

NOTES FROM OUR RECTOR

Last year, my 8 year old daughter, Annie was suddenly very interested in the Easter story. I took out one of our children's bibles and she took it to bed with her. I thought nothing more of it, but when I went upstairs to check on her later in the evening, she was curled up sobbing her little heart out. She said to me "Mummy, how could they be so cruel, he died, they killed him, I'm not going to be a Christian, it's just too sad"

My heart was breaking as I quickly said 'turn the page, let's read the next bit. She was perhaps too young to fully understand the story, but I was able to give her hope, hope that what happened to Jesus was not in vain, hope that when things seem too sad to bear any longer, there is someone to help us.

Whether we buy into it with our whole hearts, or whether we hold a distant admiration for Christ, or whether we spurn the whole thing as fiction, the story of Easter is a story of hope.

Hope in that we are all valued. Christ died for everyone, black, white, rich or poor every human on this earth is valued by God.

Hope in our pain. God understands pain, we see a glimpse of His broken heart through the physical suffering of Jesus. In our darkest moments, we are never alone.

Hope for a changed world. St Paul blamed the problems of society on the fact that we so often live putting ourselves before others. Christ died so that we could live for something bigger, he died for us, so that we could live to make the world a better place.

Dear God, help us to experience the Easter story through the eyes of an 8 year old who through it found hope. Bless you.

Rev'd Chloe

QVB CHOIR



*Would you like to help enhance our worship?

*Learn different hymns and songs?

*See our Benefice drawn closer together?

Q: How can we work together if we don't worship together???

A: We can't!!

You don't have to be an amazing singer, or have to be able to read music, so please come and join our new (well, re-instated) Benefice Choir. There are initially 3 practices booked:

Friday's 22nd, 29th April and the 6th May.

7.00-8.00pm

In the Stable Loft Upper Room, Nether Stowey.

For more details, speak to Rev'd Chloe

