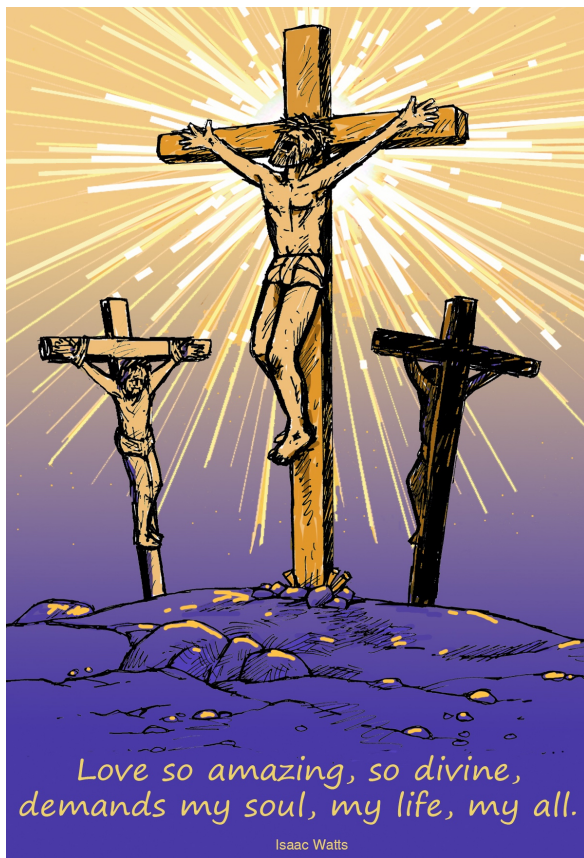


to glorify God ... to proclaim Christ ... and to serve others

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**Join the
Easter
celebration in
Blackhall
St Columba's
Church
on Sunday
21 April 2019
at 11 am**

**(See page 7 for
details of other Holy
Week services.)**

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Report of Statement by Revd Benjamin JA Abeledo

At the Kirk Session meeting on Tuesday, 12 March 2019, the Moderator, the Revd Benjamin JA Abeledo, read out a prepared statement indicating that he was standing down as our Minister and that he will be preaching as nominee at another church on 31 March 2019. This decision was made after a great deal of thought and consideration of his position. He has been in contact with Presbytery over a period about this and his last Sunday preaching at our Church will be 7 April 2019. After that date, the action towards the way forward will be put in place by Presbytery who will appoint an Interim Moderator. In the short term the Rev Gordon Farquharson will undertake Services and pastoral duties

I am sure that when I spoke at the Stated Annual Meeting I was expressing the sentiments of the Congregation when I said how sorry we were to hear of Benjamin's decision to demit his charge as Minister of Blackhall St Columba's Church. I am sure that this was a decision that had been taken after due deliberation, careful reflection and prayer.

I added that there is a process to follow from now starting with Benjamin preaching as the nominee on Sunday 31 March. For clarity 'the nominee' is what was previously referred to as 'the sole nominee'. Should he be accepted by the congregation where he will be preaching then matters are in the hands of the two Presbyteries. The Presbytery of Edinburgh will appoint an Interim Moderator and it is the role of the Interim Moderator along with the Kirk Session to lead the Congregation during the period of transition. The Kirk Session will appoint a Locum – that person will take the Sunday Service and be responsible for pastoral duties.

I concluded by stating that we were now moving into a period of vacancy and while this was unfortunate so soon after the last one we will have the good Lord with us and with that we will be in safe hands.

Eddie Thorn, Session Clerk

MINISTER'S FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Beyond Easter!



Undoubtedly, spring time always brings with it a great amount of anticipation leading up to Easter. Even for those who are "*Christmas and Easter*" churchgoers, or for those who simply sit at home and dream of Easter baskets, chocolate rabbits, and coloured eggs, anticipating Easter, on the one hand, is like waiting for the door to be unlocked, unhinged and opened onto a green spring field of sunshine and colour. On the other hand, Easter is stepping out onto that field and closing the door behind on the long, cold, dreary winter.

Yet, for many, the day comes and goes and then what? Easter is over again until next year. In some parts of the world, winter still hangs above, and the grey of death has not given way to the springtime. The chocolate is eaten, the celebrations are over, and everything seems to return to normal. All that anticipation ends in just one day—with grand festivities and powerful sermons, and perhaps with even a first playful egg-roll in the springtime grass—and then it's over. Or is it?

The celebration of Easter is insignificant if the celebrations do not point to the continuing reality of the Risen Lord. Indeed, in many church traditions, the season of Easter which lasts until Pentecost asks this very question. *How do we know the continuing presence of the risen Lord in our daily lives?* Indeed, how do we? Is it simply the annual remembrance of a historic event from long ago?

If we're honest, many of us do wonder what difference the resurrection has made in the practical realities of our lives. We still argue with our spouses and loved ones; we still have children who go their own way. We have difficulties at work or at school. We still see a world so broken by warfare, selfish greed, oppression and sin. Like the two men on the road to Emmaus recounting the events surrounding Jesus, perhaps we wonder aloud: **"But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel"** (Luke 24:21a). Things seem pretty much as they were before Easter Sunday, and the reality of our same old lives still yearns for healing, salvation and hope.

This is often the way we feel if we have only understood resurrection as an event long past that only speaks to a future yet to come. We feel this way if we do not connect Jesus' prayer for God's will to be done **"on earth as it is in heaven"** with the reality of the cry, **"He is risen, as he said."** The glimpse into the kingdom of God that we get in the life and ministry of Jesus / continued

MINISTER'S FOOD FOR THOUGHT continued

ministry of Jesus is confirmed through the resurrection. New creation, new life, resurrected living is now a possibility for those who believe, trust and follow Jesus.

The risen Jesus told his followers, **"As the Father has sent me, *I also send you*"** (John 20:21).

My friend, on this my last contribution to the Kirk News as your Minister, let me remind you that Jesus' resurrection is not a promise for escape from the world, or a life free from trouble. We know it isn't! But rather it commands those who are Christians, you and me, those who would remember his resurrection to be his 'faithful and courageous' agents in the world.

We have a wonderful message of hope and life which only God through Christ provides. He sends us out with the extraordinary news that the dead can be raised to new life, for death and evil do not have the last word! Heaven is a certainty and Easter reminds us that one day we will be with Him and with all those who in faith have trusted in His name.

We are sent out beyond Easter Sunday into the future because everything has changed. As we live into and out of the resurrection, we demonstrate the continuing presence of the risen Lord in our lives and in this world.

Therefore, wherever we go in life, and wherever God leads us in the future, let us never forget that Easter gives us hope beyond today and a seasonal celebration. The reality of Easter is a promise of God delivered and guaranteed by God through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ for every day of the year and beyond!

May your heart be filled with peace, joy and hope as you remember Jesus' love for you and the eternal life won for you through His resurrection. Never doubt it!

Happy Easter! God bless you now and always,

In Him,

Benjamin



The angel said to the women, ***"Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."*** (Matthew 28:5 – 7)

Jesus said to her, ***"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die."*** (John 11:25)

A great deal of work on the 'Building for the Future' project has gone on behind the scenes since the last issue of Kirk News. The work on Phase 1 is about to go out to tender and we await the response from possible contractors.



There has also been considerable progress made on preparatory work both in terms of clearing everything out from under the Sanctuary, planning for worship in the Large Hall and for the provision of a temporary office. The clearing is almost complete and many thanks are due to the Scouts who have had to identify, sort out and relocate an enormous amount, some of which appears to have been there for almost 100 years! The decision has been made to set up a temporary church office in the projection room at the back of the Large Hall and the move will take place before the main contractors move in. The leaflet which was mentioned in the last issue is currently with the printers and it will be distributed very soon; indeed, it should arrive either before or with the Kirk News.

Part of the 'Building for the Future' project entails removing the pews and replacing them with chairs. Many of you will have a sentimental attachment to the pews so we would like to offer you the opportunity to purchase one (or more!) of them. They are made of oak and are over 100 years old and would make a beautiful addition to any home or garden. The price at which we are offering these to the congregation is £50 per linear metre. Once purchased and collected, it will be possible to remove one end, remove a middle section and re-attach the end; so the length can in effect be tailored to individual requirements. People who buy pews will have to be responsible for collection. Those pews which are not bought by individual members of the congregation will be sold either for re-use or as wood to be recycled. If you would like to buy a pew or to find out more about it please contact Ruth Laidlaw on laidlawx3@blueyonder.co.uk

As you will know, circumstances have changed within the church and because of that it was thought wise to consult the Presbytery Office to review where we are with the project and to confirm what the proper way forward should be. We have done this and have been advised that the correct thing to do is to continue with the project as envisaged and as already approved by the Kirk Session. More details on this, and on the scope of work which it has now been decided we should do on the Halls this summer, will be contained in a covering letter which is being prepared to go with the leaflet mentioned above.

Family

We welcome to our fellowship:

By Resolution of the Kirk Session

Dr Kathryn Westbrook
Ms Dinah Elizabeth Thom

BAPTISM

March

24 Lucas James and Daniel
Robert, twin sons of Kirsty
Cassidy

DEATH

February

26 Michael Sims

Flowers

During April the flowers in church
will be donated as follows:

7 Miss Norma Sinclair
14 Mrs Irene Wood
21 Mrs Linnette Aitken
28 Mrs May Williamson

Mrs Anne Hamilton and
Mrs June Logan will be delivering
the flowers.

Violet Troup
Flower Convener



Baptism of twins, Lucas James and Daniel Robert Cassidy

Church Diary

April

- 3 12 noon Mid Week Service followed by light lunch
7 9.30 am Early Family Service
11.00 am Morning Worship

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday Service 14 April at 11 am

Palm Sunday Service 14 April at 3 pm (see page 9)

Mid Week Service Wednesday 17 April at 12 noon
followed by light lunch

Maundy Thursday Service 18 April at 7 pm
with Sacrament of Communion

Good Friday Service 19 April at 7 pm

Early Rise Easter Service Sunday 21 April at 8 am
in Ravelston Park (note change of venue)
followed by bacon rolls back at the church

Easter Day Family Service Sunday 21 April at 11 am
with Sacrament of Baptism
Easter egg hunt for children

- 28 11.00 am Morning Worship followed by Short Communion
30 4.00 pm Strachan House Service

May

- 1 12 noon Mid Week Service followed by light lunch (last of the session)
5 9.30 am Early Family Service
11.00 am Morning Worship
12 11.00 am Morning Worship, Christian Aid Service
19 11.00 am Morning Worship
26 11.00am Morning worship followed by Short Communion
28 4.00 pm Strachan House Service

Please see the Intimations in the Order of Service or our website for any changes to dates or times of services.

KIRK SESSION REPORT

The Kirk Session met on Tuesday 19 February and Tuesday 12 March 2019.

Appointment of Auditor

The Treasurer advised that with the donations received for the Building for the Future project, our level of income takes us into a requirement to have our Annual Accounts audited as opposed to examined. The appointment of Gibson McKerrell Brown was agreed.

Building For The Future

Following the presentation of a comprehensive and very detailed Pre-Tender review supported by a paper from our architect Session debated the specifics of the project. After considerable discussion Session agreed – 39 votes for and 6 against to proceed on the following basis:-

Progress Phase 1 as planned, managing costs tightly, but before that do sufficient refurbishment work on the halls to make a difference. That would include redecoration, upgrading of the toilets at the rear of the main hall, new curtains/blinds and potentially new interior doors to the main hall.

Correspondence

It was noted that the Scottish Bible Society had acknowledged the donation of £652.72 from part of the offerings at the Christmas Services.

Fellowship Afternoon Group

Fiona Drinnan advised that after the April meeting this group will be disbanding due to lack of volunteers to take over the running and planning of events. Their funds of approx. £100 would be donated to the Church, with funds from a Bring & Buy Stall in April to be donated to Build for the Future.

Mike Sims

The Session Clerk paid tribute to Mike Sims, who recently passed away, referring to his previous long involvement with the church and in particular his faithful service as an Elder.

Resignation of an Elder

The Session Clerk advised that Mrs Sally Foster had intimated her wish to resign as an Elder for personal reasons. He added that he would write and thank Sally for her service to the Congregation.

Roll/

KIRK SESSION REPORT continued

Roll

Session agreed to admit to membership by Resolution:-

1. Dr Kathryn Westbrook, Craigleith Hill Crescent, Edinburgh
2. Ms Dinah Elizabeth Thom, Ferryfield, Edinburgh

Statement by the Revd Benjamin JA Abeledo, Moderator

The report of this statement is printed on page 2.

Eddie Thorn
Session Clerk

Palm Sunday

14 April

3pm service

Following positive feedback after the service last year, there will be a half hour service on Palm Sunday at 3pm for those who for medical or other reasons find they cannot attend the traditional 11am service.

The service will be followed by refreshments in the church.

Fiona Cooke



Christian Aid

Coffee Morning

Saturday 18 May

10 am - 12 noon

**Blackhall St Columba's
Church Hall**

Tickets - £3

Please come and support us

**If you are able to help with this
event please contact:**

**Sheila Mackintosh
Tel 0131 336 1357**

**Christian Aid Scotland,
Registered Charity SC039150**

Music@St.Columba's

As I write, it is just almost exactly one year since I became the Director of Music in St Columba's and Libby and I have felt very welcomed into the fellowship. At this time of unexpected change in our church it is probably all the more important that we are not distracted by small issues and lose sight of the very important ones that lie ahead. Music in church has always the potential for disagreement in that we all love certain styles of music and feel that some forms are more suited to the ministry of music in a church. It has been the downfall of many churches to insist that only one style is suitable for the worship of God.

When we recall that the function of all the music, whether played or sung, is to lead the congregation in the worship of God and ultimately to point to the sacrifice of Jesus and his resurrection as the only way for us to find forgiveness of sins, it should enable us to stand back somewhat from our own preferences and accept other views as having equal validity. There are some very well written modern songs which we should introduce to the church's repertoire while maintaining the hymns upon which the Scottish church's worship has been built since the reformation.

The music we use for the choir anthems and the various voluntaries that I play are generally designed to aid contemplation and a response in the quietness of our hearts. Do encourage the choir when something finds an echo in your spirit. They work hard to maintain the standard to which the church has become accustomed and I am grateful for their ongoing commitment. I still love the classical music repertoire and I will maintain the use of that at some level as appropriate.

Some 75 people met in the church at the end of February for the latest in the '[Music@St.Columba's](#)' series of concerts. We were wonderfully entertained by the music of an oboe, violin and piano trio. As a bonus we were also treated to some quite expert organ pieces played by Phil Coad. Over £550 was raised for the Building for the Future fund.

The next in the series will be **The St David's Brass Band** of which Tony Laidlaw (husband of Ruth) is a member, on Saturday 27th of April at 7.30 pm. There will be 28 in the band and they will provide a wide variety of musical styles. I may even have the privilege of joining with them on the organ for one piece.

The final concert for this season will be given by our own **midge a cappella singers** on Saturday 1st June at 7.30 pm. Prepare for some fun, some serious and a lot of skilful music that night. / continued

Music@St.Columba's continued

As you know I am keen to introduce some new songs to the church services and we now have a strategy of singing them to the congregation, then singing them with the congregation, then the congregation singing them because they have learned to love the music and the sentiment and modernity of the lyrics. Please be patient as we go through that process but be assured it will be worth the effort.

Finally a long standing booking has been made for **The Church of Scotland Heart and Soul band** to give a concert in the church on Saturday 11th May. I am sure you will give this your support.

Donald Cameron
Director of Music



Blackhall St Columba's
Saturday 11 May 2019
at 7 30 pm

We are fortunate to be having a visit from the Church of Scotland's Heart & Soul Swing Band on Saturday 11 May.

The band perform concerts all across Scotland and on Sunday 19 May will be playing in Princes Street gardens during Assembly week.

There is no charge for entry but there will be a collection for the Church of Scotland HIV/ AIDS project which was initiated by Rev Robin Hill, band leader.

Come and enjoy the music.

Mary Morrison

Spring Shopping Event

Come and enjoy different stalls on Wednesday 10 April, 5pm to 7 15 pm, held by the Girl Guiding Groups raising money to support the Blackhall Building for the Future project.

In times of uncertainty it is natural and acceptable to be worried about the impact any changes may have on us. But if we are lucky enough to have the possibility of losing something, it is important to recognise the privileged position that puts us in. Brexit is a crisis for those who 'have', because those who 'have not' are already in crisis. Let us use our own worries at this time to pray for those in our society who are marginalised and faced with poverty.

A Prayer in Challenging Times

O God our refuge and our strength,
our ever-present help in times of trouble.

As we wonder about whether we will have enough tins on our shelves
...we pray for those struggling to put food on the table every single day.

As we wonder whether our job will be secure
...we pray for those in communities with few jobs and few opportunities.

As we wonder whether our mortgage payments will rise
...we pray for those who are homeless or living in poor housing conditions.

As we wonder whether our savings and our pensions are safe
...we pray for those who earn just enough to get by and can't afford to plan for the future.

As we wonder whether we will need a visa to travel for holidays or work
...we pray for those who have to flee their homes and make dangerous journeys to find safety.

When the crisis passes for those who 'have',
help us to recognise it will still be a crisis for those 'have not'.

Be with all who are facing times of uncertainty,
may they find comfort and hope in Your unfailing love.

Amen

From Iain McLarty,
worship development worker
with the Priority Areas team in the Ministries Council.

People might be thinking about Spring cleans already so the goods we need at the moment are:

Toiletries

Shampoo, conditioner, tooth brushes

Pots and pans

Especially small and medium sizes

Food products

UHT milk, instant coffee, rice, biscuits, tinned potatoes, tea bags, tinned fruit and vegetables, tinned fish and meat

Cleaning materials

Washing up liquid, toilet cleaner, multi-purpose spray, unused toilet rolls, laundry tablets

Ladles

Electrical items

Irons and vacuum cleaners - all in good condition

Glasses

Only cordial/juice glasses

NO alcohol related glasses like wine, beer or whiskey glasses

Pillows for our bedding packs

NO cushions

We hope your congregations are able to help out with these requests. Thank you to you and the congregations for sending us all these goods you have been donating over the past few weeks. It has been so nice to send out packs to all these people in need in Edinburgh.



Fairtrade Stall Closure

I am sorry to report that it has been decided that we will discontinue the Fairtrade stall after May. We will operate on 14 April and 12 May at reduced prices in order to clear our stock.

We have been selling Traidcraft goods since January 2005 starting at a time when these goods were not generally available in supermarkets. It was innovative at the time but now you can buy Fairtrade goods almost anywhere at reasonable prices. We have had a steady group of regular customers to whom we give thanks for the support. We are not a profit making organisation but any money we have made has generally been donated to Traidcraft Exchange the charity arm of the Traidcraft organisation. This charity will continue to support the producers in 3rd world countries with particular emphasis on those who are no longer supplying Traidcraft due to the cutbacks in that organisation. In the autumn of 2018 there was a suggestion that Traidcraft itself would cease to trade. However the organisation has managed to continue in a much smaller capacity with a reduced number of suppliers. This in itself has an impact on their producers who rely on them for their income and in some cases their way of life. However the Fairtrade organisation as such is worldwide organisation of many companies who now supply various supermarkets and specialist shops.

The stall has been run by a willing army of volunteers who are due thanks for keeping it going for so long.

Please support the final 2 stalls so that we can clear our stock. Any leftover goods still in date can be donated to Fresh Start or the foodbank.

NB Although we are not supplying Easter Eggs this year if you would like to order any this can be done. They are usually delivered within a few days of the order and could be collected any Sunday.

The Real Easter Eggs as usual are £3.99 each.

Elspeth Williamson



Church Golf Outing - Involvement '88 Cup

Friday 14 June 2019

Once again the Annual Golf Outing will be held at Ravelston Golf Club. This year the date is slightly later than usual owing to other factors. We have booked Friday 14th June at 1 pm, first tee-off at 1.30 pm, followed by an excellent meal at 5.30 pm. We look forward to a good turn-out.



Last year 18 played and Jenny Clark won the Involvement Cup, Peter Jenkinson the Handicap Cup and Frances Douglas the Ladies Cup. Come along and enjoy the day. A list will be up in the Church Office in early April so get your name down and let's see if we can beat last year's number.

Mike McKinnell
332 5194



Walking Group

After a series of enjoyable walks in and around Edinburgh last year plans are being made for walks on the following dates:-

Easter Monday, 22 April
Monday, 27 May
Sunday, 7 July
Sunday, 4 August
Monday, 26 August
Sunday, 29 September

Distances are likely to be no more than around six miles and details will be available at coffee on the Sundays one week prior to these dates. If you would like more information please contact Sheila Mackintosh (0131 336 1357).

Fellowship Afternoon Group

Our last meeting is on Tuesday 9 April at 2.15 pm in the Small Hall. We are delighted to welcome Donald Cameron, our church's Director of Music and Church Organist, as our guest. He will be entertaining us with a musical programme. We are also holding a Bring and Buy stall to raise money for "Building For The Future". Visitors are welcome.

Over the past three years we have had some inspiring talks, not least of which was our February one which was about Fabergé Eggs. Sadly, however, the leadership team are "retiring" and as no volunteers have come forward we will disband.

My thanks to all our members especially those on our team who have given so much of their time and effort — THANK YOU.

Fiona Drinnan

Tuesday Topics

Our meetings this session have been very well attended. Fred Daniels gave an amazing talk about his adventures in the USA. We wish him well in his recovery from surgery and look forward to hearing about further escapades next session. Roy Johnstone gave an amazing talk about Spitfire Women Pilots who assisted the war by flying planes throughout Britain to ensure planes were in the correct places for the RAF pilots.

We all thoroughly enjoyed our evening at the Kings Theatre for the Southern Light Opera Company's performance of My Fair Lady. It was especially enjoyable as Alan Hunter from our own congregation had a leading part.

Alan Ross from Craigleith gave a most interesting talk about the history of Craigleith, especially the quarry and the old Royal Victoria Hospital on 19 March.

We are now looking forward to a talk about Wojtek the Polish Soldier Bear on 2 April, our AGM and Beetle Drive on 16 April and our outing on 30 April for Afternoon Tea on the Orient Express!

Eleanor Lowrie, President Tel. 0131 332 4827
Jacky Cowie, Secretary Tel. 0131 332 1066



Edinburgh Floral Art Club

in Blackhall St Columba's Church Hall



Next Club Meeting **Friday 12 April at 2 pm**

Pamela Galloway from Fife, is the demonstrator this month, not Hetty Redwood as previously intimated

Come along and enjoy beautiful flowers being arranged and meet friends for a cup of tea afterwards.

Coffee Morning

Saturday 27 April

10 am till 12 noon

Tickets £3,
available at the door.
Please come along.

Christine Morrison

Funny Little Cupboards

There are little nooks and crannies in the church halls which are cupboards. They are very useful but some are difficult to get into and use. The Church Flower Team use such a cupboard which is crammed to the gunnels with things that are used to decorate the church during the year. Every now and again we tidy it up and even throw away one or two things which are past their use-by date and tatty. The cupboard is full. If you think something belongs in there please do not put it into the cupboard. Ask one of the Flower Team if it is something that should be in the cupboard and if it is one of us will put it in an appropriate place where it does not interfere with the weekly use of the Flower Team.

Unfortunately, now and again, we have found stuff just bunged (technical term) in at the front of the cupboard and even if it is for the decoration of the church it is not useful to find it in the way. Please get in touch if you feel that items belong in the cupboard. Dorothea and Julie know the Flower Team even if you do not. Thank you, in advance.

P.S. Other people with cupboards may well feel the same about 'presents.'

Alison Hewat

23rd CRAIGALMOND SCOUT TROOP



I am pleased to report that all sections have had a varied and interesting year. Many badges have been presented and all sections are working well.

The Beavers have camped at Dalguise outdoor centre where (this is the easy part!) everything is laid on for the children and leaders so a great time is had by all!! For the Beavers it may be their first time away from home: this usually worries the parents more than the child. Our leaders are very skilled at handling any problem that may occur.

Both Beavers and Cubs have large waiting lists. It is unfortunate that some children miss out altogether.

The Cubs joined in a District Camp at Bonaly: this one was under canvas and everything i.e. cooking washing up and sleeping was conducted in the open. The foot of the Pentland Hills can be quite cold in the evenings but the wonderful camp fire, fantastic singing and the hot chocolate soon warmed everyone up.

The reformed Scout troop have been busy. They have learned to Fence, been on a city Ghost Tour by bus, been Boulderling and are about to go off to camp at Lochgoilhead in April.

A challenge was set to all sections in October to raise money for St Columba's Hospice. Both Beaver colonies, the Monday Cub pack and the Scouts entered into it wholeheartedly. What fun the Beavers had running laps round Ravelston park! The Cubs I understand were throwing eggs from the balcony in the large hall. (Please no one tell Dorothea!) The Scouts did their own form of fitness. All sections did tremendously well and raised £13,550.

Over the last year we have gained ten new leaders. This may sound really good but you know the old saying "you win some you lose some", well we are about to lose the Friday Cub leaders and sadly Alex one of the new Scout leaders is off to work in America. Beavers leaders on a whole only stay two years so it's a constant hunt for volunteers to keep the sections going.

If no one comes forward then we shall have to consider closing the Friday Cub Pack which would really be a shame as we worked hard to reinstate it two years ago. / continued

Scout Report continued

Why can't we get people to come forward? Yes, I know everyone is busy! Parents are happy to leave their children with us for an hour or so each week but many of them are not prepared to help out. Sometimes it would seem that we are a babysitting service. Harsh words I know but if we are to continue having a flourishing Scout Group at St Columba's then it needs parental support both for the leadership team or as a Trustee on the Group Executive Committee.

Having just had to remove all our equipment from under the Church to enable the builder's access we found an old Pull Cart which was used to pull the scouts equipment to camp at least one hundred years ago, having put it altogether it is in amazing condition and only goes to show just how long the Group has been around St Columba's. It would be a shame if, because of the lack of leadership, memories of today's Group will not be around in the future.

Diane Ross MBE
Group Scout Leader

More Dates for your diaries

Venue - Church Halls

Horticultural Club Plant Sale Saturday 4 May 9:30 – 12 noon

Art Club Exhibition Exhibition & Sale 8 May – 12 May

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Wed 15 May 2 - 4 pm 17.30 - 19.40 pm

DEADLINES

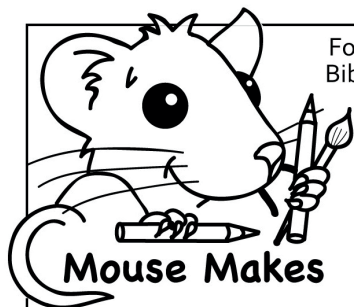
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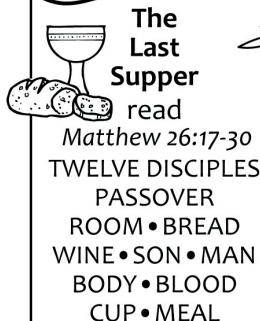
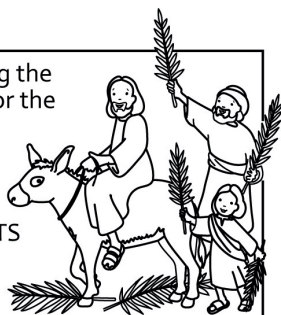


Follow the **Easter story** using the Bible references, then look for the words in the puzzle.

Into Jerusalem

read *Matthew 21:1-11*

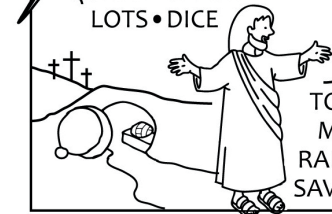
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BRANCHES • PALMS
KING • HOSANNA



The Last Supper
read *Matthew 26:17-30*
TWELVE DISCIPLES
PASSOVER
ROOM • BREAD
WINE • SON • MAN
BODY • BLOOD
CUP • MEAL



Betrayal and Death
read *Matthew 26:36-27:56*
GETHSEMANE
PRAY • BETRAY
KISS • ARREST
MESSIAH • CHRIST
SON • ACCUSED
CRUCIFY • JESUS
CROWN • THORNS
ROBE • TREE
NAILS • CROSS
DARKNESS
QUAKE • DEATH
LOTS • DICE



Burial and Resurrection
read *Matthew 27:57-28:20*
TOMB • STONE • LINEN • BODY • BURY • THREE DAYS
MORNING • MARY • ANGEL • HEAVEN • LORD • GOD
RAISED • JOY • GO TELL • GOOD NEWS • PEACE • SPIRIT
SAVIOUR • PRAISE • EASTER • I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS

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A L T S K M E S S I A H J B O G
T I R S C U P A S S O V E R A E
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S Y N K D A R K N E S S A S D O
K S I P E A C E N J S P I R I T
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