

**NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH,
BOLTON ROAD, KEARSLEY
MARCH 2023**

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THE FAITH OF THE NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH

- *There is One God in whom is the Divine Trinity*
- *He is the Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ*
- *A saving faith is to believe in him.*
- *Evil actions are not to be done because they are of the hells and from the hells.*
- *Good actions are to be done because they are of God and from God.*
- *These are to be done by a man as if from himself but it ought to be believed that they are done from the Lord, working in man and by him.*

**SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE BEGINS AT ELEVEN
O' CLOCK. SUNDAY SCHOOL IS HELD ON MOST
SUNDAYS.**

***WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH:-We believe that all religion has
relation to life and the life of religion is the doing of good.***

WORSHIP CALENDAR FOR MARCH

WORSHIP LEADERS

SUNDAY 5th MARCH REV BRIAN TALBOT

SUNDAY 12th MARCH MRS P GRIMSHAW

SUNDAY 19th MARCH MRS P GRIMSHAW

SUNDAY 26th MARCH MRS P GRIMSHAW

DEACONS

SUNDAY 5th MARCH RAY AND SAM KENNION

SUNDAY 12th MARCH JOHN FORD

SUNDAY 19th MARCH JOHN COLLIER AND ROY PARTINGTON

SUNDAY 26th MARCH DAVID ORMES AND MYRA HOWCROFT

REFRESHMENTS

SUNDAY 5th MARCH PAULINE AND ROY PARTINGTON

SUNDAY 12th MARCH MYRA HOWCROFT AND DAVID ORMES

SUNDAY 19th MARCH JOHN AND JEAN FORD

SUNDAY 26th MARCH EILEEN AND JOHN COLLIER

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Also Circle Dancing Thursday 16th March at 2p.m

Whist Every Monday 2-4p.m.
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NEWS

BAPTISM: On Saturday 28th of January, Isaac Ariel Godwin Erap, newly born son of Dr Godwin Erap and Mrs Omolara Erap, was baptised into the faith of the New Church. Afterwards a delicious meal was served in the hall.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE:

A celebration of the life of Mrs Barbara Stanley, the wife of Rev Michael Stanley, who had passed recently into the Spiritual World was held at our church on the eleventh of February. It was attended by family and friends from many parts of the country. The church looked particularly beautiful with the seats arranged in a circular pattern and the lighted candles and tea lights. Members of her family recalled her life and there was a memorable slide presentation. Afterwards fifty or so people went into the hall for lunch. Many thanks go to all those who took part in the Celebration and helped with the meal afterwards.

VISIT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL We were very pleased to welcome Mrs Margaret Cowie of the Paisley Church, visiting our church for the first time. We all enjoyed getting to know her and were much impressed with her friendliness and sociability.

NEWS OF REV IAN ARNOLD We were very sad to hear news of Rev Ian Arnold in Australia. Some of you will remember Ian from his spell at the New Church College in Radcliffe. He was involved in a car accident when a car ran from behind and hit his car resulting in a broken bone in Ian's neck. We send him our very best wishes for a speedy recovery.

THE TALE OF A TREE

For some time now a tree, by the path leading from our churchyard down to the main road has been a cause for concern

as the tree roots were pushing the tree itself on to the path and also causing two of the grave stones to lean. Our thanks go to David Ormes and son for arranging for the stones to be removed prior to the removal of the tree. This was easier said than done as one of the stones was very deeply embedded and the thick and twisted roots proved difficult to dislodge. It took three men two days! Within the next few weeks the tree itself will be felled!

TEA AND TIPPLE FROM FORT ALICE

At Christmas time as most of you know the presents under our Christmas tree go to Fortalice and this year we were fortunate enough to have a visit from Grace, a member of the staff working at Fortalice. I received a message on my computer about a fund-raising initiative organised by them for the second week in March. One of the suggestions made were to have a tea, cake and chat afternoon – a possible date might be Thursday afternoon 8th March.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

This will be held at St John Fisher R. C. Church at Kearsley on Friday 3rd of March at 2p.m. It has been prepared by the Christian women of Taiwan. Everyone is welcome to attend.

EDITOR'S LETTER

At this time of year, many people in the Christian world observe the six weeks before Easter as a special period in their religious lives, the period generally called 'Lent.' I was rather surprised to discover that the word Lent itself, rather than having some sort of scriptural meaning derives from the old English word for spring. Presumably it was so named because the period co-incided with its symbolism of new beginnings and the embarking into a new phase of life.

The concept of the forty days of Lent commemorates the length of time, the forty days that Our Lord spent in the wilderness prior to his temptation by the Devil. During that period Luke's gospel records that the Lord ate nothing. Hence the practice of trying to

abstain from some food or drink or other activity that gives us bodily pleasure for a certain length of time. If done seriously, it can help us to develop the ability, by resisting comparatively minor bodily temptations, to perhaps resist more easily major temptations -or at least that is the theory!

Others observe Lent as a period of thought, prayer and meditation and perhaps instruction, in the way that the Lord must have meditated and prayed during the period before his temptation. Still others couple together denial and spirituality with the desire to do something for others by giving the money, saved by their denial, to the church or to a worthy charity.

Instances of temptation are the temptation or test suffered by Abraham when called upon by the Lord to sacrifice his son Isaac and the temptation of the Lord himself in the wilderness at the beginning of his ministry. Just as the Lord was tempted in the wilderness we ourselves often seem to be in a spiritual wilderness at the time of our temptations.

The Writings of our church tell us that no-one can be tempted until some kind of conscience has been acquired. A conscience is a knowledge of what is right and what is wrong that has been built up, usually in the earlier part of a person's life. When a person tries to live according to their conscience then temptations arise. Temptation is the battle between what might be termed our higher and lower selves. Our minds are the battleground for ideas that come from heavenly sources or from hellish ones. Our temptations consist in choosing to do what is right or what is wrong. It is through facing and overcoming temptations that we build up and strengthen our spiritual lives.

How did the Lord deal with His temptations? He replied by rejecting the Devil's suggestions using quotations from the Word of the Old Testament. This shows the power of the Word in resisting and overcoming falsities. Perhaps one way we can overcome temptation in this world is by turning to the Word of

God for when a person reads the Word in this world there is a link with the spiritual world. It is very difficult to fight temptation alone but when reading His Word we are no longer alone for he is with us supporting us and giving us the strength that we need that we need to overcome temptation.

May you all have a blessed and happy month

Pauline

Lenten Readings:- GENESIS 22: 1-12 and LUKE 4 1-14

SPRING TRIVIA

LENT'S traditional games are marbles and skipping, which were stopped on the stroke of twelve noon on Good Friday. In some places, the day was actually called Marble Day or Rope Day.

Watchout for migrating toads or newts! Their annual journey to breed back in the lake where they spawned starts in springtime . The rush usually begins on the first, rainy, slightly cloudy evening of spring.

Oak trees provide the perfect breeding ground for a whole range of species of birds, from woodpeckers to warblers, because of the vast numbers of small caterpillars the trees attract-perfect sustenance for parent birds to take back to a hungry brood.

Mothering Sunday is also known as Simnel Sunday and always falls on the third Sunday before Easter. It is thought that simnel cakes were first made by girls in service to take home to their mothers on Mothering Sunday, and the cakes' topping of eleven balls of marzipan represents Jesus's eleven faithful disciples -Judas is omitted!

POETRY CORNER

SILENCE

Listen to the silence,

And let it calm your mind,

Let the noisy world go by
As tangled thoughts unwind.
Learn the secret of the earth,
For nature works in peace,
And all things grow in silence
Their wonder to increase.

Take a little time for you
And let that peace begin,
Close your eyes, relax, be still,
And find it deep within.
So short a time, a precious time,
Serenity your goal
And just listen to the silence
And let it soothe your soul.

By IRIS HESSELDEN

SPRINGTIME

At last the winter's chills retreat.
No icy winds to freeze our tears.
And numbness leaves our hands and feet,
While snowdrops show their dark green spears.
We wait, we watch and search the sky,
For sure enough through wind and rain
The swallows to our garden fly,
Rebuilding their old nests again.

We hope the olive-bearing dove
Will bring us peace through balmy haze
And fill our countryside with love.
By JAMES S STEVENSON.

QUIZ CORNER

LAST MONTH'S ANSWERS

1. Black Beauty 2. Kidnapped 3. Around the World in Eighty days
4. Heidi 5. The Water Babies 6. King Solomon's Mines 7. David
Copperfield 8 The Cruel Sea. 9. Ballet Shoes 10. Emma 11.
Kenilworth 12. Brideshead Revisited 13. Swallows and Amazons.
14. Just so Stories.15. Thirty- nine steps 16. Pride and prejudice
17. Alice in Wonderland 18. Little Women 19. Wind in the Willows
20. Robinson Crusoe.

Well done to Margaret Cowie who got one of two clues that I
couldn't get. The answer to 'Look after teeth in this ark satanic
place' is 'The mill on the floss.' So very well done, Margaret.' It
only leaves 'The Hidden Danger' still to be solved.

ALL KINDS OF PLANTS AND FLOWERS QUIZ.

1. Jeer at a citrus fruit (4,6)
- 2.Mary is all muddled (9)
3. Lawn growing on the settee (5,5)
- 4.Capital goes before a fall (6,5)
5. This word opens doors (6)
- 6.Canine out of bed (3,3)

7. Every vowel is found in this tree (7)
8. Ah, Aldi is where this flower is found (6)
9. Race about to find a maple tree (4)
10. Mode of transport for this country (9)
11. Bovine error (7)
12. Cure for feline indigestion (7)
13. Flower found in an orchestra (5)
14. Photograph mythical creature (6)
15. Can you find him (7.10)
16. Crop found in Swiss lake (7)
17. Amphibian linen fibre (8)
18. Brass instrument (5)
19. Reorganise drainage to make this plant grow (8)
20. Sounds like a beautiful wig (8)

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