

**The angel said, "Go, stand in the temple and tell the people
the whole message about this life." (Acts 5:20)**

It is not uncommon for people to want to prevent bad news becoming public. Politicians in particular are renowned for trying to stop the truth coming out when it will make them look bad. But why would someone want to stop the good news coming out?

The first Christians claimed that they had good news: Jesus was God's Messiah, the promised king come to save us and he had shown this by dying and rising again from the dead. They knew that to be true, because they had actually met, spoken to and spent time with the risen Jesus (Acts 1:3).

Yet, for those who were responsible for having Jesus crucified, this 'good news' was bad news. If true it exposed them as the ones who had had God's Messiah crucified. Not surprisingly, they had Jesus's followers locked up in an attempt to stop them sharing their message.

God had other ideas. He sent an angel to the jail, who helped them escape and told them to go back to the temple courts and keep telling people about the message of life. The freed disciples did just that, much to the consternation of the Jerusalem authorities!

Like the Jerusalem leaders then, many people down the ages have not seen the idea that Jesus is king as good news. This Saturday is St. George's day. We don't know much about the real St. George, but he was probably a soldier in the Praetorium Guard at a time when the Roman emperor, Diocletian decided to try very hard to stop the Christians. George was martyred as a result, but not long after a new emperor came along who embraced Christianity. In the end, the good news about Jesus cannot be stopped!

Paul Worledge

This Sunday's Services on livestream:

[Sunday Service 24th April](#)

Click the above link to access the livestream for this week's service. You can also use the link to watch the service at a later time.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 24th

Family Service (St. Luke's Church), Luke 24:1-12 - 11:00am-12:00pm

Youth Initiative (St. Luke's Church), 5:00pm-7:30pm

Christianity Explored (Dorothy Drive), 5:30pm-7:00pm

Monday 25th

Daily Prayer (at St. Luke's Church) - 9:30-10:00am

Christianity Explored (South Eastern Road), 7:30-9:00pm

Tuesday 26th

Daily Prayer (St. George's Church) - 9:30-10:00am

PCC Meeting (St. Luke's Church) – 7:30-9:30pm

Wednesday 27th

Christianity Explored (Lyndhurst Road), 2:00-3:30pm

Thursday 28th

Daily Prayer (at St. Luke's Church) - 9:30-10:00am

Cafe4All (St. Luke's Church), Coffee and Chat for all - 10:00-11:30am.

Christianity Explored (Winterstoke Crescent), 7:30pm-9:00pm

Friday 29th

Play and Praise (St. Luke's Church Hall) – 10:00-11:30am

Saturday 30th

Daily Prayer (St. George's Church) - 9:30-10:00am

Christianity Explored Day Away (St. Philip's Church) – 10:30am-3:00pm.

Sunday 1st May

Family Service (St. Luke's Church), Acts 5:17-42 - 11:00am-12:00pm

Youth Initiative (St. Luke's Church), 5:00pm-7:30pm

Christianity Explored (Dorothy Drive), 5:30pm-7:00pm

Prayer Requests

Be assured I will do my best to check that people are happy for the requests to be shared before including them. Please pray for...

- Nicky Galer after the death of her mum, Jean on Tuesday morning.
- Joy Smithers who is now home, but not feeling too good.
- Willow's friend Stavs fell and broke her arm & leg last week. She is in lot of pain.
- Family and friends of Mark (Kate Page's daughter's partner) who drowned in the sea trying to rescue his dog.
- David Perkins with a broken ankle.
- Michelle (Terry De Vere's wife) just starting chemotherapy.
- David Gill whose cancer has now spread to his throat.
- Mitch Styles that he will receive the help he needs.
- Ken Tipler that the pain from his bone cancer can be kept under control.

Please also continue to pray for: Flo Baldock, Jean Hann, Shirley Crabb, Joy Smithers, Nathan Court, Pauline Emptage, Collette Judge, Barb (Gloria's daughter's friend), Rita Ryan.

Christianity Explored Day Away – Saturday 30th April

This is for all those who have been taking part in one of the Christianity Explored groups over the last few weeks. It is a great chance to get away, think a bit more about the Christian faith with others from across the three churches taking part. It will be from 10:30am until 3:00pm at St. Philip's Church in Margate. Please let Paul or your group leader know you are coming by this Thursday (28th April).

Coming Soon: Can You Trust the Gospels?

On Tuesday evenings in May (10th, 17th, 24th, 31st) we are hoping to join with other churches in Ramsgate for some sessions with Robin Plant looking at the four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. More information to follow.

Electoral Roll and Annual Report

In order to vote at the meeting, you need to be on our church electoral roll. If you have been attending the church for six months or more, are baptised and 16 years or over then we would encourage you to join **the electoral roll** if you are not on it already. Please pick up a form from the welcome desk at the back of church and return to James Patterson as soon as possible and by Sunday 1st May at the latest.

We will also be producing an Annual Report for 2020 before the annual meeting on 22nd May. For those who need to write reports for this, please email them to James Patterson (office@stlukesramsgate.org) also by Sunday 1st May.

Plans for the Platinum Jubilee

We are planning to have a joint service at St. George's church on June 5th at 11am to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This is part of a weekend of celebrations across the country. After the service we are hoping to hold a 'tea party' in the church grounds of St. George's.

If you would be interested in joining a team of people to help plan for this event. Then please see Paul as soon as possible.

Ramsgate Climate Change Working Group

Ramsgate Town Council is seeking four members from the local community for a newly established Climate Change Working Group, which has been set up following the declaration of a Climate Change Emergency by the Council earlier in the year.

The purpose of the Group is to influence, facilitate, communicate and carry out projects that will result in a lower carbon footprint for the Council itself and the Ramsgate parish area. The process will be inclusive, comprehensive and positive.

If you are interested and experienced in considering and implementing matters relating to Climate Change and carbon neutrality, the Council would welcome hearing from you. This is an opportunity to influence how your town council functions. Please email your interest to town.clerk@ramsgatetc.org.uk by 29th April 2022.

Book to see the vicar:

If you would like to arrange to see Paul the vicar about anything, then please use this following link to book an appointment: <https://calendly.com/worledge/meet-with-paul>

Links to Share:

Last Sunday's Sermon:

[Hope in Darkness \(Luke 24:1-12\)](#)

This is an All Age Talk recorded on Easter Sunday 2022. Where can we find hope we can be confident in? Especially in times of darkness? The resurrection shows that we can have a confident hope in Jesus.

More on Luke 24

Check out this animated video about the Easter Story in Luke 24 from the Bible Project: [watch now](#).

Finally, let's keep rejoicing, because Christ is risen and share the good news with courage.

Yours in Christ,

Paul Worledge
(Vicar, St. Luke's Ramsgate)