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Thank you to all our contributors this month:

Hugh Boorman, Chris Goswani and Sharon Jones
It would be great to see your name here next time!

The **May magazine** will be available on Sunday 6th May
and the deadline for articles to go in it is **Sunday 29th April.**

Please give your contributions to Hugh Boorman or Mary Parker.

Thought for the Month

Everywhere

I am sure that we have all been shocked by the attack on Sergei Skripal, the former spy, and his daughter, Yulia, last month. Of course, it's not the first time. Similar attacks have happened before – the murder of Alexander Litvinenko in London in 2006 and Kim Jong-nam, the older brother of the North Korean president in a Malaysian airport in 2017, for example. However, there seems to be something particularly unsettling when the latest case has taken place in Salisbury - a delightful country town, which should be remembered for Constable's painting and writings by such authors as Hardy, Golding, Dickens and Trollope, not assassinations with a chemical weapon. I don't want to sound alarmist but I guess that it is just another demonstration that, if they have the means, people can carry out atrocious acts of evil wherever they are.

The last few years have also proven how susceptible we are to being taken in by scams, false claims and fake news via our phones, post, TVs, social media

questionnaires, emails and probably other means as well if we did but know it. Just like the sand on a beach, sin gets everywhere!

Jesus warned his disciples, "I am sending you out like sheep among wolves" (Matthew 10:16). In these two thousand years, not a lot has changed except perhaps those wolves have become more sophisticated and adept. So we shouldn't be surprised when we encounter sin in our dealings with others in our working, our purchasing, our socialising, our relaxing; in fact, in all aspects of life.

Of course, Jesus didn't leave us with just a warning. He also provided us with guidance. That verse continues, "Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves."



In ancient times snakes were regarded as a symbol of wisdom. They are quick to attack when they see the opportunity but are even quicker to escape when they sense danger. Jesus is

not inviting us to be cynical but rather to be wise in our dealings with others – to spot the doors that God opens for us (1 Corinthians 16:8-9) but also weigh up what we are seeing and hearing and be aware that things may not always be all that they seem.

However, we are also to be "as innocent as doves". The word 'innocent' is probably better translated as pure or unadulterated. As we saw when we looked at the beatitude "Blessed are the pure in heart" (Matthew 5: 8), Jesus was talking about our need to be 100% focused on living for the kingdom of God. So, in our dealings with others, we are not to sink to their level. Instead, as Peter put it, "Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called" (1 Peter 3:9). He continued, "For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God" (1 Peter 3:17-18). Jesus has called us to continue his work.

And what about the Church? If sin gets everywhere, it gets there too, And if we find an assassination in Salisbury hard to take, we, and the world, still find it shocking when sin is discovered in a Christian fellowship. Many businesses

in Salisbury have noticed a reduction in footfall, whether it be because of all the barriers put up by the authorities or simply from fear. Should we give up on a church when someone lets us down or says or does something hurtful?

It's tempting, isn't it? There are similar shops and businesses near to Salisbury that can be visited and there are plenty of churches to choose from these days. But, that is not the advice of Scripture. Peter tells us, "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins" (1 Peter 4:8), James' advice goes further: "If one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, remember this: whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins" (James 5:19-20). A Christian community is a place where we are all called to help one another in the struggles that we face from both outside and in, never giving up on the failings of others, recognising that Jesus tells us to go on forgiving in the process (Matthew 18:20-21).

I'm not much into country and western music, but there is an American singer/songwriter called Julie Miller, who I really like - probably more for her lyrics than her musical style. Clearly from what she writes, she has had more



Dear friends

intense. That is the word I would use to describe my first weeks back in Latin America. (Take a deep breath): hard goodbyes, long flight, home, unpack, clean the mould off things, pack again, go to Guatemala... breathe... a week's rest... and let's go again... Latin Link International Assembly, (a week of 150 mission minded people worshipping, praying, studying the Bible, being taught about current issues in mission, attending workshops galore, and add into the mix a lot of video editing for me!), come back, unpack, wash everything in a day, pack again, go to Latin Link Peru team conference, 4 days of being with my LL family, grateful I didn't get sick this year, come back, unpack... breathe... a day in the sunshine... and let's go again... start work, big changes, hard changes, 5 staff made redundant, including Wilder from my Buena Tierra team, can't stop and evaluate as we all need to keep running, training to organise, business plans to think through, numbers to crunch, prayers to pray, training to deliver, ministry to focus on, vision to keep hold of, tears to cry, money to find, uncertainty to manage, roles to reestablish, leadership skills to develop, relationships to work on... And if you are exhausted just reading this... please say a prayer for me and the Latin Link and El Inca/Buena Tierra teams at this time!

This is what the Lord says:

“Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.

Jeremías 6:16



Stand. Look. Ask. This verse has been key in shaping my attitudes and actions on my return to Peru. I have felt that to ‘stand’, ‘look’ and ‘ask’ are essential for me at this stage of ministry. In my role leading Buena Tierra I know I have so much to learn– so running ahead, without looking or seeking the advice of others would be a bad move!

One way I would like to stand, look and ask, that has been on my heart, is to visit a ministry called ViveKids, in Colombia, who do similar work to Buena Tierra. We’ve also been invited to participate in a week long international christian publishing conference in Bogota. I believe this will be vital for our professional development (which is often hard to develop on the ‘mission field’). So our plan is to combine the two visits. All that is missing is the money...

So I’m being bold and asking for £1000 to cover flights, the conference and the visit to ViveKids, for Moisés and I. We only have until the end of March to get the cheap deal on the conference, so it’s not much time to raise the support! If you would like to help, please give via the Latin Link website to my fund (adding a note that it is for Colombia).



[www.latinlink.org.uk
/support/jones](http://www.latinlink.org.uk/support/jones)

BUENA TIERRA

in January and February of 2018 there were 6000 cases of sexual abuse reported in the region of Cusco. Yes, 6000 in two months - and that's only the cases we know about. This is why our new material about the prevention of child sexual abuse is vital.



MOISES TRAINING IN CUSCO

I am so grateful to God for our team of trainers who have been working hard under the leadership of Moisés to reach so many with the Aurora manual. We are continuing to deliver training in Lima and across the country.



PARTICIPANTS IN THE AURORA TRAINING

My first chance to teach this material was with 70 people in the Sacred Valley, near Cusco. Our aim is to have a balance of giving clear information about the problem, ministering to those present and providing a practical opportunity to use the manual.

What Makes a Happy Easter? Pigging out on chocolate eggs or protecting a child from abuse?

Did you know it only costs £1 to print a copy of this 97 page manual?! That's amazing! Maybe this Easter you could give what you would spend on eggs or hot cross buns to this worthy cause.



Please give via: www.latinlink.org.uk/support/jones
(Please add a note that it is for Aurora)

DATES AND PRAYER

Please join with me in praying for God's hand upon the ministry of El Inca and Buena Tierra:

- » For unity and stability amidst the difficult circumstances of the El Inca
- » For growth in my leadership skills
- » For provision of financial resources for printing our Sunday School curriculum
- » For the protection of children across Peru from violence and sexual abuse
- » That the (possible) trip to Colombia would be fruitful and edifying

TRAINING SCHEDULE

March

24th Lutheran Church, Arequipa
26th-27th International College, Arequipa

April

7th, Huancayo
28th, Chiclayo



As ever, I am so grateful for your care and support, love from Sharon

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A Reflection on Lent



Taking Jesus' advice in Matthew 6:16–18, I haven't mentioned this before and hope that I haven't given the game away but now that Lent is over, I can come clean.

A couple of months ago, I mentioned how Lent practices had evolved over the centuries from some serious fasting to giving up something relatively trivial like chocolate. Having written, "It gives us an opportunity to express to God and admit to ourselves the level of our commitment", I felt rather challenged: OK, Hugh, what level are you at? So I decided to give the Fourth Century style of fasting a go.

Well, almost. You might recall that in those days, they decided that they would only eat one meal a day (except for Sundays) and eat no meat, fish or animal product. I decided to go for the one meal a day but, with the various dietary requirements in the Boorman household already, I thought that no meat, fish, cheese, milk, etc was a bit too much.

And that is what I've done... well, except for the one day at a Center Parcs Spa and the following overnight stay at a hotel. It was Lindsey and my Christmas present to each other so

hopefully God forgave my little going off the rails for 24 hours. Other than that, Monday to Saturday, I've had no breakfast or lunch and waited for my evening meal.

Jesus said, "When you fast... your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you" (Matthew 6:17-18) so what has been my reward?

Well, firstly it has taught me a lot about my appetite and my appreciation of food. I have fasted before but never for more than a day (having breakfast and then not eating again until the following morning) but that's all. In some ways, I have found it much easier than I expected to go without breakfast ("the most important meal of the day" according to my mum) and lunch. And I've learnt what it's like to eat because I'm hungry rather than because it was part of my daily routine.

I have also found that I have got so much more done. I don't think I spend that much time eating or preparing breakfast and lunch but I seemed to have gained a good couple of hours in the day.

Well, they're the practical rewards. What about the spiritual side of things?

In the Old Testament fasting was often carried out for a specific purpose: annual festivals remembering events in Israel's history (Zechariah 8:19), expressing grief (1 Samuel 31:13) or penitence (Nehemiah 9:1-2), humbling oneself (Ezra 8:21), seeking guidance or help (2 Chronicles 20:3-4). I wasn't approaching Lent with any of those particularly in mind.

In the New Testament, Jesus fasted between his baptism and the start of his public ministry (Matthew 4:1-4) and, by using the word "when" rather than "if" in Matthew 6:16, he clearly took it as a given that his followers would fast. So we read of the early church worshipping and fasting (Acts 13:2) which led to them hearing from God. There was also fasting when elders were appointed to a church as means of committing them to God (Acts 14:23).

For me the occasional pangs of hunger were an opportunity to say to God, I'm doing this for you – a bit like the way some footballers point to the sky on scoring a goal but without the adulation of the crowd. But probably the biggest lesson that God has taught me through it is that fasting like this is possible. I am sure that God has helped me through it. With my enjoyment of food and chocolate, I really don't think that this would have been so easy without Him. If God's grace is enough to help me through going without something that is as natural as eating, then it's certainly enough to help me through other struggles I might have with other aspects that He might like to help me with, such as impatience, temper, etc.

Hugh Boorman

Monteverdi to Mozart

A spring celebration of song

All Saints' Church Choir are joined by Ella Bodeker and other musicians from *The Guildhall School of Music and Drama* for a celebration of song and music.

Friday 27th April, 7.30pm

All Saints' Church, Lydalls Road, Didcot OX11 7EA

Tickets on the door, £10 and concessions £7, which includes a programme and interval drink.
(all proceeds in aid of church path fund) To reserve tickets please email

ellabodeker@gmail.com

Parking is limited around the Church and Church Hall (OX11 7ER), so please use alternative transport where possible.



April Prayer Diary

Feel free to make suggestions of topics that we can add and, in the future, if you would like prayer for something particular on a specific date, whatever it might be, please let one of the editors know and we can add it to this prayer diary.

Sunday, 1st April

- Christ has risen! Let's give thanks that we worship the God of second chances, third chances, fourth chances, etc, etc
- People living in Bure Lane.

Monday, 2nd April

- Please pray for those who are working this bank holiday.
- People living in Wensum Drive.

Tuesday, 3rd April

- Please pray for Pastor Gay Rasgo and the Laguna Church, our mission partners in the Philippines.
- People living in Arndale Beck.

Wednesday, 4th April

- Please pray for those mourning the loss of a loved one.
- People living in Trent Road.

Thursday, 5th April

- Made in the image of God, let's give thanks for the creativity of one another in all its forms.
- People living in Washford Glen.

Friday, 6th April

- Please pray for those involved in childcare.
- People living in Verlam Grove.

Saturday, 7th April

- Please pray for the Ladygrove Residents' Association as it seeks to establish itself.
- People living in Darcey Lode.

Sunday, 8th April

- Please pray for those who find it difficult to be with others.
- People living in Gelt Burn.

Monday, 9th April

- Please pray for those who face the reality of picking up their cross daily for following Jesus. See www.opendoorsuk.org, releaseinternational.org or www.csw.org.uk for more information.
- People living in Churnet Close.

Tuesday, 10th April

- Please pray for the RGB youth group meeting at Sarah and Vaughn's each Tuesday evening.
- People living in Westwater Way.

Wednesday, 11th April

- Please pray for those who are seeking employment.
- People living in Torridge Drive.

Thursday, 12th April

- Please pray for Didcot TRAIN Youth Project, our local mission partners. Catch up with their latest news at www.didcottrain.org.uk.
- People living in Roding Way.

Friday, 13th April

- Please pray for the Didcot Foodbank – for the volunteers who run it, for those who donate to it and for those who need its support.
- People living in Dearne Place.

Saturday, 14th April

- Please pray for our Messy Church meeting this afternoon.
- People living in Synderford Close.

Sunday, 15th April

- As we hold our AGM/APCM this lunchtime, let's give thanks for all the people who have played, who continue to play, and who will play a part in making our community of faith what it is.
- People living in Halse Water.

Monday, 16th April

- Please pray for the Prayer Spaces taking place at Hagbourne CE School this week.
- People living in Exe Close

Tuesday, 17th April

- Please pray for those working in fund-raising.
- People living in Cam Close.

Wednesday, 18th April

- Please pray for Sharon Jones, our mission partner in Lima, Peru. See elsewhere in this magazine for her latest update.
- People living in Evenlode Drive.

Thursday, 19th April

- Please pray for our various groups meeting tonight – Kitchen Table, Refresh and the Sykes' home group.
- People living in Tyburn Glen.

Friday, 20th April

- Please pray for those who are in mourning, whether it be for the loss of a loved one, the ending of situation or something else.
- People living in Darent Place.

Saturday, 21st April

- Please pray for the Queen.
- People living in Ottery Way.

Sunday, 22nd April

- Please pray for God's blessing on Julie Pudner as she is confirmed today..
- People living in Ockley Brook.

Monday, 23rd April

- Please pray for those who are troubled by anxiety.
- People living in Kew Win.

Tuesday, 24th April

- Please pray for David and Dorothy McMillan, our BMS World Mission partners as they travel around the UK catching up with their various supporters and family. Come along next Sunday to hear their news.
- People living in Penpont Water.

Wednesday, 25th April

- Please pray for the Parents/ Carers and Toddlers groups meeting each Wednesday and Thursday and for Jo and her team running the sessions.
- People living in Ray Court.

Thursday, 26th April

- Please pray for our Emmaus Course starting again this evening.
- People living in Jordan Close.

Friday, 27th April

- Please pray for those working in education.
- People living in Plym Drive.

Saturday, 28th April

- Please pray for those whose pride is preventing them from seeking the help they need.
- People living in Foudry Close.

Sunday, 29th April

- Please pray for the Church in other parts of the world.
- People living in Swale Drive.

Monday, 30th April

- Please pray for God's blessing on the public meeting places of our community.
- People living in Usk Way.

May

Tuesday, 1st May

- Please pray for those who work outdoors.
- People living in Windrush Mews.

Wednesday, 2nd May

- Please pray for the Bungokho Rural Development Centre, our mission partners in Mbale, Uganda.
- People living in Itchen Court.

Thursday, 3rd May

- Please pray for relationships where reconciliation and peace are needed.
- People living in Don Close.

Friday, 4th May

- Please pray for the railway network.
- People living in Colne Drive.

Saturday, 5th May

- Please pray for social media – those who operate it and those who use it – that it might be a place of honesty, integrity and encouragement.
- People living in Weavercroft.

Sunday, 6th May

- Please pray for God's blessing on Ezra Whitaker and all his family and friends as we celebrate his baptism today.
- People living in Teescroft.



5 things I wish I'd known when I became a Christian

by Chris Goswami

I am surprised that, as a young man, I had any friends.

I was sociable – always enjoyed going out for a drink and conversation (still do), but I was also opinionated, narrow minded and, well, intolerant of other views. So, when I became a Christian 30 years ago, I became more convinced than ever that whatever I read in the Bible was the only possible interpretation. Everyone else was on a highway to hell (most likely, the perpetual torment variety) unless they sorted themselves out.

All this was heightened by the overtly evangelical reading and teaching I sought out to confirm my opinions. (...so you see we had “echo chambers” even before social media).

To be sure, in another 30 years, I might look back again and say the same about how I am now. But in the meantime, here are five things I wish someone had sat down and explained to me.

1. “My church is Bible based” is not something to go around declaring

I was always told that MY church was the Bible based one, the event I was attending was THE Bible based event, and that WE were the Bible believing people. Everybody else out there needed correcting. Being a bit slow, it took me years to work that ‘everybody else out there’ was saying exactly the same thing as me. Except they were all going to very different churches than me, and attending different events to me. This was inconvenient. It forced me to look again at what I thought was “clearly Biblical” – and even occasionally to stop correcting people! But it’s the way it is.

Pretty much everybody says their church is Bible based. Everybody says their view is the Biblically correct one. And if they don't, well something odd is going on there (don't go there!).

2. Sometimes I would feel disappointed by God

This is tough. There are more politically correct, churchy ways of saying this, like "God's ways are higher than our ways". But, while that is true, it surfs over the harder truth. We can feel bitterly disappointed by God.

Maybe you have had personal life-struggles, serious illness of family members that after much prayer doesn't get better – maybe it gets worse; or praying for a family member to know the Lord – for decades; and so forth. It's disappointing. It hurts.

But the problem here is that our "deal" with God is not what we often think it is. You know that deal that some churches offer? The one where, of course, we know some bad stuff might happen to us as Christians, but the REALLY bad stuff, the life events that can traumatise? They won't happen as long as we stick to God.

But there is no deal like that.

There actually is a deal but that is not it. The deal we have is about God keeping his promises even if we can't see that today. A God who shares our bad times with us – and even chooses suffering for himself. The problem is that we determine ourselves what our God should and shouldn't do.

As Gerard Hughes says we have "domesticated God":

'We ... create a God who favours us, our groups, our Church and who overthrows our enemies. But God is ... a God who breaks down our comforting prejudices, false securities, religious and secular. This is painful but it is the pain of rebirth. ... God is the God of surprises who, in the darkness and tears of things breaks down our false images and securities. This in-breaking can feel

to us like dis-integration but it is the disintegration of the ear of wheat. If it does not die to bring new life, it shrivels away on its own.'

3. God is good!

Learning to be grateful is life transforming.

I am frequently, sometimes daily, struck with gratitude to God for so many good things. For example, I am frequently gobsmacked at these winter skies – I didn't even know that colours like that existed.

And grateful too for the many bad things that **don't** happen – illnesses I don't have, accidents that should have happened when I was driving but didn't, situations at work and church which could have been much worse but weren't ...

Being grateful, and expressing that gratitude, is key to our well-being. In the past few years there have been many secular studies, books and news on "gratitude". Lots of clever people will now tell you that an attitude of gratitude is good for your health!

Being grateful is an ancient Christian custom. But it's also a discipline, a mind-set, we must practice, especially for those us who live in wealthy countries where we forget the blessings of food, or simply making it to another day.

4. Original sin and original goodness – we under-estimate them both

We make two mistakes – at least I do.

Sin is more pervasive, has a greater hold on us, than we think. I am convinced for example the way Christians sometimes treat each other in church, between churches, and especially online, ... is sin, pure and simple. We imagine that we are somehow the defenders of the faith, our job is to put others right, until, as

someone said, “being right becomes more important than being Christ like”.

We under-estimate sin in our lives – we even dress it up as something fine.

But we also under-estimate the goodness of God in our lives. Our Christian worldview teaches us that although on the surface we appear decency, polite and virtuous, beneath that we are sinful, selfish, and often hurt one another. And there the story ends. But that isn’t the end! Beneath THAT we were all created in God’s image. God’s image within us is good, it does not rub off. It’s the reason we see goodness in people from all walks of life, of all beliefs and no belief.

I am not trying to pick a fight with the Calvinists on the doctrine of “total depravity” of mankind. But I am saying Christians can fixate on sin and our fallen nature, and completely lose the sense of Christ in us – the hope of glory!

5. In the end this is about hearts, not minds

I was recently privileged to officiate at Joan’s funeral – a remarkable elderly lady. No, really, she was astonishing. At 94 she lit up any room just by entering it. On a recent hospital admission, she was such a remarkable, cheering influence that the ward sister asked her if she would consider volunteering as a hospital visitor – *she was in her nineties for goodness sake!*



Joan attended the church I used to minister at, but I recall her understanding of “the gospel” was limited. The concept of sin was foreign to her, so the idea that someone died for her

sin was strange. I know this because she attended the baptism classes I held, but stopped coming after the first week. Joan didn't get it.

And yet here is a comment from another member of the church which sums up her faith:

... She often asked us to pray with her and was undoubtedly following the Lord Jesus. She really wanted to please Jesus. Her gracious humility and simple faith shone out. And her smile was such a joy to behold even when she was at a difficult point in life.

"Ah yes, but she couldn't recite the 4 points of the Gospel could she! ... God's nature – man's condition – God's solution – man's response, etc ..."

But so what?

I also cannot articulate the Gospel in ways that people much smarter than me can. The Bible talks about calling on the name of Jesus. It talks about confessing with our mouths and believing in our hearts that Jesus is Lord. That's enough.

This give me hope! It means I can enter a theological argument, be completely wrong (... according to some!), and it's still OK! (... and I'm still an evangelical by the way).

Isn't God good!

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He is a previous winner of Christian Blogger of the Year for www.7minutes.net where this reflection first appeared.

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Coming Up

The AGM or APCM

Please do pick up your copy of the annual report if you haven't had it emailed to you and do try to make the meeting if you can – 12.30pm on **Sunday, 15th April** with a shared lunch.

And at the time of writing, we are still looking for people to take on various roles within the church – church wardens, welcome team, prayer team, deanery synod rep, mixing desk operative, Elements leaders, electoral roll officer, members of the LCC, etc. Do speak to Hugh if you'd like to know more.



David and Dorothy McMillan



David and Dorothy McMillan, our BMS World Mission partners are joining us for worship on **Sunday, 29th April** and giving us an update on developments in their work at the International Baptist Theological Study Centre in Amsterdam.

We hope that you can make it.

Emmaus

As you will be aware, we've now run two Emmaus Courses, both of which have been very warmly received. We've had enquiries about running another one so it's starting at 7.30pm on **Thursday, 26th April**. If you'd like to come along or you know someone who might be interested, please speak to Hugh.



GDPR



We know it sounds like it but the GDPR is not a railway line! It is the General Data Protection Regulation that comes into force in May.

The Regulation replaces the previous Data Protection Acts by basically tightening up the law about how we store and use any information about anyone. We are no

longer allowed to simply assume that someone has allowed us to keep their details. We must record what information we keep, why we keep it, how long we keep it, where we keep it and how it's protected. We must also have people's permission to keep that information unless there is another legal requirement to keep it (the marriage and baptism registers, for example).

To this end, in the next few weeks we will be asking you all to complete a permission form. It will need to be completed and returned **by 25th May**.

April Diary

Date	Time	Event
Sunday, 1st	6.30am	Easter Sunrise Service on Ladygrove Mound followed by a light breakfast at the Community Centre. All welcome.
	10.00am	Easter Anglican Communion Service All Together John 20:1-18 Easter: An Empty Tomb
Sunday, 8th	10.00am	Baptist Communion Service All Together John 20:19-31 Easter: A Locked Room
Monday, 9th	8.00pm	Prayer Hour at 12 Trent Road. All welcome.
Saturday, 14th	3.00pm	Messy Church. All welcome.
Sunday, 15th	10.00am	Worship All Together Luke 24:36-48 Easter: Opened Minds
	12.30pm	Shared Lunch & AGM/APCM
Monday, 16th	8.00pm	Messy Church Debrief & Planning Meeting at 12 Trent Road.
Wednesday, 18th	9.30am	Ladygrove Parents/Carers and Toddlers Group
Thursday, 19th	9.30am	Ladygrove Parents/Carers and Toddlers Group
Sunday, 22nd	10.00am	Morning Worship with Children's Groups John 10:11-18 Easter: The Good Shepherd
	10.00am	Confirmation Service at All Saints' Church, Didcot (Our Julie's being confirmed)
Monday, 23rd	8.00pm	Worship All Together Planning meeting at 12 Trent Road.
Wednesday, 25th	9.30am	Ladygrove Parents/Carers and Toddlers Group
Thursday, 26th	9.30am	Ladygrove Parents/Carers and Toddlers Group
	7.30pm	Emmaus Course at 12 Trent Road. Session 1 – Believing in God

April Diary

Date	Time	Event
Sunday, 29th	10.00am	Anglican Communion Service with Children's Groups With David and Dorothy McMillan, our BMS World Mission Partners.

May Diary

Wednesday, 2nd	9.30am	Ladygrove Parents/Carers and Toddlers Group
Thursday, 3rd	9.30am	Ladygrove Parents/Carers and Toddlers Group
	7.30pm	Emmaus Course at 12 Trent Road. Session 2 – We Need God in Our Lives
Sunday, 6th	10.00am	Worship All Together with the Baptism of Ezra Whitaker. Ezra 7:8-10

Messy Church

Saturday 14th April - 3-5pm
Ladygrove Community Centre



Crafts, games, activities and worship for families, followed by tea.
Offers of help and donations of finger food and cake will be welcome! Please speak to Hugh for more information.

Homegroups

There are a number of homegroups meeting throughout the week at various times and venues - some with a specific focus; others more generic.

For more details, speak to Hugh.

Tuesdays	7-8:30pm	RGB youth group for secondary school and sixth formers at Sarah and Vaughn Lawfull's home Contact Sarah and Vaughn 211868
	8:00pm	Re-hydrate Men's Group on the first Tuesday of the month for Bible study Contact Jamie 07881 710171
Thursdays	7:30pm	Kitchen Table for 20's and 30's at Sarah and Vaughn Lawfull's home Contact Sarah and Vaughn 211868
	8:00pm	Refresh Ladies' Group - check with Lindsey for venue Contact Lindsey 819036
	8:00pm	Re-hydrate Men's Group on the third Thursday of the month for a social gathering Contact Jamie 07881 710171
	8:00pm	Home Group at Ian and Kathryn Sykes' home Contact Ian and Kathryn 850085



