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**NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2022**

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**Welcome to Marske Community Church's newsletter.   
We meet every Sunday at 4.30pm.    
We also meet weekly on Wednesday at 7.30 pm for prayer and bible study.  
We meet at Marske Methodist Church, Hummershill Lane, Marske.    
We are available on facebook, mobile or email for prayer requests or simply a chat**

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**An Easter Message**

There is an air of excitement and anticipation associated with Easter in our communities right now. The word conjures up thoughts of chocolate eggs and family days out with fun games for children such as treasure hunts. The prizes always consist of that tempting, tasty treat called chocolate!

“Wait a minute!” I hear you say, “where is Jesus in all of this? Isn’t He the reason for Easter?”  
  
You are absolutely right! However, all these traditions have been absorbed by churches over the years as part of Easter celebrations and to point to the real events of Jesus’s death and resurrection. The egg is a clear symbol of new life which we experience when we follow Him. (“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation is come. The old has gone, the new is here!” 2 Corinthians 5:17)  
  
Some people like to roll eggs down a hill on Easter Sunday. This is a great game to play with children. It also makes me think of the angel rolling the stone away from the cave tomb where Jesus’s body lay after He was crucified. When the eggs are broken open there is treasure waiting inside for you. This is like the treasure that awaited the followers of Jesus when they discovered that He had broken free from death. He was not in the tomb, He was alive! The joy of the Easter egg hunt is achieved when an egg is found. The joy for a Christian is in finding Jesus as Lord, saviour, and friend. Jesus said, “Ask and it shall be given you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” (Matthew 7 :7)

Of course, another popular tradition at Easter is eating those delicious hot cross buns. Many churches have them after a Good Friday service. The cross featured on these buns is the most important symbol for Easter, and for the whole year round! This is such a powerful reminder of Jesus’s incredible love for us. So, the cross tells us of his death, to give us life. It is an empty cross though and that says that he rose again. He is alive, hallelujah!

Happy Easter everyone.  
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| |  | | --- | | ***April Services***  **Sunday 3 April  - John Singleton (Daniel chapter 3)** **Sunday 10 April - Elizabeth Dobson  Friday 15 April - Reflective Good Friday Service**  Communion Service **Sunday 17 April - John Singleton** **Sunday 24 April- John Singleton (Daniel chapter 4)** Shortened service followed by Church Meeting **Sunday 1 May - Brian Settle (Daniel chapter 5)**   We meet at **Marske Methodist Church, Hummershill Lane, Marske**  The services begin at 4.30pm. We give a very warm welcome to you all  Due to new Covid-19 regulations, the wearing of masks is now a personal choice.  We respect your wishes and encourage you to do whatever you are comfortable with. Thank you | |

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**Good Friday** - at 4.30pm   We will hold a short reflective communion service - please join us.  
**Easter Sunday** - at 4.30pm   A celebratory service praising our Risen Jesus.   This will include an Easter bonnet competition - for men, women and children!

**Once again, we plan to bless neighbours with gifts of palm crosses and daffodils during Easter week.**

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**Every Wednesday at 7.30pm at**   
**Marske Methodist Church Hall**  
  
You are very welcome to join us at our weekly Prayer and Bible Study on  
Wednesdays at 7.30pm.  
We are currently studying The Jesus that Paul knew.

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**Easter Colouring (for adults and children!)**

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