



YMCA Wimbledon Chaplaincy

with Jonathan

Here's a few things from me to keep you thinking over the next week.

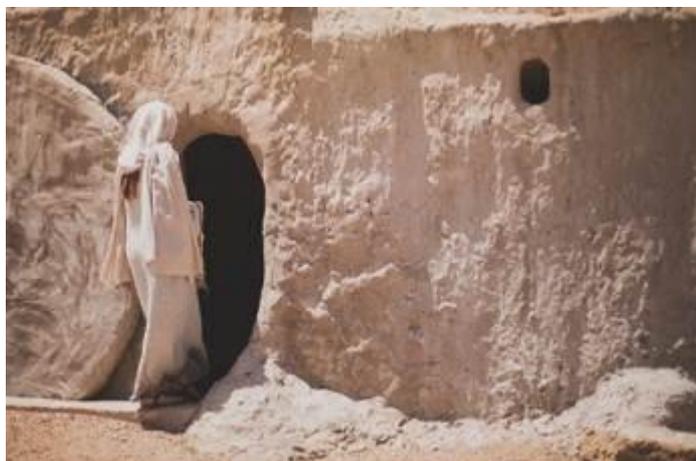
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Rainbow

Evelyn (who makes wonderful home-made cakes each week at Wimbledon's Cake & Debate) reminded me last week of the God's promise to us, with this great rainbow she did - that no matter what happens he would be with us for all time through the ups and the downs, good times and bad.



It makes you think – 'LADIES FIRST'



Elected to office on 26th August 1978 Pope John Paul I suffered a heart-attack and died just 33 days later. At first the Vatican reported that his body had been discovered by his male secretaries, but in truth it was two nuns who found him.

Why the Vatican was so reticent to tell the truth we will never know. Perhaps there was some embarrassment that the Pope's body was found by women and

not by men.

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By contrast the Gospels make no attempt to hide the fact that it was women who were the first witnesses of the resurrection. This could easily have been of some embarrassment to the early church given that women had no legal standing and could not be called upon as witnesses in a court of law. Surely having Peter as the first witness would have carried far more credibility. How easy it would have been to have invented an account that made this the case. But the Gospels all agree – the women got to the tomb first.

However inconvenient, women were the first to discover the death of Pope John Paul I and tell the world. They were also the first to discover the resurrection of Jesus and tell the world about that too. Simon Allaby

Chaplaincy Quiz Question: (Answer next week)

Q: Who built St Paul's Cathedral in Central London?

- a. Sir George Williams
- b. Sir Christopher Wren
- c. Sir Norman Foster

Until the next time here's a Blessing for you

May the Lord bless you and keep you

May the Lord smile on you

Shine his light upon you

May the Lord lift you

Turn his face towards you

And give you his Peace

Amen

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