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From the Rector

The new Archbishop of Canterbury has claimed that Britain's current economic dark days are reminiscent of the 1930s and children are going hungry. So runs the headline in a recent newspaper article reporting on a sermon given by Justin Welby, prior to moving on from Durham. Warnings of a triple-dip recession, austerity measures, reductions in benefits, record numbers of people on waiting lists for housing, people struggling to make ends meet on fixed incomes, or of growing numbers of people suffering 'fuel poverty', are all signs of a society struggling to come to terms with a new world economic landscape. The old certainties of prosperity are being challenged in a country where we have taken so many things like the Welfare State for granted for so long. All this is without looking beyond our shores to war-torn, poverty-stricken countries suffering extremes of deprivation and a lack of peace – things thankfully unfamiliar to us. In circumstances like these 'hope' can be a commodity in short supply.

Lent is one of the church seasons when we are given time to reflect and repent, a time of preparation and looking forward in hope. In an increasingly godless world when fewer people claim any religious faith, there is a growing need for the Christian voice to be heard. We need men and women of conviction to stand up and proclaim the good news that there is indeed hope. The Apostle Paul reflects in Ephesians 2:12 that we were 'once strangers to the covenant of promise, having no hope and without God in the world'. Without God in our lives it is easy to see how little purpose, how little hope there is. The natural question of the whole point of life, when it can be

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such a struggle, is answered if we turn to God in repentance and faith. With God our lives are transformed and we are given a sure and certain hope.

Easter is the answer to the quest for meaning and purpose, and the hopelessness of trying to live without God. As Christians, we believe Jesus died on the cross on that first Good Friday in order to restore the relationship with God that had been destroyed by sin. The hopelessness of struggling through life coping with our own failures and frailties is transformed when we receive new life and forgiveness from God. The Resurrection on Easter Day proves that Jesus conquered the power of sin and death, giving us an eternal hope – the hope of heaven. The Apostle Peter sums it up in 1 Peter 1: 3: ‘Blessed be the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you’.

In a confusing and troubled world, the words of this well-known hymn are very relevant:

All my hope on God is founded,
all my trust He shall renew;
He, my guide through changing order,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
He alone calls my heart to be His own.

Our prayer should be that we can all sing these words with real faith. Happy Easter!
Kevin Boak, Lay Reader

News

Writing this on Ash Wednesday, I am very conscious that from now to the end of March we have almost the whole of Lent and the Easter Season ahead, culminating in the great joy of the resurrection on 31st March. As I watch the snow falling outside my thoughts turn to the homeless and the suffering they must have gone through in the past year. Let us pray that Spring and Easter-tide will bring kinder weather and that governments may work to ease their suffering. Once again, I would ask all to bear in mind that cleaning teams for the church are now much depleted so we still urgently need volunteers. Please contact Morag Carlaw to join up.
Richard Smith, Editor

Vestry Report

After approving the previous minutes the Vestry formally confirmed the last of the salary adjustments for inflation. From the previous meeting, it was agreed that the secretary would report on the proposal for a register of past members of the church before the next meeting; and that the Child protection report had been sent to the Diocesan Office.

Nick Parry’s property report noted that work to replace the Rectory boiler will commence the following Monday (11th Feb); and that replacing the Sacristy water heater will be taken forward this week. The Rector expanded upon the current property issues.

It was with regret that the Vestry decided to accept Sarah Selman’s resignation from the Vestry due to personal circumstances. To restore the proper number of members a new Vestry member is now sought.

Following earlier discussions, Marjory Barrington explained that nearly every community in Argyll and Bute has a Lunch Club including Kilcreggan (at Cove Burgh Hall) and Garelochhead (at Centre 81) at least once a week. Members are encouraged to help older persons make use of these facilities. Marjory also reported that there was still a need for additional funding for Well-being Packs for the disadvantaged and contributions would be very welcome.

The Vestry noted that the Military Wives Choir had been contacted about use of the Church for practice but that there had been no response as yet.

At a recent Stall-in-the-Hall, £120 was raised for Sense, a charity supporting people with impaired senses.

Richard Smith – Hon. Secretary

Notices

WADDESDON MANOR, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Kevin and Joy’s daughter is a curator at Waddesdon Manor in Buckinghamshire. She requested the loan of a chasuble, stole and various other items for an ecclesiastical display there from March to October 2013. If you are in the area or have friends near there who would like to visit, these items will be on view.

Further details about Waddesdon Manor may be found on their website at <http://www.waddesdon.org.uk>.

Joan Sadden

Notices (continued)

FAURÉ'S REQUIEM

Martyn Marshall will be presenting Gabriel Fauré's Requiem in St. Michael's Church on Good Friday 29th March 2013 at 5pm.

Martyn will be the Conductor with his Deputy Organist, Barbara Wenborn, playing the organ. The enhanced choir will be the largest yet with over 30 vocalists. Over half of the singers are from our own Church Choir and congregation. The welcome boost includes vocalists from The United Reform Church, St. Mungo's Church and Helensburgh Oratorio Choir.

The Faure Requiem is generally considered the greatest achievement of this highly influential French composer and was first performed in 1888. Although it did not achieve immediate popularity, the Requiem's clarity, balance, serenity and ethereal beauty eventually won it many admirers. Critics have been especially impressed by the way in which the score achieves great emotional power.

Today, Fauré's Requiem enjoys enormous popularity with lovers of sacred music all over the world. Please make a note in your diaries and join us in this act of devotion.

Shaun Hoey

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union were privileged to be the guests at the home of Joy Boak on Thursday 24th January for coffee and cakes. We all enjoyed the lovely atmosphere and winter gloom was dispelled. Thank you Joy.

Our first formal meeting of the year was a non-Eucharistic Service in the Trinity chapel on Monday 4th of February. Many thanks to all who attended and took various parts in the Service. The weather was very cold and inclement so it was good to have an attendance of 14 members.

On Thursday 21st of Feb we held our AGM and decided where our funds were to be distributed. We raised money by holding a Bring and Buy of Tangible Texts and unwanted Christmas presents.

Mothers' Union is a very active Charity providing Christian Care in over 80 countries and works through its 4 million grassroots members. If you would like

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to help support us why not buy a Mothering Sunday gift from our 'Make a Mother's Day' gift catalogue. The gifts range in price from £4 to £100, the catalogues can be found at the back of the church.

If you would like to find out more about us please come along to any of our meetings, you will be made welcome. Our theme this year is "Help us to Grow" so we are happy to encourage new members.

Friday 1st March is World Day of Prayer to be held in URC at 10am everyone is encouraged to attend.

Monday 4th March at 2.00pm our Speaker will be the Rev. Jenny Sclater on the theme of 'Help us to Grow'.

Sunday 10th March is Mothering Sunday

Thursday 21st March at 10.30am Trish Robertson will present a DVD about the Charity Toy Box.

Saturday 23rd March is a celebration of Lady Day and the Spring Council at Holy Trinity Motherwell at 11am. The Trustees would like as many as possible to attend. It is hoped that new members will be enrolled. *Margaret Horre*

Eco-congregation

The Eco-congregation Group has now put together the application for St Michael and All Angels First Award. We feel confident that we should gain this prestigious award as several people have put in quite a lot of hard work towards this. From Bible Study groups, Sunday Clubs, Youth Group, Intercessors, Gardening group, Beach cleaners, Messenger articles, helping at Eco-congregation Coffee Mornings, Lunch Club, Hospital T-Bar etc., etc.

In fact it is quite humbling to realise what a lot of work so many of our congregation do towards fulfilling the work of God's Creation and demonstrating His love for our Community and for our Surroundings.

You will notice that we have fresh tubs outside the church and the old ones will get refurbished and returned in due course. They were showing signs of suffering from the rigours of last summer. Many thanks to the team for their work during the 3rd week of February.

Margaret Horrell

BEAUTY FROM CHAOS - A BLOG FOR LENT

A number of Scottish Episcopalians will be contributing to a special blog for the season of Lent - Beauty from Chaos. It can be found here: <http://beautyfromchaos.wordpress.com/>

ENOUGH FOOD IF...

The Scottish Episcopal Church has joined with more than 80 other organisations as part of the IF campaign to make sure that everyone has enough food to live.

The message from the IF campaign is that there is enough food for everyone IF...

- we stop poor farmers being forced off their land and we grow crops to feed people not fuel cars.
- governments and big companies are honest and open about some of the things that stop people getting enough food.
- we give enough aid to stop children dying from hunger and help the poorest families get enough food.
- we stop big companies dodging taxes in poor countries.

Visit Enoughfoodif.org to find out more.

It is possible to sign up to join the campaign at Enoughfoodif.org or at www.christianaid.org.uk either as an individual or as a congregation.

A CARBON FAST FOR LENT?

The Church in Society Committee works in partnership with the Diocese of Cape Town on matters related to Climate Change through the sharing of ideas and resources. The Church in Society Committee has just received the Diocese of Cape Town's 'A Carbon Fast for Lent Programme'. It is full of great ideas of ways we can each reduce our carbon foot-print by making small adjustments to our daily living. The only one which may not be applicable to us in Scotland mid-winter is Friday 15th March: "Turn off the air conditioning. Use your automobile's flow-through ventilation system or open the windows at lower speeds!" Perhaps replace with: wear a thicker coat in the car!

The Programme is available on the website of the Diocese of Argyll and The Isles.

STOP DESTITUTION

The Stop Destitution campaign from the Scottish Refugee Council & Refugees Survival Trust is seeking your support.

The Stop Destitution campaign from the Scottish Refugee Council aims to effect a change in the current law and is running a postcard campaign to highlight the reality for many Scottish based refugees.

They don't want money, instead they wish to engage with people to help change the law and the Scottish Episcopal Church is supporting them through its Church and Society Committee.

The more support, the louder the voices, the more likelihood of the campaign succeeding. So, why not sign the online petition and then tell your friends, family and colleagues about the campaign.

Postcards will be collected and sent to the UK Immigration Minister, asking for a change in the law. If you would like to distribute and then collect signed postcards during a church service or event please contact info@rst.org.uk

The campaign is asking for:

- Proper support – this should continue until people are granted protection or can return home safely
- Right to work – for all asylum seekers who remain in the UK for more than six months, including those who have been refused.
- A better system – improve decision making on asylum claims and ensure the UK gives protection to all those who need it.

There is also a video which could be shown to church groups and societies, this video features refugees telling their stories. To find out more email campaign@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk or visit the website www.stopdestitution.org.uk

Find out more about the Scottish Episcopal Church at www.scotland.anglican.org

Sign up for news about the Scottish Episcopal Church at www.inspires.org.uk/subscribe

CALENDAR FOR

Friday 1st March

10:00am World Day of Prayer service at the United Reformed Church

Sunday 3rd March – THIRD OF LENT

8:00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)
9:30-10:00am 'Open Spirit' contemporary Worship (Crèche facility available)
10:30-11:15am Sunday Clubs for children
10:30-11:30am Sung Eucharist (Crèche facility available)
6:30pm Prayer Book Choral Evensong
7:00pm 'Chill Times' for S1 to S6

Monday 4th March

2:00pm Mothers' Union meeting Speaker Revd. Jenny Sclater
7:30pm Vestry meeting in Rectory Dining Room (nb. All reports to the Secretary by 24th February)

Tuesday 5th March

9:15-10:00am Prayer Group
10:30am Eucharist
11:45-12:45am Rector available in the Choir Vestry

Wednesday 6th March

7:30pm Eucharist

Thursday 7th March

10:45am Monthly Coffee Morning in Lower Hall

Saturday 9th March

9:00am Rambling Club

Sunday 10th March – FOURTH OF LENT (Mothering Sunday)

8:00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)
9:30-10:00am 'Open Spirit' contemporary Worship (Crèche facility available)
10:30-11:15am Sunday Clubs for children
10:30-11:30am Sung Eucharist (Crèche facility available)
6:30pm Prayer Book Choral Evensong
7:00pm 'Chill Times' for S1 to S6

Tuesday 12th March

9:15-10:00am Prayer Group
10:30am Eucharist
11:45-12:45am Rector available in the Choir Vestry

Wednesday 13th March

7:30pm Eucharist

Thursday 14th March

11:00am – 7:00pm Diocesan Growth Strategy Day of Prayer

Sunday 17th March – FIFTH OF LENT

8:00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)
9:30-10:00am 'Open Spirit' contemporary Worship (Crèche facility available)
10:30-11:15am Sunday Clubs for children
10:30-11:30am Sung Eucharist (Crèche facility available)
6:30pm Prayer Book Choral Evensong
7:00pm 'Chill Times' for S1 to S6

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Tuesday 19th March

9:15-10:00am Prayer Group
10:30am Eucharist
11:45-12:45am Rector available in the Choir Vestry

Wednesday 20th March

7:30pm Eucharist

Thursday 21st March

10:30am Mothers' Union

Saturday 23rd March

10:30am-12:30pm Messy Church at United Reformed Church

Sunday 24th March – PALM SUNDAY HOLY WEEK BEGINS

8:00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)
9:30-10:00am 'Open Spirit' contemporary Worship (Crèche facility available)
10:30-11:15am Sunday Clubs for children
10:30-11:30am Sung Eucharist (Crèche facility available)
6:30pm Prayer Book Choral Evensong
7:00pm 'Chill Times' for S1 to S6

Tuesday 26th March

9:15-10:00am Prayer Group
10:30am Said Eucharist with Lent Readings
11:45-12:45am Rector available in the Choir Vestry

Wednesday 27th March

7:30pm Said Eucharist with Lent Readings

Thursday 28th March – HOLY OR MAUNDY THURSDAY

8:00pm Sung Eucharist followed by Vigil to Midnight

Friday 29th March – GOOD FRIDAY

9:00am Stations of the Cross at St. Mungo's, Alexandria
11:00am Ecumenical Walk of witness in Helensburgh
2:00pm Liturgy of Good Friday
5:00pm Faure's Requiem performed in St. Michael's

Saturday 30th March – HOLY SATURDAY

9:00am Rambling Club
8:00pm Easter Vigil at St. Mungo's, Alexandria – Lighting of new fire of Easter, Lighting of Paschal Candles, Liturgy of Readings, Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Sunday 31st March – EASTER SUNDAY

8:00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)
9:30-10:00am 'Open Spirit' contemporary Worship (Crèche facility available)
10:30-11:15am Sunday Clubs for children
10:30-11:30am Sung Eucharist (Crèche facility available)
6:30pm Prayer Book Choral Evensong
7:00pm 'Chill Times' for S1 to S6



Diocesan News

CRISIS APPEAL SAVES STRICKEN SCHOOL

Revd Kenny Macaulay came back from Africa in January with bad news. The school his Dumbarton congregation runs from Scotland was within weeks of collapse. Saving the building would cost £5,500 – but how to find that huge sum in time? Father Kenny takes up the story...

I HAD been made aware there were problems with Dumbarton London Corner School before my annual trip to Serekunda, but what I found shocked me to the core. The building was literally cracking up and falling down into the old soakaway, and the implications for the children's health and safety became paramount.

There were three options:

- Buy land and build an entirely new school which would cost £40,000;
- Repair the immediate damage for £5,500 with lots more on the agenda that needed done;
- Just close the school.

Closing the school would mean an end of the free education, the feeding programme and medical care for our 90 pupils, and an end of nearly 11 years of hard work. Buying and building afresh was totally beyond us, and so the second option was the only real possibility.

I came back to Scotland with one thought in mind, and that was raising the money to save the school. It was fortuitous that the diocesan clergy conference was held during the next week, and I was able to alert fellow clergy to our predicament. The response from congregations and individuals within the diocese has been amazing.

The congregation of Castle Douglas sent us a bumper cheque for the £5,500 we desperately needed. My Facebook friends and church magazine subscribers were generous too. Donations tumbled in from strangers and unexpected sources. The local community gave abundantly too. Before we knew it, God had more than DOUBLED the Castle Douglas money!

This means that a myriad of other vital jobs can now be completed early: a replacement for the school's badly leaking corrugated roof; resurfacing the playground which also was affected by subsidence; a desperately needed upgrade for the children's toilets; and a new staff toilet.



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Some play equipment can now be bought too, together with badly-needed new text books.

The whole place can be painted and the school kitchen can get a facelift. And we'll still be able to squirrel away some cash for a ring-fenced building fund, in case we come across any more disasters!

I don't know how to express my gratitude adequately. The school and the children there mean so much to me and a great number of other people too, who give every month by standing order or through Paypal.

It is no secret that we have stopped young children dying thanks to the daily protein they are given and the antibiotics and anti-malaria treatments they get when necessary. A lot of people from all over contribute a small monthly amount to ensure that all this, with free education, continues in this, the poorest part of Serrekunda.

Many of the children in the area can still be seen naked in the streets or simply wearing bin bags. Housing conditions are dreadful, and food is sometimes in short supply.

While the Gambian education department recently closed down over 40 schools in the area because of poor educational standards, our little school was rated A+. One inspector said it was the best school in Serrekunda.

This was no great surprise to us as we ensure that our teachers are of the highest standard. We pay for them to go to Gambia College if they don't already have the highest of qualifications, and one of our teachers was top of his class this year.

Our curriculum comes with UN accreditation. We use stuff like Jolly Phonics although providing the required textbooks and tapes etc. can be a huge drain on our resources.

It all costs about £1,200 per month, but we just seem to get by on an annual basis! God is good, and so are our regular sponsors! Our teacher-in-charge, Sulayman Saidy, has so much enthusiasm and talent and he brings out the best in everyone.

So, a massive load of gratitude to all who have helped save our school! Ninety hungry mouths and minds will echo that. We go on in confidence that we'll soon have a building that matches the dreams and aspirations of a committed staff and a rather special administrator!

You can read more about the school at staugustinesdumbarton.co.uk/ministry/gambian-school



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LENT APPEAL TO SUPPORT L'ARCHE

THIS year's diocesan Lent Appeal will be for L'Arche, the charity founded in 1964 by Jean Vanier.

The son of the Governor General of Canada, Jean grew up to serve in the British and Royal Canadian Navy as an officer then resigned in 1950 to study philosophy and theology in Paris. It was in France that his eyes were opened to the institutionalisation of people with learning disabilities. Moved, he invited two residents to leave their institutions and join him in his own home in Trosly. Inspired by Noah's Ark, Jean named their house L'Arche (the Ark in French).

L'Arche grew rapidly in Trosly and in 1969 the first community opened in Canada. Since then more and more communities around the world have been founded.

L'Arche in Scotland supports 30 people with disabilities at home – in shared houses and individual flats; and offers work and other activities to 50 people during the day.

The movement works to ensure each Community member gets the right support to meet not just their basic needs but their emotional and spiritual needs as well.

Funds raised will be go towards:

Supporting the development of a new project in Scotland alongside the existing communities in Inverness and Edinburgh;

Supporting initiatives in the faith life of the two existing communities, such as the ecumenical retreats shared between people with learning disabilities and those who accompany them;

Supporting the community and faith life commitments of L'Arche Uganda.

To learn more visit larche.org.uk.

BLAME GAME 'MUST STOP'

CHURCH Action on Poverty has published a report accusing politicians and journalists of fuelling prejudice against poor people.

'The Blame Game Must Stop' offers a Christian response to stigmatising people who are in poverty. The report features stories gathered from people on benefits or low wages.

Niall Cooper, national coordinator of Church Action on Poverty, said: "Politicians and the media use abusive language and images, and fuel mistrust by contrasting supposed



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'strivers' with 'skivers'. Christians are called to act when anyone is marginalised or excluded. We urge all Christians to speak out now against this blame game."

The report is free to download at church-poverty.org.uk/stigma. The web page also includes a simple online action which can be used to send a message about stigma to your local newspaper.

WELFARE REFORM — 'BIGGEST CHANGE TO BENEFITS IN MODERN TIMES'

FAITH in Community Scotland, one of the Scottish Episcopal Church's strategic partners in its Church in Society work, has produced a leaflet about the upcoming Welfare Reform Act and how the changes will impact on the lives of the poorest and most vulnerable in our society.

Faith in Community Scotland is an anti-poverty organisation founded in 2005. Its board, staff and volunteers are a dynamic team from across the Christian, Jewish, Muslim and Sikh communities. It boasts a huge level of experience within the public, private and voluntary sectors. It shares a commitment and passion to reducing poverty in Scotland.

It gives training, resources, advice and support to faith groups, developing their potential to make a difference in Scotland's poorest communities.

It does this in the belief that poverty and inequality ruin people's lives. And, as Scotland changes, with people of different faiths and cultures living alongside each other, it believes it is essential to work together to reduce poverty and make our communities better places in which to live and work.

The leaflet can be downloaded at faithincommunityscotland.org from the 'what we do' section.

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Beacon Trust

Just to keep you up to date on what is happening. We have moved from Kirkmichael and are now in the new premises at 19 East Princes Street. It involved a lot of hard work by Andrea and Jean in the shop to sort out the stock and bring a 20 year association to an end. Steve, Billy, Joe and Paul transported the stock between the sites and I helped when I could. I would like to pay tribute to the "magnificent six" for their efforts in moving from Kirkmichael and the work that they are still doing in setting up the new shop. It was a wrench to leave Kirkmichael. We set out to show God's love in a community and I know we succeeded in this goal but our work there was not finished. We were accepted by all and the shop had become a place to drop in for a chat, wait for the bus and warm up on a cold day. Even the local dogs dropped in as Andrea kept a tub of doggie biscuits to give them a treat. There have been regrets expressed by locals about our moving but again I stress it was not our choice, we were forced into it by ACHA's requirements to re-site the rent office. Maybe the Lord has a new plan and greater goals for us, time will reveal all.

All this change means that we will have to review our terms of operation. We now have to find a "commercial rent" of over £600 a month. This will mean that what we did for free in the past will have to entail a charge. This is regrettable but if the Trust is to survive it must happen. If the revenue cannot be raised we will use up all our savings to keep going as long as possible and then we will bow out gracefully knowing that at least we tried.

Our future is in God's hands. We have been through many trials and tribulations in the past. This is another one that tested our faith right up to the line. We were days from closing when the new premises became available. When the Lord says enough is enough we will accept our fate. This is not a new beginning for the "Beacon Trust", nor is it another charity shop in the town. (The only charity shop in the town before us was Oxfam) I look upon this as a "forced re-location" so we continue God's work.

Trevor McGrath MBE

Earth Hour

Earth Hour is a World-Wide event, held every year at the end of March, to encourage every household and business to turn off non-essential lighting and any other electrical gadget for one hour to raise awareness about the need to take action on climate change. This year it will take place on 23rd March between 8.30pm and 9.30pm. In at least 175 countries people will turn off their lights, please join them in showing your concern about environmental issues.

Margaret Horrell

ST MICHAEL'S RAMBLING CLUB

WALKS MARCH 2013 TO MAY 2013

Walks are on Saturdays and start outside St Michael's Church at 9 am unless otherwise indicated by the leaders of the individual walks.

DATE	GRADE	WALK	CO-ORDINATOR CONTACT
9 th March	Easy	Dalreoch to Balloch – along the Leven	John Hanks 675010
30 th March – Easter Saturday	Easy/ Medium	Day trip to Arran	Frankie Hanmer 678490
13 th April	Medium	Inveruglas – ferry to Inversnaid and walk to Rowardennan	John Hanks 675010
27 th April	Easy Medium	Keillmore, Knapdale	Frankie Hanmer 678490
11 th May	Medium	Oban to Dunstaffnage	Sue and James Ashby 675541
17 th -20 th May		Weekend in Peebles	

These walks only have an estimated severity and so may differ after recce. Where appropriate there will usually be an easier alternative walk in the same area. The committee are John Hanks, Marion Blake, Geoff Mason and Frankie Hanmer.

Bible Study/Fellowship Groups

The Monday morning ladies' Bible Study Group meets on alternate Mondays at Judy Harbour's at 10:00am. The men's Group meets on alternate Thursday evenings at 8:00pm. Anyone who wishes to join us will be made most welcome. If you are interested in more details please contact John or Susan Lewis.

John and Susan Lewis

The Bible Study group hosted by Kevin and Joy Boak meets on alternate Tuesdays at 38 West Dhuill Drive. Starting time 2.30 pm.

Kevin Boak

LECTIONARY – MARCH 2013

Sunday	Eucharist	Evensong
3 rd March Lent 3	Isaiah 55:1-9 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9	Joshua 1:1-9 John 2:13-22 Psalms 11+12
10 th March Lent 4	Exodus 2:1-10 (Psalm 127:1-4) 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 Luke 2:33-35	Micah 7:1-20 John 3:14-21 Psalms 13+14
17 th March Lent 5	Isaiah 43:16-21 Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8	Lamentations 3:19-33 Matthew 20:17-34 Psalm 34
24 th March Palm Sunday	Isaiah 50:4-9a Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 22:14-23:56	Zechariah 12:9-11+13:7-9 Matthew 21:12-17 Psalm 31
28 th March (8:00pm) Holy Thursday	Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 116:1-2+12-19 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17+31b-35	
29 th March (2:00pm) Good Friday	Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 10:16-25 John 18:1-19:42	
31 st March Easter Day	Isaiah 65:17-25 Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18	Song of Songs 3:2-5+8:6-7 Luke 24:1-12 Psalm 66

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DATE	8:00am	10:30am	6:30pm
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17 th Mar	Anthony Laceby	Trevor Quickfall	Maureen McCormack
24 th Mar	Nigel Allan	John Lewis	Jill Braid
31 st Mar	Patricia Eglington	Lena Sutter	Kate Moos

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People's Warden

Rector's Warden

Sunday School

Infants, Juniors and Bible Class

Crèche

Chill Times

Sidespersons

Bellringers

Reading (Lessons) Rota

Cleaning Co-ordinator

Visiting Co-ordinator

Flowers

Intercessions Rota, Laundry, Soft

Fabrics and Chief Sacristan

Sunday Coffee Rota

BRF (Bible Reading Fellowship Notes)

Mothers' Union Branch Leader

USPG

Keep Fit/ Hall Convener/

Monthly Coffee Morning Rota

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