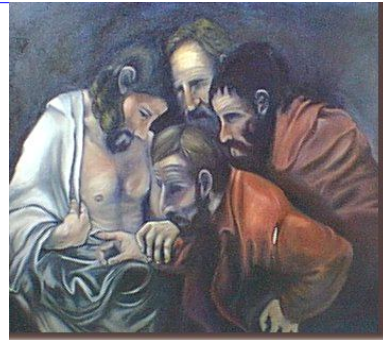


GRAPEVINE

LOW SUNDAY MAY 01 2011

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

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Silber, Church Secretary, Malcolm Straw, Treasurer,



A very warm welcome to you all. If you are visiting Torre del Mar Church for the first time, please make yourself known to Rev. 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 2011 and for our church witness.. Ask that God would open a door for our love and our message.



FOR A PERSONAL VISIT PLEASE TEL. REV. JACKI ON 952532825 OR EMAIL: pastor@torredelmarchurch.org

LOW SUNDAY

Today on so-called Low Sunday, we realise that Jesus comes to where his disciples are hiding in fear from evil, wherever that is, wherever evil has closed in on us, where sin has closed each of us in upon ourselves. He comes as liberator with the Spirit's gifts of peace, forgiveness, and faith. This liberation is exemplified in the resolution of Thomas's doubts.

Despite what difficulties we face, what tragedies we encounter or what obstacles life throws at us, we are a part of Christ's resurrection.

There is an Easter Sunday in each one of us. On this so-called Low Sunday, we still celebrate Easter because we are still in Easter. To know that is to know that the cross is truly the tree of life, which transforms utter despair to joy. Amen.



VERSE OF THE WEEK: Luke 24:30-32 "When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" Preaching today: Rev. J. Hartsmith Foy "A Fresh Start" John 20:19-31



COMMUNION SERVICES ARE HELD ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH . WE SHARE COMMUNION WITH ALL WHO LOVE JESUS CHRIST. TODAY, WE SHARE A COMMUNION TOGETHER. THE TABLE IS OPEN TO ALL WHO CONFESS JESUS AS LORD. The next Communion Service will be ON SUNDAY JUNE 5TH 2011



TORROX PARK COMMUNITY CHURCH Every Thursday at 11.15 at LIVINGSTONES. PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS MID WEEK LIVELY DISCUSSION AND WORSHIP GROUP

DIGGING DEEPER—WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY MEETING THIS TUESDAY MAY 3RD, AT THE MINISTER'S FLAT FOR A SPECIAL SERIES BY REV. DESI MAXWELL.

THE VISIT OF PW WOMEN and their President, Phyllis Spence, to support and encourage our church begins on **Friday next 6th May** when they arrive. The programme of Events is:



Saturday May 7th BBQ Janice's house, 2.30-3pm start. Everyone welcome. Please bring a salad or savoury dish, or dessert and something to drink.

Sunday May 8th the Ladies will lead a very special Sunday service in the Salon Picasso 11.30.

Tuesday May 9th Ladies day at El Ancla beachside restaurant Torrox Park, if you haven't received your ticket, get one today. 7 Euros includes welcome coffee, lunch, film show, hand massage, crafts, Scripture messages, mission report on PW India

trip, and afternoon tea. Don't miss out on this.

Wednesday May 10th Bus trip to Antequera including lunch, guide and bus. Pick up points Nerja, El Penoncillo, Torrox Costa and Torre del Mar. Sightseeing of churches, Dolmens and lunch in the El Torcal area. A great day out and a chance to meet with our ladies. Details today and from Janice on 610379883

Thursday May 11th Special Outreach Event at Torrox Park starting 11.15, followed by lunch at the Taj Mahal Torrox Costa.

Please do support us and show our gratitude to them by coming along to as many events as you can and have a wonderful time!

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. Amen



WORD FOR THE WEEK

The gospel reading for this week tells how Thomas refuses to believe that Jesus is alive without the physical proof or seeing and touching his wounds. Thomas has missed out on Jesus first visit to the gathered

disciples. But Jesus returns the next week and invites Thomas to see, touch, and believe.

We too, like Thomas, need to encounter the risen Jesus in tangible ways. Jesus offers us this encounter with his risen presence through the "many wonders and signs" the Spirit works within the community of believers. Faith begins with personal encounter with the risen Christ and leads to membership in a community of faith that witnesses through concrete actions to



the presence of Christ.

Blessed are we, indeed to be in such Community!

1 Peter 1:3-9: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time. In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honour at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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Hymns for Today's Service

- 870 JESUS IS THE NAME WE HONOUR
- 859 I WILL WORSHIP
- 13 ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL
- 520 TELL OUT MY SOUL
- 895 LORD I COME TO YOU
- 617 WORTHY, O WORTHY ARE YOU LORD
- 879 LET ALL THE WORLD
- COMM ABOVE ALL POWERS ABOVE ALL KINGS
- 892 LORD FOR THE YEARS



Scriptures: Psalm 100

John 20:19-31; 1 Peter 1:3-9

**Preaching: Rev. J. Hartsmith Foy
"A Fresh Start"**

**Music: JANE
AV RUTH/JOHN**

