

# What's On

## Sunday

Services of Worship  
11.00am and 6.30pm  
Seekers 3.00pm – age 10+  
Sunday School 3.00pm – ages 4 - 10

## Tuesday

Prayer Meeting 7.00pm  
Bible Study 8.00pm

## Wednesday

Bible Club – age 4 - 10  
6.15pm - 7.30pm  
Term time only.  
Transport available on request

## Thursday

Ladies' Fellowship  
3.00pm (fortnightly)  
Seekers Meeting – age 10+ 7.00pm  
Term time only

## Up From The Grave He Arose

Low in the grave He lay,  
Jesus, my Saviour!  
Waiting the coming day,  
Jesus, my Lord!

refrain:-

Up from the grave He arose,  
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;  
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,  
And He lives for ever with His saints to reign:  
He arose! He arose!  
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

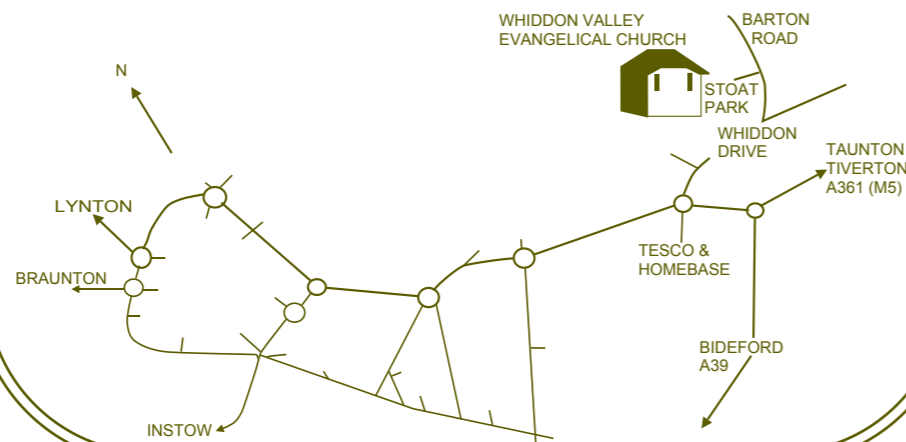
Vainly they watched His bed,  
Jesus, my Saviour!  
Vainly they seal the dead,  
Jesus, my Lord!

Death cannot keep his prey,  
Jesus, my Saviour!  
He tore the bars away,  
Jesus, my Lord!

Robert Lowry

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## Pastor's Pen GOOD NEWS FROM A GRAVEYARD!

Dear friends and neighbours in Whiddon Valley,

You may wonder about this title! What good news could ever come from a cemetery? The New Testament records remarkable but tragic events in Jerusalem 2000 years ago.

Jesus a carpenter, from Nazareth, had been arrested and accused of treason. He claimed to be the King of the Jews. He had spent 3 years teaching, healing and caring for the people of Israel. He had raised the dead, cast out demons, turned water into wine and pacified a storm on Lake Galilee – all of which showed that He was indeed a remarkable man. His disciples believed that He was God and man in one person. And when challenged Jesus did not deny it! The authorities did not like what was happening.

### Enemies.

His enemies used the Annual Passover feast as an occasion to silence Him. They persuaded the Roman Governor to release a murderous terrorist called Barabbas – and to crucify to death Jesus the King of the Jews. Did they really know what they were doing? It seems not.

Jesus' followers were perplexed. What did it all mean? If Jesus was the Christ, the sent one – who had been promised in their scriptures – why this? Why a trial, a sentence and an execution? It didn't make sense to them!

### Execution.

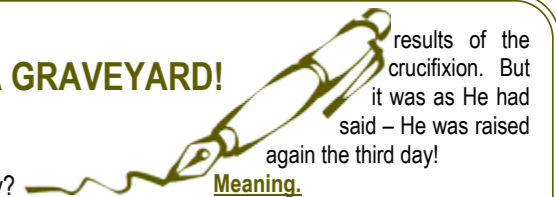
They were devastated to see their friend, teacher and Master led like a criminal to the place of execution. Already having been beaten severely by soldiers, Jesus was nailed to a cross of wood. His cross was in between two other crosses on each of which a thief was being executed. As the disciples watched their Master die, it was the worst day in their lives. Their world had fallen apart. Just before He died the skies turned black with darkness for three hours. Bad news all round in Jerusalem that day.

He died remarkably quickly which was only to be expected for One who had already suffered severe beatings and scourging by Roman soldiers. His dead body was taken down and lovingly shut into a tomb that had been hol-

lowed out of solid rock. A large stone door was rolled in place to seal this tomb. The disciples went away to observe the Sabbath day remembrance. What a sad Passover that was for them.

### Shock!

On the third day after this, what the Bible writers call the first day of the week, three female disciples came early in the morning to complete the anointing process of the body. There had not been time on the crucifixion day to do all that was needed. They went with heavy hearts grief stricken still and stunned by the horror of the cross. When they arrived in the garden graveyard it was time to be shocked again. The stone door was rolled back – and the tomb was empty! Is this good news or bad news? Had grave robbers visited in the night? No – because the tomb had been sealed and a guard had been posted. That could only mean one thing – GOOD NEWS – resurrection! Jesus had repeatedly told His disciples what was going to happen – here are his words on one occasion - *The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day.* (Luke 9 v 22) This was GOOD NEWS – and it had to be shared. Quickly the women went to the disciples and told them the good news. They did not believe it – until Jesus Himself appeared to them alive and well. Yes, He had marks in his hands, side and feet, the



### Meaning.

What was it all about? Briefly it was this. Jesus of Nazareth who is God came deliberately to die. He came to offer Himself in His human body as a substitute sacrifice for the sins of His people – believers. All mankind deserves to die and suffer eternal punishment in hell. When He died on the cross Jesus suffered the pains and punishment of millions of others in His body. The crushing weight of the Judgment of God was laid on Him – so that those who believe may have resurrection life too. Forgiveness – because He has paid for sin. Pardon – because the punishment was heaped on Him. He loved His believing people so much that He died and rose again to give them life.

Elsewhere in this Evangel you will read about 2 people who this time last year did not know that they were God's people. They were ordinary readers like you – with a vague idea of Jesus – but no personal knowledge. But like those early disciples they have now met the Lord Jesus Christ in a spiritual encounter that is amazing. They have understood the "Good News from the graveyard" – that Jesus died for sinners, that their sins may be forgiven – and rose again for sinners that they too might have eternal life! This is the best Good News that anyone can hear. I trust that it will be Good News to your ears too!

With sincere good wishes to you all,

*David Kay*

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## The baptism of Lee and Amy

The sun was shining and there was a crispness in the air, the sky was a bright blue as people gathered at Whiddon Valley Evangelical Church for the Morning Service on 7 March 2010.

This was to be no ordinary service; the building was full of family, friends and regular worshippers of the church to witness the baptism of Lee and Amy. Two young people who gave testimony to the incredible change that had happened in their lives as they had encountered and found the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. Each told their story of that encounter after resounding hymn singing by the congregation and a sermon by Pastor David Kay.

Their stories were honest, heartfelt and at times emotional bringing both themselves and members of the congregation to tears as they related their journey to becoming Christians.

They were here today, openly to give public demonstration of what Jesus, their Saviour, had done for them and to follow him in obedience through the



Baptism of Lee Pallister by Pastor Kay

waters of baptism using the pool of, as the Pastor related, ordinary tap water. They entered the pool and upon confession of their faith that they were Christians each in turn was lowered under the water, demonstrating a burying of their old life and brought back up to show that they have risen with Christ to a new life following his teachings in the Bible. It was a joyful experience to see such peace and happiness in two young people and to have been challenged that what they have and know can be a reality in all our lives.

You can be sure of a very warm welcome anytime at Whiddon Valley but if you are feeling a little shy, but would like to know more then please feel free to contact Pastor Kay on 01271 328813.

my life, I had a lot from an earthly perspective but still felt as if there was a major void in my life. When discussions of Jesus Christ came up, I felt ashamed of my sin and neglect towards God.

We were coming back from Milan on a train on the 11th July, coming into a station called Fidenza, when we were talking about how The Lord Jesus Christ saved my brother Jason from being dead in sin, (as I was).

At that moment on the train I burst out crying in front of everyone and felt completely overwhelmed and just couldn't stop until I was on the platform station of Fidenza. Once on the platform station feeling broken and hopeless and stumbled to the toilet,

locked the door and got on my knees and wept for forgiveness of my countless sins I've committed against Almighty God, and prayed for my Saviour Jesus Christ to never let me go.

On arriving back home in Devon my brother Jason and his wife were staying where I lived. I told them what had happen and shortly after that the Lord led me to Whiddon Valley Church. After attending church with reading the Holy Scriptures and support of family, the Lord showed me it was by Grace alone I was saved and nothing of myself.

My eyes were open to the truth, that believing earnestly in the Lord Jesus Christ with all your heart and you will be saved.

Since the Lord has come into my life I no longer desire going out drinking and living a secular life style and things I used to do. I now find great comfort in listening to God's Word, reading the scriptures which previously didn't make sense to me! Worshipping and serving God through Jesus Christ in my day to day life and thoughts.

I thank God alone for the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ dying on Calvary for my sins and rising, whose Spirit now guides me in life.

I wanted to be baptised because I believe in Jesus Christ and his resurrection, the Bible, and the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

One of my favourite verses which helped through a lot was:

Jeremiah 29 v 11

**For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.**



Amy Crumpton and Lee Pallister

## Testimony by Amy Crumpton

My name is Amy Crumpton and I am 19 years old.

I was taken to church from a young age and had a religious upbringing. I enjoyed religious lessons at school but had never read the Bible for myself. From a young age I enjoyed the idea of there being a God, but soon fell away from this as the temptations of this world began to dominate and become my lifestyle. By the age of 16 years my sin had successfully suppressed my guilty conscience and there was no place for God in my heart as I was not a repentant sinner.

It wasn't until Lee was saved in Italy that I began hearing the wonders of the word of God, here at Whiddon Valley Church.

My conscience soon began to be pricked as I listened to the Bible being preached. My worldly self did not enjoy what I was hearing - but God had his hand upon me and brought me back here, to continue to hear His good word.

God soon began to open my eyes to the need of salvation in my life. As

Pastor Kay worked through the word of God with me, I began to realise what a sinner I am and how in my fallen state I was destined for Hell. Romans 6 v 23 'For the wages of sin is death' rung in my ears. Because of this I began to earnestly seek the Lord for forgiveness of my sins. I found reassurance in His word as I began to hear Matthew 7 v 7 being preached

from the pulpit, "Ask and it shall be given you: seek, and ye shall find: knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

I suddenly found myself understanding that what I was hearing here at Whiddon Valley Church was the word of God and that it is true. And that

there is a God and in order to have a personal relationship with him and to have my sins forgiven I must be saved. God moved my soul to understand that I must be born again - to repent of my sins and have new life in Jesus.

My conscience weighed so heavy on me; so I repented to the Lord Jesus to forgive me of all my sins and for Him to give me His eternal grace, having died on the Cross for me.

On Sunday the 1st of November 2009, a visiting preacher spoke from Matthew 11 verses 28 to 30:

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Take up my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

In this passage Jesus spoke to me, to come to him - with all my sins and anxieties and burdens, to come to Him - because he loves me and cares for me. And on that day He graced me with the gift of new life in Him and that I was now His and will always be His.

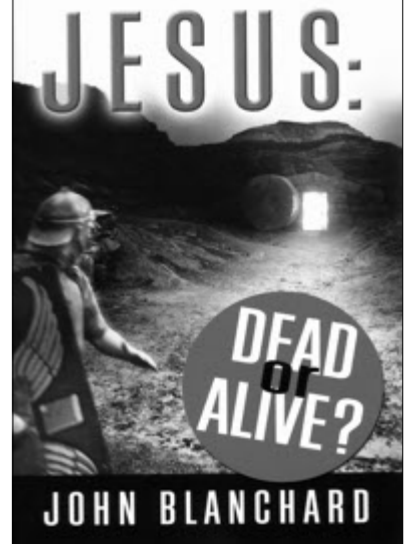
I have become a new person, my old sinful life has died with Christ, when He paid the penalty for my sins on the cross. The Lord Jesus has shut the gates of Hell for me and opened the gates of Heaven to me. I am now one of His sheep, and a born again Christian, born again in Him.

I am being baptised today because I am a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. My baptism here today is a symbol of what has already happened to me - because by Christ dying on the cross for me and then rising again - I have risen also in Him as Christ's atoning blood has and will keep on washing me of all my many sins, until I am with Him in Heaven. Which is a day I look forward to so very much.

I am now clothed in His righteousness, nothing of my own. The grace of God has saved my eternal soul from death and has give me life, in Him.

I cannot even begin to understand why Jesus Christ has saved such a sinner as me. But I know by His grace that He loves me and nothing will ever take me away from Him.

Free Book



Christianity stands or falls on one stupendous event - the resurrection of Jesus Christ. If he is now no more than a handful of dust and bones lying somewhere in Israel, the Christian faith lies buried with him. In this new publication, John Blanchard examines the evidence, assesses the alternatives and provides a convincing conclusion.

If you would you like to read this booklet contact Pastor David Kay (phone number 01271 328813) for a free copy of 'Jesus: Dead or Alive'. (Offer available while stocks last.)

**MARK 16 v 6**

**YE SEEK JESUS OF NAZARETH, WHICH WAS CRUCIFIED: HE IS RISEN; HE IS NOT HERE: BEHOLD THE PLACE WHERE THEY LAID HIM.**