

# THE NEW WELLWYNDER

**MARCH 2023**

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## From the Manse

Dear Friends

I was talking the other week at a service about multiple choice questions. Do you remember them in subjects like Biology and Chemistry? Some people found them easy others not so easy. Sometimes there were two answers that were very similar and if you weren't so sure then, it was a bit of a challenge.

There are many decisions we have to make each and every day - from the mundane about what we are having for dinner through to the more significant around work or family. It is over a year since I was given a decision to make and that was the route I was going to take on my cancer journey and quite literally it was a matter of life and death. I was given the choice between the curative route and the palliative route. I chose the former and, although the journey was difficult, faith, family and friends helped me through.

As we approach yet another Holy Week it is important to remember there were choices that Jesus had to make and in particular, the route that he was going to go down, which was for him, the choice between life and death, but a death that would lead to a new life for him and for all of us who seek to follow him in this life and beyond. He could have taken the easy route and given up what he had come to do, which was to secure a future with God for all who put their trust in him. Instead, he faced up to his cross and all of the crosses that we have to carry at times in life, that we might also find a way to deal with the choices that we have to make in life.

Those around Jesus, as we will remember in Holy Week, had choices to make around their relationship with Jesus. As Jesus had been there with them and there for them, would they be there for him and with him as his journey as the Suffering Servant intensified? Would they speak up and confess Jesus as their Saviour and Lord when the spotlight was on them? Would they be there for Jesus when he needed to know that they were by his side in the "garden of tears", Gethsemane?

At Christmas we focus on God with us in Christ and during Lent and Holy Week we look at this in more detail, remembering what it means to say and know that God is indeed with us. In Christ he is with us in our joys and sorrows, our laughter and our tears. Are we with him, not just accompanying him in our worship in Holy Week, but beyond as Good Friday people who accompany others in their sorrow and Easter people who share with others, the joy that faith in Christ offers to us in good times and bad?



## Forthcoming Services

### **Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> March**

11 a.m. Morning Worship

*Jesus - who do you say I am?*

### **Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> March**

11 a.m. Morning Worship

*Jesus - a matter of life and death*

### **Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> March**

11 a.m. Morning Worship

*The Spirit - God around us and within us*

### **Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

11 a.m. Palm Sunday

*A Service of Lessons, Reflections and Choral Music*

### **Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> April**

10 a.m. Open Air Service for  
Easter Sunday

***Easter egg Roll and Hunt***

11 a.m. Easter Sunday  
All Age Worship  
***He is risen!***

Tea and coffee will be served in the Church Hall after morning worship

## Wednesday Services at 12 noon

### **Delve in at 12**

Our midweek service on a Wednesday at 12 noon will continue during the spring months.

The service is followed by tea and coffee.

## Holy Week

### **Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

7.30 p.m. Monday of Holy Week  
*Decisions, decisions: To worship . . .*

### **Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April**

7.30 p.m. Tuesday of Holy Week  
*Decisions, decisions: To walk in the light . . .*

*When Jesus journeyed to the garden,  
with friends around and friends beside;  
His heart was breaking deep within him,  
so conscious of the turning tide.  
Plunged deep into the raging torrents  
of fearful folk and angry crowd;  
He looked to those he had relied on  
whose heads were now in slumber bowed.*

When we are alone in the garden we can know Christ's love and gentle touch. Does he know us with him in our desire to follow and live a life of faith as we help others in their gardens of tears?

May God in Christ give us the strength to get through difficult times and the strength to follow in all of the changing scenes of life?

Your friend and minister  
**Robbie**

### **Betty McSkimming**

We were sorry to hear of the death of Betty McSkimming a faithful member and elder down through the years. Betty's health and allied to that her mobility had declined in recent times, but her faith and determination were as strong and as evident as ever. Betty's faith was both foundational to her life and the high values she lived by, as well as a source of great comfort to her. She grew up in church, Trinity Church, where she was in the youth group, Wellwynd and in New Wellwynd as well. She served faithfully as an elder and was a faithful and supportive visitor who looked after those under her care. She was in the Girls Guildry in her younger days and also a Sunday school teacher. She'd take her turn reading lessons on a Sunday and her voice was distinctive. We all enjoyed listening to her reading or telling one of her many stories when in her company. Betty took her turn to be on duty when the church was open on a Friday. She looked after the flower rota at one time and she would write the rota out - her writing was as distinctive as her speaking. Betty was a great letter writer and sender of cards which was a great encouragement to many. She enjoyed attending worship and missed it when she wasn't able to. We are grateful for her life and witness and our thoughts and prayers continue to be with the family at this time.

### **Oberammergau Diaries**

The tale of the intrepid pilgrims continues.

#### **Saturday, 23rd July .....**

The bright sunlight was shining through the curtains. I said to myself, 'what time is it?' I glanced at my watch and to my surprise it was 8am and no BELLS! That's right, I am in Oberammergau not Imst! What a wonderful feeling, waking up naturally without the ding dong chorus! No morning prayers this morning as the group were spread out across three different hotels and guest houses. Nevertheless, as I approached the restaurant for breakfast I could hear Tom's usual good morning greeting to everyone who entered 'Hi-de-hi!' After a hearty Bavarian breakfast, which to be perfectly honest was the same as our Tyrolean breakfasts, we had a morning at leisure, to do our own thing within the town.

### **Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April**

7.30 p.m. Wednesday of Holy Week  
*Decisions, decisions: To follow . . .*

### **Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> April**

7.30 p.m. Maundy Thursday  
*Decisions, decisions: To serve . . .*

### **Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> April**

7.30 p.m. Good Friday  
*Decisions, decisions: To walk the way of the cross . . .*

### **Good Friday Vigil**

The church will be open from 11.30 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. on Good Friday (Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> April) with reflections led on the hour and the half hour from 12 noon to 3 p.m. You are free to come and go as you please.

### **Study Groups**

Study groups continue in March and tie in with the previous Sunday service. You are most welcome to join as at any of them as we go a wee bit deeper into what it means to believe.

### **Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March**

7.30 p.m. *Exploring the Faith:  
We need God in our lives*

### **Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> March**

7.30 p.m. *Exploring the Faith:  
The life and ministry of Jesus*

### **Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

7.30 p.m. *Exploring the Faith:  
Jesus - his death and resurrection*

### **Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> March**

7.30 p.m. *Exploring the Faith:  
The Holy Spirit*

### **Welcome Teams**

#### **Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> March**

Team Leader: Karen Taylor  
Billy Brooks, Janet Nimmo,  
Tom Sorbie, Isabel Sorbie,  
Wilma Davidson

#### **Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> March**

Team Leader: Irene Yates  
Alex Anderson, Avril Cockburn,  
Allison Gray, Beatrice Holden,  
George Lowden

A few pilgrims took the time to go and have a closer look at some of the sites and visit one or two of the painted historic buildings. A few attended a church service. The majority went shopping with frequent visits to the cake shop and ice cream parlour! I believe the Christmas shop also did a roaring trade!

Right in the centre of town was the Museum, which in fairness, the vast majority of us, did visit. Opened in 1910, it is one of the oldest, most important and considered to be one of the most beautiful cultural history museums in Bavaria. Carving which has been going on in Oberammergau for over 500 years is well presented and the sensitive collections on display show a wide range of art and handicrafts from the 17th century to the present day. Famous cribs, colourfully painted toys, virtuoso genre carvings, and figurines of saints, crucifixes and modern sculpture create an overall picture of the artistic and craft skills of the region over several centuries. The social and economic history of the village from Roman times is also well presented. An added attraction of the museum during this 'Passion Play' year was the appendage to the main building of a huge blue textile cube, made from the costumes of cast members from the 2000 and 2010 Passion Plays. Similarly, inside the museum, the trail you follow was the woven human hair of all the cast members from those previous plays. Tradition within the village, is that, the week after the final performance, everyone gathers in the centre for a big party and to get their hair cut!

Before heading back to Imst there was time for a spot of lunch. Along with two fellow pilgrims I enjoyed a typical Bavarian delicacy – a large bratwurst sausage and fries with some sauerkraut on the side! Not forgetting the Bavarian light refreshment!

Sadly, after just 24 hours in Oberammergau it was time to return to Imst and as we were leaving, more global pilgrims were arriving to witness the play. On our way back to Austria one of our number took unwell and we had to have an emergency stop. What good fortune or perhaps it was some kind of divine intervention that a paramedic just happened to be stopped at the car park as well! Arriving back at our hotel late afternoon, some pilgrims went for a swim, others a light refreshment and a few for a wee nap! After dinner, most had an early night, although there was a team, who continued to burn their candles at both ends! Of course, I was one of them! Night night!

**To be continued .....**

*George Randall*

### **Seniors Outing**

CAMEO are hoping to reinstate the Seniors Outing. This is being planned to take place on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2023. If you are interested in going on the outing, please contact Jean Kinniburgh Tel: 01236 754784. Please note that due to increasing costs, there is likely to be a charge this year.

*Jean Kinniburgh*

### **Maggie's Centre – Falkirk Wheel Abseil**

Jan Watt has taken up this challenge, which will take place on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> March to raise funds for Maggie's Centre. If anyone would like to sponsor her, they can do so on:

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/janice-watt](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/janice-watt)

Any donations will be greatly received.

### **Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> March**

Team Leader: Harry Shaw  
Freda Gilchrist, Lynne Cartwright,  
Lynne Thompson, John Clydesdale,  
Maureen Paterson

### **Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> March**

Team Leader: Barbara Watt  
William Watson (Sen),  
Gordon Waddell, Colin MacPherson,  
Lesley MacPherson, Carol Randall

### **Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

Team Leader: Elizabeth Robertson  
George Lawson, George Grant,  
Morag Stewart, George Murchison,  
Una Lawson



### **Prayer Points**

- Pray for all involved in the work of NWPC that we might continue to share in a partnership and bring others to a knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Pray for the time of reflection in the Season of Lent that it might enrich faith, strengthen fellowship and inspire outreach.
- Pray for the Services in Lent, including the study group on a Wednesday evening that we might draw closer to God and each other.
- Pray for the discussions across Scotland about the future shape of the Kirk, including discussions locally between NWPC, Jackson and St Columba's
- Pray for the united witness of all churches in the town and the surrounding areas.
- Pray for the continual work of the churches in the schools both at Rochsolloch and Airdrie Academy.
- Pray for the personal witness of all Christians that through "gossiping the Gospel" more will come to a full knowledge of the love of God in Jesus.

## Church Men - Clash of the Titans!

On Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> March two giants came head to head in a Board Games Challenge in the Upper Hall! It was, 'The Yellows' against 'The Reds' in a very fierce and competitive contest. After eight rounds of competition and combative action, which included draughts, dominoes, connect four and frustration, 'The Yellows' triumphed with a 38 – 26 victory! There were many fine individual performances on both sides, but overall, 'The Yellows' were too strong and led throughout the competition. Many thanks to all competitors for their efforts on the night. The pies and pizza pies were well received and went down well at half time!

*Intrepid Reporter*



By the time you get your magazine, we'll be in the middle of Fairtrade fortnight. Please remember, when you're out doing the shopping – please look out for the Fairtrade mark and where possible buy fairly traded goods – and encourage your friends and family as well.



Unfortunately, towards the end of January, I received an e-mail from Mark Buchanan, Interim CEO of Traidcraft plc to all Fairtraders with the following news. I have extracted the following from his letter –

*"It is with tremendous sadness that we announce that Traidcraft PLC is going into administration. The business has been in a weak financial position for some years and the Covid-19 pandemic presented a significant new set of challenges. Just as we were emerging from the pandemic, like many other retailers, we faced the combined effects of the war in Ukraine, rising energy prices, and increased transport costs. Sadly, despite the heroic efforts of our team at Gateshead, low consumer confidence during the critical autumn trading period led to a sales result significantly short of what was required to sustain the operation. December sales were also negatively impacted by the uncertainty created by Royal Mail strikes."*

Traidcraft Exchange which has now changed its name to Transform Trade is still operational – this is the organisation that Robbie did his Camino walk a couple of years ago. Due to restrictions in handling, we restarted the Traidcraft stall back at the beginning of September 2022 on a Sunday and at the Coffee mornings. We currently have a small stock of Coffee, Tea, Biscuits and chocolate at this time and as they say in Aldi and Lidl middle aisle "when it's gone – it's gone". At this time, I would like to thank the Congregation for their support over the years, for buying at the stall and for the many Christmas orders. However, I would especially like to thank my army of retail therapists who willingly volunteered each Sunday encouraging the congregation to part with their money. Thank you – one and all! As ever your "performance bonus" will be in the post in due course.

*David Walker*

## The Forward Plan

A lot of time and effort has gone into the Forward Plan for Airdrie and the Airdrie Area with three clusters now agreed. We are now in a cluster with our friends from Jackson and St Columba's and representatives are meeting this month to fill in some of the details of what the church might look like in our cluster in relation to worship, work and mission. Your prayers would be appreciated for all involved in different ways.

## Funerals

14<sup>th</sup> February Betty McSkimming  
22<sup>nd</sup> February Marion Cowie  
24<sup>th</sup> February Morag Scott

## A Mother's Day Poem

My Mother, my friend so dear  
Throughout my life you're always near  
A tender smile to guide my way  
You're the sunshine to light my day.

Of all the special joys in life  
The big ones and the small  
You're unfailing love and tenderness  
Is the greatest of them all.

Here's wishing you a Mother's Day  
That's filled with every pleasure  
And a future that's as happy  
As the memories we both treasure!

Happy Mother's Day to mothers  
everywhere!

*The Editor*

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### Jesus Says No to Temptation (Matthew 4:1-11)

Do you know how to play the game "Simon Says?" If Simon says to do something, you do it, but if Simon doesn't say to do it, you don't do it. Are you ready to play? **Let's play.**

Simon says, "Raise your hand."

Simon says, "Raise your other hand."

"Okay, put your hands down." Uh-oh! I bet I caught you on that one, didn't I? Did Simon say, "Put your hands down?" No! Well, let's try again.

Simon says, "Put your hands down."

Simon says, "Flap your elbows."

Simon says, "Clap your hands."

Touch your nose. Oops! I bet I caught you again. Let's try one more time.

Simon says, "Touch your nose."

Simon says, "Pat your head."

Pull your ear! Good! I hope I didn't trick you that time.

In the game of Simon Says, we do what Simon says to do, but in real life we should do what the Bible tells us to do. There was a time in the Bible when God's enemy, the devil, tried to trick Jesus into doing something He knew was wrong, but Jesus didn't fall for it because Jesus knew what the Bible says.

Sometimes the devil wants to trick us, too. Like if someone hurts us...the Bible tells us not to hurt others back, but the devil wants us to think it is okay because they hurt us first. We can tell the devil, "I don't hurt back because I follow the Bible!"

Or if we accidentally break something...the Bible says to tell the truth, but the devil might want us to think it's better to hide it so we don't get into trouble. We can tell the devil, "I tell the truth because I follow the Bible!"

When the devil tried to trick Jesus, He told the devil, the Bible tells me to do something different! I follow the Bible!

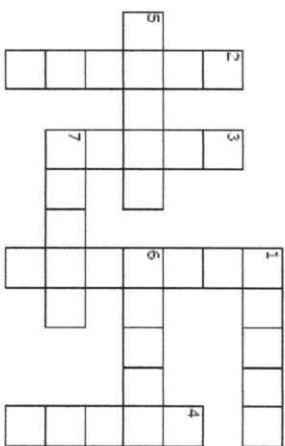
**Dear God, help us do what Jesus did. Help us do what the Bible tells us to do instead of listening to what the devil wants us to do.**

**In Jesus' name, amen.**

**We should all follow what the Bible tells us!**



# Crossword Puzzle



## ACROSS

1. The entire Earth and all the places and things on it
5. A heavenly being, often shown as a human figure with a halo and wings
6. A small rock
7. The evil ruler of Hell, and enemy of God

## DOWN

1. To show a strong feeling of love and respect for God
2. To feel a need or desire for food
3. A food made of flour and water, shaped into loaves, and baked
4. To try to get someone to do wrong

hungry	bread	worship	devil
stone	tempt	angel	world



Jesus tempted by the Devil

## The Temptation of Christ

Matthew 4:1-11

## Word Search

R P J L D S T E M P T E D B K  
P Q G R H P W E G H J S V W J  
V Y O N N H V X W D E A W F E  
M L Y R N R F E E N S T S D W  
V O A G E X B O W X U A D B O  
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TEMPTED	ANGELS	HUNGRY	STONES	SERVE
WORLD	KINGDOMS	BREAD	DESERT	SPLENDOR
DEVIL	FASTING	SATAN	TEMPLE	JESUS

Remember to do what the Bible tells you!