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The Pastors Piece

John chapter II verses 25 & 26

All that the Christian Church knows, believes, preaches, and practices depends on faith in the resurrection.

Jesus is not the resurrection because He rose from the dead, He rose from the dead because He is the resurrection.

The resurrection is no epilogue, but a prologue, an introduction, because Jesus called Himself the resurrection *before* He went to the cross.

The resurrection means that we have a faith that is not futile, but rather a faith with a future that is guaranteed. The resurrection is the first fruits of the believers resurrection and the apostle Paul provides the Christian with a sense of hope in his or her salvation.

The living Christ shows that love never regards anyone or anything as hopeless. It is the gospel view that no person can be beyond hope in the redemptive eyes of The One who : ***'will have all men and women to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth.'***

It cannot be right then, for anyone to be regarded by us as hopeless, if God never does.

In the omnipotence of God is the divine ability to draw blessing from pain, to bring good out of evil, to follow the cross with the empty tomb, to take the wrath of humanity and make it praise Him. He is indeed the resurrection and the life.

Eddie McMillan



Martha Neeser

11th November 1917 - 12th March 2009

Who would have thought that a Swiss lady of slight frame, leaving her home for a career as a dental technician in France and England, and finally settling down in Benidorm for her retirement, could make such an impact on so many in this church fellowship.

Martha radiated peace and had a smile for the many thousands of visitors over the years of her association with the English Church, which she called, "my home."

She was very astute and well aware of all that was happening in church life, remembering the smallest detail about those she met, because she cared.

We thank the Lord for bringing Martha into our lives and most of all we rejoice in that she was 'found in Christ' and is now in His safe keeping.



Stop the bus, I want to get off....

Remember the buses with open platforms at the rear? When I was only 7, my long suffering sister and I were returning from town on the bus, and nearly home. As the bus approached our stop, I pushed my way to the rear and promptly leapt off the bus into space, but the scary bit is that as I flew through the air, I was watching it all happen from the safety of the bus platform. I gripped the pole tightly and watched while my body did a lovely forward roll as it hit the grass, and I felt nothing. But as the bus came to a halt and my body stopped rolling, I was suddenly back where I should be, looking up at my furious sister bearing down on me.

There was no rational explanation for it, but for those few seconds, I was living outside my earthly body and I knew then that there was more to this life than meets the eye.

Since that day, my opinion has been that, as the only sure thing in life is that one day we all die, then death itself is just one more phase in the natural process of our great journey.

But how stupid was I to leap off a moving bus? And how more stupid was I to wait so long before becoming a believer in Christ??

Answers on a postcard please! *M. Robinson*

So, this is my story, but what's yours?

Why not tell us about your uplifting experiences so they can be shared with the fellowship.



It was 'up at the crack of dawn' time again, as we celebrated the resurrection of our Saviour with members of the Dutch church on Easter Sunday. The Sierra Helada was not as cold or as windy as last year, and the new hand rails made the final rocky part of the climb a lot easier. The lack of wind made the flag wavers jobs a little harder, but Lolly's bar opened early and served a well deserved breakfast to refresh us all.

Jumping for Joy

We are privileged in this church in having such a wide range of worshippers from so many different nations with various occupations and experience.

Tim Knight hails from Norfolk, and is the son of a rector in the Church of England. Tim has enhanced our fellowship during the past eight months while he performed at the famous Benidorm Palace. He is a graduate of the Northern Ballet school in Manchester and following completion of his present contract is now on his way to entertain on a cruise ship operating in the Mediterranean.



Tim says, "my faith is continually challenged in terms of the job opportunities in which I find myself, as I endeavour to serve Christ."

We wish Tim well in his chosen career and we will miss him in the Jesus Circle here at the English Church.

Watch this space.....

Where did those six months go? Yes, Eddie and Muriel's stay with us is over and they return to Scotland for the Summer, leaving us in the capable hands of Alan and Barbara Johnson, who will be our spiritual leaders for six weeks.

Over the coming months, we will be led in prayer by several different pastors, some of whom we know, and some who know us only by reputation. Hopefully they will return home with fond memories of their time in Benidorm.

We thank Eddie and Muriel for all their hard work (after all, they're not on holiday) and look forward to seeing them again in the Autumn.

Location :

Behind the café Artigas II, on Levante beach near the cable ski run.

Sunday services at 09.45 & 16.00

Wednesday discipleship course at 14.00

Friday communion service at 10.00

