

2nd April 2021

Hello and welcome to Jubilee Church.

As we conclude our Darkness before the Dawn series this weekend, my attention has been drawn to the return of a daily feature in our lives. I'm referring to the early morning dawn chorus which over the last couple of days has been especially vibrant (must be the good weather). Ruth (my wife) is a bit of a student of the dawn chorus and is keen on identifying the variety of sounds and tunes on offer from our local birdlife. Suggestions have ranged from a rather tuneless car alarm to the only marginally more tuneful 'I'm a Barbie girl' (Aqua 1997). Whatever the quality of the music, the enthusiasm can be in no doubt. No doubt ornithologists can provide a more precise explanation of the dawn chorus, but the generally accepted wisdom is that as winter draws to a close our birds are full of the joys of spring and new life.



This Sunday we celebrate **Jesus** stepping out into the dawn and in that one act bringing us, quite literally, brand-new life. Death is conquered. Sin is forgiven. Relationship is restored. Eternity is secured. Creation is salvaged.

Far more significant than the temporary life that spring brings, my question is this. Do we join our feathered friends in singing our little hearts out (however tunelessly) this weekend? Or do we continue to hold on to the grimness of winter? Your choice and mine I guess.

Dave Webb-Peploe
Lead Elder

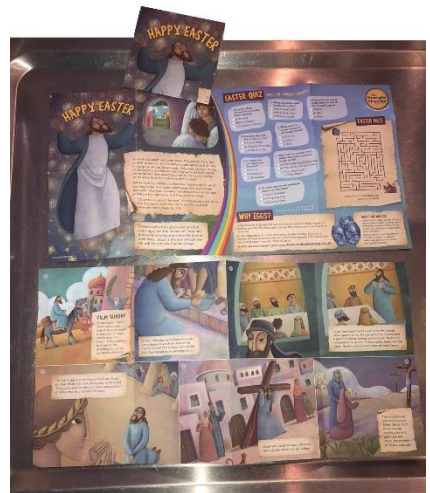


BAGS OF FOOD



We are delighted that the **Co-op Community Fund** has given us **£208.97**. This is from Co-op members who have signed up to allocate their members rewards to Bags of Food. We encourage anyone who shops in the Co-op (it does not have to be the Shepperton branch) to look at how they could use their rewards to help support a number of community projects.

The Bags of Food and hygiene bags which were delivered this week included Easter Eggs and activity sheets for children telling the meaning of the Easter story. We also included a magazine for every family which has lots of interesting articles including the message of 'Hope for All'. **Please pray that these don't get lost in all of the chocolate!**



We currently need:

- Squash (1 litre bottles)
- Long life semi skimmed milk
- Long life almond milk
- Rice pudding
- Toothpaste
- Bleach

We have a good supply of strong carrier bags, baked beans, soup and pasta. Thank you.

The Jubilee Centre remains open **(Tuesday to Thursday, 9.00am-4.00pm)** but in the event that no one is there we have a box in the porch where donations can be placed.

COMMISSION GLOBAL ONLINE

If you missed Commission Global online last Sunday it's still available to catch up with on YouTube. There was a great message from Terry Virgo as well as a time of worship, and testimonies from across our international family of churches. If you're not able to view the YouTube video get in touch as we may be able to get a DVD or CD version to you.

Catch up here: <https://youtu.be/28kmeQCleYE>



GIVING

One of the ways we worship the Lord at Jubilee Church is through our regular giving. There are a variety of ways you can give while we're not meeting together, to find out more please [visit our website](#).



Thank you to everyone who continues to give via BACS or Standing Order, and those who send in donations via the office.

Gift Aid is a significant source of income for us. If you are a UK tax payer and haven't previously completed a gift aid declaration for us, do drop us an email.

Please email finance@jubileechurchshepperton.org if you have any questions about giving to Jubilee Church.

Good Friday 2nd April

10.30am: Morning Worship ([on YouTube click here to watch](#))

Preacher: Ben Shanmugan

Theme: Darkness before the Dawn: The Punishment

Easter Sunday 4th April

10.30am: Morning Worship ([on YouTube click here to watch](#))

Preacher: Matt McLaren

Theme: Darkness before the Dawn: The Freedom

Previous Sunday messages and worship can be found on our [YouTube channel](#) if you'd like to catch up or watch again.

This week's diary

Most groups are currently meeting online, although some are meeting in person in line with current guidance. Contact us if you'd like to join any of our groups.

Monday 5 April

8.00pm Prayer Meeting (on Zoom)

Thursday 8 April

FAITH - Youth Home Group
Home Groups

Tuesday 6 April

8.00pm Focus Bible Study
Home Groups

Friday 9 April

10.30am Bublees Baby Group

Wednesday 7 April

7.00pm Oak Tree Cafe
Home Groups

Saturday 10 April

7.00pm Addiction Recovery
Group

Apologies if any groups have been missed off this week's diary, do get in touch if you'd like to be included in future.

Next week: Sunday 11th April

10.30am: Morning Worship (on YouTube)

Preacher: Dave Webb-Peploe

Theme: When the Going Gets Tough: Coping with Trials

STAFF DAYS OFF: Dave Webb-Peploe: Wednesday, Jo Jones: Friday

WORKING DAYS: Jenny Wilsher: Monday, Wednesday and Friday

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