

CHRIST HAS DIED, CHRIST IS RISEN, CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN

CROSS-SECTIONS!
Cut out these shapes to make a cross - if you can!

Answer these questions. Write the answers, then cross off the letters in the words you have written, one by one, in the cross shape

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE (MATT. 27)

- Who carried Jesus' cross?

- Where was he from?

- Where was the crucifixion held?

Now re-arrange the remaining letters to find two words that tell us what the Cross of Jesus saves us from.

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April 2012 at Christ Church

Dear friends at Christchurch

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness

1 Peter 2:24

April is going to be a very important month for us at Christ Church. First, we have Holy Week and Easter. We live in a society which has increasingly lost any understanding of what Easter is about – 5 years ago one major supermarket chain noted that very few people realise that Easter celebrates the birth of Jesus! And that means that as Christians we need to make the most of the opportunities we have to remember for ourselves why Easter matters, and to invite others to find those great truths for themselves.

So please make a priority of our services over the coming week – not just the odd one here and there but all of them. Palm Sunday evening, our Passover Meal on Thursday, then Good Friday and Easter day. Invite friends to come with you. If you really believe that the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus are life changing events, you'll want to take every opportunity to worship him and to point others to him.

Then later in the month we have our AGM. There are more details inside, but please do be there and play your part in the body of Christ here.

And finally, while all this is going on, we will be preparing to launch our 'Next Generation' Youth Group. This is an exciting and vital new work, and something that everyone at Christ Church should be behind. If the gospel means anything to you, you will want to pass it on to the next generation. So don't leave it to others – be involved yourself!

Yours in Christ

Graham Cousins

Jesus' death makes all the difference. This Easter make sure you remember why

Regular weekly activities:

Monday	-	9.30 am Toddler Group
	-	1.00 pm TLC
Tuesday	-	9.30 am Toddler Group
	-	3.30 pm Shine
Wednesday	-	1.00 pm Needlecraft Group
	-	5.30-6.30 pm Rainbows
	-	5.45 pm-7.00 pm Brownies
Thursday	-	9.45 am Keep Fit
	-	11.00 am Keep Fit
	-	1.00 pm Craft Group
	-	5.00 pm Brownies
	-	7.30 pm Guides
Friday	-	9.15 am Mothers 'n' Others
	-	7.00 pm Evening Bowls

There will not be any activities during the Easter Holidays and they will start again on Monday 16th April.

MARATHON MANJA

On Monday 7th May 2012 I will be running the Belfast City Marathon. Please don't feel the need to join me on the day (!) but perhaps you could support me by pledging to give something to my chosen charity?

I'll be running to support the work of *Crosslinks*, an international mission society with its roots in the Bible and works principally within the worldwide Anglican Communion. Their prime focus is making Christ known through the proclamation and teaching of God's word in the power of the Holy Spirit. Their slogan is 'God's word to God's world'.

For more info on partners and projects that need funding go online: crosslink.org I'd be grateful for any support you can give towards helping *Crosslinks*. Thanks, in advance for your support! Peter Bourke.



AGM 2012

An important date for your diary is Sunday 22nd April – our AGM.

At Christ Church we have different groups, and indeed different congregations. But the A.G.M. is a time for all of us to come together, in thankfulness for what the Lord has been doing, and in expectation and prayer for the future.

It is also the time when we appoint Church Wardens and PCC members. These might sound a bit mundane, but it is vital for us as a church that we have godly, enthusiastic and committed people in these roles. There are nomination forms for each of these in church – please do be praying about who should be appointed.

Ready for the AGM our Annual Report for 2011 is available at the back of church. Please read it, and see all that is happening here.

This year we are holding our AGM on Sunday afternoon, so as to give as many people as possible the chance to be there. There will be a video for children while the main meeting is on, so that parents can come along. The meeting will be followed by a shared tea, and a short service of celebration and re-commitment.

So – if you are part of Christ Church – please be at the A.G.M.

MEN'S BREAKFAST – SEVEN DEADLY SINS

If you were thinking of coming to Men's Breakfast this month to meet Mr. Greedy then don't. But we will have a guest speaker (who looks nothing like Mr. Greedy), to help us think about the next of our deadly sins: greed. Please sign up for our *Men's Breakfast* on Saturday 21st April at 9am.

MR. GREEDY
By Roger Hangreaves

