

# THE NEW WELLWYNDER

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## From the Manse

Dear Friends

Over the years there have been many situations, particularly tragic and challenging ones, I have had to walk into and embrace unsure of what I am going to find. In these I have experienced every conceivable emotion as individuals and families have grappled with unimaginable loss in the most tragic of circumstances. These have included situations where the lives of loved ones have been taken by others. There has been that deep sense of loss and all of the questions and allied emotions that go along with it. I have also seen such strength and courage in the most awful of circumstances. For them it has truly been a "rollercoaster of emotions", a phrase you will have heard me use from time to time.

When we look at the Easter story and all that led up to it we see a rollercoaster ride with the ups and the downs of the last few days of Jesus' life. Those who went to the tomb to attend the body of their Lord there would have been the dread of the journey as we, at times, dread what we know is going to be a difficult journey. They expected to find the life-less body of the one they had followed and must have been bracing themselves for that but, instead, found an empty tomb. Surprise by what they saw, they were also taken aback. They were perhaps baffled and confused with so many questions running around in their heads to add to those already there! It was truly a rollercoaster of emotions and who says that the Bible has nothing to say to us today? It has so much to say to us, especially this story which is at the very heart of our faith.

When we understand Easter in the context of present tragedy and the low points we experience in life we can see how when embracing our cross we find that in reaching the depths the only way is up - through the darkness and beyond the difficulties. This is what Easter hope is and the assurance that the resurrection offers to us - strength for today and brought hope for tomorrow.

As we walk with Christ, retracing his footsteps through Holy Week, we are reminded of him walking with us. As we wait with Christ on Good Friday we are reminded of him waiting with us and holding us in the darkest of days. As we journey with the women to the tomb we start to see the glimmer of light in our darkness as the risen Christ comes to us and says "peace be with you".

The journeys hard but the hope is real as is the peace that faith in Christ offers to each and every one of us. It is a message of hope that the church needs to hear and needs to share in a broken and weary world.



## Forthcoming Services

### **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!***

### **Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> April**

11 a.m. Morning Worship  
*Growing in Faith: There Word of Life*

### **Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

11 a.m. Morning Worship  
*Growing in Faith: Opening up the way of prayer*

### **Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> April**

11 a.m. Morning Worship  
*Growing in Faith: The family of God*

### **Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> May**

11 a.m. Morning Worship  
*Giving the Faith What does the Lord require?*

### **Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> May**

11 a.m. Morning Worship  
*Living the Faith: The call to serve*

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

## 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...*

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

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



*"... Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord."*

May peace and joy be yours this Easter and beyond.

Peace be with you all!

Your friend and minister

**Robbie**

### **A story worth telling again!**

A holy man was having a conversation with the Lord one day and said, "Lord, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like." The Lord led the holy man to two doors. He opened one of the doors and the Holy man looked in. In the middle of the room was a large round table. In the middle of the table was a large pot of stew, which smelled delicious and made the holy man's mouth water. The people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles that were strapped to their arms and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful. But because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths. The holy man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering. The Lord said, "You have seen Hell."

They went to the next room and opened the door. It was exactly the same as the first one. There was the large round table with the large pot of stew which made the holy man's mouth water. The people were equipped with the same long-handled spoons, but here the people were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking. The holy Man said, "I don't understand." "It is simple," said the Lord. "It requires but one skill. You see, they have learned to feed each other, while the greedy think only of themselves." "Remember this, when Jesus died on the cross, he was thinking of you." Happy Easter!

**The Editor**

### **On the Third Day**

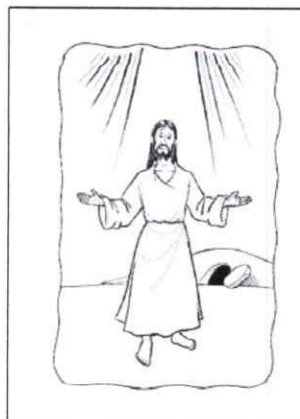
As pale streaks of coral open  
the closed, dark, night time skies  
two women trudge the dusty road  
that leads to the place where He lies.

Bringing burial spices they enter  
subdued by all that happened before  
as they near the tomb they remember  
the rock that blocks the door.

But when they reach the site  
the rock stands at one side  
and within an angel dressed in white  
speaks of their Lord who was crucified.

"This is the place where they laid Him  
but He is not here, He is not dead  
carry the word to His friends  
He has risen as He said."

**Margaret Wideyke**



### **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.

### **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.

### **Study Groups**

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

### **Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> April**

7.30 p.m. *Growing in Faith:*

*Understanding the Bible*

### **Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April**

7.30 p.m. *Growing in Faith:*

*Understanding prayer*

### **Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

7.30 p.m. *Growing in Faith:*

*Belonging to the Church*

### **Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May**

7.30 p.m. *Living the Faith:*

*Living God's way*

### **Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May**

7.30 p.m. *Living the Faith:*

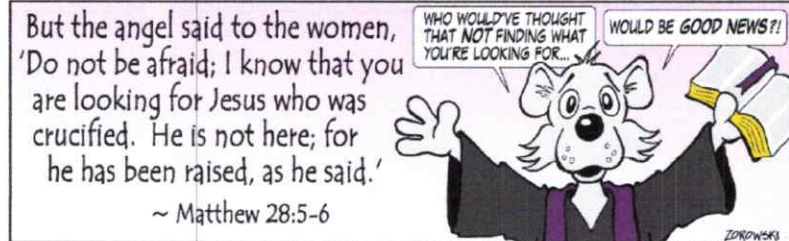
*Serving the Lord*

Please feel free to attend any or all of these study groups - you will be made most welcome.



## Church Mice

Karl Zorowski



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## Coffee Morning

Please note there will be no Coffee Morning next month Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> May as this is the day of the Coronation of King Charles. The next Coffee Morning will be on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Some representatives from the Guide Dog Association will be attending and helping out and the money raised on that morning will be going to this very worthwhile charity. We look forward to seeing you all then.

*Irene and Mairi*

## Oberammergau Diaries

The tale of the intrepid pilgrims continues.

### Sunday, 24th July .....

It's 6am and yes it's **DING DANG DONG!** The bells are ringing loud and clear to welcome in the Sabbath! After a rather coldish shower, I was now well and truly awake and all ready for morning prayers. Whilst waiting for pilgrims to arrive in the library, the bells once again sounded. I thought it was Boab having a laugh and calling everyone to prayer! However, not even he could manage 78 repetitive dongs! Our theme this morning was friendship and fellowship and our text was Psalm 121. Helen from Glasgow provided some nice music for a time of personal thought and reflection. Thought for the day: "An open heart is an open mind!" (Courtesy of the Dali Lama!) After our now customary hearty breakfast we were all set for a day of exploration in and around Imst! Our first adventure was to be met by a local guide at our hotel to embark on a walking tour of the town. First stop was the church with the loud bell just behind the hotel – Pfarrkirche! It has been described as one of the most impressive churches in the Tyrol with one of the highest towers and I can confirm one of the loudest DONGS! It is indeed a beautiful late Gothic church built in the 14th century and has been lavishly restored. Moving on, we wandered down into the town itself passing a number of water fountains for which the town is famed. In the past these fountains were very important meeting places. Passing another very ornate church – Church of Johannes, we entered into the lower part of the Rosengarten Canyon before finishing off in the town centre. Along the way our lovely guide imparted a great deal of information most of which I have now forgotten! After a stroll back up the hill to our hotel we all enjoyed a nice Sunday lunch together! After lunch, we had the afternoon to do as we please. Some weary pilgrims had some chill time at the hotel. Others enjoyed a wee trip on the Gurgltal Valley Toy Train (tractor pulling some carriages!) along to the town of Nassereith, whilst one intrepid explorer decided to walk the canyon! It said in the information leaflet that it was a challenging walk only for confident and fit walkers. After looking at myself in the mirror, I thought, I can do that! So off I went.

## Welcome Teams

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

Team Leader: David Gillespie  
Christine Cassells, Christine Gibb,  
Anne Grainge, Jim Neilson,  
Jim Nimmo, David Paterson.

### Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> April

Team Leader: Bobby Forrest  
Fraser Gillespie, Mairi Mitchell,  
Jim Thomson, William Watson.

### Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Team Leader: Maggie Weir  
Anne Lcarmouth, Lesley Aitken,  
Irene Bremner, Carol Hamilton,  
Liz Riddell.

### Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> April

Team Leader: Moira Gartshore  
Matt Fleming, Margaret Jarvie,  
Jean Kinniburgh, George Randall,  
Ronnie Wright, Elaine McGuire.

### Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> May

Team Leader: David Watt  
Linda Francis, Margaret Jack,  
Allister Jack, Alison Sefton,  
David Walker, Andrew Paul.

## Funerals

13th March	Cathy Gillespie
14th March	Douglas MacDonald
15th March	Betty Clark

## Thank You

**Sheila, John and Laura Neil** would like to thank Robbie for his kindness and support during Tom's illness. They would also like to thank the congregation for their prayers and lovely flowers received.

The **Ferguson Family** would like to thank the congregation for the lovely flowers that were sent to them. They were very much appreciated.

**George and Elizabeth Grant** would like to thank the congregation for the flowers and kind thoughts received during George's recent illness. Thanks also to Billy Brooks for covering elder duties.

**Helen Smith** sends thanks for the lovely flowers she received. They were much appreciated as was Robbie's visit.



Only problem was, it was reading 29 degrees centigrade on the thermometer! It was hot! With its weathered crags and pinnacles, Rosengarten Canyon is one of Austria's most spectacular natural sights. It is a very narrow chasm incised into the rock by the cascading waters of Schinderbach Creek. I followed a 2km trail upwards via a series of wooden boardwalks and stone steps. I also encountered tunnels carved through rocks, waterfalls and some stunning views. Took me about two hours to reach the top where I enjoyed a much needed refreshment! Got the bus back straight to the hotel – result! Late afternoon many enjoyed another wee visit to the hotel's pool and spa. Our evening meal was followed by a wee spirited gathering of pilgrims in the bar. Early night for most as the bar closed early on a Sunday! Night night!

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

*George Randall*

### **Some Easter Funnies!**

What kind of jewellery does the Easter Bunny wear?

**(14 Carrot Gold!)**

Why did the Easter Bunny have on a hat?

**(Because he was having a bad hare day!)**

What is the Easter Bunny's favourite kind of music?

**(Hip Hop!)**

Why did the Easter Bunny have to fire the duck?

**(Because he kept quacking the eggs!)**

What do you call a sleepy Easter egg?

**(Eggs-austed!)**

What do you call a bunny with fleas?

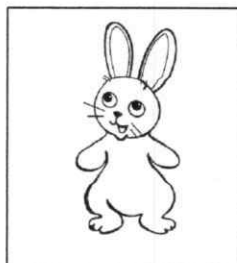
**(Bugs Bunny!)**

How do you make Easter easier?

**(Replace the "t" with an "i")**

What kind of stories does the Easter Bunny like best?

**(The ones with hoppy endings!)**



*Jo King*

### **Fulfilling the Prophecy**

Throughout the Old Testament, God promised His people that a Messiah was coming to change life as they knew it. Jews in the time of Jesus believed that this Saviour would save them from the oppression they were experiencing from the Romans and other hostile nations. God told the Israelites that specific signs and attributes would characterise the one that He would send. God is mysterious, but He wants people to know Him. He wants you to be able to recognise what He is doing. Jesus Christ had to fulfil every Old Testament prophecy regarding the coming Messiah. There were many, but He fulfilled them all. One of these prophecies said, "Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because You will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will You let Your faithful one see decay" (Psalm 16:9-10,). The Messiah would see death, but His body would not decay, because He would rise again. This was fulfilled when Jesus rose from the dead and showed Himself to His followers. He had only the marks on his hands and feet and the wound in His side as a mark of His death. It is essential to Christians that Jesus rose from the dead because He had to rise from the dead to fulfil the prophecies of the Old Testament.

### **Prayer Points**

- Pray for Elders and District Visitors as they visit the congregation that they might be sustained in the work and upheld in their calling
- Pray for all Pastoral Visitors as they offer support to those at home and in homes.
- Pray for members of the Congregational Board and all who hold office that their skills might be a blessing to the advancement of the kingdom and that they might be encouraged in all that they seek to do
- Pray for all members and adherents in their/your commitment to the work of Christ and involvement in the Kirk
- Pray for all housebound members and those in nursing homes that they might continue to get the support and help they both need and deserve.
- Pray for all young people preparing for important exams.
- Pray for all involved in developing the forward plan in Airdrie and beyond that mission and the care of God's people might be at the heart.



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# Kids' Corner Easter Fun Page

## Bible Easter Story

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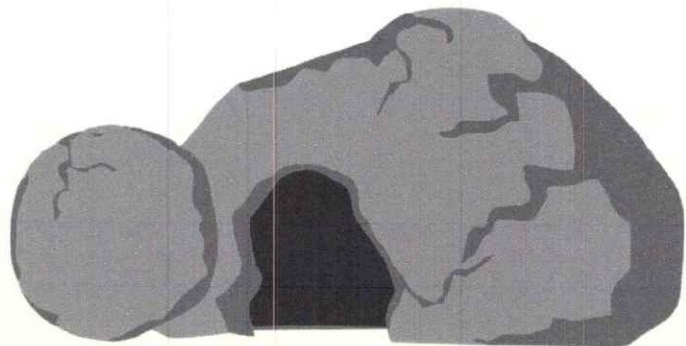
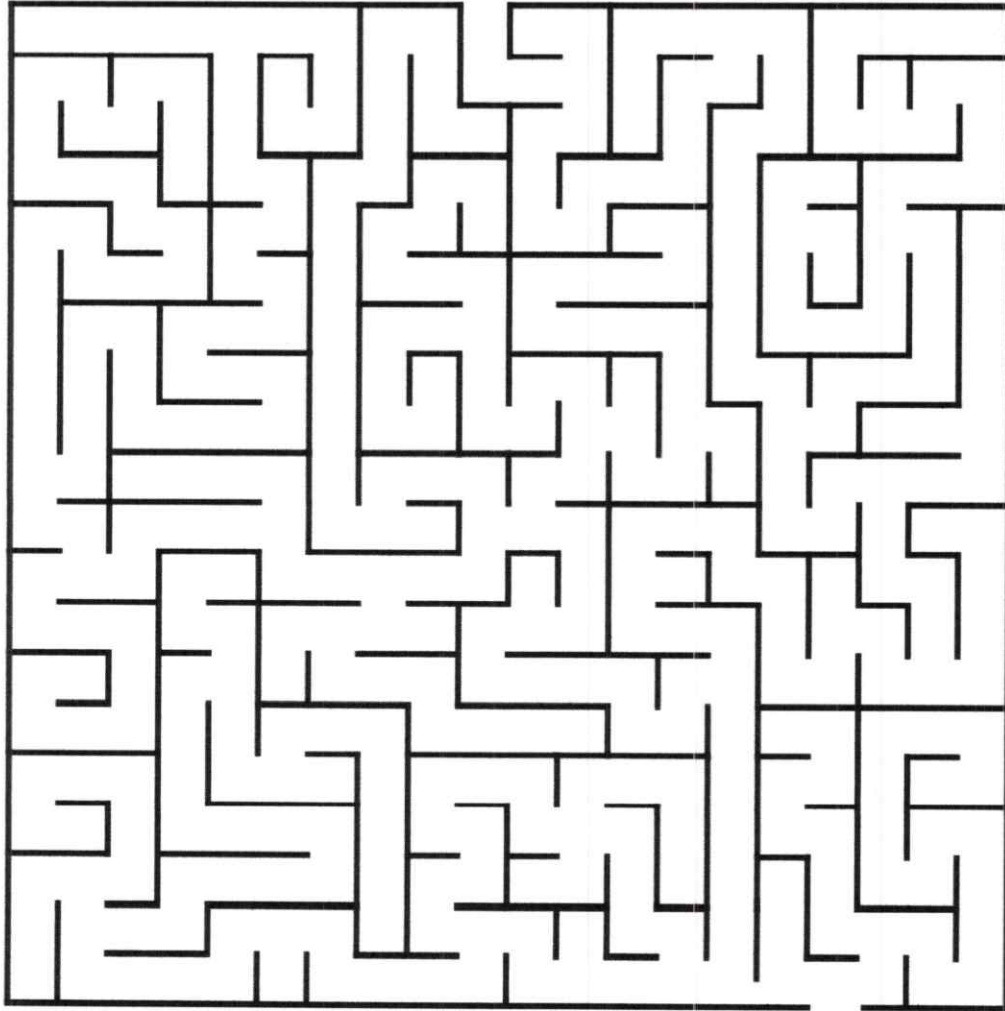
# THE EMPTY TOMB

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.

John 20:3-4

Help Peter and the other disciple run to Jesus' tomb.

Start



## He is risen!