

# *Salisbury Park URC*

Minister - Rev. Brian Matthews



FOR TO US A CHILD IS BORN, TO US A SON IS GIVEN,  
AND THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE ON HIS SHOULDERS.  
AND HE WILL BE CALLED WONDERFUL COUNSELOR,  
MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE.

ISAIAH 9:6

*April and May  
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# *Our Church* **Your Church**

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***Regular morning worship  
every Sunday at 10.45am  
A church for everyone***

# A word from our Minister

Dear everyone,

This edition of the newsletter is the one that takes us through Holy Week and the Easter period and almost to Pentecost. We remember many events in the life and death of Jesus, from Caesarea Philippi to the entry into Jerusalem, the gathering storm as the enemies of Jesus plot in the darkness of the night, and of their minds, until an act of treachery leads to the death of Jesus.

In all of this is our humanity which is frail and given to intrigue and failure. There is bravado when Peter says that he'll follow Jesus but will fail Him at the very end, though he goes further than anyone else. There are James and John wanting the easy way to be at Jesus' side in the Kingdom but who are not ready for the hard time ahead. There is Thomas always doubting and unsure but pragmatically following. Besides these disciples there are the Pharisees who have longed to be rid of Jesus along with other groups who want to keep the peace at all costs lest they disturb Rome and the Priests who wish to keep their own privileges and see Jesus as the ultimate threat, perhaps because deep down, they think that he is right about them. Nevertheless it will be "better for one man to die than the whole nation."

They will win and in earthly terms their victory is total and complete, Jesus dies and he will trouble them no more. Yet in this death there is life, in this defeat there is victory, truth and integrity have beaten the lies and falseness of His enemies, the Cross is not failure in the Kingdom of God it is victory.

In "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," by C S Lewis, the risen Aslan tells the children that there has been a "deeper magic," and so he has overcome the evil of the White Queen. We cannot be sure why Jesus died, there is something deeper than we can comprehend, and while I would not use the word, 'magic,' there is some greater depth that perhaps we fail to totally understand but rather we hold in faith and follow this Jesus who will conquer evil in His death, and in His resurrection, will defeat the grave.

Thanks be to God.

Brian

# What When Who?

## Leading Service

April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Revd Chris Howard
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Revd Brian Matthews
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Easter
April 28 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Sue Allen
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Revd Chris Howard
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Revd Brian Matthews
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Revd Martin M'Caw
May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Barbara Jones

## Duty Elders

April	Yvonne Owen
May	Shirley Devaney

## Flower Rota

<u>April</u>	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Miss Sharon Langford
14 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Carole Blackwell
21 <sup>st</sup>	Mrs Shirley Devaney
28 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Barbara Jones
<u>May</u>	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Glenys Jones
12 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Sheila Cherrett
19 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Susan Rowlands
26 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Michelle Berry

# What When Who?

## Morning Tea

### April

7th	Glenys and Merfyn
14th	Sheila and Barbara
21st	Easter Day
28th	Sharon and Terry

### May

5th	Shirley and Thelma
12th	Susan
19th	Michelle and Christine
26th	Mark and Collette

## Door Stewards

April	Gordon
May	Merfyn

*If anyone would like to volunteer for any of the rotas please contact Barbara Jones. If there is anything you would like included in the newsletter please contact me [markrodgers73@outlook.com](mailto:markrodgers73@outlook.com) Cheers*

# What When Who?

## Readings

### April

- 7th – OT Reading: Isaiah 43.16-21 **Paul Fewings**  
NT Reading: John 12.1-8 **Paul Fewings**  
Epistle Reading: Philippians 3.4b-14  
Psalm: Psalm 126
- 14th – OT Reading:  
NT Reading: Luke 19.28-40 **Glenys Jones**  
Epistle Reading:  
Psalm: Psalm 118.1-2,19-29 **Glenys Jones**
- 21st – 1st Reading: Acts 10.34-43 **Easter**  
2nd Reading: Luke 24.1-12 **Easter**  
Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.19-26  
Psalm: Psalm 118.1-2,14-24
- 28th – 1st Reading: Acts 5.27-32 **Sharon Langford**  
2nd Reading: John 20.19-31 **Sharon Langford**  
Epistle Reading: Revelation 1.4-8  
Psalm: Psalm 150

# What When Who?

## Readings

### May

- 5th – 1st Reading: Acts 9.1-6 **Merfyn Jones**  
2nd Reading: John 21.1-19 **Merfyn Jones**  
Epistle Reading: Revelation 5.11-14  
Psalm: Psalm 30
- 12th – 1st Reading: Acts 9.36-43 **Shirley Devaney**  
2nd Reading: John 10.22-30 **Shirley Devaney**  
Epistle Reading: Revelation 7.9-17  
Psalm: Psalm 23
- 19th – 1st Reading: Acts 11.1-18 **Barbara Jones**  
2nd Reading: John 13.31-35 **Barbara Jones**  
Epistle Reading: Revelation 21.1-6  
Psalm: Psalm 148
- 26th – 1st Reading: Acts 16.9-15 **Mark Rodgers**  
2nd Reading: John 14.23-29 **Mark Rodgers**  
Epistle Reading: Revelation 21.10,22–22.5  
Psalm: Psalm 67

# Poems from Carole

Welcome to spring and the joy it can bring  
With newness of life everywhere  
The birds fly above singing spring songs of love  
As they spread out their wings in the air

Snowdrops give cheer this time of the year  
So spotless and brilliantly white  
And daffodils gold stand upright and bold  
As if telling us all to be bright

The countryside's green, a wonderful scene!  
Fat buds on the branches appear  
It's nature's own way of trying to say  
"Be happy now springtime is here!"

In the meadows so gay, new lambs jump and play  
And the days are drawing out fast  
A time of rebirth, all over the earth  
Sweet springtime is with us at last

Written by Madge Wynn



# Songs *from* Carole

## Allelujah sing out loud

Allelujah sing out loud, Allelujah sing out loud  
Allelujah sing out loud, Allelujah to our God

We sing for him who loves us  
We praise his name in Adoration  
He is the King of Heaven  
The one true God of every nation  
The Father, Son and Spirit  
With us until life's end  
Not once will he forsake us  
On him, we can depend.  
The dawning of the new day  
Brings forth the rising sun  
From morning light to sunset  
When all our work on earth is done.  
Then thank the Lord in Heaven  
For all His tender care  
And lead us ever upward  
In Heaven to meet him there.  
Lift Jesus high, He reigns forever  
He lives in us, and will leave us never.  
Join with us now, and bow before Him  
The Lord of Lords, the Prince of peace  
Allelujah sing out loud, Allelujah sing out loud  
Allelujah sing out loud, Allelujah to our God.

(Can be sung to "Road to Amarillo")

# Announcements

## Working with the Roofless

The next outing for Salisbury Park volunteers for feeding the roofless is May 12<sup>th</sup>. If anyone is interested in being part of the rota or would like to help please contact Barbara

The homeless volunteers are asking for donations for male and female underwear packs.

Toiletries are also in demand for the Foodbank packs. Many thanks to all those who donate already.

Barbara Jones

I would just like to thank everyone for the many sympathy cards and kind thoughts received on the loss of my sister Ann, who is now at peace, safe in the arms of Jesus

Pat

Thanks to everyone who has helped me and contributed to the newsletters over the last couple of years. This will be my last edition before starting my theological studies. If anyone would like to join me on my preparation studies in Buckley you are very welcome.

Keep up the good work and contributions folks!

Mark Rodgers

# URC Tweets

 **UnitedReformedChurch** @urcmedia · Mar 15

The Revd Philip Brooks, URC Secretary for Ecumenical Interfaith Relations, has offered a prayer for the victims of a terrorist attack that took place in Christchurch, #NewZealand, today. [ow.ly/sUI950ncKyU](https://ow.ly/sUI950ncKyU)



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 **UnitedReformedChurch** @urcmedia · Mar 21

Please pray and/or help raise vital funds for those whose lives have been devastated by Cyclone Idai [ow.ly/VHMG50nK24M](https://ow.ly/VHMG50nK24M)



  

 **UnitedReformedChurch** @urcmedia · Mar 22

New Easter and Lent resources from the URC. Designed for you to print or photocopy. [urcshop.co.uk](https://urcshop.co.uk)



   

 **UnitedReformedChurch** @urcmedia · Mar 22

The Home Office has been criticised by MPs for 'utterly failing' in its responsibilities to monitor the safe and humane detention of individuals in the UK and for showing 'a shockingly cavalier attitude' to people's basic rights. [ow.ly/7O4n50nPP57](https://ow.ly/7O4n50nPP57)



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# Diary Dates

## Coffee Mornings

These will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> April and the 4<sup>th</sup> May. Look forward to seeing you all there.

## Good Friday Walk of Witness

Starts at 10am at Regent Street Methodist Church. This will be followed by the usual Walk of Witness through the town, starting at 11am at Wrexham Museum.

## Entertainment

The Clwyd Community Theatre Association will be holding its annual One Act Play Festival at Theatr Clwyd on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, with the winners announced on the Saturday night. Highest scoring entries will be put forward for the Welsh finals

Phoenix Theatre Company in association with CCTA members will be performing a new play in Theatre Clwyd called Mulholland Drive. Written by Richard Jones it will be performed 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> May and the 1<sup>st</sup> June.

**\*Advanced Notice\*** Peter Read's play Dixie or Me will be put on at Ty Pawb on 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> June. More news in the next Newsletter.