

# Grace Christian Fellowship

## April 2026 - Newsletter



**Happy Easter everyone!**

Here is a beautiful poem written by Cherry, called 'Thank You Jesus'

*'Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for your love, abundant and free.*

*Thank you for the fields of corn and the deep blue sea.*

*Thank you for the colourful flowers*

*And the seasons renewing with the passing hours.*

*Thank you for the rising sun*

*And the glorious hues when the day is done.*

*Thank you for the mighty wonders of your grace*

*And for love expressed within the human race.*

*Thank you for the lightening, so awesome and bright*

*And the clash of thunder, when the storm is at its height.*

*Thank you for the birdsong chorus and for the stately trees.*

*Thank you for the herbs so sweet, wafting on the breeze.*

*Thank you for the stream that bubbles along its way*

*And thank you for the bright new dawn and for another day.*

*Thank you for hope, for laughter and love.*

*We know these things come from our Father above.*

*Thank you for the answers to prayer*

*And for letting us know that you care.*

*Thank you Lord for all you do.*

*Thank you Jesus, for simply being you!'*

## **Easter - A Message of Hope for the World**

As the world celebrates Easter, we are reminded of the power of hope and renewal that this season brings. Beyond the traditions of vibrant eggs, blooming flowers, and joyful gatherings, Easter carries a deeper message - one of profound significance for every person, no matter where they find themselves in life.

Easter marks the resurrection of Jesus Christ, a moment that symbolizes victory over death, darkness, and despair. For Christians around the world, this event offers a message that resonates far beyond religious walls—it speaks to the very human need for hope in times of uncertainty. In a world where challenges seem endless, from global crises to personal struggles, the story of Easter reassures us that change is possible, and that light can break through the darkest of times.

Easter is a celebration of new beginnings. Just as spring breathes life back into the earth, Easter reminds us that even after the harshest winters, there is always the possibility of rebirth. The Resurrection of Christ serves as a powerful metaphor for the transformative potential within each of us. It encourages us to reflect on our own lives—our relationships, our communities, and our personal journeys—and to ask, "What can be renewed in me?" Whether it's letting go of past hurts, committing to personal growth, or extending compassion to others, Easter reminds us that we are never too far gone to begin again. It's a season that invites us to envision a better future, not just for ourselves, but for the world around us.

In every corner of the globe, people face challenges—whether economic struggles, social divisions, or health crises. Yet, Easter offers a reminder that even in the midst of the most difficult trials, there is hope. The Resurrection wasn't just about returning to life—it was about overcoming the deepest despair and making the impossible possible.

This message is timeless. As individuals, families, and communities, we can find the strength to persevere because we are never alone in our struggles. Easter calls us to embrace hope, not as an abstract idea, but as a living force that empowers us to keep moving forward, even when the road seems long and uncertain.

Easter is also a call to live out the message of hope through acts of love and..

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service. The Resurrection story encourages us to follow Christ's example of kindness, generosity, and compassion. It urges us to reach out to those in need, to uplift the downtrodden, and to build bridges of understanding in a world often divided.

In a time when division and misunderstanding can feel overwhelming, the message of Easter calls us to seek unity, not through superficial means, but through genuine care for one another. It challenges us to love without boundaries, forgive without limits, and to live with purpose and grace.

As we reflect on Easter this year, let it remind us that hope is not just a personal pursuit, but a collective journey. The Resurrection offers us a vision of a world made new—a world where pain and suffering are not the end of the story, but rather the beginning of a transformation that includes everyone.

So, this Easter, let us take heart in the message of resurrection. Let it inspire us to believe in the possibility of change, to hold on to hope in our darkest hours, and to share that hope with others. Because in the end, the message of Easter is not just about what happened long ago; it's about what can happen today and every day if we live with faith, hope, and love in our hearts. Wishing you all a blessed and hopeful Easter season.

## ***Prayers***

*Please let's remember to pray for Georgie, who has a number of health issues and is waiting for surgery.*

*Please pray for Nicky and family as they plan their trip to the UK, and all the flights, visits and arrangements that need to be made.*

*Let's pray for the UK and the government. We need ministers who will stand up for what is right and allow the people to voice concerns freely. Pray that the Church stands up for the Truth and the gospel is preached to a needy world.*

*Let's pray for the world and especially the Middle East, which is seeing significant turmoil at the moment. Please pray for peace and reconciliation, where possible. We know these are the end times, which will be turbulent, but let's pray the Lord returns to bring peace and stability to a troubled world.*

# Grace Christian Fellowship

## Meetings/Programme

- Church Service** - every Sunday 11am at Saints Event Venue  
**Communion Service** - first Sunday in the month  
**Prayer Meeting** - 10am before service at SEV / first Sunday of the month  
**Charity Offering** - third Sunday in the month  
**Nicky sermon** - Nicky usually preaches on the last Sunday of the month

## Forthcoming Events /Church Programme 2025

- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Apr - Easter Sunday Service  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April - Nicky + family arrive from India  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April - Nicky + family at GCF / meal for lunch / leave for Wales  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May - Nicky's Bible Study and lunch  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May - Nicky goes to Spain  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Nicky returns from Spain  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June - Nicky and family return to India  
Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug - Church Day Out?  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Sep - Harvest Festival Service  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct - Church Birthday/Macmillan Coffee Morning  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov - Service with Fireworks  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov - Remembrance Sunday  
Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas meal  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec - Carol Service

If you would like to donate to the church, you can give during the service, donate by bacs, or go to the 'donate' button on the 'Contact' page of the website and make a payment there. If you would like to donate by cheque, please make the cheque out to  
Hope Community Trust.

GCF supports Hope Community Trust India, which is a Christian ministry, run by Pastor Samuel Zion and his wife Nicky. The ministry has a campus in Andhra Pradesh, with a children's home, school and Bible School. Please see the GCF website for further details.

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Sunday Services are held at **Saints Event Venue**,  
217 Yarmouth Road, Norwich, NR7 0SQ from 11am-12.30pm