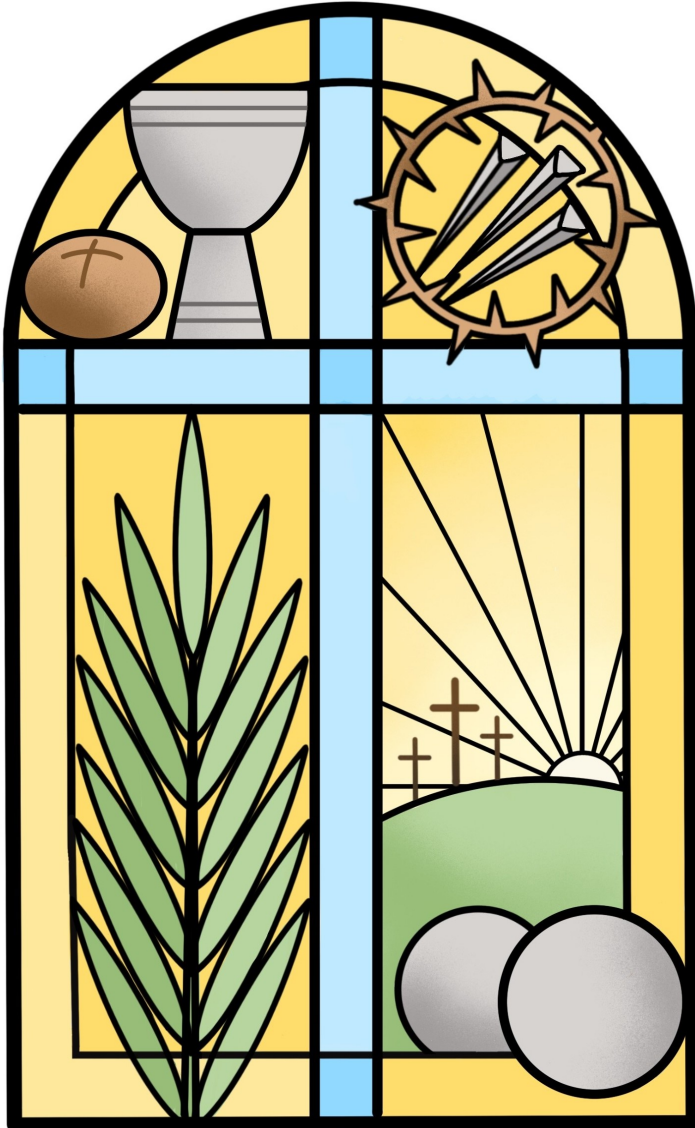




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# Nelmes News



**March 2024**

# Looking for the Resurrection

An old couple are driving down the motorway when the wife gets a call from their daughter. 'Mum, there's a car driving the wrong way down the motorway!' The wife warns her husband that there is a lunatic on the motorway. Her husband, clutching the wheel in terror, replies: 'One lunatic? There are dozens of them, all headed straight for us!' What we see is determined by our perspective on life.

In the Nicene Creed it says: 'We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.' In the gospel accounts of the Resurrection, there is a lot of looking and seeing. Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of



James and Salome went early to the tomb. They saw the stone rolled aside and inside the tomb a young man dressed in white said to them: 'Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him...He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him' (*Mk 16: 6,7*).

Like the women we would probably have been left 'trembling and bewildered' by what we saw that morning. Had the body been taken? Was the young man an angel or deceiver? Was Jesus raised to life again, or was this an elaborate hoax?

Easter gives us a choice. We can approach life looking for disappointment, fear and despair. Or we can look for resurrection and find not just an empty tomb, but encounter the living Christ. He continues to meet us in our daily lives bringing new hope, forgiveness of sin, healing and wholeness and the assurance of His presence through the darkest of times. God invites us to see our lives differently and look for Christ's resurrection life at work in our lives and the people around us.

*Paul Hardingham*

# Only Jesus

John 19:17, 1:4

Carrying the cross by Himself  
He went out.  
Sent out,  
Yet choosing to go.  
Word of life,  
Choosing death,  
Knowing the end from the beginning,

Carrying the cross by Himself  
He went out.  
The only one who could,  
The only way He could,  
He went out  
To the Skull Place,  
For me.



*Daphne Kitching*

***Thanks***

## Church Offerings

We are most grateful to all who have continued to support our Church. In February we received £1,053.90 in offerings and donations.



**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

Barbara Ashworth	3 March
Lynda Smith	14 March
Jacob Samuels	18 March
Violet Banda	28 March
Shenton Banda	29 March



Alan & Stella Acott

28 March

# News of Friends



Obviously the main news this month is the death of Enid Russell. I've been given the privilege of talking about her contributions to Nelmes at the funeral service and have such a lot of material to mention that I'm concerned about the time factor. She was truly a wonderfully kind lady, an advocate for Peace who, along with Bob, actively spoke out against world injustices.

Enid's Funeral is on Monday 4 March at 11 am in our church, followed by a short service at Upminster Crematorium. Both services will be conducted by Revd Ann Woodhurst and Revd Brian Busckill. Afterwards, the family invite us to join them for refreshments in the Tea Room of the Crematorium Gardens.

Alan Acott has felt particularly weak recently, culminating in him being taken into hospital on Sunday 18 February. We send him and Stella our love and best wishes at this very difficult time.

Sadly, as always, several of our friends continue to suffer from ill health. Magdalen is investigating the cause of her very painful hip. Hazel's arthritis has flared up, making walking difficult. Barbara Sanderson continues to experience problems with her eye. Lynda has severe back pain and, of course, Pauline hopes that her forthcoming operation will go well and help relieve her pain.

We pray that God will give all these friends patience and resilience during such difficult times.

On a happier note it, was lovely to welcome Owen back in church during February and Christine can now join us regularly after recovering from her operation. s

*Jill Hilton*





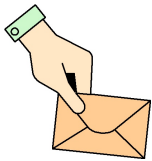
# Nelmes Gift Day

## 24 March

Our annual Gift Day to raise money for the benefit of our Church will be on Palm Sunday 24 March. We are very fortunate to share the benefits of a stipendiary minister within the Heath & Havering pastorate but this means that we have to pay about 30% of the associated ministerial and manse expenses. This represents about £400 per month and is in addition to our £1,339 monthly payment to the URC's Ministry & Mission Fund which pays stipends, pensions etc. Every month we are committed to expenditure which does not always exceed our income and we must ensure that our premises are safe and well maintained .

We do, of course, have reserves and occasionally receive significant bequests. Have you considered remembering Nelmes URC in your will?

Please be as generous as you can, particularly if you have been unable to support the Church's work on a weekly basis. Special envelopes will be available and should be returned with the normal offertory during the following weeks. Cheques should be made payable to Nelmes URC. Please indicate if you wish to add Gift Aid.



You can also donate online by bank transfer to “Nelmes URC”, sort code 40-52-40, account number 00025856. Please use “Gift Day” as a reference with “+ GA” if you wish us to claim Gift Aid.

*Thanks*

**Regular Giving** We are most grateful to all friends who support Nelmes Church on a regular basis: weekly cash offerings, weekly or monthly Standing Orders. In addition to the Gift Day, may I request that you consider increasing your regular donation, particularly if it has been the same for some time. This would really help us to maintain a steady financial position over the coming years.

*John Hawkins*

# Lenten Bible Study

This year's Lenten Bible Study will focus on the Book of Jonah. Many of us will have grown up knowing the story of Jonah and the whale, but when was the last time that you spent time thinking about what happens to Jonah after he and the whale part company?



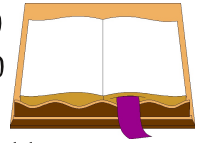
Please join me for lively conversations about Jonah, his call, and his frustration with God. . We'll meet on Tuesdays for four weeks from 27 February in Roope Hall at Trinity URC, Upminster, starting at 9:45 am.

As has been our recent practice, our Bible Study sessions will be recorded to view on our YouTube page within 24 hours of each session. If you have any questions, please contact me at [busckill@gmail.com](mailto:busckill@gmail.com)

*Rev'd Brian Busckill*

## *Sunday Readings ....*

<b>3 March</b>	Ex 20:1-17	Jn 2:13-22	1 Cor 1:18-25
<b>10 March</b>	Num 21:4-9	Jn 3:14-21	Eph 2:1-10
<b>17 March</b>	Jer 31:31-34	Jn 12:20-33	Heb 5:5-10
<b>24 March</b>	Pss 118:1-2, 19-29	Lk 19:25-40	Phil 2:5-11
<b>31 March</b>	Is 25:6-9	Jn 20:1-18	1 Cor 15:1-11
<b>7 April</b>	Ps 22:25-31	Jn 20:19-31	1 Jn 1:1-2:2



## *This month's worship leaders ....*

**Brian Busckill** is a minister within the Heath, Havering & Forest Group.

**Keith Finch** is an Elder of our Church.

**Chris Pearson** is a Methodist local preacher on the Romford Circuit.

**Ann Woodhurst** is a retired URC minister



The Editor needs items for April Nelves News by 24 March.

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# Make a note in your diary



## March

**3 11.15 am Morning Worship: Mr Keith Finch**  
 M 4 7.00 pm Blue Sky Mondays  
 Tu 5 9.45 am Lenten Bible Study (2/4): Roope Hall, Trinity URC



**10 11.15 am Morning Worship: Revd Brian Busckill**  
 M 11 7.00 pm Blue Sky Mondays  
 W 13 9.45 am Lenten Bible Study (3/4): Roope Hall, Trinity URC  
 5.30 pm H & H Communion Service at Nelmes



**17 11.15 am Morning Worship: Mr Chris Pearson**  
 M 18 7.00 pm Blue Sky Mondays  
 W 20 9.45 am Lenten Bible Study (4/4): Roope Hall, Trinity URC  
 7.30 pm Elders' Meeting



**24 Palm Sunday**  
**11.15 am Worship with Communion: Revd Brian Busckill**

M 25 7.00 pm Blue Sky Mondays  
**Th 28 Maundy Thursday**  
 7.00 pm Supper & Communion at Romford URC



**F 29 Good Friday**  
 10.00 am Processions of Witness in Hornchurch & Upminster



**31 Easter Day**  
**11.15 am Worship with Communion: Revd Ann Woodhurst**

## April

Tu 2 9.45 am First Tuesday Prayers



**7 11.15 am Morning Worship: Mr Barry Smith**  
 M 8 7.00 pm Blue Sky Mondays  
 W 10 5.30 pm H & H Communion Service at Nelmes



**14 11.15 am Morning Worship: Mrs Claire Bottone**  
 M 15 7.00 pm Blue Sky Mondays

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### **Sunday Worship**

Morning Worship for all ages at 11.15 am.  
Communion Service on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month

### **Blue Sky Mondays**

7.00 pm: A quiet hour to spend time with the Lord

### **Activities in the Halls**

Nelmes Pre-School	School-days	08:00 - 15:00
Zumba Fitness	Tuesday	19:00 - 20:00
Nelmes Womens Institute	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	12:30 - 16:30
EP & AG Residents Association	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	20:00 - 22:30
Beavers, Cubs & Scouts	Friday	16:30 - 21:30
Woodcarvers' Group	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	10:30 - 14:30

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