

Monthly Devotion

APRIL

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead”

1 Peter 1:3



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What a wonderful time of year to be visiting Shallowford House as Spring is apparent in every nook and cranny. The gardens and countryside around are being reborn with an abundance of colour and new life. In the natural world it is a time of hope, as we see buds bursting, the animals busy preparing for their young and temperatures rising.

Amidst the rebirth and hope of Spring, so evident all around, we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, His victory over sin and death. This is the corner stone of our Christian faith, that when it seemed there was no hope Jesus rose from the dead. **Jesus overcame the hold that sin and death had on us and set us free.** At the moment of His Resurrection, we became 'Resurrection People' living in hope, victory and new beginnings.

*'Because He lives, I can face tomorrow
Because He lives, all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living just because He lives'*
(Bill and Gloria Gaither)

Jesus Resurrection is not some event set in the past, it is a living reality in the now, which affects our lives today. It is through this amazing and mysterious event that God in Jesus Christ works in our lives, turning all that is dark and destructive into light and hope.

We discover the amazing truth that through Jesus' death and Resurrection, we are held in love. A love so vast, so deep, so wide that, whoever we are, wherever we are in life there is hope, and there is life today and for eternity.



To Pray

We thank you that Easter is not about a people,
but all people,
that your love
and your Salvation
are for all who confess with voices,
hearts and lives
that the tomb is empty because Jesus is risen,
that we might know forgiveness,
that lives might be reborn
and your name glorified now
and for eternity.

Amen

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