

St Columba's

Scottish Episcopal Church

Largo



April 2018



*“Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer:
and on the third day rise from the dead” Luke 24:46*

The Scottish Episcopal Church is a self-governing province of the world-wide Anglican Communion. This is a family of over 70 million Christians in more than 160 countries. Our nearest relations are the Church of England, the Church in Wales and the Church of Ireland. Through the Porvoo agreement we are also in full communion with many other branches of the Church.

St Columba's in Largs, is one of over 60 Episcopal congregations that work and worship within the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway. We are part of Ayrshire Region and our neighbours include congregations in Ardrossan, Dalry, Irvine, Troon, Kilmarnock, Prestwick, Ayr and Maybole.

The area covered by St Columba's includes Largs, Skelmorlie, Fairlie and West Kilbride and ecumenically we play a very active part in Largs Churches Together.

SERVICES AT ST COLUMBA'S

Sunday: 8.00am Said Eucharist

11.00am Sung Eucharist (*Choral Matins on second Sunday of the month*)

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Check noticeboard for details.

Refreshments are served in the hall following the 11.00am service

Wednesday: 10.00am Said Eucharist (*Scottish Liturgy 1970*)

Festivals and Saints Days as announced

The Daily Offices of **Morning Prayer** (8.00am) and **Evening Prayer** (5.00pm) are offered publicly in church on most weekdays. Please check the church noticeboard for details.

The church building is also open for private prayer on most days.

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Easter Message 2018

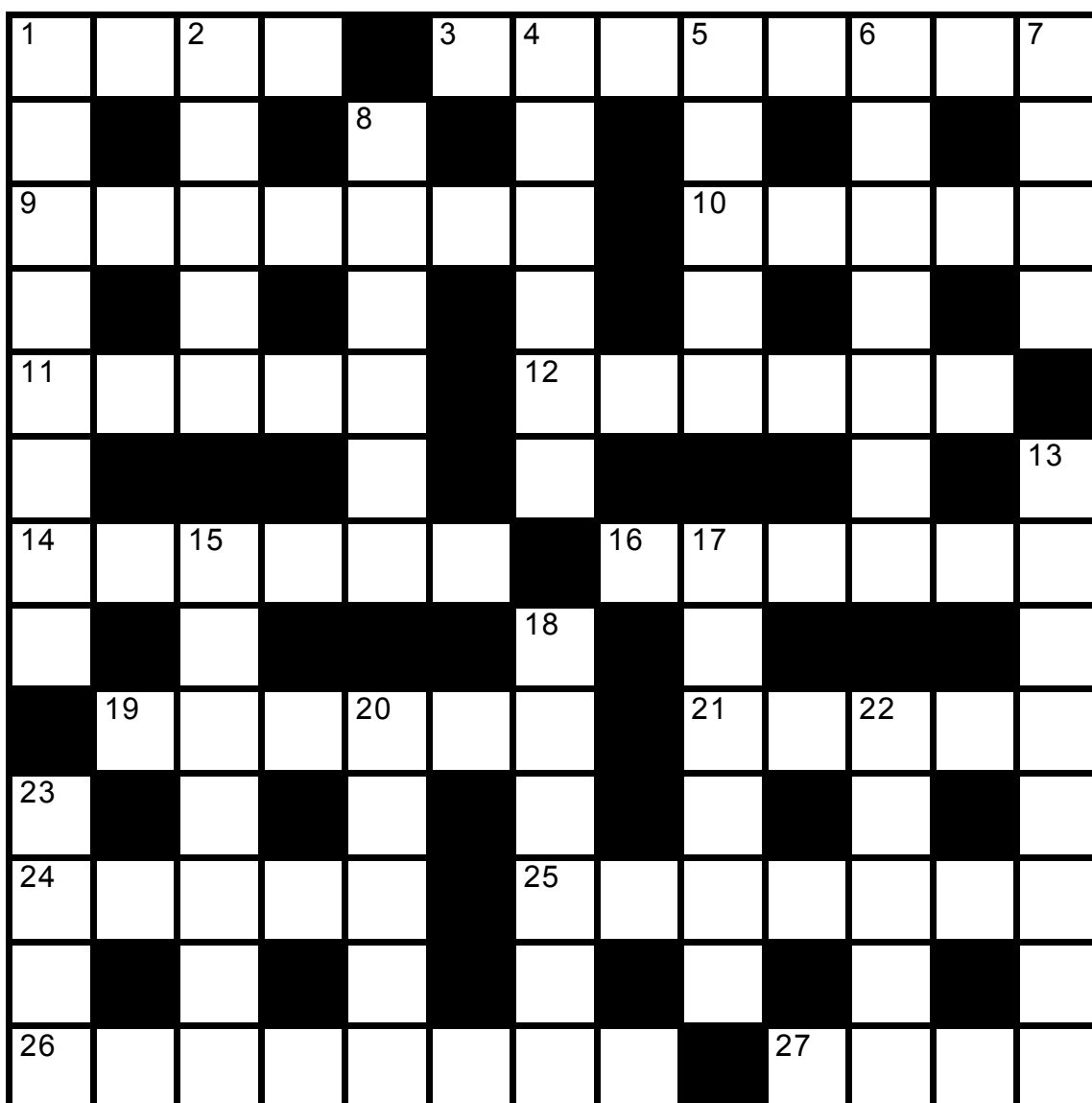
Some of you may listen to a Radio 4 programme called *Last Word*. In effect it offers appreciations and assessments of interesting people who have died in the week or so before the programme is broadcast. As I write, the cast includes Stephen Hawking and Ken Dodd. But it occurs to me that it's an odd title for a programme which makes no claim that what is said is to be understood as either authoritative or the last word about anybody.

Odd, simply because we all know that whoever claims to have the last word about anyone or anything is claiming to have very significant power over people or in human affairs generally. And we are all too aware of the destructive potential of such claims in the world as we experience it. But what if the last word need not be like that and what if we are about to celebrate the all-important Last Word, namely the divine exercise of power which raised Jesus from the dead? And what if this Last Word turns out be the very opposite of a destructive exercise of power, but is heard rather as a word of love, a word of life, a word of vindication, a word of triumph over the worst that we humans can perpetrate, because it is uttered by no human claimant to power? And if that is true, *and it is our faith that it is true*, then here is a *Last Word* which constantly constitutes our hope and our ground for trying to live what we might call Christ-shaped lives, lives that may seem to meet with little favour in a hard and unforgiving world, but lives that bear the glory of resurrection now and at the end. I suggest that at its best the liturgy of Easter celebrates this hope and strengthens us in living it out.

I wish you all a blessed Easter.

+Gregor

Crossword Puzzle (solution on page 17)



Across

- 1 Forty days prior to Easter (4)
- 3 Correct (8)
- 9 Anyone (7)
- 10 Cake decoration (5)
- 11 The more senior of two people (5)
- 12 French Artist, Pierre-Auguste.....? (6)
- 14 Chrurch festival following 1 across (6)
- 16 Luminous, shining (6)
- 19 Foolish (6)
- 21 Republic also called Myanmar (5)
- 24 Regions (5)
- 25 The sound of bells (7)
- 26 Enticing (8)
- 27 Most superior (4)

Down

- 1 One who hears (8)
- 2 Rover, wanderer (5)
- 4 Jovial, pleasant (6)
- 5 Amalgamation, guild (5)
- 6 Remaining forever (7)
- 7 Food associated with 14 across (4)
- 8 Origin, beginning (6)
- 13 Unswerving (8)
- 15 Ray of sunshine (7)
- 17 Bunny...? (6)
- 18 Church officer (6)
- 20 Put a small picture inside a bigger one (5)
- 22 Lift up (5)
- 23 Period of abstinence (4)

Years Mind

*Please remember before God those who have died
and whose year's mind falls in April*

4th Dorothy Nelson
5th Doris Binns
6th Scott McFarlane, Sidney Blackwell, Rose Oliver
7th Joan McGhie, Dorothy Bailey
8th Isobel Muir
10th Gladys Reid, William Binns
13th Jay Evans
14th Bob Hannay, Margaret Martin
16th Florence Ferguson-Taylor, Duncan Sladden (*Priest*)
17th Robert Thomson, Douglas Graham
19th Amy Fletcher
21st Mary Johnston
23rd Louisa Allan
25th Leslie Clutterham, Tony Johnston, Arthur Gusterson,
Gladys Hart
26th John Foster
30th Doreen Fleming

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

From the Registers

Funeral

Mr Gordon Hodgson - 16 March 2018



'THE SHARING' by Edwina Gately

We told our stories -

That's all.
We sat and listened
To each other
And heard the journeys
Of each soul.
We sat in silence,
Entering one another's pain
And sharing each one's joy.
We heard love's longing
And the lonely reachings-out
For love and affirmation.
We heard of dreams
Shattered
And visions fled.
Of hopes and laughter
Turned stale and dark.
We felt the pain
Of isolation
And the bitterness
Of death.

But in each brave

And lonely story
God's gentle life
Broke through
And we heard music
In the darkness
And smelled flowers
In the void.

We felt the budding
Of creation
In the searchings
Of each soul,
And discerned the beauty
Of God's hand
In each muddy, twisted path.
And God's voice sang
In each story.
God's life sprang
From each death.
Our sharing became
One story
Of a simple lonely search
For life and hope
And oneness
In a world which sobs
For love.
And we knew
That in our sharing
God's voice
With mighty breath
Was saying
Love each other
And take each other's hand.
For you are one
Though many
And in each of you I live.
So listen to my story
And share my pain and death.
Oh, listen to my story
And rise and live with me.

1918 -2018 Centenary of the end of the Great War

I am grateful to Gib Fitzgibbon for helping us remember something of those who served during the Great War that ended 100 years ago this year. Here Gib continues to share something of his family archives, relating to the conflict.

My great-uncle, Captain Henry Stoker DSO RN, (1885 – 1966) was born in Dublin and educated at HMS Britannia, entering the Royal Navy in 1901, and initially serving as a midshipman on HMS Implacable. He joined the newly formed submarine service in 1906, and in 1913 was appointed the first captain of HMAS AE2, commissioned at Barrow by the new Royal Australian Navy. No Australian sailors had the required submarine experience so positions had been opened to Royal Navy personnel. He was a keen sportsman and a bit of a socialite, and he thought that there might be an opportunity to start a Polo club in Sydney. On 2 March 1914, he sailed on the AE2, together with her sister ship, HMAS AE1, to Australia. The voyage took 83 days, 60 of them at sea – which was at that time the longest submarine voyage ever undertaken. In Australia Stoker made the most of his opportunities with the *“charming and delightful people, hospitable clubs, golf and tennis, race meetings, surf bathing, and every cheery pastime which the philanderer can wish to taste”*.

In August 1914, AE1 and AE2 were ordered to hunt for and attack the German Pacific fleet, but during a routine mission AE1 and all its crew members mysteriously disappeared. AE2 returned to Australia to await further orders. Stoker was eager to join the Allied war effort in Europe, and, presumably using the social contacts he had gained, was able to go straight to the Australian Minister for Defence, who as a result cabled the Admiralty to offer AE2 for service in home waters. The Australian navy hierarchy had to commend his initiative, but took a dim view of his bypassing their chain of command.

In December 1914, AE2 embarked for the Middle East with the second contingent of the Australian Imperial Force, and joined the naval forces that were being assembled to breach the Dardanelles. This was considered strategically necessary to cut off supplies from Istanbul via the Sea of Marmara to the Turkish forces defending the Gallipoli Peninsula. The first attempt had ended with the defeat of the British and French navies. Stoker and his crew volunteered to go for it, and led the second attempt to breach the Dardanelles by submarine.

Submarines in those days had little in the way of navigation equipment, and the AE2 had to surface frequently to check its position during the passage, which was complicated by sharp bends, tidal streams running in one direction near the surface, and the opposite direction deeper. The bends were negotiated while submerged by proceeding until the submarine touched the rising shoreline, then backing off and altering course to the next bend. The Dardanelles was heavily guarded by Turkish gun positions, and at one point

AE1 grounded right below one of the Turkish forts. Fortunately for them, the Turks were unable to point their guns down enough as they were set to fire on ships in the channel, and the submarine managed to refloat. Another problem was that torpedoes were very unreliable, and although they made a direct hit on an enemy ship, the torpedo failed to explode.

After five days 'running amok' in the Sea of Marmara, the submarine developed a fault in her diving controls and inadvertently surfaced near the Turkish torpedo boat Sultanhisar. AE2 was fatally damaged by gunfire; and Stoker gave the order to abandon ship. He and his crew surrendered, but not before deliberately sinking the submarine so it would not fall into enemy hands. The crew were all rescued from the water by the crew of Sultanhisar, who gave them dry clothing and took them to Istanbul where they became prisoners of war, but were treated honourably by their captors. Four members of the crew were to die in captivity.

They had radioed their success in breaching the Dardanelles to the allied command, but could not tell if the signal got through. As a result of this several Royal Navy submarines followed, but the invasion of Gallipoli had to be abandoned due to strong Turkish resistance.

While a prisoner of war, Stoker decided to relieve the monotony at a camp where he had been held for 3 months. He shaved off his beard, cut his hair short, wore a pince-nez, and presented himself as a newly shot down and captured flying officer. The first person he had to deal with was the senior officer – a colonel with whom he had had breakfast that morning. The colonel greeted him most courteously, told him about life as a prisoner, and in the midst of questions about the war, apologised for not having thought of it before, and asked if he had had any breakfast! His meetings with the other prisoners went well, until the flying men started asking him about the aircraft he had flown. He knew the game was up and with some qualms told them who he was. After a stunned silence, the whole camp enjoyed the joke. As a result of this, he was invited by a fellow officer who was an experienced amateur actor, to take part in a production of "The Monkey's Paw", and this led to further acting parts.

He returned to England in 1918 after the war, receiving the Distinguished Service Order (DSO) for his wartime services. In 1920 he left the Royal Navy to go on the West End stage where he made a name for himself as HG Stoker, as an actor and director, and also worked on the radio and appeared in several films. He rejoined the Royal Navy for the Second World War, and was on the staff of the navy command for the D Day invasion of Europe. His sporting interests continued with Tennis and Croquet, and he played cricket with King George VI. He won the Irish croquet championship at the age of 77. He died in 1966 in London

The wreck of AE2 was discovered in the Sea of Marmara in 1998, and in 2015, the centenary of the Gallipoli Campaign, the Australian Navy held a commemoration service over the wreck, at which four descendants of crew members were present.

Holy Week and Easter arrangements



This year our church will host all the Largs Churches Together Holy Week services (26 - 30 March). These will take place at 7.00pm and each evening will be led by different congregations as follows:

Holy Monday - Clark Memorial

Holy Tuesday - The Church of the Nazarene

Holy Wednesday - Brisbane Evangelical Church

Maundy Thursday - St Columba's Episcopal Church

(Liturgy of the Last Supper, the Stripping of the Altar and the Watch)

Good Friday - St John's Church (*Tenebre*)

It would be good if our congregation was well represented at **all** of these Holy Week services.

As usual, the Largs Churches Together Good Friday Walk of Witness will set off from our church at 10.00am (30 March) and, after several stops and opportunities for reflection, will end at the town war memorial. Tea and hot cross buns will then be available in the nearby Dunn Memorial Hall.



The Easter Vigil and
First Eucharist of Easter
will begin in church on
Holy Saturday,
31 March, at 9.00pm



DATES TO REMEMBER



30 March - 10.00am Largs Churches Together Walk of Witness

31 March - 9.00pm Easter Vigil

15 April - 3.00pm Service at Auchinlea Care Home

18 April - 11.00am Church Book Group

21 April - 9.00am Car Boot Sale

24 April - 7.00pm Vestry Meeting

28 April - 10.00am Church Garden Tidy

29 April - 12.30pm Food & Friendship Lunch

10 May - Ascension Day

7.30pm Ayrshire Regional Eucharist, at St Andrew's, Irvine

12 May - Diocesan Synod at Kilmarnock

19 May - 7.00pm Church Social 'Murder Mystery' Night

20 May - 3.00pm Service at Moorburn Manor Nursing Home

26 May - 9.00am Car Boot Sale

Meditation Group

The Meditation Group will not meet in April.
The next two meetings will take place as follows:
2.00pm, Thursday, 3 May (in the Hall)
and 2.00pm Thursday, 7 June (in the Rectory).

In Flora's Garden - April

During the March snow, I was listening to a beautiful rendition of *All in the April Evening*, by Glasgow Phoenix Choir, on YouTube. It is deeply moving, from the lyrics by Katharine Tynan Hinkson in 1892, to the graceful melody and harmonies from composer Sir Hugh S Robertson of Glasgow, in the early 20th century. It seriously brings tears to my eyes, with its powerful imagery of ewes and their lambs, enfolded into the narrative of the Lamb of God.

I began to think about other references to April in word and song. For Chaucer (15th century), in the first line of the *Prologue to The Canterbury Tales*, it was April's sweet showers of rain ("Whán that Aprill with his shourés soote...") which encouraged people to go on pilgrimage to the shrine of St Thomas à Becket. For William Wordsworth it was *An April Morning: Fresh and Clear* and for Longfellow it was *An April Day*, both in the 19th century. I was reminded that for T S Eliot in his poem *The Wasteland*, "April is the cruellest month..." for bringing "...lilacs out of a dead ground" (1920) while for Pat Boone singing in the 1950s, it was *April Love*, which was "for the very young". There were seemingly countless allusions to April in song and poem, and a Google search revealed a list of 100 poems where April was in the title or first lines.

It confirmed what I have always felt: there is something special about the month of April; a marvellous universal excitement at the end of winter. The Spring Equinox is past and the days are stretching towards their full extent in June, while BST has begun, bringing extra daylight. There is a gradual greening across the land, as grass suddenly starts to grow through the Spring mud and different varieties of trees open their leaves cyclically at differing times, in such brilliant and vibrant shades of green. I understand that for T S Eliot, there was something innately cruel about the beautiful lilac flowering in the remnants of winter's barrenness, and I get the imagery and sub-text, but it does lose its impact in Scotland. For here, lilac generally flowers during the warmer month of May!

The garden is now thriving and energetically blossoming and leafing in a riot of growth and flower. Spring bulbs have survived the winter, flowered and died back, and now stately tulips are bringing colour to the border, with sweet violets (*Viola odorata*) a splash of highly-scented deep purple in the shade around the elder tree. *Aquilegia* (known popularly as Columbine) are strong, tall and in bud and I will be interested to see how they develop, as last autumn, I scattered only white, purple and mauve seeds. However, I know that Nature is quite likely to upset my colour palette, by introducing multicolours on the wind from elsewhere! Everything is growing as it should

and remarkably, after such extreme weather in March, I did not lose any plants to the cold.

My small populations of frogs and newts will now start to reappear as the sun gains warmth, and I have a trio of small, shallow frog-ponds within the border, screened by plants and stones. They are usually single-occupancy, but one blisteringly hot summer, I counted five in one of them, happily leaping in and out of the pool! Neighbours tend to bring me any newts they find while they are mending fences or garden huts and I really don't know if the newts stay or go back to their original garden. They are much harder to spot, so it's always a real pleasure if I get a glimpse of a soft brown tail disappearing into the undergrowth.

My main concern for the garden at this time of year, is the progress made by the Pasqueflower (*Pulsatilla vulgaris*). Now rare in the wild in Britain, this delicate purple bell-shaped flower is also the State Flower of South Dakota, where it blooms wild on the plains. Here its folk name is *Prairie Smoke*, as the seed heads are feathery and light. The Pasqueflower (as its name suggests) generally blooms around Easter. However, my three plants have been severely arrested during March's cold and snow and although they are strong and in good growth, sadly they are unlikely to flower around this year's Easter Day.

But for all that, April is fabulous! I love this month. I love the energy and revelation of nature, of young colours and the joy of Easter Day. The poets and songwriters present their own views of April: some revel in the glory of the natural world, some encounter the depths, others speak of love, and yet another speaks of pilgrimage. As we move into Easter Day, our moods are reflected in their writings.

But for me, April will never be "the cruellest month"; it will always be the month when I "thought on the Lamb of God". A Happy and Joyous Easter to You All.

Flora



Prayer Calendar for April 2018

- 2: Thanksgiving for the new life promised in the Risen Lord
- 3: Thanksgiving for signs of new life in our local community
- 4: Thanksgiving for those that are bearers light and life to us
- 5: Thanksgiving for God's grace revealed to us each day
- 6: Thanksgiving for signs of new life in God's creation
- 7: Thanksgiving for the gift of faith that life is stronger than death
- 9: The recently bereaved
- 10: The depressed
- 11: Bishop Gregor
- 12: Farmers
- 13: Fishermen
- 14: Local Industry
- 16: Our family and friends both near and far
- 17: All Carers
- 18: The frail elderly
- 19: All Students and Teachers
- 20: Local Nursing Homes - residents and staff
- 21: Visitors to our church
- 23: The Bishop's Staff Group
- 24: Members of our Vestry
- 25: *(St Mark the Evangelist)* St Mark's Church, East Kilbride
- 26: Organisations that use our hall
- 27: Those that must use Largs FoodBank
- 28: Justice and Peace
- 30: Those we find it difficult to love



Vestry Notes

The vestry took the following decisions/actions at their meeting on 6 March:

The Vestry recorded with sadness the recent death of Gordon Hodgson who had been a long serving Property Convener and member of the Vestry and noted the funeral arrangements.

Communications:

The Vestry approved a request by the Rotary Club of Largs for the use of the Hall and grounds on Saturday 4 August 2018 for a charity Car Boot sale.

A report by Environmental Health on the kitchen has now been received following a recent advisory visit in connection with its use for Food and Fellowship. The report was passed to William Ferguson to action under Health and Safety prior to a formal visit by Environmental Health, including providing a check list for Hall users who utilise the kitchen area, rationalising the storage accommodation and checking with the report's author as to whether the current ventilation system is adequate. For insurance purposes it was **agreed** that the Vestry register as responsible persons in line with their corporate responsibilities and that Hilary Moran act as the Co-ordinator. It was **noted** that the cost of food would initially be met by the Church as part of our Mission and Outreach but this may be offset by voluntary donations from those attending.

Chris Evans reported that he had received correspondence and posters from our Insurers, Ecclesiastical, advising that, to commemorate their 130th anniversary, they will donate £130 to the Church if someone takes out a Household Insurance Policy with them. The Vestry agreed to display the posters on noticeboards.

Property: The Vestry **agreed** to hold a Garden Tidy on Saturday 28 April from 10.00 a.m.

It was noted that Stuart Robertson would attend to the potholes in the driveway and would also arrange for (i) a plumber to look to sort the cistern and shower control in the Rectory and (ii) the curtain rail and curtains to be replaced over the fire exit door in the Hall (with the assistance of Ray Young and Chris Evans).

Stuart reported that (a) British Gas had submitted a form for completion in order to get a costing for a gas supply to the Church which he was working on and (b) he had tidied the right-hand side cupboard at the back of the Hall.

Chris Evans reported that the Agent for the Aubery View flats had contacted him regarding the lopping of the first tree nearest to the corner of the building as leaves were filling the gutters. As several trees were lopped only two years ago and being aware that leaves in gutters was an annual problem all home owners had to deal with, the Vestry **agreed** to advise the Agent that we did not feel this was an issue that should be reviewed annually but we were prepared to review the lopping of trees in 2020 and every five years thereafter.

Chris also reported that he was seeking a quote for repointing the back steps of the Church from a stone mason who was currently doing work for him.

Treasurer: Chris advised that our Insurers were meeting the cost of repairing the stained-glass window after Rainbow Glass had explained the process to them. He also reported that some of those who had attended the Food and Hygiene training had made voluntary contributions to the cost involved which was welcomed.

Social/Fundraising: William Ferguson reported he is intending to arrange a Murder Mystery for Saturday 19 May. He also advised that the first of our Car Boot sales is to be held on 21 April.

MAP: The Rector reported that the Summer Mission would be held from 2 to 6 July and that the MAP Review with Bishop Gregor would be held on 8 July.

In order to progress the Canon 35 application for works to the Church porch, the Vestry considered a range of lights and selected the Bistro Industrial light with 5 LED bulbs.

Coffee Provision: After hearing Linda Young on issues relating to the size of coffee cups and the use of cafetieres, the Vestry **agreed** to (i) the purchase of 50 mugs and good quality Fairtrade instant coffee to see if this would resolve the issues and (ii) disposal of the small coffee cups and saucers at our Car Boot Sales.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 24 April 2018 at 7.00 p.m. in the Rectory.

Ray Young, Vestry Secretary

CAR BOOT SALE

Saturday, 21 April 2018

Sellers arrive 8.00am

Buyers served from 9.00am - 1.00pm

Entrance by donation

CAR £7

CAR & TABLE £9

TABLE ONLY £5

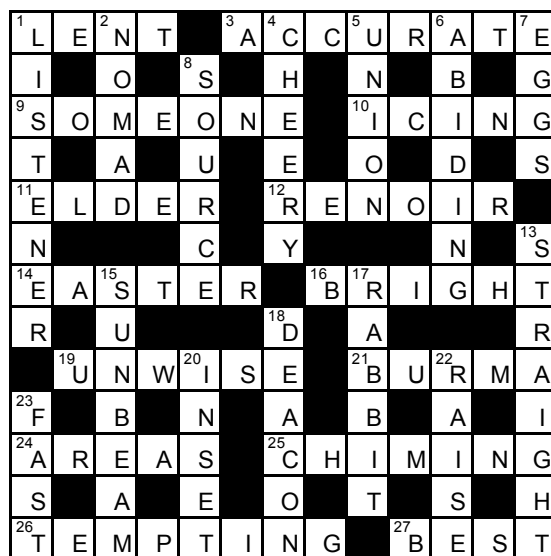
VAN £11

To reserve a pitch please telephone 01475 672410



We sold all OUR junk - he bought all this new junk off the table next door

Crossword Solution (from puzzle on page 4)



Across: 1 Lent, 3 Accurate, 9 Someone, 10 Icing, 11 Elder, 12 Renoir, 14 Easter, 16 Bright, 19 Unwise, 21 Burma, 24 Areas, 25 Chiming, 26 Tempting, 27 Best.

Down: 1 Listener, 2 Nomad, 4 Cheery, 5 Union, 6 Abiding, 7 Eggs, 8 Source, 13 Straight, 15 Sunbeam, 17 Rabbit, 18 Deacon, 20 Inset, 22 Raise, 23 Fast.

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Bishop's Lent Appeal 2018

Funds raised by this year's Bishop's Lent Appeal will go to M.N.D. Scotland in their work of supporting people affected by Motor Neurone Disease.



Please remember to bring your contribution to the Bishop's Lent Appeal in a marked envelope on Easter Day - 1st of April.

Please check the rota and note if you are included.

Feel free to swap to ensure duties are covered.

April 2018

Day	Services and Sunday readings	Duty at Sunday 11.00am
Sunday, 1 EASTER DAY	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist <i>Isa 25:6-9; Acts 10:34-43; Mk16:1-8</i>	Servers: All Reader: Tim Johnston Intercessor: Rector
Wednesday, 4	10.00am Said Eucharist	
Sunday, 8 <i>Easter 2</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Choral Matins <i>1 Jn 1:1 - 2:2; Jn 20:19-31</i>	Crucifer: Alice MacDonald Reader: Gib Fitzgibbon Intercessor: Alice MacDonald
Wednesday, 11	10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)	
Sunday, 15 <i>Easter 3</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist <i>3.00pm Service at Auchinlea Care Home</i> 6.30pm Evening Prayer <i>Acts 3:12-19; Lk 24:36-48</i>	Server: Janine Millward Reader: Melissa Reid Intercessor: Jennifer Fitzgibbon
Wednesday, 18	10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)	
Sunday, 22 <i>Easter 4</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Eucharist Together 6.30pm Evening Prayer <i>Acts 4:5-12; 1 Jn 3:16-24; Jn 10:11-18</i>	Server: Vicky Johnston Reader: Stuart Robertson Intercessor: Ray Young
Wednesday, 25 <i>Mark the Evangelist</i>	10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)	
Sunday, 29 <i>Easter 5</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Evening Prayer <i>Acts 8:26-40; 1 Jn 4:7-21; Jn 15:1-8</i>	Server: William Clark-Ferguson Reader: Joan Hutton Intercessor: William Clark-Ferguson

Readers for May 2018

6th: Lorna Reid, 13th: Elspeth Robertson

20th: Janine Millward, 27th: Jennifer Fitzgibbon

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