

THE NEW WELLWYNDER

April 2019

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from the Manse -

Dear Friends,

“What happened next?” was the theme of a recent Easter Service I conducted at Airdrie Academy. With the help of technology, I was able to show a picture of a golfer standing by his golf ball. The only trouble was that there was a tree in the way of him and where he needed the ball to go. The question I posed was, “what happened next?” There were, of course, a number of possibilities ranging from it hitting the tree and ricocheting off the tree and hitting him on the forehead, through to a neat shot either over the tree or round it. In the end what happened was that he played a beautiful shot around the tree!

It is almost a parable for life and all that gets in the road of our journey in life. We come across so many different kinds of obstacles. There are the challenges stopping us in our tracks. There are the situations we'd rather avoid. There are the people who intimidate us. We somehow want to find a way around or even a way over what is happening, and, very often, we want to go for the avoidance tactic as we just want to avoid any possibility of a collision as we face something head on. Yet, this is what Good Friday and Easter Sunday encourage us to do.

Jesus had a very clear mission and that was to face up to all that haunts and daunts us in life. There was the temptation to avoid facing them head on as his testing in the desert and throughout his ministry. It was a temptation to take the easy route, exhorting all the power he had to ensure an easy ride for him. But this was not his way, not the way of the one who was to come into the world and into our lives to offer the new life God so wants us to have and enjoy here and now. He came not to show us a way around, or even over, everything from our sin, where and when we fall short, through to the many challenges that confront us in life, but also to show us a way through. This is route we often would rather devolve, because it means facing up to our crosses, carrying them and then finding a way through them.

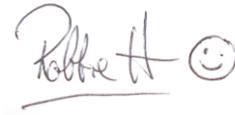
Being led to the cross is a scary prospect but, if we are willing to address all that we'd rather hide away, is the way through and the way beyond. It is the way that leads to healing and wholeness. It is the way that leads to a new way of living, a new way of relating to others and a new way of relating to God in and through Jesus as he walks with us, talks to us and gives us the strength and courage we

need, not to avoid conflict, but to effectively face up to it.

What do you need to face up to today? What do I need to face up to today? Only you and I can answer these questions individually in our lives, but in the fellowship with God and with each other walk through the storm to find ourselves in sunnier and easier days.

May God bless you and yours this Easter and beyond.

Your friend and minister.



SERVICES

April

- 14 11 a.m. **Morning Worship** for Palm Sunday.
God's Extraordinary in the Ordinary.
Sacrament of Holy Baptism.
- 21 10 a.m. **Outdoor Service** followed by
Easter Egg Hunt.
11 a.m. **Morning Worship** for Easter Sunday.
Seeing is believing.
Sacrament of Holy Baptism
and Confirmation.
- 28 11 a.m. **Morning Worship.**

May

- 5 11 a.m. **Morning Worship.**
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Holy Week Services

Once again we are holding our joint Holy Week Services with Airdrie: St Columba's, alternating the venue each night between the two buildings. Details are as follows:

Monday, 15th April at 7.30 p.m.

Venue – St Columba's

Tuesday, 16th April at 7.30 p.m.

Venue – The New Wellwynd

Wednesday, 17th April at 7.30 p.m.

Venue – St Columba's

Thursday, 18th April at 7.30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Venue – The New Wellwynd

Friday, 19th April at 7.30 p.m.

Good Friday Service followed by tea and coffee

Venue – St Columba's

Saturday, 20th April at 7.30 p.m.

Easter Saturday Service

Venue - The New Wellwynd

DRIVERS / FLOWER DELIVERY.

April

- 14 Alison Sefton.
21 Belle Clark.
28 Jillian McQuarrie.

May

- 5 David Walker.
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CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

Baptisms : Eden Rae Johnston, Eilidh Phillips,
Emily Margaret Ellen McAdams.

Funerals : Archie Nicol, Grace Torrance,
Lynn Young, Nancy W. Nelson.

Change of Address/District :

Mrs. Shirley Easton, from D.10 to D.32.

Mrs. Jess Brown, from D.66 to D.37.

Mrs. Alice McGowan, from D.46 to D.26.

BIBLE READINGS

March

3 Exodus 34 : 29 - 35; Luke 9 : 28 - 36.

Romans 8 : 31 - 39.

10 Haggai 1 : 1 - 11; 1 Corinthians 13 : 8 - 13.

17 Jeremiah 29 : 10 - 14; 2 Timothy 4 : 1 - 8.

24 Job 42 : 2 - 5; 2 Peter 1 : 5 - 11.

31 Deuteronomy 10 : 12 - 22;
Matthew 12 : 46 - 50.

WELCOME TEAMS

April

14 **Team Leader** : Elizabeth Robertson
Mima Dalziel, Isabell Gibson, George Grant,
George Lawson, Morag Stewart.

21 **Team Leader** : Bobby Forrest
Fraser Gillespie, Mairi Mitchell, Jim Thomson,
William Watson, Maggie Weir,
Catherine Whellans.

28 **Team Leader** Ian Nicol
Alex Anderson, Sandy Black, Wilma Davidson,
John Jarvie, Anne Learmonth, Dan Russell.

May

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

THANKS

Richard and Susan Forrester thank everyone at the New Wellwynd for the flowers received on their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Margaret and Drew Cowan would like to thank the congregation for the lovely flowers they received. They were very much appreciated.

Freda Gilchrist would like to thank the congregation for the lovely flowers received. Thanks also for the cards, messages of support and best wishes. All were greatly appreciated.

EASTER FLOWERS

Once again, we would like to deliver flowers on Easter Sunday to those in our congregation and parish who have been bereaved during the past year. The Flower Team will be in the Crush Hall on Saturday, 20th April, from 10:00 a.m. till 12 noon to receive any donations of flowers. These flowers will decorate the church for our Easter Sunday Service and then be delivered with our Easter greeting in the afternoon. We hope to have the services of our volunteer drivers to assist with the distribution. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

FLOWER CONVENERS

In Stitches Craft Group

Our craft group will be meeting on 30 April, 14 and 28 May in the Session Room from 10 am until 12 noon. Come along to enjoy the chat, tea, coffee and biscuits – some of us come along just to enjoy the company of the group. Feel free to bring along any craft project you are working on. If you want any more information speak to Anne Learmonth or any other member of the group.

Traidcraft

We're still stocking the staples of Coffee, Tea, Biscuits as well as the small Divine Bars. Thanks for your continued support, every little helps the producers of the basic ingredients.

The stall continues to be available after the morning service each Sunday.

The new Spring Catalogue for 2019 has recently been published and these will be available on the stall in the coming weeks.

Offering Envelopes or Standing Order

Traditionally, members have given to support the work of the Church at The New Wellwynd and beyond through the use of offering envelopes. However, following the recent Stewardship programme, there has been a significant increase in the number of members who are finding it more convenient to support the Church by using a standing order instruction to the bank. A standing order is easy to set up and means that even when you cannot attend worship, due to family circumstances or holidays, your offering is still being received. Once set up, the standing order can be reviewed at any time to reflect changes in circumstances.

A Standing Order Form is enclosed with this newsletter and, if you wish to start giving to the Church using this method rather than envelopes, please complete the form and hand this to your bank to be set up. This will then be picked up via the Church's bank statement and you will no longer be issued with offering envelopes going forward.

Thank you for your continued support of the congregation through you offering contributions.

CHRISTIAN AID BIG BREKKIE

Want to change the world over breakfast? Then come and tuck in at our Big Brekkie while raising money to fight poverty and injustice worldwide, and help in this year's focus on Healthcare.

WHERE: New Wellwynd Church

DATE: Sunday 19th May

TIME: 9.30am

Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast".
John 21:12

Look out for more details in the May newsletter.

LIZ RIDDELL

SENIOR CIRCLE

By the time you read this, we will have feasted on lunch at our final meeting of the session and been royally entertained by two sisters who previously worked on cruise ships. I thank you all for your love and support this winter, and wish one and all a happy and relaxing summer. We hope to see you again in September.

ISABELL GIBSON

Christian Aid Disaster Appeal

Thank you to all who have generously responded to the Cyclone Idai Appeal so far, which has allowed us to help the survivors of this devastating disaster. We have started and are continuing to respond to those who are in urgent need. Please donate today if you haven't had a chance to do so already.

What's happened so far?

Just over two weeks ago, tropical Cyclone Idai left a trail of destruction across Zimbabwe, Malawi and Mozambique, where more than 3 million people are affected. 750 people have been killed, but with many people still missing, we expect the death toll to rise and is likely to be over 1,000. Christian Aid joined with the rest of the Disaster Emergency Committee to raise urgent funds and bring necessary assistance to the victims.

How are we responding?

People are in desperate need. In Malawi and Zimbabwe, we are working with local organisations to provide food, shelter, clothing, water, and healthcare. In Malawi, we are focused on getting nutritious food to breastfeeding mothers like Ginesi, children under five, and pregnant women.

Why your support matters

The cyclone has caused huge suffering across the region. The potential for serious water-borne diseases has increased - and there have already been cases of cholera reported. Rapid investment in emergency water and sanitation infrastructure is needed to prevent the spreading of water-borne diseases. After our immediate response, we will be assessing the damage to people's livelihoods. We are planning to invest in supporting individuals to rebuild their livelihoods and support communities to improve resilience. Please continue supporting and sharing this appeal so we can help more people in need. Thank you.

NICK GUTTMANN

Head of Humanitarian Division

Did you know - 3 Days and 3 Nights at Easter!

This title looks like a headline in a holiday brochure perhaps advertising a nice romantic break somewhere special! Sorry to disappoint you – it's not! As we approach another Easter here is a wee riddle to give some thought too. In the Gospel According to Matthew 12:40 Jesus clearly states that he will 'spend three days and nights in the depths of the earth'! However, he was crucified on Friday and resurrected on Sunday morning, so work it out for yourself - how can that be three days and three nights?

.....The Bible tells us that Jesus died on the afternoon of Friday and arose early Sunday morning.

So that spans part of Friday, two whole nights, one whole day and part of Sunday, not three full days and three full nights. Skeptics often leap on this to accuse him of a failed prophecy, but of course they are wrong! When he spoke of 'three days and three nights' he was using a normal Jewish idiom typical of that time. To a Jew in biblical times any part of a day was reckoned, or spoken of as the whole day and following night. Similarly, the whole day and night was idiomatically spoken of as equal to part of the day or night. It is still much the same in many rural Asian cultures today. Devoid of electricity and clocks/watches, agricultural people do not clock-watch: they rise with the sun and flake-out just after sunset. They often still speak of a day and its night as the same as a fraction of that day. Just like people back in Jesus' time. Now you know! By the way there is still time to book a nice wee break somewhere.

THE EDITOR

Hope

Do you know what Hope is?
It's magic and it's free.
It's not in a prescription.
It's not in an IV.
It punctuates out laughter,
It sparkles in our tears,
It simmers under sorrows,
And dissipates our fears.

Do you know what Hope is?
It's reaching past today,
It's dreaming of tomorrow,
It's trying a new way.
It's pushing past impossible,
It's pounding on the door,
It's questioning the Answers,
It's always seeking more.
It's rumours of a breakthrough,
It's whispers of a cure,
A roller coaster ride
Of remedies, unsure.

Do you know what Hope is?
It's chocolate for the soul,
It's perfume for the spirit,
To share it makes you Whole!

Anon

I found.....

- Hope
- Family
- Peace

I found..... (cont'd.)

- Strength
- Purpose
- Answers
- Healing
- Forgiveness
- Friendship
- Grace
- Restoration
- Love
- Security
- Value
- Meaning
- Comfort
- Belonging
- Identity
- Life
- Jesus

What will you find this Easter?

A BEACON OF HOPE

The world cries out with a common voice, 'Is there hope? Where can hope be?' To our wounded world God still replies, 'with the cross of Calvary!' (Further reflection: Isaiah 55:3)

Cast your cares on him

At the cross, Jesus took on all our sins and troubles and placed them on himself. Yet the sacrifice was not just a one-off he is more than willing to do it for you again and again. What sacrificial love! (Further reflection: Romans 5:8)

Decide on your own ending

Do not think of your problems as a full stop, but merely as a comma. You can decide how the rest of the sentence will finish! (Further reflection: Philippians 1:6)

Keep going

If you are going through hell – don't stop, keep going!

(Further reflection: Isaiah 43:2 and Matthew 24:13)

R Daly

Some ways to feel amazing this Easter

- Look for the silver lining

Life is full of ups and downs but we can learn from everything that happens to us. A relationship ends, we fail an exam, lose a job.....Once the initial anger and despondency is over we can review our setbacks and use them to learn more about ourselves. Every event in our lives has a purpose – there is a powerful intention in every situation. Rather than remaining in a negative state which only pulls you down, approach the situation in a new way. As one door closes another opens. Look for the newly opening door, look for the silver lining!

- Laugh yourself silly

How do you feel when you have had a really good laugh? You feel great, don't you? Laughing and smiling actually have amazing health giving effects. Laughter really is the best medicine. You can't really

have a good laugh and be anxious at the same time. Begin with a smile, a smile can start to change your mood. Seek out something that has made you laugh in the past – some photographs, a book, the company of a certain friend, a particular activity. Put a smile on your face and go for laughter. It can only make you feel 100 per cent better!

- Do more of whatever makes you tick

It is not always necessary to take mood altering drugs in order to change the way we feel. Think of how easily our emotions can be changed by the simple things in life. Perhaps a piece of music can lift your spirits, a walk, a piece of artwork, a poem, driving, cooking, swimming, dancing, shopping, singing..... there are an infinite number of possibilities here. Start to notice what changes your mood for the better. Make a list of the things that energise and excite you. Now do these things!

L Field

Church Chuckles

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5, Ryan, 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson.

"If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait.'"

Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for Elders 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 our student Beverley as her time with us comes to an end.

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