

CHRIST CHURCH LANARK
APRIL 2017

Come and celebrate Easter with us

**APRIL SERVICES
IN CHRIST CHURCH**

Sunday 2 April
Passion Sunday
9.00 – Said Eucharist
10.30 – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 9 April
Palm Sunday
10.30 – Blessing of Palms &
Sung Eucharist

Friday 14 April
Good Friday
2.00pm - Good Friday Devotion

Sunday 16 April
Easter Day
10.30 – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 23 April
Easter 2 (Low Sunday)
10.30 – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 30 April
Easter 3
10.30 – Sung Eucharist



**ECUMENICAL SERVICES
IN HOLY WEEK & EASTER**

Sunday 9 April
7.00pm - St Nicholas Church

Monday 10 April
7.00pm - St Mary's RC Church

Tuesday 11 April
7.00pm - Christ Church

Wednesday 12 April
7.00pm - Greyfriars Church

Thursday 13 April
7.00pm - E.U. Church

Friday 14 April
10.30am - Walk of Witness
(Starting at Christ Church)

Sunday 16 April
8.30am - Early Communion at
Lanark Loch

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

Last Sunday Charitable Giving

The first quarter giving was for Direct Link which helps needy children in Kenya to attend school.

Our second quarter charity is the Bishop's Lent Appeal. This time it is supporting the **Scottish Refugee Council**. As an independent charity, they provide essential information and advice to people seeking asylum and refugees in Scotland. They are passionate campaigners for refugees – providing vital advice and advocacy since 1985 Their vision is for a Scotland in which all people seeking refugee protection are welcome.

LENT STUDY 2017

This year's Lent Study is being held in the Side Chapel of the Church at 7 pm on Wednesday evenings. The course we are following poses the question: "Is another world possible? A world where strangers are welcomed, creation is valued, stuff is just stuff and justice is the norm?" It then goes on to say a resounding "yes" to that question, arguing that, like the Old Testament prophets before him, Jesus gives his followers a radical challenge about how to live in the present and offer a transforming hope for the future. In seven sessions (we will only complete 5!) it focuses on practical issues like hospitality, injustice, the environment and consumer culture. It helps us to discover meaningful ways to respond to these issues with help from carefully selected Bible readings, thought provoking discussion questions, suggestions for practical action, a DVD film for each session, featuring candid interviews with other Christians who are trying their best to embody Jesus' mission in their lives.

Another world is possible! And we can be part of it! Come along and join the revolution!!



DID YOU KNOW.....?

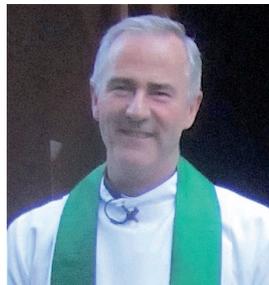
- The name Easter comes from Eostre, an ancient Anglo-Saxon goddess, originally of the dawn. In pagan times an annual spring festival was held in her honour.
- Easter is now celebrated (in the words of the Book of Common Prayer) on the first Sunday after the full moon which happens on or after March 21, the Spring Equinox. Therefore it can occur on any Sunday from March 22nd through to April 25th.
- In medieval times a festival of egg throwing was held in church, during which the priest would throw a hard boiled egg to one of the choirboys. It was then tossed from one choirboy to the next and, whoever held the egg when the clock struck 12, was the winner and retained the egg!
- The traditional act of painting eggs is called Pysanka.
- The custom of giving eggs at Easter time has been traced back to Egyptians, Persians, Gauls, Greeks and Romans, to whom the egg was a symbol of new life.
- In 1878 President Hayes and his wife officially opened the White House grounds to the children of the area for egg rolling on Easter Monday. The event has been held on the South Lawn ever since, except during World Wars 1 & 2. During the war years the Easter Egg Roll was held at The National Zoo and other Washington locations!



Drew's Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends

Easter! What an exciting time of year! I well remember the first time I went to all the services over the Easter period. I was young. I was working. But, for the first time in my life I made it a priority to go to everything that was on. Yes, it required a bit of effort to reorganise my usual daily routine, but oh, what a memorable experience! A true roller coaster of emotion!



As I joined the worship in the services it was as if I was living the story. I was right there with Jesus. Starting from the quiet of my Lenten reflections I got caught up in the wild exuberance of Palm Sunday, waving palms and singing loud hosannas. Within a few days I was sitting at table with the disciples, sharing an intimate meal in Jesus presence, aware of the tension mounting all around. I was led to the dark of the Garden of Gethsemane, sleepy and uncomfortable, watching and waiting as Thursday turned into Friday. The horror and suffering of Good Friday reached depths that were unwelcome and left scars that were deep. And then there came the emptiness of Holy Saturday, the gaping chasm of nothingness as Jesus lay in the tomb. What a journey, what a week.

Of course it didn't finish there. It never does. After all the emotion, the tears, the prayer, the emptiness, Easter dawns. If you have experienced the agony, the joy is intense. If you have travelled into the depths, you reach new heights. If you have witnessed the crucifixion, you see the unbelievable of the empty tomb.

We are Easter people. We live daily in the light of the transforming reality that death is not the end, evil can never triumph, nothing and no-one is outside God's unconditional love. We live each and every day in the light of the empty tomb and of the risen Christ. It is a reason to rejoice. It is a reason to laugh and smile. It is a reason to give thanks.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Yours in Christ's service

Drew

Lanimer Honours for Christ Church



Niamh Jopp
Lanimer Queen



Lynne Steer
Sashing Lady

We are delighted that Niamh Jopp, one of our Sunday School members, has been chosen to be this year's Lanimer Queen and Lynne Steer will sash the Lord Cornet. Congratulations to you both and we hope you have a wonderful and memorable Lanimers.

On behalf of my family and myself I would like to thank Drew for his kindness and support in the tragic and sudden death of my daughter Irene Ann McAloon. Irene came over from South Africa to celebrate her 60th birthday but sadly passed away on the 2nd January 2017.

All of us are in shock so it was a great comfort to have Drew around. It was also so kind of church members, neighbours and bowling colleagues to personally express their condolences.

At Irene's funeral, Drew's sermon was outstanding and spoke about her as if he had known her all her life.

Christchurch is full of beautiful people and I do feel that you are my extended family.

With great Thanks
Alistair Brown

COME AND JOIN US Tuesdays 2.30 - 4.30 pm in the Hall.

The Table-Tennis Group started on Tuesday 14th March and a small but keen group of us had a lot of fun playing.

We look forward to seeing more people - and welcome non-players, beginners and more experienced people alike. Equipment is provided.

There's plenty of room in the hall for people to socialise - playing, scrabble, cards, dominoes or anything else you can think of. Tea and biscuits will be available too. You don't have to play Table-Tennis or come every week, just come when you want to and enjoy the company. Please contact me at 01555 665603 or email carobbins@talktalk.net if you want more information.

Hope to see you soon.

Christine Robbins



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party at Christ Church was a great success. It was well attended by members of the congregation and friends and we must thank Drew for his organisation.



Jean, Mary and Marie-Christine slaved away all evening producing gorgeous pancakes and, as usual, the congregation brought along a tasty selection of fillings.



The party games which were organised by Gemma were great fun with everyone entering into the spirit of things, including the new minister at St Nicholas, Rev. Louise McKay.

Eating pancakes off the floor without using your hands is no easy feat!

(More photos on the website:
www.christchurchlanark.com)

All Age Service on 12 March



Drew's theme for his family address was "A Physical and Spiritual Checkup" for Lent. Abbi Jopp was very game in allowing Dr Hill to come out of retirement to carry out a physical examination of her eyes, ears, head and heart while Drew helped everyone to understand that although all your physical signs were normal, the spiritual ones were just as important.

Iona Goldie sang a beautiful solo.

Joan East provided the children with little crosses which they decorated like stained glass windows. They all looked lovely.



It was a very thought provoking and enjoyable service.



CHRIST CHURCH CHORISTER!

(Feel free to “tag” the above picture! See anybody you recognise?)

Our little choir in Christ Church has now been going for 6 months or so, gaining in confidence and growing in repertoire with each passing week. It is a delight to work with such a talented, enthusiastic bunch of songsters, all keen to add the gift of their voice to our worship on Sundays and on other special occasions. As their choir master I am immensely proud of them! Tuesday night choir practices are great fun!

When the choir was formed it was never intended that they would become like a “cathedral” choir – robed, up front and singing at the congregation. The idea was always that they would remain part of the congregation, boosting and embellishing the sound, and providing the musical leadership to introduce new hymns, songs and settings. This is the role they have settled in to and are quite happy to continue in. There will be occasions when sitting “up top” will happen, but, for the most part, the front pews will be where they will stay. That position also has the advantage of being in easy eye contact with Andrew, Doreen, Krystyna and Rachel on the organ bench or at the keyboard.

If you have ideas or suggestions for music that you would like the choir to perform, or hymns that you would love to sing, please speak to any one of us. We are here to serve and will do our best to respond to your requests.

If you would like to join us, or if you know of someone else who would, we practise on Tuesday evenings at 6 and would be delighted swell our ranks!

Drew





REFLECTIONS

The resurrection gives my life meaning and direction and the opportunity to start over no matter what my circumstances.

Robert Flatt

Easter says you can put truth in the grave, but it won't stay there.

Clarence W Hall

On Easter Day the veil between time and eternity thins to gossamer.

Douglas Horton

Let the resurrection joy lift us from loneliness and weakness and despair to strength and beauty and happiness.

Floyd W Tomkins

Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in spring time.

Martin Luther

The joyful news that He is risen does not change the contemporary world. Still before us lie work, discipline, sacrifice. But the fact of Easter gives us the spiritual power to do the work, accept the discipline, and make the sacrifice.

Henry Knox Sherrill



EASTER SYMBOLS

At Easter it is all bunnies, eggs and lambs in the shops. Why are they symbols of Easter?

One of the oldest Spring symbols in the world is the egg - it promises new life as in Spring, fluffy yellow chicks are hatched from eggs.



The hare was a symbol of the moon and is connected with Easter because the date of Easter depends upon the full moon. Over time, the hare became a rabbit, because there are more rabbits around than hares!

The lamb represents Jesus and links His death to that of the lamb sacrificed on the first Passover. Jesus is called "the Lamb of God."

EASTER WORDSEARCH

All the words hidden in this word-search are to do with Spring and Easter - can you find them all?

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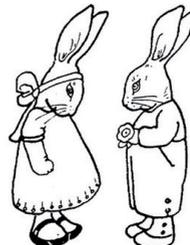
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bird blossom bud
 bunny chick cloud crocus
 daffodil duck egg flower
 garden grass hare lamb lily
 spring tulip



How do baby hens dance?
 Chick to chick.

Why does the chicken go to the theatre?
 For hentertainment.



Which rabbits were famous bank robbers?
 Bunny and Clyde!

Laughter is the Best Medicine

First things first

A Sunday School teacher had just concluded her lesson on the Atonement. ‘So, can anyone tell me what you must do before you can obtain forgiveness of sin?’

There was a short pause and then, from the back of the room, a small boy put up his hand. ‘Sin?’ he said.

Coming and going

Your child has started growing up when he stops asking you where he came from, and starts refusing to tell you where he’s going.

Holy days

An atheist complained to a Christian friend, “Christians have their special holidays, such as Christmas and Easter; and Jews celebrate their holidays, such as Passover and Yom Kippur; Muslims have their holidays. EVERY religion has its holidays. But we atheists,” he said, “have no recognized holidays. It’s an unfair discrimination.”

‘Nonsense,’ said the friend, ‘there is always April first....’

Holding

Little Johnny asked his Grandma how old she was.

Grandma answered, “39 and holding.”

Johnny thought about that and then asked: “And how old would you be if you let go?”

The taxi

The passenger tapped the cab driver on the shoulder to ask him something. The driver screamed, lost control of the car, nearly hit a bus, went up on the pavement, and stopped inches from a department store window. For a second everything went quiet in the cab, then the driver said, ‘Look mate, don’t ever do that again. You scared me half to death!’

The passenger apologized and said he hadn’t realized that just a little tap could scare him so much. The driver replied, ‘You’re right. I’m sorry. Really, it’s not your fault. Today is my first day as a cab driver. I’ve been driving a hearse for 25 years.’

Preach

When a minister rehearses his sermon, is he practising what he preaches?



"The new vicar is really cool, Dad. Did you know that God emailed the Ten Commandments to Moses' Tablet PC?"

DATE	SIDESPERSONS	TEA/COFFEE	CHURCH CLEANING	LUNCH CLUB	COMMUNION CUP
2017	Rosemary Marshall Tel: 663774	Jean Rance Tel: 662461	Connie Johnstone Tel: 01899 308764	Doreen Dixon Tel: 750295	
2 April	M. Main S. Russell	J. Rance K. Rance	A. Gray	(Soup) 4 April Jamie & Janet	D. Dixon
9 April	N. Broadbridge S. Cardwell	E. Baxter A. Burroughs	M. Gibson J. Patrick	11 April Ruby & Joyce	R. Burgon
16 Apr	R. Marshall J. Rance	M. Gibson J. Patrick	J. Rance K. Rance	18 April Diana & Connie	R. Evans
23 Apr	D. Evans S. Russell	N. Broadbridge C. Johnstone	J. Rance K. Rance	25 April Hilary & Doreen E	S. Cardwell
30 Apr	M. Main N. Broadbridge	L. Rickards E. Baxter	C. Johnstone S. Tian	2 May Jamie & Janet	R. Burgon
7 May	G. Rankin S. Cardwell	J. Rance K. Rance	J. Comrie	9 May Ruby & Joyce	D. Dixon

DATE	DIARY	READERS	FIRST LESSON	SECOND LESSON	GOSPEL
<u>2017</u> 2 April	Lent 5	D Dixon	Ezekiel 37: 1-14	Romans 8: 6-11	John 11: 1-45
9 April	Palm Sunday	J Hill	TBA	TBA	TBA
16 Apr	Easter Day	K Rance	Jerimiah 31: 1-6	Acts 10: 34-43	John 20 :1-18
23 Apr	Easter 2	R Evans	Acts 2: 14a & 22-32	2 Timothy 2: 3-13	John 20: 19 - 31
30 Apr	Easter 3	N Broadbridge	Acts 2:14a & 36-41	1 Peter 1: 17-23	Luke 24: 13-35
7 May	Easter 4	P Glancy	Acts 2: 42-47	1 Peter 2: 19-25	John 10: 1-10

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