



5th April 2026.
 We extend a warm welcome to
 Rev Katy Thomas, and to all
 our members, friends and visitors



For meditation: *Gracious God, give us wisdom to perceive you, diligence to seek you, patience to wait for you, eyes to behold you, a heart to meditate on you and a life to proclaim you; through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord.*
Benedict of Nursia (c480 – 550)

NEWS AND VIEW

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed – Alleluia!

After the many days of preparation through Lent we finally reach the climax of the Christian year. This feast is a movable one and can be any date from 22 March to 25 April. The actual date each year is the Sunday following the first full moon after the Spring Equinox! This method of calculation was the cause of some dissension between Celtic Christians and those in Rome, whose method of calculation was decided by the Council of Nicea in 325. This method was adopted by All British Christians at the Synod of Whitby in 664. With the strict fast of the 6 weeks of Lent over the celebrations at Easter have real significance – not least in the giving and receiving of chocolate Easter eggs!

FOR PRAYER

Easter Sunday– study material

The Methodist Church has prepared study/worship material for the whole period of Lent and Easter; this week we are invited to **let go of fear and embrace joy.** We place a living plant beside a fake one. What was fake is now outshone by what is real. We scatter eggs – symbols of joy, of life, of surprise. There is enough for everyone. Christ is risen. Love has the last word. O Lord our God, our Lenten journey is complete. Let joy take root. Let life burst forth. Alleluia! Amen
We are praying this week for the congregations at Keynsham Victoria and Queen’s Road and for their minister, Rev John Hayes.

LECTIONARY READINGS – 5th April

Acts 2: 14a, 22 -32
 Psalm 16
 1 Peter 1: 3 -9
 John 20: 19 -31

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Colossians 3: 1 -4

DIARY

Sunday 5th April (Easter Sunday)

Morning worship 11.00am
Family Friendly Worship 4.00pm
 led by Helen and team. All welcome

Tuesday 7th April

Leadership team meeting 11.00am
 No Compass Point this week – on 14th
 Instead. Please note.

Wednesday 8th April

No Grace this month (School holidays)

Thursday 9th April

Café 9.30 – 12 noon

Sunday 12th April

Morning worship 11.00am
 led by Mike Evans

When Christ came from the shadows by the stream of Phlegethon,
 Scars were upon His feet, His hands, His side.
 Not, as dulled souls might deem,
 That He who had the power
 Of healing all the wounds of wherof men died
 Could not have healed His own,
 But that those scars had some divinity,
 Carriage of mystery,
 Life’s source to bear the stigmata of death....

By these same scars, in prayer for all mankind,
 Before His Father’s face
 He pleads our wounds within His mortal flesh,
 And all the Travail of His mortal days,
 For ever interceding for His grace,
 Remembering where forgetfulness were blind,
 For ever pitiful, for ever kind,
 Instant that Godhead should take thought for
 man,
 Remembering the manhood of His Son,
 His only Son, and the deep wounds He bore.

By these same scars His folk will not give o’er
 Office of worship, while they see,
 Passion, Thy mystery;
 In those dark wounds, their weal,
 In that descent to hell their climb to the stars,
 His death, their life;
 Their wreath, His crown of thorns.

Bishop Theodulf of Orléans (c750 – 821)
 - a judge under Charlemagne

