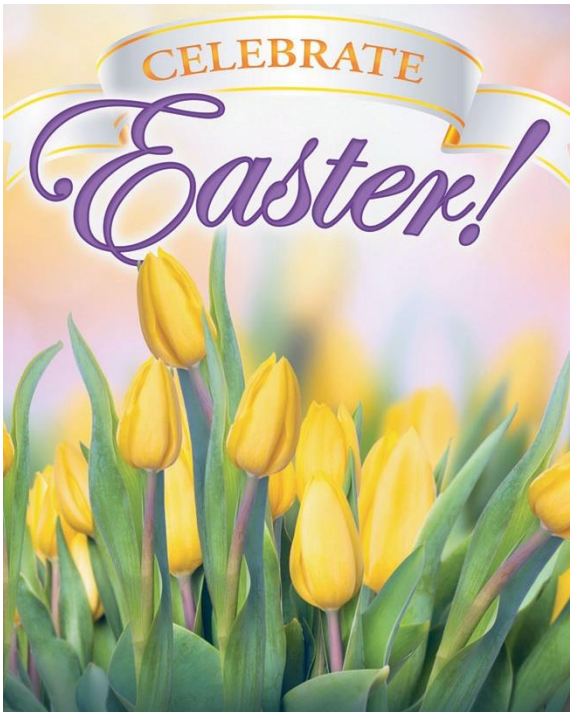


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Lasswade & Rosewell

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From the Minister ...

It has been an exciting start to this year in our churches with a few new beginnings. In mid-January, a little group from both churches embarked on what is called the 'Growing Young' programme, along with eleven other churches from across our new Presbytery of Lothian and Borders. 'Growing Young' is a programme that seeks to help churches make connections and build relationships with younger people who are so often missing from our church families today. By 'younger', we are thinking not only of children and teenagers, but also those in their 20s-50s, who are all younger than the majority of church members today.

In starting this programme, each church is being encouraged to listen to young people first of all, whether that's young people in their family or the church family, or friends or neighbours, and through this to seek to better understand what life is like for them; what are the 'highs' and 'lows' they face at present; what they love to do in their free time; what faith means to them; and what they think about church. The responses received will come together to help us be creative in discerning activities that we would like to begin in order to connect in fun and caring ways with young people and find avenues to explore faith with them. It is an important and exciting journey to be on, and we look forward to seeing all that can develop in the different stages of 'Growing Young'.

The other new beginning has been the arrival this February of our new Community Youth Worker, Josh Keay. Josh comes from Rosewell and will be encouraging our community of churches here in developing different ways to reach out to the young people in our community.

On the afternoon of Sunday 26th February, we had a very uplifting service in part of the Sports Hall at the Lasswade Leisure Centre at which members



Rev. Lorna Souter, Rev. Louise Purden and Josh Keay, our new Community Youth Worker.

of Cockpen & Carrington and Lasswade & Rosewell joined together for the first time as a parish grouping with members of Bonnyrigg Church. It was wonderful to see so many gathered, singing a mixture of hymns old and new. A main part of the service was a time to welcome and pray for Josh as he begins his ministry here with us all.

As a beautiful picture of our churches coming together, and to support Josh in every way we can, in reaching out to young people in our community and share the love of Jesus with them, we filled a tree with colourful cut-outs of our hands. The bare tree burst wonderfully into life with all our hands as leaves stuck on it. It offered a vibrant picture of the life-giving blessing that we can trust in God to see coming as we join hands together to pray, to love and care, and to share in activities that will express to others how they are so precious to God.

The Tearfund prayer diary offered this thought last week: *“When we open our hearts to God, our lives can be transformed; when we open our hands to God, the world can be transformed.”*

May we look forward to all being a part of this possibility, here where we are, as we open our hands to love and serve together in Jesus’ name. As we approach Good Friday and Easter Day, we recall how Jesus opened his hands out wide upon the cross and transformed the world forever. He died to take away all our wrongs and all that separated us from God and rose again to bring fullness of life and eternal hope to all who trust in him, making all things new. May the joy and gratitude we know through Jesus’ love for us and all he has done for us, remain a rock and inspiration for us, and a spur to continue to sing out and shine out for him so others can find him, too, and know their lives transformed.

With every blessing for Easter when it comes.

Your Minister,
Lorna Souter

Cockpen and Carrington Parish Church

From the Church Registers

Baptisms

Weddings

See Church website at **www.church.cockpen.co.uk** for information and advice on weddings.

Deaths

14 December 2022 Nancy Inglis Reid RICHARDSON

18 February 2023 Malcolm Cockburn GRAY

We remember the families in our prayers.

We continue to pray for those in our Congregations (and outwith) who grieve at this time of loss. As a Church, we are here for any who feel that we can help in any way.

Jesus said, 'I am the Resurrection and the Life'



Used Stamps

Please leave any British or foreign stamps you have collected in the box in the vestibule at church, or in the box in the Church Hall.

Dorothy Bennett

Cockpen & Carrington Flower Rota 2023

April 2 9 16 23 30 Liz Mills Ian Bee Liz MacDonald Mary Logan <i>Joint Service at Lasswade</i>	July 2 9 16 23 30 Liz Mills John Adamson Jim Dyer Liz MacDonald Ian Fowler
May 7 14 21 28 Liz MacDonald Moirra Scott Graham Osborne Dot Scott	August 6 13 20 27 Lynn Hanson Elspeth Brown Margaret Porter Jim Dyer
June 4 11 18 25 Jim Young Wilma Sweeney Helen Renton Frances Wilkie	September 3 10 17 24 Liz MacDonald Dot Scott Dorothy Bennett Ian Bee

Sincere thanks to all who donate to the flower fund and to those who arrange and deliver the flowers. These flowers bring so much enjoyment to so many people in church, and in their homes.

Liz Mills



SERVICES NOVEMBER 2022 TO APRIL 2023

DATE	LASSWADE & ROSEWELL (10.00 am)	COCKPEN & CARRINGTON (11.30 am)
2 April Palm Sunday	The Minister – Rosewell Communion Service	The Minister
9 April Easter Sunday	The Minister Rosewell Garden 8am Lasswade 10am	The Minister
16 April	Worship Team – Rosewell	Worship Team
23 April	The Minister – Lasswade All-age service	The Minister All-age service
30 April	Joint Service Lasswade Church at 10am	
7 May	The Minister – Rosewell	The Minister Communion Service
14 May Christian Aid Week	The Minister – Lasswade	The Minister
21 May	The Minister – Rosewell All-age service	The Minister All-age service
28 May	The Minister – Lasswade	The Minister
4 June	The Minister – Rosewell	The Minister
11 June	The Minister – Lasswade Communion Service	The Minister
18 June	The Minister – Rosewell All-age service	The Minister All-age service
25 June	The Minister – Lasswade	The Minister
2 July	The Minister – Rosewell	The Minister
9 July	The Minister – Lasswade	The Minister
16 July	The Minister – Rosewell	The Minister
23 July	The Minister – Lasswade	The Minister
30 July	Joint Service Cockpen and Carrington Church at 11.30am	
6 August	Worship Team – Rosewell	Worship Team
13 August	Worship Team – Lasswade	Worship Team
20 August	Worship Team – Rosewell All-age service	Worship Team All-age service
27 August	The Minister – Lasswade	The Minister
3 September	The Minister – Rosewell Communion Service	The Minister
10 September	The Minister – Lasswade	The Minister
17 September Harvest	The Minister – Rosewell All-age service	The Minister All-age service
24 September	The Minister – Lasswade	The Minister

Holy Week Services Monday 3 April to Friday 7 April 2023

These are still to be finalised fully, however, there will be a Good Friday Service at 7.00pm in Cockpen & Carrington Church.

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The Guild

It has been a very difficult session for the Guild with the loss of Nancy Richardson. Nancy had been our secretary for over 20 years and although we never took her for granted, her loss has been hard.

This year's theme is 'Wee Seeds, Big Trees'. So, the Guild nationally was asked to support a tree planting project called *Canopy for Malawi*. In parts of the world, such as Malawi, the lack of rainfall caused by global warming is causing droughts, leading to soil erosion and starvation. It is hoped that by planting trees whose roots gather water from soil below ground level, they will retain precious water and help increase soil quality to produce crops and provide shade to animals.

Our Guild decided to participate in this venture. A large poster on which was drawn a tree was attached to the wall in the church hall and for a suggested donation of £5, a cut out of a hand was glued onto the branches to represent leaves. These leaves represent our wish to provide help to others in appreciation of the help we have received from God's hands.



An impressive total of over £280 was collected and this was presented to the National Secretary of the Guild, Karen Gillon, when she came to speak to our group in November. Karen has since informed us that nationally there has been such a great response that not only has there been enough gathered to buy and plant the number of tree saplings they had hoped for, but there is enough extra to fund a tree nursery to provide saplings for the future.

We decided not to hold a meeting in January, but we will continue our meetings into May instead of April.

Our afternoon Guild meetings are held from 2:00 to 4:00 pm on the first Monday of each month and are proving very popular. I am pleased to report we still have a healthy number coming along for the evening

meetings which are held on the third Monday of each month from 7:30 pm but there is still room for more.

All are most welcome

Liz and Helen.

Festival of Christmas Trees

As most of you will know, there were quite a few events planned to celebrate the bicentenary of our church building in 2020 and all had to be halted because of the Covid-19 pandemic. However, there had been a lot of work put into the planning and we thought many may need something to entice them back into meeting up with others. So, it was decided to reschedule most of the celebrations. These included holding a congregational afternoon tea, reinviting The Very Reverend Dr Susan M Brown to preach, and participating in the Midlothian Doors Open Day. These events were all successful and enjoyed by many. Added to these, of course, we still managed to squeeze in our celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The last suggested event for 2020 had been a festival of Christmas Trees and although there had been no forward planning done, we thought it would finish off the year nicely. None of us knew what was involved but once a work party was formed in true Baldrick fashion, a 'cunning plan' was created!

First, we asked groups within the church, organisations that met in the church hall and the two Primary Schools within the Parish if they were willing to participate. It was decided to hold the event at the beginning of December, and hopefully to keep the display in situ for the rest of the Advent season.

As we are an Eco Congregation, we opted for artificial trees which would avoid the cutting down of real ones, it would prevent needles falling over the extended period, and if we could acquire unwanted trees, it would save them from ending up as land fill. With this in mind we appealed to the church members and on social media. People were extremely generous, and we managed to acquire a tree for each group which was participating, an extra one to brighten up the entrance and one for a "Tree of Peace"

which visitors could decorate with cards, on which they could write personal messages, prayers, or a loved-one's name for remembrance.

It was decided, as this was our first venture into this type of event, that the theme for decorating the trees should reflect the nature of each group, giving them an opportunity to showcase themselves to the community.

The colourful, imaginative decorations made for each tree were amazing and it truly was impossible to choose a favourite. Each time one looked at them over the three weeks they were in place, something else would be noticed. Such a wealth of ideas, inspiring and joyful. Many thanks to all who participated and supported the venture – we do hope they enjoyed it. Yet again, we had a very heart-warming number of visitors who were generous in their appreciation of everyone's efforts and talent.

Hopefully, we shall have another sometime in the future, but of course that may have to wait for the completion of the work planned to make our church building more adaptable for use.

The Team xx





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A small selection of the Christmas trees on display at the Christmas Tree Festival.

Thanks

On behalf of Malcolm and myself I would like to thank everyone for their kindness shown to us during Malcolm's recent illness. The love and concern shown by telephone calls, cards, flowers, and visits has been so much appreciated by us both and we feel so blessed to be remembered by so many of the church family.

Mary Logan

Sunday After Church Tea Rota

We will be having teas and coffees after the morning service on the following dates:

19th March
23rd April

Liz MacDonald
Helen Renton

Dot Scott
Wilma Sweeney

Nancy Richardson

On the 14th December 2022 we lost another faithful and loyal member of the congregation. Nancy died peacefully at home after fighting cancer for over a year.

Nancy was a most caring and thoughtful lady. Nothing was ever too much trouble and was always willing to help in any way she could within our church and the community. The love for Nancy was reflected in the huge number of people that came along to the church to pay their respects at her funeral when the church was almost full to capacity.

Nancy was associated with Cockpen and Carrington all her life. She was a well-respected Elder, the Congregational Roll Keeper and the Flower convenor. She also held the position of Secretary in the Guild for many years.

As a congregation we continue to pray for Ian, Catriona and all the family at their time of loss.

Knit and Natter

The Knit and Natter group meets in the church hall on a Thursday afternoon from 1.30 – 3.30pm.

You don't have to be a keen knitter to come along and join us.

You can have a good natter over a cup of tea and enjoy the fellowship of the afternoon. You don't have to attend every week you can

choose to drop in when it suits you. You will always be made welcome.

We average around twenty-five ladies each week, not all connected to the church but from the wider community and all are happy to join in and support the various projects we take on.

We all have different skills and talents and just hearing people's different ideas can inspire new projects.

If anyone would like to know more then please have a word with Helen or Liz.



Makes you think...

This letter first appeared in the *Daily Mail* on 26 October 2010. It was written by Mrs Wendy Craig from Devon. It was resubmitted by another reader (who had kept a copy) very recently. It was relevant all these years ago and may be even more relevant today.

With all the spending cuts, it's worth remembering some facts:

If you have clothes on your back, food in your fridge, a roof over your head and a place to sleep, you're richer than seventy five percent in the world.

If you have money in the bank, some in your wallet and some spare change in a dish, you're among the top eight percent of the world's wealthy.

If you've never experienced the fear of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture or the pangs of starvation, you're doing better than millions in the world.

It made me think...

IB

A Devotion for Easter

Reading:

John 21:1-25

Consider:

Down the Path to the Well - a thought to remember along the way

They gathered at the Cross that day – the women who loved Him; the guards who stole from Him; the crowd who watched Him - they were all there, to worship, to weep, to mock, to scorn - and to see! They were rich and poor; wise and unlearned; tall and thin, short, and plump; well-dressed and in rags - they were all there... at the foot of the Cross.

We gather at the Cross today too - the people who love Him; the wicked who hate him; the indifferent who pass by Him. We're rich and poor; wise and unlearned; tall and thin, short and plump; we're well-dressed or in well-worn garments - we are all there... and level... at the foot of the Cross.

In society, education, government and the marketplace, it is not so! In business, law, medicine and the workplace, it is not so! There are ranks and orders, castes and divides – and like it or not, we are often worlds apart. No meeting ground, no common ground... until...

We all arrive at the Cross – and there we find a different kind of ground. It's holy ground. It's level ground. We stand in awe, in reverence, in redemption, in the garments of His righteousness – OR we stand in mockery, in madness, in mankind's resistance and rejection, in the filthy rags of the unredeemed – but we're all there, all on the same level...at the foot of the Cross.

I want to stay there – to cling to that old, rugged Cross; to bow and to adore the One who hangs there for me. I'm in the crowd... but yet I stand alone. I am one unique person, unlike any other in that crowd – and He sees me; He knows me; He loves me. I behold – and I bow – low... at the foot of the Cross!

Pray:

Lord, I mingle with the crowd who love you today; but I stand alone, unworthy, in your holy presence, except by the Blood of your Cross. I bow in adoration – and you see me there, Lord; you know me and I am glad. I thank you, my Lord, in Jesus' Name.

FROM THE ORGANIST

While, as I write, the weather stills feels very chilly, we have at least reached that welcome point of the year where we finally begin to see a little more light in the evenings. Musically too we are emerging from the fallow period after Christmas and the choir was happily able to sing for the first time since then at our Communion service in February, when we performed Elgar's *Ave Verum Corpus*.

Now that we have entered into Lent the next major event in the musical (and church) calendar, namely Holy Week, is not so far away. As often in the past Cockpen & Carrington will be holding a service on Good Friday evening (7 April). In line with our usual practice this will be a meditative event, and along with appropriate hymns the choir will as in past years be singing the ancient plainsong 'Reproaches', which have been part of the traditional Good Friday liturgy for more than a thousand years. We will also be singing my own arrangement of a seasonal carol, 'The Sussex Mummers' Carol'. While we always associate carols with the Christmas season, there are in fact carols relating to the other major dates in the Christian calendar too, and this is one specifically about the events of Good Friday. The 'Mummers' of the apparently rather strange title were groups of local players who in mediaeval times in various parts of the country performed 'mystery' plays dramatising various bible stories interspersed with music, including local folk carols such as this. The service will take place at 7 pm.

On Easter Day the choir will be singing the anthem 'Sing, Choirs of Heaven' by Richard Shephard, a leading contemporary composer of church music who held various posts, notably at York Minster, up to his recent death in 2021. This is one of the anthems which features on the CD which the choir released during the lockdown period, and indeed the title of the disc was taken from its text.

To conclude the service, I will be playing one of the classics of the French romantic organ repertoire, the *Grand Choeur Dialogué* by Eugène Gigout, who held the post of organist in St Augustin, one of the great Parisian churches, for no less than 62 years (still one year short of Widor's record of 63 years at St Sulpice though!). The piece is one that could only be conceived for the organ, as it is built round a 'dialogue' of phrases played alternately on each of the two manuals (i.e., keyboards), and using all of their stops!

We hope as many as possible will join us to mark this very special time of the church's year.

GMB

March 2023

Holiday Club 2023 – Polar Explorers

This year's Holiday Club from 13th-15th February went very well once again with about 40 children attending each morning at Bonnyrigg Church and the Pitcairn Centre. In the company of Sir Random Finds (our new Community Youth Worker, Josh Keay, pictured below with the large moustache!) and his companion 'Bare Feet' (Jenny Fepuleai), we thought about what it takes to go on a polar expedition and discovered similar qualities in some of the characters and stories from the



Bible who were part of God's big expedition in becoming a friend of Jesus and telling others about Jesus too.



Over the three days, we learned that we can 'Never make too many mistakes'; we are 'Never too ordinary'; and we are 'Never too young' to be a part of God's big expedition. Much fun was had with songs, stories, games, crafts, and drama from the young people of Bonnyrigg Youth Fellowship.

Grateful thanks are expressed to all who took part and all who helped beforehand with preparations.



Polar bears, penguins and
snowmen knitted by the
Cockpen and Carrington
Knit & Natter Group



Introducing Josh Keay, our new Community Youth Worker

Hi, I am Josh. I have spent the last three years studying at Mission College to get my degree in Theology, Mission, and Ministry with a specialism in Youth Work. Over those three years, alongside my academic work, I did placement work at Gorebridge Parish Church, where I took part in a lot of different aspects of youth ministry.

I'm excited to start my work with the Cockpen & Carrington, Lasswade & Rosewell, and Bonnyrigg churches and to be a part of the growth that happens in the area surrounding the work that is done with young people.



I have always had a real heart for youth, and I look forward to seeing what the churches can all do to reach as many young people as possible whilst we work together. I have already had a great time over my first month getting to know each congregation and I have been so encouraged in doing so. I'm excited to see God's path for the future of the churches and am so glad to be a part of it.

SPECTACLES

Are you thinking about Spring cleaning soon? If so and, if you find any old spectacles, please bring them to Church and pop them into the box provided.

They will be taken to the Opticians and, as usual they will be sent abroad to be used to make glasses for people less fortunate than us.

Thanks again.

Wilma.

Yesterday, Today, Forever

At Lasswade recently we sang the words of the redemption hymn “Yesterday, Today, Forever”, written by A. B. Simpson and set to music by J. H. Burke. These words speak volumes in themselves, and I am going to reproduce them here for you to reflect upon. The refrain, sung after each verse, is based on Hebrews 13, verse 8.

Oh, how sweet the glorious message, simple faith may claim;
Yesterday, today, for ever, Jesus is the same;
Still He loves to save the sinful, heal the sick and lame,
Cheer the mourner, still the tempest, Glory to His name!

He who was the Friend of Sinners, seeks the lost one, now:
Sinner, come, and at His footstool penitently bow,
He who said, “I’ll not condemn thee, go, and sin no more,”
Speaks to thee that word of pardon as in days of yore.

Him who pardoned erring Peter, never need’st thou fear;
He that came to faithless Thomas, all thy doubt will clear.
He who let the loved disciple on his bosom rest,
Bids thee still, with love as tender, lean upon His breast.

He who ‘mid the raging billows, walk’d upon the sea;
Still can hush our wildest tempest, as on Galilee.
He who wept and prayed in anguish in Gethsemane,
Drinks with us each cup of trembling, in our agony.

As of old He walk’d to Emmaus, with them to abide;
So thro’ all life’s way He walketh, ever near our side.
Soon again shall we behold Him, hasten, Lord, the day!
But ‘twill still be “this same Jesus”, as He went away.

Refrain:

*Yesterday, today, forever, Jesus is the same,
All may change, but Jesus never! Glory to His name,
Glory to His name, Glory to His name,
All may change, but Jesus never! Glory to His name.*

(HLRD)

A Radical Action Plan

The General Assembly of 2019 approved the Radical Action Plan and instructed all Presbyteries to have a plan in place by 31st December 2022. The reason that radical action was required was that, over many years, plans for change had been produced and rejected by congregations who were more interested in self-preservation than making the necessary changes. This resulted in the decimation of membership and the decrease in Church of Scotland membership reducing in much greater numbers than any other denomination. While the numbers on our rolls have decreased over the years, what is even more alarming is, of that number, it is only a small minority who attend church regularly. When the ways that we have known and cherished no longer work then tinkering is not enough. Sometimes radical change is demanded for both individuals and congregations. That might be to re-assess worship practice, or to address social injustices, or to take seriously the need to reshape church and local communities to be inclusive, non-judgemental, and built on relationships of trust and mutual respect.

In the Church of Scotland today, with the changing landscapes of membership numbers, fewer attendees, and available volunteers, not to mention the re-shaping of Presbyteries and allocation of Ministry posts, we have the breeding grounds of unrest and division in much the same way as the early followers of Jesus. The present time needs interpretation for the church. Change and courage are needed. Jesus kindled the spark and with the Holy Spirit the energy of God burst into flame. It is this energy of God that disrupts and churns up the context of our own time in the church and calls on us to respond with faith and conviction.

The Presbytery Plan for the Bonnyrigg area proposed a coming together of three congregations into one, a plan which seems to be the obvious way forward but has not yet been agreed. While no one wishes to see their church closed we have to look at the much bigger picture and accept change is inevitable. The mistakes of the past must not be allowed to happen again. Changes are not only happening here but in towns and cities all over Scotland. Churches are closing and joining up in local church groupings. On Sunday 26th February a joint service of the three

congregations was held in Lasswade High School where our new youth worker was introduced. This is only one area where our congregations are working together but how much easier and more efficient would this be if only one body was making decisions rather than three.

As Christians it is one of our roles to ensure the advancement of the Kingdom of God within our community, and the question we must ask is, is what we are doing at present meeting this requirement or is a change to the Presbytery Plan required. The writer of Hebrews encourages us to know that we are part of a greater plan than we presently experience. The story of faith began long before us and will continue long after we have left the scene.

Andrew Renwick

LASSWADE AND ROSEWELL PARISH CHURCH NEWS ...

Vision Statement: 'All journeying together in faith and trust to share God's love'

In the Spring the daffodils, in cheerful fluorescent yellow, gladden the heart, despite some recent very cold and frosty weather! You will be reading this when Spring has sprung and early summer beckons with irises and peonies, heralding "the high midsummer roses". All these flowers remind us of God's faithfulness with the seasons and the almost careless exuberance of Creation when everything seems to come to life.



Sacrament of Holy Communion

An Invitation to a Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Sunday 2nd April at 10.00 a.m. Rosewell Church

Sunday 11th June at 10.00 a.m. Lasswade Church

All are most welcome to share in this important part of
the life of the Church



The Church Family

New Member

By Transfer of Certificate – Mr Leslie Wilson

Bereavements

We would ask that you remember and pray for the families and friends of:

Mrs Isabel Lamb	-	25th November 2022
Mrs Joan Fairman	-	5th January 2023
Mr David Gardner	-	4th February 2023

Jesus said, 'I am the Resurrection and the Life

Impressive Turnout:

A huge thank you to all who supported the Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday 10th December. The sum of £888 was raised for Church funds. This was a result of efforts put in by many people – those who baked, donated items, and manned the various stalls, served the tea and coffee, worked in the kitchen (cooking bacon rolls) and others who worked behind the scenes. To all those who came along and supported in any way – Many thanks.

Coffee Mornings:

On the second Saturday of each month a Coffee Morning is held in Rosewell Church Hall from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon. Everyone is most welcome for a chance to meet new people, catch up with friends and enjoy some delicious home baking.



LENT is a wonderful time for us to have a clear out, both physically and spiritually. We wonder if God is challenging us to put some of our attitudes and opinions in the bin. Maybe God is challenging us to get rid of something we have been storing for too long. We will feel better and lighter if we do.

Stated Annual Meeting:

This year's Stated Annual Meeting of the congregation will take place immediately after worship on Sunday 26th March at Lasswade Church. An update will be given on the Church accounts and other Church activities. All are welcome to attend.

SHORTBREAD

500g Lurpak butter, 250g icing sugar,
500g plain flour, 250 gm cornflour.

Cream butter and icing sugar then gradually add flour and cornflour. Mix well then knead until combined. Roll out until thin and cut shapes. Put onto trays and into oven set at 125°C for between 45 to 60 mins. Rotate shelves whilst in oven. When cold scatter over with caster sugar.



LEMON DRIZZLE CAKE



3 eggs, 175g/6oz caster sugar, 175g/6oz self-raising flour, 175g/6oz softened butter, $\frac{3}{4}$ level teaspoon of baking powder, grated zest of 1 lemon.

For the Topping: 100g/4oz granulated sugar, Juice of 1 lemon. Beat together eggs, flour, caster sugar, butter, baking powder and zest until smooth. Bake in 1lb loaf tin for 40 mins or until golden brown at oven 180°C gas mark 4.

Topping: While still in tin and warm Heat granulated sugar and lemon juice and pour over warm cake. Leave to cool then remove from tin.



Christian Aid Week 14th – 20th May 2023

This year, Christian Aid Week will focus on the plight of drought which numerous countries around the world face. It recognises that droughts have become more intense and more common because of the changing climate. The impact on the world population is great, as it means that millions of people around the world struggle to get the food and water that they need.

Do come along and support Christian Aid at our Coffee Morning on Saturday 13th May from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon in Rosewell Church Hall.

We will also have retiring offerings after the services on 14th and 21st May



Messy Church, held in Rosewell Church Hall, begins with a warm welcome so if you have never been to Messy Church before, do come along. Mums, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends, carers accompanied by babies, toddlers, and primary school children – you are all most welcome.

Children are NOT dropped off – come and join the fun with them. Messy Church creatively explores Christian and moral themes through getting messy; with crafts, games, a story, prayer and songs and then it finishes with a special Messy meal together without you having to clear up or cook!

Do come and join us on Saturday, 6th May and 3rd June from 4.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. You can find us on Facebook at '**Rosewell Messy Church**'.

Lasswade and Rosewell Messy Church Team

Answers to the Easter Quiz on back page

1. (a) Goddess. She was called Eostre or Ostara.
2. (c) Lent. Traditionally associated with fasting.
3. True. It's the day that commemorates the 'Last Supper'.
4. False. It can fall in March, April or May depending on complicated lunar conditions and different religions.
4. (a) 1875. They contained sugar-coated drops called 'dragees'... which were the origins of M&Ms and Smarties.
6. (b) 1971. Over 200 million Crème Eggs are sold in the UK alone every year.
7. True.
8. (a) 7200 kg. It was made in Italy and had a circumference of over 19 metres.
9. (a) France (the Alsace region and it was a hare rather than a rabbit).
10. (b) Hop.

Lasswade Flower Rota

Easter 2023

As I prepare the flower rota for the next few months, I realise that, in spite of the cold weather, Spring flowers are appearing, giving a semblance of normality to the world.

Thank you to all the generous people who provide the flowers for Lasswade Church.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Moir Dryden

May 14th	Gillian Renwick
May 28th	Elaine Thomson
June 11th	Stewart Renwick
June 25th	Alison Branch
July 9th	May Murdoch
July 23rd	Marlyn Davidson
August 13th	Shona Howden
August 27th	Moir Dryden

Joke of the Day (from Australia)

A GENTLEMAN on the street asks a young fellow where the post office is.

The Lad replies, "Next Street turn right and second building on your left."
"Thank you, young fellow." the man says. "I'm the minister of the local church. If you come to my church on Sunday I'll show you how to get to heaven."

The Lad replies, "Fair crack of the whip, mister, you couldn't even find the local post office!"

THE HOLY HIKERS

"An early morning walk is a blessing
for the whole day."

Henry David Thoreau



As mentioned at the end of our last article, the November walk was in Roslin Glen. A lovely day, with a good turnout of members (and dogs). We walked along through the old Powder Mill up to the Dalkeith - Penicuik Walkway and back down to the car park. The usual lunch stop was taken at Rosslyn Castle Station. We had no walk planned for December, but as we were participating in the Christmas Tree Festival at Cockpen Church we decided to have a walk and finish up there. The weather, unfortunately, forced us to cancel the walk. Our contribution to the Christmas Tree Festival was a great success, having little boots, hats, scarves, walking routes, leaves, pinecones, and all manner of things connected to walking, on our tree. The festival was well attended and many of the group made the effort to come and see the exhibits.

There was no walk in January or in February. Denise & Ian took eleven of us plus Rocky and Lily, around Rosewell on some new paths making a very pleasant four-mile circuit.

In March we plan to walk round by Lothian Bridge & Dalhousie Castle and in April we are going to Belhaven Bay in the John Muir Country Park near Dunbar.

Happy Hiking
Jim Scott.

Easter Quiz

Question 1: The word 'Easter' comes from the name of an Anglo Saxon ?

(a) Goddess (b) God (c) Food

Question 2: Easter Sunday is preceded by a 40 day period known as ?

(a) Advent (b) Whitsun (c) Lent

Question 3: The Thursday immediately before Easter Sunday is known as 'Maundy Thursday'.
TRUE or FALSE ?

Question 4: All over the world, Easter Sunday is always celebrated in April.
TRUE or FALSE ?

Question 5: The Cadbury chocolate company made their first chocolate Easter egg in ?
(a) 1875 (b) 1925 (c) 1965

Question 6: Cadbury first started making their famous gooey 'Creme Egg' in ?
(a) 1951 (b) 1971 (c) 1991

Question 7: The famous 'Easter Egg Roll' at the White House (which started in 1878) has a claim to fame as being the longest running annual presidential tradition.
TRUE or FALSE ?

Question 8: In April 2011, a record breaking chocolate egg was made which weighed ?
(a) 7200 kg (b) 10,200kg (c) 13,200kg

Question 9: The origins of the Easter Bunny can be traced back to a region of ?
(a) France (b) England (c) Canada

Question 10: What is the name of the 2011 animated movie all about a young rabbit who does not want to become the Easter Bunny?
(a) Hip (b) Hop (c) Hip Hop

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