

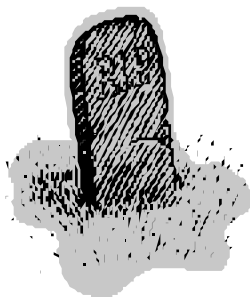
# All Saints' Messenger



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## What are you



Is there a cause that you would be willing to die for? One of the questions that people asked after the suicide bombings in London on July 7<sup>th</sup> last year was: "Why would four young men sacrifice their lives like that?" The answer is that they believed that they had a cause that was worth dying for. Whether you agreed with their actions or not, you could not doubt their commitment to their cause.

I suspect that most people would be more likely to die for a person than a cause. There have been many people who have died so as to save the life of a loved one. In a recent survey 63% of women said that they would be willing to die for their child.

On April 28<sup>th</sup> 1996 a gun man went on a killing spree in the Tasmanian town of Port Arthur. He killed 35 men, women and children. Many of them died in a local tourist café. A couple of days later one national newspaper recorded



how the victims had died. It is a telling answer to the question "What would you be willing to die for?"

Jason Winter (29) wine maker from New Zealand, shot dead in café after throwing himself in front of wife and son to shield them.

Dennis Levy (50) on holiday with wife, who survived, shot in café after pushing his wife under the table.

Ron Jarries (71) on holiday with wife shot in café while trying to push wife to safety.

Peter Nash (32) on holiday with wife, shot dead as shielded wife in café.

Raymond Sharp (67) on holiday with members of golf club, shot in café while trying to protect his wife.

I expect that we all like to think that we would have done the same thing. If we're honest most of us fear that we'd save our own necks first.

The Bible says:

*"Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die."*  
(Romans 5:7)

It's a realistic assessment of our bravery isn't it? Occasionally people are willing to die for those they love, for people they think are good.

But can you imagine dying for someone who didn't love you? Someone who rejected you, ignored you, treated you as though you didn't exist? Someone who, though you gave them every good thing that they had, chose never to thank you. Because that is what God has done for us in His son Jesus.

*"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."*  
(Romans 5:8)



In other words Jesus came and died in our place whilst we still rejected God. He came and died to take the punishment that we deserve for rejecting God. Now that is love! Love that doesn't ask to be loved first. Love that doesn't count the cost. Love that is willing to die for you. Love that you can base your life upon. God was willing to die for you, even though you don't give him a thought most of the time and live life your way. Surely that has got to be a love worth investigating?

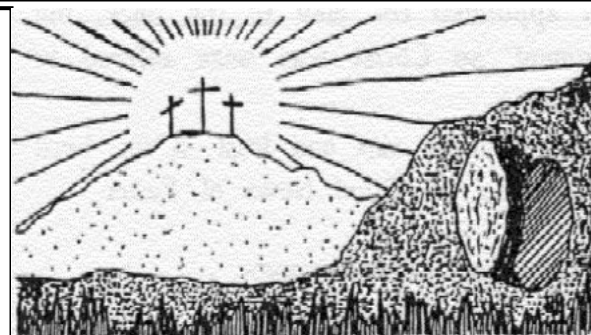
Why not come to our next **Christianity Explored** evening. You won't be asked to read out loud or to pray or to sing. There will be a cooked tea and then a talk: "Christianity – boring, irrelevant, untrue?" followed by an opportunity to ask any questions.

Thursday May 11<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm at  
All Saints Church, Elizabeth Street

### Jesus said

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?" John 11:25,26



Times of Weekly Sunday Services: Morning 10.30am Evening 5pm Traditional 7pm Café Style

## All Saints' activities for you

You will find on this page All Saints' activities for our community for all ages and stages of life. At the same time it is also our joy to share with you the Good News of Jesus Christ which is for us all. If you would like to find out more or just want a chat about what we are doing, why not drop in at the **Church Office open each weekday morning (except Thursdays) from 9.30 am onwards**. You will always get a warm welcome and a cuppa.

### EXCITE

*Excite* is our weekly youth club for children in school years 3 to 6. It's on every Monday night during term time from 6:30-7:30pm at All Saints Church Hall (to the right of the Church building). Do join us for a great time of fun, games, craft, competitions, a tuckshop and a short interactive talk about who Jesus is! If your child is in years 3-6 at school, why not bring them along! There is a small charge of 30p to help towards expenses.

**See you there!**



### Happy Easter from CAMEO

Come And Meet Each Other

**A recommendation for a  
friendly meal**

My name is Vi and I live in the Parish of All Saints Church which is in Elizabeth Street, off Lancaster Road. My friend Dorothy asked me if I would like to go with her to CAMEO which is held in **Lower Church hall** at the back of the Church. CAMEO is run by a group of ladies who belong to the Church and on the second Wednesday in each month provide a two-course meal. The meal is a main meal and sweet, plus tea or coffee and **costs just £1.50 and is served at 12.30 p.m.** The meals are very good and varied and enjoyable. The welcome one receives is warm and friendly, so why not come and join us. You will be made welcome.

The next CAMEO is on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April**, just before Easter.

Lunch followed by a short presentation on the theme **'Easter Praise'**. Do come and join us for an enjoyable lunch and also to find out what Easter is really all about. As Vi says **'You will be made most welcome'**. She knows!

We are having a trip to **Skipton on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May** leaving at 10 a.m. and returning for 5 p.m., cost £6. If you are interested in coming, pop along to the April CAMEO and book your seat on the coach.



## Easter Services

**Good Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April**  
10.30 a.m. All Age Service

**Easter Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April**  
10.30 a.m. Easter Praise!

with coffee/tea and biscuits afterwards

**A very warm welcome to both young and old!**

**Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!**



## The Brew

**"The Brew"** happens on a **Thursday morning between 10 and 11.30am**. at the church on Elizabeth Street. If you have never been inside the building you won't realize how lovely the place we meet is. As you walk in, there is carpet, comfy chairs and warmth. We have toys laid out for the children: play dough, duplo, brio and books plus the slide or trampoline. Then we get on to the fresh coffee, teas and the cakes — a vital part of the pleasure of coming to meet friends. We hope that we can provide a service for those of you with young kids who need a break and some company and chat.

**We would love to meet you and look forward to welcoming you one Thursday soon.**

## Saints@7

A brand spanking new **Sunday evening** service has begun at All Saints called **Saints@7**.

It looks more like a café than a church service! You are more than welcome to come join us as we eat, listen to a talk from the Bible, chat and sing! The meeting **starts at 7pm** and the **entrance is to the right hand side of the main church building**. *Why not come and try it out?!!*

## Chillout Club

Chill Out Club is our weekly youth club which is open from **7 till 9 on a Tuesday evening**, most weeks of the year.



It is a place where young people, in **years 7 & up**, can come to enjoy themselves and catch up with friends. It's also a place where the young people can

meet with Christian leaders and ask any questions they want.

The evening is open for the young people to decide on their activity and they can pick from: Pool, Table tennis, computer, video game, board games or just sitting and chilling. The only thing we ask is 5 minutes of the evening to give a short talk and to say a prayer.

