

John and Sue Wilson

Echos of Easter

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Hello,

Easter echos are still reverberating in our hearts and minds. *Christ is Risen, death is dealt with, hope is alive!*

Easter Sunday saw the church full to overflowing with many visitors coming to support the four young people being baptised. All in their early twenties, they spoke clearly about the events that had brought them to faith in Christ. One spoke about the death of her mother in a car accident, others spoke about the emotional and intellectual challenges they have faced. Three of them had grown up in the church and were grateful for all the love and support they had received through the years. It was moving to realise that through all the personal challenges and crises, it was the love of God that brought them to a place of peace and faith.

Joy broke out in the church during the baptisms and we were all conscious of the presence of the Holy Spirit. A further five people are now preparing for baptism and whilst some will be ready for Pentecost, we will have to pass others on to the new pastor who was appointed at our last church meeting in March (further information will follow).



Easter Saturday saw John in prison!

France-Lise, photographed outside the prison where she regularly visits inmates as a prison chaplain, is also a member of our church. She asked John if he would be willing to come and preach at an Easter service that she was organising. One of the inmates had requested baptism, but as immersion had not been granted by the authorities, Arlette decided to give testimony at Easter in anticipation of her baptism that will take place after she has been released. The service took place in a gymnasium and about 50 people attended both from the men's and women's sections of the prison. The Gospel message echos loudly in a prison context and John was asked to pray with a couple of prisoners and had other encouraging conversations during the Easter celebration refreshments that followed the service.



The Easter echo has touched our own family in an unexpected way. Just after visiting us in March, our second daughter Robina was diagnosed with breast cancer. We are thankful that she has been well followed through medically and will begin chemotherapy in two weeks time, followed by further treatment during the coming year.

Having a 7 month old baby will mean that all the family and particularly the grand parents will be on call over the next few months. Please pray that the hope of life, overcomes all fear during the difficult journey ahead.

"Oh love that will not let me go...

I trace the rainbow through the rain and see the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be!"

We remember all those who suffer at this time, many who are linked to our congregations. We are thankful that the last word is in God's hands.



Please pray for those preparing for baptism as well as for those who have been baptised.

Pray too for Arlette and those in prison who are finding faith through the Gospel.

Pray for our family and particularly for Robina at this difficult time.

In the love of Jesus,

Sue and John

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