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From the Manse

Dear Friends

*By blue Galilee Jesus walked of old;
By blue Galilee wondrous things He told.
Saviour, still my teacher be,
Showing wondrous things to me
As of old by Galilee, Blue Galilee.*

I don't know if it was because we were close to the sea but this Sunday School chorus was a firm favourite when I was growing up. I seem to recall that it was one we sang often! I remember the first time in the Holy Land when I was working as a volunteer padding in the Galilee near a place called Tabgha singing this chorus with others as we contemplated on Jesus walking the dusty roads of Palestine and sailing, calming the storm and walking on the Sea of Galilee.

It was so good to be Carol's personal guide and take her round the many places I visited then and since then on other trips I've been on. There are many churches built on holy sites where "traction says" that Jesus did this here and that there. What matters more than whether a place is the actual place where an event took place is that it did take place and that Jesus did take on our human form and lived and breathed in those sunny climes!

Many books have been inspired by following in the footsteps of Jesus, but not just for visitors wanting to visit the sites but for those wanting to learn of Jesus, learn about him and following his example by, in the words of the Hymn writer, John Ernest Bode, following in his footsteps.

*Oh, let me see Thy footprints, and in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly is in Thy strength alone;
Oh, guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end;
And then in Heav'n receive me, my Saviour and my Friend.*

Jesus did walk those dusty roads because, in sending him into the world, God saw our, at times, faltering footsteps and plant his own feet in our footprints. In other words, he came to understand our fears and anxieties, our weaknesses and our temptations, our regrets and our frustrations. The ultimate experience was in his willingness to go to the cross which shows us that there is a way through and beyond as he invites us to follow him, to become servants like him and serve God and each other as God came to serve us in Christ.

At the Coronation King Charles III will be met by the youngest congregant, a 14 year old chorister, and will declare, "In his name and after his example, I come not to be served but to serve".

Forthcoming Services

Sunday, 14th May

11 a.m. Morning Worship

Living the Faith: The call to serve

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Sunday, 21st May

11 a.m. Morning Worship

Living the Faith: The call to give

Sunday, 28th May

11 a.m. Morning Worship

Living the Faith: The gift of the Spirit

Sunday, 4th June

11 a.m. Morning Worship

Living the Faith: Learning to love

*The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*N.B. there will also be a shorter celebration of Communion on Wednesday, 7th June at 12 noon. This replaces the afternoon service which we held before lockdown.

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.

Study Groups

Study groups continue in May 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. They are held in the Session Room at 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 24th May

Living the Faith: Your money and your life

*So let us learn how to serve,
And in our lives enthrone Him;
Each other's needs to prefer,
For it is Christ we're serving.*

The time is right for all of us to respond in faith to Christ, the one who is the foundation of our faith, to serve as he did and see what part we can play in the furtherance of the kingdom.

Your friend and minister

Robbie

The King!

Charles III became King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the 8th September 2022, with the death of his mother Queen Elizabeth II. While his mother was Britain's longest-reigning monarch, Charles holds the record for being Britain's longest-serving monarch-in-waiting. He was 73 when he ascended the throne.



As a boy he attended schools in London, Hampshire and Gordonstoun in Scotland. He entered Trinity College, Cambridge, in 1967. He attained a bachelor's degree there in 1971, the first ever earned by an heir to the British crown. He also spent a term at the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, learning Welsh in preparation for his investiture as Prince of Wales on the 1st July, 1969 at Caernarvon Castle. He went on to attend both the Royal Air Force College and the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, before embarking on a naval career, following in the footsteps of his father, grandfather and both his great-grandfathers.

Later he became an outspoken critic of modern architecture. He expressed his views on the topic in *A Vision of Britain* (1989). In 1992 he founded the Prince of Wales's Institute of Architecture, which later evolved into the BRE Trust, an organization involved with urban regeneration and development projects. Arguably, the issue that has remained closest to Charles's heart is his concern for the environment, which dates to at least 1970, when he delivered a speech on the "horrifying effects" of all forms of pollution and called attention to the threat posed by "indestructible plastic containers." Since then he has often highlighted the need for rapid action on global warming. He has also been a passionate champion of sustainability, not least through the efforts of his Prince's Foundation, inspired by his philosophy of harmony: "that by understanding the balance, the order and the relationships between ourselves and the natural world we can create a more sustainable future." As heir to the throne he supported Queen Elizabeth II as the focal point for national pride, unity and allegiance and bringing people together across all sections of society, representing stability and continuity, highlighting achievement, and emphasising the importance of service and the voluntary sector by encouragement and example.

Wednesday, 31st May

Living the Faith: Sharing the faith

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

Welcome Teams

Sunday, 14th May

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

Sunday, 21st May

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

Sunday, 28th May

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

Sunday, 4th June

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

Funerals

17th April	Anne Herbertson
18th April	Margaret Chapman
27th April	Alex Fraser

Thank You

Liz Hannah would like to thank her Church Family and Robbie for the flowers she received on Easter Sunday. They were very much appreciated.

Jean Chambers would like to thank the congregation for the lovely flowers received following her recent accident. They were very much appreciated.

Prayer Points

- Continue to pray for the situation in the Ukraine that there will be an end to the carnage and atrocities and for the growing situation in Sudan.



This remains for him, a key priority as the reigning monarch, as he seeks to promote and protect the country's enduring traditions, virtues and excellence. He is also a strong supporter of the Armed Services and sees them as one of the most important parts of his role as King.

Charles delivered his inaugural address on the 9th September, 2022. In the televised speech he paid tribute to his mother's life and pledged "throughout the remaining time God grants me, to uphold the Constitutional principles at the heart of our nation." God save the King!

The Editor

Serving Others

Throughout her reign, the late Queen Elizabeth II spent her life serving others. As King Charles III starts his reign in a new and modern era, I am sure he will continue to serve as vigorously as his late Mother. There is a reminder here for each and every one of us, in that, we should all use our talents and abilities to serve others. Give the following quotes some thought:

- Happiness comes from serving others
- Serving others prepares you to lead others
- No joy can equal the joy of serving others
- No time is better spent than in the service of others
- Serving others can be challenging but it's such a blessing
- You don't need a reason to help people
- The more we share the more we have
- It is more blessed to give than to receive
- Work and live to serve others, leave the world a little better than you found it.

How do you think you could serve others? There are many things each one of us could do, if we are prepared to give of our time, our talents and our abilities.

The Editor

Oberammergau Diaries

The tale of the intrepid pilgrims continues.

Monday, 25th July

Yes, you have got it by now – DONG! DONG! DONG! Its 6am and the start of another day! Isobel led our morning prayers in the library on the theme of faithfulness and the reading was taken from **Matthew 4: 1-11**. Our daily thought for the day 'God is faithful, yesterday, today and tomorrow, he is faithful always!'

Today, we had a whole day to ourselves to do as we please! The large group split into smaller groups to go and do different things. Some people boarded the toy train to Nassereith, some wandered down into the town but the majority jumped on the bus and headed up the mountain to Hoch Imst at the head of the Rosengarten Canyon. Here you find the Hoch Imst cable car which takes you in two stages to the summit at 2100 metres (6800 feet). The peaks beyond rise to heights of over 2800 metres (9000 feet). It's also where you find the world's longest alpine rollercoaster! The views particularly from the top station were immense looking out towards the Gurgltal and Pitztal Valleys. Not everyone ventured to the summit but instead found a nice spot to sit and soak up the Alpine sunshine with a light refreshment on the side.

- Give thanks in prayer for all of our youth organisations.
- Pray for all young people preparing for and in the midst of important exams.
- Pray for the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland soon to be meeting in Edinburgh that the advancement of Christ's Kingdom will be at the heart of discussions.
- Pray for all housebound members and those in nursing homes that they might continue to get the support and help that they both need and deserve.
- Pray for the preparations soon to be undertaken for the Holiday Club and all who will be involved in whatever way this summer.
- Pray for the witness of all God's people that in word and deed others might enjoy that pleasant and life changing experience of God in their lives.

Christian Aid Week 14th – 20th May 2023

Christian Aid work with local partners and communities to fight injustice throughout the world, respond to humanitarian emergencies, campaign for change, and help people claim the services and rights they are entitled to. Every pound donated and every fundraising event held helps them to eradicate poverty. If you can, please donate generously to this year's appeal.

Liz Riddell



A terrible dilemma!

Jen, a loving mum in Malawi, dreams of her children being able to have the education they deserve. Her oldest two boys have gained college education places, which is very rare for young people from her rural area. One has a place at a prestigious polytechnic and one at a well-known college – it's even on one of Malawi's banknotes. Jen works hard to provide for her children. But she can barely scratch a living from the soil.

It is at the mid stage you find the Alpine Coaster the quickest way to get back down the mountain! The toboggan you sit in twists, turns and plummets down the mountainside for a distance of 3.5 km (over 2 miles) and drops over 500 metres (1600 feet). Certainly got the adrenalin pumping! Everyone who chose this descent thoroughly enjoyed the experience and some even went back up in the cable car for a second shot! At the base there were a number of café/bars to enjoy a nice lunch and many did! Afterwards, it was back on the bus to the hotel. Again in the afternoon, pilgrims did their own thing. Some enjoyed the spa facilities at the hotel whilst others went for a wee wander. Myself, and two fellow pilgrims managed to find the local sports club complete with a wide range of sporting facilities including a climbing wall and a bar!

In the evening, we all attended a 'Tyrolean Evening' on the farm owned by the hotel. Lederhosen was optional. It was a nice stroll to the farm which was about a mile away or you could hitch a lift on the tractor and trailer! Within the converted barn the music played, food was served and the beer flowed in time to the music! Schuhplattler dancing was performed by local dancers with much stomping, clapping and slapping of shoes, knees and thighs! The resident entertainer, played his accordion and keyboard, sang and yodelled throughout the night, even for the New Wellwynd dancers, who took to the floor later on. No stomping this time just a gentle shuffle! All too soon the evening came to a close and it was back to the hotel. The lucky ones got a lift, the rest of us had to walk and yes, the rain came on – soaked! Back at the hotel a few wee nippy sweeties soon warmed the cockles of our hearts. It had been a busy day, despite it being a day of leisure but very enjoyable nonetheless. It was now after 1.00am and that bell would be ringing in 5 hours. Get to bed! Night night!

To be continued

George Randall

Christian Aid – Prayer for the World

How long, O Lord, can we hide our faces from the headlines of violence and tragedy?

How long, O Lord, will communities in places of unrest be displaced by conflict?

How long, O Lord, will the children of the world be affected by floods, droughts and earthquakes?

How long, O Lord, must the soul of humanity bear the pain of trauma and loss, and have sorrow in its heart all day long?

Consider and answer us, O Lord our God!

Give protection to all those living in fear of death.

Give strength to endure so tragedy will not prevail.

Give guidance to decision makers who are on the ground.

Give compassion to hearts weary with fatigue.

We trust in your steadfast love.

Our hearts will rejoice in your salvation, as we participate in your kingdom restoration praying, acting and giving bountifully with all those preparing and repairing what violence, flood, drought and earthquake is destroying.

How long, O Lord, will we bring our prayers of lament to you?

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord we pray.

Amen

Soaring costs of food, fuel, fertiliser, school uniforms and school fees are crushing dreams and keeping her family in poverty. Now, Jen has had to make a choice. One no mum should be forced to make. Rising costs mean Jen can pay for only one of her sons' college courses. Jen desperately needs to earn more, so that her oldest son Mathews can study as well. His place at a prestigious college is reserved for a year, so Jen remains hopeful that he'll be able to start his course. The erratic weather is affecting Jen's profits. 'The result is that our harvest is very little,' she says. But Jen remains resilient. 'We say, let's work hard so that the money will help the children go to school,' she smiles. Jen and her husband have two acres of pigeon peas, but they are struggling with the effects of the climate crisis. The rainfall is unreliable, and there are more storms, flooding and stronger winds. The pigeon pea is a tough plant, able to withstand a lot – just like Jen. But to make the most of her crop, Jen needs to plant good quality seeds and sell for the best price possible, and not to unscrupulous middlemen. Your gift could help farmers like Jen plant better seeds, secure a fairer price for their crops, and build happier futures for their children. Please give this Christian Aid Week and help this strong and determined mum provide for her family's future.

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Coronation Wordsearch

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Can YOU discover the missing words?

CORONATION

KING

QUEEN

CROWN

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

ROYAL

CELEBRATION

WINDSOR

STREET PARTY

CASTLE

BUCKINGHAM

CARRIAGE

THRONE

BUNTING

PALACE



King Charles III - Did you know?

1. King Charles III was born on 14th November 1948 to parents Queen Elizabeth II (then Princess Elizabeth) and Prince Phillip, the Duke of Edinburgh, at Buckingham Palace, London.
2. He became King on 8 September 2022 after his mother the Queen sadly passed away in Balmoral Castle, Scotland. Aged 73, King Charles III is the oldest monarch ever crowned in British history, having been heir apparent (the next person to be crowned) since he was 3 years old.
3. From 1967 to 1970, he studied history at Cambridge University making him the first monarch in UK history with a university degree!
4. King Charles III can speak Welsh after spending two months learning the language as he prepared to become the Prince of Wales in 1969. He still speaks it today, while visiting and addressing the country.
5. While serving in the military, King Charles III trained as a jet and helicopter pilot and became an accomplished diver. He's even explored shipwrecks like The Mary Rose – King Henry VIII's flagship!
6. He is a keen watercolour painter as well as a published author and music lover, playing the cello in his university orchestra.
7. As Prince of Wales, he founded nearly 20 charities which together raise £140 million each year for good causes! He's also passionate about the environment – as Prince, he spoke out about plastic pollution as early as 1970, drove an electric car and planted many trees during royal engagements.
8. He's the reigning monarch in 14 other countries, as well as the UK. These include Australia, New Zealand, Canada and Jamaica. As King, he's also the only person in the UK who can travel without a passport and drive without a licence!
9. King Charles III is no stranger to an audience having featured in UK TV show Coronation Street, participated in stage magicians' group the Magic Circle and presented the BBC weather forecast.
10. His son, Prince William, is next in line for the throne. The King has two children – Princes William and Harry – and five grandchildren. Prince William is next in line to become King, and was named the Prince of Wales in 2022.

