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**CHRIST CHURCH, DALBEATTIE**

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SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER				
CHRIST CHURCH			ST NINIAN'S	
<b>Palm Sunday 9 April</b>	10.30	Sung Eucharist	08.30	Holy Communion (1929 Scottish Prayer Book)
			11.00	Liturgy of the Palms and Family Eucharist
			18.00	Evensong
<b>Mon 10</b>	19.00	Compline	10.15	Holy Communion
			20.30	Compline
<b>Tue 11</b>	19.00	Compline	10.15	Holy Communion
			20.30	Compline
<b>Wed 12</b>	19.00	Compline	10.15	Holy Communion
			20.30	Compline
<b>Thu 13</b>	10.00	Holy Communion	10.15	Holy Communion
	19.30	The Last Supper	20.30	Eucharist of the Last Supper and the Watch until Midnight
<b>Fri 14</b>	12.00	"The Cross at the Cross"	10.15	Matins and Communion from the Reserved Sacrament
	14.00	An Hour at the Cross	14.00	Prayers at the Foot of the Cross
			19.00	Evening Worship at Kirkpatrick Durham
<b>Easter Sunday 16 April</b>	10.30	Celebration Eucharist	08.30	Holy Communion (1929 Scottish Prayer Book)
			11.00	Festival Eucharist
			19.00	Easter Songs of Praise

## *Message from the Revd Mark Smith*

APRIL this year is half in Lent and half in Easter. A month of two halves ... and just like footballers, the job of the Church is to get the Cross over!

The Cross is, quite literally, the crux of the matter ... the link between Lent and Easter. It closes the chapter on the bad things which separate us from God. It starts a new relationship between us and God. It opens the way to Eternal Life with God for all who believe.

The idea of people giving their lives for others is one we are familiar with. We all know of the heroes of wars in the past. Those in the trenches, the mud and the death-camps. More recently we saw a policeman give his life seeking to protect others from a terrorist attack on the streets of London. We understand the concept of sacrifice for the greater good, for others to live, with no thought of the cost.

- ♦ On the Cross Jesus gave His life for me and you. He freely gave everything for us with no chance of us paying Him back!
- ♦ He gave up being infinite and eternal to become just as human as you and I – remember Christmas!
- ♦ He healed the sick, challenged the religious, encouraged the downtrodden – read the gospels.
- ♦ He was arrested, falsely accused and wrongly sentenced to death and crucified – Good Friday.
- ♦ He was buried in a borrowed tomb guarded by soldiers and His followers hid – Easter Eve.
- ♦ He was raised from the dead, the guards fled and His followers celebrated – Easter Day.
- ♦ He ascended up into the clouds in front of His Disciples to live on with the Father – Ascension Day.

At Easter we celebrate together and join Christians around the world in remembering and celebrating the incomprehensible love of God shown in Jesus so that we can know Him in our lives.

Please join us during Holy Week and Easter to learn more of the link between the Cross and the Empty Tomb as we follow the journey Christ made on our behalf and celebrate the gift of life He won for us.

As Lent closes we acknowledge our need of God's intervention in our lives. We shout 'Hosanna!' and wave our Palm Crosses on Palm Sunday as we welcome the King of kings riding on a donkey. On Good Friday we look up at the dying Jesus as He opens wide His arms for us on the Cross and we remember that He is there for me ... for you. On Easter Day we sing 'Alleluia!' as we receive the Risen Saviour into our lives and look forward to the new relationship with God He has made possible – Eternal Life.

It may be a journey we can make with Him and never look back.

May God Bless you.

## Congregational Away Day - 10th March, 2017

**Well done, good and faithful servant.**



**Thanks to Ron Newton for this photograph.**

This is a brief account of what was a busy day. A full report of the day will be made in due course. Our facilitator was **the Revd Canon Drew Sheridan**, who was enthusiastic and inspiring. The results of what we discussed have been sent to our MAP facilitator Anne McWilliam. (Readers will be glad to know that she is recovering well from her cancer operation.).

Members of the Congregation will be pleased to learn that we have effectively planned our MAP strategy for the next couple of years.

We started and ended with an act of worship. The day was split into three main sections, what we have done, what we are doing now and what we hope to do.

There was a Question & Answer session when we got the chance to question Drew, David & Mark; we were not backward in coming forward.

The last prayer of our Closing Worship:

*Lord Jesus Christ, take our lives and use them for your purpose, take our hands and work through them. Take our lips and speak through them, take our hearts and fill them with love for you and all your people. Amen*

*A suggested strap line for Christ Church*

*Large enough to serve you, small enough to know you.*

## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH “Am I being unfair to you?”**



This was well attended and we were grateful for the support and participation of members of the Parish Church, St Peter's Church and the Galloway Christian Fellowship. The theme was fairness and the order of service was written by women of the Philippines. There were thoughts about economic justice, which is, sadly, lacking in the Philippines, resulting in millions of people living in poverty. Members of Christ Church produced a dramatized reading of the Parable of the Vineyard (Matthew 20: 1-16) and then there was reflection on the Philippino practice of “Dagyaw”, in which people work co-operatively and collectively to plant crops and then to share the harvest; during this bowls of fruit were passed round and everyone was invited to partake. Everyone left feeling there was much upon which to reflect, especially the parable's message that fairness is not just about equal treatment for everyone; keeping your word can be just as important a consideration.

Many thanks to Julie Dennison, who masterminded the whole evening, and to her team of helpers for making the evening such a success.

*Graham & Miranda Brignall*

## **DIOCESAN SYNOD - 4 MARCH 2017**

The Synod this year was held at the Barony College, which made it easier travelling for those from Galloway. As the Bishop was still recovering from his stroke, the Dean presided at the Eucharist and enacted the Constitution of the Synod.

As with every Synod there are certain formalities that have to be gone through; welcome, apologies, appointments and approval of last year's Minutes. Then the elections. Various reports were submitted, and that took up most of the morning!



However, we did have three Canon Laws to vote upon. **Canon 22** about *Of Divine Worship and Administration of Sacraments and Other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church*, which went through with little comment.

However, **Canon 31** was *Of the Solemnisation of Holy Matrimony*. The issue that *Marriage* should include same sex couples. The discussion wasn't long, heated, or acrimonious, and it was felt that those issues had been debated at length during the long process that this issue had gone through before it came to Synod. The Bishop in his Charge to the Synod (written in December '16) had given his reasons for voting against the motion of changing the Canon to include same sex couple within 'marriage'. The vote was cast by the whole of Synod, not in houses, and was 59 for the motion, 33 against the motion - less than a 2/3 majority, which if the same is reflected in General Synod in June '17, the motion would not pass and the Canon would remain as it stands at present - 'marriage' is between a man and a woman.

An excellent lunch followed.

In the afternoon The Bishop's Lent Appeal was announced - Scottish Refugee Council - last year's total for the Bethlehem Arab Society came to £14,125.55.

The Accounts were presented: various alterations with the presentation and what goes where had been worked through during the year, and the final figure was that the Diocese was in surplus to the tune of £41,131 approx. The budget for the coming year was presented.

A very pregnant Canon Missioner (Audrey Stewart) gave a very encouraging, and enthusiastic, presentation. Three strands that the Bishop has identified for her to concentrate on were CMD (Continuing Ministry Development), MDR (Ministry Development Review), and the MAP (Mission Action Plan). She is certainly not an Ann Tomlinson and it will be interesting to see how her work develops over the years.

It had been agreed that along with the appointment of the Canon Missioner, a Canon Theologian would be appointed to the Cathedral Chapter.

Reports from the Worship and Liturgy Development Team, The Provincial Youth Network 20 Anniversary, Holy Land Pilgrimage 2018, and Thanksgiving for the Anglican Links with Kentucky and Byumba which has been wound up, were given.

The day ended at 1600 hours - on time - with the Dean giving the Confirmation of the Acts of Synod and the Blessing.

A good and interesting day, most of the time!

*Edith Thorp, Lay Rep*

## **NEWS FROM THE PROVINCE**

Last month we reported that Primus is to retire with effect from the 31st July this year. We now learn that the Bishop of Brechin is also to retire on this date. The following extract is from the statement written by The Most Rev David Chillingworth, Bishop of St Andrews, Dunkeld & Dunblane and Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church, and has been copied from the Inspires Magazine. (MP's bold highlighting.)

“As my own retirement takes effect, **a new Primus** will be elected by the members of the College of Bishops from among their own number at **the end of June**.

Meanwhile the Episcopal Election for the **Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney** is proceeding. The Preparatory Committee will shortly re-advertise for nominations and the exacting timetable set out under Canon 4 leads us to expect the election of **a new bishop by mid-summer**.

**Bishop Gregor is recovering well from his recent illness and hopes to be able to return to work during the next few months.**

Episcopal Elections in the **Diocese of St Andrews** and **the Diocese of Brechin** will begin in late summer and should be complete in early 2018.

This will of course be a demanding period but those with longer memories will know that it is not exceptional. The dioceses which for a period are without a bishop will be cared for in each case by their Dean working with an interim Bishop provided by the College of Bishops. The new Primus will preside over the Episcopal Elections but Canon 4 does make provision for another member of the College to preside if that becomes necessary.

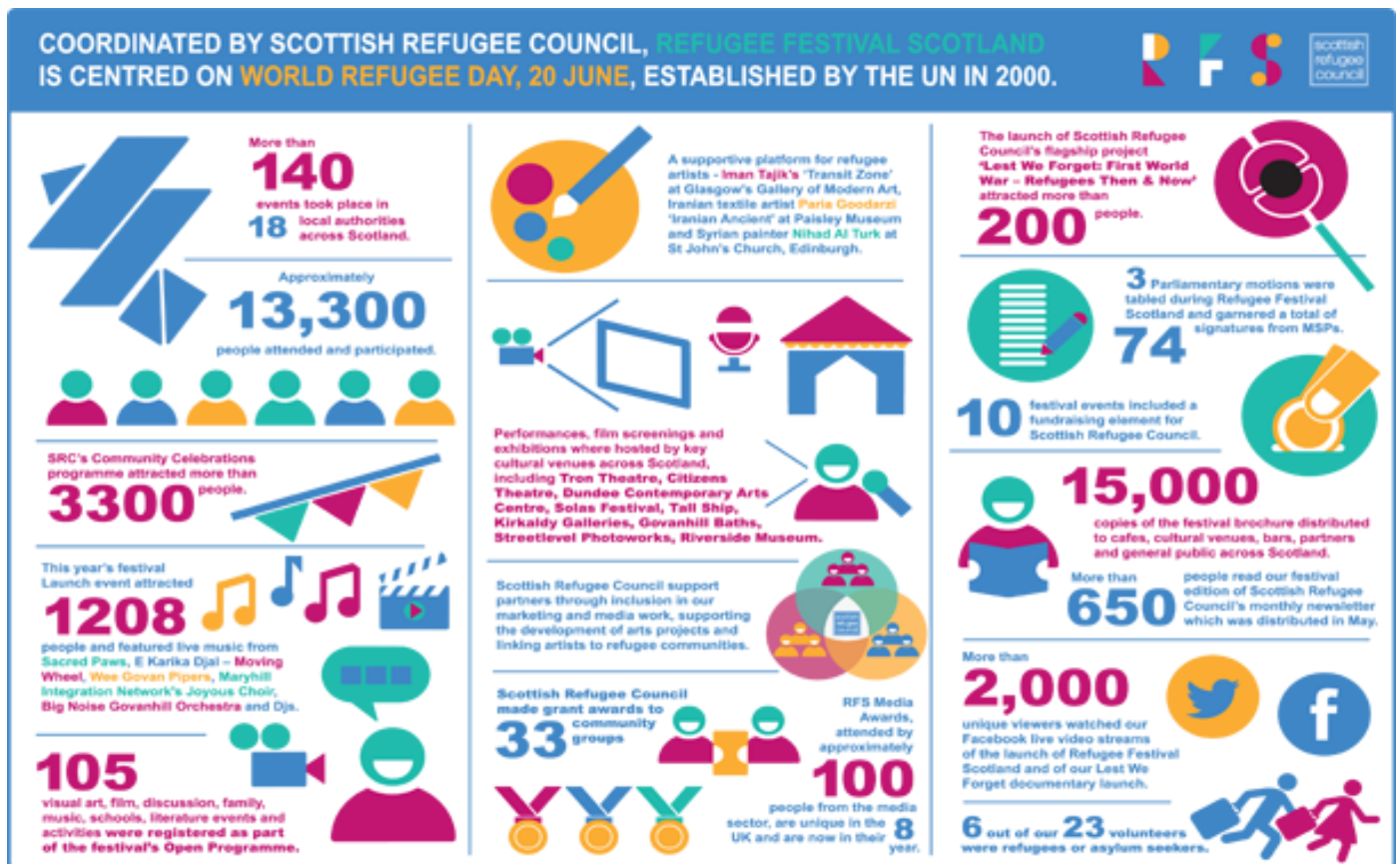
Above all it is a time for prayer for our church. The discernment of new leadership is a spiritual trust and we should pray for all who are involved. It is also an opportunity, through the discernment of new leadership, to explore the calling of our dioceses and of the Scottish Episcopal Church.”



### **THE BUILDING WORK**

Hopefully it will not be long before the scaffolding is down. This photograph taken by Paul Hindle, a visitor from Lenzie, shows the new porch roof.





## Refugee Festival Scotland 2017

Tuesday 20 June – Sunday 2 July 2017

Coordinated by Scottish Refugee Council, **Refugee Festival Scotland** is an annual Scotland-wide programme of arts, cultural, educational, heritage and sport events that brings refugee and local communities across Scotland together.

**Refugee Festival Scotland** celebrates the contribution refugees make to our rich cultural life in Scotland and the welcome offered by local people.

This year we are using the theme **Connect** to encourage people from all walks of Scottish society to connect with people who have come here seeking refugee protection. These New Scots are our neighbours, colleagues, classmates and friends.

The festival will explore the different actions we can take to build and strengthen connections between local communities and with the new Scots rebuilding their lives here.

**Have a cup of tea with a refugee**; to find out how you can be become involved in this project visit the website [cupofteawitharefugee.com](http://cupofteawitharefugee.com)

Violet, a refugee from Malawi says "Tea brings me closer to my friends."

## LENT 2017 (PART ONE)



As always Christ Church folk are having a busy Lent with Lent Talks, a Lenten Quiet Morning and Lent lunches.

The **Lenten Quiet Morning** held on Saturday, 11th March was led by Edith Thorp and Sadie Hollis in the Maxwell Hall at St Peter's, Dalbeattie.

The group that gathered were members of the Roman Catholic Church, the Episcopal Church and the Church of Scotland. We were led in and out of the quietness by Edith and Sadie.

Thanks to Sadie for the photograph and for reading this beautiful poem ***Ask, Seek, Knock ... Enter*** written by Deborah Belka.

Ask believing that Jesus loves you,  
seek and Him you will find.

Knock and the door will open,  
enter and don't look behind.

Ask that Jesus will forgive you,  
seek and repent of your sin.

Knock and He will free you,  
enter and be cleansed within.

Ask trusting Jesus will answer.  
seek and listen to His voice.

Knock and He will hear you.

Enter and in Him rejoice.

Ask knowing Jesus is faithful,  
seek and believe He is the Son.

Knock and He will be there.  
enter and see what He's done.

Ask showing you're thankful,  
seek and Jesus will see.

Knock and He will bless you,  
Enter and in heaven you'll be.

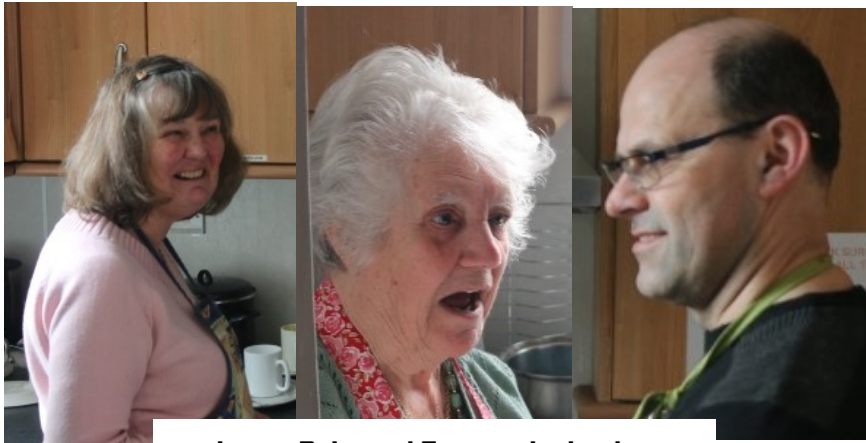
Do you little bit of good where you are; it's those bits of good put together that  
overwhelm the world.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu

The **Lent Talks** sessions 1-4, based on the **Passion in the Gospel of Matthew** were led by the Revd Sally Russell; Father William McFadden; the Revd Canon David Bayne and the Rt Revd Bishop Gordon Mursell respectively.

**Session 5 – Wed 5<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> April**, Mt 27:32-56 – Crucifixion and death. Led by The Revd Oonagh Dee.

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**Jenny, Ruby and Tony in the kitchen**

Three of the four **Lent Lunches** have been held.

The **first** was held on Wednesday, **15<sup>th</sup> March**; the hosts of the Day were Jane & Geoff Greenwood and Beryl Dowgill.

The **second** was held on Friday, **24<sup>th</sup> March**; the Hosts of the Day were Tony Anson, Miranda Brignall, Jenny Edkins, Ruby Osliff and Stephen Osliff.

The **third** was held on Wednesday, **29<sup>th</sup> March**; the hosts of the day were Julie & Keith Dennison and Edith & Alfred Thorp.

The **fourth** lunch will be held on Friday, **7<sup>th</sup> April** at 12 noon in Christ Church Hall. The Hosts of the Day will be Robin Charlton, Jane & Geoff Greenwood and Muriel Palmer.

Thanks to Paul Hindle, a visitor from Lenzie, for these photographs.



Proceeds will be donated to **Bishop Gregor's Lent Appeal 2017 - Scottish Refugee Council**. The monies raised will be notified after Easter.

Thanks are due to the hosts and to the many visitors who came to join us for food and fellowship.

## THY KINGDOM COME

25th May - 4th June

**Thy Kingdom Come** is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between **Ascension and Pentecost** for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. What started out as an invitation from the Archbishops' of Canterbury and York in 2016 to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. Last year more than 100,000 people joined in ; this year even more expected to do so.

Archbishop Justin Welby has said *"I cannot remember in my life anything that I've been involved in where I have sensed so clearly the work of the Spirit."*

The hope for 2017 is that:

- people will commit to pray with God's world-wide family - as a church, individually or as a family;
- churches will hold prayer events, such as 24-7 prayer, prayer stations and prayer walks, across the UK and in other parts of the world;
- people will be empowered through prayer by the Holy Spirit, finding new confidence to be witnesses for Jesus Christ.

For more information visit [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global)

### GALLOWAY REGION ASCENSION DAY SERVICE

The service is to be held at St Ninian's, CD on the 25th May at 12.30pm. The preacher will be Primus, the Most Revd. David Chillingworth.

There will be a light lunch after the service, to which all are invited. To help St. Ninian's with the catering arrangements, could you please let Margaret Morton, GRC Secretary, know by the 15th May, if you intend to be there and would like to stay for lunch. (E-mail [memorton@mypostoffice.co.uk](mailto:memorton@mypostoffice.co.uk))

This year's **Chrism Mass** will be held on Saturday 8th April at 11am in St Mary's Cathedral, 300 Great Western Road, Glasgow G4 9JB.

The Commissary Bishop John Armes will preside at the Chrism Mass and offer an Address.

*Thanks to Anne Little for this lament.*

**LAMENT TO THE LORD**

They have brought you up-to-date Lord, down at St Cecilia's.  
They have pensioned off the organ and are now praising with guitars.  
They have done it for the young ones, they want to draw them in,  
but I do wish they could worship without making such a din.

For I am growing deaf, Lord, and when there's all that noise,  
it gets so very hard, Lord, to hear your loving voice.  
They have written brand-new hymns, Lord, with tunes that I don't know,  
So I hardly ever sing now, though I did love singing so.

They are very go ahead, Lord, they are doing Series Three  
But the words are not so beautiful as the others used to be.  
They have modernised the Bible, the Lord's Prayer and the Creed,  
when the old ones were so perfect they filled my every need.

My mind is not quite so agile as it was some years ago  
and I miss the age-old beauty of the words I used to know.

It's very clear to me Lord, I've overstayed my time -  
I don't take to change so kindly as I did when in my prime.

But it can't be very long Lord before I'm called above  
and I know I'll find you there Lord, and glory in your Love.  
Till then I'll stick it out here, though it's not the same for me,  
But while others call you 'YOU', Lord do you mind if I say Thee?

A smile is a curve that sets everything straight. Phyllis Diller

Laughter is an instant vacation. Milton Berle

Happiness depends upon ourselves, Aristotle



## SAINT OF THE MONTH

### Saint Ebba: 2<sup>nd</sup> April

This is the second saint of this name associated with the Benedictine Priory at Coldingham. Little is known about this particular Ebba, except that she was abbess at the Priory.

Her main claim to fame is written in a ninth century chronicle. She saw a horde of Viking invaders land nearby and she feared the worst from them, expecting all of the nuns would be raped. She assembled all the nuns, then took a razor and cut off her nose and her top lip; all the others followed her example. This made their appearance so disgusting to the invaders that the women escaped being ravished. However, the Vikings soon returned and set fire to the convent, with the nuns inside, killing the entire community. This happened on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 870.

There is a suggestion that this event is the origin of the expression “cutting off the nose to spite the face”.

## MOTHER'S UNION, ST NINIAN'S, CD

At the open meeting held on **Tuesday, 21st March** the speakers Canon David Bayne and Alison Bayne gave a talk about their retirement home in **Askamore**, County Wexford. After our usual short MU Service and a soup lunch nearly 40 folk listened to David & Alison's account of how they found their retirement home. We were shown photographs of the house and of the beautiful countryside around Askamore. Photographs of the church they will attend together with photographs of their Rector and Bishop were shown. Having owned their home for several years they have had the opportunity to make many new friends - the final photograph was of Alison with the leader of the local MU Branch! Everybody was invited to visit but not all at once. And, there was me getting ready to book a bus for Away Day 2018!! MP



At the meeting to be held on **Tuesday, 25th April** we will have a speaker from **Dumfries & Galloway Blood Bikes**. Dumfries & Galloway Blood Bikes is a charitable organisation set up by local volunteers to deliver essential blood and urgent medical supplies, in and out of hours, between hospitals and healthcare sites in South West Scotland and sometimes beyond.



## DALBEATTIE HARD OF HEARING DROP-IN CLINIC



On Tuesday the 14th March, the **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service** visited the Clinic to talk about fire safety in the home.

You can book a free visit from the Service to carry out a safety check of your home. Copies of the their booklet ***Your Guide to Fire Safety*** were handed out; copies can be requested .

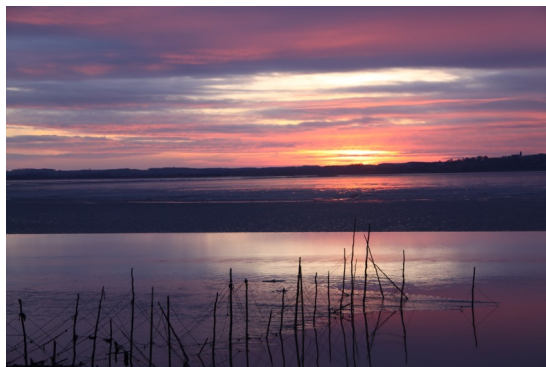
To book a visit or request a booklet call 0800 0731 999, text FIRE to 80800 or visit [www.firescotland.gov.uk](http://www.firescotland.gov.uk).

It was stressed how important it is to know how to reduce the chances of fire happening in our homes but if it does, how to protect ourselves.

*Nicholas Palmer, volunteer Hard of Hearing Drop-In Clinic*



Six of the many photographs **taken by Ron Newton** have been printed as blank greeting cards. Monies raised from the sales of these cards is to be donated to Christ Church Dalbeattie. The cards with envelopes and cello packed will be available at the back of the Church by Easter; at a cost of £1.00 each.



## AN EASTER RECIPE

Simnel cake is eaten during the Easter period in the UK and Ireland, in particular. It was originally made for the middle Sunday of Lent, when the 40-day fast would be relaxed. This Sunday is known as Laetare Sunday, with alternative names of Refreshment Sunday, Rose Sunday, Sunday of the Five Loaves and Mothering Sunday. The meaning of the word “simnel” is unclear; there is a 1226 reference to “bread made into a simnel”, which is understood to mean the finest white bread, from the Latin *simila*, meaning “fine flour”.

By convention the cake is decorated with marzipan balls (11 in number) to represent the Apostles (minus Judas Iscariot), though some versions use 12 balls by including Jesus himself. This tradition developed late in the Victorian era.

They have been known since at least Medieval times; at one point they became a Mothering Sunday tradition, when young girls in service would make one to take home to their mothers on their day off.

If you would like to try making one, here is a possible recipe; [www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/simnelcake](http://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/simnelcake)]

### Ingredients:

#### **For the almond paste:**

<b>For the almond paste:</b>	175g plain flour
250g caster sugar	Pinch of salt
250g ground almonds	½ tsp ground mixed spice
2 free-range eggs, beaten	350g mixed raisins, currants and sultanas
1 tsp almond essence	55g chopped mixed peel

#### **For the cake:**

<b>For the cake:</b>	½ lemon, grated zest only
175g butter or margarine	1-2 tbsp apricot jam
175g soft brown sugar	1 free-range egg, beaten for glazing
3 free-range eggs, beaten	

### Method:

For the almond paste: place the sugar and ground almonds in a bowl. Add enough beaten egg and mix to a fairly soft consistency. Add the almond essence and knead for one minute until the paste is smooth and pliable. Roll out a third of the almond paste to make a circle 18cm (7in) in diameter and reserve the remainder for the cake topping.

Preheat oven to 140C/275F/Gas 1. Grease and line a 18cm (7in) cake tin.

For the cake: cream the butter and sugar together until pale and fluffy. Gradually beat in the eggs until well incorporated and then sift in the flour, salt and mixed spice a little at a time. Finally add the mixed dried fruit, peel and grated lemon zest and stir into the mixture.

Put half the mixture into a greased, lined 18cm (7in) cake tin. Smooth the top and cover with the circle of almond paste. Add the rest of the cake mixture and smooth the top, leaving a slight dip in the centre to allow for the cake to rise. Bake in the preheated oven for 1¾ hours.

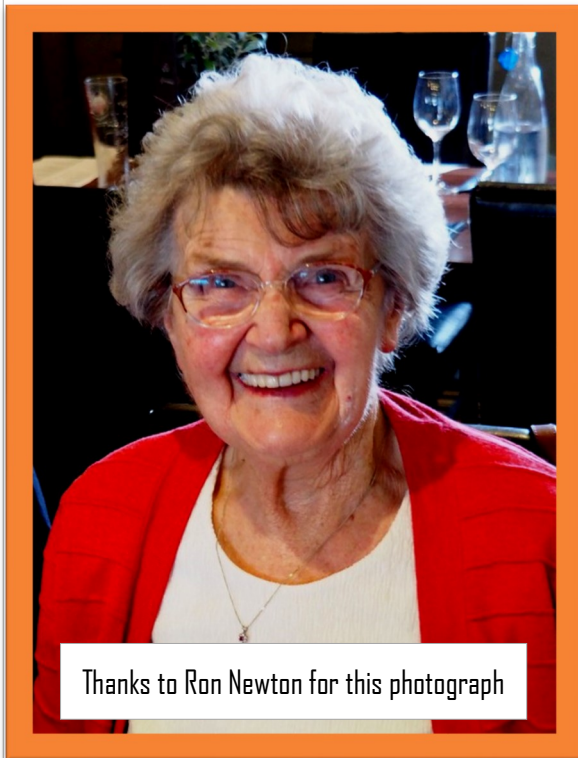
Test by inserting a skewer in the middle of the cake; if it comes out clean, the cake is ready, remove the cake from the oven and set it aside to cool on a wire rack.

Brush the top of the cooled cake with the apricot jam. Divide the remainder of the almond paste in half; roll out a circle to cover the top of the cake with one half and form 11 small balls with the other half.

Place the circle of paste on the jam glaze and set the balls round the edge. Brush the cake topping with a little beaten egg.

Preheat the grill to high. Place the cake onto a baking tray and grill for 1-2 minutes, or until the top of the marzipan begins to brown.

### **HAPPY 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY PAT**



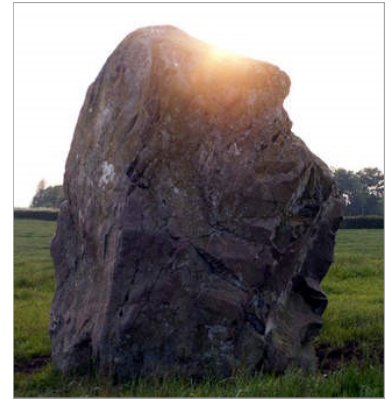
Thanks to Ron Newton for this photograph

Pat Miles celebrated her 90th Birthday on the 20th March. She had a wonderful birthday weekend. On Saturday 18th she had lunch with friends and relatives from Scotland and Christ Church at the Hollybush, near Ayr. Then on the Sunday it was off to Penrith to celebrate with relatives and friends who live south of the border

Julie Dennison made her a cake to share with the Bible Study Group on Monday morning. Nicholas and I were treated to a slice on Monday afternoon. When we were taking her home she said what a lovely time she had and that she couldn't believe she was 90.

**The Twelve Apostles** in Nithsdale near Dumfries is the largest stone circle on the Scottish mainland and is located between the villages of Holywood and Newbridge, near Dumfries. It is the seventh largest stone circle in Britain and is similar in design to the stone circles of Cumbria, and is considered to be an outlier of this group. The tallest upright is roughly 2 metres tall, but the largest recumbent stone measures about 3.2 metres.

The site is split by a hedge and contains eleven stones (the twelfth one having gone missing sometime in the 19th century; local custom has it that **Judas Iscariot** was responsible for its loss). Its south-westerly arrangement aligns it with the midwinter sunset.



### THE RUTHWELL CROSS



The Ruthwell Cross was designed as a preaching cross: using the carvings as a picture book for the 'humble'. Two of its faces are carved with scenes from the New Testament. On the broad faces of the cross are carved scenes that illustrate Christ's divinity, the Holy Trinity and the four Evangelists who wrote the gospels - Mathew, Mark, Luke and John.

The cross was smashed by Presbyterian iconoclasts in 1642, and the pieces left in the churchyard until they were restored and re-erected in the manse garden in 1823 by Henry Duncan. In 1887 it was moved into its current location inside Ruthwell church, when the apse which holds it was specially built.

### **Mission to Seafarers Scotland** has a new website [www.mtss.scot](http://www.mtss.scot)

When I checked out this new website I was interested to read that during the cruise ship season that over 3,000 hats were given out at the Port of Rosyth. Last Christmas 650 hats were given out with Christmas parcels throughout Scotland. The Mission report that one of the most moving things is when a seafarer picks up a hat and asks "How much?" When they are told "There is nothing to pay. The hat is a gift of love from the knitters of Scotland." Their smiles, in response, always lights up the room. MP

Running total of knitting in 2017: 5 hats and 1 pair of fingerless gloves.



## From Muriel Palmer

The next copy of the magazine will be a two-month issue **June/July 2017**. Cut off date for articles for this magazine is **21st May 2017**.

It is planned that an Editorial Team will take responsibility for the magazine when I step down as Editor at the end of June. More details for the way ahead for the Magazine to follow

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## **CHRIST CHURCH SALES 2017**

### **PLANT SALE**

**Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> May**

**Dalbeattie Town Hall**

### **SUMMER SALE**

**Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August**

**Colvend Public Hall**

### **WINTER BAZAAR**

**Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> November**

**Dalbeattie Town Hall**

## What's On in April 2017 at Christ Church and District

### April

<u>Sunday, 2nd</u>	8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Wednesday, 5th	1.45 p.m.	TAG meeting at 3 Blair Street, Dalbeattie
<u>Thursday, 6th</u>	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Saturday, 8th	11.00 a.m.	Chrism Mass (see page 8)
<u>SUNDAY, 9TH</u>	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> see page 3	
<u>HOLY WEEK</u>	starting Monday 10th see page 3	
Tuesday, 11th	10.00 a.m.	Hard of Hearing Drop-in Clinic in the Church Hall
Thursday, 13th	1.30 p.m.	Chat & Craft at 12 Park Terrace, Dalbeattie
<u>SUNDAY, 16TH</u>	<b>EASTER DAY</b>	<b>see page 3</b>
<u>Thursday, 20th</u>	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
<u>Sunday, 23rd</u>	10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Tuesday, 25th	12.30 p.m.	MU St Ninian's, CD. see page 14
<u>Thursday, 27th</u>	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Friday, 28th	2.30 p.m.	Julian Meeting at Savat, Meikle Richorn

### LENT TALKS AND LENT LUNCHES

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Thurs, May 25th 12.30 p.m. Galloway Region Ascension Day Service**  
See page 12 for more details

**Sat, Jun 17th The Third Order Society of St Francis (Scottish Area.)**  
**Day Pilgrimage to Glenluce Abbey Eucharist 1.00 p.m. Please let Janet Swain know if you wish to attend by 8th May (07900 006795).**  
**£3 per head charge.**

**Sun, Jul 9th 2-5pm Scotland Open Garden**  
**Drumstinchall House & Drumstinchall Cottage**

**Sun, Aug 20th tbc Ecumenical Service at Dundrennan**  
**Details to follow.**