

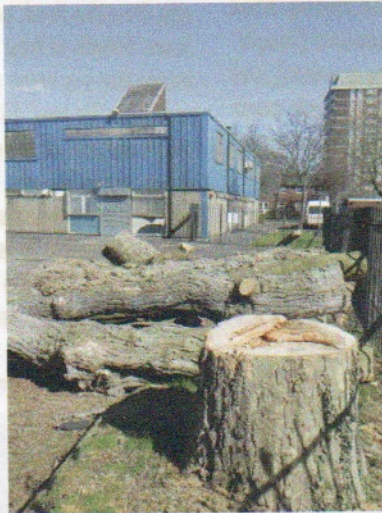
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FROM DEATH TO RESURRECTION

I remember the day all too well.

Returning back to the Rectory on a Thursday lunchtime, and turning into Hartfield Close, I was confronted by a cluster of vehicles, workmen and heavy duty chainsaws, together with recently created tree stumps. Suddenly, the trees that I had grown to love and appreciate over these last 20 years; the trees that on pulling back the curtains in my bedroom window, had, depending on the season greeted me, whether barren, in full leaf, hosting birds, weighed down



with frost, - those magnificent trees were no more. I felt sick and I felt powerless; that which had been a part of me, valued and treasured, was gone.

Mine is not I know a unique tale – indeed the process of regeneration; demolition, rebuilding, re-locating will lead to much upheaval, where some actual

homes together with all their associated memories, will be sacrificed, in the hope that end of the process we will be left with something better. In a real sense there will be a form of bereavement experienced by many, but where we hope that the newly established community will be well worth it. (We also hope that part of the felled tree can be re-shaped and might be a feature in the new community garden nearby.)

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Simon says...



“ When I was a little boy, one of the people I looked up to was my Grandpa. He had worked all his life as an engineer and had a collection of intricate tools that

fascinated me. In the house every task he took on was carried out meticulously, from the scraping of baby potatoes, to the careful application of lather to his chin when he was wet shaving. When he died, I was left a silver cigarette case (bought as an engagement present by my grandma), and a silver plated grooming set - clothesbrush, comb and hairbrush, all in a leather case - all treasured inheritances for a teenager at the time.

However all these years later, if I'm honest, the treasure has lost a lot of its appeal and use. The silver has tarnished, I no longer smoke, the leather is disintegrating, and the comb whilst intact, sadly has no role to play on my own head!

An Amazing Inheritance

When it comes to things we might long and wish for, they invariably become worn out, or used up. And according to some scientists, the same is true of the universe we live in. The Second Law of Thermodynamics tells us that the universe is running down. One day it will be like an old battery with no life in it.

However Christians believe there is good news amongst all these depressing theories. For the events of Easter Sunday, the day when Jesus rose from the dead, persuaded Peter, one of Jesus' friends to later write about "an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade - kept in heaven for you" (1 Peter 1:4). An inheritance that's not part of the universe that is running down, but in heaven. We have the hope that because Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Day it is possible to have an inheritance; the promise of a new life to look forward to, that will always remain new and never end.

From Death to Resurrection

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In a similar way, for Christians, in the coming season of Easter, we commemorate and celebrate events both of desolation and great joy. Indeed rather than a prolonged 5 year period of regeneration, this transformation takes place over just 3 days. We start with the death of Jesus on Good Friday and



his subsequent mourning by those who loved him most, being transformed with the joyful discovery in another garden that he had come back from the dead as

celebrated on Easter Sunday.

There is hope in the midst of death and sorrow, do consider joining us over the weekend, to discover how.

WELCOME TO MIKE

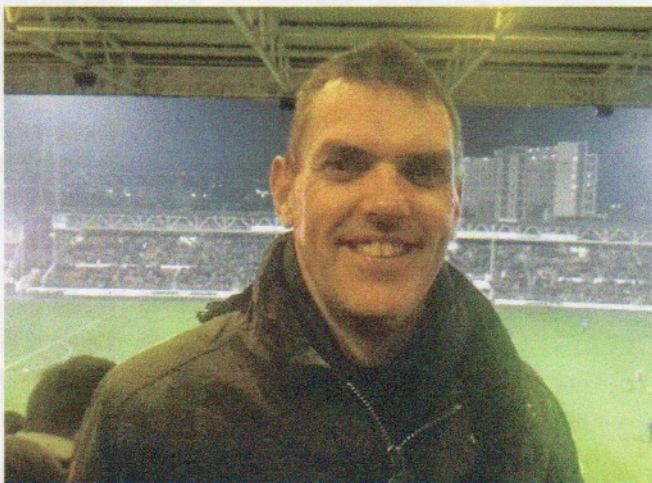
Hi, my name is Mike and I'll be joining the church community at Brunswick in summer as your new curate!

I say joining when I really should say re-joining! You see, I used to come to Brunswick many years ago when I was a student and for a number of years I lived in Barnabas House in Longsight with a whole bunch of other weird and wonderful people!

Since then my life has taken a number of twists and turns. For many years I lived near Crowcroft Park off Stockport Road whilst working in the Housing department for Manchester City Council. I then moved out to Glossop but kept in touch with Manchester by working in nearby Beswick, helping the residents of East Manchester build better homes and communities.

At the moment I'm at St John's College in Nottingham finishing my studies. I sometimes meet Caroline Greenwood who was with you last year and we usually end up chatting about Brunswick and the people that we both know.

I'm really looking forward to coming back to Brunswick and to help support some of the great things that you are doing in the area that shows people how much God loves them. With my background



in housing, I'm keen to see how the Church can make sure local people get a good deal from all the regeneration work that has recently started. I'm also interested in Chaplaincy work so I hope to make some links with the Universities during my time with you. Finally, it will be good to pick up on friendships that were started many years ago and that I hope will continue long into the future.

Before I sign off I'd like to ask you to pray for me as I start a new and exciting chapter of my life! My journey to ordination hasn't been the easiest at times but I believe that God has called me to serve the community of Brunswick alongside Simon as best I can. My prayer for you is that God will continue with the work that he is doing among you and that your love for Him and each other will deepen and grow.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Mike Corcoran

EASTER SERVICES

Thursday 17th April:
8 – 9pm

**Maundy Thursday
Communion**

Friday 18th April
10.30 – 11.30am

**Good Friday
All Age Service
12– 1pm: 'Hour at the
Cross' meditation**

Easter Sunday 20th April:
10.30am – 12noon
**All Age Easter
Communion & Baptism**

Poem for Easter

Tell me:

What came first
Easter or the egg?
Crucifixion or daffodils?
Three days in a tomb or four days
in Paris? (returning
Bank Holiday Monday).

When is a door
not a door?
When it is rolled away.
When is a body
not a body?
When it is risen.

Question.

Why was it the Saviour
rode on the cross?

Answer.

To get us
to the other side.

Behold I stand.
Behold I stand and what?
Behold I stand at the door and
knock knock

Steve Turner



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