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**Hosanna!**  
**Crucify him!**  
**Finished!**  
**He is risen!**  
**Alleluia!**

A stylized illustration of a green hillside with a brown tunnel entrance. The tunnel is a simple, rounded shape with a dark interior. The hillside is green with a white outline, and the tunnel is brown with a white outline.

## Editor's Note

I wake up most mornings in April, just before daybreak, to the sound of the most amazing natural event of the season—the dawn chorus! In the woods, hedgerows, fields and gardens in Hightown, it's in full swing!



I throw open the bedroom window to listen. Here, in our village gardens, the rook is the earliest with its husky croak welcoming the day, from the tops of the tallest trees. Soon afterwards, they are joined by the repetitive and rhythmic cooing of the wood pigeons and doves. I once made up a rap to match the sound. Then, the first true songbirds join in: the robin with his delicate trill and my favourite, the blackbird, with his unique song, stronger and more varied. The chorus quickly accelerates in variety and volume with the wren, song thrush, great tits, blue tits, black cap, chiff-chaff and finches all joining in. Lying in my bed, I let the symphony flow over me, like a wave surging up the beach, and it brings such excitement and peace all at once. I get up out of bed when the concert is over, feeling deeply privileged and in awe to witness this extraordinary seasonal occurrence.

The dawn chorus only lasts a few short weeks, so please do enjoy it whilst you can.

Colette

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Dear friends,

‘Alleluia! The Lord is risen!’

Such wonderful words to hear again as we celebrate Easter this month.

A question I have been asked a few times about the resurrection of Jesus is, ‘How do you know it’s true?’

It is a good question to ask!

I believe it’s true for several reasons. First of all, because his tomb was empty on Easter Sunday morning. That is fact. Neither his followers, nor his opponents, knew where his body was. If either group had moved his dead body, you’d have thought that the truth would have come out sooner or later! Matthew’s Gospel [27: 62-66] actually considers this thought. We know that the tomb was sealed, and there were guards posted to keep watch. It didn’t make any difference. The stone was rolled away. The Lord arose.

Next, we have the evidence of appearances of the risen Jesus. He appeared to the Marys who ran to tell his disciples. His disciples also saw Jesus alive. Sometimes the appearance involved one or two of them, sometimes it was a larger group. Note that the first few appearances happened independently of each other. Even with all the evidence available, some of the disciples doubted. Luke [24:36-39] tells us, ‘Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you’. They were startled and frightened, thinking they had seen a ghost. I can understand that! But Jesus continued, ‘Why are you troubled and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself. touch me! A ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see I have!’

Finally, we have The Church. The global Church of Christ. Even though its leader, Jesus, was executed, it was not the end! The Church did not die. The Church has not died. The Church is not dying but rising! In our time, we are seeing a quiet revival in church attendance according to a Bible Society report. People, especially younger folks, are searching for meaning, focus, life satisfaction, community and something more in their lives. We have grown too, but we still have plenty of room!

Jesus arose from the grave to lead his people and He still does! Alleluia!

Elsewhere in the Focus, you will find listed all our seasonal service dates and times. You are most welcome to join us at any or all of them.

Wishing you all a very blessed Holy Week and Easter.

*Keith*



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## Smile Lines

The trouble with quotes on the internet is that you can never be sure that they are genuine.

*Winston Churchill*

## Church Services at St Stephen's in April

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	10:30	Eucharist
	19:00	The Stations of The Cross
Maundy Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	19:00	Eucharist, Stripping of the Altar & Watch
Good Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	09:30	Morning Prayer
	11:00	Passion Play, Formby Pool
	14:00	Last Words of Love at The Cross
Holy Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	19:00	Easter Fire & Vigil
Easter Day Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10:30	Easter All-Age Eucharist
	18:00	BCP Holy Communion
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10:30	Eucharist
	19:00	Sanctuary @ Seven
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	09:30	Morning Prayer
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> Easter 2	10:30	Eucharist
	16:00	Toddler Church
	18:00	Evensong
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	10:30	Eucharist
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	09:30	Morning Prayer
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> Easter 3	10:30	Eucharist
	18:00	Evensong
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:30	Eucharist
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	09:30	Morning Prayer
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> Easter 4	10:30	Eucharist
	18:00	BCP Holy Communion
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10:30	Eucharist

All the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that were ever built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of mankind on this earth, as powerfully as has that one solitary life.

*James A. Francis*

**Toddler Church** is always fun. Not many parishes train their future organists from such a young age! The brothers are showing great promise!



Our sacristan, Hazel, was a jolly good sport when she volunteered to undergo a 'makeover' during our All Age Eucharist. It's easy for us to change how we appear on the outside, but Jesus wants us to change deep within ourselves, in our hearts and in our minds.....a spiritual re birth through God's spirit.

## Prayer Prompts for April From Mother Teresa

**Week 1.** You cannot love two persons perfectly. But you can love all men perfectly if you love the one God in them all.

**Week 2.** Be the living expression of God's kindness; kindness in your eyes, kindness in your face, kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greetings.

**Week 3.** We are all but His instruments who do our little bit and pass by. I believe that the way in which an act of kindness is done is as important as the action itself.

**Week 4.** We are grateful for the thousands of opportunities Jesus gives us to bring hope into a multitude of lives. By our concern for the individual sufferer we will help our troubled world at the brink of despair.

*Let us pray for the people of:  
Riverside, Sandhills, Bankside and all those living on local farms.*



Please pray for the repose of:

**Stuart Munro**

**Yvonne Verlander**



Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace and rise in glory.

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PC Fontenell and his colleagues hold a surgery on the first Saturday of every month, from 10am to noon in the porch at the back of

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## **DATES** by *Kevin Howard*

DATES? No, not the sweet, chewy fruits of a palm tree, but important markers of our lives. We remember some of them, occasionally writing them down in our journals.

### **St Stephen's Church 1914**

There are many significant dates in the global calendar which we remember over the years. One of these is the period 1914 – 1918. Very few alive today experienced the horror and dismay of these years when 'the lamps were going out all over Europe'. Yet, on 17th July, 1914, barely three weeks after these words were spoken by the then Foreign Secretary, an elected Building Committee approved the laying of the foundation stone of a dual-purpose Hall which was opened on Tuesday 10th November 1914 by the Bishop of Liverpool.

### **Parish Status 1971**

This association of dates with notable church events can help us recall St Stephen's Church activities over the years. The early 60s, saw a large population increase and a corresponding need for extensive housing development. This brought with it the ambition for Hightown to become a separate Parish (having already had an application in 1968 rejected). The Parish is the community while the church is the building where the community would gather to worship, with pastoral care entrusted to the priest. Several Parishes are entrusted to the bishop, who has charge of all the parishes that have been established in his diocese. The failed efforts of 1968 were ultimately successful three years later on May 1st 1971, when St Stephen's Church, of the Parish of Hightown, was consecrated by the Bishop of Liverpool.

### **1995 Focus Magazine**

Those who have read the recent 300th edition of Focus, will have learned that it stemmed from the St Stephen's Parish Magazine, founded in 1989 and re-titled as Focus in June 1995. Amazingly, each month, 1000 copies of Focus are published, to be posted to every house in Hightown by volunteers. A huge effort and worthy of inclusion in our DATES diary.

### **2001 The Millenium**

A Millenium is a period of 1000 years. It often refers to a specific thousand-year span. The first Millenium encompassed the years AD (anno domini) 1-1000, and the second Millenium the years AD 1001 -2000. The 3rd and current Millenium, began with AD 2001 and is now in its 26th year - with another 9074 years to go! - plenty of scope for DATES in diaries! A highlight of the celebrations at St Stephen's was a procession of witness through

the village, on 16th July 2001, the walk ending with an ecumenical service of celebration held in a marquee erected between the church and the hall.

## 2006 Churches Together

The Ecumenical movement had been growing over decades to bring Christians together and affirm their common beliefs and, in 1974, the first interdenominational youth service was held in Hightown church hall and, on January 15th 2006, St Stephen's was chosen to host an ecumenical service of worship to open a week of prayer for Christian unity, when, 149 Christians drawn from every church, gathered to affirm their common beliefs. Famously, too, churches throughout the UK and elsewhere, including St Stephen's, together rang their bells 100 times on 11th November 2018 to mark the 100th anniversary of the of the Armistice which ended World War 1.

## 2014 The Hundredth Year

The centenary year at St Stephen's was a time of great activity in the parish, the driving force being to raise funds for a new church porch as well as lots of different celebratory events. Particularly, on 8th June 2014, a guided tour of the cathedral was organised and, to mark our centenary, an inscribed commemorative brick, engraved with silver, was laid on ground outside the cathedral to join the many others set aside for this purpose; the brick read: ST STEPHEN HIGHTOWN 1914 – 2014.\* It will be a lasting symbol of our church in Hightown and be there for future generations to see.

A hundred years of DATES? - not the end, just the beginning.

\* due to the number of letters allowable, the apostrophe and the 'S' have been omitted after the word Stephen)



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## Hightown Connections Lunch at the Hightown Club



Come along and join us for food and fun  
Enjoy a two-course lunch  
with tea or coffee - £15

We meet on the last Friday of every month  
at 12:00 noon

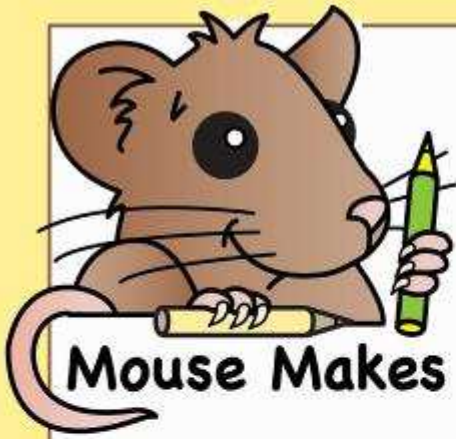
Contact Chris Scrine on telephone number  
07884 491 807 to book your place  
Let's feed community spirit!



Maundy Thursday on April 1st - the last  
temptation of Eric

## Village Organisations and Activities

Tuesday Group, St Stephen's Hall Tuesday morning 10.30am	Beryl Howard Jan Branigan
Hightown Friendship Group 1st Wednesday at 8pm St Stephen's Hall	Marjorie Walker
Gardening Club 2nd Monday 8pm St Stephen's Hall	Hilary Munro
Bowling Club, Sandy Lane	Diana Killen
Hightown Club	Chris Scrine
Blundellsands Sailing Club	Rohan Pickard <a href="mailto:RohanPickard@gmail.com">RohanPickard@gmail.com</a> Deryk Johnson <a href="mailto:DerykJ@gmail.com">DerykJ@gmail.com</a>
Yoga Classes, Hightown Club	Rose Billinge
Flower Show	Debbie Underhill <a href="mailto:underhillsathome@aol.com">underhillsathome@aol.com</a>
Open Mic Poetry Group 3rd Thursday 7.30pm St Stephen's Church hall	Sally Anne <a href="mailto:tapiabowes@gmail.com">tapiabowes@gmail.com</a> Alex
Craft Group, Every Thursdays 1.30-3.30pm, St Stephen's Hall	Sue Taylo
Hightown Parish Council	Jenny Farrar <a href="mailto:clerk@hightownparishcouncil.uk">clerk@hightownparishcouncil.uk</a> <a href="http://www.hightownparishcouncil.uk">www.hightownparishcouncil.uk</a>
Community Library, Alt Centre, Lower Alt Rd. Mon 12-2,	Linda Munro <a href="mailto:lindamunro@hotmail.com">lindamunro@hotmail.com</a>
Zumba Gold, Dance for all aged 55 plus, Mondays 9.45-10.30, St Stephen's Hall	Nicky Garsforth
Creo Dance Company Mon Tues Wed Thurs Sat Children 3 to 18 years	Georgia Cardwell

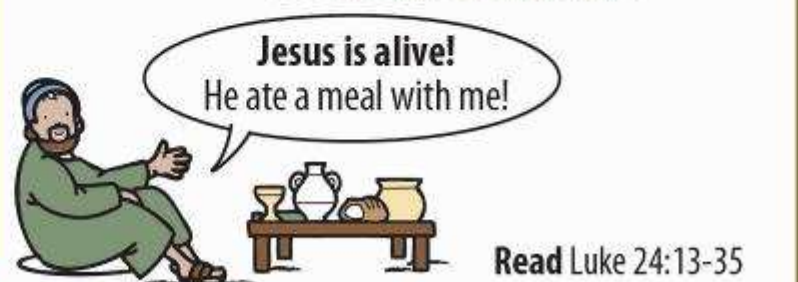
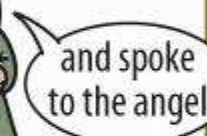
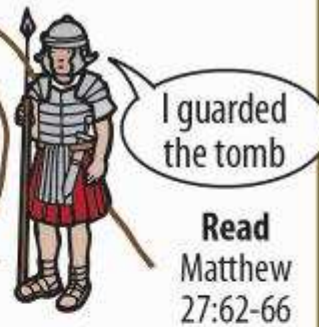
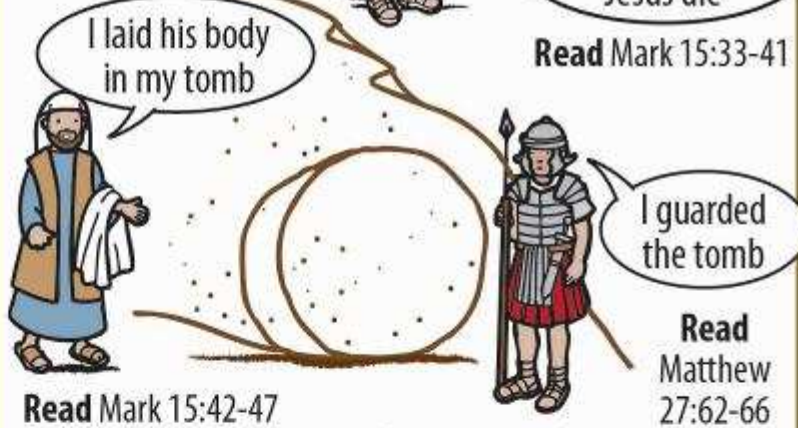
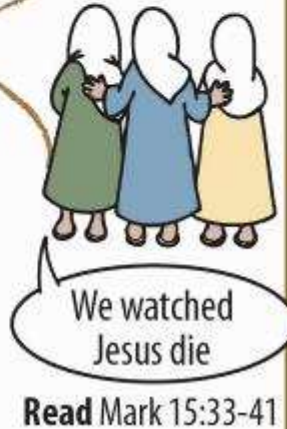
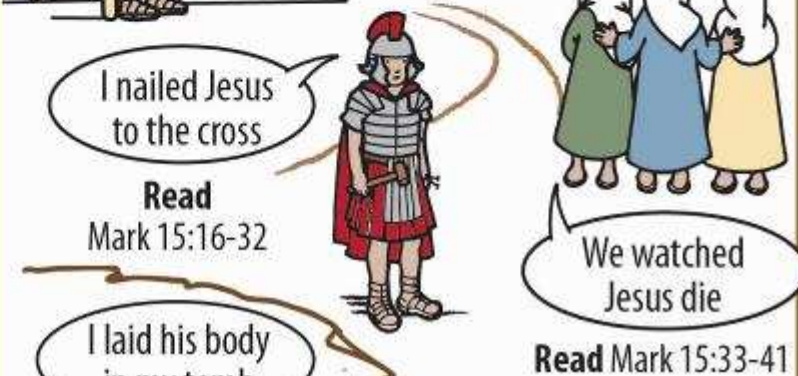
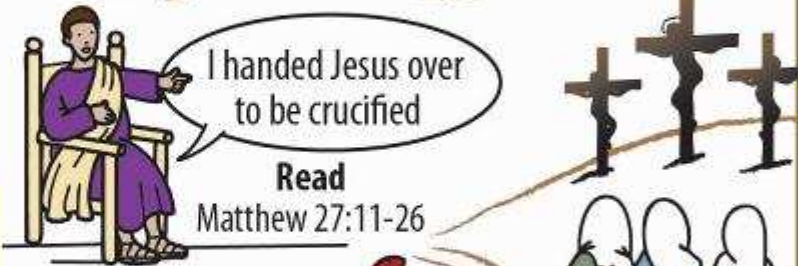
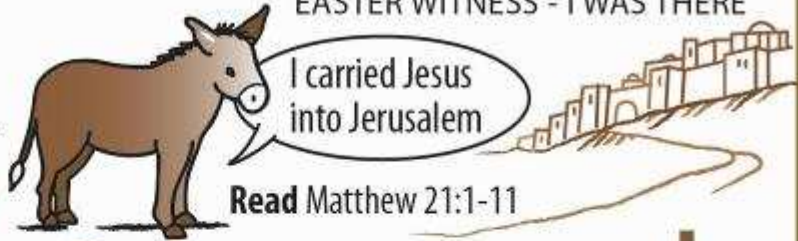


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 RISEN • ALIVE • GOD  
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 SAVIOUR • EASTER • JOY



EASTER WITNESS - I WAS THERE



# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Luke 22:24, John 13:3-17

Jesus and his disciples were celebrating  
the Passover with the special meal.  
The disciples were bickering again.

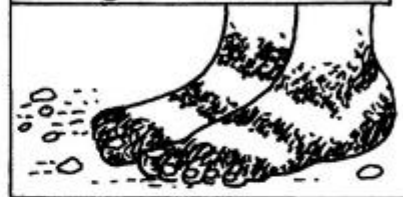
I'm most important because  
I've known him the longest

But I've given up the most  
to follow him!  
I'm the oldest!

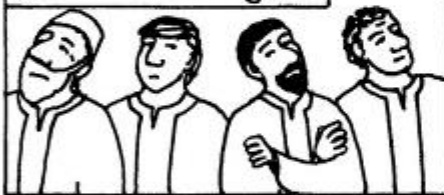


There was a reason why  
no-one wanted  
to be the least  
important - the  
roads were mud  
and everyone's feet  
got very dirty.

It was the job of the  
least important  
servant to wash  
everyone's feet...



The disciples didn't have  
a servant, and none of  
them wanted to do the  
feet washing...



Jesus took off his outer robe and tied a  
towel around his waist.



He filled a large bowl with  
water and started washing the disciples' feet.

Peter couldn't believe  
what he was seeing!



Are you really going  
to wash my feet?

You will understand later  
why I am doing this.



I can't ever let you  
serve me like this!

If you don't let me, you  
will no longer be my  
disciple



Then wash all of me!


If you've had a  
bath, then you  
only need your  
feet washing!







Once Jesus had washed  
all their feet, he put his  
robe back on and sat down.



Do you  
understand  
why I, your  
teacher, did  
this? I am setting  
you the example of how  
you are to serve each other.  
Do it, and God will bless you.



# ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL



EVERY 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY @ 10:30AM



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## **Toddler Time**

**A new fun group for Toddlers 0-4yr and their carers!**

**St. Stephen's Church Hall**

**Fridays 10am-11:30am term time**

**Play- Craft- Snack- Story- Songs- Fun!**

**ALL WELCOME!**

## **Toddler Church**

**St Stephen's Church**

**2nd Sunday of each month 4pm**

**A service for pre-schoolers and their families**

**Fun songs, a bible story, craft and refreshments**

**We look forward to meeting you!**

## **Youth Club**

**From age 7**

**Friday Evening Term Time**

**6pm until 7.15pm**

**£2.50 includes snacks and drinks**

**Contact: Jane Bessant 07776 305 660**

**Please note that there will be no youth club  
during school holidays**