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## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends

Those of you who read this who are Methodist may remember the annual celebration/festival that Rob Frost began many years ago called Easter People. Easter People is a way some Christians describe themselves, but what might we mean when we say we are Easter People? Actually that would be an impossible question for me to answer, because I cannot speak for the "we". All I can offer is what might being Easter People mean to me?

Well, for me, one of the messages of the Easter story is about God's vindication of Jesus and his way of living. His unconditional love, his acceptance of all people, his inclusivity, his desire for a fair and just world with equality for everyone. At Calvary the state said 'No' Jesus' way is not the way things should be, but on Easter Day God says "Actually YES" this is the way.

If therefore, I call myself an Easter Person, one of the things I would be saying is that I am subscribing to God's affirmation of Jesus way of living. Which in turn means this is the model I will try and base my life on. This takes me back to words that Mark puts into the mouth of Jesus in his Gospel, which we find in Chapter 8:34. I would want to go with a mixture of the Good News translation, the NRSV and a friends wording. This combination I think it gets closest to the meaning and sentiment, both of which are vital components of any translation. It would read: Then Jesus called the crowd and his disciples to him. "If any of you want to come with me," he told them, you must deny yourself, take up your cross and accompany me." (When you have a spare moment compare that with your version).

The image in many versions, at least in my mind, is of someone almost passively trudging behind Jesus, and maybe that's my poor grasp of English, or my misreading, however at a recent conference I attended others too had this image. One of the scholars there, whom I have a lot of time for and who is very down to earth but also reads Greek and Hebrew was telling us that this is not the case. The words and phrasing that Mark uses, he told us, do not imply passivity or coming along behind, but walking along side, sharing in the journey. That has not been the image I have seen in this reading at all, but

I do now. He also went on to say that he gets very irritated when people talk about ‘having their cross to bear’, as though it has been dumped upon them. Again, he said, that is a misinterpretation. Those who want to walk with Jesus have the choice, they are called to ‘*take up*’ their cross. Again this is the person being active not passive. My friend also reminded me that taking up ones cross *is not* choosing a life of suffering, but simply the desire to follow the way of Jesus, and all that involves in our daily lives even if it leads to suffering.

I have daily choices to make and so I need to keep reminding myself that if I am an Easter Person, if I have chosen to take up my cross and follow Jesus, then my daily choices must be informed by Jesus teaching, lifestyle and by his offer of unconditional love to all.

Till next time

**Andrew**

## **WORSHIP IN MAY**

04	10.30 Rev. Phil. Chilvers	
11	Christian Aid Week	
	10.30 Prof. Peter Howdle	
	4.00 Barwick	United/Circuit Service
18	Aldersgate Sunday	
	10.30 Rev. Andrew Atkins	Holy Communion
	6.30 Rev. Palo Tshume	Holy Communion
25	10.30 Rev. Palo Tshume	
	6.30 Miss Mary Patchett	Ecumenical Service

## **GENERAL CHURCH MEETING - SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

The General Church Meeting will take place immediately following a shorter morning service on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Please make a note of the date in your diaries.

As usual one of the items for discussion will be the new church project to commence in September and it would be most helpful if we could have advance notice of any suggestions. Please speak to one of the stewards or to Andrew Atkins as soon as possible if you have a proposal for a project which can then be given consideration at the meeting

## LADIES' GROUP MEETINGS

We meet in the Youth Hall at 7.45pm on alternate Thursdays (usually, but this month is slightly different).

1st May Coffee Evening. In the Community Hall at 7.30 pm. All Welcome, and that means you too, Gentlemen. Come and share company and chat, and support The Project on what we hope will be a lovely May Day evening. There will be charge of £2.00 for the event, and that includes refreshments. There will be Cakes, Books and Plants for sale. Donations of plants would be appreciated - please contact Margaret Summerwill (269 7895).

15th May Tracy Foster will bring her expertise on Garden Design (she's a Chelsea Flower Show Gold Medal Winner). She'll tell you where to place all those plants you purchased at the Coffee Evening!

29th May Ann Batchelor will be regaling us with another of her mysterious tales - 'The Man Behind The Mirror'. Always an intriguing evening.

**Lynne Pullein**

## ANSWERS TO THE FAMOUS WOMEN QUIZ

1. (Medicine) *First name*: Present Queen. *Middle name*: Sounds like a place to find an impoverished artist. *Surname*: Bomb shelter. (9,7,8)

ELIZABETH GARRETT ANDERSON

2. (Writer) *First name*: Tarzan's mate. *Surname*: Sounds like a type of car. (4,6) JANE AUSTEN

3. (Singer) *First name*: Sound of Music character. *Surname*: Sounds like hard skin. (5,6) MARIA CALLAS

4. (Heroine) *First name*: Say it before a meal. *Surname*: Dearest. (5,7) GRACE DARLING

5. (Poet) ONLY MICE IS KIND (anagram) (5,9) EMILY DICKINSON

6. (Reformer) LAZE BY THE FIR (anagram) (9,3) ELIZABETH FRY

7. (Sculptor) BOTH HARE BAR WARP (anagram) (7,8) BARBARA HEPWORTH

8. (Mathematics) *First name*: Programming language. *Surname*: Amour/Shoe tie. (3,8) ADA LOVELACE

9. (Politician) *First name*: Starts with a precious metal. *Surname*: Rhymes with a river dam. (5,4) GOLDA MEIR

10. (Reformer) HEN SUET PLANK MIMER (anagram) (8,9) EMMELINE PANKHURST



FOR ONE NIGHT AND ONE NIGHT ONLY  
the world famous chef from Morley 'Oile  
Monsieur HENRI DOULTON



will be inviting you to join him at his French  
bistro (commonly called the community  
hall)  
for an evening of culinary delights.

Join him and his trusty crew on  
Saturday 17th May 2014 from 5.30pm  
onwards

Booking essential as numbers are limited  
Only £12 pounds for 3 courses.

An evening not to be missed, tickets will be available  
shortly.

In aid of the church project, Education Belize

# **NSPCC PLANT & GIFT FAIR**

**Saturday 31st May 2014**

**10.00am – 1.00pm**

St Edmund's Church Hall  
Lidgett Park Road  
Roundhay, LS8 1JN

**QUALITY PERENNIALS & BEDDING PLANTS**

**AT REASONABLE PRICES**

**GIFTS · CARDS · BOOKS · CAFÉ · CAKES - RAFFLE**

**NEW 2U TOYS · TOMBOLA · BRIC a BRAC**

Entrance: Adults £1.00 – Children FREE

NSPCC Registered charity numbers 216401 & SC037717

## **TOUR DE ROUNDHAY – 22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE**

Registrations have now opened for the Tour de Roundhay which will take place on 22<sup>ND</sup> June at the Roundhay School Secondary Campus from 12.00 - 5.00 p.m. Cycling activities for children are being organised by West Yorkshire Track Cycling and Bikeability. Details of the application process are available now through local primary schools.

Leeds Cycling Campaign is organising several rides for adults, tailored to different needs and abilities [5, 12, 25 and 50 miles]. Children aged 12-15, accompanied by an adult, can take part in the adult rides if they are competent cyclists. This will be a fun, sociable and healthy afternoon of bike rides in groups of up to 20, on mainly quiet roads to the north and east of Leeds. It is NOT a competition or a race. There is a small fee for taking part, £2 for children [12-15] and £3 for adults, payable on the day. As there is a limited number of places on the rides, participants are required to register in advance, through the Eventbrite website [www.bit.ly/tourderoundhay](http://www.bit.ly/tourderoundhay) ..... so **BOOK NOW, and don't be disappointed**

Remember, there will be lots of fun, food and music on the day with something for all the family whether you cycle or not. The Tour de Roundhay is organised by Roundhay Live (a partnership of groups including Roundhay Environmental Action Project, Roundhay School, Oakwood Tenants and Residents Association and Leeds Cycling Campaign ) and is funded by the Inner North East Area Committee of Leeds City Council.

Look at the REAP [www.reap-leeds.org.uk](http://www.reap-leeds.org.uk) and Roundhay Live [www.is.gd/roundhaylive](http://www.is.gd/roundhaylive) websites [for more information and regular updates.](#)



LIDGETT PARK DRAMA GROUP  
presents

***'This, That and some  
Senior Moments'***

**(an evening of odes, sketches, music and  
fun)**

**Add to this tea and buns!**

on

**Friday & Saturday 30/31 May,  
2014**

**at 7.30pm in the Community Hall**

**Tickets £6 from Pat Brooke (267 8506)**

## THIS MONTH'S QUIZ by Gillian Clements

Each clue (or pair of clues) gives rise to two words which differ by one letter. The differing letters spell out a place found in the New Testament.

1. The cow made this sound at the sight of the object in the sky. (3,4)
2. Is it a passageway or sea-girt land? (5,4)
3. The unit was in the area. (3,4)
4. You could find a rose in this. Something threaded on a necklace. (3,4)
5. There was a tiny arachnid on the bishop's hat. (4,5)
6. Show emotion about a speck of dust. (5,4)
7. The hay stack was just a ruse. (4,5)
8. Don't change what you use to lead the horse. (5,6)

## PRAYER FOR CHANGE



*This prayer appears in the magazines of Lidgett Park, St Andrew's and St Edmund's.*

A reflection on the month of May

'Ne'er cast a clout till May be out'

(If you need a translation ask those born more locally.)

May be / May be not ??

However you look at it May is a bit of a waiting game isn't it?

The welcome of the spring flowers behind us, waiting for the annuals to bathe us in colour, even if we won't be bathed in summer sun, which, incidentally is still ahead of us and full of promise.

May is a waiting, but it is a waiting full of promise. There is the promise of summer in all its glory. Similarly we've ridden the roller coaster of Passiontide to Easter Sunday, to rejoice in the resurrection, our promise of

life. And this is the period when we wait with anticipation the coming of our advocate, our guide, the Holy Spirit.

Unlike waiting for the summer months to see bring what they will, we wait for Pentecost with the benefit of hindsight. *We* already know the story. *We* already know we will have another opportunity to celebrate, but have those benefits. Those first disciples were really waiting. How wonderful it must have been for them when they first experienced the Holy Spirit.

What has your experience been?

What could your experience be?

What would you like your experience to be this Pentecost and in the months to come?

Creator God who gave us all, in your creation, who gave even more in the birth, death and resurrection of your Son, and then gave *even* more through the gift of the Holy Spirit. May we spend this time of waiting reflecting on the glory of your creation, giving thanks for the example of Jesus, and preparing ourselves to be open and accepting to the Holy Spirit as we seek to share your love in our lives. **Amen**

### **Mary Patchett**

*I may well owe Mary an apology as I said I didn't receive last month's prayer in time to publish it. Mary tells me that she sent it in such good time that I must have forgotten I'd got it. It's hard to imagine me getting into a muddle!*

### **ANSWERS TO LAST MONTHS QUIZ**

Each clue gives rise to two words which differ by one letter. The differing letters spell out a place found in the New Testament.

1. If you stuff too much in, you could get a muscle spasm. (4,5)

CRAM, CRAMP

P

2. Treated barley (for beer) could be found in a Mediterranean island. (4,5) MALT, MALTA

A

3. The very top of an 8-oared boat. (8,7)

PINNACLE, PINNACE

L

4. I'd lay odds it's a crop you can make sugar from. (3,4)

BET, BEET

E

5. The woman of easy virtue played a brass instrument. (8,7)

STRUMPET, TRUMPET

S

6. The cereal will take just a moment. (4,5) RICE, TRICE

T

7. The young lover gazed at the large, white bird. (5,4)

SWAIN, SWAN

I

8. The monkey got it in the back of the neck. (3,4) APE, NAPE

N

9. The nipple on the baby's bottle was rubbish. (4,3) TEAT, TAT

E



## HE'LL HAVE TO GO

*It's been a while since I managed to sneak a song title in as a heading; so I'm pleased to use an old classic. But probably this should really be called **Pride goes before a fall.***

*The other week I arrived for the morning service and noticed copies of another Church's magazine. I picked one up to have a look at and our friendly greeter said "Yes you ought to read that. It's very good. It beats ours every time".*

*OUCH. Stan we shall be relying on you to do better.*

*(And no, I won't tell you who said it)*