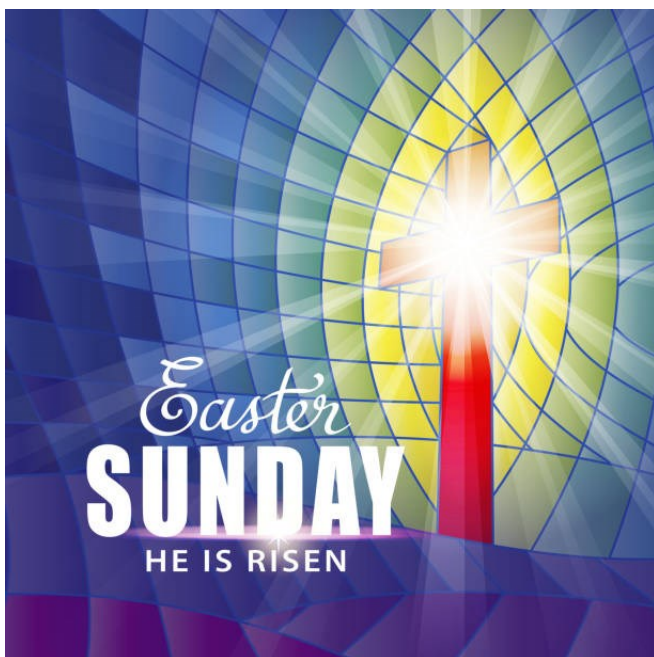


# UPPER EDGE BAPTIST CHURCH



## Newsletter

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Lord God,  
You loved this world so much,  
That you gave your one and only Son,  
That we might be called your children too.



Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace  
of Easter Sunday, everyday.

Let us have hearts of thankfulness  
For your sacrifice.

Let us have eyes that look upon  
Your grace and rejoice in our salvation.

Help us to walk in that mighty grace  
And tell your good news to the world.

All for your glory do we pray, Lord, Amen.

- Rachel Marie Stone

Celebrate Easter with a heart filled with peace, joy  
and cheer!

Have a happy Easter!



A hearing loop is  
installed in church.





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Hello there,

Daryll here, wishing you well in this season of Lent. I wonder how you approach this time of year? Do you still enjoy the endless supply of pancakes on Shrove Tuesday? Do you give something up for forty days? Do you practise a new activity or discipline?

Full disclosure: I really enjoy this season. I like the time to reflect. I like the sense of contemplation. I like the fact that it makes me re-evaluate my life. But then again my musical taste lends itself to the melancholic, and the poetry and prose I read tends towards the painful examination of life. It has often been remarked by friends that it's a miracle that I can even raise a smile (never mind laughing as much as I do) when you consider my artistic tastes!

The truth of the matter is that Lent reminds me of the time in the wilderness that Jesus went through and the fact that we will all at some point in our lives have moments where we may feel lost, abandoned or have a sense that we don't fit in. As we know, it is never fun to be lost in the wilderness, never great to have a sense of isolation. I suppose the questions to ask are:

1. How do we cope when we encounter this?
2. What helps us through?

For me there is a simple answer: **hope**. Because there is always hope.

History and experience demonstrate that no matter what may befall us tomorrow the sun will once again rise. The light will always break through. Darkness, despair and fear run amok in the wilderness and, without a sense of hope, those things can become overwhelming. As we move through Lent we start to see the hope that is Easter Sunday, and as it gets closer and closer we are reminded that we have a living Saviour, a God that understands wilderness, understands loss, understands you.

As you journey through Lent may you spend time reflecting on the hope that you have.

God bless.

*Daryll*



**MARCH**

<u>Sunday 10th</u>	<u>4th in Lent Mothering Sunday</u>
10.30am	Morning Worship with Communion led by Rev Allan Wolfenden
<u>Wednesday 13th</u>	
10.00am	Lent Group @ Church
12.15 for 12.30pm	Church Lunch
<u>Saturday 16th</u>	
8.30am	Men's Breakfast @Toby Carvery Ainley Top
<u>Sunday 17th</u>	<u>5th in Lent Passion</u>
10.30am	Morning Worship led by Daryll Hackett
<u>Wednesday 20th</u>	
10.00am	Lent Group @ Church



Thursday 21st

7.00pm Deacons' Meeting @ Church

Sunday 24th

*6th in Lent Palm Sunday*

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr Julian Dowson

Monday 25th

7.45am Prayer Breakfasts for Holy Week (Blackley)

Wednesday 27th

10.00am Time To Reflect

Friday 29th

GOOD FRIDAY

11.30am Procession of Witness from St John's

11.40am The George, Brighthouse for a hymn

12.00pm United Service for Good Friday (Central Methodist)

Saturday 30th

British Summer Time **CLOCKS GO FORWARD 1 HOUR** tonight



Sunday 31st

EASTER SUNDAY

6.30am Sunrise Service in St Matthew's Vicarage Garden

10.30am Morning Worship led by Daryll Hackett

**APRIL**

Monday 1st

EASTER MONDAY

Wednesday 3rd

10.00am Time To Reflect

Sunday 7th

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mrs Lorraine Tatham and Young Church

Monday 8th April

7.00pm Beer and Banter @ The Four Sons 'All things ECO' - Norman Lake and John Hearson

Wednesday 10th

10.00am Time To Reflect

12.15 for 12.30pm Church Lunch

Sunday 14th

10.30am Morning Worship led by Daryll Hackett

Wednesday 17th

10.00am Time To Reflect

Sunday 21st

10.30am Morning Worship led by Daryll Hackett

Wednesday 24th

10.00am Time To Reflect

Sunday 28th

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mrs Janet Lawton

**Church AGM - Sunday May 12th 11.45am** after the Morning Service



**Crazy Sleep Facts!**



- \* Sea otters hold hands when they sleep so they don't drift away from each other.
- \* Tiredness peaks twice a day: Around 2 a.m. and 2 p.m. for most people. That's why you're less alert after lunch.
- \* We are the only mammals that willingly delay sleep.
- \* Within 5 minutes of waking up, 50% of your dream is forgotten.
- \* Research shows you'll sleep better during a new moon and worse during a full moon, although the reasons are unclear.
- \* Snoring is a common problem for both men and women. In fact, about 40% of men and 24% of women are habitual snorers.

## Pet Service

We had a very different Service on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February. We arrived to find it was being held downstairs, there was a bowl of water, a mop and a bucket in evidence as well as pictures of various animals.

People were beginning to arrive including five dogs, 2 Harveys with Paul Newman and Jane, and Laurence with his 3 working dogs.



Lorraine and the girls led the service with suitable hymns. The dogs were very well behaved, their owners giving a brief outline of their backgrounds.

Christine Sunderland spoke about a neighbour's dog she knew who if asked would 'say his prayers'. Joan told us of her goose who like most geese could be quite aggressive. I told of the lovely dog we had during the Second World War given to us when he was a tiny puppy. As he got older he didn't take any notice if you sang hymns or choruses etc with the exception of 'I will make you fishers of men', then he would bark his head off, much to the amusement of the evacuees who walked past our house singing it on a regular basis. He was so much part of the family we took him to Guernsey with us when the war was over.

All in all our first 'Bless the Animals Service' was a lovely occasion; after all as Lorraine said, 'Dog is God' spelt backwards.

### *Jan Morris*

PS Mop and bucket were not needed and were surplus to requirements!

## By Bike and Bullet Train in Japan



The annual (and occasionally bi-annual) Slide Shows have become something of an institution and gained in popularity over the years at Upper Edge. This year a record gathering of eighty people met in the Hall and enjoyed a tasty meal of pie and peas (or vegetarian option), followed by tea/coffee and biscuits, before going upstairs and taking their seats for the highlight of the evening, an illustrated talk by Anne and Ken on their recent cycling adventure in Japan.

There followed an absorbing, beautifully illustrated introduction to 21<sup>st</sup> century Japan, where the modern and traditional blend together offering a fascinating insight into the way of life of its people. One notable feature of this in Tokyo, the capital, is the lack of litter and graffiti, where litter bins don't exist and everyone takes it home instead, illustrated memorably by the picture of a cleaner in the spotless station with nothing to pick up! The bullet trains are immaculate and always run on time! It was difficult not to be impressed by the public toilets, self-flushing, with heated seats and the option of playing music to cover extraneous noises!

We were introduced to Japanese food in its markets and restaurants, mostly hard to identify, but beautiful to look at, and a bit of a challenge for Europeans! Cycling began after a trip in a bullet train to the west of the main island and we were treated to pictures of the countryside as the group cycled from one accommodation to the next. Here the traditional was much more obvious. The bedrooms with their flimsy walls usually contained only a low table and cushions and later an unrolled futon to sleep on. Showering arrangements were complicated and guests wore traditional

Japanese garments and ate their meals from individual trays with small dishes containing different items, which were eaten using chopsticks of course. There could be up to twenty different dishes available on a tray!

Perhaps the most memorable slides were those showing a street in a small town with its long-established market and different shops. After Anne and Ken returned home an earthquake struck the town and it was shocking to see from photos taken later that the whole area was destroyed and a way of life obliterated in a moment.

Many thanks to Anne and Ken for devising an unforgettable evening and their entertaining commentary and pictures which will linger in our memories. Many thanks too to those who prepared the food, set out the chairs etc. and cleared everything away afterwards. Well done to you all!



*Paul Armitage*

Our grateful thanks to all who came and made the evening such a great social event. The bonus was that the sum of £313 was raised for church funds. *Anne and Ken*

### **Crazy Sleep Facts (continued)**

- \* In Japan, napping at your job is seen as a sign of diligence — you worked so much to the point of exhaustion. The Japanese call it inemuri, which translates to “present while sleeping.”
- \* You can only dream about faces you have already seen.
- \* 66.8% of adults say they have talked in their sleep.
- \* A snail can sleep for three years.

### **You Took My Parking Space at Church**



This should wake us up. One day, a man went to visit a church. He got there early, parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up near the driver, got out and said, “I always park there! You took my place!”

The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, “That’s my seat! You took my place!” The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing.

After Sunday School, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, “That’s where I always sit! You took my place!” The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still he said nothing.

Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandalled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out, “What happened to you?”

The visitor replied, as his hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye, “I took your place.”

After you have read this, say a prayer, that’s all.

This Easter time let’s remember Who took our place.



## ***For Mother's Day - a version of Psalm 23***

*My mum is my shepherd.*

The Lord is my shepherd.  
I have everything I need.



*She makes me to lie down under cool, downy comforts.  
She watches me play beside still waters.*

He gives me rest in green pastures.  
He leads me to calm water.

*She restores my soul.  
She leads me in paths of respect, responsibility and goodness,  
for I am her namesake!*

He gives me new strength.  
For the good of his name, he leads me on paths that are right.

*Yes, even though I walk past monsters in the dark, I will not be scared,  
because my mum is always near me.  
Her hands and her voice, they comfort me.*

Even if I walk through a very dark valley, I will not be afraid because You are with me.  
your rod and your shepherd's staff comfort me.

*My mum sets the table and cheerfully calls me to dinner even in front of big, mean bullies.  
She anoints my skinned knees and broken heart with kisses.*

*She smiles and throws me a towel when my cup runneth over.*

You prepare a meal for me in front of my enemies.  
You pour oil of blessing on my head.  
You give me more than I can hold.

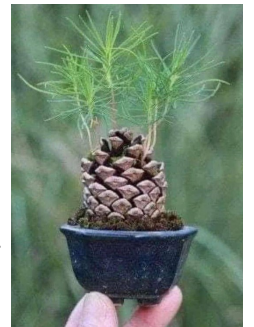
*Surely God's peace, power and mercy shall uphold me all the days of my life,  
for my Mother taught me to dwell in the house of God forever.*

Surely your goodness and love will be with me all my life.  
And I will live in the house of the Lord forever.



From Seed to Flowers to trees

1. Go to the woods. Bring a pinecone home.
2. Put the cone in a pot with some soil - so that most of it stands out.
3. Every day water it with a small amount of water, as excess water makes the cones rot.
4. After some time, a tiny tree will appear.
5. Congratulations - you just started oxygen production and you have a piece of forest in your own home.
6. Thank-you for doing something for nature!



## In Warm Memory of Brian Whiteley, our Next-Door Neighbour at church

Brian was a neighbour to the church for many years. His sister, Betty's family lived nearby and Betty Gingell was a Sunday School teacher for us. As his niece Elizabeth and nephew Adrian came to our Sunday School, Brian would attend Anniversary Services and special events, but he was a member of New Road Sunday School.

As a younger man Brian had been very strong and fearless. His hobby was bull-grooming! But he was very kind and attentive to Betty in her latter years.

He moved into the flats after selling his house but still attended services occasionally and enjoyed coming to our monthly Community Lunches. One of his kind neighbours brought him in his wheelchair. After his death, the family asked to use our Hall for his funeral tea.

We were very touched to learn that Brian had remembered the church in his will, leaving money to be spent on a special Christmas Lunch and a donation for church funds.

### Louise Armitage



#### The Funny Things Children Say

My great-granddaughter Penelope, aged five, was telling me what she would do when she became a young woman. I explained I would probably be in heaven by then. She thought for a moment about that and then replied: Don't worry Nana, I'll text you.



**Father in heaven**, may we share the light and life of Jesus with others today, and always. May we remember all people in areas of conflict and pray for them daily.



So how many words did you get out of **TEMPTATION?**

*Did you get all these!?*

Here are Dawn and Christine's answers:

Tat Ten Time Tone Tame Tempt Ton Tape Tap Toe Tint Tea  
Tiptoe Tip Tent Teapot Tan Top Temp Tempo Taint Tamp  
Tine Tote Note Net Not Nap Name Neat Nape Meat Met  
Mean Mitten Meant Mate Mat Main Men Man Mop  
Map Mine Moat Mint Mitt Mope Matt Mane Moan  
Matin Mite Ape Ate Aim Amen Attempt Ant Apt Ante  
Atone Anti Amit Eat Emit Paint Patio Petti Pat Pain Pan  
Pot Poet Pen Pet Poem Panto Pattie Patten Peat Pate  
Pea Potent Pant Pit Pitman Pitmen Potman Pine Pint Pie  
Piano Pin Pinto Pane Point Patient Pent One Oat Omen  
Open Impotent Imp Into Item Inept

108 in total, however if you take the 36 3 letter words there are 72 left!

Thank you for supplying the answers.

### NEXT CHALLENGE

How many words can you make from RESURRECTION? They must be 4 letters or more. Target 40. Answers in the next newsletter near the end of April!

**What's On And When In The Church Hall**

Tuesday	Stitch group	Fortnightly 10.00am - 3.00pm
Wednesday	Time To Reflect	10.00am – 11.00am
	Lunch	12.30pm (2nd Wed in the month for the community)
Thursday	Table Tennis	2.00pm - 4.00pm
Friday	Line Dancing	10.15am – 11.30am (coffee, tea and biscuits after)
Saturday	Creative Edge	10.00am – 4.00pm (3rd Sat in the month)
	Bound To Be Good	Quarterly + November



**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS in**

**MARCH**

Joyce Kaye 1st  
 Charlotte Thompson 10th  
 David Kaye 11th  
 Tess Goodman 14th  
 Jane Foley 20th

**APRIL**

Elaine Maclean 2nd  
 Daniel Church 29th



Special birthday wishes to Tess who will be 15 on the 14th March and Daniel who will be 21 on April 29th. Another important milestone!



**TGIF - Thank God I'm Forgiven**





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