

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH



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APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER



EASTER

ROTA FOR APRIL 2019

DATE		SCRIPTURE READER	WORSHIP LEADER	DOOR ROTA
07-04-19	Am	Keith Chaplin	Jason Wilkins	Keith Chaplin
	Pm	Sheila Thomas-Merrifield	Sue Price	Ray Parsons
14-04-19	Am	Jason Blackhurst	Huw Gilson	Christine Sharp
	Pm	Janice Rees	Glyn Elsey	Julie Powell
21-04-19	Am	Claire Withey	Jason Wilkins	Nicky Brotherton
	Pm	Mark Hibbs	Jason Wilkins	Sue Price
28-04-19	Am	Audrey Osland	Jo Beynon	Julie Attwood
	Pm	Eryl Dykes	Jason Wilkins	Sam Hibbs

N.B. Please be prepared, if you're unavailable on the date you are scheduled for, to contact someone else and hopefully swap.

Thank you for your participation and cooperation in this

God Bless You.

East Never Becomes West - So Live In Peace....

9 He will not always accuse, nor will he harbour his anger forever; 10 he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; 12 as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. Psalm 103:9-12 (NIV)

The good news of Jesus means that God does not treat us as we deserve. And that's really good news, believe me - it's the best news ever! I often say in Sunday services: "The last thing you want to do is stand before God and say "give me what I deserve!"

We've all done bad stuff and we all deserve to be punished for that - but because of Jesus, we don't get what we deserve, we get what we need - forgiveness, restoration, healing, new life, hope, comfort, strength, peace....

The Bible tells us that when we trust in Jesus our sins are removed 'as far as the east is from the west'.

If you travel north far enough you will eventually be traveling south, but east never becomes west.

God's love has no limit; his forgiveness has no stopping place. The God who created us paid the price for our sin on the cross so that we can know God's unimaginable mercy.

Simply surrender to His mercy and receive His grace in Jesus Christ.

My brothers and sisters, as we head towards Easter, remind yourself that 'east never becomes west' - so live in peace with God, with yourself and with others.

In Christ Alone
Pastor Jason

Follow Jesus by Nicky Gumbel continued

Follow Jesus wholeheartedly

[Numbers 31:25-32:42](#)

God's power and authority are given to those who follow the Lord *wholeheartedly* (32:22). Caleb and Joshua are picked out as the exceptions from the Israelites because only the two of them 'followed the Lord *wholeheartedly*' (v.12). This is what God's people are called to do.

Moses warned the people not to 'turn away from *following* him' (v.15). He warned them not to sin against the Law: 'you may be sure that your sin will find you out' (v.23). The constant challenge of the Scriptures is to follow the Lord with all our hearts and not to dabble with sin.

Reading this through the lens of the New Testament, to 'follow the Lord' is to follow Jesus. '*Jesus is Lord*' is the central claim of the New Testament. (See for example Romans 10:9.)

We see in these passages how much is available to those who follow Jesus *wholeheartedly*, put their faith and trust in him and offer themselves to do his will. *This* is what you are called to. As you do this, Jesus sends you out into the world with power and authority to *proclaim the gospel and heal the sick*.

Lord, I want to be like Caleb and Joshua and follow you wholeheartedly. Today I want to follow your example and offer myself to do your will. Help me to minister with power and authority, to proclaim the gospel and heal the sick.

AMEN



Follow Jesus *by Nicky Gumbel*

Curious to know what all the fuss was about Pippa and I eventually entered the world of Twitter and now Instagram. It is a world where you 'follow' other people and are yourselves 'followed'.

Many celebrities have huge followings. People become avid spectators of their lives, relationships and lifestyle, diets and fashion choices. They want to know all about them, interact with them and be like them. There is nothing inherently wrong with this. It is natural to want to follow those we admire. Following celebrities on social media can be fun and even enlightening.

However, following people on Instagram or Twitter is one thing; being a true follower of someone is quite another. It means fully devoting yourself to their cause, living by their example and even doing what they tell you to do. Choose the right people to follow. It really does matter whom you follow. Millions, for example, followed Hitler, Stalin and Pol Pot. Still today, millions follow evil dictators, terrorists and gang leaders.

Some people are sceptical about tradition and institutions and do not know whom to follow. The traditional models, which often came from or were championed by our families, institutions and political leaders, have, to some extent, broken down. This leaves many people unsure of whom to follow.

Jesus said many times, 'Follow me.' Of all the people who have ever lived, Jesus has the largest number of followers. Over 2.4 billion people in the world today profess to follow Jesus. Jesus' followers are called 'disciples'. They want to be with him, to know him, to be like him and to do everything that Jesus asks them to do.

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GOOD FRIDAY 2019 WALK OF WITNESS

Come and join us as we journey around Abertillery and discover together the meaning of Good Friday.

Good Friday service commences at

St. Michael's Church 19th April 10am

Walk beginning outside the entrance of St Michael's Church 11.00

Journeying through the town ending at Jubilee Square.

Afterwards tea, coffee and hot cross buns, everyone welcome

In Ebenezer baptist Church, Park Place, NP13 1ED.

Abertillery Churches Together

April 25th—Speaker *Kristian Dimond*

Encourage a friend to come along

MONTHLY
MEN'S
FELLOWSHIP

Thur 28th Mar **MARK THOMAS**

Thur 25th Apr **KRISTIAN DIMOND**

Thur 30th May **JAMES RICHARDS**

7pm at Coffee Bar Ebenezer church
Park Place NP13 1ED

EVERYONE WELCOME

MESSY CHURCH—

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to join us



EASTER TIME

APRIL 26th @ 11am

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Messy CHURCH
HELD AT
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On Various Friday's IN 2019
A creative way of doing and being Church In Our Community!

The whole family are invited!

APRIL 26th — EASTER @ 11am

MAY 31st — WALKING ON WATER @ 5pm

JULY 19th — LIGHTHOUSE @ 5pm

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