

The Self Denial Plate giving and sectional giving amounted to £3370.91 which is an increase of £175



Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June

7pm

In our Sally Ann's Café

£4 per ticket which includes coffee and cake

If anyone can help with making cakes then please see Velma – Thankyou

First Sunday Church

Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm we have the visit of Bedford Congress Hall Songsters.

There are complimentary refreshments from 5pm.

## PSALM 23 FOR THE WORKPLACE

The Lord is my real boss, and I shall not want.

**He** gives me peace, when chaos is all around me.

**He** gently reminds me to pray and do all things without murmuring and complaining.

**He** reminds me that **HE** is my source (and not my job.) **He** restores my sanity everyday and guides my decisions that I might honour him in all that I do.

Even though I face an absurd amount of e-mails, system crashes, unrealistic deadlines, budget cutbacks, gossiping co-workers, discriminating supervisors and an aging body that doesn't cooperate every morning, I still will not stop - for **He** is with me!

**His** presence, **His** peace, and **His** power will see me through.

**He** raises me up, even when they fail to promote me.

**He** claims me as **His** own, even when the company threatens to let me go.

**His** faithfulness and love are better than any bonus check.

**His** retirement plan beats every 401k there is!

When it's all said and done, I'll be working for **Him** a whole lot longer and for that, I bless **His** name!

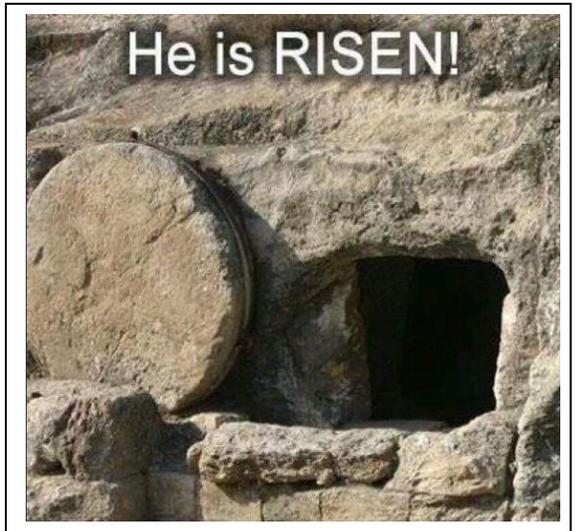


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We thank Julie for sourcing this picture for us "HE IS RISEN "



**My experience of the Alpha course by  
Rose Maple**

I have always felt that I have had a faith and understood God loved us also much that he sent his son in the form of a baby, to live on earth as a man and to suffer crucifixion for our sins, but what I couldn't fully understand was the Holy Spirit.

I understood that Jesus disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and were able to go out and spread the good news. But how did this relate to my life?

I felt rather silly and awkward to ever mention that I couldn't relate to anyone that I felt confused about this. Was I stupid? Other people seemed to understand, why was I not getting it? I now feel so different, I am not the only who has doubts, fears or worries, we all experience these times in our lives, but I now understand that the Holy Spirit is

like the TV channel connecting me to the news, the telephone to speak to another person thousands of miles away.

The Holy Spirit is the channel that connects me to speak to my heavenly father, through prayer, how I live my life or whatever way the Lord leads me.

Alpha asks Is there more to life than this?  
Is this it?  
Why am I here?

The answer is Yes there is. We have been created in God's likeness for a purpose and having a knowledge and understanding has helped me.

I feel I can go forward, live the life God has planned for me as I'm in my father's hands.

(Thank-you Rose for allowing us to share this in the monthly newsletter )

**Thank-you for the Flowers provided for the Altar Table this month**

**2<sup>nd</sup> April - Pat Munro**

**9<sup>th</sup> April - Wendy Loveridge & Lorraine Blackman**

**Easter Sunday - Jenefer Edwards**

**23<sup>rd</sup> April - Velma Jones**

**30<sup>th</sup> April - Margaret Neal**

**God loves a  
cheerful giver.**

We thank each one who gives to the Corps on a regular basis through the cartridge giving envelope. Giving regularly does help us as a Corps to budget for the outgoings.

The Salvation Army is currently training all Finance locals on the New Computer Accounting System which is due to go live in April.

All those that pay via the Direct Debit system will shortly be given new mandate forms to complete.

We do hope that the change over will run smoothly to enable to get up to speed.

Average weekly collection plate offering for this financial year was £57

Cartridge giving this year was up on 2016 by 11%

**Thankyou**