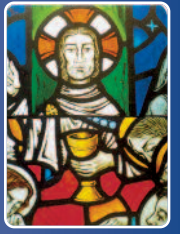




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FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK



Having grown up in the Christian faith, brought to church Sunday by Sunday by my parents, and then ending up in the Ministry of Word and Sacrament I am sometimes amazed how other people can sail through Holy Week and Easter without a second thought about cross and resurrection. That which seems so important to Christians passes others by.

Yet, Jesus came into the reality of the world we inhabit. And, the events of Holy Week force God's presence into focus. Spend time with this quote from William Willimon.

So come, Lord Jesus. Come on, spend a week confronting our government, mingling with the common people, parading on the back of a donkey on Sunday, partying with us on Thursday, getting mixed up with our legal system, and see what you get by Friday. Come and see what we'll do to you as we scorn your love, mock your reign, and give a gory reception to your blood-stained glory. Come, Lord, Jesus, and let's see what you'll do with us.

Jesus came into a world of indifference and then rejection. We live in a world of anger, confusion and suffering. What these times have in common is a Christ who confronts this. Goes to the cross because of it – and rises again to save it all.

Yes, we can be witnesses to his work of saving the world. Whether others watch or not may not be up to us. But what we can do is follow Him in our faith and presence. The apathy and indifference is for others. You have Christ to encounter.

Rev Dugald Cameron

**SPECIAL SERVICES
 FOR PALM SUNDAY,
 HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2017**

Palm Sunday 9th – 10.30am

Children will be waving Palm branches

Monday 10th 7.30pm

Holy Week Worship.

Theme: I Met a Stranger Yesterday

Tuesday 11th 7.30pm

Wednesday 12th 7.30pm

Thursday 13th 7.30pm

Christ invites us to share in the
 Sacrament of the Last Supper

Good Friday 14th

12.00-3.00pm

St. John's Cathedral: Ecumenical Vigil Service





MONDAY PRAYER GROUP

11.30am @ The Church Centre

During Lent we have been praying about the environment and our responsibilities around waste, fuel, water use etc.

We will not meet during Holy Week (10th April) or on Easter Monday (17th April) but we encourage everyone to support the Holy Week and Easter services – listed on the cover – instead.

Regular prayer meetings will resume on Monday 24th April and we extend a warm welcome to anyone who wishes to join us.

Rev Chris

CHRISTOS ANESTE! CHRIST IS RISEN!

A feature of Easter celebrations in recent years in Oban has been the short ecumenical Sunrise service held at the summit of Pulpit Hill, at the viewpoint, early in the morning of Easter Sunday. Weather at this time of the year can be variable and in recent years we have experienced gusting wind and flurries of snow as well as glorious sunshine - all on the same day!

On a good day the view, like the occasion, can be inspirational.

This year's service is on Easter Sunday, 16th April, at 8.00am. It would be good to see you there!

SUNDAY SCHOOL PUT IN HARD WORK



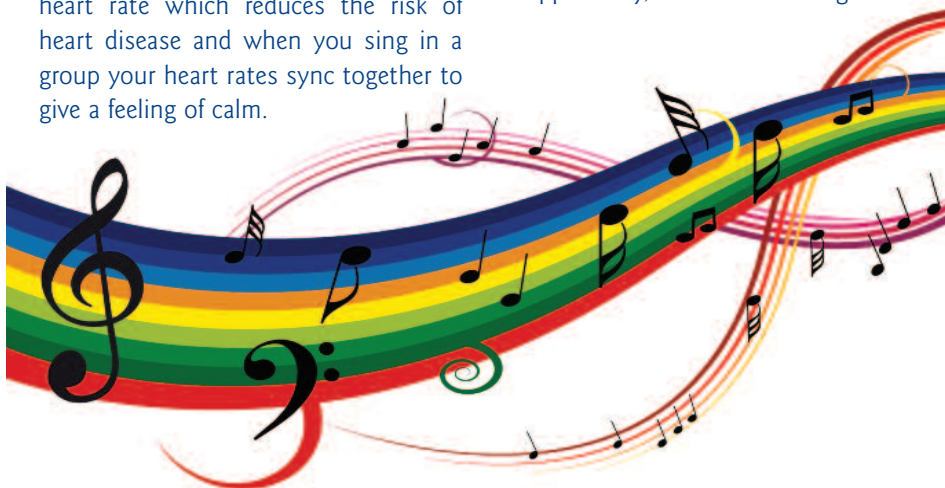
The children have been busy recently. There is a growing display in the foyer of the Church Centre showing the journey of Jesus towards Jerusalem and then

resurrection. And this photo shows a banner they have just made reminding us that Jesus is the Water of Life.

SINGING IS GOOD FOR YOU

Each Sunday we are blessed through singing praises to God. Led by our excellent choir conducted by Joy, we join in letting our hearts and souls give glory. The list below confirms the benefits of singing.

1. Good for your brain. Singing enhances mental awareness, concentration and memory.
2. Make you feel happy. Singing releases endorphins which make you feel happy and releases oxytocin which helps alleviate anxiety.
3. Improves heart rate. Singing increases heart rate which reduces the risk of heart disease and when you sing in a group your heart rates sync together to give a feeling of calm.
4. Improves circulation. Singing is actually a good work out for your lungs, improves circulation, tones your abdominal and intercostal muscles.
5. Feel healthier. Singing improves your posture, helps you sleep, increases confidence, boost your immune system, opens us your sinuses and respiratory tubes, improves your breathing.
6. Singing has physical benefits because it is an aerobic activity that increases oxygenation in the blood stream and exercises major muscle groups in the upper body, even when sitting.



EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP – 16th APRIL

Come and join in the Resurrection joy of Easter. On this day throughout the world millions of Christians will give thanks for the living God encountered in the risen Christ.

At 8.00am there will be an ecumenical praise service on Pulpit Hill.

From 9.40am onwards breakfast will be served in the Church Centre before our children roll their Easter Eggs outside.

At 10.30am we will then all worship our Risen Lord in the All-Age sharing of Communion.



CRANNAIG A MHNISTEIR – THE MINISTER'S PULPIT

“Just such a prospect, I dare say, Ulysses had from the heights of his dear rocky Ithaca. He looked on Zante and Cephalonia as I look on Mull.....”

Mrs Grant of Laggan c1779

This substantial oblong block of stone, about 3 tons weight, was moved in the

1920s to its present prominent position from close by where it had been largely submerged in scree. Persistent legend has it that this was a crannaig or pulpit for a minister or priest conducting services although there is no clear evidence, pre or post Christian, to support this.



GERMAN NIGHT



The travellers to Esslingen had a pre-trip German Night at the home of Ellis and Lilian Carmichael. Pictured with some of our folk is Dr Anushka Miller of SAMS

who introduced us to her native Germany. Fortunately, this photo was taken after Ellis changed out of his lederhosen.

EASTER MORNING

Remember you can miss your breakfast at home – you are allowed to crack open your Easter Egg though – and come along at 9.45am onwards to the Easter Breakfast in the Church Centre. Then about 10.10am we watch the children roll their eggs outside. Our celebration of Easter morning is an All-Age Service including Communion.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

7.30pm in Oban Parish Church

For the first time we are holding services throughout Holy Week. We are exploring the theme of I met a Stranger Yesterday. Various groups from the congregation have prepared a visual display which will complement our worship. Our half hour service will be reflective as we follow Jesus through the week. Thursday's service will focus on the Sacrament of Communion as we gather with Christ around the table.

JUNE CAMPBELL

We reported last month that June Campbell had moved to Gullane in East Lothian, to be closer to her family, and that she left with the very best wishes of the many groups and individuals at Kilmore and Oban that she had supported over the years as a volunteer and as an Elder.

She has asked me to pass on her grateful thanks for the many good wishes received following her move to Gullane and for the many years of Friendship and Fellowship she enjoyed within the Kirk community here.

She records that she is “settling in well and feeling at home” in the church at Gullane.

Editor

STOP PRESS

The Annual Stated Meeting (ASM) takes place at 7.00pm on Tuesday 28th March in the Church Centre. This is the formal business meeting of the Congregation and all aspects of the workings of the church report back to our members and are answerable to them. Copies of the reports have already been circulated and others will be made available at the event.

The ASM will be immediately followed by the March meeting of the Kirk Session.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT KILMORE & OBAN

Sunday 2nd April

10.30 PC Morning Worship
12.00 K Kilmore Worship

Wednesday 5th April

19.30 PC Lenten Worship

Sunday 9th April Palm Sunday (Remember Lord's Larder)

10.30 PC Morning Worship

Monday 10th April

19.30 PC Holy Week Worship

Tuesday 11th April

19.30 PC Holy Week Worship

Wednesday 12th April

19.30 PC Holy Week Worship

Thursday 13th April Maundy Thursday

19.30 PC Sacrament of Last Supper

Sunday 16th April Easter Day

08.00 Pulpit Hill Son-rise Service
09.40 PC Easter Breakfast
10.10 PC Egg Rolling
10.30 PC Easter Day Celebration

Sunday 23rd April

10.30 PC Morning Worship
15.00 PC Gaelic Service

Sunday 30th April

10.00 CC Family Faithshare
10.30 PC Morning Worship

KEY: CC – Church Centre
K – Kilmore Kirk
PC – Oban Parish Church

CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE

Funerals ...*Nothing can separate us from the Love of God*

Jimmy Lawson of Coe Gardens, Oban

Margaret MacLeod of Longsdale Terrace, Oban

Lorn Gemmell of Lonan Drive, Oban

Jean Timmins of Dunmar Court, Oban



KILMORE & OBAN PARISH CHURCH



LIVING GOD'S LOVE WITH...

Generosity

Joy

Imagination

Courage

For the Sake of the World

Wednesday 29th March

Wednesday 5th April

7.30pm in Oban Parish Church

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Our May edition will be available on Sunday 30th April 2017.

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