

GRAPEVINE

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 15 09

Our destiny is in God, our hope is in Christ Jesus, our inspiration is through the Holy Spirit and our guidebook is the Bible.

YOUR CHURCH OFFICERS:- Rev. Jacqueline Hartsmith-Foy, Minister (Tel 00 34 952532825, email: jaqfoy@gmail.com) Sid Silber, Church Secretary, Malcolm Straw, Treasurer, Mair Martinez, Presbytery Representative.



A very warm welcome to you all. If you are visiting Torre del Mar Church for the first time, please make yourself known to Jacki, our minister, or a member of the congregation. You are very welcome to stay for coffee and a chat after the service.



Each week please pray for our Church Officers. Pray for our sponsored children Angel Adrian, Bernadette, Alemneshe, Keru, Ian, Aveli and Subash. Pray for our outreach and mission in 2009 and for our church witness.. Ask that God would open a door for our love and our message.

After Remembrance Sunday, many of your requested a copy of the...

PRAYER FOR THE PEACE OF GOD:

Lord, when I cannot see the end of things,
When the darkness shines brighter than the sun,
When the wound will not be healed,
When I can see no answer to my questions,
When I am afraid of being hurt, again,
Fill me with knowing you are there for me.
You are the first to weep over shattered lives,
The wounded healer who mends broken hearts.
The first to die and rise,
The holy victim who shouts through the silence:
It is finished!

When I am blinded by the power of present things,
Fix my eyes on you, the battered God of the cross,
And break the power of my painful days
With reminders of new and better days still to come,
Your resurrection sunrise, for me.

Amen



Ministers Day Off MONDAY Urgent calls only please.



FOR A HOME VISIT PLEASE CONTACT: Rev. J. Hartsmith Foy, Minister Tel. 952532825 or email jaqfoy@gmail.com **VERSE OF THE WEEK:** "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near."

Mark 13:28 ff

COMMUNION SERVICES ARE HELD ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH. WE SHARE COMMUNION WITH ALL WHO LOVE JESUS CHRIST AND CONFESS HIM AS LORD. IT IS THE TABLE NOT OF THE CHURCH, BUT OF THE LORD, OPEN TO ALL WHO LOVE HIM. IF YOU ARE NOT SURE WHETHER YOU CAN JOIN US IN COMMUNION, PLEASE HAVE A CHAT WITH OUR MINISTER, Rev. JACKI HARTSMITH FOY. Next Communion Service will be on SUNDAY December 6th



TORROX PARK COMMUNITY CHURCH MEETS EVERY THURSDAY AT 11.00 FOR 11.30 AT TAPRICO RESTAURANT IN TORROX PARK. WE WILL BE DELIGHTED TO SEE YOU AT

THIS MIDWEEK CHURCH DISCUSSION GROUP. FIND OUT WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT CURRENT IMPORTANT ISSUES. FIND US OPPOSITE EL PINO CAMPING NEXT DOOR TO THE LAWYERS.

DIGGING DEEPER—WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO COMMIT THEMSELVES TO A PROGRAMME OF DEEPER STUDY OF THE WORD...IN THE CHURCH FLAT EACH TUESDAY AT 11.00 FOLLOWED BY

PRAYER. ... Many thanks to all those who did such a splendid job of hosting the Cheese and Wine Getting-to-know-you evening last Thursday at Torrox Park. It was a great blessing, and everyone was so pro-active. Bless you all, God is indeed answering our prayers for

this important outreach. NOVEMBER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 18 FROM 10.00 AM TO 1.00PM TORRE DEL MAR CHURCH & TORROX PARK COMMUNITY

CHURCH INVITE YOU TO A COFFEE MORNING & BRING AND BUY SALE IN AID OF CANCER THERAPY TREATMENT FOR 3-YR OLD FLECHER FROM TORROX. TO BE HELD AT THE HOME OF MAIR AND CARLOS C/ REINO UNIDO 2, NIZA BEACH. ALL WELCOME, BRING YOUR FRIENDS, FIND THOSE EARLY CHRISTMAS PRESENTS!



YES, CHRISTMAS IS COMING. PLEASE MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY FOR WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 2ND AT 7PM, CAROL SERVICE AT EL PINO, TORROX PARK AND FRIDAY DECEMBER 11 FOR OUR OWN CAROL SERVICE HERE AT THE HOTEL TORREMAR AT 6.30. WOULD ANYONE WILLING TO TAKE PART IN THE CHOIR AT ONE OR BOTH THESE SERVICES, PLEASE GIVE YOUR NAME TO MAIR TODAY



WHEN THE FIG TREE BUDS

Our Lord's cursing the fig-tree near Bethany (Mark 11:13) has puzzled many as Mark records, that "the time of figs was not yet." The explanation, however, lies in the simple fact that the fruit of the fig-tree appears before the leaves, and hence that if the tree produced leaves it ought also to have had fruit. It ought to have had fruit if it had been true to its "pretensions," in showing its leaves at this particular season. This was a picture of Israel that was all show, but had not produced fruit for the Lord.



This tree, that vaunted itself to be in advance of all the other trees, challenged the passer-by that he should come and refresh himself with its fruit. Yet when the Lord accepted its challenge and drew near, it proved to be just like the others, without fruit. Of course the time of figs had not yet arrived, but the fault lay in its pretensions, in its making a show to indicate fruit before the rest when actually, it had none.

The fig-tree of Palestine (*Ficus carica*) is an "early-ripe fig, which is ripe about the end of June, dropping off as soon as it is ripe. In our Lord's words recorded by Mark in Chapter 13, our reading for today, he warns his followers to learn the lesson from the fig tree, "*as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know the summer is near.*" Here we have a play on words because "*Summer*" in Hebrew has the same root word "*Ketz*" which also means *the end*. So Jesus' words, in Mark 13:28 could also be understood as, "Learn the lesson: when you see these signs, you will know the end is near". Mark 13:28 ff

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Hymns for Today's Service

- 393 MORNING HAS BROKEN
- 493 SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM
- 425 HOW GREAT THOU ART
- 462 PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS
- 205 I CANNOT TELL
- 32 AT THE NAME OF JESUS



Scriptures: Psalm 2
Daniel 12:1-3; Mark 13:24-31



Sermon: Rev. J. Hartsmith Foy
"Kingdom Come"

Music: Mair Martínez

