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Roy - of the Rectory



So! There I was, in a nice warm garage, in the south of England, and the dog collar decides we're off north. I mean, I have never even been north of Derby, bit of a culture shock I can tell you. To be honest I think the dog collar is going a bit daft in his old age! But I was loaded, rather unceremoniously onto the back of a furniture wagon and taken to new rides and adventures in Caledonia. Well a bike does not get a lot of choice. Bikes must go where they are pointed. So here I am. And it is not like I have actually been out much. The dog collar does not like polishing chrome. That does not mean I do not see everything though. That crack in the garage door is more than wide enough for me to see all that goes on, and of course I can hear the dog collar, muttering to himself, and talking to folks next door. The walls are not really that thick. It gives me a great vantage point, from which to observe this strange new world, the name of which does not seem to have settled yet. I hear, Coatbridge, Airdire and Gartcosh mentioned, but that seems to be less and less, and more and more its Monklands I hear. Now monks I am used to. The dog collar used to be one. But that was before my time. So if you see me out and about, wave, and say hello. The dog collar will be the one on top, grinning stupidly. Good job I have a wide saddle!

Three revs of my throttle to you all.

Roy

Around and about our church – The Font



“Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit.” John 3:5

“The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up into eternal life.” John 4:14

Our font, from St Andrew’s Church Gartcosh, is placed near to the entrance of our church at its west end. Looking through the doors, it is one of the first items of church furniture we see. The placing of the font is symbolic of the journey the Christian believer through life (John 3:5). For the infant, it is site of their baptismal rite, their initiation into Christ’s church.

For the baptised, it is a regular reminder of our baptism. For the departed, it is the last point of their church journey as they move onward to God’s everlasting kingdom.

The font we encounter weekly is one specifically designed for infant baptism. In the early history of the church it was common to baptise adults. John the Baptist baptised the adult Jesus at the start of his ministry. In many mediaeval churches, the font was in a separate Baptistery building. This was to ensure the privacy of the person receiving baptism. These buildings, often octagonal, were serious works of architecture. Many remaining examples can be found in Italy. We can see a replica of the remarkable main doors to Florence baptistery at the Hamilton Mausoleum.

The word “font” is from the Latin “fons” meaning spring or fountain, a meaning that resonates with the John 4:14 text. The oldest font in Rome, at the Lateran Church from the 5th century A.D., is situated over a spring.

Fonts are the vessels that hold the blessed water. Baptisms in our church are predominantly, though not exclusively, for infants. The Priest pours water on the over the one to be baptised. In many church traditions in the past and today, full immersion of the candidate takes place.

Fonts are holy places where one of the great sacraments of the church is encountered. They are therefore protected in various ways. They could be locked in a separate baptistery building e.g. Florence, Pisa. They could be placed in a baptistery chapel within the church or cathedral. Two great twentieth century cathedrals in England – Westminster and Coventry – have this style of baptistery. Fonts will be covered at all times when not in use. In mediaeval times, apparently theft of holy water was common. The Archbishop of Canterbury decreed in 1236 that fonts should be always kept locked. I'm not sure if the Scottish Episcopal Church has canon law on that! Font covers varied in design from flat lids to tall ornamented covers with pinnacles and small buttresses.

The “Good Worship Guide”(2013) has some helpful tips for baptismal services. Regarding the font, it points out:

Ensure the font is clean and that the plug is inserted before filling it with water (–good idea!) In winter it is a kindness to take the chill off the water by adding some warm water when filling the font (- nice to see one of the fruits of the spirit, kindness, coming into it!)

Geoff Sage

A thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone, who during my recent illness, sent get well cards and also for the many phone calls wishing me a full recovery.

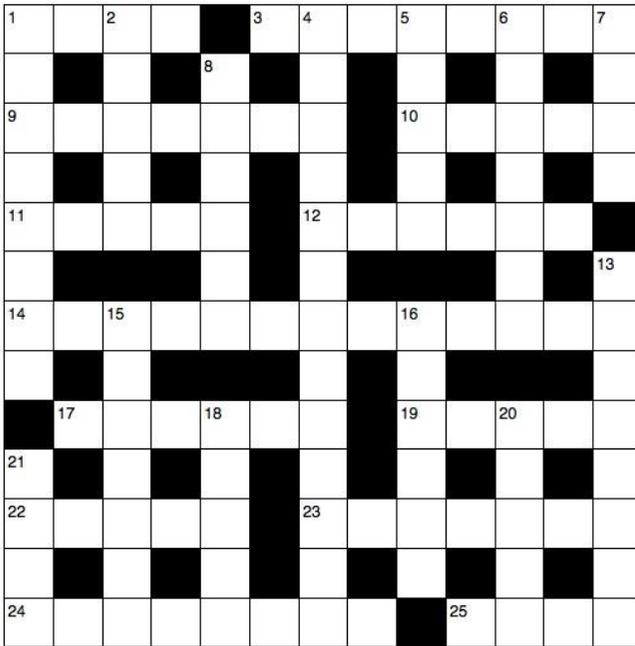
I must also thank the Rector for his pastoral visits so that I could receive Holy Communion. These visits included to my home, the hospital and my son-in-law and daughters home in Cairnhill. After each visit I felt greatly uplifted by the genuine care shown for my welfare

Once again, many thanks to all my own family and to our “wee church Family”.

Jim Charnley

Crossword – Answers at the back

Across



1 'The baby in my — leaped for joy' (Luke 1:44) (4)

3 A 'don't know' in matters of faith (8)

9 In the distant past (Jeremiah 2:20) (4,3)

10 Armada (1 Kings 10:22) (5)

11 Where Moses was confronted with the burning bush (Exodus 3:1) (5)

12 Hair colour indicative of skin infection (Leviticus 13:30) (6)

14 'The worries of this life and the — of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful' (Matthew 13:22) (13)

17 Expel (2 Kings 13:23) (6)

19 What Jesus wrapped round his waist when he washed his disciples' feet (John 13:4) (5)

22 The sixth plague to afflict the Egyptians (Exodus 9:9) (5)

23 For nine (anag.) (7)

24 Where there is no time (Psalm 93:2) (8)

25 Goliath's challenge to the Israelite army in the Valley of Elah: 'This day I — the ranks of Israel!' (1 Samuel 17:10) (4)

Down

1 'I will become angry with them and forsake them; I — — my face from them' (Deuteronomy 31:17) (4,4)

- 2 Usual description of prophets such as Amos, Hosea, Micah, and so on (5)
- 4 'They cannot see the light of the gospel of the — — — , who is the image of God' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (5,2,6)
- 5 An animal's internal edible parts (Leviticus 4:11) (5)
- 6 Popular 20th-century religious novel by Lloyd C. Douglas, which became a 1953 film starring Richard Burton (3,4)
- 7 'A — on a hill cannot be hidden' (Matthew 5:14) (4)
- 8 One of the exiles, a descendant of Bebai, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:28) (6)
- 13 Old Testament hymn-singing (8)
- 15 'And O what transport of delight from thy pure — floweth' (7)
- 16 Of felt (anag.) (3,3)
- 18 'So — the — sets you free, you will be free indeed' (John 8:36) (2,3)
- 20 Comes between 'bad' and 'worst' (John 5:14) (5)
- 21 'Neither height nor depth... will be — to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (4)



We are of such value to God,
That he came to live among us
And guide us home.

He will go to any length
To seek us
Even being lifted high on a cross
To draw us back to Himself

We can only respond
By loving God
For his Love

St Catherine of Siena

Aunt Lizzie's Kitchen



The soda farl hails from Northern Ireland and is prepared on a griddle; it is made fresh in the morning, cooked until golden, and eaten immediately. Farls are delicious with butter and homemade jam or with savory foods such as smoked salmon, kippers, or thick dry-cured bacon. The soda bread quarters

are slow cooked on a stovetop griddle or in a cast-iron pan for about 15-20 minutes on each side. The farls will rise while cooking, and you may need to “harn” them (set them upright on the griddle, leaning against each other) to cook the edges. Soda farls are perfect hot off the griddle, sliced down the middle, topped with butter, and slathered with jam or honey.

Ingredients

- 250g plain flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon fine sea salt
- 250mls buttermilk

Instructions

In a large bowl, sift together the flour, baking soda and salt. Make a well in the middle, and add the buttermilk gradually, bringing the dough together with a mixing spoon. This recipe makes a soft dough, but the more buttermilk you incorporate, the better the bread tastes.

Turn the dough out onto a well-floured wooden surface, and knead it gently until you have a smooth, round shape, about 2

minutes. Roll out to a fairly thick circle, about 10 inches in diameter, and cut into quarters.

Preheat a griddle or heavy skillet over medium heat. To check the temperature, dust with flour. Once the flour starts to colour, brush it off, and turn the heat down to low. Your griddle is now ready.

Place the farls on the griddle until golden brown on one side, 2 to 3 minutes. Flip and cook for another 5 to 10 minutes. The farls will rise into triangular pillows. Test for doneness by pressing the middle — if they still hold the indent of your finger, you must flip them again and cook until firm.

Cool the cooked farls on racks, covered with a damp tea towel to keep them soft or uncovered if you prefer a drier crust. Slather in fresh butter and honey or marmalade to boost flavour.

Notes: For a Irish-style breakfast, soda farls are cut in half and then fried in bacon fat until they are crisp on both sides.

Points to ponder

Swallowing of pride seldom leads to indigestion

The world needs more warm hearts and fewer hot heads

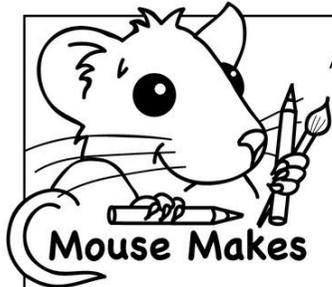
The hurrier I go, the behinder I get

Are you wrinkled with burden? Come to church for a facelift

Man's way leads to a hopeless end. God's to endless hope

The news the world ever heard, came from a graveyard

For the little people



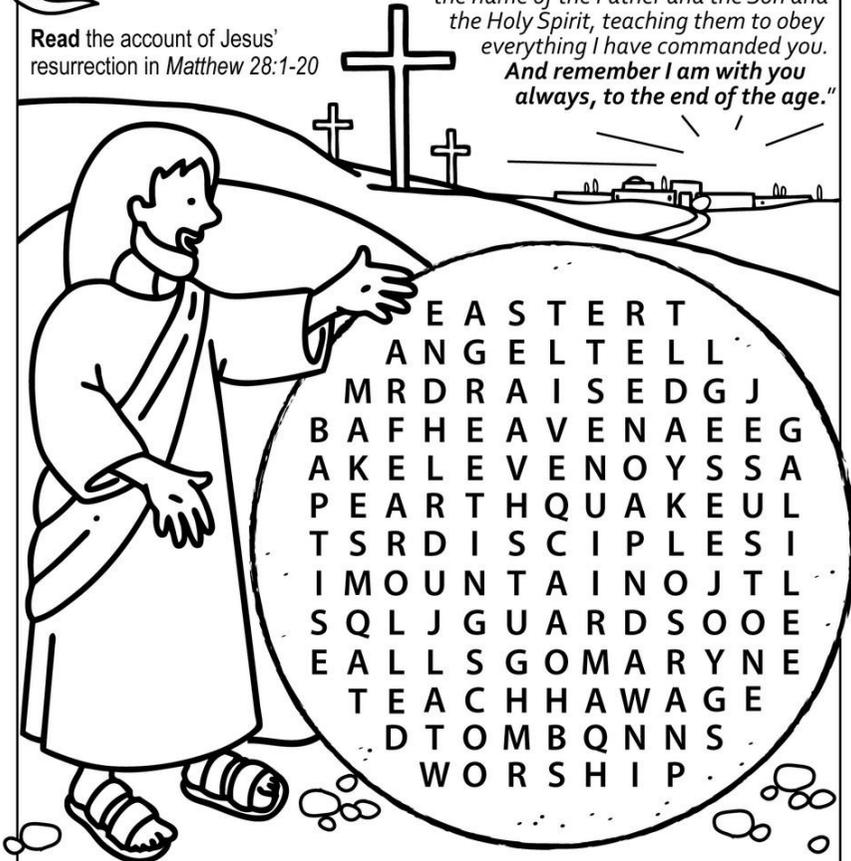
Read the account of Jesus' resurrection in *Matthew 28:1-20*

JESUS IS ALIVE!

After Jesus had been raised from the dead He met Mary and Mary Magdalene "Greetings," He said, "Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee. They will see me there."

When the disciples met Jesus in Galilee He said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

And remember I am with you always, to the end of the age."



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Can you find these words from the story in the word search above? EASTER • DAWN DAY • MARY • TOMB • EARTHQUAKE • ANGEL • HEAVEN • ROLLED • STONE • GUARDS JESUS • RAISED • FEAR • JOY • RAN • GREETINGS • TELL • DISCIPLES • SEE • ELEVEN GALILEE • MOUNTAIN • WORSHIP • ALL • GO • MAKE • BAPTISE • TEACH • END • AGE

Someone does care

I found God in the Morning
We just talked
I kept Him near me everywhere I walked

I called to God at noontime
A heart filled with despair
I felt His quiet presence
I knew He was close

We met again at Sunset
The waning of the day
I had made Him happy,
If I lived His way

The when at bedtime
I knelt silently in prayer
Again His gentle presence
I felt, someone does care

When

When people are curt, or ignore what you say
When others' words hurt, and friends keep away
Remember, God loves you

When life feels all empty, or weighed down with care
When tears come in plenty with no one to share
Remember, God loves you

When money is tight and worried just stream
When nothing goes right, so you're ready to scream
Remember, God loves you

When burdened by guilt, and plagued by the past
When faith starts to wilt or doubts loom too vast
Remember, God loves you

When death comes to pray, as mount up the years
When friends pass away and you're riddled with fears
Remember, God loves you

Patrick Sayles

I opened a book

I opened a book and in I strode
Now nobody can find me
I've left my chair, my house, my road
My town and my world behind me

I'm wearing the cloak, I've slipped on the ring
I've swallowed the magic potion
I've fought with a dragon, dined with a king
And dived in a bottomless ocean

I opened a book and made some friends
I shared their tears and laughter
And followed their road with its bumps and bends
To the happily ever after

I finished my book and out I came
The cloak can no longer hide me
My chair and my house are just the same
But I have a book inside me

Julia Donaldson

Areas of Care

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Visiting our Church

We are a registered Scottish charity No. SCO06732

An Induction Loop System has been installed in this Church to aid the hard of hearing whose hearing aids should be switched to the 'T' position.

Large print and Braille copies of the liturgy and large print hymn books are available if required

If you know of someone who would like a visit, please talk to the Rector

If you know of someone who might like to be included in our prayers of intercession during our Sunday Eucharist please talk to the rector or complete one of the slips at the back of church

Our daily prayer calendar

March

- 1 The Primus, St David
- 2 Our Bishop, St Chad
- 3 Bishop's Staff Group
- 4 Porvoo link, Church of Sweden, St Adrian of May Island
- 5 Development team for imaginative outreach
- 6 Diocesan architect, diocesan surveyor, St Baldred
- 7 Chaplaincy in hospitals and hospices, Perpetua and companions
- 8 Diocesan treasurer
- 9 Development team for learning and discipleship
- 10 Porvoo link, Church of Ireland, St Kessog
- 11 Our cathedral chapter
- 12 Diocesan chancellor
- 13 Porvoo link, Church of England
- 14
- 15 The Anglican consultative council
- 16 Diocesan registrar, St Boniface of Ross
- 17 Development team for missional leadership, St Patrick
- 18 Diocesan secretary, St Cyril of Jerusalem
- 19 Porvoo link, Church in Wales, St Joseph
- 20 SEC general synod office, St Cuthbert
- 21 Mother union
- 22 Porvoo link, the evangelical Lutheran church of Iceland
- 23 Porvoo link, the evangelical Lutheran church of Finland
- 24 SEC provincial standing committee and provincial boards
- 25 Porvoo link, the Lusitanian church of Portugal, The Annunciation
- 26 Porvoo link, the Spanish episcopal reformed church
- 27 Those in ordination training
- 28 Porvoo link, the evangelical Lutheran church of Denmark
- 29 Porvoo link, the evangelical Lutheran church of Latvia
- 30 Lay reps
- 31 The Methodist church in Scotland

April

- 1 The Primus, Easter Sunday
- 2 Our bishop
- 3 The dean
- 4 The diocesan council
- 5 For those being married
- 6 Christian Aid
- 7 The work of CMS
- 8 Those caring for the sick and dying
- 9 For an end to homelessness
- 10 Diocesan centre staff
- 11 Persecuted Christians
- 12 The Anglican communion
- 13 The emergency services
- 14 Our parliaments
- 15 Development team for liturgy
- 16 Porvoo link, the evangelical Lutheran church of Lithuania
- 17 Canon missionary, St Donnan
- 18 Development team for growth
- 19 The primates meeting
- 20 For vocations, St Maelrubha
- 21 Mother's union, St Anselm
- 22 Ecumenical relations
- 23 Property committee, St George
- 24 The vestry
- 25 Diocesan news service, St Mark
- 26 Director of ordinands
- 27 PVG officers
- 28 Pastoral Assistants
- 29 Development team for young people, St Catherine of Sienna
- 30 Interfaith relations

Church Rota – Please arrange to cover absence – Thank you.

Clean	Teas	Counting	Intercessor	Lay Assist	Server	Reader N/T	Reader O/T	Welcome	Date
	T10	T1	GSA	RO	RO	JCH	MO	T3	4 th Mar
T17	T15	T11	RO	JCH	AG	ADI	PL	T5	11 th Mar
	T16	T14	MO	ADI	SL	GSA	RO	T2	18 th Mar
T22	T10	T1	GSA	GSA	ASA	PL	JCH	T3	25 th Mar
	T2	T11	MO	RO	RO	RO	GSA	T5	1 st Apr
T16	T15	T14	RO	ADI	MO	JCH	PL	T2	8 th Apr
	T16	T1	GSA	JCH	AG	RO	ADI	T3	15 th Apr
T17	T2	T11	MO	GSA	SL	PL	MO	T5	22 nd Apr
	T10	T14	RO	ADI	ASA	MO	GSA	T2	29 th Apr

T1		A Diamond & M Orr
T2		A Gordon & M Stevenson
T3		T&J Cummings
T5		P Maguire
T10		P Maguire & M Orr
T11		J Charnley & T Cummings
T14		G Sage & R Orr
T15		J Lowrie & M Jeffery
T16		R & M Orr
T17		E Mcloughlin & A Clark
T22		P Maguire & S Lawson

ADI	A Diamond
AG	A Gordon
ASA	A Sage
GSA	G Sage
JCH	J Charnley
MO	M Orr
PMA	P Maguire
SH	S Hainey
RO	R Orr
PL	P Livingstone
SL	S Lawson

Crossword Answers

ACROSS: 1, Womb. 3, Agnostic. 9, Long ago. 10, Fleet. 11, Horeb. 12, Yellow. 14, Deceitfulness. 17, Banish. 19, Towel. 22, Boils. 23, Inferno. 24, Eternity. 25, Defy.

DOWN: 1, Will hide. 2, Minor. 4, Glory of Christ. 5, Offal. 6, The Robe. 7, City. 8, Zabbai. 13, Psalmody. 15, Chalice. 16, Let off. 18, If son. 20, Worse. 21, Able.

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FROM THE EDITOR

Thank you to all who added their little bit to this edition of the magazine. Articles for the next edition should arrive no later than Sunday 22 April. Either in person or by e-mail to the Rector.