

# Church News and Views for April 2009

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## Thinking Allowed

I was reminded of the story of a friend of mine, of a bolder nature than me, who reached the Sainsbury's checkout point and noticed the young person (girl) behind the till had two very big crosses hanging from her ears so he asked her, "Do you know what your cross shaped earrings are all about?" "Oh I'm not sure, somebody told me some man died on it along time ago, wicked aren't they....."

So what is the importance of the cross today and the person Jesus who hung thereon?

### saves us from our sins - forgiven

Jesus died on the cross to save us from our sins. His death was the ultimate sacrificial offering. It was the sacrifice to end all sacrifices and put us right with God. Jesus gave up his life as an offering to set us free from sin through forgiveness.

*If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves....1 John 1:8*

Our sins are all those things that take us away from God. The punishment we deserve for these sins is cancelled.

### love gift for us

Jesus died on the cross as a love gift for us. Greater love has no one than to lay down his life for his friends. Jesus calls us his friends and through faith we are adopted into his family. His life was laid down for us and in rising again to new life he brings new life to us. By this love gift to us may our love for Jesus be awakened, developed, encouraged.

*Everything we have—right thinking and right living, a clean slate and a fresh start-- comes from God by way of Jesus Christ. The Message 1 Cor 1: 30*

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### brings victory

Jesus brings victory over all that may entangle us (all that is evil) in life.

He delivers us from darkness into new life. Jesus is the victor who conquers all that is evil. So we may live with him in the light (all that is good), liberating us to live life in all its fullness.

### suffered alongside us

As we go through the valley of the shadow of death, we know that Jesus has suffered along side us, he has known the pain and loneliness and separation.

He knew it so much that he cried out "My God My God why have you forsaken me?" I find this strengthening as I minister to folk in Ticehurst and Flimwell who are struggling with the loss of loved ones. Jesus suffered like us and now empathises with us in our pain.

### reconciliation

The cross speaks of reconciliation between sinful humanity and God.

So this Easter may the cross bring us closer to a God who reaches out to us in love.

Tim Mills

## From the Registers

### Funerals

Violet Ruth Reeves 2nd March 2009

Kate Helen Gaymer 5th March 2009 Aged 61

Margaret Kennet 26th March Aged 89

### Baptism

Jamie Ryan Young 29th March 2009

### Services at St Mary's in April

#### Sundays

8.15 am: Holy Communion

5<sup>th</sup> 11 am Holy Communion & Junior Church

9<sup>th</sup> 7 pm Maundy Thursday 'Agape' supper

10<sup>th</sup> 2 pm 'An hour at the cross' prayers, silence and readings

10<sup>th</sup> 7 pm Faure's Requiem, prayers and readings

12<sup>th</sup> 11 am Holy Communion

19<sup>th</sup> 10 am Morning prayer & Junior Church

26<sup>th</sup> 11 am All age service Friends of Nakuru Sunday

26<sup>th</sup> 6.30 pm Evensong

#### Tuesdays

7<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am Informal Prayer Meeting

#### Wednesdays

10 am Holy Communion

#### Thursdays

9.45 am – 11 am Tots Time (under 5s in Term time)

#### Service at St. Augustine's, Flimwell

12<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am Easter Holy Communion