

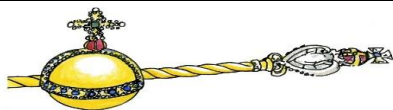
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ST. COLUMBA'S  
CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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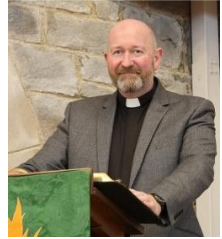


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**Blackhall St. Columba's Church celebrates the King's  
Coronation.**

**See inside for details.**



### **‘Rejoice in the Lord’**

As I write this article, for the May edition of the Kirk News, I want to think back a little over the first three years of my ministry with you. Yes, I can’t believe it either, three years on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March. How time has flown! I feel we have been through much and achieved much in that time; amongst other things, we have come through a worldwide pandemic, we have celebrated the refurbishment of the sanctuary and, in addition to returning to the normal routine of our Church life, we have begun new ventures for the future. I feel I, as your minister, and we, as a congregation, have much to be grateful for.

Looking to the future, clearly, one of the biggest ventures we are facing is the proposed Union with our neighbours at Drylaw Parish Church.

By the time you read this we will have celebrated a number of events jointly with Drylaw Parish Church. We shared a number of services over the Easter period, and they were a time of joy and fellowship as we came to know one another better. This is why we should see such a union as an opportunity and a chance to rejoice together in the Lord.

It was in the letter to the Philippians that Paul wrote ‘Rejoice in the Lord always: again, I will say, rejoice.’ (Philippians 4:4) This is something that we in Scotland, especially in the Presbyterian Church, do not have a good reputation for. Often people from a Presbyterian church background are perceived, by others, as ‘dour’ or overly negative and pessimistic. This possibly stems from a poor understanding of Calvinistic theology where everyone was once taught how unworthy we all are.

This message of unworthiness and unhappiness is not the message of the Bible. There are numerous passages that tell us that we should be happy, positive and joyful.

The psalmists write ‘Serve the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.’ (Psalm 102:2) and ‘let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God’. (Psalm 95:1b-3a)

It is not just in the Old Testament that we find such admonitions. Paul writes, in his letter to the Philippians, at chapter 4, “Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved”. He then goes on to say, “Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice.”

In the Church of Scotland, we hold the words of the Bible to be our primary source of guidance. One of the great cries of the reformation was *Sola scriptura*, which literally means ‘by scripture alone’, putting the focus on the Bible as our source of God’s will. We should, therefore, hold these passages, and more like them, as important and dear to our hearts. Despite this, sometimes, we can be guilty of failing to recognise, experience and share the joy that we should feel as followers of Christ.

Guy Jarvie, was a Scottish evangelist and missionary in, the then named, Burma for over 20 years. He had an international ministry and wrote many articles in many publications. On the subject of Christian service, he writes,

*‘Service which lacks joy is unworthy and dishonouring to His great name. It gives those who see us a wrong impression of the God we serve.’*

This, I believe, has always been an important way of spreading the gospel message. If we think back to the origins of the Church, in the years after Jesus had commissioned the first disciples, then it was, because of persecution, a secret organisation. How did a secret organisation manage to recruit so many new people? I am convinced it was because outsiders, non-believers, saw the joy in Christian’s lives. Their joy at the gospel message was manifest in their entire lives and in the fact that they willingly did service for others.

This is no less a powerful tool today than it was in the early days of the Church. When people see us as a congregation, I hope they can see the joy that we have in our lives, the rejoicing we have in our worship and the peace and contentment it gives us when things do go wrong in our lives, as they inevitably must.

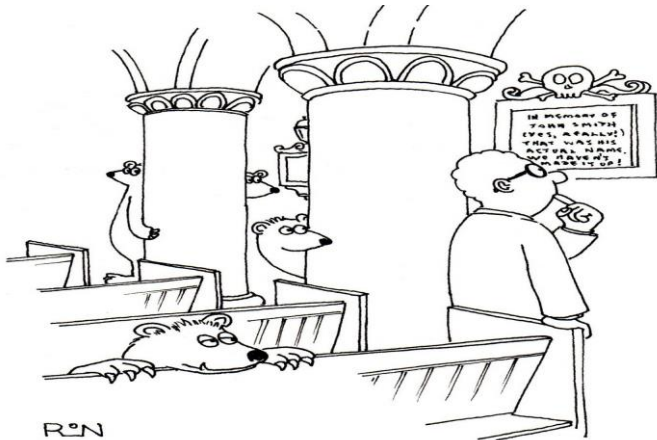
So, let's approach the summer and our ongoing work in the Parish Grouping with optimism, happiness and joy. It is through that positive approach that we will find our own peace. After Paul wrote to Philippians to rejoice, he went on to explain what our rewards would be.

'Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.'

(Philippians 4:4-7)

God bless all.

Fergus



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*Dennis spent a long time in church  
looking for his forbears*

# Sunday Worship



Fergus leads us in worship.



Our Praise Band and singers lead the praise.



Our audio-visual team at work.

# Kirk Session Report

The Kirk Session met on Monday 13 February, Tuesdays 7 March and 4 April 2023

## **Presbytery Plan**

The Presbytery Consultation Document is still with the General Trustees at 121 George Street. Until this is formally accepted by the Committees at 121 George Street the Plan as such does not move forward. However, it is reasonable to conclude that the proposed Union of Blackhall St Columba's and Drylaw will be agreed. On that basis the Steering Group that was established last November continues to meet, primarily planning ways that the two congregations can work together. Over Easter there were three Services that involved joint working.

## **Coronation Celebration**

It has been agreed to open the Sanctuary on the occasion of the Coronation of King Charles III on Saturday 6 May. It is understood that the Coronation is not to start until 11.15am after the procession from Buckingham Palace which is due to commence at 10.30am/10.45am. The Church will be open from 10.00am and will be a "non-ticket" event with a donation being optional. The Church will be decorated with bunting with tables laid out for 'a Coronation Tea' to be served in the afternoon at 2.00pm.

## **Correspondence**

We received an acknowledgement from DEC in respect of the £1,060 raised in response to the earthquake in Southern Turkey/Northern Syria. The collection for Ukraine totalled £2,122 and Craig Borthwick, who presented to the Congregation, contacted the Moderator to say that he had been overwhelmed by the Congregation's generosity.

**Elder Retiral**

Ian Hunter intimated his wish to retire from the role of active Elder. Grateful thanks were recorded for Ian's good service as a District Elder over many years.

**Finance**

It was noted that Janet Johnston had bequeathed £30,000 to the Church.

**Friday Lunch Club**

It was decided to run a Friday Lunch Club in effect to take forward the Warm Spaces initiative. The Club will be titled "Soup & Chat" to start on 28 April – 12 am to 2 pm, running throughout the year, except when the halls are closed for annual maintenance. Michael Cockburn and John Crombie are taking the lead here. The Club will be held on the Friday that CAMEO is not taking place. We will be looking at what provision can be made for transport. This Club is for everyone from the local community and members are encouraged to invite neighbours and friends.

**Health and Safety Officer**

Lindsay Duguid has kindly volunteered to take on the role of Health and Safety Officer from Donald Stirling. Donald was thanked for his service in this important role.

**Roll**

The Kirk Session was pleased to admit to membership: -

- Mr Peter Laidlaw and Mrs Annette Laidlaw, Barnton Park View, Edinburgh
- Mrs Mattie Steel, Queens Road, Edinburgh

**Stage Curtains**

Kirk Session was pleased to accept the kind offer from Hamish Stears to arrange to have the stage curtains taken down and cleaned. Hamish has graciously offered to fund the cost thereof. These are expected to be put back up in April.

**Watch Committee**

George Millar has retired from the role as Convener. The Kirk Session thanked George for his sterling work in this capacity.

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As this article is being written there has been notification of a Presbytery meeting on 25 April when the Presbytery Mission Plan is up for approval having had the green light, so to speak, from the various Church of Scotland Committees. Should this be agreed (as expected) the following process, in due course, will take place: -

- A draft Basis of Union is prepared by the Steering Group referred to above.
- This must be agreed by both the Kirk Sessions of Blackhall St Columba's and Drylaw.
- Both congregations vote on the Basis of Union document.

There are a number of requirements in terms of church law, charity law and financial regulations which must be completed prior to a union of congregations within the Church of Scotland.

In summary a standard Basis of Union encompasses (amongst other matters)

- The name of the united charge.
- The charity number.



- The places of worship.
  - Who will be the minister.
  - Which manse will be retained.
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### Weekly Service Sheet

If any member of the Congregation is not receiving the weekly Order of Service which includes the Sermon and would like this, please get in touch with your District Elder or myself.

Eddie Thorn  
Session Clerk



Our church dressed for Easter Sunday.



Join us at Blackhall St Columba's  
to celebrate

# **KING CHARLES III CORONATION**

**SATURDAY 6TH MAY**

**FROM 10am - 4pm**



Light refreshments in the  
morning &  
afternoon tea from 2pm

**See the Coronation live on  
the big screen  
activities for children  
everyone welcome**



# The Coronation



## Coronation Celebration

You are cordially invited to watch The Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla on the big screen in the church on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> of May. The doors will open at 10.00am, so that you can view the King and Queen's procession from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Abbey and then watch together *The Coronation Service*, which begins at 11.00am.

Light refreshments will be served in the church over the morning. Afternoon Tea with sausage-rolls, cakes and other home-baking will be provided from 2-4 pm. Should you wish to stay over the lunch period then you are welcome to bring your own snacks.

There will be live musical entertainment and activities for children.

Baking donations of scones, tray bakes, Victoria Sponges and other afternoon tea treats will be gratefully received on the evening of Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of May between 4-6pm and on the morning of Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> of May. The halls entrance from Muirdale Terrace will be open for access on the Friday.

This is an opportunity to enjoy together a moment of history in the making. We look forward to seeing as many as possible – just come along!

Michael Cockburn

## Youth Service

This year's Youth Service to mark Founder's Day and Thinking Day for the Scouts' and Guiding Organisations brought our church youth groups from Drylaw Parish Church and Blackhall St. Columba's together to mark the occasion.



The service also marked the first anniversary of the Russian Invasion of Ukraine. The guest speaker Craig Borthwick told us about his trips to Ukraine to deliver First Aid Training Courses, to donate medical supplies and to evacuate injured people. He wore the neckerchief of the Ukrainian Scouts. He spoke with passion about his work and thanked his training as a Scout for inspiring him and leading him to a lifetime of service and duty. Craig has served as a police officer and medic. He works for Venture Medical and with a charity called React Aid. <https://www.reactaid.co.uk>

Craig Borthwick delivering his address.



## Youth Service

The church flowers reflected the colours of the Ukrainian Flag to mark the first anniversary of the Russian invasion of Ukraine.



The Junior Singers performed beautifully on this occasion.



### **Soup n Chat**

We are starting a new social event for the community on Friday the 28th of April, then on Friday 26th May and thereafter every second Friday, in the small hall.

These events will be from 12 noon to 2pm and will provide soup, a roll, biscuits and tea, coffee and juice AND of course lots of time for friendly chat.

Everyone, of all ages, will be welcome and we hope this extra Friday outing will be attractive to all members and friends. However, we are conscious of the number of people in the community, outside our membership, who are isolated and lonely, housebound, frail, perhaps not enjoying good health or for any other reasons who might benefit from coming to Soup n Chat. We therefore strongly encourage everyone - elders and members - to try to identify people who might benefit from coming to Soup n Chat. You are encouraged to personally invite someone to come along or better still, to bring them along. Transport can be arranged if necessary.

This is part of our Mission and service to the community so let's all do what we can to reach out.

Further information or enquiries to John Crombie 0131 339 4488.

Soup n chat

# **SOUP n CHAT** at **Blackhall St Columba's**



**every 2nd Friday  
from 28th April**

**12pm to 2pm  
All Welcome**



### **Scottish Country Dancing**

Our Spring Fling was held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> of March, with around 26 members and guests enjoying a delicious supper and good live music by Mathew McLennan. It was a brilliant evening all round!

The class will start up again in September. Please watch out for the dates of the Autumn term. In the meantime, we wish all our members a relaxing and enjoyable summer.

Margaret Brown  
Tel. 0131 332 5957

### **The WATCH Committee**

The WATCH Committee have yet to announce the charity it will be supporting this year. Please watch out for our announcements.

The Watch Committee will be holding a coin collection for this year's charity. The annual coin collection will begin on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> of July.

The WATCH Committee invite you to enter the following provisional dates for the annual Coffee Craft Morning on the 7<sup>th</sup> of October and the Annual Christmas Fair on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December into your diaries.

Lynn Bunney





### **EDINBURGH FLORAL ART CLUB**

The Club has two more meetings this Session on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm in the large hall. For those who do not know what happens at our meetings, we invite a qualified Flower Arranger to come along and do 5 arrangements. They generally chat whilst doing them and, in that chat, we find out what foliage and flowers are being used, so we all learn something new. After the Demonstration Members can stay and chat while having a cup of tea or coffee. We have a full programme and meet at 2pm on the second Friday of the month from September to June.

We provide a Newsletter every month with up-to-date details of what is happening in Edinburgh Floral Art Club, the Scottish Flower Arranging scene and beyond.

If you are not a Member but are interested in coming, do come as a Guest. You would be most welcome.

If you would like more information, please contact Alison Hewat ([rajahewat1@btinternet.com](mailto:rajahewat1@btinternet.com) or 0131 332 4842)

### **Cameo Club**

Cameo continues to flourish with around thirty members and helpers enjoying refreshments, chat and entertainment every fortnight between 10.30am and noon. In answer to a recent enquiry, we meet every month from January to December.

On Good Friday, we had a quiz and played games which were accompanied by lots of chatter and fun. The following fortnight was music with Robin and Marie Leach. On the 5<sup>th</sup> of May we welcome back Jenny Logan and Margaret Donaldson who will set the tone for the King's Coronation the following day. Wear your crown or tiara!

There will be no meeting in the halls on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May as it is our Summer Outing to Pettycur Bay. We will depart from the church at 11.30am and return around 4pm. The cost is £25 per person which includes the coach and lunch. It is always an exciting and happy day especially when the sun shines!! If you are interested in going on the outing or wish more details about becoming a member or volunteer, either as a helper or driver the please contact us.

Margaret Brown 0131 332 5957

Fiona Drinnan 0131 343 6762



### **CHURCH GOLF OUTING**

The Golf Outing will take place on Thursday 8th June at Ravelston Golf Club starting at 1.30pm prompt. An Email will be sent to most members and a list will be available at the back of the Sanctuary. Interested players should add their name, handicap, phone number and if they will be staying for tea. The competition is open to all members of the congregation so do come along and enjoy an afternoon of golf, good food, fun and company.

Mike McKinnell 0131 332 5194

### **Fresh Start**

Just a reminder that we still collect donations of household and food items every Friday in the church Halls between 10 and 11.30am. Our band of volunteers will be happy to receive your donations each week. Please note however that the church halls will be closed for maintenance during the month of July.

If you cannot make it along to the church halls on a Friday morning to donate items or have a lot to give, i.e., clearing a house, you may find it easier to take donations directly to the Fresh Start warehouse at 22-24 Ferry Road Drive, Edinburgh EH4 4BR. It is open Monday to Thursday 9am to 4pm.

In the last few weeks, we have been amazed by the number of donations we received following our appeal for cleaning products. Thank you for your continuing support.

Lilian & Michael Cockburn  
Fresh Start Reps.

### The Gardening Team



### Easter Display

Thank you to Lucas and Daniel for helping to show our beautiful flowerpot which was kindly donated by the late Violet Troup and decorated by Pat MacLeod.

Anyone wishing to join the Gardening Team please contact Frances Douglas. We are looking for new volunteers - all welcome!

Frances

[Francesdouglas1@btinternet.com](mailto:Francesdouglas1@btinternet.com)

**A Musical Evening for your diary.**

**Music@St Columba's**  
**THE FOOT STOMPING**  
**GOSPEL BAND**



**Return Visit**  
**Sat 13th May 19.00**  
**TICKETS FREE. DONATIONS WELCOME**

St Columba's Church  
Columba Road



## Baptisms

### April

9<sup>th</sup> April 2023

James Zachery Merton Watt was baptised by the Rev. Fergus Cook. The son of Alistair and Emma Watt of Shawlands, Glasgow.

23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023

Oliver William Bell was baptised by the Rev. Fergus Cook. The Son of Alan Bell and Katy Williamson.

## Deaths

Sadly, the following members have passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with their family members.

### January

15th Mrs Elspeth Leishman

29th Dr William Carmichael

31st Mrs Helen Lumsden

### February

12th Mrs Peggy Benson

13th Mr Alastair Gunn

14th Mr Alexander Blackford

22nd Mr John Greenwood

### March

7th Miss Margaret Thorburn

12th Mrs Margaret Mclver

21st Mrs Villy White

28th Mr Roy Reid

### April

8th Mrs Anne Jenkinson

We welcome our new members to the congregation!

### **New members admitted by Resolution of the Kirk Session**

Mr Peter and Mrs Annette Laidlaw

### **New member admitted by Certificate of Transference**

Mrs Mattie Steel

#### Book Club

The Book Club meets monthly, on varying days to ensure everyone has a chance to come along in between other commitments. Currently, we only have lady members, but that is not a restriction. We started on Zoom during lockdown, and now meet in the Church in person. A group member will propose a list of 5/6 books from which we choose one that no-one has read. The following month we discuss the book, and it is very interesting to get different views on the merits or otherwise of the writing, story and characters. We also discuss other books people have read recently. The evening finishes with a cuppa and usually some lovely home-baking. The group have read an eclectic mix of titles over the past months, and some of our favourites are listed below. It's often easy to stick with an author or genre which we particularly like, but this gives the opportunity to venture into new territory and explore both writers and genres we maybe wouldn't pick up from the shelf in the library or bookshop. We try to choose books which are available in paperback, audio and from the library. Shona Cook is the organiser. Here is a list of our reading to date.

The Midnight Library, by Matt Haig

The Fair Botanists, by Sara Sheridan

Mayflies, by Andrew O'Hagan

The Rose Code, by Kate Quinn

The Spy and the Traitor, by Ben McIntyre

The Dictionary of Lost Words, by Pip Williams

## Gifts for Saughton Prison



### **News from St. James's Palace!**

For many years, at Christmas, the congregation at Blackhall St. Columba's has held a gift service. The gifts donated at this service are collected by Mr Colin O'Flaherty. The gifts are taken to Saughton Prison, where the charity Barnardo's, sorts them and distributes them to children of prisoners who might not get anything at Christmas.

Colin, a retired Prison Officer, has been carrying out this work for over 21 years and is seen in the photograph with The Princess Royal at St James's Palace, receiving recognition for all those years of hard work.

Colin forwarded the photograph as he has said that it is entirely down to the support of people like the congregation of Blackhall St. Columba's that have made the endeavour possible.

On his behalf, and all the people we help, thank you!

Fergus



## The General Assembly May 2023

**The General Assembly is a significant annual event in the Church of Scotland calendar. Throughout the week, commissioners to the General Assembly examine the work and laws of the Church and make decisions that affect its future.**

The Assembly does not shy away from discussing the big political topics of the day. In recent years the Assembly has received national and international attention for debating Brexit, same-sex relationships, the war in Syria, and fossil fuel divestment.

### **General Assembly 2023**

The 2023 General Assembly will begin on Saturday 20 May, with an opening session at 9:30am including the installation of Rev Sally Foster-Fulton as the Moderator. General Assembly 2023 will close on the afternoon of Thursday 25 May. It will again be a hybrid event and will be live streamed to allow those who are not Commissioners to view the proceedings.

The General Assembly Halls, The Mound, Edinburgh



# Christian Aid Week: 14-20 May 2023



## What is Christian Aid Week?

Christian Aid Week is an annual event across the United Kingdom, in which a door-to-door fundraising drive takes place by the Christian Aid charity. Thousands of people take to the streets to post red collection envelopes to houses up and down the country.

Christian Aid is a charity who work with 700 local organisations across about 50 countries around the world. They help poor communities and enable them to deal with hardships, from climate change to the threat of natural disasters. Alongside this, Christian Aid also help with the education, sanitation, health, and reconciliation of certain communities.



## **Christian Aid Coffee Morning**

**Saturday 20 May 2023  
10 am – 12 noon**

**Blackhall St Columba's Church  
Sanctuary/Small Hall**

**Tickets £4**

**Please come and support us.**

**Donations of home-baking to be sold would be  
appreciated.**

**Christian Aid Scotland Registered Charity SC039150**



## **Quiz Night for Christian Aid**

Thursday 8 June 2023 at 7.30 pm

Blackhall St Columba's Church Hall

All church and community organisations are invited to enter teams of 4-6 members but if individuals would like to come along or form their own team please do so. Team names and sizes should be sent to Sheila Mackintosh (smackintosh569@gmail.com) or to the Church Office.

Refreshments available  
Do come and enjoy the fun!  
Tickets £5 – pay at the door.

Christian Aid Scotland  
Registered Charity SC039150

## Christian Aid at St. Andrews and St. George's



**2023**

# BOOK SALE

at St Andrew's and St George's West Church  
13 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2PA

Saturday - 13 May - 10am - 4pm

Monday - 15 May to Friday 19 May - 10am - 3.30pm

Thursday - 18 May - late opening until 7pm

**2023 PATRON: Dr James Robertson FRSE**  
Scots Poet and Novelist

- Books • Antiques & Collectables
- Pictures • Stamps & Postcards
- Sheet Music • Toys • Games • Jigsaws

**Donations welcome  
at the church:**

Monday - 8 May - 9am - 8pm

Tuesday - 9 May - 9am - 8pm

Wednesday - 10 May - 9am - 8pm

**HOME-BAKING AND PRESERVES  
ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE SALE**

Church Office: **0131 225 3847** for enquiries  
email: [admin@stagw.org.uk](mailto:admin@stagw.org.uk)

**Undercroft Café open as usual**

# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Mark 16:1-8, John 20:1-18


Jesus' tomb had been sealed with a large stone.  
Very early Sunday morning, some of Jesus' friends went to put spices on his body.

How will we move the stone from the entrance?




But when they got there...


the stone had been moved and the tomb was empty... except for an angel.



Don't be afraid! God raised Jesus to life and he isn't here. Go and tell the disciples.




They fled to tell the others...



but they didn't believe them.

Peter and John ran to the tomb to look.



They saw the tomb was empty and only the cloths that Jesus' body had been wrapped in lying there. So they went back to the others.

Mary Magdalene stayed by the tomb, crying. She didn't understand that Jesus was no longer dead. When she looked in the tomb there were 2 angels.

Why are you crying?




I don't know where his body is!

Someone behind her asked  
Who are you looking for?




Have you taken his body?

Mary



Then she recognised Jesus!

Teacher!

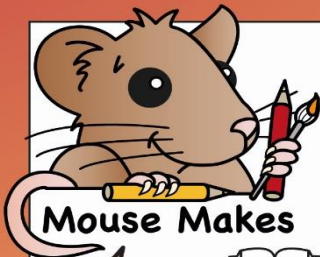


Don't cling on to me - I can't stay now. Go and tell my disciples I am alive.

So Mary went back and told the others the amazing news!







Mouse Makes



Read the full story in Acts 2:1-11



It was the **festival** of **Pentecost**, **fifty days** since **Passover** and **Jews** from many countries had come to **Jerusalem** to **celebrate**.

The **Apostles** and other believers were all **together** in one place when they heard a **sound**

like a strong **wind** and **saw** what looked like **tongues of fire** which spread out and **touch**ed each person.

All of them were **filled** with the **Holy Spirit** and began to **talk** in other **languages** as the Spirit enabled them.

A **crowd** gathered outside, they were all excited because each of them heard the believers speaking in their **own**

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**A L O W E D D E J E W S**

language about the great things **God** had done. About 3,000 people **heard**, **believed** and were **baptised** that day!

All the words in bold type in the story are in the word search, can you find them?

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We are happy to take articles on any relevant subject from anyone, so don't be shy!