

APRIL 2025

"WHAT THINGS?"

Luke 24 v 18-19 *"And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?"*

And he (Jesus) said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:"

Hello, and welcome to our April and EASTER Newsletter. The above passage tells of two despondent disciples on their way to Emmaus. They hadn't yet recognised the Risen Lord – but they were about to!! Sometimes we can be despondent, when we're lacking the Joy which the Risen Lord wants to bring us in a new way. What is Jesus about to do in your life and mine today?

Jesus' demure "What Things?" question carries its own irony. Jesus Himself was at the centre of the "things" regarding the recent furore in Jerusalem, turning the World upside down (or the right way up). Yet He wanted to engage the two at their point of need. There was an ordinariness regarding His demeanour, which made Him accessible to all – as He is today.

Is this not the Joy of Easter for us? Jesus rose from the dead, conquering sin and death once and for all – Yet wants ordinary people like you and me to find Him as Saviour. Yes – How do we experience this today? We don't see the Risen Jesus in a physical way, as did the early disciples – BUT – our experience through the Bible and the Holy Spirit is just as real. Our thoughts need to move away from the Physical Realm to the Spiritual Realm. This happens as we pray and read our Bibles.

2 Cor 4 v 18 *"While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."*

Just after the disciples recognised Jesus, He disappeared from their sight. However, He would always be with them. Jesus wanted them (as with us) to discover Him afresh through the Scriptures and the Holy Spirit.

The day will come when we see Him face to face. Let's look forward to that – yet while we're still here, serve His purposes, empowered though the Holy Spirit as we Pray and Read our Bibles. Let's tell others about Him, as He opens doors of opportunity for us.

The Two disciples then returned to Jerusalem, to join the Eleven in Fellowship. This is an important part of Easter. We rediscover the Risen Lord in our Vertical Relationship, then strengthen and encourage one another in our Horizontal Relationships.

May you, your friends and your family experience the Joy of Jesus in a new way – and have a Blessed Easter.

Bless you,

Robert

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A NIGHT AT THE MUSICAL AND MOVIES

Come and Enjoy an Evening of Music

Presented by

No Words Aloud Choir and Blackrod Community Choir

Including Solo Artists

Raising money for our two chosen charities

The Mopane Tree and Chron's & Colitis UK

Saturday 10th May 2025, 7 pm

Horwich Evangelical Church - Tickets £10 including refreshments

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Church Events for April 2025

Sunday Morning Services (10.30 am)

April 6th	John Harrison (Leprosy Mission)
April 13th	Keith Massey
April 18th	GOOD FRIDAY Reflection (with Communion)
April 20th	EASTER SUNDAY - Billy and Jeanne Campbell (Silk Road)
April 27th	Ray Haughton

Tuesday Fellowship (Tuesday 2pm)

April 1st	Pam Hill
April 8th	Eric Kent
April 15th	Greg Hanley
April 22nd	Christine Ryder
April 29th	Michael Hawksworth

Bible Study and Prayer meetings (Wednesdays)

April 2nd	at Church	at 11am
April 9th	on Zoom	at 7pm
April 16th	at Church	at 11am
April 23rd	on Zoom	at 7pm
April 30th	at Church	at 11am

Tea 'N' Tots Fridays during term time (10.00 – 11.30 am)

Sunday Film Night – 'Jesus of Nazareth' April 6th (6.30 pm)

Recorded talks from Keswick Convention – Psalms - Vaughan Roberts

First talk on April 27th (6.30 pm)

Points for Prayer

Praise and Thanks

- Give Thanks to God for Easter, and His goodness and faithfulness to us.

World Situations and Projects

- Pray for Christians around the world suffering for their faith.
- Pray for the Christian work we support: Kimbilio, Silk Road Ministries and the Leprosy Mission.
- Pray for an end to the fighting in Ukraine and the Middle East.

UK

- Pray for our Government, in these difficult times, that they will seek God's guidance so that they lead us with wisdom and integrity.
- Pray the Church effectively communicates the Good News of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for the Wrongly Convicted Postmasters – that they may receive justice very soon.

Our Church

- Pray for the Elders as they seek to know God's will for the future.

Meeting – Monday April 28th 2025 at 7pm

- Pray for those who are unwell, giving thanks for those who have improved health-wise.
- Pray for our Projects: Tea 'N' Tots, Luncheon Club, Good Newspapers, Junior Church.