

# *April 2017 Magazine*

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Holy Week

## From the Rector

*Dear Friends,*

Once more we approach the sorrow and joy of Holy Week and Easter. After Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, it becomes clear that those who shouted Hosanna had come with their own agendas expecting the Messiah to come on their terms rather than on God's. Even the disciples abandon or deny Jesus before Jesus begins his lonely walk to the Cross.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and the reminder that we are mortal and one day we will die, return to the ash from which we came. By the time we get to Good Friday we see Jesus, God's only Son die on the Cross. On Palm Sunday Jesus rides triumphantly into Jerusalem, on a donkey. Riding not into the glory that the people proclaim but to face the misplaced ideas about just how God's purpose is worked out. Not with human answers of more power to put fear into the hearts of others but with heavenly answers of more love to bring peace to all and life everlasting.

Franklin Roosevelt said in his inaugural address. 'So, first of all, let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is...fear itself — nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance.' When fear takes hold it is all too easy to be blinded to possibilities. But God offers a wonderful response; death the final fear is overcome when Christ rises from the tomb and in that act not only is the possibility of new life after this one declared, but also the promise of a new life, a better life here and now. If death is overcome than all other obstacles to God's reign of love can also be overcome. We don't need to be paralysed by fear, but rather we are set free to explore all the possibilities God offers.

May the joys and blessings of Easter not only free us but also give us the confidence to trust in all God's promises: life not only in the world to come, but life in all its fullness in this life.

*Blessings Kirstin*

### Update on Bishop Gregor from the Dean

After an excellent meeting with his consultant, Bishop Gregor in liaison with his GP, will in due course inform the Diocese about his intention for a phased return to work after a planned Easter holiday. This is good news and I am sure everyone will support him in his endeavour to return to effective ministry.

## Holy Week

Once again this Holy Week, along with the evening ABC services, New Kilpatrick and ourselves will be offering services each afternoon during Holy Week. On **Monday – Thursday** they will be held at **All Saints at 2pm** and on **Good Friday** at **New Kilpatrick** again at **2pm**. The evening ABC services will be held at Bearsden Cross this year, apart from Monday when as usual it will be held at St Andrew's RC Church. All evening services begin at 7.30pm.

On **Maundy Thursday 7.30pm** at **All Saints**: Sung Eucharist with Foot Washing, Stripping of the Altar and Vigil.

## The United Nations Commission on the Status of Women

The 61st Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women is, as I am typing, being held in New York. Rachael Fraser is the Scottish Episcopal Church's representative and part of the Anglican delegation and she has been blogging about it at <https://piskieadventuresnewyork.wordpress.com/> (If you don't have access to the internet but would like to read Rachael's blog please speak to the Rector who will provide you with a copy.)

## Refugee Response

A group of people from Bearsden are looking at how we can help with those arriving in the area who are refugees. While other areas are doing their share of housing and caring for people who have fled their homes in fear, East Dunbartonshire is behind the pack.

Currently we are investigating Community sponsorship of a refugee family. It is a long journey with steep learning curves and to get where we would like to be is going to take a while. However, to make people feel welcome is a Christian duty.

Anyone who is interested is more than welcome to our meetings. Currently we are trying to find a time which best suits so, if the current Monday evening slot isn't convenient for you but you would like to be involved, please let the Rector know what time and day would suit you. It might be a case that you could join one of the working groups who are looking into various aspects even if you can't manage the monthly meetings.

## Advanced Notice

The following events are in the planning. More information will become available over the coming weeks and months. For now this is giving you dates for your diary.

14<sup>th</sup> May – Choral Evensong

3<sup>rd</sup> June – Table Top Sale

4<sup>th</sup> June – ABC Service for Pentecost in the evening

19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> June – Bearsden Festival

2<sup>nd</sup> September – Open Gardens Day

4<sup>th</sup> November – Tea Dance

9<sup>th</sup> December – Quiz Night

## Vacancies and Bishops

You will doubtless be aware that the Primus, Right Rev David Chilingworth, Bishop of St Andrew's, Dunblane and Dunkeld has announced his retirement. What you may not also be aware of is that the Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney continues to be vacant (it is to be readvertised) and that the Right Rev Nigel Peyton, Bishop of Brechin, has now also announced his retirement. Both retirements will happen at the end of July. It will be unusual for the Scottish Episcopal Church to have three of its seven dioceses with vacancy-in-sees at the same time. Please pray for the Scottish Episcopal Church, those involved in the selection process, and those who might be called to be bishops to these three dioceses. Please also pray for the College of Bishops as they prepare to elect the new Primus (The Primus is elected by the bishops from within their number). Also please continue to hold Bishop Gregor in your prayers as he continues his recovery.

## All Saints Vestry Notes – March 13th

- The Vestry met on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017.
- The Vestry were most appreciative of the gift of carpeting for the church by Barbara Thompson in memory of her husband Roy. There was unanimous acclaim for the carpet which has been admired by so many. This will be enjoyed by the congregation for many years to come and feedback has been universally positive.
- Defective lights in the church have been repaired.
- There was discussion about how best to advertise in the Milngavie & Bearsden Herald, how often we should advertise and the format that this should take.

- The Lay Rep's report was taken as read. The main topics were the Diocesan Congregational Returns and changes to Canon 31 – *Of the Solemnisation of Holy Matrimony*. Further details from Rob Smith.
- Proposals for fund-raising took up a considerable part of the meeting. Various events and activities were examined and the Vestry agreed that we hold a "Table Top Sale" in June, an "Open Gardens" day in early September, a "Tea Dance" in early November and a Quiz Evening in December. These are all in the early stages of preparation and details will be forthcoming.
- The date of the next meeting is Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> May.

John Brooker

## The Lay Representative's reflections on Diocesan Synod 2017

On March 4<sup>th</sup>, having collected Jean Kerr from Knightswood, we drove down the M74 to the Barony College, Dumfries to attend this year's Diocesan Synod. In the absence of Bishop Gregor, the Dean was in charge. After coffee we began with a Eucharist Service in which the Dean delivered the Bishop's Charge, written by Bishop Gregor, the Charge and including his personal reflection on what was to be the most debated item on the day's Agenda - the proposed changes to *Canon 31 – Of the Solemnisation of Holy Matrimony* which received their first reading at General Synod in June 2016.

Once the business of Synod began, the usual housekeeping matters such as welcoming visitors and the Dean's interpretation of how to cast and count votes in the elections for representatives to General Synod all took time. The Revd Canon Dr Scott Robinson then took over the Chair and expertly guided proceedings through the rest of the morning's business.

Submission of Congregational Returns for the whole Diocese showed the numbers of those belonging to a congregation continue the annual decline that has occurred over the last thirty years dropping to **6201** in 2016 compared to for example **7583** in 2010, **12001** in 2000 and **16335** back in 1987. We then considered the proposed changes to a couple of Canons, 22 and 63, the latter, if passed at General Synod in June will mean that the Alternate Lay Rep in addition to the Lay Representative may become an *ex officio* member of Vestries.

We then proceeded onto the discussion of the changes to *Canon 31 – Of the Solemnisation of Holy Matrimony*, beginning with the Rev Paul Romano explaining the technicalities of how the Church's role in the marriage service

now stands with regard to the legal aspects due to the recent changes in Scottish law. Ten members of Synod spoke on the proposed changes, with opinions expressed from both sides of the debate. Those wishing to uphold the Canon in its current form felt that the traditional doctrine of marriage as between a man and a woman reflected biblical teaching, and if removed from the Canon would endanger the SEC's place within the global Anglican Community. Those favouring the new wording of the Canon stressed that the proposed changes had been carefully crafted to allow the church to be for everyone, and to acknowledge that God is speaking through his Holy Spirit to all who profess that 'God is Love.' A member of the Provincial Youth Council reported that in her experience most young people in the church were in favour of the change. In her opinion if the changes were not accepted then many would find difficulty in remaining in the SEC which, as she pointed out, would continue the decrease in congregational numbers. The final speaker believed that accepting the changes would keep the SEC together and was intended to respect the values and wishes of all. The motion for approval was taken with the results from the Houses of Clergy and Laity recorded separately in order to be able to submit the Diocesan view to the Province. Counting of the returns was undertaken during the break for an excellent lunch. On our return, the result was announced. There had been a clear majority in both Houses for acceptance of the changes in the Diocese. The matter now goes back to General Synod in June when there must be a two thirds majority in all three Houses (Bishops, Clergy, and Laity) for the changes to the Canon to be implemented.

Brief statements were then given from the PVG officer, the Treasurer on the Accounts and Budget for the year ahead, and the Provost on the Constitutional Review, although little could be said on this in the absence of the Bishop and may require a second synod meeting later in the year to discuss this further.

The Canon Missioner, Revd Canon Audrey O'Brian-Stewart, gave a very useful review on her work in the Diocese since taking up her position. She has undertaken a review of the MAPing process to date and outlined aspects of the rebooting of the process which she is currently undertaking in order to ensure that its prime aim is to better enable us to share the Gospel with the world.

There was a lively presentation from the Provincial Youth Network which challenged Charges to actively involve their Young Church members and encourage them since they are the Church of Today and not just the Church of the Future. Good advice for us all.

Remarkably proceedings drew to a close on time and we were able to enjoy a sunny drive back to Glasgow having had a full and challenging day in the Dumfriesshire countryside.  
Rob Smith

## World Day of Prayer at All Saints

On Friday 3rd March Bearsden Churches were hosted by All Saints for a service to remember The World Day of Prayer. Sixty plus in number of congregation enjoyed this service led in such a meaningful way by Christine Smith. Written by women of the Philippines it was a thought provoking service with beautiful music and hymns thanks to organist Peter Christie.

Andrew Long provided a presentation on screen of the Philippines. I was particularly interested having relatives in Manila and having visited on numerous occasions some rather remote areas in these islands.

Thanks must go to Christine Smith for organizing this occasion. Louise Benson for the catering arrangements, readers of the service, ladies who served the delicious afternoon tea, bakers who provided 'the goodies', and others who participated. Thanks to Kirstin for help and support.

All in all a wonderful afternoon.

Elaine Perrett



I'd like to thank everyone who attended and/or helped out with the World Day of Prayer service on March 3rd. Twenty All Saints' members were there to welcome all our visitors, and most of the congregation stayed afterwards to enjoy the excellent refreshments. Over 50 were present from the different Bearsden churches. We had many positive comments from our visitors, including one who emailed to say: 'I enjoyed the service with you this year. It was most enjoyable and intimate. I hadn't been in your church before, but I liked the design and layout. Thanks.'

Kirstin was a great support and encourager over the months leading up to the service, and the brightly coloured artistic table display on the chancel steps was created by her, even though she was unable to attend the service herself. The other 'silent' helper was Jean Stirling who rearranged the flowers from the previous Sunday for us to all enjoy.



Louise Benson helped with further planning of the service, and also arranged everything concerning the refreshments in the Glenburn Hall after the service, ably assisted by Margery Pollock, Janet Shields and Jane Lowis. The readers were Catriona Craig, Penny Inglis, Barbara Thompson, Hanan Atalla and Rob Smith,

and our greeters as visitors arrived were Elaine Perrett and Sheila Benson. It goes without saying that we really appreciated the contributions of Andrew Long for the audiovisual presentation, and Peter Christie for musical accompaniment.

The Philippines experience major storms and typhoons, which destroy homes and crops. Many Filipinos work abroad, some experiencing slave labour conditions. Farmers, labourers and young people often don't have the opportunities they would want. We were encouraged to think about the inherent unfairness of all that we have in Scotland, compared to all that many Filipinos don't have. The service was entitled 'Am I being unfair to you?' and was based around the parable Jesus told in Matthew 20: 1-16 where the landowner pays all his workers the same, whether they had toiled all day or just for one hour. Jesus used the landowner's generosity to help us understand what the kingdom of heaven is like.

£307.50 was raised for the work of the World Day of Prayer and the projects in the Philippines linked into by the Scottish Bible Society (trauma healing) and Feed the Minds (youth leader training).

Thank you to everyone from the congregation who was there, we were a good team.

Christine Smith

## Wednesday Lunch News

A big thankyou to everyone for their help and support throughout the year

We have three more weeks this season before our summer break and the team take a well earned rest.

**March 22nd** this is our annual flower day. Please join us and collect a flower posy arrangement to take home or give to a friend. This is to mark the middle of Lent and the approaching Mothering Sunday



**March 29th** this week and the following week (April 5<sup>th</sup>) we are collecting suitable foodstuffs for the food bank. Last year everyone was incredibly generous and we had a marvellous collection Louise has very kindly agreed to deliver this again for us. Please bring items with you on these two dates.



**April 5th** is our final meeting of the season. We are having an Easter bonnet day so join us for a lovely lunch and some fun.



We do have two lunches over the summer just to keep in touch. The first is Wednesday **May 3rd** when Geof and Penny Haydock will entertain us. We are looking forward to this musical treat.

The second is lunch at Ross Priory on **June 28th** – a lovely two course lunch and a chance to see the beautiful gardens. Please give us your name as places must be booked in advance.

Wednesdays at noon have become a very happy and friendly occasion if you haven't managed to make it yet for home made soup, fresh filled rolls and home baking *come and join us*.

The Wednesday lunch team

## Lunch Talk by All Saints Organist and Choir Master

On February 22nd the Wednesday lunch team invited our organist and choir master Peter Christie to give a talk to the members and guests present. Peter's talk was broadly about his life in church music and the training of choirs, and I understand he has become an expert over the years.



Peter learned several instruments at a young age and eventually went on to specialize in church music and the training of choirs. Over the years he has been invited by many churches of all denominations to play for their services.

Peter was very informative how services are planned, together with the rector or lay reader; how the music and hymns complement the theme of any service or indeed for special times, for example at Easter or Christmas, the music and hymns are not for entertainment but are played and sung to the glory of God.

I for one did not realize how much hard work, time and thought goes into the planning of the music for the services.

Those of us who attend All Saints Church have the advantage of reading Peter's notes on today's music in the weekly pew sheet. These are informative and interesting.



What became evident during Peter's talk was his expertise, enthusiasm and his love of church music and all that entails. So thank you, Peter, for your interesting talk which was appreciated by every one present.

Margaret Dunn

### Apple Day at Wednesday Lunch (an imaginative description by Mike )



The photo shows Margaret Escreet and her carer, Steven and Sheila Benson.

Margaret's daughter, Sarah (alas, not available for photo) donated a ton of apples (well, maybe not a ton, but an awful lot o' aipples) to the Wednesday Lunch group. Accordingly, we had an Apple Day to make use of aforesaid apples - you know, apple consommé, apple & kidney pie, apple crumble and, to round it all off, a wee glass of calvados... Some of said apple-containing items can be seen just nudging their way into the lower left-hand side of the photo.

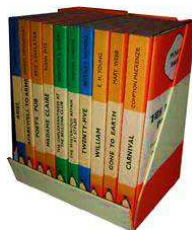
## The Book Stall

Dear Everyone

The book stall is doing well making approximately £50 per month for church funds. However I need more donations of paperback books to give people more choice and have a good turnover.

I would be grateful for your donations. Thanks to everyone for your ongoing support.

warm regards Margaret Dunn



## The E Group

We met at Christine's this time and as always we start off with food. Laura was the cook and had a bit of a drama as her order from Tesco did not arrive till 6pm so she had to the family something else for their meal. Laura had not tried the recipe before which was a chicken stew using Fair trade goods.

After we get down to work!! We are using the book by Max Lucas and the chapter was headed up "Sour Milk" overcoming a bad attitude. The New Testament reading was Luke 10:38-42, the well known story of Martha and

Mary in which Martha is annoyed at doing all the work while Mary does all the listening. Martha now has a bad attitude to her sister.

This was a great source of discussion. We decided that Martha could be a self-righteous pain in the neck, to quote Max, so we should guard our attitude!!

Jean Stirling

## Some More Fund-Raising Events

### ATTENTION ALL GARDENERS!



The Vestry has agreed to hold an **Open Gardens** event on Saturday 2nd September 2017, from 2pm onwards.....and we are giving advance notice to all keen gardeners in the hope that we can get 6 - 7 church members ( or more!) to agree to provide an **Open Garden** that day.

We are not asking for Gardeners World or Beechgrove Garden standards, just willing gardeners to allow others to view their handiwork....weeds and all!

We plan to have tea , coffee and cakes available at each venue, and help will be available for each host/hostess.

So, this is your chance to show off the fruits of all those hard hours spent in the garden, and in so doing have a bit of fun, and raise funds for the church.

I would be delighted to hear from people who would be willing to take part in this fun event.

Louise Benson

### Advance notice of a Table Top Sale

The Vestry have decided, that as part of Fund Raising this year, to try something that is very much in vogue these days – that being a Table Top Sale.

This will take place on **Saturday 3rd June**, timing to be in the afternoon. This new venture will consist of participants booking a table (70cmx180cm) at a fair price of £10.

This would be an opportunity for anyone who wishes to sell their goods, or promote their business, to do so in a welcoming, community setting. Suggestions for tables could be crafts, jewellery, flowers, or anything you wish to sell. The profit is all yours.

We are hoping to have a Bottle Table and a Designer Table, therefore donations for these would be appreciated. Refreshments will also be served and we are asking for volunteers to assist with baking and serving of these on the day.

More details to follow on this venture, however in the meantime if you wish to participate or obtain more information, please contact

*Remember to book a table early to avoid disappointment!*

Anne Shirlaw

## Lent Lunch Sunday 12th March

A simple, or 'frugal', lunch of bread and cheese was available in the Hall after the 10.30am service on 12th March.

Before the lunch Kirstin reminded us of the importance and significance of a frugal lunch and the Grace was said prior to us heading into the Hall.

A total donation of £166 was made and will go towards our Lent Appeal helping refugees in our area.

Thanks to Vestry members who provided the bread, and in particular to John Harrington for his excellent homemade breads, and also to Kirstin for providing ample amounts of cheese.

Louise Benson

## Saintly Saturday Beetle Drive

First, the editor must apologise for wrongly attributing Samantha's article last month to her mother Yvonne. As I explained to Samantha, in old age one tends to muddle generations, especially as it seems but yesterday that I remember her mother in Sunday School herself!

*Below are brief comments only, due to the regular contributors having far too much homework, but many thanks for sending these comments.*

Samantha said, "We had pancakes. There was a choice of toppings to go on the pancakes. There were lemons, sugar, mushrooms, jam, chopped banana, whipped cream and nutella. Yummy! Then we played a beetle drive."

Gavin added, "It was fun!"



## Music Notes

There's a service of readings and music for Passiontide on **Palm Sunday (9<sup>th</sup> April) at 6:30pm**, when our own choir will be joined by singers from the former St James's Paisley (whom we welcome once more) and from the New Kilpatrick Church choir. If any of our 'occasional' singers wish to join us, there are rehearsals in the church on Saturday mornings **25<sup>th</sup> March** and **1<sup>st</sup> April** at 10:30am, and on the day at 4:00pm. Palm Sunday should be a tremendous experience as a gateway to Holy Week this year.

A reminder that we have another Choral Evensong planned for **14<sup>th</sup> May** at 6:30pm, once again with an augmented choir.

Last month I started to look at the question 'what is church music actually *for*?' by looking at the history of the 'Propers' – mostly Psalm verses used since ancient times to provide a meditation while the clergy and their attendants were doing other things. In more recent centuries, these Psalm verses have largely been supplanted by congregational hymns, which are chosen (or, at least, should be chosen!) to reflect the liturgical season and the position of the hymn in the service – thus, the Gradual Hymn will often refer to the theme or content of the bible readings, especially the Gospel.

The Introit sung by the choir at All Saints is usually Psalm verses sung to plainchant, in the ancient manner, often taken from the Psalm for the day specified in the lectionary. But what are hymns actually *for*? Here are some personal views.

There are basically two kinds of hymn – the '*praise*' hymn, in which the main purpose is to offer our corporate thanks, adoration and praise to God; and the '*worship*' hymn, which is aimed at helping us along the path of deeper contemplation of the numinous, the nature of holiness, mystery, transcendence, humble approach, and coming closer into the Divine presence.

Hymns can be at either end of the spectrum – 'Praise my soul the King of Heaven' and 'Lead kindly light' would fit these descriptions respectively – or can be a mixture, often leaning towards one side more than the other.

Some congregations and denominations have a strong preference for the 'praise' ethos – the high energy and joyful noise make for a feel-good experience that buoys us up and energises us, especially at joyful festivals or at



the end of the service. However, a relentless diet of upbeat 'praise' leaves no space for the contemplative or the penitential – too many services I have played for over the past few years have had not a shred of the transcendent.

It's a valid criticism of many praise-centred hymn books (for example, Mission Praise, which we sometimes use, though it's more balanced than many) that many of the more 'subdued' hymns are actually just sentimental rather than worshipful, and often centred on the individual (texts with much I, me, myself in them), rather than focusing on the Divine. As a measure of the praise focus in that book, only two of the 1,250 songs and hymns are suggested therein as being suitable for Lent. As a culture we have somehow allowed 'serious' to become equated with 'miserable' or 'boring'.

The language used also pays an essential part in the ability of a hymn to help take us upwards out of ourselves – modernising texts can lead to banality if done badly, and can materially alter the sense of the original. Shuddering at some of the particularly unhappy reworkings of older texts is not really conducive to opening yourself to an encounter with God! Inclusive language is one laudable thing, but to imagine that 'The darkness falls at thy behest' is improved by changing it to 'The sun is sinking in the west' is simply patronising vandalism, and unlikely to bring the young folk flooding back!

The Church has more than a thousand years' heritage of poetry set to music, and it's substantially been formed by the Church's own distinctive musical styles and sounds, and its own particular language. These are justifiably different from the everyday, and they need and deserve some effort and learning to engage properly with. We dumb them down at our peril, and there are encouraging signs that younger folk are beginning to rediscover the power of the mystical and transcendent songs of the Church rather than the entertainment-driven 'worshiptainment' so beloved of some evangelical congregations, especially in the USA.

Next time – *what's choir music all about?*

Peter Christie

## Congregation News

### Welcome to the McCaw Family

Amanda and Alexander moved from Glasgow to Main's Estate in Milngavie last April with Xander who will be five in June. Patrick was born about four weeks ago and has been a regular church attendee since week one! They previously attended St Ninian's in Shawlands.

Amanda writes: "We like how family orientated All Saints is and how the children are involved in the service, and Xander loves crèche, especially the biscuits! "



Xander enjoying building Lego at crèche.

### Happy day for the Stirlings

Alasdair's graduation at Oxford with a Msc from the Said School of Business Studies. Alasdair did this course at Brasenose College while still doing his job with the M.O.D. We had a reception at the college followed by a meal. It was a lovely day for us all even if the whole ceremony was conducted in Latin --even Alex did not get it all!!



## Congratulations to Fergus and team

### 1st Bearsden Boys Brigade - Double Scottish National Champions

It's coming up to the culmination of competition time at the moment for the Boys Brigade. *All around the UK*, Boys Brigade companies have been brushing up on their general knowledge and polishing up their chess skills for two of the major BB annual competitions - Masterteam and Chess. First up were the individual home nations finals.





**Saturday 25th February** saw the 4 man team of Fergus, Ross, John and Greg heading off to Polmont for the BB Scottish National Masterteam final. Masterteam is the BB quiz competition.

There are always 2 rounds that teams can prepare for in advance - Bible Knowledge and BB knowledge and then 6 other general knowledge rounds that cover topics such as sport, geography, pictures, blockbusters etc. The road to the final had been via 3 heats - 1st Bearsden had come second in the first heat but had gone through to the second heat as they had the second highest score in Scotland, beating all the other first heat winners. They got through the next two heats as winners and earned themselves a place in the Scottish final along with 1st Polmont, 65th Edinburgh, 1st Denny & Dunipace, 2nd Gourrock and 3rd Inverness.

It was a very close fought match between the top 3 teams but 1st Bearsden triumphed with 71 points seeing off 1st Polmont (70.5) and 65th Edinburgh (70).



**Saturday 7th March** was the BB Scottish National Chess final. The 3 man team comprised of Fergus, Alistair and John had successfully worked their way through the heats to make it to the final for the first time. It was going to be no walk in the park as they were up against a very successful team from 7th Edinburgh. As Scotland are going to be hosting the UK finals this year the boys were guaranteed a place - the host nation being able to field two teams - but they wanted to go through as Scottish champions.



After 8 nail biting games it was 4 all going in to the 9th and final game. The tension was rising and Fergus was in for 1st Bearsden - no pressure! He held his nerve and won the game making 1st Bearsden only the fourth company to win the chess competition in 16 years.

Having never won a National competition since it was founded 1898, the boys of 1st Bearsden have made it as Double Scottish National champions in 2017 - one year before their 120th anniversary.

*Wishing them all the best of luck for the UK finals - Airdrie on 25th March for Chess and Antrim on 8th April for Masterteam.*

## Gavin's Mill Fair Trade Shop and Café

This new shop opened in early March and can be found in the old Gavin's Mill building, beside the underpass at Tesco car park.

The shop stocks lots of fairly traded foods, also other local and global foods and crafts, cards and soft furnishings. There's also a café which I'm looking forward to visiting very soon!

The Coach House at Balmore has now closed, very helpfully passing much of its stock to the new shop. It's being run by a charity, Gavin's Mill Community Project, which will use funds raised to buy and renovate the building, then ultimately pass moneys on to other charities in UK and Africa and Asia.

As there is this good supply of fairly traded foods available for us to purchase so nearby, there seems little point in continuing with our monthly sale in All Saints. We will, however, hope to have sales 3 or 4 times a year to highlight what is currently available, hopefully to sell Christmas cards and also because we enjoy it and feel it's a worthwhile use of our Sundays.

Very many thanks, as ever, for your support. Pauline, Elaine, Fiona and Luke

*... And many thanks to the team for their hard work over many years.*

You can read more about Gavin's Mill Community Project at [www.gavinsmill.org](http://www.gavinsmill.org)

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## Children's Corner

16th April 2017 - Easter Day is the culmination of Holy Week.

Easter commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is the most important Christian festival, and the one celebrated with the greatest joy. The date of Easter changes each year, and several other Christian festivals fix their dates by reference to Easter.

Churches are filled with flowers, and there are special hymns and songs.

But not all Easter customs are Christian; some, such as the Easter Bunny, are pagan in origin.



## All Saints Sunday School

### Upcoming Dates for the diary

26 <sup>th</sup> March	All Age Worship/Mothering Sunday
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Holiday
9 <sup>th</sup> April	Holiday
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Holiday
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	All Age Worship

In Sunday School we are continuing our lessons on the Miracles of Jesus. Last month we learned about "the feeding of the five thousand", "Jesus walks on water", "the raising of Lazarus" and "the faith of the Centurion". Next up is "the healing of the ten lepers".

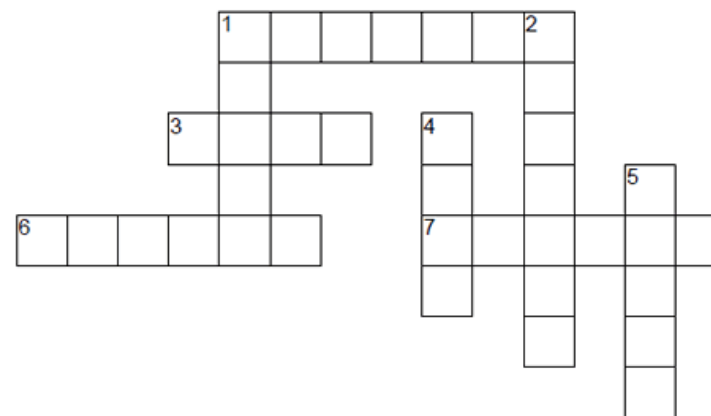
**"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name." Psalm 100:4 NIV**

Have a go at the puzzles on the next pages -no age limit!

## The Faith of the Centurion

When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel." Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well. Luke 7:9-10 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on Luke 7:1-10



### ACROSS

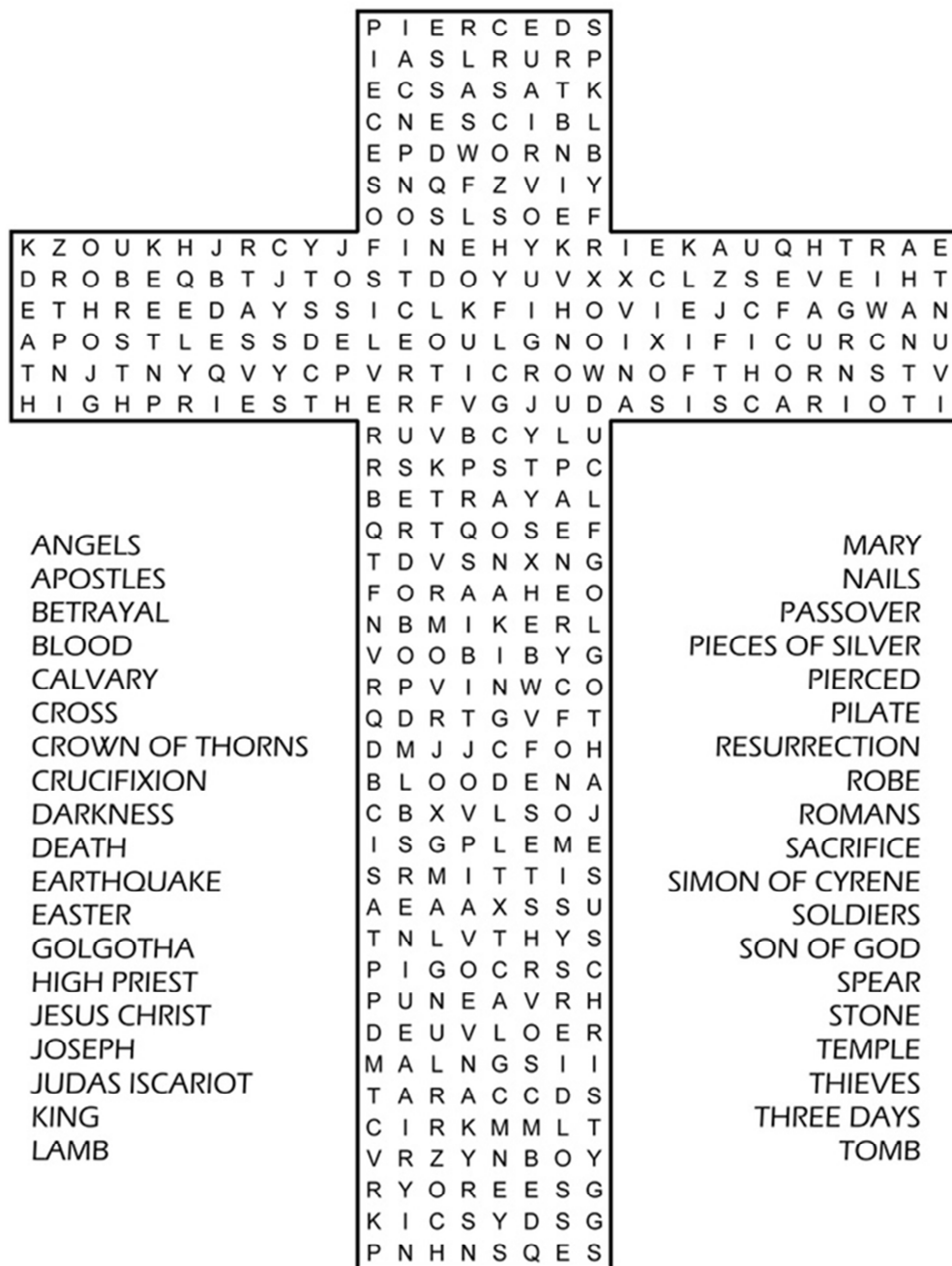
1. People that you know well and regard with affection
2. To be physically ill
3. To deserve something
4. To be overwhelmed, surprised, or shocked

### DOWN

1. A strong belief in the power of God
2. A person working in the service of another
3. To cure or make healthy again
4. The Son of God

WORTHY FAITH	SERVANT JESUS	SICK HEAL	FRIENDS AMAZED
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## Easter Word Search



## Well-known Easter hymns, but they have had their words jumbled up



1. lla oyrlg audl and orouhn
2. lla nveaeh arlsdcee
3. nda acn ti eb
4. eb lstli nda nkwo hatt i ma ogd
5. eb tllsi fro teh erscnepe fo eht rdol
6. earebht no em tabahr fo gdo
7. hrsict het rlod si eisnr ydaot
8. ofmr anehev ouy ocme
9. eh si rdol
10. i ecandd ni eht grnnimo
11. i oknw taht ym rdemreee eilsv
12. amke wya, amek awy
13. onrmnig ahs eonkrb
14. deri no, ider no ni mateysj
15. Kroc fo gsae
16. eth dol rgdeug srcos
17. heter si a negre illh raf awya
18. tnihe eb teh lgoyr
19. eerw ouy heter
20. enwh i rsevuy the dunroswo ocsrs



Answers next month

## May Magazine

Please send all articles for the May magazine to Richard Kingslake by **Sunday 23rd April 2017**. The magazine will be available on Sunday 30th April 2017

## *April Service Rota*

Date	Sidesmen 10:30 a.m.	Eucharistic Assistants	Readings	Reader	Intercessor	Coffee Name in bold to bring milk
<b>2 April Lent 5</b>	Mairi Ross David Hamblen	LHS: John RHS: Andrew	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Romans 8: 6-11 John 11:1-45	Rob Smith	Rob Smith	<b>Gillian Kingslake</b> Sheena MacDonald Barbara Thompson
<b>9 April Palm Sunday</b>	Andrew Long David Wheatley	LHS: Hanan RHS: Rob/Christine	Isaiah 50:4-9a Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 26:14 - 27:66	David Simmons	Louise Benson	<b>Ann Wheatley</b> Brenda Hadcroft Jane Lewis
<b>16 April Easter Day</b>	John Brooker Andrew Long	LHS:Graham RHS: Celia	Jeremiah 31:1-6 Colossians 3:1-4 Matthew 28:1-10	Graham Caie	Andrew Long	<b>Margaret Dunn</b> Margery Pollock May Campbell
<b>23 April Easter 2</b>	Anne Shirlaw Iain Stewart	LHS: Louise RHS: Catriona	Acts 2:14a, 22-23; 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31	TBC	TBC	<b>Janet Stack</b> Joyce James Kate Ross
<b>30 April Easter 3</b>	Richard Kingslake Kate Ross	LHS: John RHS: Richard	Acts 2:14a,36-41 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35	Catriona Craig	Mike Graham	<b>Alex Stirling</b> Pauline Waugh Fiona Hempel

# April Services

Date	Services	
2 <sup>nd</sup> April Lent 5 (Violet)	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Lent Liturgy
Monday - Thursday	8am Lent Morning Prayer	
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am Said Eucharist	
9th April Palm Sunday (Red)	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Lent Liturgy
	6.30pm Readings and Music for Passiontide	
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> 2pm A Journey Through Holy Week - Together with New Kilpatrick @ All Saints		
13 <sup>th</sup> April Maundy Thursday (White)	7.30pm Sung Eucharist with Foot Washing, Stripping of the Altar and Vigil	
14 <sup>th</sup> April Good Friday	2pm A Journey Through Holy Week with New Kilpatrick Good Friday Service @ New Kilpatrick	
Association of Bearsden Churches Holy Week Services Monday 7.30pm Stations of the Cross at St Andrew's RC Church Tuesday 7.30pm led by Baljaffray at Bearsden Cross Church Wednesday 7.30pm led by New Kilpatrick at Bearsden Cross Church Thursday 7.30pm led by Bearsden Cross at Bearsden Cross Church Friday 7.30pm led by Bearsden Baptist at Bearsden Cross Church		
16th April Easter (White)	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Easter Liturgy with renewal of Baptismal vows and lighting of the Paschal Candle
23 <sup>rd</sup> April Easter 1 (White)	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Easter Season Liturgy
30th April Easter 2 (White)	10.30am Reserved Eucharist	Reserved Eucharist Liturgy