

Scapegoat Hill Baptist Church Sunday 27th April 2025

Our Vision

To win the people of Scapegoat Hill and the surrounding areas to Christ and to nurture and develop maturing and witnessing Christians within a growing and loving fellowship, which promotes the values of God's kingdom in our area and beyond.

Todays Service is led by

Rev Glenn Cannon

Todays Bible Reading is

Luke 8: 43-48



If you are a visitor and wish to find out more about our church please just ask the person next to you and they will point you in the right direction

Please feel free to stay seated during the service if you prefer

You are welcome to join us for refreshments which are served downstairs at the end of the service



Prayer Corner

The prayer corner is at the front righthand side of church If you need prayer for any reason please make your way there after the service



Good Friday

In a world that moves at a speed previous generations could hardly comprehend, where notifications never stop, social media consumes, news is 24 hours and our life often feels like an endless to-do list, Good Friday can feel like just another day. In fact if we're honest to most people it is just that, another day. But what is Good Friday really all about?

At its core, Good Friday is about a man that died it's that simple. The events of that day are wrapped up in words such as sacrifice, love and redemption. For many the idea of sacrifice can feel outdated or irrelevant. We live in a time where 'it's me first' and for many young people, friendships are born on a screen, food is delivered and family? Well, mum and dad often live different houses.

But, why does Good Friday still matter in 2025? It matters because its core message is about pain, loss but ultimately hope wrapped up in a package of love. As human beings, we can never be perfect but we will always feel pain and loss for if we didn't we would simply be artificial intelligence. Good Friday marks the day when Jesus was betrayed, beaten and nailed to a cross in events that our brains can never comprehend. It happened because God loved us so much that in order to reset His relationship with us, He fractured the one with His own

Good Friday is in my opinion the pinnacle of the Christian faith. My mentor once told me to let the events of Good Friday consume you as if I didn't know Easter Sunday and the resurrection were coming. By not allowing yourself to jump ahead to quickly to Easter Sunday, you immerse yourself in the reality of Good Friday and all that it has to offer.

So why is Good Friday called good? Why is it when an innocent man was brutally murdered do we celebrate and remember it? It's Good Friday because of one word, hope. Hope to us even in today's world is everything, for when life goes wrong, when you feel all alone and for when you simply don't know what to do or where to turn, there is one man who can answer your problems. Jesus is not just perfect love; He offers you hope for every situation even today.

 Good Friday is a day of mourning, but we know it's not the end of the story. Easter Sunday is coming, hope is coming and that's what makes Good Friday so powerful – it reminds us that even in our darkest moments, the light is on the way.

Jesus hung on a cross to take away your sin. This Good Friday, remember to say thank you even if you don't fully understand it. Though you may feel it at times, you are never alone,

He walks with you every day in every situation you just need to remember it, and every time
 you do say hello and talk, you heal his wounds just a little.

Every blessing this Easter time.

Chris



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PROPOSED NEW MISSION STATEMENT

"As a family of believers, we aim to bring the message of Jesus to our community in a relevant, meaningful and friendly way, building bridges of faith and hope on the journey of life."

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Located in the Deacons Room
—front right of church



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