



Blossom Time at Christ Church

CHRIST CHURCH LANARK
MAY - JUNE 2017

MAY SERVICES

Sunday 7 May

Easter 4

9.00 – Said Eucharist

10.30 – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 14th May

Easter 5

9.00 – Said Eucharist

10.30 – Music Sunday

Sunday 21 May

Easter 6

10.30 – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 28 May

Easter 7

10.30 Sung Eucharist

JUNE SERVICES

Sunday 4 June

Day of Pentecost

9.00 – Said Eucharist

10.30 – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 11 June

Trinity Sunday

10.30 – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 18 June

Trinity 1

10.30 Sung Eucharist

Sunday 25 June

Trinity 2

**Summer Service & Barbecue
at Cleghorn Estate - 11.00am**

Ecumenical Outdoor Service & Barbecue

**Cleghorn Estate, Sunday
25 June at 11.00am**

Put the date in your diaries now for this very popular service. As usual it will be held at Cleghorn Estate, courtesy of Richard and Nicky Elliott-Lockhart and Jamie and Rachel Hill.

We will be asking for donations of salads and puddings etc and a sheet will be at the back of the church nearer the time.

If you require a lift to Cleghorn, please put your name on the sheet at the back of the church.



LUNCH CLUB

The Lunch Club meets every
Tuesday in the Church Hall.
Cost £2.50

Come along and enjoy friendly
company, homemade soup and a
filled roll. There are also frequently
speakers and slide shows.

All welcome

VESTRY NEWS

CHRIST CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

There have been a number of significant birthdays in the past few weeks. Mary Gibson (70), Guthrie Rankin (80). Dora Orr (90). Warmest congratulations and very best wishes to them all.

LAST SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

The magnificent sum of £700 was sent to our first quarter charity, Direct Link, which helps needy children in Kenya to attend school. This quarter, the last Sunday givings will go to the Bishop's Lent Appeal for the Scottish Refugee Council.

Mayflower and Pilgrimage ~ Music Sunday Sunday 14th May 10.30 All Welcome

‘Discovery delights the heart’.

It can also throw up challenges and take a bit of work !

Come and discover the story of the Pilgrim Fathers and the Mayflower



in a Music Sunday that will give all our musical artists an opportunity to perform and show us how we are all on a journey which can delight the heart .

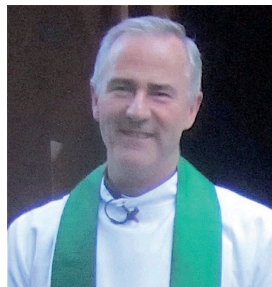


This is the natural joy of childhood and the earned joy of the artist.
The child and the artist are pilgrims of discovery.'

RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends

Seeds and their potential to become plants have always fascinated me. Take the sweet pea. It climbs exuberantly four or five feet above ground level, producing copious amounts of sweetly scented flowers, and the miracle is that the more you pluck, the more they grow. Finally, after giving us pleasure through the summer months, they die back, leaving a few stray pods of seeds, and the miracle is ready to start again. Out of a dried up, unlovely pod, filled with small, dark spherical objects, will come the next abundant growth, and once more I will be amazed that such a small, insignificant sphere can be so mightily transformed.



At the very start, though, the seed needs help if it is to achieve its full potential of transformation. Some gardeners will tell you to soften the seed case by soaking the seeds, or even pouring boiling water over them. I prefer the gentler method of sowing them into a small tray filled with compost, covering the tray and keeping in a warm place. It can take a week or two before the first eagerly awaited shoots start to break through that extraordinarily hard exterior. At first it seems as if the seed is rotting away, but then the tiny shoots and roots are noticed. Who, on seeing this the first time, could imagine that from such a puny start a glorious extravaganza of flowers would finally come? But this, of course, is how transformation often starts in the dark and hidden places, at first not always recognised in the first showings.

The Day of Resurrection, the first Easter, coincided with the Barley Harvest celebrated by the Jewish Community. The seeds would be taken to the Temple and blessed. St Paul, in his first letter to the Corinthians, speaks eloquently of the promise of first fruits of resurrection seen through the death and resurrection of Christ. Jesus himself had spoken about the necessity of a seed falling into the ground, for unless it dies it cannot realise its full potential (John 12: 24)

The heart and hope of the gospel is the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the example, the vision and the means. But faith on its own, no matter how much the effort, cannot make the transformation from seed to blossoming plant.

Fifty days later, with music and shouting and great rejoicing, another festival would be celebrated. The first fruits had yielded their harvest – wheat and

corn, bread, and ripe, luscious fruits would be taken in abundance to the Temple as a thanksgiving. They would be taken in a great, noisy, jubilant procession as evidence of God's transforming power and abundant generosity. It was at this time that the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples. They had coped with bereavement and the mind boggling fact of the resurrection. They had witnessed the inexorable walk to the Cross, and had seen, heard and touched the risen Christ for themselves. Now, Jesus had left them once again. This time they did not hide away in fear, but withdrew to pray and wait, a sense of anticipation in their hearts.

We need to believe in Jesus, the first fruit. The disciples had learned to do so. Once the seeds of faith were sown and received by them, then no matter how dark the soil, how impervious the seed case may have seemed, the Holy Spirit set to work, softening the seed case, protecting the tender shoots, encouraging growth and rejoicing in the abundant harvest which lay within.

Who would have thought Peter, an illiterate fisherman, could have stood and spoken with such compelling eloquence? Or that he would have the endurance to suffer for his faith in Christ?

Who could have imagined that Paul, the persecutor of Christians, would have repented so completely that he flung his enormous intellect into promoting the very thing he had hated with an equal passion.

Centuries later, who could have possibly believed that the young Francis, dissolute and uncaring, could have been the founder of the Franciscans, or a small Albanian girl receive the Nobel peace prize for her work with the dying in India and her example of selflessness to a godless society?

It could only be the transformer at work, the Holy Spirit, working within them to bring about such change, helping them to achieve potential beyond their dreams.

What could the future hold for you and me if we allowed the Holy Spirit full reign?

There is a curious paradox in Christianity, voiced by John the Baptist: "he must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3: 30). Once the Holy Spirit is at work in us, and is allowed by us to go on working, then the more his power within us increases and influences, the more likely we are to reach our full potential – we will grow up in him (Ephesians 4: 15).

The seed is planted and dies. The tender shoot grows into a healthy young plant and produces flowers and fruit. In turn, the fruit is harvested and fresh seeds are sown in hearts longing to find their rest in God.

At Pentecost we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. We rejoice in the abundance of God's grace and mercy to each one of us, not only through the sacrifice of his Son, but in the promise of new life through the Holy Spirit.

Through the Holy Spirit, the Transformer, we have the opportunity to grow to full maturity, to enjoy and benefit from the fruits of his love.

Thanks be to God!

Drew

By Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

People are often unreasonable and self-centred – forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives – be kind anyway.

If you are honest, people may cheat you – be honest anyway.

If you find happiness, people may be jealous – be happy anyway.

The good you do may be forgotten tomorrow – do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough – give your best anyway.

For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway!

Thanks to Alison Burroughs who passed this on to me - Editor

Clydesdale Food Bank

After discussion at Vestry contact has been made with Clydesdale Food Bank (based in Carluke) and it has been agreed that Christ Church members will support this worthy cause to replace the wonderful contributions that we regularly made to New Beginnings.

Please look to the weekly pew sheet and notice in the vestibule for suggestions for weekly contributions and, many thanks in advance for what I know will be a typical "Christ Church" response.

Connie Johnstone

Funeral of Mizpah Bates Moffat

Jean, Mary and the Moffat family would like to thank Drew for his support, leading up to and since the passing of our mum, Mizpah.

For the service, which was outstanding and bringing the churches together in honour of Mum's 43 years of service to the church. Drew took the time to visit mum and get to know her which was greatly appreciated and his eulogy caught the essence of her to a 'T'. Thanks also to Doreen Cleary for the music at the funeral and the Pastoral Care visits from Ruth McIntosh and Doreen Dixon, Doreen visited faithfully every month to give mum communion and friendship, thank you, she really enjoyed them.

We would also like to thank Dr Jamie and the congregation for their support, it is so nice to walk into the church and feel warmth, love and friendship.

I have included a copy of the poem mum's grandchildren wrote and read at the service.

Thank you again,

Jean and Mary.

This is a poem which sums up the Gran that we her grandchildren knew, but that most of you wouldn't.

When wee Rab Moffat went tae war
He hudnae far to go
Fur soon he found his bride tae be
The future Granny Mo

He wed her quick that English Rose
Before she found her glasses
And soon they had their family
Twa boys, but first three lassies

She helped them grow strong and true
And moulded them her way
Then when she felt they hud the
strength
She let them fly away

Fur twa ae them the lure was strong
Near hame they hud tae stay
And when her granweans came along
She helped in every way

Although we prodded, pushed and
poked
We coudnae find her limit
Cause even on the hottest day
She'd no take aff her simmet

As years went by we came to know
The fun behind the steel
A safter heart you couldnae find
Wae humour there as weel

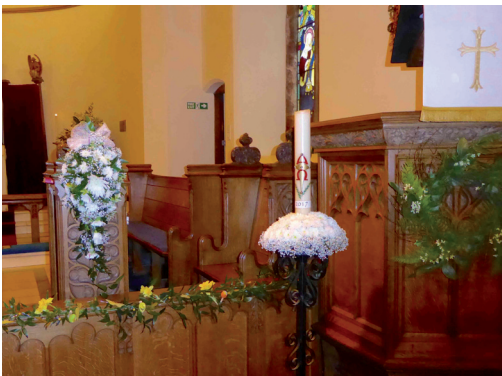
So lift yer heads and fill yer hearts
With love from her proud glow
She gave us all the strength tae shine
Proud Mother, Granny Mo

Many Thanks to the Moffat Family who have donated £550 from the retiring collection at Mizpah's funeral. Two thirds is to go to Christ Church and one third to St Nicholas Church

Easter Sunday Service

The church was full to overflowing on Easter Sunday with a large number of families and children attending. We all enjoyed an inspiring service with beautiful music.

Jane had excelled herself with the Easter Flowers and the church was looking stunning.

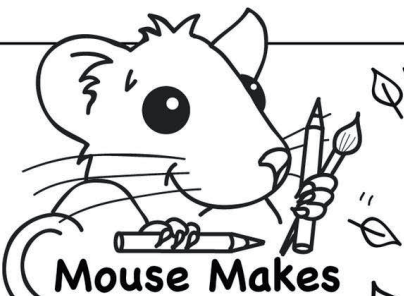




Drew led a parade of children wearing Easter Bonnets round the church while singing ‘Shine Jesus Shine’.



Everyone enjoyed a chocolate egg at the end of the service.



Mouse Makes

S E E K L O S T S
I G F O Z H M S A V E
N I O T A X H A L F
N V U T C G O D V A J
E E R I C H U Z A D E
R X G M H T S I T O S
P F E A W E I W U
P O S S E S S I O N S
F O U R U N G
T R E E S

The Man in the Tree

With Jesus passing through the town
A crowd of people gathered round,
But as Zacchaeus could not see,
He ran ahead and climbed a tree.

Jesus stopped as he passed by,
And saw Zacchaeus there up high,
Said, "Dear Zacchaeus, come with me,
I'm going to your house for tea".

Zacchaeus climbed
down to the floor,
And walked with Jesus
to his door,
Amazed the Lord would
want to be
With such a liar and
cheat as he.

Zacchaeus, sorry for
all he had done,
Said, "Lord, I'll pay
back everyone,
Half I own I give
to the poor,
Those I've cheated get
four times more."

Jesus said,
"Today you're saved!"
Zacchaeus replied,
"May God be praised!"



Can you find these
words from the story
in the word search above?

READ
Zacchaeus'
story in
Luke 19:1-10

JESUS • ZACCHAEUS • TAX
RICH • TREE • DOWN • HOUSE
SINNER • HALF • POSSESSIONS
GIVE • POOR • FOUR • TIMES • GOD
SALVATION • SEEK • SAVE • LOST



Laughter is the Best Medicine

The quick way to get rid of mice

Three churches in town were overrun with mice. The minister of the first church trapped them, thereby starting a bitter row among his congregation about showing compassion towards God's creation.

The minister of the second church humanely trapped the mice and then set them free outside. Three days later the mice were back.

The minister of the third church humanely trapped the mice and then carefully baptised them. They have not been seen since.

When technology goes wrong

The father of a family - who was a big-time techie - got his oldest daughter an iPhone for her birthday. He also got an iPad for his son. Later he bought an iPod for the youngest daughter. Then, when his wedding anniversary rolled around, he got his wife an iRon. That's when the fight began.

Windy

Three elderly ministers, all hard of hearing, were playing golf one sunny spring morning. The Methodist minister observed, 'Windy, isn't it?' 'No', the Baptist pastor said, 'It's Thursday.' The Anglican vicar agreed: 'So am I! Let's go and get a pint.'

Jesus' Dad's Name

A Sunday school teacher asked her class, "What was Jesus' mother's name?" One child answered. "Mary"

The teacher then asked. "Who knows what Jesus' father's name was?" A little kid said "Verge"

Confused, the teacher asked, "Where did you get that?"

The kid said, "Well you know, they are always talking about Verge n' Mary".

Children's Prayers

A little boy was overheard praying:

"Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."

3 year old Reece:

"Our Father, who does art in heaven, Harold be his name."



All she had said was it was time for her annual lawnmower service

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7 May	G. Rankin S.Cardwell	J. Rance K. Rance	J. Comrie	(Soup) 2 May Jamie & Janet	G Rankin
14 May	R. Marshall D. Evans	M. Caddell A. Burroughs	N. Broadbridge	9 May Ruby & Joyce	
21 May	J. Rance S. Russell	M. Gibson J, Patrick	A. Comrie	16 May Diana & Connie	R Evans
28 May	M. Main G. Rankin	N. Broadbridge C. Johnstone	A. Gray	23 May Doreen D, & Jean P.	R Burgon
				30 May Hilary & Doreen E	

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<u>2017</u> 7 May	Easter 4	P Glancy	Acts 2: 42-47	1 Peter 2: 19-25	John 10: 1-10
14 May	MUSIC	SUNDAY
21 May	Easter 6	A Burroughs	Acts 17: 22-31	1 Peter 3: 13 - 22	John 14: 15-21
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2 July	M. Main D. Evans	L. Rickards E. Baxter	J. Rance K. Rance		R Cleary
9 July	S.Russell R. Marshall	N. Broadbridge C. Johnstone	J. Rance K. Rance		

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11 June	Trinity	J Rance	Isaiah 40: 12-17; & 27 - 31	2 Cor'thians 13: 11- 13	Matthew 28: 16-20
18 June	Trinity 1	L Rickards	Genesis 18: 1-15	Romans 5: 1 8	Matthew 9:35 to 10:8
25 June	OUTDOOR	SERVICE	CLEGHORN
2 July	Trinity 3	R Cleary	Genesis 22: 1-14	Romans 6: 12 - 23	Matthew 10: 40 - 42

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