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# Saints Alive

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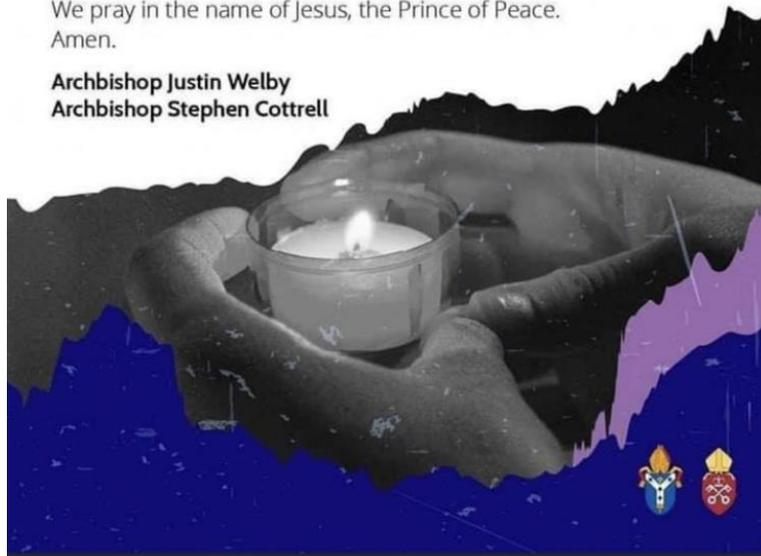
*We acknowledge that we are on the traditional unceded territory of the Sto:lo Nations*

*The Church of All Saints Mission has a vision of being a vital, joyful source of the grace of God where individuals are respected, feel safe to worship, and are spiritually energized to live out God's purpose for their lives.*

## A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,  
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.  
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.  
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,  
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.  
We pray for those with power over war or peace,  
for wisdom, discernment and compassion  
to guide their decisions.  
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,  
that you would hold and protect them.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.  
Amen.

**Archbishop Justin Welby**  
**Archbishop Stephen Cottrell**





### Regular Services

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*Masks must be worn when entering the church*

Sunday: 8:00am – Spoken Service

Sunday: 9:30am – Family Service BAS with Music

Thursday Morning Eucharist: 10:00am

Healing Prayer offered in the Chapel during Communion or after the Worship Service.

**The deadline for submissions for the next edition of 'Saints Alive' is April 25, 2022. Thank you for your contributions to the newsletter.**

### Editor of Saints Alive

A reflection on John 19: 26 *When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son."*

During Holy Week and especially Good Friday as we attend the 'Stations of the Cross', I ponder some of Jesus' last words, and as a mother, I cannot help but weep knowing that as Jesus was dying his mother was among those who had remained with him. Most of the male disciples had fled, with the exception of one whom the Gospel calls "the disciple he loved." Many interpreters believe he is John, who is also the one behind the writing of this Gospel.

No matter who the beloved disciple was, it's clear that Jesus was forging a relationship between this disciple and his mother, one in which the disciple would take care of Mary and make sure she would be in good hands after his death. He is saying, "Dear friend take care of my Mother." Jesus left nothing undone.

The presence of Mary at the cross adds both humanity and horror to the scene. We are reminded that Jesus was a real human being, a man who had once been a boy who had once been carried in the womb of his mother. Even as he was dying on the cross as the Savior of the world, Jesus was also a son, a role he didn't neglect in his last moments.

When we think of the crucifixion of Jesus from the perspective of his mother, our horror increases dramatically. The death of a child is one of the most painful of all parental experiences. To watch one's beloved child experience the extreme torture of crucifixion must have been unimaginably terrible. This scene helps us not to glorify or spiritualize the crucifixion of Jesus. He was a real man, true flesh and blood, a son of a mother, dying with unbearable agony. His suffering was altogether real, and he took it on for you and for me.



# Ash Wednesday



*Remember that you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return.*

ECCLESIASTES 3:20

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 - 7:00pm

This will be an In-Person Service as well as on Zoom.

The congregation will have a choice as to whether they receive the imposition of ashes or remain in their seats.

Due to public health orders you will be notified by email if the In-person service is to be cancelled.

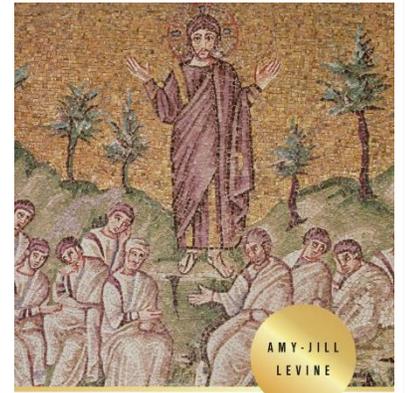
## Lent 2022 Bible Study

Sermon on the Mount

Matthew Chapters 5-7.

As a study guide we will use Amy-Jill Levine's book Sermon on the Mount, 2020.

March 2	Ash Wednesday Service, 7pm
March 9	Chapter 1 The Beatitudes
March 16	Chapter 2 The Extensions
March 23	Chapter 3 Practicing Piety
March 30	Chapter 4 Our Father
April 6	Chapter 5 Finding Your Treasure
April 13	Chapter 6 Living into the Kingdom



SERMON *on*  
the MOUNT  
A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

Our studies will take place Wednesday nights on ZOOM, 7-8:30pm. Please do join us!

Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven, Dr. Amy-Jill Levine introduces the major topics in the Sermon on the Mount, explains historical and theological contexts, and shows how the words of Jesus echo his Jewish tradition and speak forward to reach hearts and minds today. This book provides a rich and challenging learning experience for the individual reader and also makes a wonderful, six-week group study.

Polly has purchased the books on-line and if you would like a copy please contact her at 604-826-8277. If you cannot afford to purchase the book please let Reverend Paul know and he will make sure you receive a copy.



## Highlights of the Bishop's Pastoral Letter Regarding the PHO's February 15, 2022 Updates.

### Removal of restrictions on Gathering.

Thank you for your diligence and vigilance working with the protocols and mandates related to this ongoing pandemic. I am very aware of how difficult and complicated it has been to worship and be in community over the past two years. I am grateful to all of you for your hard work and commitment to health and safety. I have no doubt that lives have been saved by the work that you have done.

At this point, though, **there is no change to worship services in BC**, and so in the diocese we will continue with the restrictions that remain in place:

- During worship, **we must always wear masks** (unless we are speaking or singing solo). The mask can be removed to consume the consecrated bread or wine by the celebrant only) at Communion.
- If parishes choose to have worship at full capacity of the church, **vaccine passports must be shown**, OR if they will plan for a reduction in the capacity of the church to 50%, vaccine passports do not have to be shown. (Please note that you do not need to have a scanner for the vaccine passport but only that it must be shown).
- Communion continues to be in one kind only with all communicants receiving the consecrated bread and the presiding priest consuming the consecrated wine on behalf of the entire community.
- At this point, offertory plates are not to be passed amongst the congregation.
- We exchange the peace without any physical contact (except for those of the same household).

There are some things that have changed for events other than worship. We may once again gather for social and community events. **Everyone must be vaccinated and must wear a face covering (unless when consuming food or drink while seated)**, but we may now proceed with some additional activities:

#### Coffee Hour after Church

We can resume having coffee hour after worship services. Beverages and food may be served. All in attendance must be vaccinated and wear a mask (unless when consuming food and drink while seated).

#### Lunches after Church or Social Gatherings During the Week

Food may be served, so if you want to have a meal after worship or during the week, churches may do this. This includes wedding and funeral receptions. Proof of vaccination shown, masking and physical distancing observed.

#### Meetings in Person

We can return to in-person meetings. Many parishes may still want to offer meetings on Zoom (or other platforms) or a hybrid, but the option is now available to return to in-person meetings

#### In-Person Prayer Groups, Lenten Studies, or Bible Studies

We can return to in-person Christian Formation gatherings. Parishes may choose to keep these online or as a hybrid option.

## Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday liturgies, if they can be organized in time, can be in-person. Again, either all must be vaccinated or 50% capacity, but all must be masked. Imposition of ashes may proceed as we would prior to the pandemic. Some people may not be ready for this level of contact so consider other options along the lines of those introduced in 2021. But it is permissible to impose ashes in the shape of a cross on the foreheads of worshippers.

We are on the edge of a new start for our churches and other places of worship, and I encourage you to consider embracing the opportunity and possibilities. New beginnings are great sources of inspiration and innovation.

Please know of my ongoing prayers for all of you.

*O God, the giver of our life and our hope, we thank you for this time and place where restrictions are being eased so that once more, we can know your presence in the community of others along with places of solitude. We give thanks for our neighbours, health care workers, front line workers, family and friends; all those who remind us of your abiding presence and Spirit despite this pandemic. We give thanks for your gifts of grace and compassion which you shower upon us. May we continue to be bearers of those same gifts in how we walk in this world. In the name of Jesus, the Word and Truth. Amen.*

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## *Easter Flowers*

Every Palm Sunday we purchase Emerald Palms for the Procession, then we add an abundance of Daffodils from Bradner for Easter.

If you would like to contribute to the cost of the Palms and Daffodils, please put your donation in an Envelope labelled "Easter Flowers".

If you would like to make a dedication for the Flowers, please write it on a sheet of paper and include with the donation.

(example: "In Memory of my parents George & Caroline from Amelia" with \$20.00)

**Please make the donation by April 3, 2022.**



## Parish Council 2022

Rector's Warden:	Judy Beale
Peoples' Warden:	Polly Betterton
Treasurer:	Mary McIntyre
Synod Delegates (2):	Molly Hawkins Donna Kennedy
Alternate Synod Delegates:	Dick Blades Wendy Booth Janice Young
Members-at-Large:	Margaret Blades Marilyn Keeler Jim Openshaw Jan Openshaw Elisa Wolff

Thank you to all who served on Parish Council in 2021. Thank you also, to those who will be serving on Parish Council in 2022. Many thanks to the Nominating Committee for ensuring these positions were filled.



## Parish Council Retreat

Retreat for the new Parish Council 2022 will be a Zoom meeting Sunday March 5, starting at 2:30pm



Remember to  
turn  
Your clocks  
ahead!

**Green Living**  
**JOIN US FOR EARTH DAY!**  
**Saturday, April 23rd**  
**10 AM - 2PM**

Free Admission  
At the Leisure Center

Local exhibitors, guest speakers, workshops, kids crafts, a neighbourhood cleanup & more!

[www.MESSociety.ca/Events](http://www.MESSociety.ca/Events)  
Email: [info@messociety.ca](mailto:info@messociety.ca)  
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# Holy Week Schedule



*\*\*All services will be In-Person and on Zoom. In-Person services will be dependent on Health Orders and may be subject to change. Masks must be worn inside the church.\*\**

## April 10 – Palm Sunday

- 8:00am - Holy Communion
- 9:30am – Family Eucharist

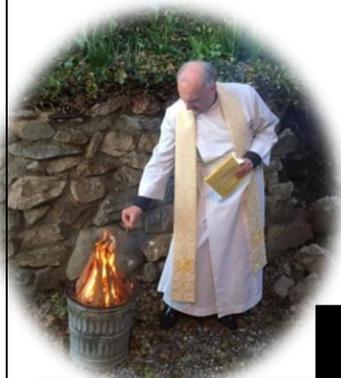
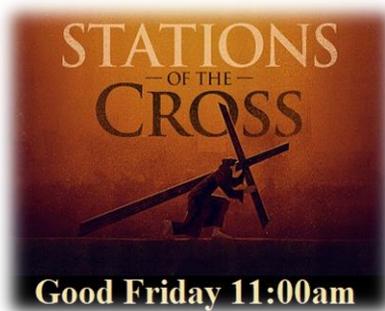
April 14 – Maundy Thursday – 6:00pm Simple Supper TBA

April 15 – Good Friday – 11:00am

April 16 – Holy Saturday – 8:00pm

## April 17 – Easter Sunday

- 8:00am – Holy Communion
- 9:30am – Family Eucharist



## *Holy Saturday*

### *The Great Vigil of Easter*

Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 8:00pm

The Lighting of the Pascal Candle. Begins with a Bonfire, Worship and follows with a reception in the Hall.

He is  
**RISEN**

## **April 17 – Easter Sunday**

- 8:00am – Holy Communion
- 9:30am – Family Eucharist

*Alleluia He is Risen"*

*We welcome all people" Galatians 3:28*

## *Message from Marilynne Davis*

I would like to thank everyone in the prayer chain for praying for my great nephew Gage, he heard for the first time last week, and Jenny's granddaughter Olivia. Both are making progress.

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## *Message from Marie Tallon*

I started painting in April 2020. I have improved over time and have given some away, but what am I to do with all these paintings?

If anybody has any good Ideas please let me know.

Thanks  
Márie



PS Still waiting for all your Volunteer Hours!!!

## *A Message from Betty Johns*

These are my latest critters I have been working on.

The bears are frontline heroes.

Black bear is for a niece in corrections, blue bear is for a utilities worker in Alberta and purple bear is for a maternity nurse.



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## *A Message from Gilli McLaren*

I am a life member of the Bengal Club, Kolkata. Recently the Library committee of the Club decided to publish a book on travel inviting its widely traveled members to contribute articles, not to iconic tourist spots like the Eiffel Tower or the Taj mahal etc., but obscure unknown places. I had written about a pilgrimage that Barbara and I made to the Shrine of Julian of Norwich some years ago but was hesitant to submit it, as it is an expression of my faith albeit indirectly. I eventually did so, and they accepted it. I am happy to share it with the people of our Church.

### **A pilgrimage to the shrine of Julian of Norwich.**

**(1342 -1415)**

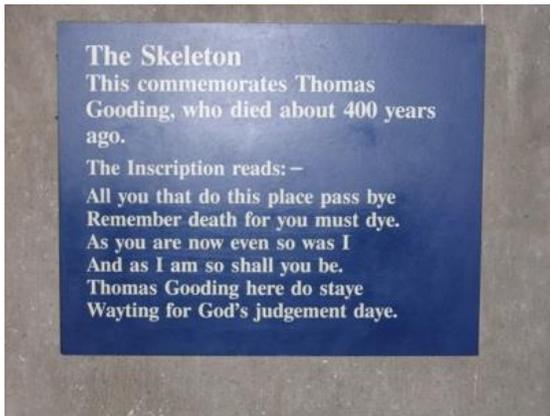
During our visit to England one summer, Barbara and I made a pilgrimage to the shrine of Julian of Norwich. An ancient city, Norwich is about 185 km northeast of London. It was prominent and thriving, when London

was but a small village. In the city, apart from the magnificent Norwich Cathedral, there are lots of Churches and lots of pubs. It is said that there is a church for every week of the year, and a pub for every day of the year. So, there is always redemption available for "sins" of the previous week.

Incidentally, Barbara and I did imbibe some 'spiritual' nourishment and a delicious supper at an ancient pub called 'Adam and Eve,' named after a tale as old as time. It was founded by Benedictine monks in 1249, when it was used by the workmen building the cathedral nearby. During our supper the bar maid thrilled us with ghost stories, particularly of Lord Sheffield, the resident ghost who was hacked to death on August 01, 1549 in the infamous Kitt's Rebellion. She told us of several other ghosts who haunt the premises from nearby Monk's cemetery. We decided not to seek an appointment with Lord Sheffield or his friends, and hurriedly left well before dark!



*Ancient Pub - 1249*

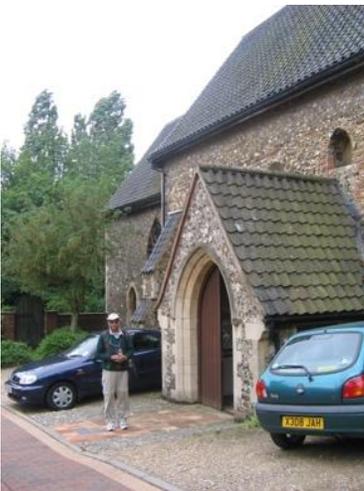


*Plaque in the Norwich Cathedral*

Anyway, we had dreamt of this pilgrimage, and having settled ourselves in a B & B, we ventured out to find the shrine. To our great disappointment nobody seemed to know anything about her. And we had thought that she would be well known, being one of the more famous of that city, and revered all over the world. Needless to say, that the other famous son of the soil, Lord Nelson is adulated by all of England – at Norwich they were even

selling chocolates wrapped in portraits of Lord Nelson. Barbara's maiden name was Nelson, so she quickly bought chocolates for all her numerous relatives. But of Julian of Norwich, nobody had a clue.

Eventually, an elderly taxi driver of the many that we enquired of gave us rough directions, and offered to take us there. We arrived at the small church, tucked away on a side road. The heavy wooden door on the chapel was closed, and appeared to be locked. But when we gave it a gentle push it creaked open, and we went inside. It was dimly lit with a few candles burning on the altar, but there was a sense of holiness about the place. Two young women were kneeling in the front pew saying their prayers in deep devotion. We also sat in silence, for silence is the first language of God, to absorb the overwhelming presence of the Divine.



*Gilli at St. Julian's Church*

of the sanctuary:  
 Julian was born in 1342, same year as Chaucer, though I doubt they knew of each other. There is a side room to the chapel, which was her cell, where Julian, once she became an anchorite, lived out her life in prayer. She was called an anchorite, and was sealed into her cell, called an anchor hold, by the then Bishop Dispenser, according to the traditions and customs of that time. This is the prayer on the wall

*Most Holy Lord  
 The ground of our beseeching  
 Who through your servant  
 Julian  
 Revealed the wonder of your love  
 Grant that as we are  
 Created in your nature  
 And restored by your grace  
 Our wills may be made one with yours  
 That we may come to see you  
 Face to face  
 And gaze on you forever  
 Through Jesus Christ  
 Your Son our Lord  
 Who lives and reigns with you and the  
 Holy Spirit  
 One God forever and ever  
 Amen.*



*Julian's statue at the entrance to the cathedral*

She wrote but one work, *A Book of Showings*, yet through this one work, with its subsequent revisions, she stands out as a brilliant writer, scholar, theologian, and spiritual guide. Please bear in mind that this was the end of the 14<sup>th</sup> century, when women could not read or write. She probably came from a wealthy aristocratic family, and therefore had the benefit of higher education. She is cited as the first English women of letters, and the first theologian to write originally in English.

Thomas Merton, (1915 -1968) Trappist monk, mystic and prolific author wrote, “*There is no doubt that Lady Julian is the greatest English mystics. Not only that, but she is one of the greatest English theologians in the ancient sense of the word.*”

Here is an excerpt from her ‘a Book of Showings’:

*“I saw full clearly that one God made us. He loved us, which love was never slacked, nor ever shall be. And in his love our life is everlasting.”* I find that Rabindranath Tagore (1861 – 1941), and he wrote almost 500 years later, echoing a similar theme about a God who loves us. He wrote poignantly: *While God waits for His temple to be built of love, men bring stones.*”

Julian’s fourteenth century world was as marked by aggression, insecurity and change as is ours today. Her most famous words, born of intense personal suffering, are as needed and as true now as when she wrote them. She said:

***“All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well”***



## HAPPY 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY MARGERY

We wish to Congratulate Margery Skerry as she celebrates her milestone 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday on March 9, 2022.

**On Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup> during coffee time after our Worship Service we will gather to celebrate with Margery.**  
**Refreshments and cake will be served.**



## HAPPY 98<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY PAT

Pat Fleming will be celebrating her 98<sup>th</sup> Birthday on April 1, 2022.  
Congratulations!

### *Bedding Plant Sale*

Every Spring for many years we have taken orders from parishioners and neighbours for Bedding Plants. Our plants from the past have been a good quality and have provided endless hours of summer colour. All funds raised will go to support church programs. **Ed will be preparing the Order Forms in the next few Weeks.** **We will notify everyone in the weekly announcements and by email when the forms are ready.**





A “**Sibshop**” is a lively celebration of the many contributions made by brothers and sisters of kids with special needs. Through a unique combination of information, games and activities, a Sibshop provides an opportunity for siblings to:

- ◆ Meet other brothers and sisters of children with special needs in a relaxed, recreational setting.
- ◆ Talk about common joys and concerns with others who know what it’s like to have a brother or sister with a disability.
- ◆ Learn how others handle situations commonly experienced by siblings of children with special needs.
- ◆ Make new friends and have lots of fun!

Sibshops acknowledge that being the brother or sister of a person with special needs has both good parts and not-so-good parts. Brothers and sisters may have feelings that are difficult to express, even to a friend: sadness that a sister can’t learn things that others take for granted, anger when a brother’s behaviour problems prevent the family from doing things other families do, or the special pride when a sibling with a disability learns a basic but important life skill after months or years of practice. At a Sibshop, siblings can share these feelings with others who truly understand.

**Abbotsford Sibshop:**

*Please join us for lively discussions and activities. Lunch will also be provided*



Fraser Valley Child Development Centre  
32868 Ventura Ave (***Across the street at Plaza 154***)  
  
Date: March 15<sup>th</sup> 2022  
Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Cost: \$10.00

**For Siblings**  
**Aged 13-16 years**

**Please contact Conner McGurgan at 604-852-2686 ext. 2244 for questions or to register.**

For more information on sibling issues, check out the following web-sites:

- ◆ The Sibling Support Project  
<http://www.thearc.org/siblingsupport/welcome>
- ◆ Children With Disabilities: Understanding Sibling Issues  
<http://www.athealth.com/Consumer/disorders/disabsiblingo.html>

# Church Humour

The Presbyterian church called a meeting to decide what to do about their squirrel infestation. After much prayer and consideration, they concluded that the squirrels were predestined to be there, and they should not interfere with God's divine will.

At the Baptist church, the squirrels had taken an interest in the baptistry. The deacons met and decided to put a water-slide on the baptistry and let the squirrels drown themselves. The squirrels liked the slide and, unfortunately, knew instinctively how to swim, so twice as many squirrels showed up the following week.

The Lutheran church decided that they were not in a position to harm any of God's creatures. So, they humanely trapped their squirrels and set them free near the Baptist church. Two weeks later, the squirrels were back when the Baptists took down the water-slide.

The Episcopalians tried a much more unique path by setting out pans of whiskey around their church in an effort to kill the squirrels with alcohol poisoning. They sadly learned how much damage a band of drunk squirrels can do.

But the Catholic church came up with a more creative strategy! They baptized all the squirrels and made them members of the church. Now they only see them at Christmas and Easter.

Not much was heard from the Jewish synagogue. They took the first squirrel and circumcised him. They haven't seen a squirrel since.

## The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



Jesus told his disciples to "WATCH AND PRAY".. and the time honored tradition of sleeping in church was born. **Mt. 26:36-46**



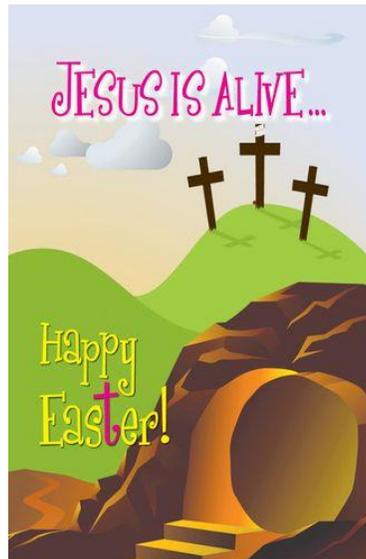
# Little Saints of All Saints

He Is Risen

Easter

Scripture

Luke 24:1-6



This morning, I want to read you a story. As I read, I want you to listen carefully for some special words. Here are three words I want you to listen for: candy, eggs and bunny rabbits.

[Read Luke 24:1-6]

"On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, [Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James] took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen! Remember how He told you, while He was still with you in Galilee."

Did you hear any of those words in our story? You didn't? I don't understand. I just read you the Easter story. No candy? No eggs? No bunnies? Why not? [Allow for answers.]

The fact is Easter is not about candy. It's not about coloured eggs or bunny rabbits. It's not even about new clothes, although the Bible tells us that the angels who appeared to Mary and the others were wearing "bright shining clothes."

These things have become part of our celebration of Easter, and there is nothing wrong with them being a part of our celebration as long as we know what Easter is really all about. Can

someone tell me what Easter is all about? That's right. Easter is really about Jesus, and the wonderful good news that He is alive!

When Mary and her friends finally realized that Jesus was alive, do you know what they did? They hurried and told their other friends! And that's what I would like for you to do too. As soon as you get back home from church today, with every chance you get, I would like for you to start telling people you see these 3 simple words, "Jesus is alive! Jesus is alive!"

Dear Lord, today we celebrate the empty grave. We thank You that Jesus is not in the grave. He is risen and alive, and because of that, we can have new life in Him. Amen.

