

Jubilate

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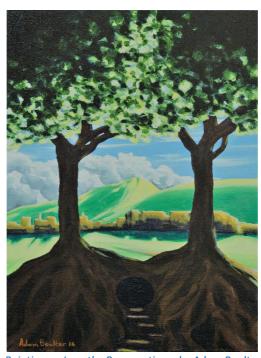






Chaplain: Rev'd Adam Boulter

APRIL 2019



Painting: « I am the Resurrection » by Adam Boulter

Before we go on, don't forget to put your clocks, FORWARD by ONE HOUR on Saturday night 30th March

So that you're not late for Church in Villejésus at 11.00.am on Sunday - it's a service celebrating Mothering Sunday and will include induction of new members of our Mothers' Union branch.

Services in April 2019

Sunday 7th

At 10.30.am, services of Holy Communion in

- Courcelles Church(17400),
- *St Léger de la Martinière Espace Maurice Martin (79500)
- *Villejésus Church(16140)

At 6.30.pm: 'Come and Worship' in Civray Mairie Salle Annex(86400)

Sunday 14th (Palm Sunday)

At 10.30.am Holy Communion in Jarnac EPUF Church Rooms (16200) At **11.00.am** Morning Worship in

• Champagne Mouton Church (16350)

FRIDAY 19th (Good Friday)

14.00h in Courcelles Church (17140): Holy Communion

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On GOOD FRIDAY (19th April) at **3.00.pm** In <u>Villejésus</u> Church (16140)

The Easter Story

A dramatic tracing of the trial and crucifixion of Jesus and His resurrection

Through the words of **Saint Matthew's** Gospel Interspersed with music for all to sing and solos to listen to and meditate upon

Sunday 21st EASTER DAY

Morning Worship at 10.30.am in Champagne Mouton Church Rooms (16350)

Services of Holy Communion at 10.30 in

- Barbezieux Temple (16300)
- Courcelles Church (17400)
- Jarnac EPUF Church Room (16200)
- Magné Church (86160) followed by Bring & Share lunch at 4, Touche Penon

Sunday 28th

10.30am - ALL AGE WORSHIP Civray (86400) Mairie Salle Annnex
 10.30..am Holy Communion in Jarnac (EPUF Church Room) [16200]
 10.30.am Morning Worship in La Rochefoucauld Church Room (16110)
 11.00.am Holy Communion in Pompaire Church (79200)
 6.30.pm Evening Prayer (BCP 1662) in Civray [86400]
 (Tower Chapel next to Church)

FROM THE CHAPLAIN'S DESK



At the time of *Jubilate's* going to press, the Chaplain was unwell, his desk remains unused. We wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to his thoughts and message to us next month.

PREPARING FOR EASTER

(adapted from www.dayspring.com)

Preparing for Easter helps us embrace the full meaning of this important celebration. It's an amazing feeling—waking up on Easter Sunday to be greeted with a renewed sense of God's amazing, unfailing love for us. Right? We are suddenly lighter on our feet, filled with pure joy and ready to join our loved ones in celebrating the resurrection of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Yes, Easter is a beautifully amazing holiday—one that stands out from the rest. Why? Because to fully understand the celebration, to fully accept the joy of the season, we must first comprehend the hard truth of Jesus' sacrifice. So, the question is: how can we prepare ourselves and our families in the days leading up to Easter so that we can fully accept His love and grace on that beautiful Easter Sunday morning?

Here are 3 simple ways to prepare your family for Easter:

- **1. Set aside family devotional time.** Start 10 days before Easter, and set aside time as a family to read Scriptures about the crucifixion, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. Open up the floor for any questions and dive into the Word.
- **2. Listen to your** <u>favourite Easter hymns</u>. Between work, home, bills, committee meetings and church gatherings, we know life is busy. Why not fill your vehicle with some of your favourite Easter hymns and tunes. Put the CD player to good use.
- **3. Organize a family 'service' project.** In <u>John 13:5 NIV</u>, it says "he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him." Read <u>John 13</u> together, and decide as a family how you might reach out and bless others.

FAVOURITE HYMNS

We'll start this series NOT with words, but with a tune: HYMN TUNE "ABBOTS LEIGH"

Abbots Leigh is a village and civil parish in Somerset, England, about 3 miles west of the centre of Bristol.

The tune was written by Cyril Taylor during WWII when he was stationed in Bristol as the BBC's producer of Religious Broadcasting. He said that it came into his head as he rode his bicycle into the village of AbbotsLeigh. Probably one of the most used tunes since, it has been described as the 'Rule Britannia' of hymn tunes.

Published in at least 120 hymn books, here are some of the Hymn titles which use the tune *Abbots Leigh*:

- Glorious things of thee are spoken
- God is love, let heaven adore Him
- Lord, Thy Church on Earth is seeking
- Father Lord of All Creation
- Go My Children, With my Blessing
- Lord, You Give the Great Commission
- Wind of God, dynamic Spirit
- Sovereign Lord, we sing your glory
- As the light upon the river
- God is Here
- Sing we of the Blessèd Mother

Thanks to John French for alerting us to this tune

BY THE WAY,

Hannah Boulter likes "You shall go out with joy" because of the trees *clapping*. And who are we to disagree with her?

NEXT MONTH we'll have her Mum's choice

A hymn for Easter

'In Christ Alone'

"In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all —
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe! This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied; For ev'ry sin on Him was laid — Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain; Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me; For I am His and He is mine — Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death —
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home —
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand."

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APRIL 2019: Events

RANDONNEE Friday 12th

Angela and Angus Worthington have offered to lead a walk from *LOUBERT*.

Directions to Loubert are as follows:-

Take the D951 Chasseneuil to Confolens road, then take the D169 (near the restaurant Le Relais des Barrettes and Lorry Park) to Loubert which is about 3kms down this road and we will park at the Cemetery. The walk will take us via Chez Bouchard and is approximately 9 kms in total. There is a small 11th century Chapelle en route as well as an interesting viaduct.

ALL WALKS MEET at 2:00pm to for a 2:15 START

<u>Prayer Meeting</u> at the Chitticks: la Dornière, 16700 St Gervais at 2.30pm on Monday **22**nd **April**

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The Coffee Morning and Table Sale held at Touche Penon in March raised a total of 270 euros for Chaplaincy funds.

MANY THANKS to Jane & Colin Fidler for lending their home, and to those who gave items and to those who bought them.

Chaplaincy ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY 16th APRIL at 10.30.am in the Salle des Fêtes in CHARME (16140)

(on the D 736 between Aigre and Ruffec)

This is the meeting at which reports are presented of the various activities of the Chaplaincy during the last year, including the Financial Report.

Officers and Council Members are elected by those who have joined the new Electoral Roll. If you have not yet done so, download the application forms from the Chaplaincy website:

www.church-in-france.com, complete them and send in to the Office immediately. You can also find nomination forms in the same place.

Those not on the Electoral Roll are able to attend the meeting but do not have a vote.

DO NOT MISS OUT on this opportunity to meet friends from all quarters of the Chaplaincy, maybe have your say about matters, and pray as we look forward to the future, 12 congregations together.

CHARITABLE GIVING

At the AGM, one of the things we do is decide upon which **3** Charities we will support during the next year.

You are invited to submit suggestions (local, national international, church-based or secular), preferably BEFORE the meeting - if you can provide some written information about your suggestion (history, work being done etc.), that would be most helpful.

Send your suggestions to either <u>carolyn.carter462@gmail.com</u> or williamjones@orange.fr

Together in Prayer - daily prayers and meditations for April 2019

1st "Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy." Psalm 47:1

Thank you Father that you bring laughter and joy into our lives. May we not take ourselves too seriously but radiate the happiness that comes from loving you.

2nd Father God, may we be quick to welcome and slow to judge. May our faith be accessible to all and our relationships a testament to your beloved community.

3rd Lord teach us the power of generosity that challenges scarcity with the extravagant self-giving of divine love.

4th Beloved Father, help us not to despair when you seem far away or when our walk with you feels insecure. Give us grace to trust your presence even when we feel your absence.

5th Lord, sometimes we forget that we do not create our world. This springtime it is timely to think of *your* magnificent creation; help us remember creation as a gift we are called to serve and watch over. Free us from any thoughtless habits that dishonour the land, and teach us to revel in its bounty with humble gratitude.

6th Beloved Father, we ask you to keep us from self-pity, and stir us to rise each morning expecting to encounter you and be caught up in your work.

7th With each new day, help us, Lord, to make our lives a hymn of constant praise to you. Teach us that the sweetest song is stirred when our hands are open in generosity and our feet are quick to bring the good news of your reconciling love to all we encounter on our journey.

8th Almighty God, in you we put our trust and our hope. With you as our source of strength, we will not succumb to fear.

9th Today, Lord, we remember Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran Pastor and Martyr in 1945, who wrote;

"Costly grace confronts us as a gracious call to follow Jesus, it comes as a word of forgiveness to the broken spirit and the contrite heart. It is costly because it compels a man to submit to the yoke of Christ and follow him; it is grace because Jesus says: "My yoke is easy and my burden is light."

10th Lord, your refiner's fire peels away the dross of our self-making. Grant us the discipline and desire to be purified by you.

11th How gracious are you, Father, when you receive us just as we are, with our doubts and suspicions. We pray that we may keep turning to you without fear of rejection. We pray to keep up our feeble attempts at serving you even when we question the worth of our efforts.

12th Holy Spirit, as we go about our day, we pray that we would seek your word on our lips and your actions in our deeds.

13th Lord, as we continually answer the call to follow you, help us to discern how we can use our God given talents and gifts in ways that nurture your kingdom.

14th "We want to avoid suffering, death, sin, ashes. But we live in a world crushed and broken and torn, a world God Himself visited to redeem. We receive his poured-out life, and being allowed the high privilege of suffering with Him, may then pour ourselves out for others." *Elisabeth Elliot*

15th Lord, as we wait for you, teach us how self-denial might open our spirits to receive your instruction and strength.

16th Lord Jesus as we move forward in the story of your crucifixion and resurrection may we learn the lessons of this special time and truly die to our old selves, rising anew in the Spirit.

17th Free us, Lord, from the chains of death, that we might work for love and life.

18th My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death,' he said to them. 'Stay here and keep watch.' Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. 'Abba, Father,' he

said, 'everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.' Mark 14:34-36

19th But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. Isaiah 53: 3-5

20th Jesus, today all is silent. You have given your precious life for the salvation of the world. You died a horrific death, and now you rest in peace in the tomb as the soldiers keep vigil.

21st EASTER DAY

Hymn: 'See what a morning' by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend:

See, what a morning, gloriously bright
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem,
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light
As the angels announce "Christ is risen!"
See God's salvation plan
Wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for He lives:
Christ is risen from the dead!

22nd "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, Even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die"

Words of Jesus recorded In John 11:25-26

23rd Lord, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us now by your mighty power that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome by adversity, but in all that we do direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

24th Lord, we know we are all capable of denying you. Please help us to invite the lost back into your fold with humility, knowing all the while that we would ourselves be lost but for your grace.

25th Lord, we know that freedom will prevail because you are already victorious. Help us to never lose hope, never stop celebrating your

victory, and never stop walking alongside those who struggle to see this freedom come on earth as it is in heaven.

26th You who prayed from the cross for your Father to forgive those who were killing you, grant us the courage to forgive those who harm us in our families, in our communities, and in our world. Help us recognise our own need to seek the forgiveness of others.

27th Lord, some of us have found wealth in this world, while others of us are left wanting. But as we stand before you, we are all paupers save for your grace and love. Remind us that our true wealth is your gift of a sustainable way of life for all.

28th But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23

29th Though you are worthy of trumpets and the song of angels, you graciously receive our daily prayers of whispered words and mundane habits. Enable us, Lord, to love you with all that we are and in all that we do. Teach us how we may truly pray without ceasing 30th Loving Father, make us a people who hear and believe. Let us come together, speaking truth to power.

HEALTH AND SAFETY WARNING

20% of deaths occur in cars
17% of deaths occur in the home
14% while walking on the pavement or along the road
16% while travelling by air, rail or water
The remaining 33% in hospital (avoid hospitals if you can)
0.001% of deaths occur in church while worshipping
(and even these are related to previous disorders)

There are no recorded deaths at Bible studies.

Therefore logic tells us that the safest place to be is worshipping God in church and reading your Bible.

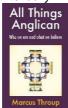
It could save your life.

REV'D PAUL KNIGHT'S book of the month

"All Things Anglican: Who we are and what we believe"

Marcus Throup

published by Canterbury Press ISBN 978-1-78622-067-7



£13.00 or less

This is the book to answer all those questions you were afraid to ask. This is the book to clear up all those queries you were too embarrassed to voice. This is the book to shed light on a lot of the mysteries that surround the Church of England.

The good old C of E is part of the world wide Anglican church and if you count yourself a member you are one of about 85 million people worldwide who do the same.

This is a really useful paperback that sets out in a non-technical, reader friendly style to answer all the questions people usually have about the Anglican church and to shed a lot of light on what the essentials of Anglicanism are.

Marcus Throup leads his readers through the minefield of why liturgy is important to us, the essentials of Anglican theology, why there are differences in Churchmanship, what the balance is between scripture, tradition and reason and a host of other topics that explain the richness of the Anglican church. He leads his readers carefully through the topics and avoids falling into the trap of using technical language. At the Send of each chapter is a helpful summary and a few questions to get you thinking.

Occasionally Marcus lets his own charismatic evangelical background sneak out from underneath his very balanced prose but that didn't stop your liberal catholic reviewer thinking that this book should have a place on the book shelf of every member of the Chaplaincy. And if you're not sure what charismatic evangelicals and liberal catholics think and believe, buy the book; it's got the answers.

Paul's Book Review leads us to a new series of articles offered by Rev'd Sandy Borthwick:

Sandy's Alphabet

A Dictionary of Church words and terms

On a recent visit to the UK I visited a branch of a well-known High Street bank. During this visit I had to submit my bank card and when it was returned the young teller looked at the card and said "What does Rev mean?". I was a bit amazed that he didn't know that it was short for reverend which is, of course, a title given to the clergy. We do use a lot of jargon in the Church and it occurred to me that even those who regularly attend Church may not have knowledge of all the words used. I thought it might be useful, and a bit of fun, to have an A to Z of Church words, although some letters might prove difficult.

A is for Alb.

An alb is a long white ankle length garment worn by ministers in church during the Eucharist (Communion Service). It gets its name from the Latin word for white and is developed from the general formal dress of the Romans at the time of Jesus and the Apostles. The clergy of the Early Church, like a lot of people had their 'Sunday Best' and so the dress of the clergy got caught in a time warp. The vestments came to have a certain symbolism and became a sign of authority much in the same way as the dress of high court judges or parliamentary officials

Albs were designed to be worn over a cassock but in recent years they have become a more substantial vestment that can be worn on its own.

Priests, when celebrating the Eucharist, usually wear a stole of the liturgical colour of the day and sometimes an overgarment known as a chasuble. Oscar Wilde in has play 'The Importance of being Ernest' has a character who is a clergyman named Canon Chasuble. When the clergy are preparing to celebrate the Eucharist they are expected to say prayers as they put on each vestment. The prayer for the alb is as follows.....

"Cleanse me O Lord and give me a pure heart. Wash me in the blood of the Lamb that I may be fit for the kingdom of heaven."

A prayer suitable for anyone preparing for Holy Communion

April is said to be an industrious month for the gardener, with the whole garden needing TLC all at the same time. Take care of yourselves, as with the improving weather and longer days you might be tempted to do too much work and then suffer later. **Things to do: Fruit:** If you have any small fruit trees or bushes watch the weather forecast and be prepared to cover them with fleece to protect the blossom. **Trees and shrubs:** Give hedges a spring prune and prune back the taller stems of the dogwood to maximise colour next winter. Lavender can have a light prune now, cutting back the tips of the shoots with shears or secateurs; this will help the shrub to stay bushy BUT take care not to cut into older wood.

Vegetables: Prepare the beds for planting next month such as tomatoes, cucumber and courgettes. Help the peas by giving them a good feed and protect potatoes from late frosts by earthing up over the leaves. Plant your onion sets now 2.5cm (1in) deep - cover completely or you may lose them to foraging Blackbirds. Sow your winter brassicas in a ready prepared seedbed for transplanting onto their permanent position when they have developed two or three true leaves.

Flowers: Dead head winter pansies, although you should have been doing this since they were planted. Tulips and daffs can also be deadheaded but leave the stem to die down naturally. Weed rock gardens to prevent weeds setting seed and making more work for you later. Plant Gladioli to fill any gaps you have in your borders: this will give you colour in August when other flowers could be fading. While planting your Gladioli check to see if any of your annual or perennial plants have set seed - many such as Verbena Bonariensis and Foxgloves do this regularly.

Lawns: With the arrival of April showers the grass is going to grow faster so cut regularly but set the blades high.

Pots: I noted that a writer in one of the gardening journals used old tea bags at the bottom of pots! For general-purpose use, not seedlings, why not buy your compost from the déchetterie: certainly where I live it is a very reasonable price but it is loose and you need plenty of bags or a trailer.

Ponds: Thin out aquatic plants before they take over the pond, divide and re-pot marginal plants. If you have removed your pond pump now is the time to re-install and to check that any pumps left in the pond are running free and not clogged up.

Pests: In the wet warm weather that we could be having there soon will be the reappearance of slugs and snails. If you do not garden organically use pellets sparingly and not where children and pets will find them. Organically a beer trap is a useful way of killing these pests and if you are lucky enough to have a friendly Thrush then ensure they have a flat stone to use as an 'anvil'. For those of you with vines, keep a look out for vine weevil, either despatch these cream coloured weevils or buy (by mail order) nematodes.

Looking forward to the month of May:

"Jeudi 2 mai / Thursday May 2

20h30 Cognac - Auditorium de la Salamandre

"Pierre et Mohamed"

A play by Adrien Candiart

with Francesco Agnello and Raphael Joly.

A message of friendship between Pierre Claverie, the Catholic bishop of Oran, and his chauffeur, Mohamed Bouchikhi, assasinated together in Oran in 1996.

Collection plate: suggestion € 10"

The Salamandre can be accessed both by the rue du XIV Juillet and the place Jean Monnet and is in any case close to the main square, place François 1ier.

Have you ever played CROQUET?

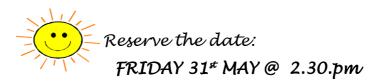
If so, here's a chance to show off your skills.

If not, it's easy and it's fun - no previous experience needed.

WHEN? Thursday 23rd May 2.00.pm onwards

WHERE? The garden of Jane Carlisle: 54 Rue Charles, MANSLE MORE INFORMATION NEXT MONTH

10 euros entrance fee, in aid of Chaplaincy funds. Refreshments etc;



QUIZ WITH CREAM TEA IN Jassay

ANOTHER BOOK RECOMMENDATION:

Elisabeth Barnett writes

Are you worried about how or who will look after your affairs as you get older? "Tutelle et curatelle tout ce que je dois savoir » by Florence Fresnel (Avocat au barreau de Paris, Doctor en droit.)

is a book that helps to explain the situation in France.

Mme Fresnel is a specialist in personal rights of vulnerable personnes.

She writes 'as we live longer and medicine progresses there are more people who live with diminished capabilities either because of their age, illness or handicap'.

After many years of listening to her clients Mme Fresnel has written this little book where she answers 25 questions on the subject, including one on the most recent changes in the law.

Not a book to read from start to finish (and, of course, it's in French!) but useful for reference, it is well worth 9,90€, and is available from amazon.fr

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Épice de la vie Our Malaysian spicy deliciousness



A PHOTO OF ONE OF OUR SIGNATURE DISHES.

Andrew and MeiWan Holman are very pleased to announce the soft opening of our Malaysian Restaurant in Ruffec on 27th March 2019.

We are so happy to share our authentic Malaysian food here in France where it is now our home since 2018 from New Zealand. We create our food with love using the best local ingredients as much as we can.

We will open every Wednesdays and Saturdays between 10am - 2pm with morning tea, coffee and sweet things from 10am to 11.30am and lunch will be served from 12pm - 2pm.

There will be a different menu on each day, please check our FaceBook weekly for the menu.

Address: 16 Rue Jean Jaurès, 16470 Ruffec Facebook www.facebook.co/epicedelavie

Andrew and MeiWan are members of our Chaplaincy congregations in Courcelles, Civray & Champagne Mouton

Some familiar scriptures to remind us of what Easter is all about:

I Corinthians, chapter 15:

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins, ⁴ that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

The Gospel of Luke, chapter 24:

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵ In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷ The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again."

St Paul's Letter to the Romans, chapter 8

³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION OR THE BIBLE

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Our AIM:

- To love the Lord our God with all our heart and soul and mind and strength.
- To love our neighbours as ourselves
- To go and make disciples

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Why Do We Celebrate EASTER?

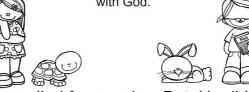
Easter is a special holiday that we celebrate to remember that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came to save us from our sins.

We are all sinners because we have all disobeyed God.

God is holy and just. He cannot let sinners come into heaven.

God sent Jesus Christ, His Son, into the world to live a perfect life in our place and then to die in our place, to take the punishment for our sins.

If we believe in Jesus Christ as our Savior, we can be saved from our sins and spend all of eternity in Heaven with God.



Jesus died for our sins. But, He didn't stay dead. He rose again from the dead on the third day. And that is the wonderful story of EASTER!