

## As Clear as Mud

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My niece over in NE England sent me this picture yesterday, along with some comments which basically expressed frustration with the way the Church of England is trying to interest the locals to join them.

Here is a sample:

Giving something up for Lent - where's that in the Bible?  
...how to make people feel excluded and put off!! What a load of church-babble terminology. I can't ever imagine Jesus talking like that.

She makes a good point. If Jesus was among us again would we need to dress Him in special robes and organize special events to mark certain days? Do we need to embellish the cross with fine words and fine clothes and sophisticated activities? Paul showed some of that same frustration in his letters.

*You are observing special days and months and seasons and years! I fear for you, that somehow I have wasted my efforts on you.* Galatians 4:10-11

Jesus does not want us to complicate the gospel with our own design improvements no matter how well intended. The Cross is not just about one week of the year, it is about eternity. The LORD'S Supper (eucharist) is not a propaganda tool, used to impress the world occasionally. It is the ongoing nourishing of the Saints. It is good to remind ourselves how Jesus invites us:

*"Come unto me, all you who labor, and I will give you rest."*

Matthew 11:28



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### WELCOME!

#### Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

#### Tuesday

Ladies Bible Study- 10:00 a.m.

#### Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

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**All the churches of Christ greet you.**

Romans 16:16

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### **Today's Sermon: *The Greatest, Amazing Race.***

Sermons are recorded and are available for listening on the church website.

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**Scripture: Hebrews 10:22-31**

Sunday 14th April	8:30am	Palm Sunday Eucharist
	10:00am	Parish Eucharist with Palm Sunday Procession
	6:00pm	Meditative Service of Music and Readings
Monday 15th	2:00pm	Holy Eucharist hosted by Mothers' Union and Women's Fellowship ( <i>Refreshments served afterwards - all welcome</i> )
	7:30pm	Eucharist with Stations of the Cross ( <i>Stations 1-5</i> )
Tuesday 16th	7:30pm	Eucharist with Stations of the Cross ( <i>Stations 6-10</i> )
Wednesday 17th	9:30am	Mid-week Eucharist
	7:30pm	Eucharist with Stations of the Cross ( <i>Stations 11-15</i> )
Thursday 18th	7:30pm	Eucharist of the Last Supper
	8:30pm	The Watch <i>until Midnight</i>
Friday 19th	10:00am	Good Friday Litany
	12:00pm	Worship Around the Cross <i>outside The Ship and Black Horse</i>
	2:00pm	An Hour by the Cross: <i>'The Last Words From the Cross'</i>
Saturday 20th	10:30am	Messy Church: <i>Crafts, stories &amp; songs for all ages, with lunch</i>
	7:30pm	Service of Light <i>followed by celebratory prosecco and nibbles</i>
Sunday 21st	8:30am	Easter Day Eucharist
	10:00am	All-age Eucharist for Easter Day <i>followed by Easter Egg hunt</i>
	3:30pm	Evening Prayer

**Happy Easter from all at**  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Ladies Class:** We will study Day 2 of Lesson 9 on the 16<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the building @ 10am.
- **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** April 17<sup>th</sup>, Paul will be continuing with our study of Ephesians.
- **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Regional Singing-** the next one will be June 30<sup>th</sup> at Endwell.
- **Men's Revival- Putting "man" Back in the Hood-**June 1<sup>st</sup> here at Valley Cities.
- **Sojourners** here- July 8-18. We are planning a Gospel meeting at this time and Kittanning may decide to do the VBS then, also.
- **Next Potluck:** the 28<sup>th</sup> of April (notice that this is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, to avoid Easter Sunday, so people can spend time with family).



**Let's follow up with our guests who came two weeks ago and see if we can make friends and teach them.**

- **Dennis German**, Jackie's older brother from PA, passed away on Wednesday at 94 years of age. Condolences are extended to Jackie, Dara and Darlene as they mourn their loss.
- **Paul and Dawn Cowles** are in the process of buying a house in Waverly! They should be moved in at the end of May if things progress as planned.
- **Jackie Lovebero** is all moved in to her new apartment. Her new address is 428 N. Keystone Ave., Sayre, PA 18840.
- **Sam Ologun** has been accepted early to Rochester Institute of Technology. He will start there in the fall semester. This is bittersweet news as we have prayed for Sam's success, but will hate to see him leave our group.

## PRAYERS

- Pray for comfort for Jackie, Dara and Darlene with the death of brother and uncle.
- Continue to pray for **Peyton** concerning the seizures she has been having.
- **Mark Elsbree**, Doug's older brother, needs prayer that he will be matched with a kidney donor **soon**.
- Pray for **Marilynn Patrick** who is battling metastatic colon cancer.
- Pray for **Andrea Lentz** – lung cancer.
- Pray for **Lori Kashorek** –stage 4 lung cancer.
- **Erin Beiber** - metastatic breast cancer. Erin is getting worse and her doctors say it's serious now.
- **Emily Barry** has Lyme disease as well as degenerative disc disease in her spine.
- Remember to pray for **Ronnie Jones** (stroke) and **Don Myers** (back pain).
- Pray for our **prayer ministry**.
- Pray for our **Bible classes**, both Sunday morning and Wednesday evenings as well as Ladies' Class. Attendance is really low in all Bible classes.

If you have any prayers or news that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at [barncat7237@gmail.com](mailto:barncat7237@gmail.com) or text or call (607) 261-0911.