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Treasure Chest

Think of all the nicest things that make a happy day
A helping hand, a cheerful smile, a greeting on the way;
The sunshine of the early morn, the blossom on each tree,
Just add each joy to make the day a lasting memory.

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Well the blossom trees have really blossomed overnight. So many, so beautiful, standing so firm and proud. The daffodils and the spring flowers are now over for another Spring. Mother Nature continues now with a huge variety of plants - so many to choose from - all to give us so much joy with their beauty.

### Old Alf

Old Alf has a very fine cherry tree in his garden. Someone passed by one day as he was watching a number of blackbirds feasting on the ripe fruit.

"You don't mind them eating up your crop then?" they called.

"Not a bit," he replied, "just think of the lovely songs they sing for me in return. Yes, the blackbirds have much to sing about, sitting in the garden there, the songs go on and on. I often wonder what they are saying to each other - but no one knows! They seem to be happy just keeping the conversation going."



### Looking back at Easter

The Good Friday service, with Communion, was held at Barugh Methodist Church this year and led by Rev Cameron Stirk. We walked the way to the cross in words and songs so wonderfully portrayed by Cameron's reflections. Refreshments afterwards allowed friends old and new time to reflect and talk. A morning to remember.

Once more our Easter Cross was a delight to see. We all stood in awe as each flower was placed on it. Young and old – and those in between – waited patiently with their bunch of flowers to help make the display. I wonder, what did you think as you placed them there? I wonder, too, what the people thought as we stood at the cross, outside, and sang hymns of Christ's resurrection.

As I was getting into the car after the service I saw a lady come out of the flats. The cross was now tied up outside the



church door. She glanced at it as she passed, then quickly turned back, retracing her steps and had a proper look. I hope there have been others who did the same.

We had a lovely service with Dawn Webster as our preacher. It was a service of song and understanding. The children enjoyed their time making cards and gifts



highlight the day, we all came out with an Easter gift, produced and given so lovingly by Christine Wilson. The love with which it was given was shown in her smile.

Earlier we had the traditional Easter breakfast which was enjoyed by all. Thank you to all who helped in any way throughout the day.

Sadly Easter – the day of thanksgiving – became a day of violence this year in Sri Lanka. Everywhere where it was known there would be crowds of people – church after church as well as hotels – they came to kill. Whole families were wiped out, children were left without parents, stories and pictures that brought tears to our eyes. Colombo, Sri Lanka, is filled with sorrow as are people around the world. We share in their sadness and offer prayers for a more peaceful land.

We also share our thoughts and prayers with Pat Paddon as she and her brother mourn the death of their mother. We have missed Pat at our Saturday coffee mornings as she spent many hours caring for and visiting her mum. We offer her our support to help in whatever way we can and hope she will return to us soon.

Please take the “Count Your Blessings” envelope when it is offered. Hopefully, you will want to join in the activity. Throughout the month of May, each day, you pull a statement out of the envelope. It will identify just one thing that we should be grateful for, and suggest a donation as a sign of gratitude. You certainly learn by taking part and realise how fortunate we are in so many ways. Drop the appropriate donation into your envelope at the end of each day. All the monies will be collected at the end of May and will be used for Church purposes. There are spare envelopes if you want others to share in the fun and help raised much needed funds. Thank you ahead of your donations and enjoy the fun!



### Calendar for May

|     |      |         |                                                         |
|-----|------|---------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Wed | 1st  | 6.30pm  | Church meeting at Buckley                               |
| Sat | 4th  | 10am    | Coffee morning (weekly)                                 |
| Sun | 5th  | 10.30am | Preacher: Rev Ben Scrivens<br>Communion Service         |
| Sun | 12th | 10.30am | Preacher: Rev Ben Scrivens<br>Ladies' Group Anniversary |

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| Mon | 13th | 2pm     | Ladies' Group (weekly)    |
|     |      |         | Speaker: Rev Mick Neal    |
| Sun | 19th | 10.30am | Preacher: Elizabeth Haigh |
| Sun | 26th | 10.30am | Preacher: John Hayward    |

The florists have done very well these past few weeks - Mothers' Day, Easter, birthdays - plus personal treats. We too have had beautiful flowers in church, given by generous people week after week. Thank you one and all.

Flowers for May:

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| 5th: Pat Goodall | 12th: empty         |
| 19th: empty      | 26th: Gladys Milner |

Please make sure you come to the Church Meeting on Monday 1st May at 6.30pm. Many points will be discussed affecting the future of the church and activities. Everyone is welcome to attend, to listen and share their views and any concerns about the way forward.

### **KEEP THE DATE!**

After several attempts we can now confirm the **Fishermen's Choir will be leading a service at 6pm on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**. Refreshments will be served afterwards. This is an event many of us look forward to and encourage you to come along and join in. You are all invited to come to the **Ladies' Group Anniversary service on Sunday 12th May** when Ben will be the preacher. We have recently welcomed new members to the meetings held at 2pm every Monday. Why not join us?