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Monthly news and information service for the members, friends, and community of Bedlington and surrounding areas.



Sunday Worship...Morning Service at 10am.Sunday School at 10.30am
Corps Officers Majors Carrie & Philip James

PROGRAMME FOR APRIL

MONDAYS Home League. 1.30pm. Get together for a varied programme including guest speakers. Meet new friends. All ladies welcome

TUESDAYS Slimming World. 9.30am.
Call Joy tel 0790551028.

WEDNESDAYS Little Lambs Toddler Group. 9.15am-11.15am. Children 12 weeks to 3 years must be with an adult. Call Arleen to book a place.
Seniors Lunch Club 12pm. 2 course meal. £4
Please Call Arleen to book.
Over 60's club 1.30pm-2.30pm Relaxed meeting for men and women. Talks, singing and friendship.
Wed 3rd Women's Fellowship Gentle Yoga 7.30pm
Wed 17th Men's Fellowship Film Night 7.00pm

FRIDAYS Little Lambs Toddler Group. 9.15am-11.15am. Children 12 weeks to 3 years must be with an adult. Call Arleen to book a place
Thankful Friday Coffee and toasted teacakes 10.00 - 12noon. All welcome.

Friday 26th Messy Church. All families welcome to join us for fun, crafts, worship & food

SATURDAY 20th Coffee Morning

EASTER PROGRAMME 2024

AT BEDLINGTON SALVATION ARMY.

24th Mar. Palm Sunday Leader Major Carrie 10am
28th Mar. Maundy Leaders Majors Carrie & Phil 7pm
29th Mar. Good Friday Leader Major Phil 10am
30th Mar. Easter Trail for children.
31st Mar. EASTER BREAKFAST 8.30am
31st Mar. Easter Sunday Leader Major Phil 10am

COFFEE MORNING
SATURDAY APRIL 20th



Foodbank Referrals Mon to Fri
Mornings
08.00 – Noon. For Collection.

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Easter Thoughts

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. **John 3:16**

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has by His suffering and death made an atonement for the whole world so that whosoever will may be saved.

Salvationist Doctrine no. 6

God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us.
Saint Augustine

Jesus did not say "I am finished." He said, "It is finished". He was just getting started. **(Anon.)**

Low in the grave he lay, Jesus, my Saviour, waiting the coming day, Jesus, my Lord. **Robert Lowry**

It's Friday ... but Sunday's coming! **Tony Campolo**

Easter says you can put truth in a grave, but it won't stay there. **Clarence W Hall**

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen." **Luke 24:5b**

The stone was rolled away from the door not to permit Christ to come out, but to enable the disciples to go in.

Peter Marshall

We are an Easter People and 'Alleluia' is our song. **Pope John Paul II**

Christ the Lord is risen today, Hallelujah!
Sons of men and angels say: Hallelujah!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Hallelujah!
Sing, ye heavens; thou earth, reply: Hallelujah!
Charles Wesley





Dietrich Bonhoeffer

(1906 – 1945)

A man for whom Easter was a living reality

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a German pastor, theologian, ecumenist and Nazi resister. During his life he taught and wrote with great insight about Christian faith, the Church, discipleship, community, grace and ethics. With a deep personal faith, he regularly spoke of Jesus as 'the man for others' and was continually exploring the question "Who is Christ for us today?", usually providing rigorous responses to that question in the light of the circumstances and challenges of the day.

Born in 1906 into a large, tight knit, highly educated Prussian family, at the age of 14, and to his family's surprise, Dietrich decided he was going to be a theologian and ultimately, if largely posthumously, he became recognized as one of the great theologians of the 20th century. Whilst he had a brilliant mind, becoming a Doctor of Theology at age 21, Bonhoeffer did not live solely in the academy but was engaged, both pastorally and as a prophetic voice, within the church congregations and wider communities he served in Germany and beyond, including times spent in New York and London.

In the early 1930s, as Hitler was rising to power, Bonhoeffer began to speak out publicly against the Nazis, particularly against Hitler's propaganda and persecution of the Jews and other minorities. He became a key founder member of the Confessing Church, opposing the support German churches gave to Hitler. Whilst subject to increasing hostility through the 1930s, it was when Bonhoeffer learnt of the atrocities the Nazi regime was inflicting during the war that he felt compelled to participate in a conspiracy that unsuccessfully attempted to take down Hitler. Imprisoned during the last two years of his life, he continued to write and provided pastoral support to both his guards and his fellow prisoners. Bonhoeffer was hanged at Flossenburg concentration camp on April 9, 1945. On being led to his execution, one of his prison guards reported Bonhoeffer to have said, "This is the end – but for me it is the beginning of Life!"

Bonhoeffer & Bramwell Booth

In his biography of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Eric Metaxas writes of a foundational event in the development of Bonhoeffer's faith:

'In November 1921, at the age of fifteen, Bonhoeffer went to the first evangelistic meeting of his life. General Bramwell Booth of the Salvation Army had conducted ministry in Germany before the war, and in 1919, greatly moved by reports of suffering there, especially the hunger among children, he found a way around the official channels and was able to have milk distributed. He also gave five thousand pounds to relief efforts.

Two years later Booth came to Berlin to lead a series of evangelistic meetings. Thousands showed up, including many soldiers broken by the war. Sabine (his twin sister) recalled "Dietrich was eager to take part in it ...he was very interested (and) was impressed by the joy he had seen on Booth's face, and he told us of the people carried away by Booth, and of the conversions." A part of him was powerfully attracted to this sort of thing, but he wouldn't see anything like it again for 10 years, when he attended the Abyssinian Baptist Church in New York.'

From 'Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy' - Eric Metaxas [2011]



PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME ON THE SIGN UP SHEET FOR THE EASTER BREAKFAST TO HELP WITH CATERING ARRANGEMENTS. IT STARTS AT 08.30am

DON'T FORGET! THE CLOCKS GO FORWARD 1 HOUR at 1am on the 31st March!

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