her mother-in-law was also called Kathleen Talbot (known as Kath) and for the last two years of her life lived here in the village with her son and daughter-in-law. So, just to clear up any misunderstanding, Kathy is still out and about walking her dog!



Morland House Surgery 2009 Patient Satisfaction Survey

Introduction:

Between December 2008 and February 2009 the surgery carried out a patient satisfaction survey. The Improving Practice Questionnaire (IPQ) which was developed by the University of Exeter was used. A random selection of patients were asked to complete the questionnaire ensuring that a minimum of 25 questionnaires per 1000 patients was achieved and that patients of all the GPs in the practice were surveyed. In total 247 responses were received.

What were the findings?

The 2009 survey produced very positive feedback for the practice indicating that the Practice was above national benchmark scores in the responses to all questions which asked for feedback about the practice, about the doctor seen at the time of the visit, about the practice staff and the services provided at the surgery. Patients were also asked for their comments about how the practice could improve its service.

The questions which attracted the highest scores related to:

- The respect shown to me by the doctor
- The warmth of the doctors greeting
- My confidence in the doctors ability
- The doctor's ability to really listen to me
- The recommendation I would give to my friends about this doctor

What actions are we taking in response to comments in the patient survey?

On 9 March 2009 a meeting was held in the practice including the doctors, nurses, dispensary, reception and administrative staff as well as patients to discuss the findings of the report and agree priorities for improving the patient experience over the next 2 years.

What are the priorities for action for the next 2 years?

- ❖ The Practice has planning permission for an extension and updating of the physical layout of the existing building which is over 100 years old and has restricted access. The development of the building will improve the reception and waiting areas and provide 4 ground floor consulting rooms thus ensuring that the building is compliant with the needs of the disabled, elderly and infirm.
- ❖ We will seek to improve the facilities in the waiting area. Requests for the provision of magazines suitable for both sexes and all ages as well as books and toys for children will be addressed. Donations from patients to assist with this will be welcomed.
- ❖ We will carry out a review of our reminder systems for ongoing health checks with a view to making improvements where necessary. An investigation into auto-reminder systems will be carried out.
- ❖ The introduction of a comments book in reception and recent surveys regarding the phlebotomy service and the dispensary have provided useful feedback from patients. Further surveys will be carried out during the next 12 months in an effort to improve on the services we provide to our patients.

We welcome comments on the services we provide. If you wish to give feedback or provide ideas for improving services please ask for the Comments Book at reception or alternatively write to or email the Practice Manager on barbara.noakes@gp-k84014.nhs.uk.

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