



(Independent)
Middle Road, Sholing,
Southampton SO19 8FS



March 2018

WEEKLY SERVICES

Sunday

10.30am

Morning service includes Junior Church and Crèche
(Also includes Communion on 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month)

6.30pm

Evening Service (Communion on 5th Sunday)

Tuesday

10.00 - 11.30am Mustard Seed Toddler Group

2.00pm

Tuesdays at Two (2nd and 4th)

Wednesday

7.00 - 10.00pm Craft Evening (1st and 3rd)

7.15pm

Table Talk (2nd)

Thursday

10.00am

Toddler Group

10.15am

Bible study (1st and 3rd)

6.00pm

Sunshine Corner (for ages 4 and up)

7.15pm

Fantastics and TnT (for ages 8-11 and 11-16)

1st Day of each month

Whole Church Prayer Meeting

If on Mon - Friday 6.30 to 7.30pm

If on Saturday the Friday preceding

If on Sunday the next day (Monday)

House groups also meet through-out the week at different locations and times.

Please ask for details if you wish to join. All are welcome.

Wheel chair access available

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Heb 11v4 By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.

I have quoted the last part of the above verse several times lately, mainly when talking of or praying about the death of Billy Graham. I have used the Authorised Version, "he being dead yet speaketh." Partly because that's how I first heard it. I can't remember who preached it. It may have been David Wright, though I'm not sure. In a strange way the fact that I can't remember who preached it, is a good thing. The message is more important than the messenger. And that's true of Billy Graham as well.

I also used the AV because it uses the pronoun "he". And consequently it's easier to apply it to someone else other than the original person it was referring to. Incidentally I would, and have, used this verse to relate to a woman (Emerald Powell). "She being dead yet speaketh." I don't think it is wrong to do that. The Bible was partly written to give us examples, and warnings and encouragement. We can learn these three things from groups of people (Israelites and Canaanites), of either sex (Joseph of Arimathea and Lydia), from animals (Ants and Donkeys), and even objects (Ark of the Covenant and Clay in the Potter's Hand). God has "spoken to me" through a dodgy battery connection, an empty fuel tank, and even an old sock!

But perhaps the main reason I used the AV was because I couldn't remember who the verse was originally about! I had to look it up. Now there's a confession for a pastor. Thankfully it was relatively easy to find. And also, maybe there is a lesson in there somewhere too. As Billy Graham always emphasised, "The Bible says." We should make sure we know, understand, believe and live by what the Bible says. And thankfully, it is so freely and easily available to us. So what did I learn when I looked it up? Abel was commended for his faith. He believed in things that were unseen. As a result of that his worship of God was a priority in his life. For all his good, religious works it was his faith that made him righteous. And it is his faith that lives on, and still speaks, long after his body, and his offering, lies silent in the grave. The message is more important than the messenger.

I was recently told that several people have said that I, and the church, are becoming liberal. It upset me to hear that. The first thing I think of when I hear the word liberal applied to Christians is people who do not take the authority of the Bible seriously. I hope and pray that will never be the case for us at Sholing. Together may we always look up what the Bible says; seek to understand it; believe it; and, by God's grace, live by it. And, perhaps a true sign of that will be when people forget us and just see and remember our God.

Pastor Chris Ricketts.

Canon David Winter considers the difference between Mother's Day and Mothering Sunday.

THE WAY I SEE IT: Mothers and Mothering

The American invention, "Mother's Day", will be celebrated on Sunday 11th March, though the cards, boxes of chocolates and reservations for deliveries of flowers will be in the shops long before. It's a very nice idea, as most of us love our mothers dearly and welcome a chance to celebrate their importance in our lives.

I say "American invention", because long before Mother's Day there was a Christian event, marked nowadays in the Church Calendar, with the title 'Mothering Sunday'. It's still widely observed in churches on the fourth Sunday of Lent, and yes, that's 11th March, too.

The difference between them is subtle but profound. 'Mother's Day' is about who she is, particularly in our lives. 'Mothering Sunday', as its rather awkward name implies, is about a quality which we recognise in mothers but can be present elsewhere – to 'mother' someone.

We have all needed mothering, from time to time, and not simply when we were tiny and helpless, literally dependent on our mothers for our sustenance and survival. During the years of the last War I was 'mothered' by my grandmother. Sometimes a friend acts in this role for us, when we feel lonely or helpless. 'Mothering' means caring deeply, sustaining, supporting, whatever the cost.

That is why God, whom we usually call 'Father', is sometimes spoken of in the Bible as 'mothering' us, gathering us in His arms of love, even feeding us like a mother. On 'Mothering Sunday' we celebrate so much more than our own beloved mums. We celebrate the whole glorious notion of care, compassion and nurture. And of that care, very often our own mothers are the very best examples.

PASSION RETOLD

2018

GOOD FRIDAY - 30TH MARCH
GUILDHALL SQUARE
SOUTHAMPTON

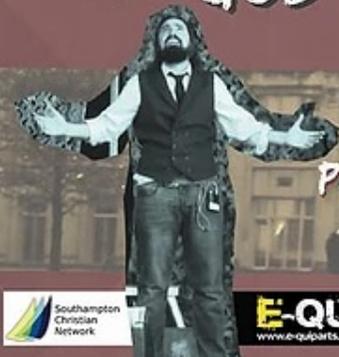
PASSION
RETOLD

IS A RE-ENACTMENT OF THE EASTER STORY,
AS TOLD BY SOME OF THE KEY CHARACTERS
IN THE BIBLICAL ACCOUNT.

JESUS -
SENT BY GOD

LOVED BY THE PEOPLE,
HATED BY HIS ENEMIES,
BETRAYED, ARRESTED,
CONDEMNED, CRUCIFIED.

RISEN!
IT WAS ALL
FOR YOU



LIVE MUSIC - 10.30am
PASSION RETOLD - 11.30am - 1pm
PRAISE & WORSHIP - 1pm - 2pm



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Sundays at Sholing		
	Morning 10.30 am	Evening 6.30
March 4 th	Pastor	Pastor
March 11 th	Mothers Day - <i>Family Service</i>	Pastor
March 18 th	Pastor	Generate - <i>Matt Gwynn</i> Discipleship
March 25 th	Pastor	Pastor



**TUESDAYS
AT TWO
March 2018**

13th Tony Curtis - Slides

27th Linda Milburn





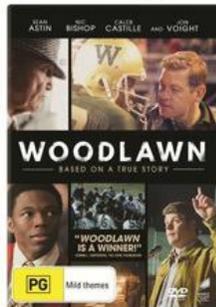
**The whole Church
Prayer Meeting
Next month ?
(Easter Weekend)
*Details to follow***

FFM FEST 2018

FREE

Friday 6th April

Woodlawn (PG)



A gifted high school football player must learn to embrace his talent and his faith as he battles racial tensions on and off the field.

Every 1st Friday of the Month, 7-9pm @ Sholing Baptist Church,
SO19 8FS. www.sholingbaptist.org.uk Tel:07967018456
Tuck shop available.

House Groups for March



Alan's **Monday 12^h & 26th**

John's **Tuesday 13th & 27th**

Gerald's **Tuesday 6th & 20th**

Cheryl's **Tuesday 6th & 20th**

Please check with the house group leader

**THIS YEAR THE
SHOLING BAPTIST CHURCH FAMILY HOLIDAY 2018
AT LOCKERLEY WATER FARM IS FROM**

Saturday 11th August till Saturday 18th August

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March 13th



Penguin Cafe

traditional food,
freshly cooked to order!
(simply pay for what you order)

Venue:

6 Marine Parade W,
Lee-on-the-Solent PO13 9LL

Guest Speaker:

Jonathan Brain

Subject:

‘What’s so great about Jesus?’

‘The Net’ is held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 8.00pm.

It is an inter-church event for MEN.

*For more information & directions to venues contact:
Gordon Curley 01489 582395 Web: www.gcurley.info*

Choose from:

Ham, egg and chips Pie and chips/Mash, Peas or beans Cumberland Sausage, onion gravy, Mash, peas Jacket potato with tuna mayo or cheese and bean and salad. All @ £5.50

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