

Unbearable pain from Palm Sunday bombing has brought Valeria closer to Jesus



Two years ago, on Palm Sunday, Valeria was among the many people wounded by a suicide bomb that was detonated outside Makassar Cathedral in Indonesia. She has suffered immense pain and trauma, but looking back, Valeria can see how her experiences have deepened her relationship with Jesus.

It was Good Friday and Valeria was laying in a hospital room with her arms outstretched, waiting for surgery. The pain was unbearable and her thoughts turned to Jesus. "Is this the kind of pain You suffered when You were crucified this Good Friday?" Although Valeria knows that her pain could never compare to what Jesus experienced, the question reflects how a horrifying ordeal has brought Valeria nearer to God.

Five days previously, on Sunday 28 March 2021, Valeria and two of her friends were preparing to leave Makassar Cathedral in Indonesia after attending a Palm Sunday service, when a suicide bomb detonated outside the building. Thankfully, none of the worshippers were killed in the blast, but many people were wounded – including Valeria, who suffered burns that have since required regular visits to the hospital, including multiple operations. Despite the ongoing treatment, Valeria has been able to continue her studies. "God has given me the ability to complete this nursing programme, despite the severe agony, which occasionally makes it difficult for me to study," she says. "Now I'm a graduate. I made the decision to move back to my hometown, and a few weeks ago I began working as a nurse at the local clinic on a temporary contract."

The pain felt by Valeria has given her a glimpse into the agony endured by Jesus as He died on the cross. This has helped her understand the depths in which God shares in our suffering, whilst deepening her empathy for others. "I am able to identify myself with their anguish, loneliness and the chill of the operating room," continues Valeria. "This enables me to serve them better because I have experienced what they are experiencing. I can now accept my condition and am thankful for the experiences God has given me," she adds. "Even though there are still those who see me differently, I now have greater delight in living this life because God has made it possible for me to accept myself. I pray that nothing like what occurred to me will ever happen again."

Let us pray

- That Valeria will completely heal and that all medical bills will be met
- That Valeria will soon move on to a permanent nursing contract, which will give her a better income and more stability
- That all those affected by the bombing will heal from their trauma and continue to see reminders of God's love for them.

APCMs

Tuesday	25 April	7pm	Kirkby Underwood (Village Hall)
Sunday	21 May	12.30pm	Morton (church)

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Collect for this Sunday

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen

alleluia!
Christ has Risen!

Post Communion Prayer for this Sunday

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen

Psalm 116

Thanksgiving for Recovery from Illness

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. I kept my faith, even when I said, 'I am greatly afflicted'; I said in my consternation, 'Everyone is a liar.'

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid. You have loosed my bonds. I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.

Readings for this Sunday

Acts 2.14a,36-41

1 Peter 1.17-23

Luke 24.13-35



Please pray for...

From our prayer list

Eben Atkinson, Sheila Bates, Margaret Brumby, Marie Rose Cubacub, Debbie Dams, Josh Elliott, Christine Evans, Judith Gentleman, Sue Grainge, Nora Green, Ann Hall, Clive Hall, Marion Heygate, Jane Knight, June Langley, Judy Long, Imogen Matthews, John Rowntree, Maggie Sharman, Jose Stokes, Amanda Thomson, Clive Walker, John Weatherspoon, Kevin Whitfield, and for any others whom we name in the silence of our hearts.

We give thanks for those on the road to recovery.

We also remember the souls of Arthur Jeffries, John Kearsley, Janice McDonnell, Mary Mountain, Richard Rice-Oxley, Robert (Bob) Wellman, Frank Wyer and all the faithful departed may they rest in peace and rise in glory; and we also pray for those who mourn their loss.

Baptism anniversaries: Michael Nicholson (1 year)

Funeral anniversaries: Margret Gibson (1 year); Annie Bagworth, Mark Dow (2 years)

Baptisms this month: Penelope Healy, 29 April at Morton

Funerals this month: Bob Wellman, 28 April at Rippingale

FRANK WYER

Frank Wyer sadly died on Saturday March the 15th. Frank had been in hospital for some time and his death comes just one month before he would have become 93 years old. He was born in Kirkby Underwood and married his next-door neighbour's daughter Shirley. They lived a very happy life deeply involved in the church and she died several years ago. Frank was very active in the village and as well as being active in the church since a young lad, He was Tower Captain; a member of the PCC was also churchwarden for many years and then an Authorised Lay Minister in his later years. Over the many years of his active life, he also served on the Kirkby Underwood Parish Council, Village Hall Management Committee and various other groups that were formed to ensure a smooth development of the village as it grew in size. He will be very sadly missed. Rest in Peace Frank Wyer

THESE ITEMS ARE CURRENTLY WANTED

There is a collection box in St. John the Baptist Church, on the left at the back of the church

Tinned meat	Tinned custard	Tinned rice pudding	Tinned vegetables	Jars of pasta sauce	Packets of plain rice
Squash or fruit juice	Tinned potatoes	Household goods	Shaving gel	Toothbrushes	Toiletries

Safeguarding Information

Safeguarding: We take your welfare and safety very seriously!

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Sunday and regular weekday Services in the Group

23 April	11am	Eucharist	Rippingale
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Kirkby Underwood
30 April	11am	Eucharist	Dunsby
7 May	11am	Eucharist	Haconby
14 May	11am	Eucharist	Kirkby Underwood
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Rippingale
21 May	11am	Eucharist	Morton
	3pm	Rogation service	Morton
			with Morton School
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Haconby
Each morning	9 am	Morning Prayer/Eucharist	see below

Monday: Morton, Tuesday: Dunsby; **Wednesday: 10am, Morning Prayer, Morton**; Thursday: Haconby; Friday: Rippingale; Saturday: Kirkby Underwood.

Do you know anyone who is unable to get to church but who would like to receive Holy Communion? Just contact Revd Neil on 01778 219626 or

Reflections for Easter

They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel." Luke 24: 13-35

Reflection

Hope is the virtue that enables us to dream big dreams and work to put them into reality. But we often need our hopes nourished, because if what we hope for is important – peace, care for the elderly, an end to the death penalty, a rejuvenated and healed church, good liturgy and preaching in our parish, housing for the elderly, an end to domestic violence, equality of women and gays in our churches and communities, fair treatment for immigrants, and so much more – then we will need encouragement, perseverance, passion, clear thinking and the support of a believing and hoping community. We need the Word of God, the Eucharist and a faith community that shares our dreams and gives us hope.

And so we ask ourselves:

- ✚ When I am discouraged who give me hope?
- ✚ Who are the people in the world who kindle hope in me and challenge me to persevere in my good works?

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