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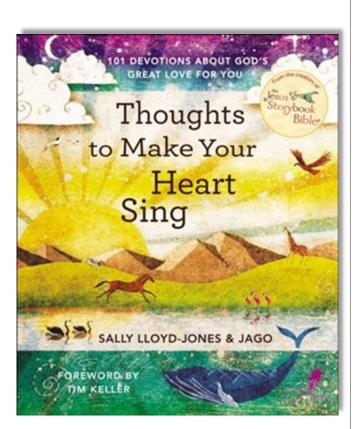
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tion from Lent to Easter, from the desolation and pain of Good Friday to the joy of the resurrection. from death to life. If Christmas is about God with us (Emmanuel) in the person of Jesus, then Easter is about God for us. God for us forgiving our wrongdoing by Jesus taking our sin upon himself on the cross and God for us, breaking the power of death so that the promise of eternal life is given for all those who believe in Jesus. That is why we praise God with Hallelujahs on Easter Day, because the Good News is that Death is not the end!

This month sees the transi-

One of the most oppressive feelings we can endure is that of hopelessness, that what we know and what we experience in this life is all there is and then we die. But I believe that to be a lie and indeed the Good News of Jesus is primarily one of hope of a renewed life here and even more glorious life after death and the Gospel teaches us that the best is yet to come!

Recently I bought this book that picks up on some key Bible verses and stories and reveals the truth of them in easily accessible devotions. They say it's for children but I think it's a gem for all of us.



Here is just one of the devotions with an Easter theme.

'God meant us to live for ever. But sin has broken everything and now we – all of us – die.

Jesus came to destroy death. He died on the cross and was buried-but death couldn't keep him dead. On the third day he burst out of the tomb! And now death can't keep us dead either.

The preacher Charles

Spurgeon said that Jesus had turned the tomb into a bed - and dying into just waking up.

We will still die. But after we die, we will wake – as if from a refreshing night's sleep – and Jesus will lead us by the hand into Life that won't ever end.

(Jesus said) 'Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying.' John 11:25 (NLT)



THURSDAY 21st April 2022 | 1.15 - 2.30pm

Life After a Stroke

with Kate Pledger From Stroke Survivors Group

A FREE, informative presentation giving help and advice

1.15 pm Refreshments

1.30 pm Talk

2.15 pm Q&A Session

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Please note:

There is now an additional 8.30am service of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month at St Luke's. All other services are at 10am unless otherwise stated.

Come and join us.

What have you got to

lose?

Service rota for April / May

Sun 3rd Apr 8.30am St Luke's Sun 3rd Apr 10am St Luke's Tue 5th Apr 10am St Francis

Sun 10th Apr 10am Palm Sunday St Francis

Holy Week:

Maundy Thursday 14th Apr. 10am service St Luke's

7pm Evening service St Francis Good Friday 15th Apr Afternoon service 2pm at St Luke's

Easter Day 17th Apr 10am service at St Luke's

Tue 19th Apr 10am St Francis

Sun 24th Apr 10am St Francis including the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Thu 28th Apr 10am St Luke's

Sun 1st May 8.30am service St Luke's

Sun 1st May 10am service at St Luke's

Tue 3rd May 10am service St Francis

Sun 8th May 10am St Francis

Thu 12th May 10am St Luke's

Sun 15th May 10am St Luke's

Tue 17th May 10am St Francis

Sun 22nd May 10am St Francis

Thu 26th May Ascension Day 10am St

Luke's

Sun 29th May 10am St Luke's

Tue 31st May 10am St Francis

Duston Dashers

We're a Social Running Group!

Sunday morning, meet at Errington Park, Ryeland Rd entrance, just before 0830!

All levels of runners are welcome for a nice chatty Sunday run, whether you're in training, want to get active or 'dust down' your trainers!

Come and join us, and we enjoy a nice well-deserved cuppa and a natter at the

Any questions please get in touch, DM via Duston Dashers FB page or direct on:

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Lawrie



I'm new to this volunteering lark A poem by Brian Ford



I know Lord, I know. It's good for my humility.

The man who managed a large academic department,

directing the work of a dozen graduates, is now spending his time cleaning out chicken sheds.

The one who set and marked A-level papers sat by thousands of students is carrying cups of tea to people with learning disabilities.

I'm not the boss anymore.

I'm the new boy who doesn't know the ropes,

the untrained volunteer who has to ask the old hands for advice.

And yes, yes, you know all about humility:

You who made countless numbers of galaxies

Knelt down and washed twelve pairs of smelly feet.

DUSTON EASTER TRAIL 1st To 18th APRIL



For more info, clues & entry form visit	t
www.duston-pc.gov.uk/easter-trail	
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or follow us on Facebook



	LOCATION CLUES		
1	Submerge timber on this Roman track		
2	A route to this French seaport		
3	Taylors & Cockburns go this way		
4	Choosy wee lad (anagram)		
5	100 headless fish in this public area		
6	Crunch his crafts (anagram)		
7	The Easter bunny's friend		
8	Difficult terrains on this highway		
9	Chuck strict harps (anagram)		
10	Playful remarks down this narrow		
	road		
11	The way to this city shopping centre		
12	A course to find a place to grind		
13	Ruthless chuck (anagram)		
14	Small wooded area next to this		
	Worcestershire spa town		
15	Extra place of worship		

DUSTON VILLAGE EASTER TRAIL

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Entries by Monday 18th April please;

By Email: events@duston-pc.gov.uk

By Post: FAO Alison/Sarah

Duston PC

Duston Community Centre

Pendle Rd

Duston

Northampton

NN5 6DT

Or Letterbox at DCC

Easter Phrase:

NAME:

EMAIL:

TEL:

Your details will be used for the purposes of this competition only and will not be shared with any third party.

Duston FOOD BANK Needs you!

Duston United Reformed Church (URC) works with Re:store to offer a food bank on Saturdays 10:00 to 12:00.

They have a band of 8 volunteers who last month helped 45 families.

Situated opposite the Bakery in Main Road Duston, they are open on Saturday mornings from 10.00 until noon to provide ready packed groceries. They also have household products, personal hygiene items, nappies/wipes, baby food and a treats box from which you may chose additional items.



PLEASE if you need some help, come and see us. You will be assured of a confidential, warm and friendly welcome. If you know of anyone who could do with a helping hand, please tell them about us. During the current pandemic, we follow



COVID guidelines, please wear a mask. One person at a time, unless you have children with you, in which case you may bring them in with you. A one way system is in place.

Top Items to Donate:

- Long life milk
- * Tinned meat
- Tinned fruit & rice pudding
- Tinned spaghetti,
 pasta sauce
 rice & curry sauce
- Small Easter Eggs
 as treats for the
 Children

Remember YOU may also need the Food Bank!



DONATIONS

URC-Sat & Mon (10:00-12:00)

St Luke's & St Francis' churches (on days when there are services)

St Luke's Rectory - 3 Main Road

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Lord of all people and all nations,
We lift before you the people of Ukraine and the people of
Russia,

Each girl and boy, each woman and man living in fear of what tomorrow might bring,

We long for a time you spoke of through your prophet Isaiah,
When weapons of war would be beaten into ploughshares,
When nation will no longer lift up sword against nation,
We cry out to you for peace,

Protect those who only desire and deserve to live in security and safety,

Comfort those who fear for their lives and the lives of their loved ones,

Change the hearts of those set on violence and aggression,
Fill earthly leaders with great wisdom to find paths to peace,
Please Lord come and have your way in your world,
May your will be done here, on earth as it is in heaven,
May your peace reign. Now and always,
We lift this prayer to you, our God who is able to do
more than we can ever ask or imagine,
In the name of Christ our saviour,

Amen



Liz Leaman writes a tribute to her Dad





Cecil Arthur Swann RIP

Sadly, Dad passed away on Saturday 12th March, he had been ill for a month or so and in the end was ready to go and be with Mum (Jean). He spent a week in Timken Grange in between stays in hospital and we'd like to thank them very much for their support, kindness and compassion. The doctors and nurses were lovely too, especially as things are still difficult because of Covid.

Dad was a long time and much-loved member of St Luke's Church, Revd Richard said to a member of the congregation that Dad would be missed and was like part of the furniture, to which they replied that actually he had made most of the furniture! When you have time, look around both our churches and see the furniture that he has made and look out for a swan (n)! Dad was the Tower Captain at St. Luke's and also rang at various churches around the Diocese, he was a member of our PCC, the St. Luke's Church Committee and the Churchyard Team.

He was a ringer for over 70 years, having learnt to ring at Great Oxendon in 1951. He started ringing here at St. Luke's after he married in 1963 and became Tower Captain in 1975 until Covid lockdown. Sadly frailty took hold as he wasn't able to go out and about and be as active physically as he used to be. I took over as Tower Captain last year, with help from the other ringers, and Dad became tower advisor. He was a Life Honourary Member of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers.

Dad was born on the 21st of December 1933 at Great Oxendon, to parents Samuel and Eva. He was the youngest of three cygnets, he had two sisters Vera and Gladys. He grew up living in a railway terrace cottage at Clipston and Oxendon Station because his father, my Grandad, was a signalman.

He went to school at the local Church of England Infant and Junior school and then on to Clipston Endowed School until he was 15 years old. In January 1949 he started a five-year carpenter and joiner apprenticeship with Charles Binley Builders in Market Harborough which included both theory and practical training and was where he learned the skills that many of us came to appreciate.

Dad undertook two years of National Service in the RAF at various locations across the country, including Horsham St. Faith, Norwich.

After National Service he became a woodwork teacher at Daventry Secondary Modern School. He met his future beloved wife Jean through mutual relatives, and they married on the 1st of June 1963. They had two children – Nick and I.

In about 1972 he moved to Campion School, Bugbrooke and was there until he retired in July 1992, but continued with his woodwork evening class until Covid struck. He had close links with Campion for 50 years.

Who has something he made for them? A table or stool or bowl and who hasn't got a reindeer?!

Were you one of his pupils? Do you still have a stool or Oxo cube holder that you made in one of his classes?!

Mum and Dad were so proud to have Sylvia and Scott as their daughter-in-law and sonin-law and they adored their Grandchildren William, Amy, Oliver and Christopher.

We have fond memories of

walking the fields at Great Oxendon, picking wild strawberries, planting snowdrops along the train track and going through the tunnels, as well as watching lambs being born in the fields and sharing Dad's love of wildlife and nature.

As well as bell ringing, woodwork and woodturning, which Dad sold at local craft fayres, he also accepted commissions, he was also a member of the Northamptonshire Industrial Archaeology Group, member of the Northampton and Lamport Railway, a keen gardener, loved a bit of DIY and homebrewing.

Sadly, Mum died on the 5th May 2009. Dad managed really well on his own and we were only 5 minutes away, if he needed us. We were so proud of him!

Dad was always easy going and fair, but he didn't suffer fools gladly and would speak his mind if need be. He was a friend to many and well respected. He was a gentleman and a legend! He was created in the make do and mend era – waste not want not! He was very supportive of his family and friends and nothing was too much trouble. Someone once said, "if you are a friend of Cecil's you'll have a friend for life".

Dad would not want us to mope, he would want us to live life the best we can and be kind to others.

Thank you to everyone for your help and support for him over the years, since Mum died, since Covid struck, and the last month of Dad's life. Thank you all for the beautiful cards, flowers and kind words. We are so very grateful.

Dad's funeral is on Tuesday 19th April at St. Luke's Church at 1.00pm, with ringing beforehand from 12.15pm.

With love from Liz Xx



The life, death and resurrection of Jesus are recreated in this moving memorable and ultimately joyful retelling of the Easter events. Told from the perspectives of Peter, Mary Magdalene and a Roman centurion named Marcus The Passion leads up to and through the events of Holy Week, to the cross and beyond Performed by a small talented cast, this original and inspiring theatre production has been toured all over the UK. This arts event is being organised by Kislingbury and Upton Community Church | www.kucc.co.uk



A reminder that you are welcome to pop along to the Wellbeing Café which is held every Wednesday afternoon at St Francis' Church Eastfield Road Duston from 1pm -4pm. There are activities for you to dip into such as jigsaws, craft, games or you can bring along your own favourite past time activity.

Of course, there is always tea/coffee and cake! It's an opportunity to meet new friends and perhaps even learn some new skills. Why not give it a go?

DUSTON FUN DAY 202!

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY 11AM - 4PM 26TH JUNE

ST LUKE'S PLAYING FIELD, MELBOURNE LANE, NN5 6HS

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Rector's Report 2022

Each year the Ecclesiastical parish of Duston and Upton is required to hold an Annual Parochial Church Meeting where reports are given which detail the key ministry points over the past year. This year our APCM will be held during our service on Sunday 24th April at 10am at St Francis' Church. Copies of all the reports will be available prior to the meeting. However, I have included the Rector's Report here to give you a flavour of our life over the past year.

Psalm 27: 1

The Lord is my light and my salvation—

whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—

of whom shall I be afraid?

This psalm was written in a time of distress. However, David reaffirms his faith in his God, strengthening himself by the strength of God. Having trusted the Lord, he has seen first-hand on many occasions the faithfulness of God towards those whose hearts are fully devoted to him (2 Chron 16:9). God helped him slay the lion when his sheep were under threat (1 Sam 17:37). God helped him slay the giant who defied God's armies. Although we are still living in difficult times, we have such a hope that we can trust God in any and every circumstance. When times are good, we can thank God and trust him to always provide for us and protect us. When times are difficult, we can trust in him who is sovereign and does absolutely everything for our good. In Easter of 2021 we re-

joiced to be able to celebrate our Lord's resurrection and gather again in Church albeit socially distanced. As the year progressed, we resumed singing, still behind our masks, but what joy to be able to express our love of God in song again.

We settled into a new service pattern alternating our weekly worship between St Luke's and St Francis. If people are unsure about where the service is taking place, then we encourage you to pick up a copy of our monthly newsletter Community Connect which contains a list of services. At this point I would like to say a huge thank you to our Church Wardens, Rob, lan and Dorothy, for all their

support and hard work often carried out unseen. They have been and continue to be a great team supporting the work of the parish and I am very grateful for all their efforts.

During the year we also saw a number of weddings at St Luke's, some postponed several times because of the Pandemic and there had certainly been a bit of a baby boom during the Pandemic, as we saw a great number of babies and children bap-

We were able to say a big 'thank you' to Liz Leaman as she left her post as Parish Administrator. We miss her office skills greatly! Due to lack of funds, we are no longer able to employ an administrator, but we carry on as best we can. The Parish office is now closed with the office telephone number forwarded to the Rectory in order that I can pick up calls. We continue to print our monthly Church/Community newsletter Community Connect, which hopefully keeps people up to date with church and community events. Please do take extra copies and distribute them to friends and neighbours as part of your witness. Unfortunately, we have taken the decision to print it in black and white due to the cost of colour printing. However, it can be read in colour online. We took the decision to relaunch Wellbeing Café back in August of 2021. This was especially important as many people have felt the pressure of lonelieness and isolation during the Pandemic. Gradually we have seen a return of familiar faces and have been able to welcome some new faces too. We took a short break due to the Omicron variant but we are back again and plan to continue with our weekly sessions offering tea/coffee cake,

craft, games, jigsaws and an

opportunity to chat. In September 2021, I began a new venture called 'More Tea Vicar'. On Monday mornings between 11am and 12 noon you can usually find me in Café 50 in Main Road Duston. This gives me the opportunity to chat to customers and also meet with families who are enquiring about a Baptism. I even had the privilege of blessing a couple who had just got married and were having their wedding breakfast in the Café. I am hugely grateful to the staff at Café 50 for allowing me to set up a 'surgery' there on a Monday morning, and God has already opened up some opportunities for interesting conversations. Please pray for God's continued Blessing on this venture. Sadly, for us, this year we are saying farewell to Richard as he takes up his new post of chaplain at Berrywood Hospital. However, we rejoice with him that he is able now to follow his calling into chaplaincy work. I would like to thank Richard for his ministry among us, particularly his admin support, his gentle pastoral care and offering of online worship during the Pandemic. Richard, we pray God's Blessing on you as you begin a new chapter of ministry and thank you for all you have done in our parish to support our ministry here. And so, as we continue to bear witness to Jesus Christ in our worship and our service may we be salt and light in our community, making a difference and pointing others to God.

Mandy Marriott

How well do you know the Easter story? Answers found on the back page!!

- 1. What was the Jewish feast which was being celebrated the week Christ was crucified?
- 11. Who was surprisingly released before Pontius Pilate sentenced Jesus to death?
- 2. When Jesus entered Jerusalem during what is known as His Triumphal Entry, what animal was He riding on?
- 12. What did Pilate's wife counsel him to do concerning Jesus?
- 3. Why is the Sunday before the resurrection called Palm Sunday?
- 13. A man named Simon was compelled to carry the cross of Jesus. In Mark 15 we are told the names of Simon's two sons. What were their names?
- 4. Which disciple cut off the ear of the high priest's servant in an attempt to protect Jesus from being taken as a prisoner?
- 14. What was the inscription above the cross?
- 5. What was the name of the high priest's servant who had his ear cut off by the disciple and subsequently reattached by Jesus?
- 15. Can you quote 4 of the 7 statements recorded in the Bible that Christ said from the cross?
- 6. How many times did Peter deny Christ after the abandoned the Lord?
- 16. Following the statements of Jesus on the cross, there was a statement by a Roman soldier concerning Christ. What was it?
- 7. How many pieces of silver did Judas trade the life of Jesus for?
- 17. What happened in the Temple as a sign that the death of Jesus had made way for the individual believer to approach God?
- 8. How did Judas identify Jesus to the soldiers?
- 18. When Jesus died there was darkness in the land. How long did it last?
- 9. In repentance Judas returned the money to the priests that he was given as the price of betrayal of the Lord and then did what?
- 19. In John 19 two men helped prepare the body of Christ for burial. One is said to have been a secret disciple and another secretly came to Jesus early in His ministry to ask question. Who were these men?
- 10. The priests took the money that Judas had returned to them and did what with it?
- 20. Who was the first person to see the risen Christ?



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DPC Connect

Well, haven't we had some beautiful weather! We hope you made the most of it. This month there is plenty of opportunity to get out and about the village . Here's how to connect with us during April.

EASTER TRAIL 1st – 18th APRIL

15 locations for you to find our spotty eggs, learn an eggciting Easter fact and collect a letter. Rearrange the letters to make a phrase connected with Easter and you could win a lovely prize. Location clues are on our webpage and entry form to help you.

www.duston-pc.gov.uk/ easter-trail WELLBEING
TALKS - Our next
WELLBEING TALK
is live!
'Life after a stroke'
Thursday 21st April
1.15 - 2.30pm
DCC, Pendle Rd,

Duston. NN5 6DT

DPC and St Luke's PPG are delighted to be offering the first 'in person' talk for a while. Contact us to book your free place and presubmit any questions. Please support these talks and spread the word, as the saying goes; 'Use it or lose it'

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DUSTON FUN DAY SUNDAY 26TH JUNE 11am – 4pm 'BEST OF BRITISH'

Family fun for all with live music, street food, sports challenges, a makers' marquee, stalls and competitions. We only have a few stalls left to fill. We also need a 40ft trailer – so any local haulier companies out there that can help in exchange for free advertising please get in touch. Latest info on our website

www.duston-pc.gov.uk/duston-funday

events@duston-pc.gov.uk or call Sarah **01604 583626**

THE GROW TOGETHER ALLOTMENT

Please join us Thursday 21st April 11am – 3pm when we will celebrating Earth Day. Light weeding also available! We welcome all ages and gardening abilities but please call us first so that we can let you in. You can stay for as long or as little as you wish. 01604 583626



THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE & THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY

We are busy making plans here at DPC but would love to hear from you, the residents, with any ideas of how you would like to see Duston celebrate this momentous occasion. Please get in touch with Alison if you are organising events as we may be able to support you. If you are planning a street party, make sure you apply for a road closure in plenty of time.

WE NEED YOU! Calling all crafters, knitters and artists. Please help us with our Jubilee art installation.

Contact us to find out how you can be involved.

Our 'Plant a Tree for the Jubilee' is also underway, and we would love as much help as possible with planting new trees and hedges across Duston. Just contact Alison to register your interest. bcdm@duston-pc.gov.uk or see our web page for the very latest information

www.duston-pc.gov.uk/thequeens-platinum-jubilee-2022



Our website contains lots more info about who we are and what we do. If you are not online you can call us and we will be happy to give you more info on any aspect of Duston Parish Council.

Please get in touch.

DUSTON FUN DAY 2022!



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The Royal British Legion is the country's largest Armed Forces charity. They provide lifelong support to serving and ex-serving personnel and their families in the form of advice and guidance, practical help in rehabilitation and transitioning to civilian life as well as encouraging communities to participate in Remembrance commemorations.

If you would like to be part of the RBL at a local level and see how we work in the community then come along to

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION DUSTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH

We hold meetings at 7.30pm on the Second Thursday of each month at St Crispin Club

Berrywood Rd, Upton, Northampton NN5 4XD

For more details contact our Branch Secretary on 07464 333509 or email secretary@dustonrbl.co.uk





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Helping to connect Church and Community groups together for the wellbeing of all

We aim to get Community Connect out by the first week of each month, so articles for the following month need to be submitted by the beginning of the last week of each month. They can be emailed to Rev'd Mandy Marriott at aj.marriott123@gmail.com or put through the Rectory door 3 Main Road Duston NN5 6JB.

This is your community newsletter. So keep your articles coming in.

We love to hear from you.

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Thank you.



Quiz Answers

- 1. Passover (Luke 22:1)
- 2. A young donkey (Matthew 21:1-7; Mark 11:1-7; Luke 19:28 -35; John 12:12-15). In eastern tradition it was customary for a king going to war to ride a horse. Yet when the king was at peace he would ride a donkey. The symbolism is the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, was coming for purposes of peace between God and man.
- 3. When Jesus entered into Jerusalem at the beginning of the Passion week, the people welcomed Him as king and Messiah. They covered the road with their garments and palm fronds as a symbol of their worship and acceptance of Him as king (Matthew 21:8; Mark 11:8; Luke 19:35, 36; John 12:12, 13).

- 4. Peter (John 18:10)
- 5. Malchus (John 18:10)
- 6. Three times (Luke 22:54-57; Mark 14:69, 70; Matthew 26:73-75; John 18:13-27)
- 7. 30 (Matthew 26:15)
- 8. By giving Him a kiss (Matthew 26:47-49).
- 9. Hanged himself (Matthew 27:3-5)
- 10. Bought the potter's field with the money which is where strangers were buried (Matthew 27:6-8).
- 11. Barabbas (Matthew 27:15-26; Mark 15:6-15; Luke 23:18; John 18:40)
- 12. To leave Jesus alone because He was a just man. She had a bad dream concerning the Lord and she probably felt it would bring bad luck on the household of Pilate (Matthew 27:19).
- 13. Alexander and Rufus (Mark 15:21)

- 14. "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews" (Luke 19:19). It was written in three different languages according to John 19:20; Hebrew, Greek and Latin.
- 15. "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34)
- "Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." (Luke 23:43)
- "...he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother!" (John 19:26, 27)
- "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34)
- "I thirst." (John 19:28)
- "It is finished:" (John 19:30)
 "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit:" (Luke 23:46)
 16. "Truly this was the Son of God" (Matthew 27:54).
- 17. The veil in the temple was torn from top to bottom (Matthew 27:51). We call this access to God the "priesthood of the believer." This means that Christians can approach God's throne through prayer without the need of a human mediator or priest. Because the veil was torn from the top to the bottom, that is symbolic that it is God who grants us access and not that we have worked our way into God's throne room; which could be implied if the veil was torn from bottom to top.
- 18. Three hours (Matthew 27:45; Mark 15:33; Luke 23:44-45). From noon to 3 pm.
- 19. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus (John 19:38-42). Interestingly, these two men did not follow Jesus as He travelled through the region, but they were there when all the outspoken disciples had abandoned the
- 20. Mary Magdalene (Mark 16:9)