

# April 2023 Magazine

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The cover picture: A typical Ethiopian mural of the Last Supper that can be found in many of the small monasteries and rock churches in Tigray and Amhara. I hope they have survived the civil war. See p20 for more about Easter in Ethiopia.

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April 2023

Dear All,

I was very surprised by a phone call I had this week, a friend who I had not seen or spoken for many, many years out of the blue rang me. Apparently, the day before she had been loading her dishwasher when she suddenly recalled a memory of me and her together chatting by my dishwasher with several dogs inside the machine, already starting to lick the plates clean! Rather a random recollection - but it was a great surprise and lovely to hear her voice again.

But so often in life it's the unexpected events that do take us by surprise. We can spend quite a lot of our time worrying about things that simply don't happen but quite often the pivotal moments in our lives come upon us unexpectedly.

So, life can be full of surprises!

But God is full of surprises!

There are many examples of this in the bible.

The story in John's gospel which we heard last Sunday, March 12th, of Jesus talking with a Samaritan woman at the well is certainly a story full of surprises. It shows Jesus acting and speaking unconventionally, doing what he thinks is right, subverting current thought and practise and so, encouraging a new outlook and perspective.

God is a God of surprises, and this story illustrates just that. The first surprise is that the conversation happens at all. The barriers to it are great. Jesus is a Jew, and the woman is a Samaritan, Jews did not speak to Samaritans. Furthermore, in those days men and women did not talk to each other in public. It was also odd that the woman was at the well at noon, the hottest time of day. It was work that women would do in the company of each other, and yet she comes alone. She appears to be rejected by her own people.

So, it's a surprise, therefore, that this conversation even happens. But the conversation itself contains more than one surprise. It's a surprise that Jesus promises *living water* which flows and sparkles – unlike the still or even stagnant water from the well. At first the woman presumes that Jesus is talking about such water, some hidden stream but what Jesus promises is a source of life in her heart, so that she can truly live. She is confused about what he offers, yet she understands it is something she needs and needs desperately.

It's a surprise that Jesus knows the details of this stranger's life - that she had five husbands and seems alone and exiled her from her neighbours. The woman is surprised that Jesus knows the truth about her. She is even more surprised that,

knowing the truth, he accepts her. For her, this is an encounter with the *holy* therefore this man must be a prophet!

And so, we come to another surprise. The woman asks Jesus about the correct place to worship - which temple? here or Jerusalem? The surprise comes when Jesus raises the issue to a new level as he says true worship will no longer be dependent on location but will be a matter of *spirit and truth*.

The conversation ends with one more surprise. The woman confesses her faith in the Messiah who is to come, and Jesus says that he is that messiah!

The conversation ends because the disciples come back from their trip to buy food, but the surprises do not end.

The woman leaves her water jar there at the well. It is valuable, yet it is heavy, and she wants to be unencumbered as she runs back into the city. There she tells people to come and see Jesus. Soon a large crowd appears. It is a surprise that people have listened to her.

But they have!

Perhaps we may surprise ourselves this Lent as we study the scriptures and embrace the events of Holy Week as we prepare to celebrate Easter – the resurrection - the greatest surprise of all time which brings hope to us and transforms our lives.

A Happy Easter to you all  
Andrea

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

**All Saints Wednesday 5th April 11.30am** – Holy Week – Said Eucharist  
**St Andrew's Thursday 6th April 10am** Sung Eucharist for Maundy Thursday  
**St Andrew's Good Friday** Service of the Cross **2pm**

## Association of Bearsden Churches Holy Week and Easter Services

**Monday 3rd April** 7.30pm “Way of the Cross” in St Andrew's Church  
**Maundy Thursday** 12.30pm Lenten Lunch and Reflection at Bearsden Cross Church

**Maundy Thursday** 7.30pm Service at Bearsden Cross Church

**Good Friday** 7.30pm Service in New Kilpatrick Church

**Easter Sunday** 7.30pm Songs of Praise in Westerton Church (organised by the lay members of the ABC) The **Easter Sunday Songs of Praise** at Westerton was a great success last year so do come and join us and hear why the hymns were chosen.

## BISHOP'S ANNOUNCEMENT

### Appointment of our new Rector

The Rt Revd Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway, is pleased to announce the appointment of **David Guest** as Rector of All Saints, Bearsden.

His Institution will be **Thursday 15 June at 6pm** at All Saints, Bearsden.

David Guest says:

"I am excited to be heading to Scotland to join the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway and the people of All Saints. I am looking forward to working alongside everybody as we together discern God's will in responding to his calling as pilgrim people together. I am hugely grateful for the warmth of welcome already shown to me and my partner, Stephen, and eagerly anticipate exploring all aspects of the community in Bearsden and playing a full part in the life of the Diocese."



David Guest comes to the Diocese from the Canterbury Province in the Church of England where he has been serving as the Vicar of St Bartholomew's, Otford (Diocese of Rochester).

Bishop Kevin says,

"We are pleased to be welcoming David into the diocese and look forward to him becoming the next Rector of Bearsden. David brings with him a wealth of experience from working in the Anglican Church across Great Britain. His skills and expertise in spirituality, communication and creativity will be very much valued in Bearsden. It is a delight also to welcome his partner Stephen and we are sure that they will continue to receive the warmth of welcome which has been a significant dimension in their calling to come to serve in the Diocese. We look forward to all that David and Stephen will be bringing with them to help develop the next chapter of ministry and mission in Bearsden and the Diocese."

Please pray for David and his partner Stephen as they prepare to move to All Saints Bearsden during the coming months.

**The Revd David Guest** writes:

Born in Shoreham, West Sussex (on St Andrew's Day), and brought up next door in Southwick, I trained as a newspaper journalist and worked in Portsmouth,

Petersfield, and Chichester, where I was the chief Arts writer and deputy chief reporter. I have been a theatre reviewer in print and now online for over 40 years.

After the call to ordained ministry, I trained at Chichester and was ordained in the Chester diocese in 1992. I served in a parish on the Wirral and then just outside Chester, during which time I also worked on the BBC Radio Merseyside Sunday morning programme as a producer and presenter.

I moved to the Isle of Man to become an associate vicar in two churches in Douglas, the diocesan communications officer, Head of Religious Broadcasting at Manx Radio, where I also produced and presented a weekly Sunday show, the Bishop's chaplain, and writer/editor on the diocesan newspaper (all of these were supposed to be "half time" jobs!).

In 2000 I moved back to the Chichester diocese to become diocesan communications officer, and also served in parishes in Hove before returning to my "home parish" of Southwick as assistant priest in addition to my communications job. In 2009 I became Vicar of All Saints, Heathfield, with St George's, Broad Oak, then in 2016 moved to be Team Vicar of Christ Church, East Sheen. In 2020 I moved to the Diocese of Rochester to become Vicar of St Bartholomew's, Otford.

Among my interests are Celtic spirituality, and I have led a large number of quiet days/retreats in addition to acting as a spiritual director for more than 40 years. I have a passion for the Arts: I've reviewed plays, sung, acted and danced my way through a number of amateur productions, and also written a number of plays, including whodunits, pantomimes, and a Passion Play performed in the streets of Chichester. I am a member of Theatre Chaplaincy UK (formerly the Actors' Church Union) and currently serve as Chaplain to the Garrick Theatre, London. Among mixed interests are crime fiction, cats (I have hosted several Stories of Cats days in Southwark Cathedral alongside the resident feline), genealogy, cult TV (especially Doctor Who – yes, I've visited the old police telephone boxes in Glasgow) and Scandinavia.

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David Guest

Following this official announcement from the Diocese, the Vestry were delighted to welcome the Rev. David Guest on a brief flying visit to Bearsden from 15th to 17th March. He was accompanied by his partner, Stephen, so they were able to inspect the Rectory and plan the necessary final touches to the carpeting and furnishing. It also enabled them to meet most of the Vestry members in a more relaxed mode than at the earlier Interview.

The visit also coincided with the Funeral Service for Kathleen Campbell so they were able to meet Andrea our Interim Priest, as well as a few members from our Congregation. Their enthusiasm for the move to Scotland was clearly evident and we all look forward to the Institution Service for David on 15th June with great anticipation.

David Hamblen

## **VESTRY NOTES 16TH MARCH 2023**

The Vestry gave a very warm welcome to the Rev. David Guest at his first Vestry Meeting.

- There was discussion of new Health and Safety procedures which have been issued to all churches. A group of Vestry members has been formed to work on related Health and Safety issues.
- David Simmons reported on the recent Diocesan Synod and in particular on the Net Zero initiative.
- There was discussion of the need to improve communication in the Church. The congregation will be consulted about this in due course.
- Progress on the refurbishment of the Rectory is continuing. Blinds and carpets have now been ordered.
- The recent collection for the Syria/Turkey disaster fund raised £526.
- It was agreed that the Mission Support funding would be raised to £7,000.
- Considerable work has already been done to deal with problems concerning the organ; the estimate for remaining work is £2435 plus VAT. The Vestry wish to record their thanks to John Harrington, Andrew Long and Jeremy Wan for all their hard work.
- Recently there have been serious problems with the heating which will hopefully be resolved within the next few days.
- The Installation of the Rev. David Guest will take place on Thursday, 15 June in the evening. There will be refreshments after the service.

Brenda Hadcroft

## **LAY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

### **New Rector**

It is such a relief for the vestry that we can now cease our cloak-and-dagger operations around disguising the identity of our new rector, Rev David Guest. Funnily enough, as you will read elsewhere in the magazine, one of David's hobbies is organising murder mystery weekends, so he is no stranger to cloak-and-dagger operations himself! David, and his partner, Stephen, visited us again in Bearsden last week and we are now in the midst of making preparations for his installation on Thursday, 15th June, and putting the finishing touches to decoration of the Rectory so that it is ready for them to move in. We are all looking forward very much to this new chapter in the history of our church and are confident that we shall thrive with David as our rector.

### **Easter Services**

Details of Holy Week and Easter services are on p.2 of the magazine.

### **Diocesan Synod**

In other news, I attended Diocesan Synod in Kilmarnock on Saturday, 4th March. As I mentioned last month, this is basically the AGM for the Diocese and includes things like the election of office holders and General Synod delegates and the approval of the budget. However, we also discuss matters of particular concern to the Diocese. This year, following the "Bishop's Charge" to us, we debated proposed changes to Canon IV of the Canons of the Scottish Episcopal Church. The Canons are the laws by which our church is governed, and this particular Canon concerns how we elect Bishops – a central aspect of the SEC. As many of you will know, some of the recent Episcopal elections, including our own, were fraught with controversy, with key issues being the maintenance of confidentiality and how the candidates were treated during the electoral process (described as "bruising" by some). The Province's Faith and Order Board put forward a slightly modified Canon together with some guidelines and notes, designed to fix the issues. However, after considerable debate Synod rejected the new proposals in their current form. We shall have to wait for General Synod in June to see whether they will pass despite Glasgow and Galloway's objections. Along with a presentation about the Diocese's plans to meet the ambitions "Net Zero by 2030" targets set by General Synod there was also a presentation from "Away from it All" (<https://www.glasgow.anglican.org/bishops-lent-appeal-2023-mu-afia/>), the Mother's Union project which is the beneficiary of this year's Bishop's Lent Appeal. Finally, it was nice to catch up with our former Rector, who was present at Synod in her dual role as Priest of her new charge and "Diocesan Makar", as well as other friends from around the Diocese.

I have some more notes about the goings-on at Synod if you want more detail (such as why the Diocese is planning for a record deficit in its budget for the coming year!).

As always, if you have any questions, thoughts or feedback about this report then do let me know.

David Simmons

## ASSOCIATION OF BEARSDEN CHURCHES (ABC)

Westerton church kindly hosted the local service for this year's World Day of Prayer. The programme, was written by The World Day of Prayer Committee of Taiwan in 2020, in the context of the covid pandemic. and had the theme "I have heard about your faith" (Ephesians 1:15-19). We were welcomed to the service with the phrase "Ping-an" meaning "May God grant you peace, a peaceful relationship with God and with one another".

Since the 16th century, Taiwan has had a history of being colonised by different foreign governments and it has experienced ethnic, cultural, social and political conflict. Over one hundred years ago missionaries came to Taiwan and it is thought that 3.9% of the population are Christian.

The service considered:

- The urgency to protect the environment from pollution, the extinction of various species and the need to have a nuclear free homeland.
- The gender stereotypes women face when defying the traditional role in the workplace or in the family.
- The need to care for and support recovery for victims of verbal and sexual abuse.
- The hidden struggle of the essential workers who had to balance work and family during the pandemic.
- We were asked to thank God for the rich natural resources of the island which is covered with mountain forests and nurtured by the ocean, pray for wisdom in the face of the political isolation of Taiwan in the international community and trust in God's guidance and protection.

The service was followed by coffee and cake and an opportunity to chat with members of the other ABC churches.

Penny Inglis and Celia Fisher

## THE BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL

This year, we revert to a home-based charity for Bishop Kevin's Lent Appeal, for which he has selected an enormously deserving recipient with close ties to our Diocese, the Mothers' Union of Glasgow and Galloway.

**AFIA** (Away From It All) is a diverse Mothers' Union Project, active throughout the UK responding to families whose lives have met with adversity providing holidays not just for a little respite but to create happy memories for a lifetime. In Glasgow and Galloway, a generous bequest of £1000 in 2018 encouraged Trustees to think creatively bringing together the launch of AFIA with a needful response to Domestic Abuse within the region.

In 2019 working collaboratively with **North Ayrshire Women's Aid** and a trust fund, we provided our first three-day holiday at Millport Field Study Centre on the Isle of Cumbrae. Travel, living together alongside nature and exploring some hidden talents brought laughter, nervous thrills and sometime tearful conversations between family members and the experienced team of professional Women's Aid staff and Mothers' Union volunteers. This AFIA holiday included up to 30 participants, including 2 Women's Aid workers and 3 Mothers' Union volunteers.

Every day was an adventure, within the beautiful spacious vistas, skilfully provided by the Centre staff, exploring woods, rock pools, local sea life in the aquarium, songs and games around the campfire inspired us all to make together souvenirs to take home, bird boxes, painted stones, and memories.

Following Covid, another successful holiday was held in 2022 in collaboration with **East Dunbartonshire Woman's Aid** and their local authority and **The Daisy Project, Castlemilk** which repeated the very positive outcomes. We now plan to hold an AFIA holiday at least every two years evolving around the different diocesan regions and with related Women's Aid groups. Links with Mothers' Union branches and local refuges are strong and supportive giving much-needed practical help, and this strengthens our future AFIA projects and widens the opportunity for other congregational members and people beyond our churches to support and be involved.

Much more information is available on the Diocesan website. There is also a link to the appeal from All Saints website <http://bearsden.church.scot>

### Ways to Donate

The best and easiest way to donate is using the Just Giving page available on the Diocesan website or:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/bishopkevinslentappeal2023>



For individual donations, it means that Gift Aid can be added to your donation, adding 25p to every pound donated (if you pay tax). **Whether donating as an individual or as a church via your Treasurer, please add the name of your church to the Donation Notes** (this is perfectly possible even if you are an individual who prefers to remain anonymous).

**Cheque Payments:** For those who prefer to send cheques, they should be sent to the Diocesan Office, made payable to **Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway**, please include a note to confirm the name of your charge and your contact details.

Send to: Scottish Episcopal Church,  
Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway  
Bishop's Lent Appeal  
49 Cochrane Street, Glasgow G1 1HL

Money will be transferred to Glasgow and Galloway's Mothers' Union on a regular basis, and included in the final JustGiving total.

Donations can still be given in Church, clearly labelled for the Lent Appeal.  
For further instruction on giving, Andrew Long will be happy to provide advice.

### Life-changing

One Mum summed it all up, "A fabulous three days and memories made that will last a lifetime. Thank you to everyone who has provided and supported us, without you this would not have been possible. Please never underestimate the impact this break has had on all the families that have participated no words can express our gratitude. It has been life changing. Thank- you."



## A FOND FAREWELL TO KATHLEEN

When, at the end of 2010, we lost our old friend, Doris Widdess, from our congregation, we little thought that another fine elderly lady was making her way to All Saints. After the long illness and eventual death of her husband, Alasdair, Kathleen Campbell made the courageous decision to leave the familiar surroundings of Shropshire and move north to be near her daughter, Mairi. She even took over Doris' old flat in College Gate and her 4-wheeled "Ferrari" replaced Doris' 3-wheeled walker, known as "Trixie". These names tell you a lot about the personalities of their owners.

If ever, at an advanced age, you have to up sticks and move to a new area, then Kathleen showed you how to do it. She became a regular at All Saints with Mairi and Niall, joining in whenever she could, in her earlier days making cakes and rum butter, exhibiting paintings, inviting new acquaintances for coffee and even dinner. She had a true gift for friendship and, if you thought you were befriending her, she was certainly befriending you. Her perceptiveness and humour made her very easy company. She spent many happy hours chatting in Cafe Crème with any church acquaintances who cared to join in and enjoyed the fellowship of the Wednesday Lunch Group and all its associated dogs. None of us who were there is likely to forget her 90th birthday party out at Carbeth.



Once she became more housebound and relied on visitors, she would greet you with a lovely smile, take a great interest in your affairs and invite you to come again soon. Her devotion to Last of the Summer Wine, usually playing quietly in the background, served to acquaint Mary Darke with the area near where she was soon to move and reminded me of places I had lived in for several years. She was surrounded by the greatest care and love at home till the end of her days.

Andrea led a moving service to celebrate Kathleen's life, with a tribute delivered by Mike Graham, who was a frequent visitor. The beautiful hymns were ones that had been chosen by Kathleen and Mairi for Alasdair's funeral. Afterwards Mairi provided a delicious lunch in the hall, attended by her family and many church friends. The atmosphere was peaceful and contented at this celebration of a full life, well-lived. May she now rest in peace.

Joyce James

## THE SHERWOOD FAMILY

On Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup>, Rosemary and Jennifer (Sherwood) brought the ashes of their mother and father to All Saints for interment in the Garden of Remembrance. The service was conducted by the Rev John Riches. Margaret and John had been members of All Saints for many, many years and both played a very full role in the life of the church. Many of us have fond memories of the whole family and it was delightful to have Rosemary and Jennifer worshipping with us again.



Although it was almost a Spring day, the Garden of Remembrance was looking very damp and messy after the amount of rain and snow that has fallen recently. A work party will be tackling this very soon, starting on Tuesday 28 March at 10am.

Please see Kate Ross if you can possibly help.



## HOUSE GROUP NEWS

### The Monday Group

We had a lively and informative meeting to discuss the Apocryphal Books of attached to the Book of Daniel, including the Prayer of Azariah, Suzanna and Bel and the Dragon, led superbly by Graham Caie.

Of course, Nebuchadnezzar featured greatly as the mighty King of Babylonia who attacked Judah, capturing King Joachim and removing him and many Israelites to exile in Babylon.

Joyce, who was looking very thoughtful throughout, all of a sudden burst into song and Nebuchadnezzar was celebrated in a different manner!

Nebuchadnezzar, King of the Jews,  
Bought his wife a pair of shoes.  
When the shoes began to wear,  
Nebuchadnezzar began to swear.  
When the swearing began to stop,  
Nebuchadnezzar bought a shop.  
When the shop began to sell,  
Nebuchadnezzar bought a bell.  
When the bell began to ring,  
Nebuchadnezzar began to sing:  
Do re mi fa so la ti do,  
Please, teacher, get off my big toe!

Joyce remembered this skipping rhyme that she and her playmates used to sing in Lancashire in the 40's and 50's. Such fame for Nebuchadnezzar and what a memory Joyce has providing great entertainment for the house group!

Janet Stack

## ORGAN WORKDAY

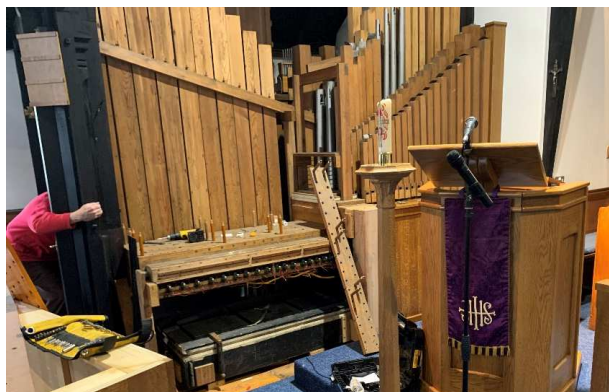
We have been having problems with our lovely Sauer organ recently, so after much searching for a suitable day, Jeremy, Andrew and myself met on the 9th March. A very cold morning but in a warm church (thanks to Andrew!) to work on the Great Organ.



The Great Organ is that part of the instrument that we all see at the front.

The last rank of pipes at the back of that section before the wall of wooden pedal pipes is called the Principal and is the most powerful stop on the instrument.

Six notes were not working on that rank so we set about repairing five of them on the treble side of the chest. That meant that all the pipes and pipe boards had to be removed in order to get at that one rank. The photos here show better than any words what is involved in the process of accessing the pipe motors and repairing them.



These small pouches covered with extremely fine sheep's gut called Zephyr skin lie under every pipe in the organ. We had the five pouches repaired and put the pipes back into position but checked before replacing everything.



Oh dear! a siphon, so we had to take it all off again. Finally, we finished at 4pm, the siphon having been fixed and all the pipework replaced.

As I said, this part of the organ is fairly easy to get at but we have problems with the swell

organ at the very back of the instrument that is extremely difficult to work on. I used to do that work with at least one helper but now I am getting too old to cope with that, so we have asked for an estimate from Paul Miller, our organ tuner, to repair that section. If anyone knows of younger people that would be interested to help me with this work, please ask them to contact me or any member of the vestry.

We need to keep this instrument in good order since it is such an asset to All Saints and the only one by this maker in the UK.



John Harrington

## GLASGOW CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY SCHEME

**Christmas Gift Scheme Report 2022** (this article should have been in the March magazine)

The generosity to our Christmas Gift Scheme was again really positive. We continued to receive support from 4 local churches – All Saints in Bearsden, St Andrew's in Uddingston, St Margaret's in Newlands and St Ninian's in Pollokshields. This took the form primarily of gifts as well as some financial donations. We also received financial support from Knightswood Congregational Church and gift support from volunteers at Accenture, Fenwick Guild as well as individual supporters of the charity.

Overall, the Holiday Scheme was able to provide gifts or vouchers to assist **85 families and 232 children and young people** (In 2021, our total was 175 children and young people and 73 families)

This comprised 63 families receiving vouchers and 22 families receiving gifts. We shared some donations with our colleagues at Ruchazie Pantry for distribution in that local community. We will also be able to use some gifted toys, books and games for use at our caravans during 2023.

In financial terms, we received cash or cheque donations totalling £1,500. We allocated £2,360 in vouchers with the balance of funding coming from our existing funds.

### **Family feedback and comments:**

- ★ Thank you so much for all your help you have given me and my girls this year, we really appreciate everything you have done for us, hope you all have a lovely Christmas and New year
- ★ Thank you so much for this amazing gift, very grateful as we are on a low income so this will help make things easier. I really appreciate it. Thank you for allowing me to apply for a holiday, it does mean the world to us
- ★ Thank you so much for this gift myself and family greatly appreciate it - it will be a great help. Merry Christmas and a happy healthy new year to you

We now look forward to 2023 where we will continue to provide disadvantaged and disabled children and their families / carers to get a break or a day out. We will also enable several youth organisations to use our caravans for time away and activity-based breaks for groups of young people.

We will also continue to support an access to football initiative as well as run our annual Christmas Gift Scheme.

<http://www.glasgowchildrensholidayscheme.org.uk>



## HELP FOR CARERS

The following article is reproduced from Westerton Parish Church Magazine, thanks to Jean Stirling.

### Are you an Unpaid Carer?

I have a new job. I am called an unpaid carer.

A carer is a person who looks after a relative, friend or partner and offers help to that person who could not manage otherwise. They do not necessarily live in the same house.

When my husband required more help, due to severe visual impairment, with his daily living. I was advised to contact East Dunbartonshire Carers' Link, Milngavie Enterprise. Ellangowan, Milngavie, phone 0800 975 2131, and become a registered carer. This non-profitmaking group offer information and support to the carer, It also means that should the carer become unwell, support can be offered.

The carers meet in Milngavie Café, Waitrose Community Room, on the second Wednesday each month for a chat.

Personally I have been given so much support, learned valuable information and enjoyed the meetings I've attended.

## ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WALK SATURDAY APRIL 1ST ALL SAINTS WARMLY INVITED

We meet at 10 am on Saturday April 1st at Balmore. Cars can be parked beside the old nursery beyond the former Coachhouse. We suggest car sharing.

The walk is along the Kelvin, across the fields to the canal, and back from Cadder to Balmore, around 3 ½ miles. We are then invited to St Andrew's for soup about 12.30,  
For more information, contact Tim Rhead or Andrea



Andrea

## MARCH

John Updike (1932-2009)

'March' was written in 1965. It is taken from 'A Child's Calendar,' a collection of twelve of John Updike's poems which describes a child's journey through the seasons from January to December. This is a poem for everyone, but seen through the eyes of a child. The ideas in the poem are quick and fleeting as though observed by a child, but Updike cannot resist a little grown-up smile in the last line.

Thanks to Brenda Hadcroft for this poem

The sun is nervous  
As a kite  
That can't quite keep  
Its own string tight.  
Some days are fair,  
And some are raw.  
The timid earth  
Decides to thaw.  
Shy budlets peep  
From twigs on trees,  
And robins join  
The chickadees.

Pale crocuses  
Poke through the ground  
Like roses come  
To sniff around.

The mud smells happy  
On our shoes.  
We still wear mittens,  
Which we lose.

A Child's Calendar, First Edition (1965)

## WEDNESDAY LUNCH GROUP

The planned illustrated talk, entitled “Pompeii and Herculaneum”, about the two Roman towns which were buried in the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 CE, was duly held at the lunch on 8th March, and was a great success. The photograph below was one of the most striking ones shown on the day, and gives a vivid impression of how Herculaneum was buried to a depth of approximately 16 metres by the series of pyroclastic lava and ash flows which overwhelmed it. Below the frowning mass of Vesuvius is the modern town of Resina at the land level established in the eruption. In the foreground is the excavated Roman Herculaneum. The arches at the front of the town to the right were the bathhouses at the original sea level in front of the town.



The last two Wednesday lunches before Easter will be held on 22nd and 29th March. However as we have missed several lunches in the period since Christmas, we will be meeting again after Easter on 19th and 26th April. Do come along for home made soup and cakes, and convivial conversation; we should be delighted to see you.

Brenda Hadcroft and Andrew Long

## AND AFTER THE SOUP - A TALK ON POMPEII AND HERCULANEUM

On a cold Wednesday afternoon, where better to go than on a trip to Italy - more specifically to the ruins of Pompeii and Herculaneum in the bay of Naples.

Andrew and Brenda introduced us to the two towns famously buried in layers of ash after the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79AD.

I have never been to either of these sites but thoroughly enjoyed learning about the lives of those people ‘frozen in time’. The layout of the well paved streets with stepping stones, to what the houses looked like inside - some with wonderful mosaics. An amphitheatre and public baths also gave insight to what their lives were like.

Although a lot of artefacts were stolen during the early excavations, and a lot have now been removed to museums to better preserve them, the two cities remain a fascinating insight to the lives of ancient Romans.

Many thanks to Andrew and Brenda for sharing their holiday memories with us.

### And now the soup

As the Wednesday lunch season is drawing to a close, and as a lot of you enjoyed the soup I made recently, here is the recipe to try during the Scottish summer!

#### Tomato, carrot and lemon soup (serves 6)

3tbsp sunflower oil

25g butter

2medium onions chopped

500g carrots chopped

1x 450g tin tomatoes

Pared rind and juice of 1 lemon

1.2 litres veg stock



Heat oil and butter and sauté onions for about 5 mins ;

add the carrots and cook for further couple of minutes.

Add tomatoes, lemon rind, stock and bring to simmering point.

Simmer 30 mins until carrots are tender.

Liquidise, stir in lemon juice and season to taste.

I also added some creme fraiche before serving.

Kate Ross

## HAMBLENS DOWN UNDER

After a break of 6 years we decided to brave the 24 hour journey and visit our family in Melbourne. Thankfully the flights were uneventful and we arrived to temperatures of 35 degrees which was an initial shock to the system although, as is normal in Melbourne, this fluctuated enormously. We found the city very changed, with new high rise tower blocks occupying the centre, many of them constructed on top of the original buildings, which they retained. A feat of architectural engineering! Thankfully the beautiful Botanic Gardens remained untouched and we spent several happy hours there.

One of the highlights of our stay (apart from the obligatory trips to the zoo and wildlife parks) was a museum visit to see a Visual Arts display on Monet and other French Impressionists. This had an amazingly atmospheric effect on the senses, with paintings projected on every wall and on the floor and ceiling. A 180 degree panorama with a very sensitive and moving musical accompaniment. Walking on Monet's water lilies and rippling water was a new experience!



Apart from the pleasure of seeing the family again, (some of whom seemed to have doubled in height!) and meeting their very large Rhodesian Ridgeback dog, we also enjoyed weekends in their new house in the mountains, 30 miles from the city. Surrounded by bush and full of wildlife, we only managed to hear, rather than see, kangaroos, echidnas and wombats, although a large Huntsman Spider was in evidence in the house, it was hastily removed! Finally we enjoyed an evening visit to Neil's steak themed restaurant, en famille, where we were kept well out of sight of the paying customers. Just as well as the good behaviour of the 2 and 4 year olds didn't last!



A wonderful holiday and a great escape in the middle of a long Scottish winter.

## EASTER IN ETHIOPIA

**Fasika** is the Ge'ez, Amharic, and Tigrinya word for Easter



In Ethiopia, the most prominent and longstanding religion has been the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church. Ethiopian Easter, or Fasika, however, takes place in all the Christian Churches throughout the country, whether it be Orthodox, Catholic, or Protestant, and follows the eastern method of calculating Easter, thus tending to fall after Easter in the Western calendar.

Fasika is a much more important festival than Christmas, since the Death and Resurrection of Jesus is more significant in Orthodox and Ethiopian theology than his birth.

Fasika is a climactic celebration. Fasting becomes more intense over the 55-day period of Lent for Orthodox Christians, when no meat or animal products of any kind, including milk and butter, are eaten. Good Friday starts off by church going, and is a day of preparation for the breaking of this long fasting period and ending on the mass which starts on the Saturday evening, and continues until Easter Sunday morning.





## SUNDAY SERVICES IN APRIL

Services will be held both in Church and on Zoom at 10.30 am  
Zoom Meeting Number 913-382-1554 Password Housegrp  
Please remember to mute yourself during the service.



*Susan Gray*

*A Happy Easter to you all*

Date Sunday	2 April Palm Sunday (Red)	9 April Easter Day (White)	16 April Easter 2 (White)	23 April Easter 3 (White)	30 April Easter 4 (White)
<b>Celebrant</b>	Rev Neil Heavisides	Rev Neil Heavisides	Rev. Prof John Riches	Rev Moira Jamieson	Rev Moira Jamieson
<b>10.30 Service</b>	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist
<b>Stewards</b>	Pauline Waugh	Andrew Long	Janet Stack	Brenda Hadcroft	Joyce James
<b>Eucharistic Assistants</b>	Hanan	Jenny	Celia	Catriona	Louise
<b>Readings</b>	Isaiah 50:4-9a Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 26: 14-end of 27	Acts 10:34 -43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-18	Acts 2:14a,22-32 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-end	Acts 2:14a, 36-41 1 Peter 1 17-23 Luke 24:13-35	Acts 2:42-end 1 Peter 2:19-end John 10:1-10
<b>Reader</b>	Janet Stack	Graham Caie	David Simmons	Mary Stott	Andrew Long
<b>Intercessor</b>	Andrew Long	Louise Benson	Celia Fisher	David Hamblen	Sheena MacDonald
<b>After-service Coffee</b>	<b>Gioia</b> Janet	<b>Tracey</b> Pauline	<b>Fiona</b> Gillian	<b>Kate</b> Sheena	<b>Elaine</b> Mairi
<b>Other events</b>	There will be a said Eucharist on <b>Wednesday April 5th (Holy Week) at 11.30am</b>				

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