

Easter Dawn by Malcolm Guite.

He blesses every love that weeps and grieves  
and now he blesses her who stood and wept  
and would not be consoled, or leave her love's  
last touching place, but watches as low light crept  
up from the east. A sound behind her stirs,  
a scatter of bright birdsong through the air.  
She turns. But cannot focus through her tears  
or recognise the Gardener standing there.  
She hardly hears his gentle question, "Why,  
why are you weeping?", or sees the play of light  
that brightens as she chokes out her reply,  
"They took my love away, my day is night."  
And then she hears her name, she hears Love say  
the word that turns her night, and ours, to Day.

Don't look back—you're not going that way!

### COMING UP :-

**COMPARITIVE RELIGIONS:** La Fustera  
Tuesday 12th April—Sikhism Tuesday 10th May—Buddhism



**WEDNESDAY 4th May 3pm—Strawberry Tea €10**  
at Wendy & Len's home, La Nucia. Names to Elaine please.

**SATURDAY 14th May** Bishop David is visiting from Gibraltar—he will be performing confirmations—this will be at the Calpe Church .  
**He will be with us in Albir on Sunday 15th - please make a note of this in your diary.**

Christ  
is  
Risen!

No pain, no palm; no thorns, no throne,  
No gall, no glory; no cross, no crown.

**My prayer:**  
Dear God, in your strong hands  
I place my life today.  
Choosing to depend on you  
to light and guide my way.

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# EASTER NEWSLETTER 2016

The cross is a symbol of His love,  
It guides us on our way,  
It shows the way to live our lives,  
Our inspiration day by day.

He is  
**RISEN**

Life always offers you a  
second chance – it's called  
**TOMORROW**

**W**hen you have happiness,  
Don't hoard it.  
The more of it you give away,  
the more you'll still have.

*Father God, there is sometimes controversy about how, when, and what to call the remembrance of the greatest day in history - the day Jesus Christ, your beloved son, rose from the dead and brought the gift of your forgiveness and eternal life to all who would like to receive it - the new covenant. Please pour out your Holy Spirit on all who believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and put us on our knees before you with thankful hearts for your great love for us. You, oh God, have given us victory over sin and death, and the promise of never leaving us or forsaking us for eternity. Help us to be the body of Christ, the church, united in awe of how you saved our unworthy souls ... your body and your blood as a sacrifice for us. Help us to bring this message to all who will listen. Help us to love like you love. Thank you forever! Amen.*

## LOOKING BACK :



**CAROL SINGING ON THE BEACH**  
A great success—around 140 people wandered by and joined in.



**MEAL BEFORE THE CAROL SERVICE**  
There were some at the carol service who had sung with us on the beach—an excellent outreach.



**BREAKFAST in the CAMPO January Fundraising**— 22 members & friends met at the home of Hazel & Tony Layt and over 2 sittings enjoyed a full English breakfast. The wonderful sum of €250 was raised.

**February Fundraising** A HUNDRED MINUTES WITH HAYDN, at the home of Elaine & Geoff Mitchell with Elaine playing Haydn for an hour and forty minutes whilst Hazel & June took over her kitchen and served unlimited coffees, teas, biscuits & cakes to 20 members & friends. This event raised €230. Thanks to all **SOUP SUNDAYS** continue—sometimes with Salad, or Croissants or Scones—don't be surprised if you get a surprise.



**SPONSORED SLIM** June, Ann & Colin and Mike all did so well with this fundraising initiative. Raising between them a wonderful €500 and losing 33kg Congratulations to you all!



To everyone who helps in anyway with the essential fundraising events by attending or organising . It is certainly appreciated.

## WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER—4th March

There was a total of 35 in the congregation with four from our other Churches and four of our Norwegians friends and other visitors. Thanks to ten members taking part and to Harold our Musician. It is great that at least one person has been to services since. Everyone was issued with a Cuban Butterfly in Cuban colours to jot their name down and email address if they were interesting in hearing about our services and events. Let's hope for even more people next year.

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP; also known as the Prayer Book) is the traditional service book of the Church of England, and is central to its faith. Compiled in the sixteenth century by Thomas Cranmer, and modified in 1662, the Prayer Book remains at the heart of our worship and is the official doctrinal standard of the Church of England, as well as of most other Churches in the worldwide Anglican Communion.

**LAUGHTER** I believe that if Jesus wept, He also laughed. I would like to share with you the words of our old family friend Al, a Pastor in Ohio, (He is almost 93). He was once chatting to my father about a pious old lady who approached him after one of his sermons which were always laced liberally with humour ... she scowled and asked, "Now really, Al, do you think Jesus laughed?" "I don't know, Miss Shelton," he replied, "But he sure fixed me up so I could." He went on to say, "I hope the Lord fixes you up so that you can laugh."

We should laugh at the victories and laugh at the woes and whatever life throws at us. Because, in the end, when we leave this life we are promised a place where there are "no more sorrows and no more tears." What does that leave? My guess is a chuckle or two. Enjoy life. Live it to the fullest. Keep laughing.

No matter if we're not perfection,  
The Lord loves us all the same,  
The first to see His resurrection  
Was Mary Magdelene:  
It doesn't matter to the Lord above  
Where in society we stand,  
He gives His unconditional love,  
He holds us in His hand.

