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HAPPY EASTER



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Monthly Church Magazine

All are Welcome at Mount Hermon

A WORD FROM OUR MINISTER

When I was growing up... shops were not open on a Sunday. There was still a remnant of desire to keep the 4th commandment **"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy."** The thing is this, Sunday is not the Sabbath day. God made the world in six days and on the seventh He rested. So we should rest on the seventh day which is Saturday. Actually the Jewish day runs from sunset to sunset, so the Sabbath is from sunset on Friday to sunset Saturday. So why do Christians take Sunday – the first day of the week as the rest day? At the "feast of Passover," Jesus was crucified. He was crucified on the Friday, hence the rush to bury Him before sunset, the start of the Sabbath, when all work was forbidden. Three days later He rose from the dead, on the 1st day of the week, on Sunday. That's why Christians have always celebrated Sunday. It is not the Sabbath, the day of rest, it is the first day of the week, the day that Jesus conquered death and showed that eternal life was possible for all of us. Now that is really something to celebrate... and it's something to remember as we celebrate Easter this year.



DISCIPLESHIP EXPLORED

8 week course - starting on
2nd April. Each Session will
be at 2 pm in the church hall,
pre-ceded at 1pm by a:

Soup and Roll Lunch.

All are welcome

We have just completed - a Christianity Explored Course..... run on Tuesday afternoons from January to March. Each session started at 2 pm, pre-ceded by a light lunch of homemade soup and a roll at 1pm. It proved to be an excellent time of fellowship and team building. Those who completed the course said how much they had enjoyed it, and were surprised at how much they had learned. We will be starting a Discipleship Explored course on the 2nd April. Why not give it a try?

David Sharples (Minister)



A NOTICE TO ALL OUR READERS

Please note : The 'VOICE' magazine is now
available on our church website at :
www.mounthermonwrc.org.uk



JOKE CORNER - Jokes that will make you laugh - or cry!

At a church choir practice... a definition was sought for the musical term - 'syncopation.' The choir master then defined this as: 'a rapid movement between bars.' Most of the men decided to try it out after choir practice.

Zero hour was approaching as the small boy hurried on his way to school. "Please God don't let me be late." He repeated this over and over again. Then, suddenly, he stumbled and fell to the ground. Getting up slowly he brushed himself off and muttered, "All right - there's no need to push me."

Seen on a church noticeboard: JUMBLE SALE NEXT SATURDAY - 3pm. This is a good chance to get rid of lots of old things not worth keeping or having around the house. P.S. Don't forget to bring your husbands along.

Pablo Picasso surprised a burglar at his new home. The intruder escaped but Picasso told the police he could do a rough sketch of what he looked like. On the basis of the drawing submitted, the police arrested a Mother superior, the minister of finance, a washing machine and the Eiffel Tower.

A man goes into a bar and asks the barman to recommend a good drink. He brings him one called a 'grasshopper.' The man drinks it and orders a couple more. On the way home he sees a grasshopper on the ground. He says to it, "Do you know there's a drink named after you?" "What" the grasshopper says, in surprise... "They've got a drink called Kevin?"

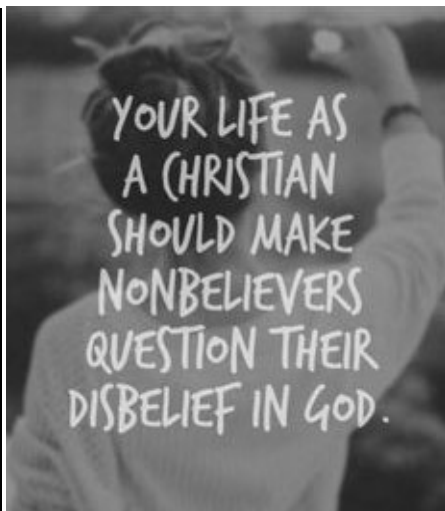
A man is sitting in a fish restaurant, and can't decide what to order. When the waiter arrived he said : "Tell me... what are your muscles like today?" "Not bad"... the waiter replies - "I work out at the Gym every other day."

LORD - LET ME BE LIKE YOU.

Lord help me to be in your holy will;
Tell me what your will is for me today;
Lead me now - in your righteousness;
Make me more like You, Lord I pray.

Guard me against this sinful world;
It's perverted priorities, temptations too;
Direct my mind towards your commands,
So I can focus my whole life on You.

Fill my heart with your life and your love;
So I can assist those I see in their need;
With You as my role model let me just be
Like you - in thought and word and deed



The story's told about a little boy who was afraid of the dark. One night his mother asked him to go out on the back porch and get the mop, but he didn't want to go as he was afraid. She said... "Haven't I always told you there's nothing to be afraid of in the dark?" He said, "Yes mum, but don't make me go outside for that mop." She said, "Don't you know that Jesus is always there with you? You are never alone." "Yes mum." "So go out and get that mop!" He opened the door about two inches, stuck his hand out and whispered, "Jesus, would you hand me that mop?"

The point is when you attempt something you've never done before, it's normal to feel afraid. If you're asked to do some job you feel you're unqualified for, it's normal to feel afraid. But it's in doing the thing you fear that you grow, and your confidence in God grows. Today God would say to all his followers: 'Be strong and courageous. Don't be afraid or terrified for I am with you wherever you go.' This should motivate you to do all that He asks of you, whatever it is, and go wherever He tells you to go, for "He will never leave you or forsake you" (Deuteronomy 31 : 6). The truth is when God says go... **He's not sending you somewhere... He's taking you somewhere.** So let your fears go, trust Him fully as He know what your needs are better than you do yourself... and He will direct your paths.

**THERE IS NOTHING IN THIS WORLD THAT CAN MAKE ME
AFRAID BECAUSE I AM CONSCIOUS OF BEING SUSTAINED
BY THE INDWELLING SPIRIT OF GOD**

"What shall separate us from the love of God? Shall tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loves us. For I am persuaded that that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present or things to come, nor 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."

EASTER REFLECTION

"On a hill far away, stood an Old Rugged Cross, the emblem of suffering and shame. And I love that old cross, where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain." This well known Easter hymn was written by George Bennard in Iowa in 1913. When he was 16 years old, George felt God was calling him to serve JESUS CHRIST - in the Salvation Army. But then tragically, his father suddenly died. The family were devastated.

As the eldest son, George had to abandon Theological college... and find work to provide for his mother, and his younger brothers and sisters. He worked at a manual job by day... and at night sat up late studying the gospels. Eventually he was able to join the Salvation Army, and later on he became an Ordained Methodist Minister. All went well for a long time, but then, several difficult situations affected his life and his work. George fell into a deep depression. For months he worked on this, seeking help and praying for acceptance and a deeper committed relationship to God.

"Then suddenly, one day," said George, "I saw a vision of Jesus on His cross and I realised the POWER of HIS REDEMPTION... and God's great LOVE for the WORLD" (John Ch3 v 16). "And watching my saviour on that lonely hill at Calvary, the words and the tune came into my mind."

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true.
It's shame and reproach gladly bear
Then He'll call me one day to His home far away
When His glory forever I'll share.

A HAPPY EASTER TO YOU... FROM ALL AT MOUNT HERMON

THOUGHTS FOR TODAY

Forget each kindness that you do, as soon as you have done it.
Forget the praise that falls on you, the moment you have won it.
Forget the slander that you hear, before you can repeat it.
Forget each slight, each spite, each sneer, every time you meet it.
Remember every kindness done to you, what e're its measure.
Remember every praise from others, and pass it on with pleasure.
Remember every promise made.... and keep it to the letter.
Remember those who lend you aid... and be a grateful debtor.
Remember all the happiness that comes your way in living.
Forget each worry and distress, be hopeful and forgiving.
Remember good, remember truth, remember heaven above you.
 And you will find as time goes on, true joy - in that **God loves you.**

KNITTING TOGETHER AT MOUNT HERMON



'SUPPORTING ARMENIAN MINISTRIES'

Shown above : Colourful, cosy blankets. Warm woolly cold weather hats and scarves. We recently received a letter of appreciation from Perouz Harrison who came to visit us in January. We feel privileged to share in the work of Armenian Ministries. WE ALWAYS WELCOME new friends who wish to knit with us. We are at Mount Hermon -10 am to 12 noon, the last Tuesday of every month. Our work is upheld by PRAYER. We Serve a RISEN SAVIOUR.

(Submitted by Jill Jackson)

Love by Meeting Another's Needs

"But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's Love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk... but in deed and in truth"

1 John 3 : 17 - 18

"Whatever you did for the least of these brothers of mine you did for me." Matthew 25 : 40 (NIV)

CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL

TUE The 2 pm courses will be preceded by Soup and a Roll at 1 pm.

2nd - **Discipleship Explored Course** - at 2 pm

9th - **Discipleship Explored Course** - at 2 pm

16th - **Discipleship Explored Course** - at 2 pm

23rd - **Discipleship Explored Course** - at 2 pm

30th - **Ladies Knitting Group** 10 am to 12 noon

30th - **Discipleship Explored Course** - at 2 pm

**BIBLE
STUDY
COURSE**



THU 9.30. am - **The Church Prayer Meeting** - held each week.

THE COFFEE POT - Every week from 10 am to 11.30. am

The chapel will be open for private prayer and devotions

Everyone is welcome at Mount Hermon. Why not join us.

And meet new friends in warm and friendly surroundings.

18th 7 pm - **Maunday Thursday Service** - (see back page)

FRI 19th - **ACT - Open Air March and Witness** - at Sugar Hill

For further details - please consult the back page ➡ ➡

19th - **Good Friday Service** - please consult the back page.

SAT 27th - **Monthly Coffee Morning** - 10 am-11.30 am.

Cake Stall, Preserves, Books and Greetings Cards,

Bric-a-brac, Raffle with good prizes. Entry Fee £1

Come - enjoy meeting friends and having fellowship.



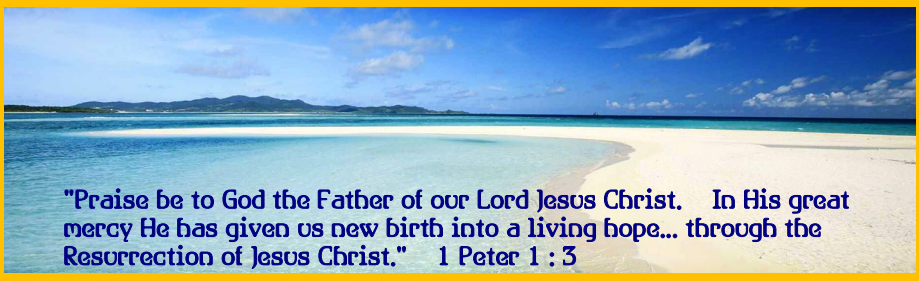
SUN 10.30 am. **Sunday Morning Worship** - every Sunday

7th **David Sharples (Minister)**..... MH + Communion

14th **Geoff Bennett**..... West Grange Church, Leeds

21st **David Sharples (Minister)**..... Mount Hermon

28th **Mick Terry**..... Scott Hall Church, Leeds



"Praise be to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope... through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 1 : 3

ADDINGHAM**ACT - EASTER OPEN-AIR WITNESS**

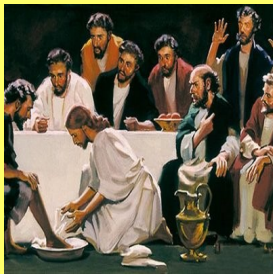
A celebration of the Easter story -- presented by the four Addingham churches

Friday 19th April - Good Friday

10.45. am - A march through the village carrying the Cross, starting at the bottom of Back Beck Road, and finishing at the garden at the bottom of - Sugar Hill.

Service at the Sugar Hill Garden will commence at 11 am

Hot Cross Buns will be distributed following the service.

EASTER ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HERMON

The Last Supper - as Jesus washes the disciples feet

**MAUNDAY THURSDAY
EVENING SERVICE**

Thursday 18th at 7 pm

**This service will include
Holy Communion**

**Led by Jan Potter and
David Sharples (Minister)**



Christ's Crucifixion on the Cross - at Golgotha's hill.

**GOOD FRIDAY
EVENING SERVICE**

Friday 19th at 7 pm

**Come and listen to the
message of the Cross.**

**Service conducted by
Mrs Sylvia Somers**



The resurrected Jesus with two on the Emmaus road.

**EASTER SUNDAY
MORNING SERVICE**

Sunday 21st - 10.30. am

**"The Resurrection"
Jesus Christ is alive!**

**Service conducted by
David Sharples (Minister)**



**"For the message of the cross is foolishness..... to those who are perishing but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."
(1 Corinthians 1 : 18)**