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Cover Picture: The Resurrection: Port Glasgow
by Stanley Spencer

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Dear Friends

The painting on the front of the magazine of The Resurrection: Port Glasgow by Stanley Spencer is far busier than traditional paintings of the Resurrection.

There are lots of paintings of The Resurrection. By far the majority of them are in the garden with Jesus, maybe an angel, maybe Mary, maybe another woman or two, maybe Peter, John, or both, occasionally a sleeping soldier, or a soldier looking surprised. If they aren't in the garden, the setting is a road or doorway or round a table, three people maybe breaking bread, maybe a woman servant in the foreground, like in Caravaggio's famous scene of The Supper at Emmaus. There are a few busy ones; by busy, I mean the remaining disciples and the Risen Lord gathered in the upper room, with or without Thomas, 10 or 11 figures. In those scenes, painted thousands of times, the Resurrection is about Jesus being alive once more. However, if resurrection means anything then it must mean more than recalling an ancient story.

If faith in the resurrection means anything, then it can't be purely as an onlooker, looking at something that happened way back to someone else, even if that someone else was the Son of God. If hope in the resurrection means anything, then it must include all people not just a self-selecting few. If love through the resurrection means anything, then it must be something that transcends time and place. If Easter means anything then it has to mean something today, not just a remembrance of yesteryear.

Stanley Spencer painted many scenes of the Resurrection, probably his one in Cookham Churchyard is the most well-known. In them all he paints everyday people from the local area climbing out of their graves in a truly joyful scene. There are those outside the graveyard wall, greeting the newly resurrected. Within the graveyard there are people greeting one another once again, a group offering praise to God, people helping others out of the graves, some having their faces wiped, some naked.

And there is one figure in particular which tells the Easter story oh so well, someone it is easy to mistake for someone else, someone resting and watching on as if this scene is nothing out of the ordinary. A gardener with a spade, resting on an enormous rock circle; oh I know he looks old for Jesus, and surely Jesus wasn't bald, but remember that gardener in that garden, Mary didn't recognise him. Here in Spencer's painting of the Resurrection. It isn't about Jesus being raised from the dead; it is about Jesus helping raising us from the dead. The spade has dug the graves back out just as the rock was rolled away from his own grave.

Yes Jesus was raised from the death and we remember that each Easter; however Easter isn't just about Jesus, it is also about us. Jesus died and rose again so that we could have new life. Alleluia.

Blessings, Kirstin

Wednesday Eucharist

During the month of May, 1st, 15th and 22nd, the Eucharist on Wednesday morning at 11:30am will be celebrated using the 1970 Liturgy (grey book).

Ascension

On Thursday 30th May there will be a said service for the Ascension at 12 noon after which there will be a light lunch.

Quiz Night

Advanced notice that there will be a Quiz Night on Saturday 15th June at 7pm.

Vestry Notes April 8th 2019

- David Hamblen has been trying to contact organisations and individuals with a view to having the defibrillator sited in a more suitable location, so far with limited success. The Vestry agreed that the EDC Hub is the obvious and ideal location. He will continue his efforts and report back to the Vestry at the next meeting.
- Andrew's job description for the role of Treasurer will be condensed for inclusion in the Church magazine.
- Our organist, Laura, will be on a temporary placement during the summer months and it is possible that she will be unable to play for some services. These will hopefully be when the choir is on "summer hols" ; Kirstin will provide more details as they become available.
- There will be a Quiz Night on Saturday, June 15th at 7.00pm.
- The hedge around the garden of remembrance is showing damage due to careless parking/reversing in the carpark behind the church. Jim Craig, the Property Convenor, has been asked to have metal posts fitted to protect the hedge at the affected area.

John Brooker

Events during Lent and Holy Week

Mothering Sunday at All Saints was a memorable service. Upon entering the church we were all asked to write on small pieces of coloured paper where we were christened and our mothers name. Samantha collected the pieces of paper as blossom and did a great job of putting them on branches at the front of the church. Throughout the service we had a chance to reflect and think about our own mothers and the place where we were christened. I was christened at All Saints church and my brother was christened at St Michaels.

Beth Trainer



Tuesday Art and Poetry Sessions

These were interesting discussions held during Lent. It was amazing what different people saw in a painting and the emotions brought out by the poetry accompanying it. I didn't know any of the work of the chosen paintings but it made me go and find out more about the artist and their work. The poetry readings were most enjoyable too.

We finished each session with Compline a service I personally have always liked.

Jean Stirling

Holy Week Services

We gathered on Monday night round the font and the theme was water, what it meant to us. The water of life: no life without it and the meditations around the music were very calming thoughtful.

The next night the theme was hope and seeds were offered to plant and watch grow. Again the readings were so appropriate to the theme.

Wednesday brought us to healing both the soul and body and we were invited to taste honey which has great healing properties. All the time music played and readings read.

Maundy Thursday saw us at the last supper and the reenactment of the washing of feet and hands, followed by a shared Eucharist.

Good Friday we gathered in New Kilpatrick and we were so lucky to see their stain glass in all its glory as the sun shone through the windows. Now we followed the way to Gethsemane from 2pm till 3pm wandering round the church with music and readings until it was done.

I would like to thank Kirstin and Roddy for all the work and preparation they made to make this a meaningful week for us all leading up the glory of the Resurrection.

Jean Stirling



Below are the events known about as of Saturday 20th April, new events are still being added, please follow the Bearsden Festival facebook page for the most up to date information. Please note all events other than the Fundraising Dinner are free.

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Events scored through are no longer taking any bookings as they are full.

Please check the Bearsden Festival web page for further details
<https://www.bearsdenfestival.org/>

10th May

~Opening Night and Community Awards – 7.30pm Bearsden Academy

11th May

*Robert Burns: 'The Picture of Thy Mind' - Moira Hansen, Glasgow University – 10am New Kilpatrick New Halls

*Write Frame of Mind – Novelist Lisa Ballantyne 11:15 New Kilpatrick New Halls

Beauty in Brokenness – Workshops full

Help Build a mega Lego Village, Paint a Kindness Rock, take your part in a big art installation a family event for all ages – 2.30-5.30pm New Kilpatrick Old Halls

*Wellness Zone – 30 minutes taster sessions of Yoga – 4pm, tai chi – 1:45pm, Alexander technique – 2:30pm, Pilates – 2.30pm. All Saints Halls

Showdowntime – learn songs from the shows, scratch choirs. Adults 4-6pm children 5-6pm concert 7-8.30pm. No booking needed but you must be available for the concert and the whole of the relevant rehearsal time.

A Talk in the Park – Kilmardinny Players put on this short 15 minute play suitable for adults only at 11am and 12:45pm in New Kilpatrick New Halls.

Playlist for Life Silent Disco – sold out

12th May

Two walks around Bearsden beginning at Bearsden Baptist Church at 2pm.

13th May

~Business Gateway Workshop for those who are self-employed – Kilmardinny House 1.30-4pm

*Sleep, Circadian Rhythms & Mental Health – Prof Daniel Smith – 7.30pm New Kilpatrick New Halls

14th May

*Relaxing Reads – Bearsden Library 11am-noon

Singing Workshop – Westerton Male Voice Choir Musical Director Bryan Marshall 7.30-10pm

15th May

*Music in Mind – Playlist for Life exploring the power of music in dementia

*Fermented Foods – Glasgow Wellbeings brings an evening of information, inspiration and motivation to start loving your gut a little bit more – 7:30pm New Kilpatrick New Halls

16th May

Rock Choir Open Rehearsal – 10-11.30am New Kilpatrick New Halls

Journalling Workshop – Full

~Poetry Open Mic Night – 7.30pm Beaumartin The Cottage

17th May

A View from the Fridge sold out

~Festival Fundraising Dinner with Hardeep Singh Kohli – three course meal including a cocktail Bring your Own Bottle, Bid on a Hardeep's Home Cooking Prize. Booking essential limited numbers £35 each.

18th May

*Reflective Arts: small group crafting with Ageless Art – 11.30am New Kilpatrick New Halls

Adventures with Shrink Plastic - workshop full

Slow Stitch – workshop full

*Book Launch followed by Q&A – Sasha Greene and Prof Rory O'Connor – All Saints 2-3:30pm

Breathing Space Cafe – 2-5pm All Saints Halls

The Inspire Project – a night of music and dance 7:30pm New Kilpatrick Church

19th May

~Thorn Park Fun Run and Cycle Fest – 1 mile all age – 2 mile for those over 11 – fun, cycle obstacle course 2-4pm

Scottish Music Jam 7-10pm Massimos

(All week activities over the page)

All Week

Operation Out Doors, lots of outdoor games for children of all ages 10am-5pm New Kilpatrick Manse Garden

The Stables Cafe, talks and stalls – 10am-5pm Old Stable Block at New Kilpatrick Roman Mosaics help create mosaics for the Antonine Wall Project – Bearsden Baptist Church

An extra event – see details later in the magazine

There is planned an Afternoon Tea in All Saints Church Hall on **Sunday, 12th May**, during the Bearsden Festival (2-4pm). This is called “Afternoon Tea with the Ambassador Aces”



A Report from your Lay Representative: Episcopal Election Update

Many of you will be interested in the next steps in the election for our new Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway. On Friday, 26th April there will be another Diocesan Synod in Kilmarnock, at which we will elect two Lay and two Clergy members for the new Preparatory Committee. This is the committee which considers all the applicants and prepares the short-list of 3-5 candidates in advance of elections. Other members of the committee are the Primus (as convenor), another bishop and five members of the Provincial Panel for Episcopal Elections, including two from our own Diocese, the Very Rev. Kelvin Holdsworth and Mrs. Anne Jones, both from St. Mary's Cathedral.

Once this committee has done its job, there will be a meeting of the Electoral Synod to “meet the candidates” on Saturday, 27th July, and the actual election meeting on Saturday, 3rd August. I imagine that, if all of this goes smoothly, we should have a new Bishop for Christmas. I have a more detailed timetable of all the steps in the process if anyone wants to look at it.

Please pray for all involved in this process over the next few months.

David Simmons

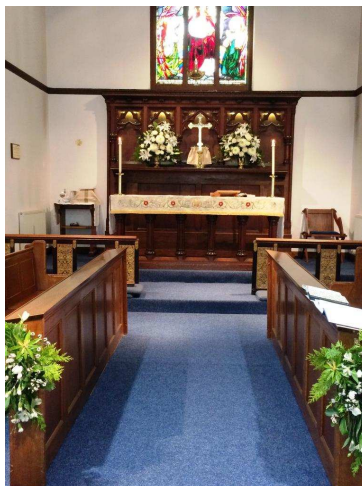
All Saints on Easter Day

On Easter Day, the sun was shining, the church garden looked wonderful with daffodils and blossom and the Church was filled with flowers. It made a perfect setting to our Easter Eucharist.

Many thanks are due to our church gardeners, led by

Mhairi Ross and to the flower arrangers, led by Ann Caie. Many thanks also to our choir, led so delightfully by Laura.

Here are a few of the floral decorations but they don't do justice to the overall effect, which added to this joyful Eastertide.



Below is the Cross that was decorated by the congregation during communion and carried out to the garden by Luke Craig at the end of the service.



Wednesday Lunch Group News

The Wednesday Lunch Group season has now finished but went out with a bang in a number of most successful events:

On 27 March, we held our **Flower Day**. A photo of the team who prepared the flower arrangements together with their beautiful creations crept into the March magazine. The arrangements were distributed to Wednesday lunchers to have at home or to pass on to neighbours and friends as gifts for Mothering Sunday from the Church. Thanks to Christine, Sheena and the rest of the team for bringing such joy to so many of us.



Bringing the Romans Back to Life - a Journey through Time

Amanda MacKenzie was the last of our speakers at the Wednesday Lunch Group before the summer break. She is the author of a number of successful historical novels based in the ancient Roman world which she has researched extensively. Her talk 'Bringing the Romans Back to Life - a Journey through Time' was as entertaining as it was informative. She began with the mythical history of early Rome: with the story of Romulus and Remus being nursed by the she-wolf, and the capture of the Sabine neighbours to provide women for the new kingdom. She then traced the history of Rome through the kings, to the Republic and on into the Roman Empire showing how the Empire grew, including the invasion and conquest of Britain. Her maps and pictures really did bring the ancient world to life for us and gave us a rather splendid journey through time.

Brenda Hadcroft

We finished the 2018-19 season on 10 April with our **Lunch at Ross Priory**.

Jane Lewis has written about this:-

"What a lovely lunch and afternoon we all had at Ross Priory - thanks to our wonderful organisers - Andrew and Brenda - these days don't happen by magic but a lot of organising is involved.

We were blessed by sunshine all day so saw Ross Priory at its very best. Some of us walked down to the Lochside - Kathleen's wheelchair even made it back up!! - helped by a young man who came to the rescue!!

It ended a very HAPPY DAY."



Our Charities

As regulars will know, the aim of the WLG is to provide a wholesome lunch accompanied by the opportunity to chat with friends and set the world to rights. We take donations to help defray the costs of the lunches but it has never been an aim to raise money thereby. However those who attend are so generous that we invariably have money left over at the end of each session to distribute to charities. Since Christmas, we have donated £100 to the DEC appeal for Mozambique, and after making a donation to Church funds for heating and lighting costs, we have approximately £700 to distribute to charities. Following suggestions from Lunch Group Members, we are distributing this equally between two charities, LoveOliver – a charity which supports childhood cancer research and provides practical support for families of children who have been diagnosed with cancer, and the Diocesan Lent Appeal for the Malawi Association for Christian Support (see the March magazine).

Next session news

The Wednesday lunches will restart on the **18th September 2019** with the same organisers. We hope to see you then.

Brenda Hadcroft and Andrew Long

The organisers are to be congratulated on a very successful year since taking over from the team who first set up the lunches over five years ago and were a hard act to follow!

Fund raising by some of our younger members

Imogen's trip to Namibia

Thank you so much to everyone who came to my stall and to everyone who contributed to my Namibia trip funds. I raised about £180 pounds over the two weeks and I now have enough for the first instalment.

My trip is in the summer of 2020 and is a conservation expedition to Namibia. We are going for three weeks and will be staying in three different places. Whilst we are there we will be working with local charities to clear old farmland so that wildlife reservations can be expanded; helping biologists with their studies of big cats and other local species and creating man-made water holes.

One of the charities we will be working closely with is a charity called REST, an organisation dedicated to the conservation of endangered species in Namibia, particularly pangolins.



Pangolins are scaly mammals that live mainly on ants, they are critically endangered as their keratin scales are used in a lot of Chinese medicines, thus making the biggest threat to these animals the black markets in China and Vietnam. Not too long ago a huge shipment of 12.7 tonnes of pangolin scales was seized by

Singapore officials on its way to Vietnam.

Pangolins are now thought to be the second most trafficked mammal after humans.

The Asian pangolin population has fallen by 80% due to poaching and deforestation, and so poachers are now turning to African pangolins as a new source of scales.

I will be doing more fundraising events over the next year including maybe a film night and a quiz night as well as a few bake sales. If you have any fundraising ideas please share them with me, and thank you all once again.



Imogen Roach

Edward Simmons @thetennisaces: Kiltwalk and Afternoon Tea Update

A reminder to all of you about two events linked with *The Tennis Aces* (<https://www.thetennisaces.co.uk>) which my son, Edward Simmons, is involved with over the next month.

The first is the “Kiltwalk” on **Sunday, 28th April** (apologies that I will have to miss church that day). Edward and I will be doing the “Wee Wander” (6-mile walk) from Dumbarton to Loch Lomond. Thanks to those of you who have already donated. If you still want to do this directly then there is now a link set up: <https://glasgowkiltwalk2019.everydayhero.com/uk/edward-simmons> which also explains some of the background.



The Royal Bank of Scotland Kiltwalk is a unique Scottish charity event where every penny raised goes towards supporting Scotland’s charities.

We will also be hosting an Afternoon Tea in All Saints Church Hall on **Sunday, 12th May**, during the Bearsden Festival (2-4pm).

This is called “Afternoon Tea with the Ambassador Aces” (look out for leaflets shortly). Please support us by coming along to meet some of the people who benefit from the work of the Tennis Aces.



We are also happy to receive donations of home baking so get in touch if you can help us with that too.

Best to email me on David.Simmons@glasgow.ac.uk.

Sunday School News

Upcoming Dates for the diary

28 th April	Sunday School	26 th May	Holiday
5 th May	Sunday School	2 nd June	Sunday School
12 th May	Sunday School	9 th June	Sunday School
19 th May	Sunday School	16 th June	Prize Giving

Children's Corner

In Sunday School we have been continuing our journey through the Old Testament and have reached 1st and 2nd Samuel. See if you can remember which books the following puzzles come from.

Colour me in



W O R K R U T H A R U
W T F O U X B B O A Z
O R I D T N A O M I B
R U E Y H A R A I S E
B I L R A M L H N R V
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O E I M O A B V L R A
F E A N S A D E G O L
A N A T K R U S T W E
Z M E H E L H T E B R

Can you find the following words in the grid:

Ruth, Glean, Died,
Naomi, Orpah,
Field, Boaz, Eat,
Workers, Moab,
Drink, Work, Barley,
Relative, Food,
Harvest, Marry,
Bethlehem, Sad

May Service Rotas

Date	Sidesmen 10:30 a.m.	Eucharistic Assistants	Readings	Reader	Intercessor	Coffee Name in bold to bring milk
5th May Easter 3	Janet Stack David Wheatley	LHS: Hanan RHS: Celia	Acts 9:1-20 Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19	Graham Caie	Louise Benson	Brenda Hadcroft Jane Lewis Ann Wheatley
12th May Easter 4	John Brooker Andrew Long	LHS: Catriona RHS: Andrew	Acts 9:36-43 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30	Gill Hamblen	David Hamblen	Margery Pollock May Campbell Margaret Dunn
19th May Easter 5	Anne Shirlaw Celia Fisher	LHS: Louise RHS: Graham	Acts 11:1-18 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35	John Harrington	Celia Fisher	Joyce James Kate Ross Janet Stack
26th May Easter 6	Richard Kingslake Kate Ross	LHS: Jenny RHS: Richard	Acts 16:9-15 Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 John 5:1-9	Mary Darke	Andrew Long	Pauline Waugh Fiona Hempel Louise Benson

Please send all articles for the June magazine to Andrew Long (andrew.long200@ntlworld.com) by Sunday 19th May

May Services

1 Chronicles 16.29

*Ascribe to the Lord the glory due; bring an offering, and come worship the Lord
in holy splendour.*

Date	Services	
Wednesday 1 st	11.30am Said Eucharist	
5th May Easter 3 (White)	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Easter Season Liturgy
Wednesday 8 th	No Eucharist	
12th May Easter 4 (White)	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Easter Season Liturgy
Wednesday 15 th	11.30am Said Eucharist	
19th May Easter 5 (White)	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Easter Season Liturgy
Wednesday 22 nd	11.30am Said Eucharist	
26th May Easter 6 (White)	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Easter Season Liturgy
Wednesday 29 th	No Eucharist	
Thursday 30 th Ascension	12 noon Said Eucharist for The Ascension	