

# Preaching the Resurrection....

Often the impression is unavoidable that the church has been taken over by its enemies. That those who are supposed to uphold and promote the gospel are committed to its denigration. Those who promised to be custodians of the Christian tradition are relentlessly throwing it out.

It is the bishops and the synod who have largely got rid of the King James Bible and the Book of Common Prayer. It is the modern theologians who have swallowed the secularising claptrap of the age and preached that the miracles didn't happen and that the Resurrection is a myth.

Here at St Michael's you will hear none of this. We preach Christ crucified and resurrected. We believe all the doctrine of the Creed. We know that God is with us today and that he hears our prayers. We worship God with the best we can offer and we use at all our services the real Bible and the English Prayer Book.

The old distinction in politics between "left" and "right" was only a smokescreen. The true division is between believers and atheists. It was explicitly in the name of godlessness and anti-religion that the great genocides and wholesale massacres of the 20<sup>th</sup> century were perpetrated by Stalin, Hitler, Mau and Pol Pot.

It is a secular culture – really an atheistic culture – which now licenses abortion as a means of contraception. Which has divorced sex from morality. Which has almost destroyed the family. Which declares that issues of right and wrong are only matters of personal whim. Which denies even that there is such a thing as truth and says any opinion is as good as any other.

We face an atheistic totalitarianism as evil as anything dreamed up by Hitler and Stalin. The fact that moral and spiritual wickedness are concealed under the trappings of a vapid consumerism and material prosperity does not make these things any the less evil.

The remedy is what it ever was. Faith in the promises of God who in the person of Jesus Christ died and rose again for us men and for our salvation

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