

Recently somebody asked me a question I've been asked many times over recent years. Do you believe in Heaven? Do you believe there is more than this life here and now?



The question was asked in the context of the death of my dad who died last July. I miss him terribly. I miss talking about how Liverpool performed in their last match. I miss going fishing with him and the great banter. I just miss him! Yet I don't miss him to the extent that there is no hope, no hope that we shall ever meet again.

You see I believe in Easter. If I didn't then I'm not sure how I would feel and I'm not sure how I would cope. But I believe in Easter. I believe Jesus amazingly, surprisingly, wonderfully and lovingly, truly was the Son of God. I believe he died on the cross, a death so cruel and painful that he identified with all the suffering that we can all go through. He also took upon himself what we call the "sin of the world".

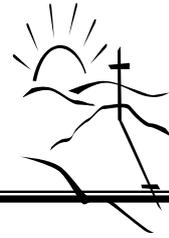


However, on Easter morning the tomb which held the body of Jesus was empty. Like millions of Christians all over the world I believe he defeated death, and rose from the grave.

According to the Bible hundreds of people witnessed this. So because of Jesus, there is a sure and certain hope that this life is not the end. I know less and less people in our country believe this, but this Easter come and have a look at the cross, come and look at the empty tomb..... come and decide for yourself... the true story of Easter may just surprise you!

Have a hopeful Easter.

Jeff Porter (Minister)



We extend a very warm welcome to you to join us for services this Easter

14th April

Good Friday 7.00pm
Reflections at the Cross

16th April

Easter Sunday

Easter Sunrise Service
6.00am - meet at church
to walk to the field

11.00am Family Service

*6.30pm Evening Worship
with Holy Communion*

Easter Coffee Morning

Saturday 8th April

10.30-12.30

(details overleaf)

An Easter Prayer

**Go on your way
rejoicing in the presence of
the living Christ:**

**and may the love, wisdom
and power of God,**

**Life-giver, Pain-bearer and
Love-maker,**

**keep, strengthen and
inspire you.**

Amen



COFFEE
TIME



Saturday
8th April
10.30 – 12.30

**Everyone is welcome
to drop in**

**Cake Stall, Books,
Jig Saws, Bric-a-Brac,
Seasonal Refreshments.**



Where will the money go?

This year monies raised will go to support the neo-natal unit at Heartlands Hospital in Birmingham, which cares for over 1,000 babies born prematurely each year. A number of friends from the Fernhill Heath area can testify to the quality of the care that families have received there.



The neonatal units provide 24 hour care using dedicated breathing machines, incubators and sophisticated monitoring equipment, but it costs approximately £1,000 per day to run a cot for a premature baby in intensive care. Because of their small size, the babies do not have enough body fat to keep them warm and have breathing difficulties as their lungs have not fully formed.

Snack & Chat

The Church will be open for people to drop in and take the opportunity to chat over a coffee and a snack on Saturdays 10.30 – 12.30 once a month.

6th May 3rd June 1st July

Thursday Diners

We would welcome more diners at our Thursday Diners Meeting on the last Thursday of each month

April 27th May 25th June 29th July 27th

The cost is £3.50 and it is a great way to enjoy a meal with friends. For more details please telephone Bronwyn Mitchell – 01905 451293.

A 'Very Big Thank You' to everyone who supported the Christmas Fayre – over £643 was raised for the Baptist Home Mission Fund.

Thank You!

Offerings at the Carol Services raised £385 for



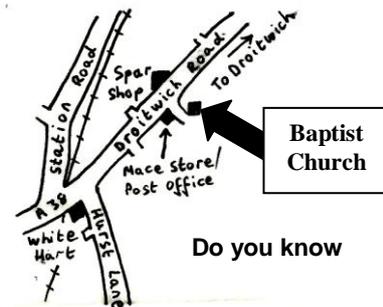
the Mercia Accident Rescue Service which will help to provide critical pre-hospital medical care following road accidents across Herefordshire & Worcestershire.

Fernhill Heath Baptist Church

There's a warm welcome to join us for our regular activities

We hold services at 11.00 and 6.30 every Sunday. There is Junior Church and a Creche for younger children in the mornings. On the 3rd Sunday each month, the service includes the opportunity for discussions around tables over a cup of coffee & a creative activity.

Prayer, Bible Study & discussion groups are held around the village on most Tuesday &/or Wednesday evenings.



Do you know

