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THE VICAR'S LETTER

JAMES HUGHES



Dear Friends,

As we move into April, we're moving in to the season of Easter, which we will be celebrating on 20th April. I suspect you don't have to go to church very often to look forward to Easter. At the very least, there is a bank holiday on the Monday, and it's a good time for a break between Christmas and the summer. And then the clocks have gone forward, and it is usually properly spring by the end of April.

These things are to be celebrated. It's good to emerge from winter and have some time off. But this Easter, I'd like to invite you to join us at St Paul's as we celebrate not only life – but also death. Which is, when you put it like that, an apparently strange thing to do. However, there is one particular death that we celebrate at Easter. We celebrate the death of Jesus Christ.

Of course, we celebrate his resurrection as well, the fact that he rose from the dead, and that is what Easter Sunday is all about. But his death is important to us. For it is Jesus Christ's death on the cross for all the things we've done wrong, our sins, which can give us peace with God. Jesus' death is essential for our faith. We celebrate that Jesus died, and rose again, showing his victory over death.

In the Bible, the book of Romans puts it like this:

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans chapter 5 verses 6 to 8, ESV)

Christ died for us. That's the good news of Easter. It is why we call Good Friday, good. It's why we take the time over Easter every year to remind ourselves of what happened when Jesus was betrayed, arrested, tried, crucified, laid in a tomb, and rose again. Come and find out more about why this is such good news, and why we all need to hear and understand it, at St Paul's, or in our joint services held at St Alkmund's. In this magazine you'll find a list of all our Easter services. Do join us; you will be very welcome. You'll also find an invitation to our Good Friday Barbeque at the Village Hall, when we'll be thinking about what Good Friday is all about.

I look forward to welcoming you to St Paul's.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping loop at the beginning and a long, horizontal stroke at the end.

At a loose end?



Little Eaton Ladies Craft Group meets on the last Saturday of each month in the Church Hall, 2-4pm

Bring your knitting, sewing or other crafts, or simply join us for tea, cake and chat



Do you have something in need of repair?
Bring it along to our free community hub!
We have friendly volunteers who will advise and endeavour to repair electrical appliances, bikes, mechanical and wooden items, plus fabric/clothing/knitting. We also offer a knife sharpening service, carry out PAT testing and provide a **jigsaw and magazine swap**

Every second Saturday of the month | 10am–12pm
St Alkmund's Church Hall

Church Drive, Duffield DE56 4BA

Please bring items for repair by 11.30am

Tea, coffee and homemade cakes are available while you wait,
or just come along for a cuppa and see what's going on...

Have a question? Need to find out if a specialist will be available?

Contact Jodi at repaircafe@stalkmundsduffield.co.uk

It doesn't work!



I expect that all of you reading this have had times when you've exclaimed, "It doesn't work!" In our house recently, you might have heard that anguish over a food mixer (second-hand and extremely elderly), the central heating controller (not so old), a scattering of radiator thermostatic valves (who knew they can fail?), and finally our toaster (perhaps middle-aged).

I'm a compulsive mender and I've learned how to mend many things, but those items beat me: they weren't designed with repair in mind. So, we've had to face the "it doesn't work" frustration several times.

When things fail, it's tempting to think that if I ignore it then it will sort itself out, or perhaps I didn't really need it anyway. But the items above didn't mend themselves: they stayed broken, and our home life was poorer – we did want them. Worse still, I found I couldn't even take the toaster apart, let alone mend it, without doing permanent and irreparable damage to the 'welded up' plastic casing. It was sealed for life, and it doesn't work. No more hot buttered toast!

It may surprise you, but the "It doesn't work" topic jumped back into my mind when I was reading a book in the Bible – the letter to the Romans. It was written by the Apostle Paul to the church in Rome, and it is an outline of Christian doctrine. Paul could easily have exclaimed, "It doesn't work!" as he described the religious

practices of the day. They thought that God required obedience to a sort of religious tick-list, as many people still do. We think, 'I must do this' or 'I must try harder...' to get favour with God – or, more dangerously, think, "I'm a good person: I'm OK". But the Bible doesn't teach such ideas. They just don't work because we can never be good enough.

So how do we mend a broken relationship with God? It's clear that we can't do it – history shows us that man (nearly always) makes a mess of things. The Bible tells us that we can't make ourselves good enough, but God can do it!

In our period of history, we are privileged to see God's solution to our "we're not good enough / we are broken" dilemma. The solution is in Jesus Christ's life and death. DIY approaches to God don't work; I can't "mend" my life myself. I need God's mercy and forgiveness.

My mother became a Christian towards the end of her life. I can clearly remember the phone call when she told me, "I've got it! The penny's dropped! I don't have to be good enough do I!" as she realised that Jesus did all she needs to be saved.

Why don't you join me (and others) as we expand our understanding of God's plan and His mercy as we meet each Sunday afternoon at St Paul's Church? You don't need to bring any DIY tools for this either!

Richard Nicholson



St Paul's
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GOOD FRIDAY FEAST BBQ



Friday 18th April
from 5pm

Little Eaton Village Hall

"Why are they serving lamb?"

You are invited to our free Easter celebration

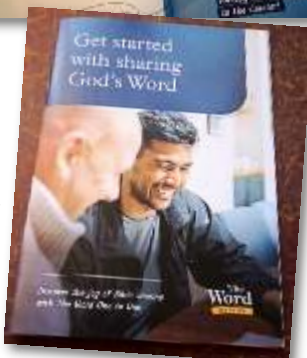
The Word One to One

Discovering the Bible together

At St Paul's Little Eaton, we recognize and understand that people can be in a different place or at a different stage when it comes to Christianity. For example, the Christian faith might be something which is entirely new or unfamiliar, but it's nevertheless something that you'd quite like to find out about. Or maybe you've already got some experience when it comes to Christianity, but you'd like to expand your knowledge and learn more. Wherever you're at faith-wise, *The Word One to One* is a resource which could really help.

First developed in 2006, *The Word One to One* is a simple and enjoyable way of discovering the Bible and exploring what the Bible says. It's a helpful, easy-to-use way of opening up the Bible with another person; reading it together and chatting it through, with plenty of opportunities to discuss your thoughts, ask questions and clarify anything you don't understand in a relaxed and informal setting.

Available both as hard-copy booklets and also as an App and online, *The Word One to One* is a series of eleven sessions which



explore the Gospel of John. Part of the New Testament in the Bible, John's Gospel gives an eyewitness account of the life of Jesus and *The Word One to One* takes you

through John's Gospel a verse at a time, with the aim of gradually building up a clear and full picture of Jesus and who He is.

Each session presents the Bible text, together with helpful explanatory notes in bitesize episodes, with each one taking around 30 minutes to read through. Everything has been tailored to those who are new to the Bible, with the books being designed to be easy to understand, even if you're encountering or reading the Bible for the first time – no prior knowledge or experience is assumed or required.

If you'd like to find out more, or you'd be interested in studying *The Word One to One* with someone, then do please get in contact with the Church Office.

James Rollin

Tell us a little bit about yourself...

JAMES MUNRO



① Who are you and what do you do (or used to do) for a living?

Hello, my name is James Munro, I'm a Christian and I'm in charge of the Children, Youth and Student work here at our United Benefice of Duffield & Little Eaton, alongside my colleague Adam O'Dowd.

② What do you do at our Benefice?

My work with the churches is difficult to fully cover within just a paragraph, but covers quite a wide range of different activities, from the weekly preparation for Assemblies across our connected primary schools and the organization and running of our various children and youth groups on a Sunday; to the further forward thinking that goes into running holiday clubs and family events throughout the year. Some of the work I enjoy most however is getting to engage in the pastoral joys of 1 to 1 ministry with our youth, who are a continuous source of encouragement as they grow closer to God and display their eagerness to ask questions.

③ What first brought you to the local area and our Benefice?

Hannah and I had been deciding on what we were going to do once we got married, as my time training was drawing to a close in Hull. We'd considered staying in Hull to be near Hannah's family and for me to take a Teaching Assistant role with the hope of maybe becoming a teacher in the future. It was only after hearing about this position that sparked a challenging conversation for both of us, that posed the question: 'Were we leaning towards staying in Hull because we want to glorify God here, or do we just want to be comfortable?'. The answer to this question was that we felt a calling towards Derbyshire and a chance to push both of us out of being just another congregant in a bigger church, to desiring to really engage with the mission field God had put in front of us.

④ What's the best thing(s) about our United Benefice?

For me the best thing is the fellowship, as well as the love of the Lord that is displayed through said fellowship being pursued both on a Sunday after the service and through the actions outside of church. Hannah and I have consistently been humbled and encouraged by the caring nature of so many of our church family, who seek to lift us up in our ministry, but also lift one another up through home groups, music groups, and tens of other ways that they go about meeting together weekly to share how God is working in their lives.

⑤ Favourite Bible book, Bible passage and Bible character?

Favourite Bible book has to be Philippians, as it played an important part of being the book my mentor and I studied together, that led to me coming out of the place I'd been in and returning to my faith in Christ. The passage that meant the most to me is a little cliché; Philippians 4:4-9 is important for me as its meanings have stayed relevantly challenging to me now as they were when I was younger. From the reminder to be joyful in the Lord, that

we always have a God who loves us and is with us to hear our anxieties whenever we need him, but equally to the reminder that we should focus on the goodness that comes from God and how it pushes us to put into practice the changes God makes in our hearts. It's easy to hear a sermon on Sunday with an application that speaks to you, and another to leave that encouragement in the rest of the week to fester beneath life's anxieties and stresses. But when we saturate our hearts and minds with the goodness of God, it definitely helps in keeping me calmer and more focused on why what I do is important (because it glorifies God).

6 What do you like to do in your spare time, and why?

Where to start with this question? I love bouldering, writing, painting (digitally), board games, Roleplaying Games (D&D) and immersing myself in stories (reading, audiobooks or video-games). That's a lot of hobbies to cram into life, and the truth is there are even more that I don't have as much time for, like programming, video editing and cinema, too. I think the thread that connects all of these and why I love them is that they are each something I've picked up because someone else in my life had a passion for them and shared it with me, so when I do them now, I do it fully because I enjoy exploring how much joy can be found in pushing myself further in a hobby or in my own creativity; but I also do them because they remind and connect me to the people I love that shared their infectious passion. Who knows, maybe one day I'll understand and be able to add music to the list if I went along to James R's Classic Albums club!

7 Your most favourite meal, and why?

It's going to sound a bit boring really, but a roast dinner with yorkie puds, roast potatoes, peas and gravy is a classic for a reason. Think it's just a great-tasting meal that is often had when friends/family are round, so I associate it with good company too.

8 What, if push comes to shove, is your all-time favourite Album?

As mentioned earlier, I have no refined appreciation of music sadly, but Hannah and I have been enjoying Connor Price and his collaborations with Nic D for a couple of years now, so I'd probably say *Till Next Time*.

9 Do you have a favourite film, and why?

At the risk of sounding pretentious, a Swedish indie film called *It's Such a Beautiful Day* by Don Hertzfeldt. It's a strange film that experiments with a stick figure to represent a person experiencing a degenerative brain disorder that stops him from fully understanding what's going on around him (similar to Alzheimer's), and how this man learns to appreciate the world around him in acute detail present in front of him, because he knows he won't have long to appreciate each moment so why get hung up on the ones he's losing. It's a fantastically made film and I think the message is a helpful one to appreciate what we have here while we have it.

10 Tell us something else about yourself others might not already know?

I'm technically in line to a castle, through my Scottish Munro heritage, although I'm likely so far down the line that I won't be striding through Foulis Castle's corridors anytime soon.

We hope to make this 'Ten Questions' a recurring feature in the magazine, so if you'd consider yourself a 'regular' at St Paul's Little Eaton and would like to be featured, then please get in touch with the Church Office.



Cafe Church

at St Paul's Little Eaton

4.30 - 5.30pm
Every 1st Sunday

A casual service with refreshments
around tables in the church hall.
Everyone is welcome



Come for coffee
Stay for Jesus

sanctuary

Drop-in Cafe

Come along and be creative or just
have tea and chat

Thursdays from 1.30 to 3pm

St Alkmund's Church Hall



St. Alkmund's
Duffield Parish Church

Ladies' Christmas Craft Afternoon

Normally at our ladies' craft afternoon (which is the last Saturday in every month at the church hall 2-4pm), we each bring our own craft to do (sewing, knitting, adult colouring, etc; anything really), but for our 2024 Christmas craft afternoon held on 30 November 2024, we all made the same Christmas tree decoration, beautifully provided and demonstrated by Lucy and Jo. We had fun making them, whilst eating home-made mince pies and mulled wine.

The Craft Afternoon is a great opportunity to chat and make new friends, or just relax and listen to others. Please feel free to come along whenever you like; you don't have to join or commit, and it doesn't cost anything! Just turn up; there is always plenty of tea and cake on offer! We'd love to see you!

Caroline Walker



Easter Services

Maundy Thursday 17th April
7pm St Alkmund's

Good Friday 18th April
2pm St Alkmund's

Easter Sunday 20th April
10am Family Service St Alkmund's
4.30pm Holy Communion St Paul's



St Paul's
Little Eaton Church

“Monk Mode”?

In this article, GRAHAM SALISBURY from our ‘sister’ church St Alkmund’s Duffield, briefly reflects on social media and the daily challenges it presents us.

I WONDER if any of what follows sounds familiar?

Mobile phone alarm announces it’s time to get the show on the road, but before dragging myself out of bed, I’ll just: have a quick doom scroll at the day’s news; check the weather forecast; see what meetings are in the diary and if there are any emails that demand urgent attention (and there always are!). Might as well have a quick look at various social media channels too, including (in my case) LinkedIn. And that’s where the problem really starts!



My LinkedIn feed is filled with:

- 7 skills that make you superhuman
- 27 tips for successful one-to-one meetings
- How to leave your job like a pro: 10 tips for a graceful exit
- 8 Must-Have Soft Skills for Every Job
- 10 actions that show emotional intelligence
- 6 essential steps to help everyone succeed in your new business model
- 10 toxic team cancers and how leaders can fix each of them



To my reckoning, that’s 78 things I need to do, and I’m not even out of bed!

Fortunately, there’s a growing recognition that this is no way to structure our lives, and there’s now a life raft of self-help books with plenty of tips on how to escape the madness of what (in particular) our electronic media throws at us.

As chance would have it, I’ve recently been developing some teaching material for undergraduate students on this issue, and have been fascinated by the approach recommended by one author. A few of his recommendations include:

- Don’t reach for your mobile phone the moment you awake
- Start the day in “Monk Mode”: a brief period where you’re able to work quietly without interruption
- Take a break at lunchtime and eat with colleagues
- Have a “digital sabbath” away from devices and social media

Oddly enough, this approach is almost identical to that recommended in books such as *The Common Rule: Habits of Purpose For An Age Of Distraction* by the American Christian writer Justin Whitmel Earley, in which he sets out his framework making our days less frazzled; and they include: a daily routine of an hour with the phone off, a meal with friends, and (on a weekly basis) at least an hour’s solid conversation with someone close to you, and intentional curation of media consumption.

And (10 points to Gryffindor if you spotted it): doesn’t all this also sound remarkably similar to the structured life of the monastic community? Seems that there really is nothing new under the sun, as the saying goes! Or, as Ecclesiastes chapter 3, verse 1 puts it: “*There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens*”.

Graham Salisbury

Children's Work Winter 2025



St Alkmund's
Duffield Parish Church



St Paul's
Little Eaton Church



Our Children & Youth Workers

**Adam
O'Dowd**



**James
Munro**



Here at St Alkmund's and St Paul's, we have lively and welcoming groups of young people exploring the Bible and Christian life together. Everyone is invited and questions are warmly encouraged. Here's what's happening across the benefice:

SPARKS



St Alkmund's Children's Church | Sunday 10am service | Age 3-11

In the New Year if you're between the ages of 3-11, come along and join us at Sparks, as this term we are delving into pictures of Jesus from Mark's Gospel as we plan to better understand who Jesus really is and why he is so important.

EXPLORERS



St Paul's Children's Church | Sunday 4.30pm service | Under 14s

Our church family in Little Eaton welcomes you to a group for young people under 14 who are eager to learn more about the Bible and what it means for their own relationships with God.

This term we are planning to spend sometime looking at Jesus in Mark's Gospel.

Family Events



EVENTS FOR WHOLE CHURCH FAMILY - 1/2 TIMES TERMLY

We love to get together as a church family and invite the village to join in with quizzes, picnics, and more. You are always welcome to come along so keep an eye out for our magazine, and follow us on instagram @alkmundsduffield

This term we have a boardgame day at 1:30pm 11th January in St Alkmund's Church Hall, come along if you're interested.

SALT CAFE

St Alkmund's Church Hall | Sundays 6-7pm | School Years 7-13

Chat, pizza, and games called Taco Cat and Poetry for Neanderthals...

Salt Cafe is our friendly, open youth group, meeting in term time to enjoy a meal, games, big questions, and fast and furious ping-pong. Head home or stay afterwards for our relaxed and fantastic 45min 7pm service.

Email Adam for more and find us on **instagram @alkmundsduffield**

FUEL

St Alkmund's Church Youth | Sunday 10am | Year 7-9

Our younger youth also nip out during the sermon for our Bible time and big questions with our amazing leaders (and a bit of breakfast). Come and see!

ASSEMBLIES



Primary School | Assemblies and Services

If you attend William Gilbert Primary, Little Eaton Primary or Duffield Meadows Primary we look forward to seeing you regularly as we learn from Matthew's Gospel.

Our assemblies offer a great chance for learning not just the narratives of the Bible but also developing an understanding of the biblical concepts.

We also offer school RE lessons and larger school service talks throughout the year.

PATHFINDERS



Little Eaton Primary | Fortnightly Wednesday Lunchtime Club

If you attend Little Eaton Primary, then Pathfinders might just be the group for you. This is a fortnightly lunchtime club on Wednesdays, where children can ask questions and learn a little more about the Bible between games and chat.

If you're interested in joining us at Pathfinders, come and try it out Wednesday lunchtimes.

For any additional information or any questions, please get in touch:

adam@stalkmundsduffield.co.uk or munro@stalkmundsduffield.co.uk

Church Services: March – June

Tuesday Morning Prayer

9.30 am St Alkmund's Church, Duffield
18th March, 25th March, 1st April (Holy Communion), 22nd April,
6th May, 13th May, 20th May, 3rd June (Holy Communion)
(Breaks for Easter Holiday, Bible Week and May half term)

All Saints' Chapel

8.30 am Hazelwood Road, Duffield
16th March, 30th March (*With the Venerable Andie Brown*), 6th April,
20th April, 4th May, 18th May, 1st June

Cafe Church

4.30 pm In St Paul's Church Hall
6th April, 4th May, 1st June

Holy Communion

4.30 pm St Paul's Church
23rd March, 20th April, 18th May, 15th June

Afternoon Service

4.30 pm St Paul's Church
16th March, 30th March, 13th April, 27th April, 11th May, 25th May
(Refreshments are served before services, from 4 pm)

St Paul's Regular Events

Salt Cafe – Sundays in St Alkmund's Church Hall at 6.00pm. For any youth in school years 7–13. Chat, games, pizza and lots of fun.

Benefice Prayer Meeting – 1st Wednesday of the month, at 7.30pm, St Alkmund's Church Hall.

TOTS Group – Thursdays from 10am to 12 noon term time, in St Paul's Church Hall.

Ladies' Craft Afternoon – Last Saturday of the month from 2pm to 4pm in St Paul's Church Hall.

Board Games – 4th Saturday of the month, 1.30pm to 5.30pm in St Alkmund's Church Hall.

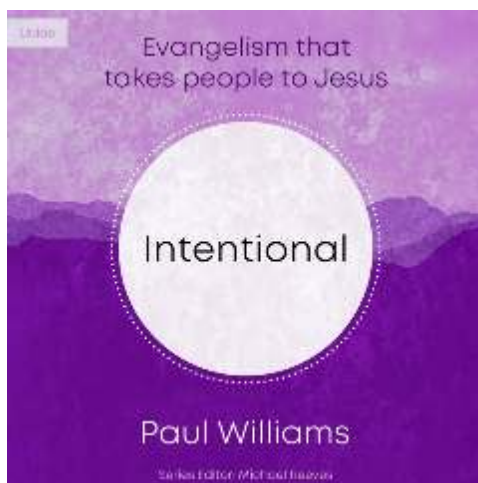


Hi Everyone,

If you're someone who isn't a regular church attendee, possibly you've wondered why those who *are* involved in church sometimes seek to share their faith, to try to share the Gospel (which simply means "good news"); that is, why Christians evangelise, to use the 'technical term'.

Well, the book I've reviewed this month, *Intentional* by Paul Williams (recommended to me for review by Andy Hardwick), helps to explain why. In his book, Paul Williams highlights that when an opportunity rises, Christians should highlight the person of Jesus, to help others to better understand the Christian faith.

One example Paul gives is the story in the Bible of the rich man who asked Jesus "*How do I inherit eternal life?*"; that is, how could he get to heaven (Mark chapter 10, verse 17). Jesus points this rich man to the Ten Commandments, which the man would have known well; *but* the man essentially misses the first four! Jesus highlights to him that these first four commandments are to do with the man's *relationship* with God; they highlight the need to love God above all else and not to put other things before



God. The story goes on to show that the rich man valued his money above all else; not his relationship with God (a relationship which is made possible through Jesus and what He has done).

It is a very gently written book, acknowledging how Christians should be talking about their faith – because Christians believe that the Gospel, the message of who Jesus is, what He's done, and why that's important – is indeed very 'good news' that's worth sharing with others.

Paul Williams' book also gives various practical information, drawing on his own experience, including how the Bible can help to explain the Christian faith and what Christians believe, and questions which can often be asked about Christianity and how these might be helpfully addressed.

Ruth

Ruth is a member of our 'sister' church St Alkmund's Duffield and a volunteer at Cornerstone Christian Bookshop in Matlock

Benefice 'Album Club'

It was Martin Holland-Lloyd who, back in 2024 first had the excellent idea of getting folk with a joint passion for music together for a shared listen over a drink or two; and at the time of writing, our Benefice 'Album Club' has been up and running for some six months now, with members drawn from both of our churches, St Paul's Little Eaton and St Alkmund's Duffield.



Bill Bailey (above) kicked off our 2025 meetings in January with *Steve McQueen*, the second studio album by Prefab Sprout, released in June 1985; Prefab Sprout being a band that Bill first encountered whilst at medical school in London in the 1980s. For our final meeting of last year in December 2024, Martin (right) introduced us to *Selling England by the Pound*, the fifth studio album by Genesis, released in September 1973; an album Martin describes



as “a wonderful mix of melody and lyrics, with moments of complete madness!”

Meanwhile, last November, Phil O’Brien from St Alkmund’s Duffield introduced us to *On The Border*, the Eagles’ third



album, released in March 1974, which Phil first discovered at the tender age of 16; and for our inaugural meeting last October, I chose *Be Right Here*, the latest LP by the American rock band Blackberry Smoke, whose music is in the



‘classic rock’/‘southern rock’ genre (Think *Exile On Main Street*-era Rolling Stones, for example).

And bringing the story up to date, at the end of February, Paul Spilling from St Alkmund’s Duffield shared *Grave New World*, the fourth studio album by the



band Strawbs. A new album to most of us, it was an interesting mix of classic early '70s prog-rock and folk!

Our Album Club will be meeting monthly during the course of this year, listening I’m sure to many other interesting and varied styles of music along the way! Our only ‘rule’ is no ‘Best Of’ or ‘Greatest Hits’, and preferably an actual vinyl record, if at all possible.

New members are always welcome. If you’d like to find out more about the Album Club, then please contact the Church Office.

*James Rollin, Bill Bailey and
Martin Holland-Lloyd*

Giving Hope

A few years ago, as part of our church community, I started a project in support of the Hope Centre charity in Derby. This involved making up gift bags of toiletries, and supplying them to the Hope Centre for them to hand out as Christmas gifts to their regular food bank customers.

A couple of years ago our Ladies' Craft Group decided to join in and it has really expanded. Christmas 2024 saw over 60 gift bags delivered to the Hope Centre, which was almost double the previous year. The photos show the bags boxed up and ready to go.

If you are interested in joining our Ladies' Craft Group, come along to our monthly get togethers. These take place on the last Saturday of each month, starting at 2pm. Tea, cake and company is always available.



Kathryn Barber



‘Why do we do what we do?’

Why are the Creeds regularly said in church?

Part 2

In this periodic series of articles, we’ve previously thought about why Christians go to church, we’ve considered the ‘Welcome Team’, we’ve touched on singing hymns and songs at church, we’ve thought about the words of the *Confession*, which is said at every service. Having looked last time at the ‘Apostles’ Creed’, this time we’re considering the *Nicene Creed*, which is the other most commonly used Creed. The Nicene Creed, which might be described as the ‘long version’ of the Creed, reads as follows:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was

made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

As with the shorter Apostles’ Creed, we can see that the Nicene Creed is structured around the *Trinity*; that is, the foundational Christian belief that God is one Being who exists in three Persons (God the Father; God the Son; God the Holy Spirit).

However, the Nicene Creed incorporates extra information compared to the Apostles’ Creed and also utilises ‘more technical language’ in order to more fully describe and articulate/explain specific aspects of the Christian faith and what the Bible teaches.

For example, when the Nicene Creed talks about Jesus—“... **We believe in ... Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God**



➤ **from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made...**—it especially reinforces the fact that Jesus is fully God; it underlines the ‘father-son’ relationship in the Trinity and emphasises that Jesus is eternal (**begotten, not made**). This section of the Creed (which reflects the Bible’s teaching in John Chapter 1 verses 1–5 & v.14) also highlights Jesus’ role in Creation.

As with the Apostles’ Creed, the Nicene Creed also covers the subject of *redemption*, which is central to the Christian faith. The Creed gives a ‘salvation summary’, setting out how Jesus came to earth, living among us as a man for us and for our benefit, to save us, dying on the cross in our place and rising again for sin, for all the wrong things humankind does: **“...For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he**

rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father...”.

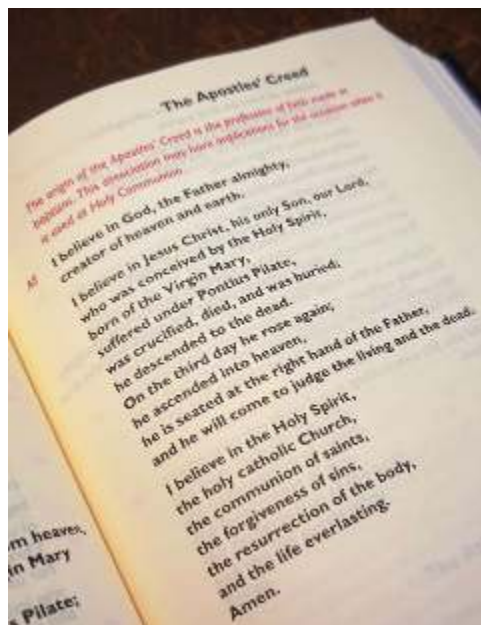
Again as per the Apostles’ Creed, the Nicene Creed also sets out how, having defeated sin and death at the cross, risen again and ascended to heaven, Jesus will one day return at the end of time: **“...He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end...”**.

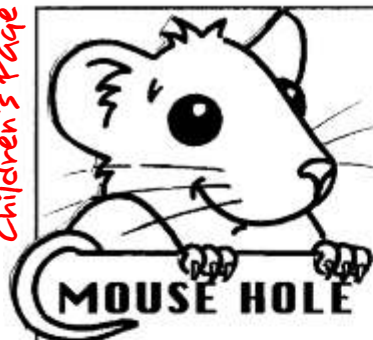
In the Apostles’ Creed, the Holy Spirit is only mentioned briefly, whereas the Nicene Creed refers to **“...the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets...”**. This section of the Creed highlights to us the person and work of the Holy Spirit in the Trinity.

And, as per the Apostles’ Creed, the Nicene Creed also ends with the central ‘salvation hope’ (as the Apostle Paul sets out in detail in the Bible in chapter 15 of the book of 1 Corinthians) of the Christian faith: **“...We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come...”**. The Creed ends with the fact that because Jesus was *resurrected*—because Jesus was raised from death to life, so too will all those who believe and trust in the Lord Jesus and what He has done to save us from sin also be raised to everlasting life with God.

I hope that this article again helps to briefly explain another aspect of ‘*why we do what we do*’ at church; why we frequently say the Creed(s) together as a helpful and useful summary of the key tenets of the Christian faith. But if you’ve got any questions or would like to find out more, then why not pop along to one of our services? You will be most welcome to join us!

James Rollin





Eggs are given at Easter as a symbol of the **new life** we can have with Jesus.

Speckled Eggs

Colour boiled eggs by adding a few drops of food colouring to the water just before they have finished boiling. When cool, dab on diluted food colouring with a sponge to make a speckled effect.

Egg Games

Decorate hardboiled eggs with friends, then roll them down a hill to see who's can roll the farthest without cracking!

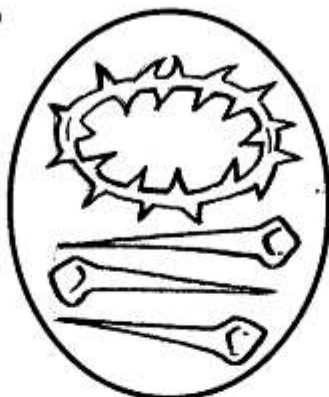
Enlarge the pictures from the Easter story by 200%. • Glue on card and cut out. • Glue the words onto the other side. • String together to make a mobile.

The Easter Story

On a donkey,
here's God's King!
"Hosanna, Hosanna"
the people sing.



But soon they say
"He's telling lies,
he's not God's Son,
so he must die!"



Beaten and stripped,
nailed to a cross,
He only came
to save the lost.



But three days later,
where is he?
He has risen
for all to see!



He is God's Son,
He is our King,
"Hosanna, Hosanna"
God's people sing!



Read the Easter story
in **Matthew** chapters
21, 26, 27 and 28

Eric Burgess, from our 'sister' church St Alkmund's Duffield, is Fundraising for Ukraine:

The other morning I received a WhatsApp message from a good friend in Ukraine; it reads *"Good morning, I wanted to go to Donetsk today to take warm clothes and to bring back children with their mothers, but I couldn't go because my van is broken"* 🙏. Thank you, we pray!"

My friend Vladimir lives in central Ukraine in the Cherkassy region; a place I know so well, having both lived and worked there since 1996. It is scattered farming villages dotted over a flat steppe which characterises much of Ukraine and I love it; I love the people, I love the food and culture, I even love the boiling hot summers and freezing cold winters (!), but most of all I love my many Ukrainian friends, with their no nonsense approach to getting things done, their ingenuity, their kindness, their hospitable nature and their wry sense of humour that has meant far too many hours of shared laughter whilst eating greasy shashlik, washed down with kvass (a lightly fermented soft drink made from rotting bread), sitting on a grassy river bank basking in the warmth of sunshine and friends.

All this now is in stark contrast to the current reality; my friend Vladimir is one of the many Pastors and Christians I know who are actively involved in trying to keep their fellow countrymen alive, fed, warm, etc, etc. It's no small task – the Russians are bombing indiscriminately, so hospitals, evacuation centres, schools, food shops and agricultural warehouses can quickly, and have been, in the hundreds, become smoking craters – so the strain of supply has to be felt elsewhere. People like Vlad drive over to Donetsk, a short journey of 600km to take supplies and bring back refugees. I have lost count how many times he has



made the journey and how he manages to keep filling the van with fuel, let alone supplies.

He is the pastor of a tiny village church and his congregation are poor but happy; they do a huge amount of work as well as managing their own houses, work, vegetable gardens, etc. I honestly don't know how they do it, but they just keep on doing it. I am awed by them and want to help. Last year Vlad's ageing Ford Transit van broke down with engine trouble and we helped him repair it, but Ukrainian roads are not great; think rutted old asphalt farm track, and the distances involved, as mentioned, are considerable in a knackered old Ford, so it finally gave up and he needs a new one or any replacement.



He doesn't care what he drives as long as he can fit supplies in for the journey there and refugees for the way back. He has asked me for £5,000 and for that he can get a beaten-up old VW with 150,000km on the clock. I want to help, and I am asking if you can too, please.

I am always happy to discuss so please ask at St Alkmund's for me!

Eric Burgess

*If you'd like to support Eric with his fundraising for his friend in Ukraine, or if you'd like any further information, then please contact the Church office, who can put you in touch with Eric. You can also speak to **Caroline Walker** at St Paul's Little Eaton.*

Eric's 'JustGiving' appeal can be found here:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/eric-burgess-4?utm_term=kdB8WD8nW

St Paul's Little Eaton TOTS Group

Every Thursday morning from 10:00am – 12:00pm during term-time we have a fun time in our church hall with our TOTS Group for children between the ages of 0–3 yrs. There are plenty of different toys along with different crafts, play dough, and child-size snacks and drinks. Since starting in September, we have welcomed around 25 children. It's a safe space for them to play and learn, and for their parents, grandparents and childminders to enjoy a chat, along with plenty of coffee! After everything is tidied away, we finish with a short Bible story and a good sing. We can't go home until we have sung 'Sleeping Bunnies' at least twice!

The whole session is free and our first one after Easter is on Thursday April 24th and we would love to see you. Feel free to come and stay for as long as you can.

TOTS is in St Paul's Church Hall, Vicarage Lane, Little Eaton.

Thursdays in term time 10:00 – 12:00. If you have any questions, call the church office on 01332 987550.



**Did you know you can now have
twice the fun?**

TOTS

**Thursday mornings, 10am - 12 noon in St Paul's hall
and also
Friday mornings, 10am - 12 noon in St Alkmund's hall**

**Everyone is welcome to come, play and chat, sing songs, make a
craft, make a mess, and drink good coffee!**

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A time for change

Spring signifies the beginning.

It is a time of change.

There's much needed light with new
greenery on the trees, and a celebration
of flowers bestowing a riot of colour,
daffodils, primroses, tulips, to name but a few.

We are aware of the changing mood
of the landscape,
and different generations spending time together.
There's a feeling of renewal, excitement,
opportunities for the future.
Places to visit beckoned by the weather.

Over 2,000 years ago Jesus died at Calvary.
He urged change in the most wonderful way
through his teaching, support, love and kindness.
If we embrace the teachings he gave us,
our compassion and warmth grow,
and our lives are filled with brightness.

Anne Palmer
(Local Poet)



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You are very welcome to join us for our 4.30pm afternoon services, either in the church building, or alternatively online, via our Benefice YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/TheUnitedBeneficeofDuffieldLittleEaton>

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