

# Lent & Easter Worship



## MARCH

**Sunday 25th** at 11am 4th in Lent- Mothering Sunday  
Sacrament of Holy Communion

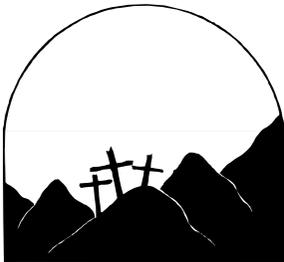
## April

**Sunday 1st** at 11am 5th in Lent  
Sacrament of Baptism

**Sunday 8th** at 11am Palm Sunday - worship for all ages including  
contributions from the Sunday School.  
at 6.30pm Evening worship including celebration of Holy  
Communion

**Sunday 15th** at 11am Worship for all ages to celebrate Easter day.  
There will be a short informal celebration of  
Communion after the main service for those who  
wish to stay.

**Holy Week Services** are from **Monday 9th April** to **Friday 13th April** at 7p.m. each evening. These services are held in a different church in Granton each evening. For further details about Holy Week see the notice on the noticeboards in the church and in the weekly Order of Service.

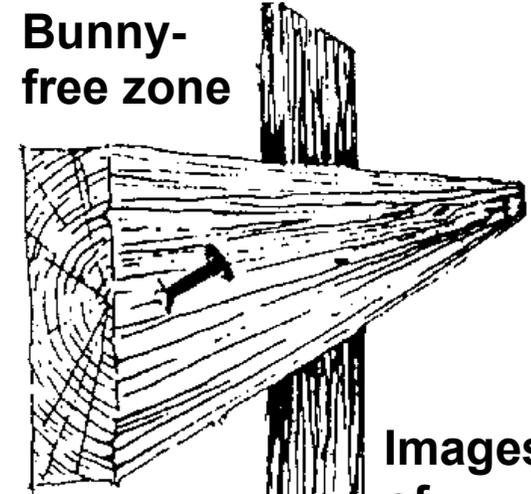


# Outlook

Granton Parish Church - March 2001

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**Easter Bunny-free zone**



**Images of Easter**



- All's well that ends well with the Drama Group
- Introducing our new Mission Partners
- Details of our Easter services

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## Kirk Outlook

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*The Mission Statement of Granton Parish Church*

**"sharing the love and knowledge of God to create a better and fairer world for all"**

# LIFE & WORK

## - take a new look

THE MAGAZINE OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

### IN THE MARCH ISSUE

- ◆ Old Firm matches between Rangers and Celtic seem like a "sanctioned form of bigotry" according to sports writer Tom Lappin. When the English football scene was blighted by racist violence the authorities were quick to stamp on it. He asks why the Scottish football authorities seem "complacent" and "blinker" about the issue.
- ◆ The Alpha course phenomenon has swept the world, converting thousands to Christianity, but does it offer all it seems to promise? Two angles on Alpha successes are put forward by a Church of Scotland minister, Linda Broadley, and the National Youth Adviser Steve Mallon.
- ◆ Why are the Church and its members often so terribly boring? Elspeth Strachan tries to find the answer.
- ◆ The media has the power to shape opinion and attitudes, but what do we know of their own values and beliefs? Sixteen leading figures in print media and broadcasting answer questions about God, belief and the Church.
- ◆ The Church may be shaken up as never before when proposals on review and reform of the Kirk are put to this year's General Assembly. Read about this "revolutionary blueprint for the shape of the Church".
- ◆ Is Lent merely about giving up chocolate? The trivia of Lent is exposed in an article which calls on Christians to slow down and enjoy a place in the natural cycle of life. The editorial also promotes Lent as a time not to give something up but to do something positive.
- ◆ Much of our Western prosperity is based on slavery as we unknowingly buy goods made by child or sweatshop labour, according to Antonia Swinson's 'Mammon' column. She suggests that Christians take a full ethical audit of their own finances.
- ◆ and all for 90p!



THOUGHTS FOR LENT

## No Bunnies In This Magazine!

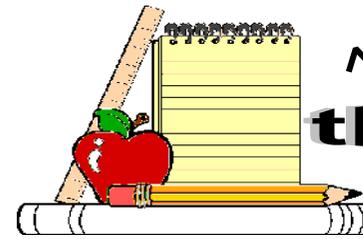
I like bunnies as much as the next person. You probably like bunnies, too. But Lent is not a time to be confused about the reason for Easter. It's not about rabbits distributing eggs, cooing and aahing over cute baby chicks or wearing outlandish bonnets in "easter parades."

At Easter we celebrate the historical fact that nearly 2,000 years ago a man died, lay in a grave for three days and then got up and began walking around again, telling people that God loves them.

Easter is a celebration of Jesus Christ and the realization that the events of Good Friday and Easter Sunday have meaning for us today. The tomb in Jerusalem is still empty. Jesus lives, and he'll live forever.

*"For God so loved the world that he sent his only Son, that whosoever believes in Him may never perish but have eternal life."*

Easter is not simply a national or world holiday. It is a deeply personal event for every Christian. Being a "Christian" is not about just going to church or trying to live a good life. These are certainly worthy endeavors, yet can be pursued without any definitive spiritual connection to Jesus Christ. Being a "Christ-ian" means following Jesus and *really* dealing with who He is and what He means to you.



## NOTES FROM the minister

**A**s we look forward to the celebration of Easter I was reflecting again on what Resurrection might mean for us today. I came across these images of Resurrection:

### **Resurrection all around** *(Donald Hilton)*

*When the cold earth feels the sunshine;  
Probing roots search deep for food,  
Welcome Easter, welcome springtime,  
Jesus lives and God is good.*

*When the crocus braves the weather;  
Lifts its head to greet the sky,  
Welcome Easter, welcome springtime,  
Jesus lives and God is nigh.*

*When a friendship, sadly broken,  
Starts again its warmth to find,  
Welcome Easter, welcome springtime,  
Jesus lives and God is kind.*

*When a family, spoilt by quarrels  
cools its temper, hurt removes,  
Welcome Easter, welcome springtime,  
Jesus lives and God is love.*

*When the poor, the homeless, hungry,  
find their place, no longer sad,  
Welcome Easter, welcome springtime  
Jesus lives and God is glad*

*When the Church sings Easter gladness,  
Voices raised, a faith to share,  
Welcome Easter, welcome springtime,  
Jesus lives and God is there.*

### **Resurrection now**

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# EASTER

Please contact the minister, Rev. Lynne MacMurchie, for information about Church membership, Baptism, being married in church or for any other reason. Lynne's phone number is 551 2159 and email address is [lynnemac@lineone.net](mailto:lynnemac@lineone.net)



*(H.A. Williams, from 'True Resurrection')*

*When we begin to recognise the power of resurrection present in the ordinary gritty routine of our daily lives, then we shall see for ourselves that all that separates and injures and destroys is being overcome by what unites and heals and creates. We shall no longer have to ask where and when resurrection happens, for we shall have first-hand experience of it as we live as ordinary folk in the ordinary world.*

Whatever form it takes I hope you find new life this Easter.

Lynne



You are invited to join in  
the  
**SACRAMENT OF  
HOLY COMMUNION**  
when it is celebrated on  
**Sunday 25th March 2001**  
at 11.00am

**A big thank you**  
from Sandra  
Summers to  
everyone who  
helped to make  
the Burns Supper  
such a great  
success. Over  
£200 was made  
for church funds.

1866 to serve expatriates and as a mission to the local population. It now caters for different nationalities and denominations.

Gordon works half-time in the St. Andrew's Church and half-time with the IEFP (Igreja Evangelica Presbiteriana De Portugal) developing relations. He also serves as a NATO chaplain. Other English-language churches are the Anglican congregations in Lisbon, Extoril and Oporto, and the Algarve.

The work at present is low key and rather slow, but the relationship is growing. What looks like being a strong possibility is for the conduct of worship in English perhaps once a month in the Scots Kirk in Madeira. This is soon to be explored.

### **and the Future**

In future Partnership letters Gordon hopes to give not only updates on the work with the Portuguese Presbyterian Church, but also developments within St. Andrews Church Lisbon and to give a flavour of life in Portugal. You will find copies of Gordon's first letter on the Notice Board at the back of the Church and in the West Hall - please take time to read this. In due course we will receive a photograph of Gordon and Jenny.

### **A very new partnership**

I am looking forward very much to corresponding with Gordon and Jenny and to learning more about Portugal and their work in that country. This Partnership in Portugal is very new and I feel sure there will be much for us to learn and I shall, of course, be sharing with Gordon and Jenny what we are doing here in Granton!

Meantime please remember our new Mission Partners Gordon and Jenny in your prayers and also the work of the churches in Portugal.

Audrey Mitchell.





## Quiet Time

Just a quick reminder about our "quiet time" service which is fortnightly on a Thursday morning at 9.45. It's a time to come along and reflect or pray, or just sit quietly for a short time - whatever you feel is right for you at that time.

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We had workshops too. One of those which I attended was on the art of storytelling, how to tell a good story. This was interesting and helpful, but to be a good storyteller is truly a gift and I'm sure we all know someone who has such a gift - unfortunately I'm not one of them!

## Internet

Another workshop was about the internet, and how good it is in spreading the "Good News" from the gospels, not just in church, but throughout the world. The internet is a very valuable window to the world and great if you are well versed with computers. I came away from the workshop vowing to learn more about it when I have the time.

So my four days at Crieff have been a learning experience and a tiring experience - I was glad to come back to Granton Parish for a rest and to reflect on the course.

Take care of yourselves, and God bless.

Marylynn



## From the Session Clerk

Here's a puzzle for you.....

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu. Kept people looking so hard for facts, and for others it was a revelation.

Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books were not capitalised. But the truth finally struck home to numbers of our readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you.

Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady said she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete.

Relax now, for there really are sixteen names of the Bible in this article.

## Library

There are library books at the back of the church just waiting to be read - feel free to borrow.

DRAMA GROUP

# "All's well that ends well"

by Stuart Mitchell ( Drama Group Secretary)

Rehearsals for "The Farnsdale Avenue Township Women's Guild Dramatic Society production of "Macbeth" are continuing apace and signs off the cast knowing a line or two or even stumbling through a page or two without a script (bravery or foolhardiness, you be the judge) are becoming apparent. The play is hilarious, fast paced and involves a large cast and crew. It is suitable for all with the exception perhaps of younger children who may find it difficult to follow. It is well worth buying a ticket for and for bringing friends and family to. Your support will be greatly appreciated not simply in financial terms, but more importantly in your contribution of laughter and response.

## Keeping up with traditions?

As a point of interest, in Shakespeare's time it was popular for the audience to stand at the theatre as a way of increasing the capacity. We thought about this as it would save putting the chairs out, but after finding out that actors were often attacked by restless audiences who unrestrained by seating, reached the stage easily, we decided against this approach!!

As our forthcoming play requires a lot of backstage effort ( I should say even more effort than usual) any offers of help will be gratefully accepted. The majority of the work will centre round set and prop construction and a crew will be needed during the run of the play to shift scenery etc. Please contact me on 552 6046 (home) or 07769968756 (mobile) and I will pass your details on to our stage manager. Alternatively, please feel free to join us on Monday evenings at 8pm in the small hall. You will be made very welcome.

In the words of the immortal bard, we hope that after all our efforts we will be able to say "All's well that ends well" and that our worries over lines etc will simply have been "Much ado about nothing"



**Tickets priced  
£3.50 for Adults  
and £2 for  
concessions will  
be available  
shortly. The play  
runs from  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>  
April to Saturday  
28<sup>th</sup> April.**

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given that standing on a freezing cold touchline at Letham Park is not one of the more pleasurable experiences in life!!)

In finishing, I should like to as always reiterate my earlier message in extending an invitation to all members of the congregation to continue to support the Company in any way possible during the remainder of the session. In doing so you will help towards ensuring our continued presence and in assisting us in furthering our aims of providing a valuable service to the boys in our area. I can be contacted on 0131 552 5790 if you wish to discuss ways in which you could help.

Well that's all from me for now, I will keep you up to date with all our news in future issues of Kirk Outlook.

### Afraid of the dark



A little boy was afraid of the dark. One night his mother told him to go out to the back porch and bring her the broom. The little boy turned to his mother and said, "Mum, I don't want to go out there. It's dark." The mother smiled reassuringly at her son. "You don't have to be afraid of the dark," she explained. "Jesus is out there. He'll look after you and protect you."

The little boy looked at his mother real hard and asked, "Are you sure he's out there?"

"Yes, I'm sure. He is everywhere, and he is always ready to help you when you need him," she said. The little boy thought about that for a minute and then went to the back door and cracked it a little.



## Monthly Evening Services

A reminder of the evening service that's held once a month. This is to provide other opportunities for worship especially for those who are unable to attend on a Sunday morning. The Sacrament of Communion is celebrated during these services so that those who are unable to make the main communion service do not have to wait another three months to receive communion. The evening services are however different in style from the morning and last approx. 35 minutes. Come along and try a slightly different style of worship.

### THE LADIES FELLOWSHIP

## From Leith to Egypt and Back

by Elizabeth Jones, Secretary

Our session is slowly coming to an end. During the last few weeks we have had talks on Leith, Edinburgh, Egypt, have had a tour of the Mission Fields and have learned about Quakerism. Our Spring Fair took place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March.

In the midst of the recent miserable weather, we are looking forward to our Spring Outing on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May, when we will visit Kelso and Jedburgh.

Our fortnightly Coffee Evenings will start on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. Our members meet and have a chat and catch up on news. Also, on these evenings, we have a Bring and Buy stall. So why not drop in - you'll be made very welcome.

## ▶ Parish Register

FUNERALS	Christopher Magee	James Whitecross
76/3 Granton Crescent	10/5 Royston Mains Road	
January 6th	January 24th	22nd February
<b>Billy Robertson</b>	<b>Edna McGonigle</b>	<b>James Wilson</b>
39/4 Granton Crescent	2/2 Granton Terrace	14/1 Wardieburn Place West
January 10th	February 8th	26th February
<b>Mary Notman</b>	<b>Richard Hitchcock</b>	<b>Roderick Kerr</b>
19 Crewe Crescent	34 Pilton Drive	28/3 Pilton Drive
January 13th	February 12th	1st March
<b>Beitha Campbell</b>	<b>Evelyn Brattisani</b>	<b>William McKenzie</b>
50 Boswall Parkway	88/3 Boswall Terrace	15/2 Wardieburn Place East
January 16th	February 13th	
<b>May Main</b>	<b>Davy McRobert</b>	
11 Wardieburn Terrace	5 Boswall Parkway	
January 22nd	21st February	

### Break-in

Many of you will already know that the church building was broken into on the night of Saturday 25th February.

Thankfully there was not much lasting damage done - none at all to the sanctuary - and it appears that whoever broke in was after money. As far as we can tell only a very small sum of money that was in the office was taken.

There are two things I've learned: There is a God--and I'm not Him.

NOTES FROM THE CONGREGATIONAL BOARD

## Requests & Appeals

*by Jessie MacDonald, Clerk to the Board*

Two things. The first is in the form of a request.

On Sundays, after the service, if you have anything for the Treasurer could you please put it in the Treasurer's pigeon-hole in the Session Room, rather than go into the office. Those who are counting the offering and completing the paperwork are finding that interruptions can be very distracting. By leaving your stuff in the pigeon-hole, the Treasurer can get back to you later on. There will also be a notice on the door of the office about this. If you have to speak to the Treasurer, perhaps this could be done at some other time.

The second is in the form of an appeal.

Our Property convener, Chris Hansen, steps down from his three-year stint at the Annual Stated Meeting. So far we haven't secured a new convener. Could you do it? You don't have to be very technically minded - Chris has a good list of professionals and volunteers who can help. You do have to be reasonably well organised and able to co-ordinate what is going on in and around the building. What's more, the convener doesn't have to be a man, and possibly two people could do the job, liaising together. Why not think about it - if you think you could help please contact Bill King, Bill Pollock or Jim Sinclair.

### NOT TOO SERIOUSLY!

There will be a meeting of the Board immediately after the service," announced the minister. After the close of the service, the group gathered in the Session Room for the announced meeting. But there was a stranger in their midst. He was a visitor who had never attended their church before.

"My friend," asked the minister, "did you understand that this is a meeting of the Board?"

"Yes," said the visitor, "and after that sermon, I'm about as bored as you can get!"

BOYS BRIGADE

## THE BRIGADE BUGLE

*By Malcolm Burton, Captain 19<sup>th</sup> Leith*

Both Junior section and Company section continue to meet on a Wednesday night with the boys taking part in a varied programme of badge work, activities and games.

Activities and competitions for Junior and Company boys at Battalion level have recommenced and we recently fielded Junior and Company football teams in their respective indoor 5 a side competitions. The boys enjoyed the opportunity of taking part and though we did not win either event, the boy's thoroughly enjoyed themselves which is by far the most important aspect of taking part.

By way of interest, the current numbers attending are 14 at JS level and 14 at CS.

Camps

Preparations are underway for Junior Section camp which will be held at Grantshouse near Dunbar from 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> June (a short camp I hear you say, but I can assure you it is quite long enough when looking after 24 boys with an over abundance of energy!!). The boys will take part in a varied programme which we hope, weather permitting, will be largely outdoors (the fresh air should hopefully tire them out!!). We have used the centre before and are very lucky to have the use of its excellent facilities and those of the surrounding area.

A camp for the Company Section will hopefully take place in September and we are currently looking at using a site near Newcastleton in the Borders region.

The CS boys will be attending the Battalion annual church service on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March and will be taking part in other Battalion events as they arise.

Fitba!

Football has restarted for the CS though the weather has taken its toll on a few matches. JS football is due to restart shortly and the boys are looking forward to their regular Saturday morning competition (the staff are slightly less enthusiastic

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### Can You Help?

The 87th Scouts in Boswall Parkway are looking for someone to tend the Scout Hut Grounds in exchange for a bit of 'pocket money' - £6 a week for a couple of hours' work.

They are also looking for someone to take on the role of Hut Warden.

Contact any of the leaders or Hamish Kay, the Group Scout Leader on 552 7417 if you're interested.