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## *From the Manse*

Dear Friends,

### **Growing Faith**

This is surely one of the most beautiful areas of Scotland. The wonderful variety of hills and rivers, farmland and moor, plantations and deciduous woodland make a very attractive scene. A wonderful place to live and enjoy the beauty of God's creation.

I am enjoying getting out and about around the parish and when I can I like to stop and admire the view. This week I was looking at a farmer ploughing his fields. The fields were turning from light to dark brown, and I thought to myself, "In a couple of months time that field will be green with the new growth of the crops." But how do I know that? The answer is, I have the faith to believe that it will happen. "Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see" (Hebrews 11: 1). So how do I come to have such faith? It is because I saw the crops growing in spring last year and all the years before that. My faith is based on experience.

Faith in God is also based on experience. For the disciples, the experience of seeing Jesus alive again after his death on the cross changed their lives and gave them faith to believe his promise to be with them always. We cannot see Jesus in the way the first disciples did, but we can have other faith-building experiences. The experience, for example, of praying and seeing God answer that prayer in some way. The experience of asking for guidance and finding things falling into place so that we see the way forward. The experience of asking for wisdom and receiving a thought or a word from the bible. Over the years as we put our trust in the Lord we can build up a wealth of experience and in this way our faith will grow stronger. This helps overcome feelings such as worry, fear, inadequacy and uncertainty because although we cannot see him with our eyes or hear him with our ears we can know that God is real because we experience him at work for good in our lives.

So as we see the crops growing in the fields this spring, let us see the opportunities for the growth of faith in our lives also.

Wishing you a very Happy Easter.

*Rosemary*



## *From the Editor*

Dear Reader,

Among the items in this edition of “The News” you will find a copy of our church’s annual accounts which were presented by our treasurer at the Annual General Meeting. As with our own household accounts, they make daunting reading as just about everything has gone up in price. (There is a long-held view that the church is cushioned by large amounts of money, but this is not so, and the accounts give us a clear warning that we need to do better if we are to ensure the presence of a church in our community.) As one of our elders put it, it costs around £3 per week per member of the congregation just to keep standing still. I can hear some of you saying, “I can’t afford to give more than I already do,” but before panic sets in, it is recognized that everyone’s situation is not the same. Some of us are in work while others are not, or living on a small pension. Some of us earn more than others but have heavier outgoings. What is important is not that we all give the same amount, but that knowing what the costs are we all give back to God in the same measure as he has blessed us.



I have just been through the process of accounting to the fellow-members of my Iona Community Family Group – a task which has to be undertaken once a year – and which not only involves the use of money, but the use of time and talents and measuring up whether or not we are living up to the promises we made to God and to one another. I have to confess that I don’t enjoy doing this, but it is a valuable indicator of where I am at. There is no possibility of making vows and being a member for life. I have to opt in annually. What would the Kirk be like if we all had to do a similar exercise?

The point is not how much I give of my time, money and gifts, but to consider what I do with the rest. Each of us when we were confirmed made promises ‘to join regularly with our fellow Christians in worship on the Lord’s day, to be faithful in reading the Bible and in prayer – and to give a fitting proportion of our time, talents and money for the Church’s work in the world.’ We also promised, depending on the grace of God, to profess publicly our loyalty to Jesus Christ, to serve him in our daily work, and to walk in his ways all the days of our life. Our accounting is with God who knows us and our situation better than anyone else. How well have we lived up to these promises, and what would the Kirk be like if we did?

Rosemary will be attending the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in Edinburgh from 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Please remember her and our brothers and sisters in

Christ who will be dealing with the problems the Kirk faces today – only one of them how to finance all the work we undertake in Christ's name. We hope to have a report from her in the summer edition of "The News".

I wish each one of you a very Happy Easter as we share the joy of the first disciples in the resurrection of our Lord.

Yours aye,

*Ishbel*

PS There have been no further sightings of the badger who 'first-footed' me in January. Don Patience has threatened to stick a message on my door saying 'No Badgers'!

### *Come and Join Us*

Although now we have a new minister  
Our work is far from done,  
Our efforts in supporting her  
Have barely yet begun.

Whatever form these efforts take,  
There may be many points of view,  
But surely a very obvious one  
Is more people in the pew.

In such a rapidly changing world,  
It would be foolishness indeed  
To think that materialistic wealth  
Can satisfy each need.

But it's not a major effort,  
One day in the week,  
To join with us, within our church,  
For the guidance we all seek.

You'll find us quite a friendly bunch,  
No airs and graces here,  
We just try to do our best  
Each day throughout the year.

*Don Patience*

## *Parish Register*

### **Funerals**

“...in my Father’s house.”

27 January 2011

May Whitmore  
Annesley Care Home  
Torphins  
(Mother of June Fletcher  
11 Prospect Terrace, Lumphanan)  
at Duncan’s Chapel

24 February 2011

Neville Wilkinson  
South Fowlis.  
at Aberdeen Crematorium

If someone is ill – at home or in hospital - and would like a visit, please contact Rosemary Legge on 019755 81239 as hospitals no longer inform ministers if members of the congregation are in hospital.

## *Around the Parish*

**Bells:** We started back in February after a short winter break and are looking forward to playing out and about. Firstly at the Church Social on 31 March. Then a visit in April to Alastrean House in Tarland, followed by going to an Alzheimers’ group in Aboyne. Unfortunately, none of us are able to go to the Scottish Rally at Callander at the end of March. I expect we will be at the Cushnie Games in June.



## *Mary Penny*



**The Guild:** Officially our Guild does not meet until April, but we have been involved in two events so far this year. The first was the World Day of Prayer held in March at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Alford. The service was written by the women of Chile and it was the turn of the Roman Catholic Church to lead the service. The speaker, Carmen Turner, who was born in Chile, told us a little about her

country and what her life was like there. As in every year, the service was lovely and there is a feeling of unity between countries and churches.

On Saturday 19 March Anne Ferguson and I attended a training day at the Acorn Centre in Inverurie to find new ways to explore the Guild theme for this year, when we are called to 'Walk Humbly with God.' This is the third and final year of our theme based on Micah 6 v. 8. We had a very interesting morning and it was good to meet up with other Guilds from Gordon Presbytery.

The dates for our next few meetings are:-

Thursday 21 April at 2pm in Tough Vestry: Dedication Service.

Thursday 19 May at 2pm in Tough Vestry: Discussion Topic: Thanking God for His Creation.

Thursday 2 June at 6.30pm at Kintore Arms, Inverurie: Summer Social and Annual Meeting; Speaker: ARI Hospital Chaplain Rev. James Falconer.

All are welcome at any of these meetings.

*Jean Mortimer*

**The Evergreens:** At our January meeting we had a Burns Lunch to celebrate the national Bard. We all enjoyed our haggis, neeps and tatties, followed by trifle. Rosemary entertained us by playing some Burns Songs on her accordion and Bill read Tam O'Shanter. We had a quiz and word search and the all-important tea and shortbread.

Sadly we had to cancel our February meeting due to there being a funeral; so the Tea Party we had planned for that date was moved to March 11. The afternoon was a fundraiser for Sue Ryder Care in Aberdeen, and as well as a cup of tea and some gorgeous home-made cakes provided by Mrs Bews, Mrs Helen Riach and Mrs. Sharp's neighbour, Mrs. Irene Aiken, we sold books at 20p, had a raffle and sold copies of a quiz about Famous Scots. We were very pleased to send a cheque for £45 for the ongoing work at Garthdee.

The dates for our next few Evergreens are: Friday 8 April when we will play Bingo, Friday 6 May and Friday 10 June – all at 1.30 pm in Tough Church Vestry. We are always pleased to welcome new people along, and if you only want to come now and again, that's find by us, but do come and see how you like it. Transport can be provided.

*Jean Mortimer (62850) and Anne Ferguson (63404)*



**Social Committee:** The Church Social, which was planned for on 9 December to welcome Rosemary and Bill after the Induction Service and had to be postponed due to the very snowy weather, finally took place in Cushnie Hall on 31 March. The evening went well, with music and ballads from Lena Garden and Hector Riddell, along with some bothy tunes. We were entertained

by the handbell ringers with a 'Name That Tune' story, and a chance to get a shot of the bells while they played a tune. It was all very enjoyable. We played some games and took to the floor to dance as well.

Rosemary's friend, Rev. Sheila Kirk, the minister of West Deer spoke on behalf of Rosemary and gave a very nice speech about moving into a new home setting and getting to know people – as we, too, get to know her and Bill. We all enjoyed a cuppa and eats – although the sausage rolls and the oven did not quite work out according to plan!!! We had a very happy evening and we hope we gave Rosemary and Bill a nice warm welcome.



After our united church service on Sunday 3 April, we expanded our usual coffee and eats to include a collection, a sale of books and home bakes to raise money for our mission partners in Malawi, Dr. David and Mrs. Rebecca Morton at Nkhoma Hospital. This will help them to purchase medicines and other medical supplies they so urgently need.

It is coming up to communion time and we thought we would put the Parable of talents into practice. Along with your communion cards, your elder will give each family household an envelope with £1 inside. What will your family do with the coin, make it grow or keep it safe? We ask that you keep a note of what you do with it so that we can use some of your stories for a future fund raiser we have planned. You will have the summer to decide what to do, and your elder will collect the coin or coins from you in August.

We are planning a coffee morning later in the spring, with dates still to be confirmed. We will let you know as soon as this has been finalised.

As ever, your support is very much appreciated and we hope you can come along and enjoy the events that are coming up. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

*Anne Parfitt*

Social Committee Convener

### **Church Website: [www.cushnie-tough.co.uk](http://www.cushnie-tough.co.uk)**

Information about times of services, church activities and Rosemary's sermons can all be found on the website, along with more photographs of events which are too many to include in the newsletter. Garry Hunter would love to receive photos and stories of times gone by. (Remember how popular Iain Stoddart's collection of old photographs was at the Open House held two years ago.) The website can only be as good as we all help to make it!



### **Christian Aid: 15-21 May**

During Christian Aid week we will once more be involved in a house-to-house collection – no easy thing in such a scattered parish. So we need people to volunteer as collectors. Knocking on doors to ask for donations is not always an easy task and we are always grateful to those who volunteer, but it need not be too onerous if as many people as possible visit their neighbours where they are well-known. Please treat the collectors with courtesy and give as generously as you can. A smiling face is always a great encouragement.

In these days of greater austerity we want to know that the money we give reaches the people who need it. We know that Christian Aid works through people and organisations 'on the ground', ie locally to the recipients and so we would recommend this way of helping those whose need is greatest. This may be either as a response to an emergency or as an ongoing project to give an individual, a family, or a community a way out of poverty and a means to become self-sufficient.

We as a church have a mandate to 'feed the hungry and clothe the naked'. Please take this opportunity to do so.



## **What does the Lord Demand?**

Lord, it would be so much easier  
If I could have a subscription account,  
Pay you regularly  
And know that I could do just  
    What I liked  
With the rest of my living.

I grumble about the tax-man,  
Who doesn't?  
But when he's fixed his share  
The rest is mine  
And he doesn't want to know about it.  
Until the next returns are due.

But you!  
You ask for nothing  
And yet you ask for everything!  
It's not enough for You  
That I give generously to the  
    Church  
And subscribe to charities.  
If I gave away my last penny  
You still wouldn't be satisfied.  
You probe my attitudes,  
My aims, my ideals, my secret  
    hopes and fears.

Lord it would be so much easier  
If I could have a subscription  
    Account,  
Pay you regularly  
And know that I could do just  
    What I liked  
With the rest of my living.  
But you are not content with my  
    money.  
Not even with a share of my time.  
You won't let me get away with  
    A subscription account.  
You want ME!

*Michel Quoist*

A letter from the Church of Scotland Stewardship and Finance Department addressed to all who belong to the congregation of Cushnie and Tough.

## **THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND MINISTRIES AND MISSION CONTRIBUTIONS 2011**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Thank you for supporting the worship, mission and service of the Church through the money you give in your offering. It is important that you know what happens to this money. This letter tells you about your congregation's Ministries and Mission Contribution – the money your Congregational Treasurer sends to the Church Offices in Edinburgh. How does it enable the worship, mission and service of the Church?

The information below shows how your congregation's contribution is used to support Parish Ministries, Mission and Renewal, and general support and services provided for congregations and the councils of the General Assembly. Please note that the cost of your minister is not what he/she is paid. This cost is the total for stipend and employer's national insurance and pension contributions, and is based on a minister with ten years' service.

<b>Congregation</b>	<b>Contribution</b>
<b>CUSHNIE AND TOUGH</b>	<b>£21,463</b>

<b>Parish Ministries (86%)</b>	<b>£18,458</b>
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The cost of ministry in your parish is:	£39,600
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The support you receive from other congregations towards the cost of your minister is:	£21,142
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<b>Mission and Renewal (6%)</b>	<b>£1,288</b>
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This supports the Church's work in resourcing congregations for Christian education and outreach, in caring for the vulnerable in society, in partnership with Churches in some of the poorest parts of the world, and in providing a Christian perspective on the issues of today.

<b>Support and Services for Councils and Congregations (8%)</b>	<b>£1,717</b>
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This provides financial, legal, safeguarding and other services, and meets the cost of the General Assembly and the Moderator.

**Please note that Ministries and Mission Contributions only provide part of the total funding required for the work of the Church listed above. A fuller picture is given in the leaflet *2011 Ministries and Mission*, which is available free to all congregations.**

I hope that this helps you to understand Ministries and Mission Contributions and shows you are enabling the sharing of the gospel through the money your congregation sends through the Church Offices to all parts of Scotland and beyond.

Yours sincerely

**Gordon D. Jamieson**

Head of Stewardship

**CUSHNIE & TOUGH PARISH Church**  
**Scottish Charity No. SCO30817**  
**GENERAL FUND FOR YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> DEC 2010**

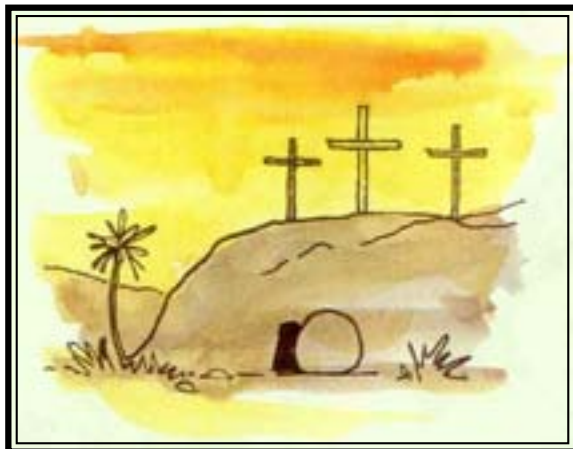
INCOME

Offerings	2010	2009
FWO Scheme	2875	3272
Gift Aid	14295	15669
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid	4344	4235
Open Plate	2078	2610
Donations	540	715
Muirhead House	200	600
Other Ordinary Offerings		
Life & Work	6	5
Weddings/Funerals	480	450
Fund Raising Events	1032	3242
Bell Ringers/Guild	30	40
Church of Scotland Grant		265
Other Sundry Income		424
	25880	31527
Balance at 01.01.10	9109	9198
	34989	40725

EXPENDITURE	2010	2009
Minister's Stipend	10487	15603
Locum Expenses	9265	3721
Pulpit Supply	439	486
Minister's Travel Expenses	162	1819
Other Salaries	270	192
Presbytery Dues	359	297
Insurance	2043	1336
Council Tax		1163
Printing	896	1254
Stationery	225	230
Heat & Light	1488	2067
Fund Raising Expenses	84	355
Poppy Wreath	50	47
Manse Fuel	680	
Evergreens		300
Hall Rent	50	280
Minister's Removal Expenses	658	
Adverts for Minister	480	420
Road Signs		749
Web Site Expenses		232
Sundries	62	566
	27698	31116
Transfer to Fabric Fund		500
Balance at 31.12.10	7291	9109
	34989	40725

## ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE FOR 2011

Stipend	18579	-1173
Presbytery Dues	400	+ 50
Travel Expenses	2500	+2340
Other Salaries	300	+ 30
Pulpit Supply	500	+ 100
Insurance	3100	+1000
Council Tax	2700	+2700
Printing	1500	+ 400
Heat & Light	1800	+ 300
Fund Raising Expenses	150	- 50
Poppy Wreath	50	
Evergreens	200	
Sundries	300	+ 250
	32079	+5947



*For God So Loved the World*

## *A Pre-Election Thought.....*

While walking down the street one day a Member of the Scottish Parliament is tragically hit by a truck and dies. His soul arrives in heaven and is met by St. Peter at the entrance.

“Welcome to heaven,” says St. Peter. “Before you settle in, it seems there is a problem. We seldom see a high official around these parts, you see, so we’re not sure what to do with you.”

“No Problem, just let me in,” says the MSP.

“Well, I’d like to, but I have orders from higher up. What we’ll do is have you spend one day in hell and one in heaven. Then you can choose where to spend eternity.”

“Really, I’ve made up my mind. I want to be in heaven,” says the MSP.

“I’m sorry, but we have our rules.”

And with that, St. Peter escorts him to the elevator and he goes down, down, down to hell. The doors open and he finds himself in the middle of a green golf course. In the distance is a clubhouse and standing in front of it are all his friends and other politicians who had worked with him.

Everyone is very happy and in evening dress. They run to greet him, shake his hand, and reminisce about the good times they had while getting rich at the expense of the people.

They play a friendly game of golf and then dine on lobster, caviar and champagne.

Also present is the devil, who really is a very friendly and nice guy who has a good time dancing and telling jokes. They are having such a good time that before he realizes it, it is time to go.

Everyone gives him a hearty farewell and waves while the elevator rises....

The elevator goes up, up, up and the door reopens on heaven where St. Peter is waiting for him.

“Now it’s time to visit heaven.”

So, 24 hours pass with the MSP joining a group of contented souls moving from cloud to cloud, playing the harp and singing. They have a good time and, before he realizes it, the 24 hours have gone by and St. Peter returns.

“Well, then, you’ve spent a day in hell and another in heaven. Now choose your eternity.”

The MSP reflects for a minute, then he answers: “Well, I would never have said it

before, I mean heaven has been delightful, but I think I would be better off in hell.”

So St. Peter escorts him to the elevator and he goes down, down, down to hell.

Now the doors of the elevator open and he’s in the middle of a barren land covered with waste and garbage.

He sees all his friends, dressed in rags, picking up the trash and putting it in black bags as more trash falls from above.

The devil comes over to him and puts his arm around his shoulder. “I don’t understand,” stammers the MSP. “Yesterday I was here and there was a golf course and clubhouse, and we ate lobster and caviar, drank champagne, and danced and had a great time. Now there’s just a wasteland full of garbage and my friends look miserable. What happened?”

The devil looks at him, smiles and says, “Yesterday we were campaigning...

Today you voted.”

## *World Mission 2011 Stamp Appeal*

Thank you to everyone who has contributed stamps. In 2010 World Mission raised just over £2000. Can we help them make £3000 in 2012?

The 2011 Stamp Appeal is for the Mount Olivet Boys’ Home which the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands and the Government of Jamaica work together to provide a place of hope for young boys who have been abused or neglected. Located in rural Jamaica, Mount Olivet is home for 28 boys with an average age of 12 from urban and socially deprived areas. Through the Home they have access to spiritual nurture, medical care, emotional support, vocational training and recreation. The Home has a lab with 11 computers and the boys also learn farming and livestock rearing. Despite these achievements and local help, it has become increasingly difficult to meet not only routine costs, but to undertake developmental work. You can help our partner church in Jamaica run and develop the Mount Olivet Boys’ Home by simply collecting your used stamps which are sold to raise money.

Special thanks to Don Patience and his team of willing helpers who give their time to sort the stamps, discard any that are damaged and pack them up for transportation to Wishaw.



## *Partner Plan*

**David & Rebecca Morton – Malawi  
February 2011**

c/o Nkhoma Hospital  
PO Box 448  
Nkhoma  
Malawi



Dear Family and Friends,

The author of Hebrews, in chapter 2, after quoting from Psalm 8 in reference to the position of Jesus whom God has “crowned with glory and honour and put everything under his feet,” goes on to say about Jesus in verse 8, “In putting everything under him, God left nothing that is not subject to him. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to him” In my experience, especially here and now, that last sentence is one of the most understated in all of Scripture. I see so much that, at present, does not seem “subject to him.” A few days ago a three week old baby girl was brought to Nkhoma. The mother had died at birth with unclear details. The baby was seen shortly after with a birth weight of 2.7 kilos (about 6 pounds) and left in the care of family. When brought to us three weeks later she weighed 1.9 kilos (4.2 pounds), was critically ill with fever, diarrhoea, hypothermia and apparent sepsis. Another ICU case with no ICU. Initial care required careful monitoring, placement in an infant warmer, intravenous fluids, antibiotics, tube feedings and prayer. However, the infant warmers (and we do have some nice ones with electronic temperature monitoring and vital sign monitoring), were all occupied by newborns and in any case this girl could not be placed in the delivery room because of the potential of cross infection to the other babies. So we did the best we could by putting together a more basic arrangement with heaters and hot water bottles, and moved her to the children’s ward. But then the family members who brought her were nowhere to be found so it seems to be a case of abandonment. As with most rural African hospitals, we are very dependent upon family members to act as guardians and provide the basic care while a patient is hospitalised including feeding, which in this case was critical as it involved careful and intensive tube feeding, and other basic care. So we arranged for one of our own staff for that, further stretching our already thin staff, for the night care. The next day we got our chaplain involved and located family who came to take up their role. Then the next night the girl died. “Yet at present we do not see everything subject to him.”

I re-read my January letter to see what I could up-date you on about the issues I shared there. The first thing to report is that I have not been so good about “not being anxious.” There are no big breakthroughs or changes. We admitted 1200

patients to the children's ward in January many of whom are eligible to be covered under the service level agreement with the district. When we submitted the bill, however, the reaction was that the bill was too high to cover. It did not seem to help matters to point out that the one of the reasons we had so many patients was that the government units around us did not have any drugs to treat malaria for most of the month (for reasons best known to the district). One answer to prayer though, is that we have not ourselves run out of our main oral malaria drug, LA, and that the donation programme is still operational, though it takes more effort to get the drugs to us. Our mortality rate in the children's ward remains remarkably low at 28 deaths for the 1200 patients (2.3%). Financially we are still reminded that we are dependent upon the Lord to supply what we need. In addition to the less than enthusiastic response to our January invoice to the district health office (it totalled over 4.2 million Malawian Kwacha, or 28,000 dollars), we have not yet been paid for December (3.2 million Kwacha or 21,000 dollars).

Being down to three doctors is also putting a strain on us. These are the things to pray for:

1. That I will have faith to see that all things are subject to Christ.
2. That another doctor will come soon, one who has experience in surgery and obstetrics, and has his/her own funding.
3. That the district will pay what they owe so the hospital can continue to obtain what we need to provide care. Patients never stop coming so we have to care for them the best we can with what we have.
4. That our staff will do their jobs with faithfulness.
5. That I will be better able to carve out time for prayer and devotional life. I did manage to memorize Psalm 6 this last week though Psalm 13 is more where I am right now.
6. That we will have great wisdom in treating so many difficult patients and know how to handle the losses.
7. That we will know joy and not be overwhelmed.

Thank you for your prayers and give thanks for all the people and churches that have so generously helped the hospital.

*David & Rebecca*





*THE BOOKSHELF*

## **So You Don't Want to Go to Church Anymore:**

by Wayne Jacobsen and Dave Coleman  
published by windblown Media.

What would you do if you met someone you thought just might be one of Jesus' original disciples still living in the twenty-first century? That's Jake's dilemma as he meets a man who talks of Jesus as if he has known him, and whose way of living challenges everything Jake had previously known. This is Jake's compelling journal that chronicles thirteen conversations with his newfound friend over a four-year period and how those exchanges turn Jake's world upside down. If you're tired of just going through the motions of Christianity and want to mine the depths of what it really means to live deeply in Christ, you'll find Jake's story will give you hope for your own.

### **An Easter Gift**

The Very Rev Gilleasbuig Macmillan offers a special meditation on the meaning of the Resurrection.

The rev James Martin considers the arguments against the Resurrection.

Martin Fair considers how to refresh the familiar story.

Easter Prayer by the Moderator and poem by Kenneth Steven.

### **Back in Fashion**

Thomas Baldwin considers whether this month's royal wedding could bring Christian marriage back into fashion.

### **An Uncertain Future**

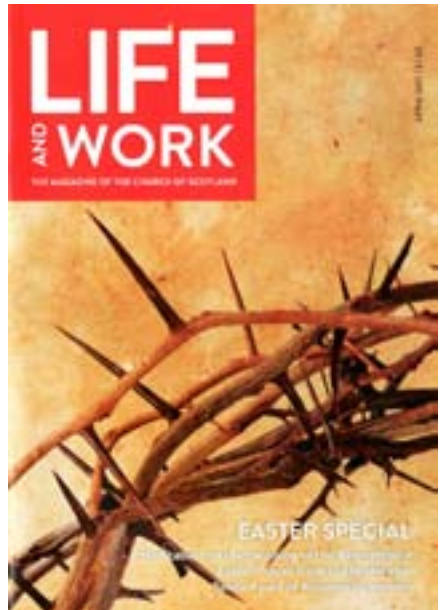
Michael Gunn explores the challenges for Coptic Christians in the aftermath of the uprising in Egypt.

### **Changing Lives**

In the third of the Biblefresh series, Peter Chirnside highlights the importance of translation.

### **The Blind Side**

The Rev John Purves considers the value of trust.



## **Journey's End**

The Moderator bids farewell.

## **A Love Which Endures**

The Rev Fiona Mathieson reflects on this month's royal wedding.

## **Bible 'Oddbits'**

The Rev Laurence Whitley shows how misreading letters led to variations in the same New Testament story.

## **The Black Depths of the Human Heart**

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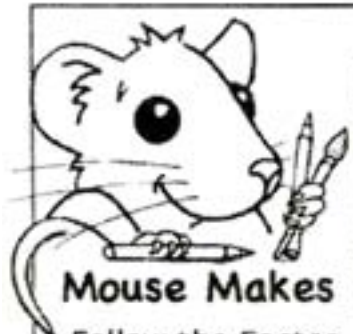
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*Don't forget the Walk with the Cross around Alford, leaving from St. Andrews Church at 8am on Good Friday and ending by raising the cross on Beltie Hill above the Co-op. There will be a short service on Easter Sunday morning at 8am followed by egg rolling.*



### Mouse Makes

Follow the Easter story using the Bible references, then look for the words in the wordsearch puzzle


 Into Jerusalem 

read Matthew 21:7-11

DONKEY • ROAD  
BRANCHES • PALMS  
KING • HOSANNA

### Last Supper

read Matthew 26:17-30

PASSOVER • ROOM  
BREAD • WINE  
BODY • BLOOD  
CUP • MEAL 



### Betrayal and Death

read Matthew

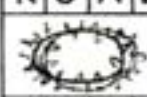
26:36 - 27:56

KISS • MESSIAH  
CHRIST • SON  
CRUCIFY • JESUS  
CROWN • THORNS  
ROBE • TREE  
NAILS • CROSS  
DARKNESS • QUAKE  
DEATH • LOTS



### Easter Wordsearch

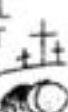
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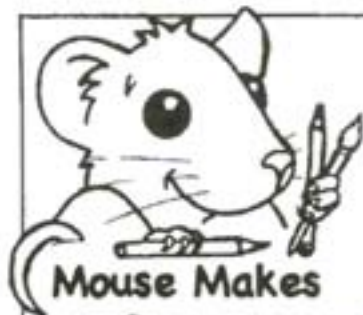
### Burial and Resurrection

read Matthew 27:57 - 28:20

TOMB • STONE • LINEN • BODY  
BURY • THREE DAYS • MORNING  
MARY • ANGEL • HEAVEN  
GOD • RAISED • JOY • GO TELL  
GOOD NEWS • PEACE • SPIRIT  
SAVIOUR • PRAISE



**EASTER**



Mouse Makes

On the cross Jesus opened wide his arms for us, Jesus put an end to death by dying for us and showed us the resurrection to come by rising to new life. **HAPPY EASTER!**



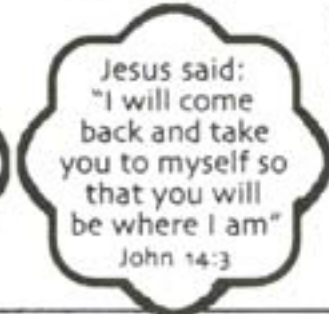
Jesus is risen



The angel said: "Jesus...is not here, for he has risen, just as he said"  
Matthew 28:6



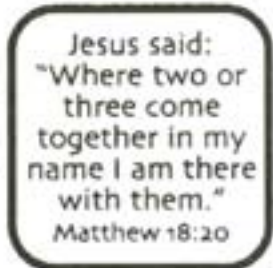
Jesus will come again



Jesus said: "I will come back and take you to myself so that you will be where I am"  
John 14:3

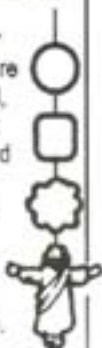


Jesus is here



Jesus said: "Where two or three come together in my name I am there with them."  
Matthew 18:20

To make an Easter mobile glue the picture of Jesus to thin card, colour, then cut out. Cut around the word panels and glue together along a length of thin string or wool. Tie the end to the top of Jesus and hang up.



## *To Make You Smile!*

Paying a hospital visit to one of his congregation, a minister was in the lift waiting for his floor when the doors opened and a workman in a hard hat and boots got in. "Are you going up?" the minister asked. "Not as far as you, mate," he replied, pointing at his clerical collar.

Signing the register at a wedding, the Best Man had difficulty making his ballpoint pen work. "Put your weight on it," said the vicar." He duly signed: 'John Smith (ten stone four pounds)'

A man works as a breakfast chef in a hotel serving an extensive menu. One morning, a new Egyptian waiter rushed into the kitchen saying, "Chef! Chef! You have headache?" Being very busy at the time, the chef replied curtly, "No, I do not have a headache." The waiter rushed off. "Oh, it's OK," he said on his return. "He have kipper instead."

The minister asked the children what sort of things could be given up for Lent and had the response from one little boy: "Soap!"

A nine-year-old returned from convent school the Monday before Easter and announced that the Easter Week was to be the last one ever. Her mother said she must have made a mistake, but she said it was true and produced a note which read: "The school will be closed for Good, Friday."

Attending a Comparative Religious course, the students had to listen to a lecture on psychic phenomena. The speaker told the group about a woman who contacted police working on a missing persons case. She gave them eerily detailed instructions on where to find the body. In fact, the detectives discovered the corpse exactly as she had described. Next, the lecturer asked the group what they would call this type of person. While most of them pondered the question, a police officer taking the course raised his hand and replied: "A suspect."

A nun was the only one in the main office of a small church when a deliveryman came to the door with several boxes. She assured him that it was the correct address, but he seemed hesitant to leave them with her. It wasn't until she went to move the boxes that she understood his confusion. Stamped in bold letters across the sides were the contents: "Madonna Calendars."

Seen when passing a church:

**GET IN TOUCH WITH GOD  
BY KNEE MAIL.**

# Church of Scotland Cushnie & Tough Parish Church

## Normal Worship Arrangements

10.00 am Tough Church  
11.30 am Cushnie Church

## First Sunday of the month, January-June:

### United worship Service at Tough Church at 10.00 am

Thurs. 21 April	Ecumenical Maundy Communion Service 7,00 pm St. Andrews, Alford
Fri. 22 April	7.30 pm United Worship for Good Friday at Tough Church
Sun 24 April	10.00 am United Easter Family Service at Cushnie Church
Sun. 1 May	10.00 am United Communion Service at Tough Church
July Services	10.00 am United Worship at Tough Church
August Services	10.00 am United Worship at Cushnie Church

**There will be a Retiring Collection on Sunday 15 May for  
Christian Aid.**



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