



WALLNEUK NORTH CHURCH



SPRING EDITION

NEWS UPDATE

MARCH 2021

Dear Members & Friends of Wallneuk North Church,

Easter 2021 is coming even closer and Christians from across the world have started preparing with high enthusiasm and happiness in their hearts. Easter Sunday was the day when Jesus Christ was resurrected from death for the wellbeing of humanity and remove all evil from the society. Moreover, this festival signifies the miracle and love of God for humanity. Jesus was declared dead after the crucifixion on Good Friday, however, when His disciples visited his tomb, the tomb was empty and later many individuals witnessed the presence of Jesus.

This year Easter will hopefully be different than last year, when all Easter's celebrations were cancelled. Easter Sunday 2021, will be symbolizing renewal of hope, a rebirth, and most of all, a victory of life over death and destruction. This Easter we should focus on a new us, a new Church united with Sanyford, indeed a new world which will emerge out of the current pain and uncertainty. A lesson that has been reinforced in these circumstances is the reality, that our lives will no longer be about **having** or **doing but** finding comfort in the deep understanding that the bonds we share, as human beings and as the body of Christ. There are bonds that remain unbroken even in the current times'

Let this Easter hope that the collapse and passing of old ways will bring about the emergence of new ones, that will only serve, to multiply us, like a grain of wheat falls into the earth then new life begins. It is also called the fresh expression or new way of being the Church. When the disciples were discouraged, disappointed and depressed in their lockdown since Good Friday, the resurrected Lord appeared to them on Easter Sunday. I think people desperately need to hear this message of Easter hope right now.

We have managed to keep in touch and Zoom has been a great blessing to allow us to keep in touch by having business meetings and church services on a Sunday.

I am always delighted to visit you, socially distanced of course, or to have a wee chat on the phone, catch up on WhatsApp, Facebook or Messenger.

Please keep in touch. You are always in my thoughts and prayers.

Kind Regard
Rev. Peter Gill

Easter Services 2021

Maundy Thursday 1st April 7pm

Good Friday 2nd April 7pm

Easter Sunday 4th April 11am

Have A Beautiful Easter

Oh I pray you have a splendid Easter
Full of hope and joy and love,
Thanking Jesus, blessed Savior
For all that He has done.

May you feel the great excitement
Of this very precious day,
When Jesus gave His very life
To wash our sin away.

May you have a memorable time
With family and friends,
Filled with sweet delight
In all His love extends.

May you wake on Easter morn.
Excited e'er to rise,
In the resurrection life of Jesus
Where all the love abides.

God bless you always
~ Derry's Heart Poems

Happy
Easter





Advent was always going to be a strange celebration this year, mostly because the wealth of musical traditions we have in Church including singing well loved carols in the usual way was completely out of the question.

After exploring a few options, it seemed like the only real option to share Christmas musical cheer, apart from carefully risk assessed in Church solo singing, was to do a zoom Christmas singalong. It was a real pleasure to share and sing all my Christmas favourites both sacred and secular with you all and get into the Christmas spirit. It was not quite the same as everyone was on mute to adapt to the limitations of the technology, but it was

certainly a viable alternative to not sharing. You will all be grateful to hear I have no plans for a Christmas music quiz next year!

Advent as a solo musician presented some new challenges, but I can say from the bottom of my heart that the feedback you've all given me and our visiting ensemble of Ken and Paul has warmed my heart greatly. I think there is nothing so honest and close to God as the sound of the human voice praising him and I felt extremely close to him during those musical times before Christmas, thinking especially of The Lord's Prayer we shared during Nativity Sunday and Breath of Heaven during the Songs of Prophecy Service I led.

Missing you all as I am on furlough and must stick to the rules but I am looking forward to worshipping with you all sooner rather than later. I felt a great deal of hope receiving my vaccination appointment time in the post this morning and I am sure many of you have already been inoculated at least once.

Advent was and is about expectation, hope and looking forward, and while we've been on our guard against the virus for almost an entire year now the vaccine is bringing hope, expectation and we are all looking forward to rebirth, coming for us in the form of His resurrection.

Jemma Brown

HE IS RISEN



CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

The retrieval offering from the services leading up to Christmas have been donated to two charities.

Womans Aid received £355 and Barnardos received £260.

Thank you all for your generous donations.

ZOOM SERVICES

We are very fortunate to be able to enjoy the ZOOM services on a Sunday morning. Congratulations should be extended to Robert for his very impressive technical expertise in presenting the service, and thanks to Peter for all his input and to the team of helpers who contribute prayers and readings. The services have been very welcome during the lockdown, and it is great to be able to feel that although we are each in our own home, we are taking part in a community activity amongst friends. We all look forward to the day

when we can meet up in person, but the ZOOM services have been an inspiration to us all at this difficult time.

Thanks again to the team making it all possible.

Stewart Munro



Bereavements

Marion Crawford
Margaret Martin
Jean Montgomery
Jessie Wilson



Garden Visitors – with Feathers by Sandra McInnes

In my idle moments, of which there have been plenty, I have been paying more attention than usual to the garden birds that visit my feeders and water dishes.

The water dishes are just two big plant saucers on the ground. The larger one is a great favourite with the sparrows who seem to prefer when it is full to overflowing. It makes a four-sparrow bath with a fifth sometimes trying its luck rather than just queueing up on the edge. Occasionally a wood pigeon will decide to have a bath, in the smaller saucer of course. This usually results in water everywhere – except in the water dish.



Goldfinches don't seem to be keen on bathing or even drinking. They come down out of the tree to feast on niger seed or sunflower seed. They hog the feeders, ignoring all comers until they are satisfied. I forgive them their lack of social skills because they are so well-dressed and colourful.

The sparrows, on the other hand, prefer the understated outfits in shades of brown and grey. They come out of the hedge in quantities, all chattering away and squabbling among themselves. They enjoy the sunflower hearts and will have a communal attack on the fat-ball feeder, pushing each other out of the way to get a tasty bite. The tit family have the very best table manners, each taking a seed and flying off to eat it in the tree, leaving room for the next comer,

Jackdaws and magpies will have a go at the fat balls, but they are just too big to get a comfortable grip on the feeder while bending enough to peck at the goodies. It doesn't stop them from trying! Meanwhile, on the ground the blackbird, robin, collared doves and pigeons, both wood and feral, are on patrol in the hope of any food dropped from above. It never fails to amaze me how birds of such different sizes manage to share the same space quite happily. Never a dull moment, until for whatever reason, all take flight and disappear.

Yesterday, having some towels out blowing dry on the line, I was keeping a wary eye on a bank of rain cloud when I was startled to see a large bird not just on the line but clutching my bath towel! I held my breath for a moment hoping the towel was not about to have a pattern added to it, while being amazed to recognise a sparrowhawk. The other birds were all in a panic in next-door's garden with not a one left in mine. They had ganged up in the face of danger, believing in safety in numbers and loud alarm calls. The sparrowhawk did a couple of circuits but as far as I could tell, left without anything to eat. I felt a bit sorry for it, the outcast, the danger, not one of the garden gang. It would be hungry too – a bird needing fed the same as the others but with a different kind of appetite. But I was glad that “the regulars” had escaped.

It is better to be part of the big crowd. Welcome, Sandyford. We value our extra strength!

The U in Jesus

Before You were thought of or time had begun
God stuck U in the name of his son.
And each time U pray, you'll see it's true.
You can't spell out JesUs and not include U
You're a pretty big part of His wonderful name.
For U, He was born; that's why he came.
And His great love for U, is the reason He died.
It even takes U to spell crUcified.
Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand?
He rose from the dead, with U in His plan?
The stones split away; the gold trUmpet blew.
And this word resUrrrection, is spelled with a U.
When JesUs left earth at his Upward accension,
He felt there was one thing He just had to mention.
“Go into the world and tell them it's true.
That I love them all – Just like I love U.
So many great people are spelled with a U.
Don't they have a right to know JesUs too?
It all depends now on what U will do.
He'd like them to know,
But it all starts with U.



NEW SKILLS DURING LOCKDOWN



The 8th Paisley Brownies and Guides are still meeting weekly on zoom. We have learnt some British Sign Language as part of our badge work. This was a new skill for most of the girls.

The Brownies are working on their My Rights badge and the guides are working on their Guiding History badge. These will help them gain their know myself theme awards.

Some of the girls and leaders took part in the Girlguiding Scotland virtual Thinking Day event on Sunday 21st February. They remade their promise with the Scottish Chief Guide Moria McKenna and did other activities. We will continue to meet on zoom until it is safe for us to return to face to face meetings when we hope we will be able to welcome some new members.

Gillian and Lorraine



Margaret and Robert Cochran have learnt some new skills during lockdown. Margaret has learnt how to use zoom and facebook and

Robert has learnt some new crafts with the activity bags sent out for the weekly tea party with memory lane.



During lockdown I have been submitting word searches and crossword puzzles on the Star Trek crew page for the space dock Boobrie. I am XO (Executive Officer) and Ian Williams is the Captain. I decided to do it just as a bit of fun for the members of Starfleet when they had some free time. Grant Hume



My colleague who lives alone was struggling mentally with everything that we have had to deal with due to the Covid situation. I taught her to crochet and knit.

She has crocheted a blanket and knitted several hats for her friends. I'm very proud of how this has helped her.

Janette Gervaise



Hayden came joint 2nd in his class for working through tasks set on literacy planet and also tried some "Draw with Rob" on youtube (he thinks he can't draw)



Harry's P6 class are working along side Glasgow Science Centre. He built his own rain gauge for the topic of Climate and Weather.

Check out

<https://www.glasgowsciencecentre.org/>

There are sections for all ages

FUN IN THE SNOW



Meet Colaf the Snowman. Two over 60's (who will remain nameless) built him. They had great fun.



As part of Carolann's 60th Birthday celebrations she went sledging in Barshaw Park. Carolann had a great time and didn't even mind the bruises!

A lovely photo of the Church in the snow



YOUNG CHURCH

During this lockdown Young Church have been meeting every Sunday on ZOOM. The services have been very interesting and very varied. We have been taking turns of leading the service:-


Hayden National Geographical Nature Quiz (Try it. It's in the Update).

Harry What is your favourite Hymn and the history behind it.
Harry's favourite was "What a Friend we have in Jesus"
Hayden choose "Who put the Colours in the Rainbow"
Did you know there are 22 questions asked in that hymn.
Harry gave us homework, we had to research our favourites hymn for the following Sunday.
We hope to bring this to the Church when we re-open.



Catherine 'Bring Me' which was based on the 7 days of creation.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Roberta  Valentines Day - We all got heart shapes, sweets and a set of instructions send through the post. Our homework this week was to write the people, places and things that we love in each of the hearts.

Lorraine For Epiphany Sunday we draw a star, wrote our name in the middle of it and in each point of the star we had to write a New Year's Resolution which could help us to become a better person.

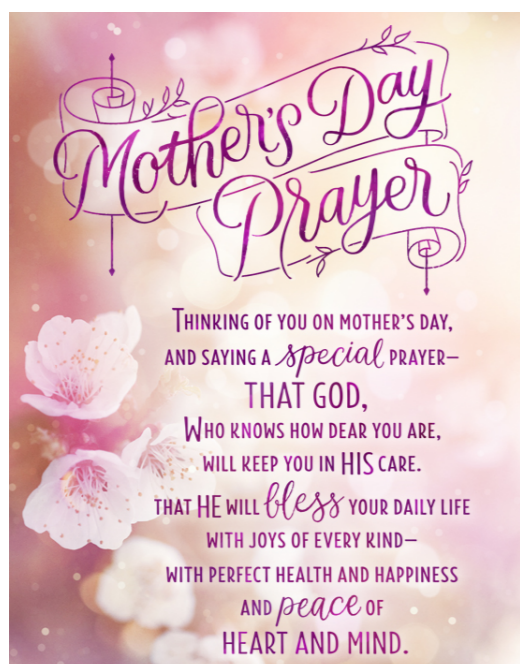


Gillian This week Gillian taught us Sign Language
We are hopefully going to learn to sign the Lords Prayer.



Hayden Making Room for God This Lent. Hayden sent us a chart with three columns the headings were Pray. Promise to say your prayers at night or in the morning.
Do. Show how much we love God by doing something or giving up something that we like.
Show. Be charitable or go out of our way to make a difference.
This had to be completed for the Sunday. It really made us all think.

As we will not be back into Church for Mothers Day Young Church would like to wish all ladies a very Happy Mothers Day.



The Summer News Update will be out for the beginning of June. Hopefully by that time we will be back in the Church and we can start to plan activities where we can meet and get together.

If you have any news, stories, information or photographs you would like included please let Catherine or Roberta know - **it's never too early.**

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to this News Update.



Rab's Crossword

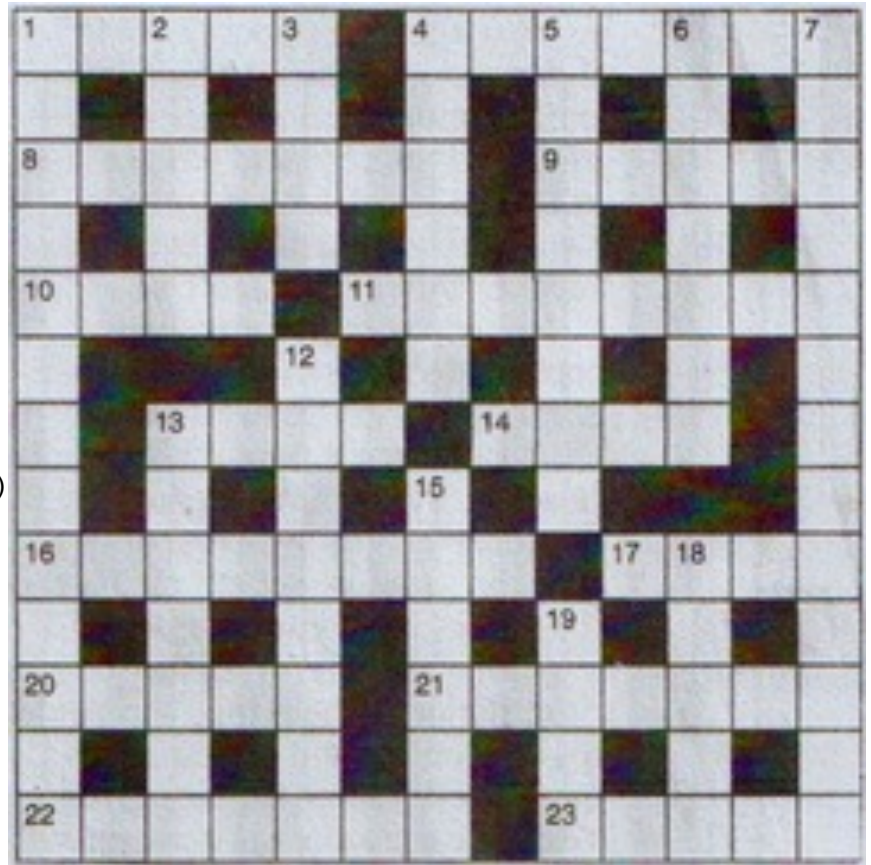
Across

1. Ancient church in Paisley (5)
4. Biblical father of Issac (7)
8. She sank in 1912 (7)
9. 2nd planet from the sun (5)
10. Roman Emperor in 69AD (4)
11. Son of a son (8)
13. Hello from a boat (4)
14. Bury this with a red stone (4)
16. Introduction of air into a material (8)
17. Famous newspaper in Liverpool (4)
20. Area in southside of Glasgow (5)
21. 1/8th of a mile (7)
22. A painful feeling, for the first time (3,4)
23. In North America they are called Rutabaga's (5)



Down

1. Permission or approval (13)
2. Sundance's mate (5)
3. A hard pull from the USA (4)
4. In unison for charity in Paisley (6)
5. Extremely hungry (8)
6. Adhering to moral principles (7)
7. Buildings that hold meetings, found in most towns in Scotland (7,6)
12. Safe, free from poison (3,5)
13. Staff on the plane (3,4)
15. Can be ground or in a pot (6)
18. Often decorated with Wally tiles (5)
19. 2nd largest country in the Middle East (4)



Hayden's Quiz

1. A species of snail is called a Ba -Humbugi **TRUE** or **FALSE**
2. Cheetahs can change direction in midair while chasing prey **TRUE** or **FALSE**
3. Some honeybee queens .. a. **BARK** b. **MOO** c. **QUACK** d. **OINK**
4. An emperor penguin has how many feathers per square inch of body... a. **10** b. **50** c. **100** d. **1000**
5. Cockroaches can survive underwater for up to ... a. **5 min** b. **7 min** c. **12 min** d. **15 min**
6. The fur of an Indian giant squirrel is ... a. **PINK** b. **PURPLE** c. **BLUE** d. **MULTI COLOURED**
7. Slugs have how many noses ... a. **1** b. **2** c. **3** d. **4**
8. Some dogs are allergic to ... a. **CATS** b. **FISH** c. **HORSES** d. **OTHER DOGS**
9. Alligators can live up to how many years... a. **60** b. **80** c. **100** d. **150**
10. A pet rabbit in England weighed the same as how many bowling balls... a. **1** b. **2** c. **3** d. **4**
11. An octopus has 8 legs and 4 hearts ... **TRUE** or **FALSE**
12. Pigs can get sunburn ... **TRUE** or **FALSE**
13. The longest recorded flight of a chicken is how many seconds... a. **3** b. **10** c. **13** d. **16**
14. Butterflies taste food with there feet ...**TRUE** or **FALSE**
15. There is an ice cream truck in Glasgow that only serves scoops to dogs **TRUE** or **FALSE**
16. Hippo sweat is ... a. **BLUE** b. **CLEAR** c. **BROWN** d. **RED**
17. The clocks spring forward on ... a. **29th March** b. **27th March** c. **28th March** d. **1st April**
18. Newborn lambs have amber eyes with what shaped pupils...a. **TINY DOT** b. **HOURLASS** c. **SLAT** d. **LARGE BLACK**
19. What animal has the word Spring at the start of its name?
20. For Australians what month does Spring begin for them ... a. **JULY** b. **AUGUST** c. **SEPTEMBER** d. **OCTOBER**



We hope you have had a bit of fun completing Rab's crossword and Hayden's quiz.
The answer to both will be in the next News Update.
If your brain need a bit more exercise try the mind boggling teaser below.

This will boggle your mind

1. Without anyone watching and while sitting, lift your right foot off the floor and make clockwise circles.
2. Now, while doing this, draw the number "6" in the air with your right hand.
Your foot will change direction and there's nothing you can do about it