



# Parish News



*Dear Friends,*

*“The angel spoke to the women. “You must not be afraid,” he said. “I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here; he has been raised, just as he said. Come here and see the place where he was lying. <sup>7</sup> Go quickly now, and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from death, and now he is going to Galilee ahead of you; there you will see him!’ Remember what I have told you.” [MATTHEW 28 : 5-7]*

***JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY, ALLELUIA!!***

The great hymn which we shall sing on Easter Morning is full of Praise to the One who has taken upon Himself our sins and has overcome death so that we may have Eternal Life. What Joy is ours and how wonderful it is to celebrate this most Holy of Days. Even though Easter is later this year and we have over two weeks to go, it is something wonderful to look forward to. The Celebration in the Church, the coming together of families, the events we attend, all help us to remember Jesus and come close to Him perhaps more than at any time in the year.

The Lord Jesus had battled with evil for days with the evil of betrayal, false accusations, abandonment by His disciples, torture, unjust treatment, and unfair trial. He suffered death in the most horrendous way, and we follow these events through the next two weeks. We become raw as we are made aware once more of His sacrifice, especially on Good Friday when we come close to remembering that day and the cruelty of the cross. Though we find it hard to listen to the narrative of that time, listen we must, to know what Jesus did for us.

Though all is not lost, for He prevailed in the most unexpected and extraordinary way. Good overcame evil and those who thought they had the power to “do away” with Jesus found that their

power was nothing compared to God’s Power. They may have congratulated themselves for a very short while on getting rid of Him but were soon dumbfounded when He came through victorious. We must also take that on board and not allow ourselves to stay in that state of sorrow, because Jesus came back in full glory and that is the beauty of the Christian Faith. That Christ died for us that we might live. Now is that not something to celebrate?

So this year as you write your Easter Cards, make up the Easter Meal, hand out the Easter Eggs, do so remembering Him. Say a prayer or think kind thoughts for those you give cards to. Celebrate with a meal, after all, Jesus often dined with friends, and a meal in fellowship whether with family or friends is a lovely thing to be part of. Remember the times Jesus on His return ate with His Disciples and in doing so not only proved that He really was alive and with them, but He also took time for forgiveness and to comfort travellers on the road to Emmaus?

Therefore, for us to celebrate with a picnic or a meal is truly appropriate. The Easter Eggs? Well – the thought is there that they represent the Stone being rolled away. Have you rolled your Easter Egg recently, even the chocolate ones? Maybe this year you might think of doing that in honour of the Empty Tomb and the New Beginning.

So let us celebrate with all our hearts and enjoy this Easter with all that New Life and New Hope which Jesus brings.

***I wish you all a Blessed Easter when it does come along,***

*May the Lord Bless you and Keep you.*

***Rev. Grace Saunders***



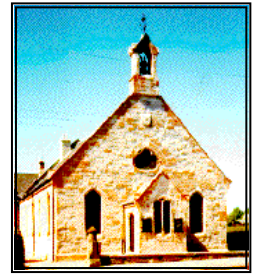
# Cumbernauld :Condorrat Parish Church



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## **SUNDAY SERVICES:**



***Morning Worship in the Sanctuary at 11am.***

**Communion Services** (1st Sun. – March; June; September; December.).....**11 am**

Check the *Condorrat Parish Church* blog on our website or at [www.ccosfive.wordpress.com](http://www.ccosfive.wordpress.com)

### **Cumbernauld Churches Together**

#### **PRAYER FOR CONDORRAT**

Circle Condorrat Lord  
Keep protection near and danger far,  
Keep hope within and despair without.

Circle Condorrat Lord,  
Keep light near and darkness far,  
Keep peace within and anxiety without.

Eternal Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
Shield Condorrat on every side.

Amen.

### **Sunday Welcome Teams**



#### **April 2022**

3rd. — Mr. J Newlands & Team 1.  
10th. — Mrs. L McKeown & Team 2.  
17th. — Mrs. J Bolling & Team 3.  
24th. — Mr. J Moir & Team 4.

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**Church open but with wearing of masks and social distancing.**

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## Intimation: re. Session Clerk

The position of **Session Clerk** has now been vacant for some time, yet this position is an important one in church life. It is mainly organisational and the person would need to work with a computer, be able to take minutes of the **Kirk Session** and carry out secretarial duties. The **Session Clerk** also has forms to fill in different times of the year to send to Presbytery or Church of Scotland Office. they would also set out and organise Communion.

The **Session Clerk** does *not* have to be a member of the **Kirk Session** so I am *again* appealing to anyone who has organising skills to get in touch with me or a member of the Kirk Session. It would also be great if **two** people could come forward to share this role and so support each other.

*I pray that someone soon will be moved to help the church in this way.*

*Rev. Grace Saunders*

*Hello Everyone,*

April 2022

Hello Everyone,

The focus of our Trustees meeting this month was the presentation of our church accounts for the year to December 2021. Our Treasurer spends many hours getting these in order to be scrutinised by an independent examiner Then the Trustees – that’s the Kirk Session and Congregational Board – have to look them over to make sure all is in order. The accounts then go to Presbytery to be attested and to the Church of Scotland headquarters in Edinburgh. Finally they are presented to you, the congregation, so that you can see how we are doing and to give you the opportunity to ask about anything you are unsure about. Your chance to do this is at our Annual Stated Meeting, which will be held this year on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April at the close of morning worship.

Our Budget and Income forecast for next year have been worked out, but apart from fixed amounts we pay, eg. Ministries and Missions and Presbytery Dues, the rest has to be estimated. With rising costs for everything, and some Covid restrictions still curtailing social events, we don’t know what our expenditure and income are likely to be. Mrs. Kenny has suggested what our expenditure is likely to be, but there is no guarantee that these figures won’t be exceeded.

Mr. Bennie, our Fabric Convenor, let us know that we had a thorough inspection of our church premises by a representative of Glasgow Presbytery. The report has not been issued yet. As we enter this period of rationalisation in the church, the state of our build-

ings may be considered when deciding whether we continue to have a church presence here in the village.

This may all sound very dramatic but we have to be prepared for big changes throughout the Church of Scotland, and in Cumbernauld. As you may read elsewhere, the Church of Scotland is drastically cutting the number of Ministries in Scotland. At recent meetings with the Presbytery Clerk we were told that all 5 congregations in Cumbernauld may have to share 2.5 ministries – this could include full or part time ministers, deacons, parish assistants or MDS (like Susan Boland). This will result in us linking with one or more churches in the area. Discussions with other Kirk Sessions are being arranged and we will let you know about any decisions to be made. As the Clerk said at our meeting, this is not a task for the ministers. It is an opportunity for the people of our churches to shape the way the church will carry out its Mission in the future.

As I was writing this the passage from *Ecclesiastes 3* came to mind:

*Everything that happens in this world happens at the time God chooses.*

*He sets the time for finding and the time for losing,  
The time for saving and the time for throwing away,  
The time for tearing and the time for mending,  
The time for silence and the time for talk.*

Now is our “time to talk” and make our views known. Please pray that the right decisions will be made for the future of our church, here in Condorrat and throughout our area.

*Christine MacPhail*  
(Clerk to the Board)

### **Coronavirus in Scotland**

**Stay safe, Protect others, Save lives.**

\* **Self-isolate if you have any symptoms and book a test!**

\* **Wash your hands often and always as soon as you return home.**

\* **Always wear a face covering on public transport, shops and enclosed public spaces.**



***Dear Everyone,***

What a difference it makes to have some lovely bright days. Did you notice how many people acknowledged you when they passed you in the street? - folk who don't normally even look in your direction! The beautiful flowers with their spring colours doing their best to cheer up everyone are amazing. Buds on shrubs heralding, hopefully, warmer days. With the clocks having gone forward, we should notice that the evenings are lighter and, again, that tends to cheer up everyone. It is a slow process but the days **will** be getting longer as we approach summer.

The sum of **£982.10** was raised from the **Retiral Offerings for Ukraine**. The amount from the first two Sundays was deposited with RBS using the information received from the Church of Scotland, meaning that it would go straight to help those in desperate need in that war torn country. Via the Church of Scotland, the money goes to Reformed Church in Hungary Aid (RCHA), which is run by the Reformed Church of Hungary, a partner of the Church of Scotland and which has access to the Reformed Church in Ukraine who are using their buildings to support those moving from east to west seeking safety and sanctuary. They are working in the border areas of Hungary, Slovakia and Romania also using the Reformed Church contacts and buildings there.

Further donations have been given to the Ukraine Appeal and they will be deposited in the same way as soon as possible. Thank you to everyone who donated.

While I was at the bank, I was informed that there is a new way of depositing cash and cheques. The manager wrote out the new instructions for this and a copy is available for all Team Leaders.

I regret to tell you that the dispute over the music licence is still ongoing. I have received duplicates of the forms PPLPRS say have to be completed and I have also received an invoice in duplicate for music played at a Christmas Fair. I have emailed PPLPRS asking for an explanation of "Christmas Fair" but, so far, have received no reply. I have also contacted our MSP and MP in the hope that, with their involvement, there would be a resolution to this long running saga. However, that does not seem to be the case. As I said in the magazine last month, there seems to be a total lack of communication. I had an email from one of the PPLPRS staff saying he would telephone me to have this matter resolved and asking me to give times when it would be suitable for me to talk to him. I responded giving numerous times. Need I tell you that I have not been telephoned by him or even had an email reply?

The Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 2021 have been sent to Glasgow Presbytery and the Church of Scotland. They are required to be with both by the end of March.

I thank everyone for their regular Offerings. With our move to Glasgow Presbytery and what you will, no doubt, be reading about elsewhere in this magazine regarding the Presbytery Plan, it is essential that we can show that we can meet our financial commitments.

I hope you are benefiting from your journey through Lent, perhaps having a closer walk with God by connecting with Him through prayer.

I wish each and every one of you reading this,  
a very **Happy Easter**.

*May God bless you,*

**Ann Kenny**

**The Guild**

***April 2022***

***Hi Everyone,***

Last month the Ladies enjoyed an afternoon of Easter Crafting - filling decorated wineglasses with jellybeans and finishing with a copy of the Jellybean Poem. This poem reminds us of the Easter story. Sheila Fraser then led us in some well remembered Sunday School Choruses.

On Friday, 25th March, we had our **Daffodil Tea** in the Church Hall. This was a fabulous night of entertainment by **Andy Eadie**, along with a raffle and sales table. Money raised from the event will be used to support our Guild Projects. Everyone agreed it was wonderful to be back together with our church friends as it's been *two years* since our last Daffodil Tea.

As always, new members will be made very welcome at **1.30pm** on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from September to May.

Our next meeting is on 27th April when **Susan Boland** will be telling us of her *Faith Journey*

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*As I look in the mirror  
I see;  
And my wondering never  
ceases,  
How year after year  
I perceive,  
My cost of living  
in creases.*

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*Youth tends to look ahead.  
Old age tends to look back.  
While middle age tends  
to look worried.*

Articles for Parish  
News are welcome  
from ALL the  
Congregation.



Thank You



Many, many 'Thanks' for the lovely flowers sent to our daughter Pamela following her recent 'tumble' when training for the 'Kilt walk'.

Doreen & Gordon Ross

Henry McColl, James and Kirsty would like to thank everyone for their cards, kind thoughts, words and prayers at the passing of Jan and mum.

They are all very much appreciated.

We would also like to thank the Minister, Grace, for conducting Jan's funeral service, helping to make the occasion meaningful and dignified and her help and words of comfort in the days after Jan's passing.

**Quotes from the 'gentler' sex:**

'The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you've got to put up with the rain.'

Dolly Parton.

'When a man gets up to speak, people listen, then look. When a woman gets up, people look; then if they like what they see, they listen.'

Pauline Fredrick.

'God made man, and then said I can do better than that.....and made woman.'

**White Donation Boxes**

Many thanks to all who continue to give a little extra through the white boxes this is very much appreciated.

Please remember to put your name on the label on the box.

Thank you,

Mrs Doreen Ross

(PARISH NEWS)

**1st Condorrat Company**  
**The Boys' Brigade**

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**The Girls' Brigade**

We give 'Thanks' to EVERYONE for your continued support and hope you are keeping safe at this difficult and trying time.

Check us out on 'facebook' !

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(Captain)  
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**Sunday Morning**  
**Tea/Coffee Teams**



**April 2022**

- 3rd. Mrs. M, Innes, Mrs. Barbara Watt, & Mrs, Betty Watt.
- 10th. Mrs. N. Hynd, Mrs. A. McLellan & Mrs, M, Proctor.
- 17th. Mrs. S. Graham, Mrs. M Semple & Mrs. L. Freeland
- 24th. Mrs. I Diamond, Mrs. J. Lazzuri..

Mrs. Mary McKinnon has retired from the Tea Rota after many years of faithful service. Mary was one of the original members and the longest serving to date. We thank her sincerely for all her hard work.

Remember, if anyone would like to assist they would be made most welcome and I am very grateful to the Ladies who have coped with all the 'chopping and changing' of duties. Thank You!

Mary Innes



**Here is something interesting....**  
**.....and Historic!**

Last February we had the date of '22. 2. 22.' or five consecutive identical figures. This has only happened twice in history.....on 11th January 2011 (11.1.11), and on the 1st of November in the same year ('1. 11. 11.'). It will never happen again since there is no 33rd of March.

This, therefore, means that WE have ALL lived through three days that only occurs ONCE in history.



Remember to SAVE

your 'used' Postage Stamps and bring them to Church



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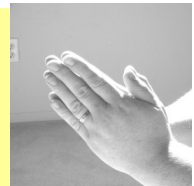
<b>Funerals:</b>	<i>“Blessed are they who die in the Lord.”</i>		( *member)
<b>March</b>			
11th.	-	May Henderson	of Cumbernauld
28th.	-	Jan McColl*	of Condorrat

As the present conditions have prevented Funerals to be conducted with those who *would have* attended to pay their respects. There will be **Memorial Services in the Sanctuary** once we are fully allowed to come together again.

**Visitations:** Due to the present crisis there will be no visits in person by the Minister.

**The Prayer Corner**

**April 2022**



*“As Jesus walked along the shore of Lake Galilee, he saw two brothers who were fishermen, Simon (called Peter) and his brother Andrew, catching fish in the lake with a net”*

Matthew 4:18

This vision of Jesus walking along the shore is such an evocative one. It speaks to me of wonder, and I love to walk along the shore when I can. The gentle waves with their ebb and flow reflecting the ebb and flow of life. The sound so soothing and so rhythmical, smoothing away all care, the waves wiping away the footsteps in the sand, wiping away the past and beckoning the future.

In these times it is easy to imagine walking with the Lord and hearing His Call, His teaching, and finding Peace in His companionship. The disciples heard His Call and did not hesitate to follow, and in hearing His Call we hear of the Good News, the Call to service. I have found at these times a “Vision” of purpose, some task to undertake, a new road to walk along. Yet it is not a fearful way when the Lord has Called and has graciously given a vision of what should be. May this be true for all of us as we journey through Lent and look to Easter and find our own place of meditation and hear Jesus Call us by name and place a vision on our hearts.

**LOVING GOD OF US ALL,**

*Be our vision in this time of lent as we look to Easter. Show Your Love for us, help us to gain a clear insight of Your Kingdom. That beautiful place beyond our understanding, just as we cannot see beyond the horizon, which always remains ahead yet never reached no matter how far and how fast we travel. Your Eternal Kingdom remains out of our sight.*

*Be our vision for Your Kingdom here on earth, for we live in the now but not yet, fully aware of Your Presence and Deep Love for us. Impart to us a sense of what You want to do and are able to do, here and now among us. May that inspire us to greater service and more faithful discipleship, inspire us through that vision of Your beautiful Kingdom to walk faithfully with You, as we seek to bring something of heaven here to earth.*

*We ask in Jesus name.*

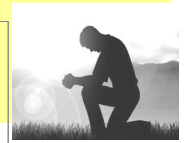
**Amen.**

**Let us Pray.....**



*All scripture is inspired by **God**; and is useful for teaching the truth; rebuking error; faults; and for giving instruction for right living.*

**2 Tim. 3:16,17.**



**Adam and Eve had many advantages but principally they escaped teething.**

*Mark Twain*

**There never was a child so lovely but it’s mother was glad to get it asleep.**

*R.W Emerson*





## 1st Condorrat Company The Boys' Brigade

Hi Everyone,

April 2022

Due to Covid restrictions we have had to cancel one or two of our Thursday meetings. I would like to thank all the parents for their patience during these difficult times; rest assured that Boys and Staff observe the safety regulations at all times.

All Boys were invited to attend Strathkelvin Battalion events recently, this include a visit to 'Innoflate' Cumbernauld for the Anchors/Juniors and Ten Pin Bowling at Kirkintilloch for the Seniors. A great time was had by all.

As always, watch out for the text messages/ emails for updates

Due to a change in staff work arrangements, we are finding it difficult to fulfill our program to the Boys. If anyone would like to help, please get in touch with me.

Thank you for your continued support.

On a personal note, I have been given permission to display all the Church Notice Board Paintings, which I have produced over the past 2 years during the Pandemic (hard to believe that it's been 2 years). They are displayed around the small hall.

I have also secured a two week slot at Condorrat Library for an Exhibition of some of my other drawings and paintings from Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> April until 22<sup>nd</sup>.

For further information regarding BB activities, uniforms or an update on what's happening please contact any of the Staff or myself.....

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*Take care Everyone..... and Stay Safe,*

*Andrew Eadie*  
*(Company Captain)*

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## The Girls' Brigade

April. 2022

Hi Folks

All Girls have been busy steadily working away at their Badge-work.

The **Explorers** have been busy doing experiments to symbolise good and bad and how everyone can good when surrounded by good which they are really enjoying and participating in and learning new things. They have also been learning new songs to perform at their parents evening and so for Jesus love is very wonderful is there favourite.

The **Juniors** are enjoying learning about Joseph and we have even watched the 'Musical' which they really enjoyed. They are now trying to remember all his brothers' names which is taking some time but I know that they'll get there. They are now looking forward to Camp which has been cancelled for the last 2 years. They are also trying to come up with Fundraising ideas to help with the costs of transport .....so any idea would be much appreciated.

The **Brigaders** are learning all about Self-care with a 'Pamper Night' in March. They have also been learning basic cooking and baking skills which I must say they are actually really good. They too are looking forward to Camp, and also Fundraising ideas.

We are really looking forward to our **Parents Evening**, so we are now trying to come up with a plan for that night. When it is finalised we will update you all.

We still have spaces for any Young Ladies age between Primary 1 to Year 6 in Secondary School who would like to come and join us. Just email :

first.condorrat.gb@hotmail.com.

*Thank you for your continued support.*

*Nicola Gilmore*

## Pearls of Wisdom.

You say 'It's impossible'  
**God says All things are possible**  
*Luke 18: v 27.*

You say 'I'm too tired.'  
**God says I will give you rest.**  
*Matt 11: v 28-30.*

You say 'Nobody loves me.'  
**God says I love you.** *John 3: v 16.*

You say 'I can't figure it out.'  
**God says I will direct your steps.**  
*Proverbs 3: v 5-6.*

You say 'I can't do it'  
**God says You can do all things.**  
*Philippians 4: v 13*

You say 'I can't forgive myself.'  
**God says I forgive you.** *1 John 1: v 9*

You say 'I'm afraid.'  
**God says I have not given you a spirit of fear.**  
*2 Timothy 1: v 7*

You say 'I'm always worried and frustrated'  
**God say Cast all your cares on me.**  
*1 Peter 5: v 7*

You say 'I'm not smart enough.'  
**God says I will give you wisdom.**  
*1 Corinthians 1: v 30.*

You say 'I feel all alone.'  
**God says I will never leave you or forsake you.**  
*Hebrews 13 V5*

*(from John Denney)*

## Jeremy's Egg

*(An inspirational Easter Story)*

Jeremy Forrester was born with a twisted body, a slow mind and a chronic, terminal illness that had been slowly killing him all his young life. Still, his parents had tried to give him as normal a life as possible and had sent him to St. Theresa's Elementary School.

At the age of 12, Jeremy was only in second grade, seemingly unable to learn. His teacher, Doris Miller, often became exasperated with him. He would squirm in his seat, drool and make grunting noises. At other times, he spoke clearly and distinctly, as if a spot of light had penetrated the darkness of his brain. Most of the time, however, Jeremy irritated his teacher. One day, she called his parents and asked them to come to St. Teresa's for a consultation.

As the Forresters sat quietly in the empty classroom, Doris said to them, "Jeremy really belongs in a special school. It isn't fair to him to be with younger children who don't have learning problems. Why, there is a five-year gap between his age and that of the other students!"

Mrs. Forrester cried softly into a tissue while her husband spoke. "Miss Miller," he said, "there is no school of that kind nearby. It would be a terrible shock for Jeremy if we had to take him out of this school. We know he really likes it here."

Doris sat for a long time after they left, staring at the snow outside the window. Its coldness seemed to seep into her soul. She wanted to sympathize with the Forresters. After all, their only child had a terminal illness. But it wasn't fair to keep him in her class. She had 18 other youngsters to teach and Jeremy was a distraction. Furthermore, he would never learn to read or write. Why waste any more time trying?

As she pondered the situation, guilt washed over her. "Oh God," she said aloud, "here I am complaining when my problems are nothing compared with that poor family! Please help me to be more patient with Jeremy."

From that day on, she tried hard to ignore Jeremy's noises and his blank stares. Then one day he limped to her desk, dragging his bad leg behind him. "I love you, Miss Miller," he exclaimed, loudly enough for the whole class to hear. The other children snickered, and Doris' face turned red. She stammered, "Wh-Why, that's very nice, Jeremy. Now please take your seat."

Spring came, and the children talked excitedly about the coming of Easter. Doris told them the story of Jesus, and then to emphasize the idea of new life springing forth, she gave each of the children a large plastic egg. "Now," she said to them, "I want you to take this home and bring it back tomorrow with something inside that shows new life. Do you understand?"

"Yes, Miss Miller!" the children responded enthusiastically - all except for Jeremy. He just listened intently, his eyes never left her face. He did not even make his usual noises. Had he understood what she had said about Jesus' death and resurrection? Did he understand the assignment? Perhaps she should call his parents and explain the project to them. That evening, Doris' kitchen sink stopped up. She called the landlord and waited an hour for him to come by and unclog it. After that, she still had to shop for groceries, iron a blouse and prepare a vocabulary test for the next day. She completely forgot about phoning Jeremy's parents.

The next morning, 19 children came to school, laughing and talking as they placed their eggs in the large wicker basket on Miss Miller's desk. After they completed their Math lesson, it was time to open the eggs. In the first egg, Doris found a flower. "Oh yes, a flower is certainly a sign of new life," she said. "When plants peek through the ground we know that spring is here." A small girl in the first row waved her arms. "That's my egg, Miss Miller," she called out.

The next egg contained a plastic butterfly, which looked very real. Doris held it up. "We all know that a caterpillar changes and grows into a beautiful butterfly. Yes, that is new life, too" Little Judy smiled proudly and said, "Miss Miller, that one is mine."

Next Doris found a rock with moss on it. She explained that the moss, too, showed life. Billy spoke up from the back of the classroom. "My Daddy helped me!" he beamed.

Then Doris opened the fourth egg. She gasped. The egg was empty! Surely it must be Jeremy's, she thought, and, of course, he did not understand her instructions. If only she had not forgotten to phone his parents. Because she did not want to embarrass him, she quietly set the egg aside and reached for another.

Suddenly Jeremy spoke up. "Miss Miller, aren't you going to talk about my egg?" Flustered, Doris replied, "but Jeremy - your egg is empty!" He looked into her eyes and said softly, "Yes, but Jesus' tomb was empty too!"

Time stopped. When she could speak again. Doris asked him, "Do you know why the tomb was empty?"

"Oh yes!" Jeremy exclaimed. "Jesus was killed and put in there. Then his Father raised him up!"

The recess bell rang. While the children excitedly ran out to the school yard, Doris cried. The cold inside her melted completely away.

Three months later Jeremy died. Those who paid their respects at the funeral were surprised to see 19 eggs on top of his casket - all of them empty.

*by Ida Mae Kempel*

*(from Gordon Ross)*



**FAMILY DEVELOPMENT WORK/**  
**OUTREACH**

*April 2022*

Hi Folks,

In my March article I mentioned the New Horizons group had asked both the Boys' and Girls' Brigades to design an Easter card. They have duly done so and Rev. Grace Saunders has chosen a winner for each. The winners have received a "**Real Easter Egg**" from *The Meaningful Chocolate Company* which includes an activity booklet telling the Easter Story as well as a delicious chocolate Easter egg. These designs will be printed by a local company with an insert in them giving details of all the Holy Week and Easter Worship Services. Indeed, I am blatantly advertising our informal evening Easter Day Worship Service which will be held indoors at 6.30pm on Easter Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> April. All are welcome to our service which is entitled "**He is Risen!**".

We are still eliminating "gremlins" from the AV system but the New Horizons group have received the good news that our funding application for digital hardware/software has

been successful and we can move towards asking permission to install broadband instead of relying on a mobile wi-fi unit, which has been good but to achieve all we would want to, the church needs broadband installed.

Pre-pandemic, our Toddlers Praise held on Palm Sunday, Harvest and Christmas was successfully patronised. However, two years on, the children who attended have now moved on to school. We intend to re-start Toddlers Praise on "*Low Sunday*", 24<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm for half an hour of worship with the theme "**Jesus Loves Us**". Please let any young families know of this or bring grandchildren, come along yourself and participate in this informal worship opportunity.

Easter has become somewhat diluted with a nice, cosy image of rabbits and Easter egg hunts. Easter, while it has its' sombre moments, is an event so much more than this nice, cosy image. Jesus was crucified, yet came alive again. In terms of our world, that is cataclysmic and should be celebrated openly, joyfully and without fear.

*Susan Boland*

**Laughter has no foreign accent.**

**Church Notice Board Intimations**

- \* Exercise Daily, walk with the Lord.
- \* God recycles. He made you from dust.
  - \* Forecast for tomorrow:  
God Reigns and the Son Shines.
- \* Social distancing does not apply to God.....  
draw near to Him.
- \* Need a Lifeguard?...Ours walks on water.
  - \* With all this rain we need an Ark.  
(wait for it)..... We Noah Guy.
  - \* What part of 'Thou Shall Not'  
don't you understand?
- \* Tweet others as *you* would like to be Tweeted.

**Did you know.....?**

That for every Scot living in our homeland there appears to be at least two living elsewhere. For example, take the State of *Saskatchewan* in Canada. There you can find places named from the Scottish Towns of:

*Aberdeen, Abernethy, Arran, Biggar, Cardross, Colonsay, Cupar, Dunblane, Glamis, Jedburgh, Kelso, Markinch, Oban, Orkney, Saltcoats, Stornoway and Stranraer.*

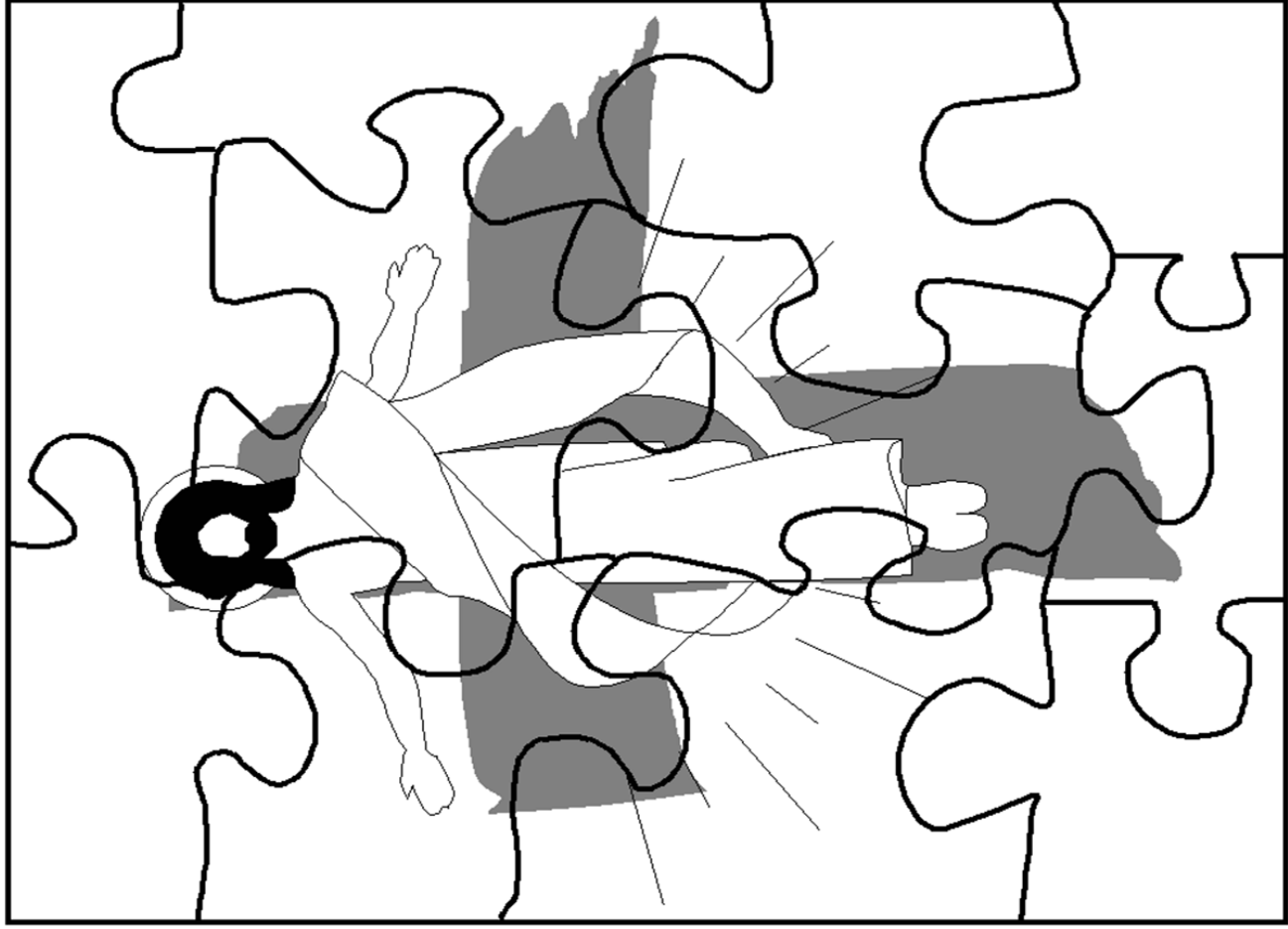
These are places fairly well-known in our country but it kind of makes you think of the diverse range of 'pioneers' from Scotland who must have emigrated to set up new homes and life so far away but never forgot their roots. There are many other places around the world in the USA and of course Australia with other 'well kent' town names.

Scotland has certainly *made it's mark* in the world!

**Wondrous is the strength of cheerfulness, and its power of endurance. A cheerful person will do more in the same time, will do it better, will persevere on it longer than the sad or sullen.**

**Success is *getting* what you want.  
Happiness is *liking* what you get.**

**Easter Jigsaw** (paste page to cardboard – e.g. old cornflakes box—and cut out shapes)

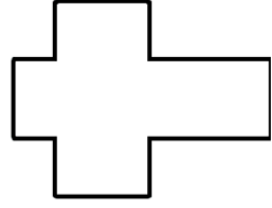


# Easter Word Search

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ALIVE  
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BETRAYED  
BREAD  
CROSS  
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DIED  
DONKEY  
EMPTY  
FORGIVEN

GETHSEMANE  
GUARDS  
HOSANNA  
LIFE  
NAILS  
PALMS  
PILATE  
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RISEN  
ROOSTER



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