

Easter is nearly here.

Easter is a very important celebration in the Christian Church, which along with Christmas form the book ends of Jesus' time on earth. At Christmas we celebrate his birth as a baby boy and at Easter we celebrate his death and resurrection.

There may be some reading this that will find it hard to understand that we celebrate the death of Jesus, the one and only Son of God. The reason that we celebrate this, is because this is a vital part of God's plan for his Son. Yes, the death of Jesus on the cross was brutal, it would have been very painful. On the cross Jesus cries out in pain and asks his Father why he has forgotten him. God had not forgotten his one and only Son, he needed Jesus to die a human death, so that he could complete the next stage of his plan. Three days after Jesus' body was removed from the cross and placed in a tomb, God raised him from the dead and returned him to heaven. For the next 40 days Jesus appeared to many people of the time to confirm that God had raised him from the dead.

Why did God need to put his one and only Son through all this pain, because he needed Jesus to die on the cross to forgive our wrongs and show us how much he loves us. Jesus has gone ahead of us to prepare a place for us in heaven, when our time on earth is over.

Easter is the time the Christian Church celebrates this wonderful and everlasting gift. People who chose to accept Jesus and God into their lives, start a new life with the Holy Spirit in them. This is why we have Easter Eggs, to symbolise New Life.

Everyone at Stanground Baptist Church prays that each person reading this will wish to know more about Jesus and the new life that you can experience with him. You are welcome to join us and ask questions at our service on Sunday morning at 10:15am.

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Our Easter Services, which you are all welcome to join us at are

Munday Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – 7pm - Reflective Service including Communion

Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – 10:30am - All Age Service

Easter Morning Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – 10:15am Celebration Service

