

## **Bishop Sutton Community Church Letter**

Crucifixion was developed by Assyrians and Babylonians as a cruel and painful death sentence around 600BC but was perfected by the Romans by scourging the victim and making them carry the crossbar of their cross to the point of execution, (women were excused the scourging). The practice became especially popular in the Roman-occupied Holy Land with mass crucifixions during the first century AD lining the roads into Jerusalem as a warning to zealots and paramilitary groups who rebelled against the Roman Empire. On each occasion that Jesus visited Jerusalem for one of the great Jewish feasts (around 60 times from the age of 12), he would have witnessed the agony of many victims dying on their crosses and yet He called His disciples to “deny themselves, take up their crosses and follow Him”, who would want to do that?... Those who want to crucify and put to death the old worldly flesh and to walk a new life in accordance with who we were made to be: the children of God, filled with God's Holy Spirit. The power of sin and death in our lives was broken and defeated at the cross. The writer of the book of Hebrews tells us that Jesus endured the cross for the joy that was set before Him: millions of lives being set free from the power of sin and death into the glorious liberty of the children of God (Hebrews 12:2). But that’s not where the story ended because on Easter Day, Jesus rose from the dead and the same power that rose Jesus from the dead still dwells in us when we invite Him into our lives (Romans 8:11).

Forget the chocolate eggs and rabbits, this is not what Easter is about. To find out more about the real Jesus and His disciples tune into “the Chosen” on YouTube or the Angel app for free.

Happy Easter!

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## **Bishop Sutton Community Church Activities:**

**Sunday gatherings:** 10:00am on Zoom for a time of worship, teaching, fellowship, encouragement and prayer; we can include live transcription for those with hearing difficulties.

**Mid-week courses and fellowship meetings:** On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month at 7:30pm on Zoom. We also offer a range of bible courses that can be arranged at a time to suit you. More details are on our facebook page and web site, please get in touch if you would like to join us.

**Men’s Breakfast:** Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April 8:30-10:00am at the Red Lion with Prof Stuart Burgess. Stuart is Professor of Engineering Design at Bristol University, he designed the fastest track bicycle in the world that gave the GB team a haul of medals at the Olympics. He is involved in satellite design including the Hubble telescope and joint mechanisms in animals... “the friction loss in a healthy human knee joint is one fiftieth of that of the loss in an Olympic track bicycle chain drive”. Tickets £10:00 from Dave or The Red Lion.

**Ukrainian Hub:** Please continue to hold these broken families and Ukraine in your prayers.

**Keynsham Food Bank:** The following can be donated at the Co-op in Chew Magna: Chick peas, Peanut butter, Squash, Sponge puddings, Instant custard sachets, Crackers, Mayonnaise, Razors, UHT milk (semi-skimmed, and whole). If you hear of people in difficulty, contact Dave/Jenny to help.

**Lonely or self-isolating?** If anyone is lonely or self-isolating and would appreciate a call, internet meeting or in need of help, please contact us.

**To join us online on Zoom:** Click on the link on our facebook page / web site or use the Meeting ID: 871 1725 3595 and Passcode: 578732.

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