

Welcome to the first edition of the TCCC newsletter – Spring!

In this edition, you will find information about our church, together with contributions from our amazing congregation. So, what's inside

News

What is happening regarding our church and members

Faith in focus

A look at what is going on this season around our Christian faith and beyond

Diary dates

What is going on at TCCC this spring

Elders and helpers

A list of our amazing elders and their responsibilities together with a list of happy helpers

Rotas

Find out who is preaching and when

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Interesting contributions from our church congregation

Housekeeping

Next issue information

This really is our community newsletter so please let me know any feedback or ideas.

Jackie



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Margaret

Lovely Margaret is now a resident at Cliff Court Care Home and has settled in very well. Liz and Eric are now the proud owners of Margaret's greyhound. Personally I loved chatting to Margaret about her dogs. I always called them puppies which she always replied "Naw they're not puppies!"



Margaret's new home

New members

CONGRATULATIONS

Last month Betty and Dee became members of our church. It was a lovely day with Peter taking the service. Dee also read for the first time. She is now permanently on the reading list!

Pat will become a member on Sunday 6th April so save that date!

Battery powered

Both Pat and Eric had pace makers fitted recently. Both are doing really well which is fantastic news.



Beachy Head Chaplaincy

On Sunday 17th March, Mark ran his wonderful Café Service with Liz providing the gorgeous cake. The church was also treated to a visit from Glen from The Beachy Head Chaplaincy Team. This is a team of Christians who patrol the 4 mile stretch of Beachy Head every day of the year offering hope to anyone who is suicidal or in distress. It was a very moving presentation showing how many lives they had saved by just reaching out and talking.



They have responded to 15,000 incidents since 2004. Four are paid but the rest of the 40 strong team are volunteers.

You can donate at www.bhct.org.uk. For context a donation of just £5 supplies a week of refreshments for people in distress.



Thank you Val for arranging this and a huge thank you to Glen (right above) and all his team.



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LENT

PRAYER FASTING AND ALMSGIVING

TCCC Lent challenge

Instead of **giving up** for the forty days of Lent, why not **give!**

Give **40** items of non-perishable foods or toiletries and really make a difference this easter. All donations will be taken to the Seahaven Food bank. Bring them each week or everything on Easter Sunday.

Suggested donations listed on their website:

- Coffee
- Tea bags
- Squash
- Dried pasta
- Tinned fruit and vegetables,
- Tinned cold meat
- Breakfast cereal
- Biscuits
- Long life milk
- Toiletries



Photo by Lin

IN MEMORY OF IAN

We remember Ian

The Memorial service for Ian took place on 24th February at Lewes Road Church. The church was packed showing how valued Ian was to so many people.

What a wonderful, humble man. His service was truly moving. People stood up in the congregation and recounted how Ian had touched their lives.

I Corinthians was read out. A favourite of Ian and Barbara. We could all feel the shared love in the room that day.

Our heartfelt condolences go to Barbara and family. From everyone at TCCC.



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*Love is patient, love is kind.
It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.
It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily
angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.*

*Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.
It always protects, always trusts, always hopes,
always perseveres.*

*Love never fails.
But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there
are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it
will pass away.
For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when com-
pleteness comes, what is in part disappears.
When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I
reasoned like a child.*

*When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind
me.*

*For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror;
then we shall see face to face.
Now I know in part; then I shall know fully,
even as I am fully known.*

*And now these three remain:
faith, hope and love.*

But the greatest of these is love.

I Corinthians

LENT SIMPLIFIED

Wed, 5 Mar 2025 – Thu, 17 Apr

Lent is to take time to think on what life and faith are really all about. This time represents when Jesus was in the desert for 40 days.

He wrestled with temptation but, in this period of isolation, was able to listen to God.

So here is a simple timeline.

SHOVE TUESDAY

The before Lent -Shove Tuesday is about enjoying pancakes before lent begins.

ASH WEDNESDAY**The First Day of Lent**

Wed 5 March

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lent. It is a season of reflection, and giving up or taking up which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday

Ashes symbolize mourning and repentance. The ashes are also a reminder of our mortality and to listen to God's calling.



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HOLY WEEK

Holy Week

This is the week that we remember Jesus' death and resurrection.

Why Easter eggs?

They symbolize new life and rebirth.

PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday - last Sunday before Easter

13 April

Palm Sunday marks the start of Holy Week. This is when we remember how Jesus rode on a donkey into Jerusalem. People cheered him and waved palm branches.

Matthew 21:8-9

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday

This is the Thursday before Easter.

Here we remember the Last Supper, the final meal that Jesus had with his disciples.

John 13:1-2

Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.

GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday

Good Friday is a solemn Christian holy day commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus and his death.

This is the time we reflect and remember the sacrifice that Jesus made. On this day, Jesus was placed in a tomb.

Luke 23:44-46

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.



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EASTER SATURDAY

Easter Saturday

Easter Saturday, also known as Holy Saturday. It's the day between Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

It's a time of waiting and preparation for the joyful celebration of Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Luke 23:52-53

'Joseph, a member of the Council, a good and upright man' asked for Jesus' body. Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen cloth and placed it in a tomb cut in the rock, one in which no one had yet been laid. It was Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was about to begin.

EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Sunday

This important day celebrates Jesus's resurrection. Jesus conquered death and gives hope for eternal life.

Mary Magdalene and others went to the tomb and found it empty. Then Jesus appeared to Mary and his disciples, proving that he had risen from the dead

Luke 24:6-8

He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' "Then they remembered his words.

Serving Elders

Sam

Treasurer

Lin

Asst Treasurer

Neil

Church Secretary

Kathy

Asst Church Secretary

Val

Preaching Plan

Tom

Serving Elder

Mark

Serving Elder

Liz

Serving Elder

Church Concierge

Jean

Fabric Committee

Tom Rose

Phil

Danny

Church Music

Mark

Flower Arrangements

Linda

Communion Prep

Keith

Church Newsletter

Jackie

Church Readers

Keith, Alan, Danny, Dee &

Jackie

Liz

Reader rota planner



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Preaching timetable for Spring 2025

March

23 March

Sue

30 March

Graeme

April

6 April

Peter

13 April

Sharon

Easter service

20 April

Sue

27 April

Laurie

May

4 May

Peter

11 May

Neil

18 May

Barbara

25 May

Mary



TCCC Cinema Club**RV**

Adventure starring Robin Williams.

An overworked Bob Munro and his family are in desperate need of some quality time together. After promising to take them on a family vacation in Hawaii, Bob abruptly changes plans without telling them. Instead they're going on a road trip to Colorado in a recreational vehicle.

Unfortunately, everything that can go wrong, does.

But adversity has a way of uniting even the most dysfunctional family members and each setback the Munros experience inadvertently helps them become a true family again.

Saturday
29 March

2pm

£5 for
refreshments



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March

TCCC Cinema Club

Film RV

Saturday 29th March at 2pm
£5 for refreshments

Clocks go forward

Sunday 30th March

April

Membership ceremony

6th April

Membership ceremony for
Pat during the service.

TCCC meeting

6th April

After service

Refreshments and raffle

Easter Sunday

20th April

Please bring in your food bank
items ready for our special
Easter service.

April

Betty's Lunch

27th April

Sunday roast at the Telscombe
Tavern after service. Please
see Betty for details.



May

VE Day Celebration

Saturday 10th May

3pm

Cream tea and entertainment!

Scones gratefully received -
please chat to Liz

10 MAY
SAVE THE DATE

My New Family

As the years go by, old age creeps on
And your once usefulness has gone,
When once you helped the family
They now all get along WITHOUT YOU!

They are all too busy with their lives
To help you with your needs
So life becomes TV, knitting and
Lots of books to read.

Life was once a social time when
Dancing was our norm,
With friends we had such fun and
Our group of eight is down to one (me)
With all the others gone.

But hey, I am not sad
As a new family I have found
In Telscombe Church on Sundays
When a welcome is all round.
I'm grateful to My Lord for bring me this way
And thank him in my prayers every single day.

By Betty



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Our Wee Church

I felt compelled to find a church to attend 16 years ago.

I tried 2 others in Peacehaven but felt unwelcome in one and the other wasn't for me as they invited the congregation to come to the front of the church if they felt the lord reaching out to them.

I remembered this wee church tucked in behind the houses as I had been to a funeral there.

I immediately knew it was for me.

We get things wrong. We do things last minute, but it all works out fine and we can laugh about it.

My memories of church was a minister and elders who

were stern and controlled.

Everything was done precisely, and I would never have felt able to approach them.

I remember my mammy saying, "oh my, here's the elder visiting". She ran about the living room stuffing things under settee cushions.

Well, our wee church has a big heart. It's a loving inclusive and welcoming place to be involved in. Just ordinary folks enjoying our faith together without too much pomposity.

Love Liz

An Easter version of Away in a Manger

Your body being broken,
and your blood being spilled
why is my redeemer
so brutally killed?

So helpless, so abandoned
as my place he has filled,
going meekly to his murder,
on a cross on a hill

2) Your table set before me,
brings it painfully home,
and you knew that you had to
face torture alone,

Your disciples had been scattered, as you faced calvary,
and the only thing that mattered,
was how much you loved me.

3) So now taste the red wine, and the comforting bread,
and forgiveness that you made mine, takes me where you
have led, to a table in a room
where, you invite us all in,
and your resurrected body,
shows you've paid for my sin.

Sam G, Luther King house under the Facebook page - Shiloh songs

from Neil



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**A lovely reminder of
what is important**



from Linda

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Terrible Joke Corner

How does Darth Vader like his toast?

On the dark side!



Contribution from Tom!

Snow White, Superman and Pinocchio are out for a stroll in town one day. As they walk, they come across a sign:

“Beauty contest for the most beautiful woman in the world.”

“I’m entering” says Snow White.

After half an hour she comes out and they ask her, “Well, how did you do?”

“First place” says Snow White

They continued walking and they see a sign; **“Contest for the strongest man in the world.”**

“I’m entering” says Superman

After half an hour he returns and they ask him, “Well, how did you do?”

“First place” says Superman “Did you ever doubt!”

They continued walking and they see a sign; **“Contest! Who is the greatest liar in the World?”** Pinocchio says, “this is mine!”

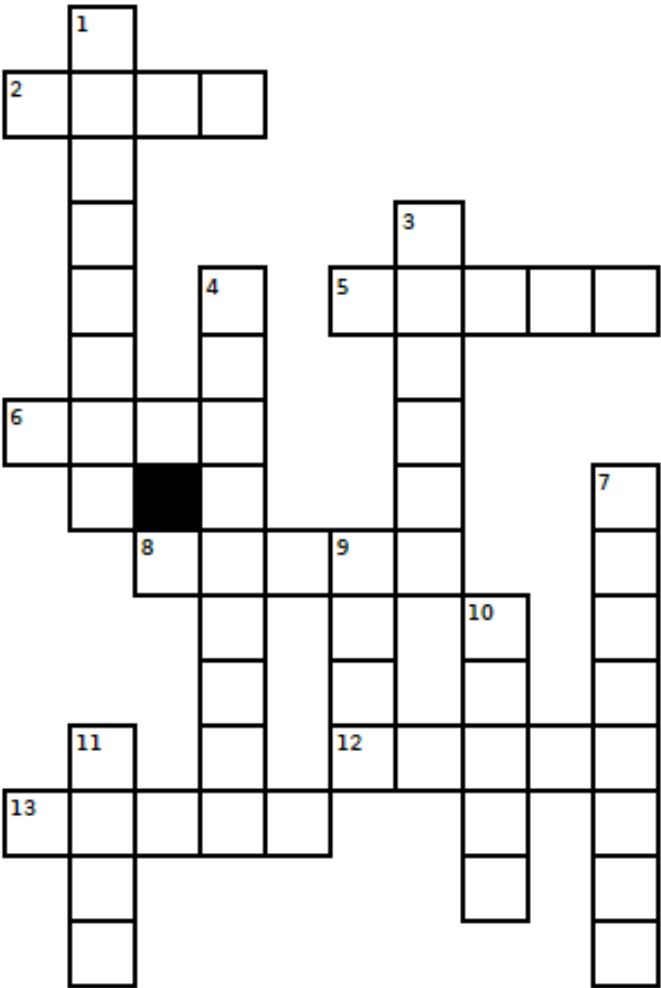
After half an hour, he returns with tears in his eyes.

“What happened?” they ask.

Pinocchio replied,

“Who the hell is Donald Trump!!?”

TCCC Crossword



Across:

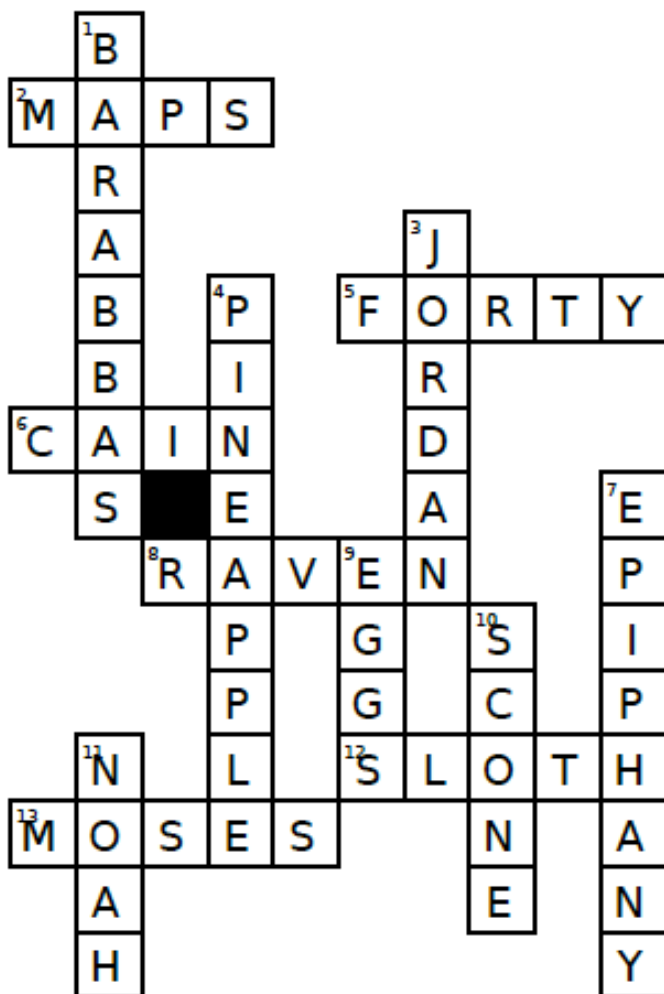
- 2.** A cartomaniac is a collector of what?
- 5.** Not including Sundays, how many days are there in Lent?
- 6.** Who was the first person to commit murder in the Bible?
- 8.** What was the first bird to be sent out of the Ark by Noah?
- 12.** Which S is a deadly sin, and a tree dwelling animal?
- 13.** Who led the Hebrew slaves out of Egypt?

Down:

- 1.** What was the name of the murderer who was released by Pontius Pilate in preference to Jesus?
- 3.** Jesus was baptised in which river?
- 4.** Which fruit is the international symbol of hospitality?
- 7.** What is the last day of Christmas called?
- 9.** What do you receive at easter?
- 10.** Which 'stone' was removed from Westminster Abbey on Christmas day 1950?
- 11.** According to the Bible, Ham was the second son of who?

Answers at the back

TCCC Crossword answers!



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10 MAY
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