

# Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April



## Welcome to our 10.00am Service

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There is a **Crèche** for under 3's in the Cranmer Room.

**Sunday Club** (age 3–Y6) will meet upstairs and will have holiday activities.



**Refreshments** are served in the Foyer after the service, please stay and join us.



**Toilets** are in the foyer and upstairs; baby-changing facilities in the disabled toilet.

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION** *Chris Hobbs*

**HYMN** Immortal, invisible

**CONFESSION**

**SONG** Solomon was a young man

*Children go to their activities*

**NEWS**

**SONG** Early morning, break of dawn

**BIBLE READINGS** *Margaret Twiss*

Isaiah 25:1-12 (page 708)

1 Corinthians 15:35-58 (page 1156)

**SERMON** *Andy Martin*

Immortal bodies

**PRAYERS** *David Twiss*

ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**THE NICENE CREED**

**HYMN** When I survey

**COMMUNION**

**SONG** Through all life's sorrows and despairs

**CLOSING PRAYER**

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## Welcome to our 4.00pm Service

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There is a **Crèche** for under 3's in the Cranmer Room.

**Sunday Club** (age 3–Y6) will meet upstairs and will have holiday activities.

**There will be no Club114 or Cross Section** this week.



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## Welcome to our 6.30pm Service

We are continuing with the story of Joseph and 'Blessing after blessing' (Genesis 49:1-28) and we will be sharing The Lord's Supper.

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**PRAYER OF PREPARATION** *Andy Martin*

**HYMN** Come thou Fount of every blessing

**SONG** You're the Lion of Judah

**BIBLE READING** *Jeanne Glenn*  
Genesis 49:1-28 (page 55)

**SERMON** *Chris Hobbs*  
Blessing after blessing

**SONG** The Lord's my Shepherd

**CONFESSION**

**PRAYERS** *Martin Sherlaw*  
ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**SONG** What a fearful scene

**COMMUNION**

**NEWS**

**SONG** What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer

**CLOSING PRAYER**

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# It's a disgrace

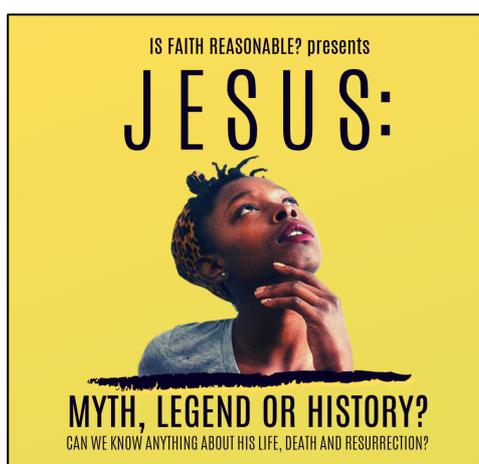
Dear Friends,

I was reading the Bible with someone this week when we came to these words: "Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore" (Hebrews 13:13) – where "him" is Jesus and "outside the camp" refers to him being crucified outside the city. It's a call to be identified with Jesus despite the shame it may bring us.

As I reflected on those words and thought ahead to Good Friday, I realised that it's easy to play down the shame and disgrace of the cross. Crucifixion was designed to disgrace its victims, as a warning to others, placarding to everyone: "You don't want to be one of them." Indeed, when Jesus died he was the person nobody wanted to be seen with. Yet the writer to the Hebrews encourages his readers – and us – to bear the disgrace Jesus bore, to be 'one of them.'

Jesus became the ultimate outsider, the outsider of outsiders. He was cast out, even away from God himself, so that through faith in him we could come in and become insiders with God. So when we find ourselves outsiders, remember this: Jesus knows what that's like and he can bring us in to God himself. And our writer goes on: "For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come" (verse 14). One day shame will give way to glory.

Yours warmly, in Christ, Chris Hobbs (Senior Minister/Vicar)



## Jesus: Myth, Legend or History?

The Christian faith is based around the historical figure of Jesus of Nazareth, but can we really know anything about him – his life, his death, his resurrection?

**Dr Peter Williams, Principal of Tyndale House, Cambridge, will be speaking on Tues 4<sup>th</sup> June, 7 – 9.30pm at the ICC.**

The evening includes a light buffet, a presentation and extended time of Q&A with Dr Williams.

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## Sundays at St Stephens

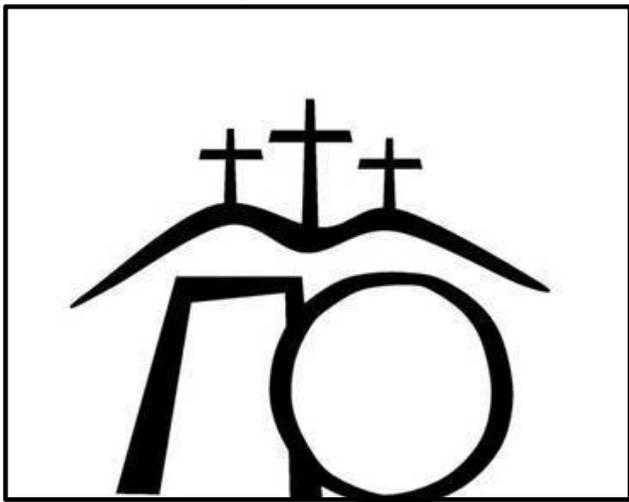
**10am service**, family friendly with activities for children (crèche – Y6)

**4pm service**, family friendly with activities for children and young people (crèche – Y9)

**6.30pm service**, relaxed and informal

## Easter

Our regular weekly activities are paused for the Easter holidays.



**Thu  
18**

**Church Family Meal** 6.45 for 7pm start. TODAY is the last day to sign up on the sheet in the foyer to come along, and let us know what you can bring. There is also a **help sign up sheet** to help, if you are able to help the evening run smoothly it would be very much appreciated.

**Fri  
19**

### Good Friday.

All Age, 10am 'The Torn Curtain'. Reflection, 11.30am 'Words of Life'.

**Sun  
21**

**Easter Sunday Celebration** 'A New Hope' for all ages with Holy Communion, 10am.

## Looking Ahead

**May  
11**

**Men's Breakfast: 'Staying Fresh'** – including how to have a quiet time. 8 – 9.30am. Join us for Bible teaching, discussion, practical help and prayer.

£4. Please sign up by Wed 8<sup>th</sup> May on Church Suite or contact the office.

**Jun  
10**

**Women's book club** are reading 'Daring to Hope' by Katie Davis Majors, about suffering, unanswered prayers and trusting God throughout. Speak to Elizabeth Barry or Chris Stonehouse.

**Jun  
28-30**

**Weekend Away 2019.** 'Running the Race', with Wallace and Lindsay Benn. Please aim to join us. Sign up on Church Suite or speak to the Office.

**Jul  
11-14**

**Explore: A Skeptic's Guide to Jesus.** Glen Scrivener will be joining us for a long weekend to address questions like "Just who is Jesus, Why is he Important, What did he do?" Please save the dates and start thinking about and praying for people to invite.

## News and Requests

**At the Annual Meeting**, Ian Butler and Richard Griffith were elected to serve as Churchwardens, Matt Killen and Stephen Rivett as Deanery Synod representatives and Pamela Devas, Virginie Hannam, Tim Pearson and Anne Ruck to serve on the Church Council.

Helen Buckley is looking for a couple of **Lego figures** that are builders (with hard hat and hammer), and a couple of Lego cups. Can you donate any for Sunday Club?

**Parents/carers**, please would you make sure your children don't go on the path around the back of the Cranmer room. It's not a safe area for them to play.

**Accommodation required for July.** Do you have a spare room available to rent to one of our female music students throughout July? Please contact Susanna Blamire through Church Suite, or contact the office to be put in touch with her.

**Furniture needed** in good condition to give to someone setting up home. A chest of drawers, bed or something else? Please let Andy Martin know as soon as possible.