



CHESTERTON CHIMES

News from St Andrew's Church, Chesterton
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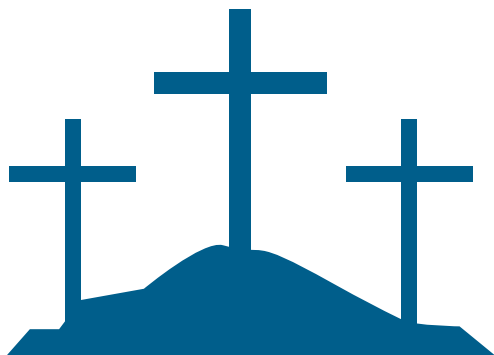
... to the April and May edition of the Chesterton Chimes and a very Happy Easter to you all!

In this edition, you'll find service details for April and May—taking us into the beginning of Summer—as well as news and details of events coming up in these two months.

You can find updates from our children and youth work (pages 5 and 6) and an interesting announcement from Philip on how you can get involved in the new St Andrew's Equiano Family Project (pages 7 and 8).

For full details of all our services, please look at page 2.

*Christ is Risen,
He is Risen, Indeed!*



April

What's On

May

7th April - 2nd Sunday after Easter

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP, C, L)
10:00am Family Service (C,L) followed by
a short Communion (C)
5:30pm No service

14th April - 3rd Sunday after Easter

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP,C,L)
10:00am All-Age Communion (C,L)
5:30pm No Service

21st April - 4th Sunday after Easter

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP; C, L)
10:00am All-Age Communion (C,L)
5:30pm Contemplative Service

28th April - 5th Sunday after Easter

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP; C, L)
10:00am Parish Communion (C,L)
Café Church in the Hall
5:30pm No service

SEE THE WEBSITE,
STANDREWS-CHESTERTON.ORG
FOR LINKS TO THE SERVICES.

Z=ZOOM, M=MEET,
L=LIVESTREAM,
C=IN CHURCH, H=HALL.

April/May: Weekdays

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Friday
09:00am Morning Prayer online (M)

Tuesdays

09:00am Weekly Morning Prayer in church
10:30am Fortnightly Bible Study Group (Hall).

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5th May - 6th Sunday after Easter

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP; C, L)
10:00am Family Service (C,L) followed by
a short Communion (C)
5:30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 9th May - Ascension Day

7:30pm Holy Communion (BCP; C, L)

12th May - 7th Sunday after Easter

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP; C, L)
10:00am Sung Eucharist (C, L) Junior Church
5:30pm No Service

19th May - Pentecost

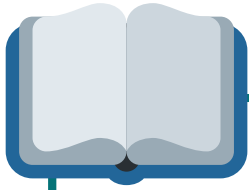
8:00am Holy Communion (BCP; C, L)
10:00am All-Age Communion (C,L)
5:30pm Choral evensong and Friends AGM

26th May - Trinity Sunday

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP; C, L)
10:00am Parish Communion (C,L)
Café Church in the Hall
5:30pm No service



All services and events are subject to change: see the website and the Friday email for updates. Regardless of changes that may come into place, there will always be a weekly service at both 8am and 10am.



READINGS FOR DAILY PRAYER: APRIL

Readings for 31 March

Easter Day

Acts 10.34-43, Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24, 1 Corinthians 15.1-11, John 20.1-18

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| Monday 1 April | 1 Corinthians 15.1-11 |
| Tuesday 2 | 1 Corinthians 15.12-19 |
| Wednesday 3 | 1 Corinthians 15.20-28 |
| Thursday 4 | 1 Corinthians 15.29-34 |
| Friday 5 | 1 Corinthians 15.35-50 |
| Saturday 6 | 1 Corinthians 15.51-end |

Readings for 14 April

3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 3.12-19, Psalm 4, 1 John 3.1-7, Luke 24.36b-48

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| Monday 15 | Luke 1.1-25 |
| Tuesday 16 | Luke 1.26-38 |
| Wednesday 17 | Luke 1.39-56 |
| Thursday 18 | Luke 1.57-end |
| Friday 19 | Luke 2.1-20 |
| Saturday 20 | Luke 2.21-40 |

Readings for 7 April

2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 4.32-35, Psalm 133, 1 John 1.1-2.2, John 20.19-end

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| Monday 8 | Romans 5.12-end |
| Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary | |
| Tuesday 9 | Colossians 1.15-end |
| Wednesday 10 | Colossians 2.1-15 |
| Thursday 11 | Colossians 2.16-3.11 |
| Friday 12 | Colossians 3.12-4.1 |
| Saturday 13 | Colossians 4.2-end |

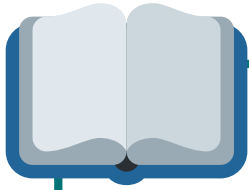
Readings for 21 April

4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 4.5-12, Psalm 23, 1 John 3.16-end, John 10.11-18

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| Monday 22 | Luke 2.41-end |
| Tuesday 23 | Ephesians 6.10-20 |
| Wednesday 24 | Luke 3.15-22 |
| Thursday 25 | Acts 12.25-13.13 |
| Mark the Evangelist | |
| Friday 26 | Luke 4.14-30 |
| Saturday 27 | Luke 4.31-37 |





READINGS FOR DAILY PRAYER: MAY

Readings for 28 April

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 8.26-end, Psalm 22.25-end, 1 John 4.7-end, John 15.1-8

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| Monday 29 | Luke 4.38-end |
| Tuesday 30 | Luke 5.1-11 |
| Wednesday 1 May | James 1.1-12 |
| Philip and James, Apostles | |
| Thursday 2 | Luke 5.27-end |
| Friday 3 | Luke 6.1-11 |
| Saturday 4 | Luke 6.12-26 |

Readings for 5 May

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10.44-end, Psalm 98, 1 John 5.1-6, John 15.9-17

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| Monday 6 | Luke 6.27-38 |
| Tuesday 7 | Luke 6.39-end |
| Wednesday 8 | Colossians 2.20-3.4 |
| Thursday 9 | Hebrews 4.26-end |
| Ascension Day | |
| Friday 10 | Luke 7.11-17 |
| Saturday 11 | Luke 7.18-35 |

Readings for 12 May

7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1.15-17, 21-end, Psalm 1, 1 John 5.9-13, John 17.6-19

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| Monday 13 | 1 Corinthians 3 |
| Tuesday 14 | Acts 2.37-end |
| Matthias the Apostle | |
| Wednesday 15 | Luke 8.16-25 |
| Thursday 16 | Luke 8.26-39 |
| Friday 17 | Luke 8.40-end |
| Saturday 18 | Luke 9.1-17 |

Readings for 19 May

Pentecost

Acts 2.1-21, Psalm 104.26-36, 37b, Romans 8.22-27, John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15

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| Monday 20 | Luke 9.18-27 |
| Tuesday 21 | Luke 9.28-36 |
| Wednesday 22 | Luke 9.37-50 |
| Thursday 23 | Luke 9.51-end |
| Friday 24 | Luke 10.1-16 |
| Saturday 25 | Luke 10.17-24 |

Readings for 26 May

Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6.1-8, Psalm 29, Romans 8.12-17, John 3.1-17

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| Monday 27 | Luke 10.25-37 |
| Tuesday 28 | Luke 10.38-end |
| Wednesday 29 | Luke 11.1-13 |
| Thursday 30 | 1 Corinthians 10.1-17 |
| Friday 31 | Mark 3.31-end |
| Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth | |
| Saturday 1 June | Luke 11.37-end |





NEWS AND MESSAGES: JUNIOR CHURCH NEWS



Preparing
Mothering
Sunday
bouquets

Junior Church Group

With Easter so early this year, much of our worship with children and families has focussed on the events leading up to Holy Week. We were delighted to welcome Philip to cafe church in February. He led our Godly Play and wondering questions about the Upper Room and the Last Supper and we finished by sharing Holy Communion together - a joyful experience we hope to repeat later in the year. We celebrated Palm Sunday with much waving of enormous bamboo-palms, some rousing choruses (more waving of palms) and a dramatic re-enactment of Jesus's journey to Jerusalem on a (somewhat flattened) donkey.

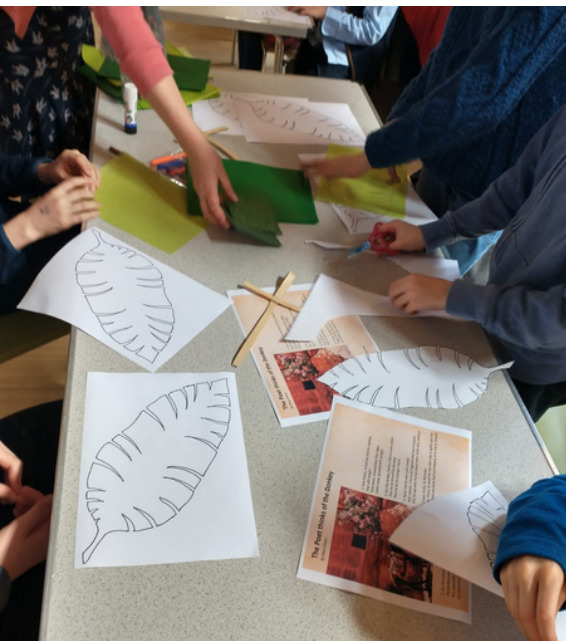


The children and adults were encouraged to imagine how the different participants in the story might have felt that day, be they bystanders, disciples, pharisees, Jesus - or indeed the donkey. We had poems and paper palms to inspire us and booklets for families to take home and follow through the days leading up to Easter.

In April and May we will continue to follow the events of Christ's risen life, his ascension and gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. We look forward to welcoming more children, friends and families to join us both in Church and in the Hall.

With warmest wishes,

Julia Eisen, Junior Church Co-ordinator,
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Café Church
worship and crafts
on Palm Sunday



NEWS AND MESSAGES: YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Youth Group

It's hard to believe how fast this year is zooming by! This term, we looked at metaphors in the bible during youth group – we discussed the ideas of the church being like a family or a body, how we can “train” for Christian life, and how we can shine the light of Jesus in our everyday lives. We also thought about the kingdom of God and what that is like at WHY Group.

Though snacks at WHY group and delicious dinners at youth group are always a highlight (as are our games and chats!), I think the best part of this term has been cafe catch-ups with the youth. It's an amazing thing to sit down in a bustling café with a young person over a hot (or cold!) drink and listen to how life is for them. I'm certainly looking forward to more of them next term!

Speaking of next term, at youth group, we will be chatting with some members of St Andrew's Chesterton to hear what real-life faith looks like. And at WHY group we will explore what it means to live well (with a glance at some wisdom literature). In addition to all this, we plan on going outings, watching movies, and hanging out together. It should be a fun time!

If you have any questions, are interested in becoming a volunteer, or want to chat about what we do here at St Andrew's Youth, send an email to jess.bent@standrews-chesterton.org – I'm more than happy to get back to you!



HELP NEEDED!

Due to changes in current volunteer availability, the youth group is looking for some new volunteers to join us on Sundays so we can continue to have fun as we explore faith, life, and community in a safe space. We are planning to have a number of outings in the summer term (starting following the Easter holidays) that include going to the cinema, clip-and-climbing, punting/canoeing, and even eating a meal out. To do that we need some helpers!

Please speak to Jess to find out more.



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The Equiano Family Project at St Andrew's Chesterton

PHILIP LOCKLEY

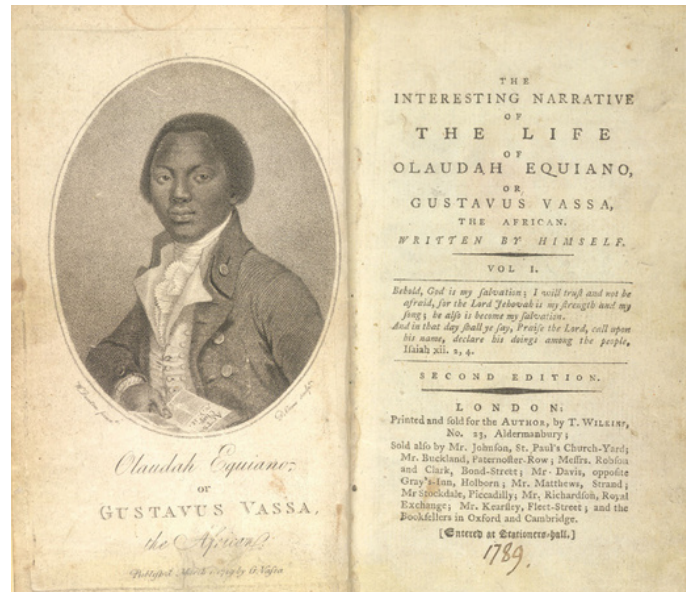
Introducing the project

For some years now, St Andrew's Chesterton has been commemorating its connection to the family of **Olaudah Equiano** – the eighteenth-century author and campaigner against slavery. Since the late-1990s and the 200th-anniversary of the death of Equiano's daughter, Anna Maria Vassa, **St Andrew's has marked "Vassa Day" each July**. This offers an opportunity within our worship for our congregation and parish to reflect on the distinctive themes and issues in both our faith and history, which the lives of Olaudah Equiano and his family represent and inspire. The service always involves a time of commemoration at the plaque on the north wall of the church dedicated to the memory of 4-year-old Anna Maria buried in our churchyard.

In recent years, the Equiano connection with Chesterton has gained growing attention and acknowledgement. Chesterton Community College has renamed one of its school 'houses' Equiano. After a successful community campaign, the white 'Tesco' bridge was renamed the 'Equiano Bridge' in 2022. At St Andrew's, we are aware of increasing numbers of visitors to the church building keen to find the plaque outside and to learn more of the story it tells.

This coming Summer will see a series of events at St Andrew's all inspired by the connection between Chesterton and the Equiano Family. We are calling this the **Equiano Family Project**. We hope this will be just the beginning of an open-ended arts, education and cultural initiative centred on the church and reaching out into the community.

There is so much in the Equiano family story which can inspire thought, reflection, discussion and consideration: from Olaudah's own Christian faith, his influence in the campaign to end the transatlantic slave trade, and his significance as a black person in British history, to his marriage to a woman from Cambridgeshire, Susannah Cullen, and their family of both African and English heritage. This family story encompasses the hope of faith and horrifying wrongs in the Christian past. It involves tragedy and loss, yet also triumph in the face of adversity. It speaks of companionship and familial bonds bridging cultures resonating with increasing numbers of people today.



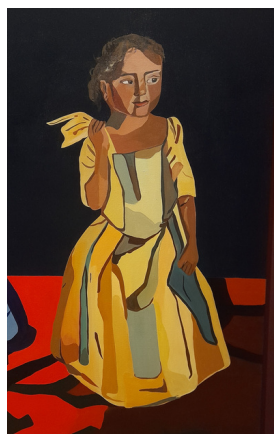
A new stained-glass window?

At the heart of the Equiano Family Project is an idea for commissioning a new stained-glass window in the St Andrew's church building. This would commemorate the Equiano family and express some of the themes that we seek to remember and lament as well as celebrate and communicate on Vassa Day - only permanently, and within the church, and in visual art.

This idea is at a relatively early stage and is being developed by a small group combining members of the St Andrew's congregation and members of the wider community involved in the bridge renaming project. It has been recognised that both windows either side of the Anna Maria plaque on the north wall are plain glass – and so one or other of these could be suitable for a new window.



St Andrew's has not had a new stained-glass window for over a century. From the existing windows in our church – especially those recently restored – we know that stained-glass as an art medium has compelling power and resonance, arguably capable of communicating visual themes in a church setting like few others. Any new window will need to be of sufficient artistic merit to complement the importance of the subject. It should be a significant enhancement to the worship space, enriching the experience of the building for all who visit and enjoy it as a place of beauty, peace, prayer and worship. There is also a nice coincidence of a window celebrating a family being above our family area in church.



Detail from 'An Eighteenth Century Family' - a new painting by Joy Labinjo now exhibited in the Fitzwilliam Museum. The whole painting depicts the Equiano family together - Olaudah, Susannah, Anna Maria and Joanna. This figure is thought to be Anna Maria.

Summer events

The Equiano Family Project events will run from mid-May to mid-July 2024, offering the opportunity for community consultation about the idea of a new window. Throughout this time there will be a small exhibition inside the church with displays, leaflets and an opportunity to submit responses to a short questionnaire about the Chesterton link to the Equiano family and the developing window idea.

The series of events currently scheduled are:

- **Saturday 18 May, 2pm** – St Andrew's Church. Come and hear a public talk on "The Equiano family and Chesterton" by Dr Carol Brown-Leonardi of the Open University. Philip will also give a presentation on existing stained glass in St Andrew's, and share more of the thinking behind the new window idea. The event will be free, with donations to the Equiano Family Project.
- **Sunday 2 June, 2.15pm** – beginning at St Andrew's Church. Cambridge black history and antislavery history walk, led by Arthur Torrington CBE, Director of the Windrush Foundation.



Breaking the Silence - when performed on its previous national tour in 2021

- **Wednesday 5 June, 7.30pm and Friday 7 June, 7.30pm** – St Andrew's Church. Two performances of "Breaking the Silence" - a unique immersive theatrical tour fictionalizing a meeting by key members of the 18th and early 19th century British abolitionist movement. The play celebrates Black British Abolitionists including Olaudah Equiano, and white men and women such as Elizabeth Heyrick and Hannah More, Thomas Clarkson, and Granville Sharp who along with William Wilberforce used the power of their stories to end the slave trade. Through speeches, personal narratives, and song, this professional production tells their stories in their own words. Tickets will be free, with a suggested donation of £10 or £5 concessions. Donations will be shared jointly between the Equiano Family Project and the Friends of St Andrew's Church.
- **Saturday 29 June, 12-4pm** – Chesterton Festival. The church will be open, with displays, leaflets and questionnaire links in place, and visitors will be encouraged to visit the church on the day from the Friends of St Andrew's stall.
- **Sunday 21 July, 10am** – Vassa Day. Family Service, followed by reading of the memorial to Anna Maria Vassa, and procession to the Equiano bridge.

We very much hope members of St Andrew's will share their views and responses through the project and support the exciting and informative events planned. If you would like more information, or to ask questions, please contact Philip.

Candles for Ukraine

If you use candles or tea-lights at home, please don't throw the used ones away! Any colour, shape, size will do...

We can get them made into candles that will be shipped out to Ukraine for use in people's homes and also by soldiers in the trenches. The people in Ukraine really need candles as, even when the power supply has been restored, it is often very unreliable.

The candles are beneficial not just for their light but for also for heat, and this is particularly valued by the soldiers in the trenches.

We heard about this project in an article on the local BBC news. The project has been set up by William Lyon Tupman who is the curate at St Mary's Church in Sawston, where Kathryn Waite is vicar.

The candles are remade and shipped out by the Swindon Humanitarian Aid Partnership <https://www.shapuk.org/>

Thank you to those who have already donated candles – so far we have collected around 60kg of wax! Especial thanks to Karrie Fuller and her Brownie Pack, who got on board with this project.

Please pass your used candles on to us or leave them in the boxes at the back of church or in St Andrew's Hall.

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Azul Wasi News

It is now 16 years since we first started supporting Azul Wasi, a home for street children in Cusco, Peru. Our daughter, Fran, had been working as a volunteer at a drop-in centre for street children run by Alcides, then a policeman, who had for a long time had a dream of building a family home away from the problems of the city. This became a reality while Fran was there, and it was in June 2006 that we gave a presentation to the congregation about this project at one of the church's regular Gift Days. The enthusiasm shown by the congregation at St Andrew's was amazing and we continued to raise money to help with the building costs.

The first children moved in in December 2007 and in 2009 our focus moved towards sending money to pay for food for the Azul Wasi family. We currently send £875 each month and occasionally we have funded extra things like IT equipment during lockdown. Last month we sent a donation of £500 to help with the costs of school expenses, uniforms, registration, books, etc.

Many children have grown up as part of the Azul Wasi family, and their lives **have been greatly enhanced by their time in this loving and caring environment**, where they have been able to flourish through good education and emotional support. Most, but not all, of the children have been boys, but we heard that two young girls have recently joined the Azul Wasi family.

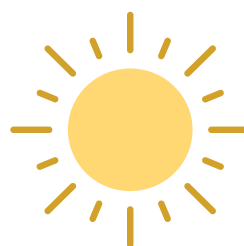
Life is certainly not easy for them in Peru. Alcides has had various health issues and the unstable political and economic situation in Peru means that prices vary greatly day by day, which makes budgeting difficult. Alcides is very grateful for our financial support and asks for our prayers for all at Azul Wasi.

Our support for Azul Wasi has been funded largely by the generosity of members of St Andrew's through one-off donations, occasional fundraising events and through regular donations. The latter in particular has enabled us to be able to assure Alcides of this regular income which covers a substantial amount of the food costs.

There is more about the St Andrew's connection with Azul Wasi [here](#), with links to sign up to our twice-yearly Newsletter and to make a donation if you should wish to.

You can find our last newsletter [here](#).

Chris and Mary Pountain
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Life
at Azul
Wasi





FRIENDS' CONCERTS
FRIDAYS 12:30 PM

19 APRIL: Flukes Ukulele Band
3 MAY: Piano Recital by Amado
Brandon Roku Ali
17 MAY: Song Recital by Students
of Ute Lepetit-Clare

Admission free, with a retiring collection for
The Friends of St Andrew's

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The Chesterton Chimes is released once every two months. The next edition will be for June and July 2024: **if you have church news or messages that you would like to include**, send them to Pip Tofaris by 19 May (email pip_rodgers20@hotmail.com).

Thought for the Month

WRITTEN BY PHILIP LOCKLEY

An Easter in March always feels early. However unpredictable the English weather, an April Easter tends to offer that much more warmth in the air and that much more green to see in the world around us. A March Easter like this year arrives against a backdrop of tentative blossoms, closed buds, and seedlings in brown soil. It can feel like Spring has barely sprung.

At Easter, our music in church is most often triumphant and glorious – reflecting the power and joy of the resurrection hope we celebrate. **A more unusual tone is struck by the Easter hymn 'Now the green blade rises' by J.M.C. Crum**, sung to the evocative carol tune Noel Nouvelet.

1. **Now the green blade rises from the buried grain**, wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain; love lives again, that with the dead has been: Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.
2. **In the grave they laid him**, Love whom men had slain, thinking that he never would awake again, laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen: Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.
3. **Forth he came at Easter**, like the risen grain, he that for the three days in the grave had lain, back from the dead my risen Lord is seen: Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

Crum – a Church of England parish priest in the early 20th century – **draws the imagery of his hymn direct from Jesus' words in John 12:24 as he tells his disciples about his coming death and resurrection**: 'Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit'.

Each succeeding verse of Crum's hymn spells out the link between the grain and the events of Easter. **Throughout the hymn, Jesus is movingly referenced by the name Love** – echoing the scriptural insight that God is Love.

This year I have noticed a new significance in that 'Now' with which Crum begins his hymn. The 'now' means Easter Sunday: the moment of the rising Jesus predicted. Only, in the imagery of the hymn, the resurrection is likened to a green shoot in a brown field, an early sign of Spring – not its full flowering. **Jesus' resurrection is meant to be a first sign for us – and promise of what's to come.** As you may recall, the hymn ends:

4. **When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, then your touch can call us back to life again, field of our hearts that dead and bare have been: Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.**

Perhaps an early Easter has much to commend it after all.



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