

Kilsyth Anderson News



Spring 2021

Farewell from the Manse.

From the Manse (@ Mauchline)

On the 22nd of February Lynne and I packed up all our belongings from Kingston Road to make the journey south to our new home in Mauchline. That day was naturally full of activity but also of emotion as we fondly recalled the eight happy years we had spent in Kilsyth. We have previously outlined our reasons for the move and our sense that it was God's call upon our life. That said, the process of departing was not easy. Of course, the restrictions in place meant that we only saw a small number of people and so we were touched by the many gifts, cards and good wishes which were received from the congregation and the wider community.



Lynne and I consider our time with the Kilsyth Anderson family a rich blessing from God. We are truly thankful for your encouragement and support through the years; for your active participation in our joint work in the Saviour's name and the love which was so evident towards us. Vacancy is never an easy time for a congregation but know that we will be praying for you and for a speedy unveiling of God's future plans. Your interim moderator, John, I know will be a wise advisor along the path.

My induction to the congregations of Mauchline and Sorn took place on Tuesday 9th of March via a Zoom Presbytery meeting, which will be available to view online later.

In the first chapter of the book of Philippians, the apostle wrote a letter to church he had since left - his words echo our feelings,

*"Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."*

We look forward to a time when we will see you all once again. God bless you.

Allan & Lynne

Good News

With the Scottish Government lifting restrictions on worship, we are delighted to announce that we will be back worshipping in the Church on Palm Sunday, the 28th March at 11.00am. Numbers will be limited (up to 50). Please call 01236 825271 to reserve a place. Covid 19 protective rules still apply, masks must be worn and hand sanitiser will be available on entry to Church. Services, hopefully will still be live streamed for those who cannot attend.

From The Manse (@ Cadder)

Dear All,

I've been asked to introduce myself to you – so here is a quick snapshot. I am your interim moderator during your vacancy. I have been an ordained minister for over 22 years. I was born and brought up in Tarbert



Lochfyne; when I left school, I chased dreams of professional football. I came to a personal faith in Jesus Christ at 19 which turned my life in a new direction.

I was then involved in youth ministry in my local church. I also set my focus on my retail business and was married to Susan in 1985. I was then called to the ministry in my early 30's – studied at Glasgow University and did my probationary in Bishopbriggs Springfield Cambridge and then served at Wallacewell, Hillington Park and presently at Cadder in Bishopbriggs. We have 2 daughters who are both married and four very young grandchildren, all living in Bishopbriggs. So, there you

have a very quick summary of my life.

So, life is a journey, and we presently are in the journey of Lent, a time associated with testing and challenge.

Lent is a time which looks back to the people of Israel when they wandered through the desert for 40 years, waiting for the time when they were ready to enter the promised land; a time also that reflects the 40 days of Jesus' testing in the wilderness, where he was left alone to the wiles of the devil.

On the journey we will be tested and testing and challenge is at the core of the Christian faith. It comes in all shapes and sizes, almost on a daily basis and is usually much bigger than a chocolate biscuit or a cream cake! Testing is what makes us the people we are.

James wrote, 1:2-3 "Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of faith produces endurance." and in the old Testament Job said 23:10 "But He knows the way I take; When He has tried me, I shall come forth as gold".

As a National church we are going through a time of testing. Nationally, our ministry numbers will be reduced. Nationally, our finances are in millions of pounds of deficit each year and so there is much hard thinking to be done at 121 and also locally. At the moment, we are waiting to hear news from the Vacancy Procedure Committee of Presbytery about your vacancy – so until we hear from them, I have nothing to update you with, other than commend the situation to your prayers.

This month's Presbytery meeting featured Dave Kendall, Chief Executive of the Church of Scotland speaking about the challenges and the opportunities facing the Church of Scotland. It would be easy to get discouraged, but I think that we should see this time of testing and trial as an opportunity; that in the midst of these trials, God is doing something exciting for us and for future generations, and that He has a plan for us going forward, and in the words of the prophet, "we will come forth as gold".

But as a wise retired minister said recently at Presbytery, Rev David Lunan, after he reflected on his 50 years of ministry, "Decline has been the order of the day for fifty years. But I have no fear; the future may be smaller but

more beautiful." I love those words from David because it comes from a man who openly speaks about his suffering in his ministry. David also said to Presbytery, "St. Augustine said that what our Lord did with the bread, he blesses it, he breaks the bread, he shares it. It happens to us all. And that has been my experience of ministry."

Jesus talked to his disciples often about suffering, testing and carrying the cross. He used a metaphor about pruning the vine to describe the work of God in the lives of his followers; but he also said that we must remain on the vine and that is the gospel truth, those who remain on the vine will survive the testing, whilst those who separate themselves from the vine will fall away. The vine of course is Christ.

Let me finish this letter with David Lunan's gracious words, "We every one of us have a calling, and are blessed, and we will all face the cross, and by the grace of God, we will come through, to share with everyone all we have received, in the service of one another, and of the kingdom of God."

My friends, Lent is a time to allow our hearts to be tested; to even ask questions about our faith; so, let us be honest and come before God and like the psalmist of old and say,

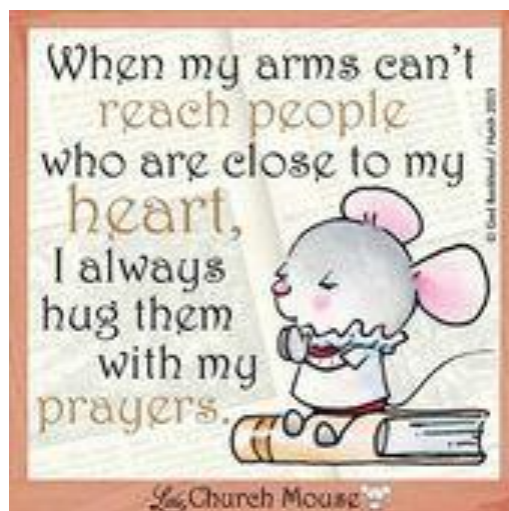
Psalm 139:23 "Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxious thoughts; See if there is any offensive way in me; And lead me in the way everlasting."

Go forward trusting in the One who was tempted in every way and remember that God is with you in the furnace of whatever trial or testing that you are facing today. He understands you and He holds you like a blacksmith's anvil, and He will never let you go. His arms are strong, loving and caring. Beyond lent, comes the cross and then the glory of the resurrection. This is our ultimate destiny; we are people of hope.

Every blessing on your preparation for Easter,

Rev John MacGregor

Interim Moderator of Kilsyth Anderson Church



Church Update



Ordination of Elder

At the virtual Kirk Session meeting on 2nd February Rev. Dr. Allan Vint ordained Mrs. Jean Ewen into the Eldership of the Church. We congratulate and welcome Jean into the Session and look forward to benefitting from her wisdom and knowledge.

Session Clerk

Thank you to all who gave so generously towards a presentation to Elizabeth Strang on her retirement as Session Clerk. She was presented with a small quich, flowers and a cheque during the online service on 31st January. This was one of the last duties which Rev. Dr. Allan Vint performed prior to his translation to Mauchline linked with Sorn. Elizabeth has shown her gratitude in the card below.



To the Kirk Session and congregation

My sincere thanks for the generous gifts and good wishes given to me on my retirement as Session Clerk.

Thank you too for the help and support you gave me during my 18 years in the job.

My best wishes to Christine as she takes over as Session Clerk.

Elizabeth Strang.

New Session Clerk

Having just assumed this position I am doing my best to understand all that the position involves especially during this time of vacancy. If anyone has any Pastoral Care needs, then I would be your first contact and so I give you both my telephone number and email address. If I am not in when you call, please leave a message and I will return your call. Tel: [01236 821060](tel:01236821060) e-mail: johnstonchristine@hotmail.co.uk

Please be assured that I will do my utmost to help you in any way that I can.

Finance

Over the past year, when the Church has been closed, re-opened and closed again I am pleased to tell you that, thanks to the generosity of the congregation, we have been able to meet all our expenses. Some people have changed to direct giving through the bank while others have regularly handed in their envelopes either to Allan at the Manse or to me. I have been able to continue claiming Gift Aid and that, together with investment income has meant that we were in a healthy position at the end of December. The accounts have been prepared, and when we are allowed to, we will photocopy these and have them distributed. We have until the end of June to have our Annual Stated Meeting and we hope that we might be able to have this in a normal manner sometime soon.

Vacancy



At his last service on 14th February Rev. Dr. Allan Vint and Mrs. Lynne Vint were presented with a small quach and flowers as a token of our thanks for their work in Kilsyth Anderson during the past eight years. Unfortunately, we were not able to have a congregational farewell and did not have the opportunity to give towards a parting gift appropriate to their years of service. However, they have agreed to come back when we are able to gather as a full congregation so that we can bid them a proper farewell. More details will be sent out later.

The Way Forward

Now that the Manse is empty, we are taking the opportunity to have some work done on it. The gutters around the Manse and woodwork under the roof have been replaced and the external woodwork has been painted. A Manse inspection will be carried out by Presbytery to make sure that it is of suitable standard for a minister to live in. We are awaiting a quote for quite extensive work needed on the Church roof. No internal decoration will be done in the meantime – only necessary maintenance work.

Last time we were vacant we had the services of a locum. However, there are so many vacancies in the Presbytery that there is no full-time locum available. The Session members have therefore decided to arrange pulpit supply so that services can be held face to face. We feel this is essential for those who do not have internet access and so rely on this type of service.

We await Presbytery's decision as to when (or if) we might be allowed to call a minister. Until then, we can only pray that this decision will come sooner rather than later.

Girls' Brigade

The Kirk Session sends its congratulations to the GB on reaching its 70th anniversary on 7th February. Again, no special celebrations could be held, but four Brigaders, Emma, Erin, Lucy and Lana did celebrate that day. On his second last Sunday, Rev. Dr. Allan Vint presented them with their Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award – virtually, of course! Well done Girls.



Property Convenor

We, as a congregation, must express our thanks to Tom Anderson who recently resigned as property convenor. Tom has worked hard over the years to maintain and upgrade the Church, the suite of halls and the Manse. A lot of the work he did can be seen, but he also did a lot of unseen work – small jobs which, to get a tradesman in to tackle, would have cost us quite a chunk of money. Tom could turn his hand to almost anything and so will be missed by all of us. Tom, we appreciate all that you did, and did so willingly, over the years. We will miss having your wisdom and expertise and, of course, your cheery personality. Thank you seems so inadequate! God bless you for all you did for Anderson Church.



Story Behind The Hymn

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

"**Christ the Lord Is Risen Today**" is a Christian hymn associated with Easter. Most of the stanzas were written by Charles Wesley, and the hymn appeared under the title "Hymn for Easter Day" in *Hymns and Sacred Poems* by Charles and John Wesley in 1739. The hymn eventually became well known for the "Alleluia" sung as a melisma after each line, which was added by an unknown author, probably to fit the commonly used hymn tune of "Easter hymn". It remains a traditional processional hymn on Easter Sunday.



Charles Wesley, the co-founder of the Methodist Church, wrote "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" in 1739 where it was initially titled "Hymn for Easter Day". He based it on an older anonymous Bohemian hymn titled "Jesus Christ is Risen Today". The new hymn was first performed at the first service at The Foundery Meeting House after Wesley had adapted it into the first Methodist chapel. Following this, Wesley published it in the *Hymns and Sacred Poems* hymnal. It was initially written with eleven verses of four lines each. It was also published in *A Collection of Hymns for the Use of the People called Methodists* hymnal. The hymn was later edited by Martin Madan for inclusion in his *Psalms and Hymns* hymnal by removing the seventh, eighth and ninth verses. The hymn eventually became popular in the Church of England from around 1780. Charles Wesley's brother, John Wesley excluded it from the Wesleyan Methodist Church's *Wesleyan Hymn Book*, which John did to preclude the inclusion of any specific seasonal hymns. It was not until 1831, when the *Supplement to the Collection* was published by an unknown Methodist, that "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" made it into the hymnals of the Methodist Church regularly. Prior to this hymn being published, church music had maintained a similar style of dynamics to music and chants from the Biblical period. "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" was written as a more uplifting style of worship expressing personal feelings to God that eventually became the bedrock of Christian music into the modern era.

The composition of "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" originally consisted of eleven verses of four lines, which were later reduced to six, and early in the 19th century "Alleluia" was added to the end of each line. This results in "Alleluia" appearing twenty-four times in the hymn. It is not known why this was done, but it is speculated by hymn analysts that it was to ensure that the hymn fit the tune of "Easter Hymn". The hymn led to a more popular awareness of Alleluia being used for Easter to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus.

The Methodist historian Bernard Lord Manning said about it:

But in the evening at the chapel, though I was uncertain about the prayers, there was no gamble about the hymns. I knew we should have Charles Wesley's Easter hymn, "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today," with its 24 "Alleluias": and we did have it. Among any Dissenters worth the name that hymn is as certain to come on Easter Day as the Easter Collect in the Established Church (the Church of England). And mark this further—those 24 "Alleluias" are not there for nothing: the special use of "Alleluia" at Easter comes down to us from the most venerable liturgies. Our hymns are our liturgy, an excellent liturgy. Let us study it, respect it, use it, develop it, and boast of it.

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" has been considered by many Christian hymnologists such as William Studwell, as being the most definitive church anthem for Easter. It is an example where Roman Catholics and Anglicans cease using the word "Alleluia" during the period of Lent but restore it into their services on Easter Sunday

Beyond Methodism and Anglicanism, "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" has been adopted by other Christian denominations; Baptists have adopted the hymn. Likewise, Presbyterians have been using the hymn since at least the 19th century where it was also included in hymnals used for missionary work in the colonies of the British Empire. The hymn is also used by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. However, they only use three verses of the hymn and have an altered text for them.

The hymn is a variation of an earlier hymn "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today", a 14th-century Latin hymn which had been translated into English and published in *Lyra Davidica* in 1708 (and later in 1749 in Arnold's *Compleat Psalmodist*). In some hymnals, *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* is in fact the three-stanza *Compleat Psalmodist* version with one or more of the additional stanzas written by Wesley appended. Though "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" gained early popularity from within the Church of England, over time the Anglicans' preference moved towards "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" and away from Wesley's hymn.

Each verse of "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" features a focus on the Resurrection of Jesus. For the final verse, Wesley uses descriptive language to describe four requirements for Christians to enjoy eternal life with God. The focusses are for Christians: to know God, to bear witness to God, to sing their faith and to love one another.

The lyrics of "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" draw inspiration from a number of Biblical texts. The overall focus of the hymn is drawn from Matthew 28:5–6 where Mary Magdalene and the other Mary is told by an angel of Jesus' resurrection. The wording as well as the "Alleluias" are drawn from the Book of Psalms with a number of Psalms being used including Psalms 106, 111, 112, 113, 117 and 135. It also alludes to Revelation 19 where it is said that during the Rapture that "Alleluia" will sing out from Heaven.

In 1989, the United Methodist Church's *United Methodist Hymnal* altered the second line of the first verse from "Sons of men and angels say" to "Earth and Heaven in chorus say". The change was one of many gender-neutralizing lyrical alterations the hymnal made in a professed effort to make the hymns more inclusive. This altered version has since been adopted by some other Christian denominations. There are two tunes commonly used for "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today", these are "Easter Hymn" and "Llanfair". "Easter Hymn" is the most used tune for the hymn. Easter Hymn was originally titled "The Resurrection" and published anonymously in *Lyra Davidica* in 1708. Despite being anonymous, over time it has been misattributed to J. W. Worgan, Henry Carey and George Frederick Handel.^[15] The writer James T. Lightwood said of it: "there is probably no tune in Christendom so universally sung on any festal day as the Easter hymn, with its rolling "Hallelujah", on Easter morning." "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" also gained popularity as a children's hymn by editors of children's hymnals. This was attributed to the "Easter Hymn" tune being easy to learn despite the complex language within the text.

Llanfair was written by Robert Williams in Llanfairpwllgwyngyll, Anglesey, Wales and the tune was named after the town. This hymn tune was also harmonised by the Director of Music of University College, Oxford, David Evans. Other hymn tunes used for "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" are "Orientis Partibus", "Savannah," and "Resurrexit". One of these could potentially have been the original tune when it was first performed by Wesley, but this is unknown.

British composer John Rutter published a choral arrangement of the "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today", using the Easter Hymn tune, in 2016.



Easter Quiz

1.) When Jesus died, which of the following things did NOT happen?

- a) the veil of the temple was torn
- b) the dead came to life
- c) there was an earthquake
- d) there was a flood that covered the earth

2.) Who asked Pilate for Jesus' corpse and put it in his own tomb?

- a) Zebedee
- b) Mary Magdalene
- c) Paul
- d) Joseph of Arimathea

3.) What was placed in front of the door of the tomb to close it?

- a) a blanket
- b) a stone
- c) a wall
- d) a fence

4.) On what day was Jesus' resurrection?

- a) the same day as his crucifixion
- b) the tenth day
- c) the third day
- d) the fourteenth day



5.) What moved the object in front of the tomb door?

- a) an angel
- b) the earthquake
- c) the 12 Apostles
- d) the object moved itself

6.) Who did not see the empty tomb?

- a) Mary Magdalene
- b) Joseph
- c) John
- d) Peter

7.) What was found in the tomb?

- a) a growing lily
- b) a vase full of water
- c) Jesus' burial clothes
- d) a sparrow

8.) Who did Mary Magdalene think Jesus was when she first saw Him after He had risen?

- a) the gardener
- b) one of the Twelve Apostles
- c) a shepherd
- d) Pontius Pilate

9.) Which of these things did Jesus NOT say to Mary?

- a) "Blessed art thou among women"
- b) "Go to my brethren"
- c) "Touch me not"
- d) "Mary"

10.) Which of the Twelve Apostles did not believe that Jesus was risen?

- a) Andrew
- b) Simon Peter
- c) Thomas
- d) John

11. What famous event is celebrated on Good Friday?

- a) The birth of Jesus Christ
- b) The death of Jesus Christ
- c) The resurrection of Jesus Christ
- d) The ascension of Jesus Christ

12. What animal did Jesus ride on when he entered Jerusalem the week before his death?

- a) A horse
- b) A camel
- c) A donkey
- d) None. He walked instead

13. What did people wave as they welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem?

- a) Palm branches b) Swords and spears c) Their hands d) Money

14. What is another name for Holy Thursday?

- a) Good Thursday b) Easter Thursday c) Maundy Thursday d) Lenten Thursday

15. Which Jewish feast did Jesus celebrate just before his death?

- a) Day of Atonement b) Purim c) Hanukkah d) Passover

16. What is specifically remembered at this feast?

- a) The Jews remember their escape from Egypt
b) The Jews remember when Queen Esther saved them
c) The Jews remember their sins
d) The Jews remember the divine restoration of the Temple



17. What sacrificial animal did Jesus describe himself as?

- a) A dove b) A goat c) A lamb d) A lion

18. Which disciple betrayed Jesus?

- a) Matthew b) Judas c) Peter d) John

19. How much money did he received for the betrayal?

- a) 10 copper coins b) 20 pieces of gold c) 30 pieces of silver d) 40 denarii

20. Which disciple denied Jesus before the rooster crowed?

- a) Matthew b) Judas c) Peter d) John

21. How many times did he deny Jesus?

- a) 1 b) 2 c) 3 d) 4

22. How did those in the courtyard of the High Priest know that he was a disciple of Jesus?

- a) He told them b) His accent gave him away
c) The other disciples dobbed him in d) His clothing gave him away

23. Who was the Roman governor at the time of Jesus' death?

- a) Pontius Pilate b) Quirinius c) Augustus d) Tiberius Alexander

24. Which prisoner was released instead of Jesus?

- a) Barnabus b) Barabbas c) Barnobulus d) Barabby

25. What coloured robe did they place on Jesus in the Praetorium?

- a) White b) Yellow c) Scarlet d) Black

26. What did they place on his head?

- a) a crown of thorns b) a crown of flowers c) a hood d) a veil

What was the name of the hill where they crucified Jesus?

- a) Gethsemane b) Golgotha c) Gardenia d) Ararat

28. What does the name mean?

- a) Skull b) Garden c) Ark d) High place

29. What natural disaster occurred during the crucifixion?

- a) A volcano erupted b) A hurricane c) An earthquake d) A bushfire



30. Who was the first person to see Jesus alive?

- a) Peter, his disciple b) Mary, his mother c) Mary Magdalene d) John

When I say, “I am a Christian”.

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I’m not shouting, “I’ve been saved!”

I’m whispering, “I get lost!

That’s why I chose this way”.

When I say, “I am a Christian”.

I don’t speak with human pride

I’m confessing that I stumble –

Needing God to be my guide.

When I say, “I am a Christian”.

I’m not trying to be strong

I’m professing that I’m weak

And pray for strength to carry on.

When I say, “I am a Christian”.

I’m not bragging of success

I’m admitting that I’ve failed

And cannot ever pay the debt.

When I say, “I am a Christian”.

I don’t think I know it all

I submit to my confusion

Asking humbly to be taught.

When I say, “I am a Christian”.

I’m not claiming to be perfect

My flaws are all too visible

But God believes I’m worth it.

When I say, “I am a Christian”.

I still feel the sting of pain

I have my share of heartache,

Which is why I seek His name.

When I say, “I am a Christian”.

I do not wish to judge

I have no authority...

I only know I’m loved.



HOLY WEEK



A Week to Remember

For Christians there is no more special time than the few days of Holy Week that lie between Palm Sunday and Easter morning. Along with Christmas, this time is one of the great central moments of Christian history. The incarnation, (which we celebrate at Christmas) the crucifixion and the resurrection tell the story of God's plan for our redemption. These are the mighty deeds of God in Christ. It is right then that we should know and have an understanding of the events of Holy Week which is just a few weeks away.

Palm Sunday

Mark Ch. 12 vs. 1- 11

Christ has been on the road to Jerusalem for days now. He has marched on ahead, while the Disciples have hung back a bit, being just a little worried about what might happen. Then he comes to Jerusalem, the great capital of Israel. The place of kings - but he comes not on a war horse, but on a donkey. He comes not with an army but with a group of ordinary citizens. He comes not with power and pomp, but humbly and in peace. How will he be received. Will he be noticed at all? When he arrives the crowds gather, they welcome him with shouts " Blessed in He who comes in the name of the Lord" The crowd goes out to him. It appears that things might yet end well. The authorities, however, have been watching too and their reaction is still to be shown. So, after looking around in the Temple area, Mark tells us that Jesus went out to Bethany to spend the night there.

Cleansing of the Temple

Mark Ch. 11 vs. 12 - 19

Having looked around the Temple, the great central place of worship and sacrifice for the Jews, Jesus is back next morning for he has obviously been deeply upset by what he has seen. In the temple courts he has witnessed the work of money changers - that is everyday money being changed into special temple currency that can be used to pay for temple sacrifices. He has also seen tables for tax collectors, and again that is not ordinary taxes but temple taxes. So that, no doubt, these would be seen as activities that had some vague connection to the temple. However, Jesus reminded them that the temple was a place of worship and a place of prayer and they have turned it into a place of commerce. So, he overturns the tables and drives out the operatives. This cannot go unpunished for the authorities have seen what has happened. Here is a big step towards what was still to happen before the end of the week.

Maundy Thursday

Matthew Ch. 26 vs. 36 -56

After a day spent in teaching and a day withdrawn from public view in Bethany, Jesus comes again into the city on what would be the Thursday. He arranges to celebrate the Passover meal with his disciples in an upper room in Jerusalem. It is during that time that Jesus institutes the Sacrament of Holy Communion and tells them to continue to do this "in memory of Him" Two other events of note happen at this time too. First, before they eat Jesus takes a towel and washes the disciples' feet thus taking the place of a servant and encouraging them to do likewise. His commandment is that we are to love one another as he has loved us. That love is to be the badge and sign of the Church. Believers are to be a

fellowship of love. After the meal, when Judas has gone away to betray him, Jesus and the disciples go out into the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. When they get there Jesus takes Peter, James and John and they go off alone. Finally, he leaves these disciples to watch and wait while he goes further and is alone. It is here that Jesus feels the full weight of what lies ahead and appears to be almost crushed by it. He wrestles with this problem and is tempted to near breaking point before ending by saying "nevertheless.

not my will but yours" and so finally accepts that his life is going to end in a sacrificial death for humanity. This is hugely significant. Christ is about to fulfil the very purpose of his coming into the world - providing a way of salvation through sacrifice for us.

Judas meanwhile has gone off to the authorities with his plan to betray Jesus. They agree and pay him thirty pieces of silver for his work. He will do the deed while they are in the garden. The net is closing.

Good Friday

Matthew Ch. 27 vs. 32 - 44

The events of Good Friday are spelled out at length in all the Gospels. The reading suggested above is from part of Matthew's account. It tells only a small part of the dramatic events of that fateful day.

Judas, having done his work duly betrays Jesus and he is taken prisoner and appears before Pilate. Judas, then filled with remorse hangs himself. Being questioned by Pilate, Jesus answers the governor's questions. Pilate then tries to free Jesus by using a traditional right of pardon that exists. By it one prisoner is released at Passover. This is decided by the shouted response of the crowd. Pilate, asking for their verdict, and expecting that Jesus would be released, but the crowd rejects this and demands that Barabbas be released instead, despite the fact that he is a well-known criminal. So, Jesus is condemned, for the crowd now cry for his crucifixion.



So early in the morning Jesus is taken to Golgotha (The place of the skull). Here he is nailed to a cross. Two others are crucified with him, one on his left and one of his right. The crowd mock him, crying "He saved others, but he can't save himself" Darkness descends on the scene and Jesus cries out "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me" This is the cry of desolation when the full burden of the sins of the world are placed upon him. The authorities are surprised how quickly Jesus has died. The manner of his death surprises even some of the soldiers standing around the cross who cry out "Surely this was the Son of God".

Now the crucifixion is heaped with theological meaning and the foregoing is a brief re-telling of the main facts. Lots of sermons are preached regularly unpicking the meaning. Having read the Gospel accounts, try to get to church over this period to learn more of the deeper meaning and significance of these events.

Easter Morning

Saturday, the day after the crucifixion is a silent day when Jesus lies in the tomb and the disciples are shut away licking their wounds and fearful of what lies ahead. Thanks to Joseph of Arimathea a newly cut tomb has been obtained for the burial.

Early on the Sunday morning the ladies come out of love and respect to wash the body and prepare it for formal burial. These, as Matthew tells us includes Mary Magdalene and "The other Mary" They find the tomb empty, but an angel appears, who tells them Jesus is not here for he has risen. The story is complete. The apparent defeat of Good Friday has been transformed into the glorious victory of Easter morning. They rush off to tell Peter and the other disciples. The story of the Church has begun. The development of that story fills many of the pages of the New Testament.

Read it, learn it, love and believe it - then share it with others and rejoice in its truth. Halleluiah!

Our Family



Baptism

24th December 2020: Jack Andrew Morris, son of Andrew and Sandra

Deaths

Mrs Elizabeth Hutchinson, Howe Road

Mrs Moira Gillies, Auchentreoch Holdings

John Smith, Westfield Road died 11th January.

John Glover, Westfield Road died 11th February.

With Thanks

“Audrey and family wish to sincerely thank all at Anderson church for the many messages of sympathy received through prayers, cards and floral tributes following the sad loss of John, a dear husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. They were much appreciated and a great source of comfort at this very sad time”.

Audrey Glover.

Tribute to the late Johnny Glover

We were all saddened to hear of the passing on 11th February of John (Johnny) Glover. In September 1965 Johnny, while still a very young man, was ordained to the eldership by Rev. J. McDonald. During over 46 years he gave faithful service, visiting members at home, in hospital and in various organisations and regularly welcoming people at the Church door on Sunday mornings. His cheerful greetings and chat will be missed. Johnny had a particular interest in our young folks. He visited our youth organisations giving encouragement to our youth, congratulating them on their achievements and making regular donations to the Sunday School (now the JAM club) Johnny was also Church box convenor for many years – organising the distribution of Church boxes, the gathering and counting of the money and the banking of it. He served for a number of years as Session Elder at Communion – it was his task to serve the elements to the Kirk Session. Johnny took all his tasks seriously and gave his all to them. If someone was needed to uplift the offering on a Sunday morning – Johnny was your man! Our thoughts and prayers go to Audrey, Aileen, John and families. Well Done Good and Faithful Servant.

The piece below was taken from an extract in the Kilsyth Chronicle

Tribute Paid To Kilsyth's Local Hero

Tribute has been paid to the hardy left half who was part of Kilsyth Rangers Scottish Cup winning team who brought the laurels back to the town in 1955 and went on to coach and manage the squad in their second victory at the same competition in 1967.

John Glover – affectionately known as 'Wee Glover' – was known and loved to thousands of home fans each week before he brought that more high profile brand of footballing glory to the town, having joined the squad at 16. And his devotion to the club would last a lifetime as he later joined the ranks of passionate spectators.

Born in 1935, John was a Twechar man who would make Kilsyth his home after meeting his wife Audrey a year later.

Their loving union lasted for nearly seven decades and produced two children, Aileen and John.

John, was an active member of Kilsyth Anderson Parish Church for many years.



One friend said: "He got married at the church saw his children get married there and buried friends and family there. "He will be sorely missed by the church community."

Kilsyth Rangers also paid a simple but poignant tribute to John's family at this very difficult time.

A statement from the club said: "It is with great sadness the club has learned of the passing of former player, coach and club legend Johnny Glover.

"He will always be remembered as such a large character and forever will be a part of the history of Kilsyth Rangers .

"Everyone at the club would like to pass on our sincere condolences to his family."

Club president Russell McKay added: "When they made Johnny they threw away the mould. Not only a great guy and a character but a very good friend.

"My Saturdays will never be the same at Duncansfield without the wee man.

"A true legend and he will always be remembered to me as Wee Glover.

Meanwhile John Donnachie quipped: "How many laps of Duncansfield will Johnny be making the angels do?"

We Welcome Jean Ewen

As Our New Scripture Union Ambassador.



Scripture Union played a big part in my life as a teenager, in helping my faith to grow.

Over the years I have kept an interest in SU work and when asked to take on the role of SU Ambassador for our Church I was happy to do this.



My role is to act as a link between SU and our church family, passing on news, prayer requests, links to online children's resources and information about SU holidays.

Our Regional Worker in Lanarkshire is Valerie Sim. Valerie leads a team of volunteers and is involved in supporting schools by taking Religious Observance assemblies as well as working with individual classes for Religious and Moral Education, which is a part of the Curriculum for Excellence. The Primary and Secondary weekends at Lendrick Muir are a highlight of the year. Valerie is also happy to assist local churches in their own work with children.

2nd Kilsyth Girls Brigade.

We wish Lynne and Allan Vint the very best in their new home and church in Ayrshire. We will miss Lynne's leadership and guidance very much and look forward to having her back for a visit when restrictions allow.

It is unfortunate that we were unable to meet up with our Explorers, Juniors and Brigaders this last year. All sections had completed their badge work before lockdown.

As Leaders we have really missed all the fun and enjoyment of meeting together.

We are looking forward to resume in September 2021 (Covid restrictions allowing).

During lockdown our 4 Brigaders continued the Skills, Physical and Volunteering sections of their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh. With the help of the internet, they were all able to get all sections assessed. They were fortunate in September 2020 to complete their expedition section, no camping allowed, but engaged in 3 long walks around Kilsyth including Queenzieburn to Banton, along the Forth & Clyde back to Kilsyth and walking up Barr and Croy Hills. As leaders we are immensely proud of their achievement.



Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

Mother's Day Anagram



ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH

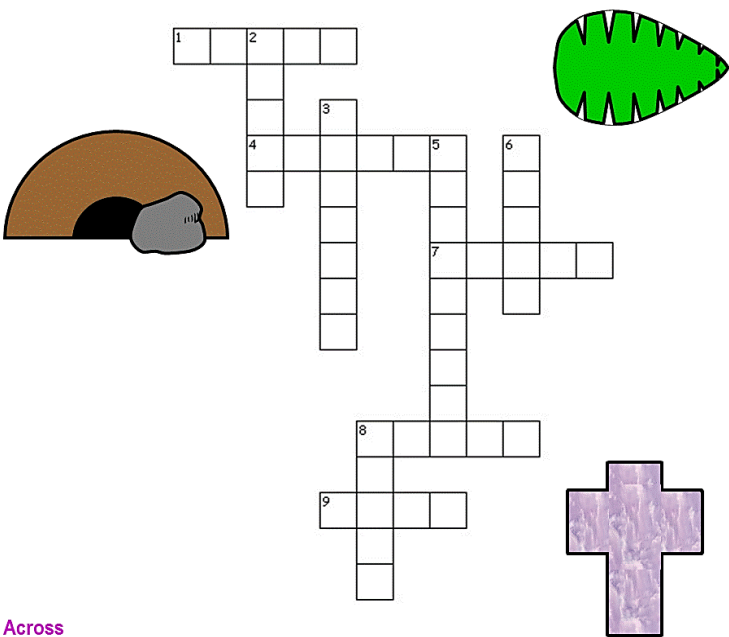


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| Ash | Holy Week | Palm Branch |
| Wednesday | Holy Thursday | Forty Days |
| Sacrifice | Good Friday | Jesus |
| Almsgiving | Holy Saturday | Passover |
| Prayer | Easter | Foot Washing |
| Fasting | Palm Sunday | Resurrection |
| Lent | Purple | Love |



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Easter Crossword



Across

- Taking this during the last supper symbolized Jesus' body.
- Jesus was forced to wear a crown made of these instead of a crown meant for a real king.
- The angel told the women, "Don't be afraid, Jesus isn't here; He has ____!"
- Instead of praying the disciples did this when Jesus went off to pray by himself.
- The main reason that God gave His only son, Jesus to die for each of us.

Down

- On Sunday the two Mary's didn't find Jesus but a tomb that was ____.
- The word people shouted to Jesus that means blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
- Jesus became the ____ for us, so we could be forgiven for our sins.
- Jesus was meant to die on this.
- This was put in front of the tomb so nobody could steal Jesus' body.

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Items of news, special occasions, etc. for the next
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Helen Shaw

Easter Quiz answers:

1. d) there was a flood that covered the earth 2. d) Joseph of Arimathea 3. b) a stone 4. c) the third day 5. a) an angel 6. b) Joseph 7. c) Jesus' burial clothes 8. a) the gardener 9. a) "Blessed art thou among women" 10. c) Thomas 11. b) The death of Jesus Christ 12. c) A donkey 13. a) Palm branches 14. c) Maundy Thursday 15. d) Passover 16. a) The Jews remember their escape from Egypt 17. c) A lamb 18. b) Judas 19. c) 30 pieces of silver 20. c) Peter 21. c) 3 22. b) His accent gave him away 23. a) Pontius Pilate 24. b) Barabbas 25. c) Scarlet 26. a) a crown of thorns 27. b) Golgotha 28. a) Skull 29. c) An earthquake 30. c) Mary Magdalene.

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