

The Sign April 2021

Web edition

St Cuthbert's endeavours to be a community in which all are encouraged to participate in worshipping God and serving the wider community. It welcomes those who are doubters and sceptics as well as those who are committed in faith, and has a concern for those who have been hurt by their experiences of life.

Dear Friends,

I write this filled with excitement and joy because of the news that we will be re-opening for Easter Day. A great day to celebrate Christ's resurrection and for us to begin again. It won't be what we have experienced in the past but at least we will be together to worship! It's hard to believe it was a year ago on March 15th that we closed for the first time.



I have just returned from 12 days holiday. It is the first time I have taken a holiday and remained at home and, I must confess, I found it quite difficult. Waking up and seeing the church each morning; passing my office every time I walked down the stairs; seeing some of your lovely faces whenever I left the house; all 'calling' me to work. However, I didn't give in too many times and did even more walking with my dogs and spent many hours on Baberton Golf Course with Iain – I

walked, he played. I had hoped to do some gardening but as I'm a novice, the wet weather did not entice me.

While walking it was lovely to see the signs of spring all around. Buds bursting through, lambs in the fields, the smell of garlic in the woods and, now and again, sun sneaking through the clouds. I was also reminded that we still have winter lingering on though, when hit with snow and hail storms or blustering winds. We are lucky to live where we are, surrounded by God's beautiful creation, it's just a shame when it is being damaged so much, consciously or not.

This year CoP26 (more information later) will take place in Glasgow and I plan to have information in the magazine each month, giving ideas from Eco Congregation Scotland, for us to take action in our lives that will help our world. At General Synod last December, the motion was carried to pave the way to a commitment to achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2030. It will be difficult to achieve this as a church, if we haven't taken small steps personally in our home. In the words of The Primus, "we need to get our own house in order if we are to keep putting pressure on the governments and industries of the world. You can't challenge others if we don't challenge ourselves."

I feel a committee coming on to take this forward, so if this is something you are passionate about, please get in touch with me.

I wish you all a wonderful, happy, blessed Easter and look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Every blessing.

Nicki

BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL 2021

“Like so much else, our Lent Appeal this year must take account of the pandemic. Many congregations are responding generously to local need, such as foodbanks and support services for the lonely and the anxious and I hope this will continue into Lent and beyond. My concern is that this focus on the local and personal, on simply getting through the crisis, takes our attention away from pressing needs in other parts of the world, where there is no NHS, no benefits safety-net and where life is constrained by poverty. Hence my proposal that this year we support a single, outward-looking cause.

The Together in Unity Appeal was set up by the Archbishop of Canterbury to support virus prevention and emergency relief for vulnerable communities across the Anglican Communion. At a time when the UK government has, disappointingly, decided to cut international aid this provides an opportunity for us to reach out in solidarity to our sisters and brothers, our neighbours in this small world, whom Jesus calls us to love as we love ourselves.

I know there is less money around this year but I would ask you to be generous. Perhaps we might see our giving as an expression of gratitude for the blessings that we so easily take for granted.” +John

The Anglican Communion Fund has already begun responding to COVID related needs, allocating over £180,000 across 21 provinces of the Communion. We are supporting the Church in its ministry, providing food relief to the vulnerable, communicating ways of staying safe from the virus, and providing handwashing facilities and PPE.

In the South Sudanese Diocese of Maridi, an ACF grant provided food items, soaps and seeds to over 200 pastors and lay-readers and provided bicycles and hand microphones for pastors to carry prevention messages into remote areas. Speaking of the support, Bishop Moses Zungo said, “You held our hand during our most trying moments.”

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News from the NSM

Although when you first read this we'll still be going through the heartfelt reflections of Holy Week, nonetheless the joy of Easter will soon be upon us and the astounding surge of hope given us by the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. So, spiritually we'll be buoyed up, but how about physically, mentally and emotionally?

Of course there's the positive news of a gradual return to a semblance of normality, thanks to the vaccination programme and the encouraging drop in numbers of people catching Covid. Nonetheless, I'm well aware that, despite a strong desire for normality, many people, not just members of St. Cuthbert's, are feeling somewhat anxious about returning to pre-pandemic activities and mixing more freely with others. Unfortunately there's no blueprint for dealing physically, mentally or emotionally with a pandemic. It's an unprecedented situation.

I've talked to several of you who remember the Second World War, with its fears and deprivations. Some of you were evacuated from the cities, often undergoing schooling in unfamiliar surroundings. However, you could still mix freely and hug folk you weren't living with. That's something missing in this pandemic. Yes, both situations engendered fears, bombs in the war as opposed to the current insidious creeping of the virus through society. But isolation and the lack of human touch have hit so many people in this pandemic, and it's only when company and touch are missing that we realise just how important they are to us.

Perhaps all of us, whether anxious about moving on or desperate to do so, should think about expanding out comfort zones gradually, rather like the tentative dipping of a toe in the water as we learned to swim as children. I remember when, unbeknown to me, the air bag tied round my waist had floated off and only when I reached the other

side of the pool did I realise I'd swum unaided! However, common sense determined that I should try swimming lengths next, rather than contemplating swimming the English Channel! Currently my walks for exercise have been relatively short, so I'll not be attempting twenty mile hikes for some time (if ever!).

However, as we work our way out of lockdown and the restrictions this pandemic has imposed on our lives, I'm aware that there've been some positive aspects. As Christians our faith is a great bonus, our knowledge that God is with us always, through the bad times as well as the good. Certainly the crucifixion and resurrection are powerful reminders of God's unlimited love for us. Additionally we're truly blessed in our church family at St. Cuthbert's, with Nicki and others doing their best to address our spiritual and emotional needs, displaying a sense of great caring for each other as God's children. Also, I've been aware that many people of working age have discovered new and creative ways of earning a living, particularly online or at home. Many of us, too, have discovered new interests. For myself, I've been thrilled to deepen an interest in nature and to realise more than ever how much the whole of God's creation is inter-related. I'm very much looking forward to setting up the bee house which my elder daughter Sarah gave us for Christmas.

So, as we move forward through Spring, may we carry with us the joy of the resurrection, the knowledge that God is with us all the time, and have the courage to gradually dip a toe into the water of the gradual easing of pandemic restrictions.

My love and blessings to you all, Margaret.

St. Cuthbert's Curate



I'm sure most of you will remember Dr. Lesley Penny, who joined us last year as a 2nd year student studying at the Scottish Episcopal Institute. Sadly, we were not able to give Lesley the usual St. Cuthbert's farewell, as she was due to leave us at Easter and COVID19 changed all our plans.

Well, the good news is (*as well as Christ is risen, He is risen indeed, Alleluia!*) Lesley will be joining us in September, following her ordination to the diaconate on the 26th September at 3.30pm, to serve her curacy. Initially she will be a Non Stipendiary Minister (NSM) alongside her role at The University of Edinburgh.

Please keep Lesley, her husband Colin and daughters, Kirsty and Isla, in your prayers as she completes her studies and prepares for ordination.

I hope you are as excited as I am about her return to St. Cuthbert's.

Nicki

**Thank you very much to all those involved in the
delivery of flowers and Palm Crosses
on Sunday 14th March**

Preserves for Charity

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Due to the pandemic, only on a very few occasions were sales conducted. But many of you continued to contact me and I was able to supply preserves – “socially distanced”. It has surprisingly mounted up during last year and I am able to send £365 to Cancer Research UK.

Thank you all for this support.

Ross Addison
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*Also - A 'Thank You' from Faith Elliot, who writes:
“Getting phone calls and cards from members of the congregation after my younger sister's death in December - she had fallen victim to Covid 19 - and during or after my recent stay in hospital was comforting. The support I have had from some members of the congregation as well as from rectors and non-stipendiary ministers of St Cuthbert's ever since Bob and I came to live in Colinton when we retired in 1998 and he had a stroke immediately thereafter has been invaluable. My appreciative thanks to all.”*

**Sending our love and best wishes to
Roy & Allie Torkington as they make the move from
Colinton to Loch Tay this month with their family.
We will miss you – especially at our
'Burns Suppers'!**

MALICIOUS GOSSIP AND HOW TO STOP IT

by Bishop Bob.

James 1²⁶ (REB): If anyone thinks he is religious but does not bridle his tongue, that man's religion is futile.

It is generally assumed today that malicious gossip is a vice of women. St James knew better. It is also generally assumed that malicious gossip is practised by the secular public, not by members of the Church. Again, St James knew better. When I was about to be ordained Deacon and to serve as Curate in St Andrew's, St Andrews, I was befriended by the Lay Representative, Arthur Taylor, probably the finest human being I've ever met. He asked me, "Have you lived in St Andrews before?" and I replied, "Oh, yes. I've been on holiday here several times." "That's not the same thing at all," said Arthur, and considered how to introduce this most naive of incomers to the Royal and Ancient Burgh. "You'll find St Andrews is just small enough for everyone to know the person the rumour is about, and just large enough for you never to find out who started the rumour."

It was fair warning. I have never lived in a place where the gossip network was as malicious, as cruel, as it was then in St Andrews. I've known people who were forced to move away from St Andrews because they couldn't stand any more of the malicious gossip. And the congregation, instead of protecting its members from the slanders that were rife, was part of the network regarding malicious gossip as legitimate entertainment, until the delivery of a solicitor's letter with its implied threat of exemplary damages. Since I'm saying these things in St Cuthbert's magazine, I ought to say that so far in my three years' attendance I haven't come across malicious gossip in St Cuthbert's; but then I haven't been involved in regular pastoral work, and I haven't consulted those who are! If anybody feels this article is aimed at them, I can only assure them that I have no personal information of this kind about anybody in St Cuthbert's. Yet if the cap fits so well, I point out that taking the article to heart will cost you nothing, unlike the solicitor's letter which in the end may cost you upward of £20,000.

St James devotes half of chapter 3 of his epistle to the evil caused by the tongue, starting with "What a vast amount of timber can be set ablaze by the tiniest spark!" (James 3⁵). And later,

"We use the tongue to praise our Lord and Father, then we use it to invoke curses on our fellow-men, though they are made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and curses. This should not be so, my friends"

(James 3⁹⁻¹⁰). This Christian author is drawing on good Jewish tradition about the kind of speech worshippers of God are pledged to. The Old Testament myth of the Tower of Babel makes it clear that God gave to human beings the priceless gift of communicating with each other, thus enabling them to set up trusting relationships with each other. When humans use speech to deceive each other, concealing their hostile motive, the gift of speech is horribly misused, sacrilegiously perverted, causing mistrust and enmity to arise in place of the community of mutually understood speech.

The temptation to pass on gossip is endemic in human nature, and we're unlikely ever to find a vaccine. It's the joy of being the first to recount impressive and perturbing news, assuring the person telling it of wide attention and esteem. And the temptation to achieve this is so strong that it dismisses altogether the fundamental question in God's eyes, and that is whether the rumour is true or false, whether it originates in factual accuracy or in the malicious lie of an enemy.

We can all help to curb the spread of malicious rumour that damages people, including our fellow-members of St Cuthbert's, and, as St James illustrates, the Jewish tradition had found the appropriate means. His crack about the enormous size of the timber-yard burnt down by so tiny a spark reveals that the appropriate means is humour. This is borne out by Ecclesiasticus in the Apocrypha. In chapter 28 the author, Jesus the son of Sirach, concludes his strictures on angry speech with a couple of eminently quotable jokes:

“Many have been killed by the edge of the sword, but not so many as by the tongue” (28¹⁸), and

“Blow on a spark to make it glow, or spit on it to put it out; both results come from your mouth” (28¹²).

But best of all, I think, is in Ecclesiasticus 19¹⁰.

'Have you heard a rumour? Let it die with you. Never fear, it will not make you burst!'

I hope I have enlisted you all in God's great campaign, initiated before the birth of Christ, to combat rumour with humour.

Bishop Bob

Stations of the Cross

A service of readings, meditations,
Music, prayer and silence

Available on St. Cuthbert's YouTube on

Friday 2nd April 2021

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3iPQOkQiVERje
HZbj2OnBQ/featured](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3iPQOkQiVERjeHZbj2OnBQ/featured)

I am certain that during the COVID-19 pandemic, every one of us has found ourselves commenting that the days, weeks, months and seasons have all merged into each other, and that it is difficult to work out where the time has gone since the first lock-down began last March. Certainly, the landmarks of each week, such as attending church services, have been missing, and likewise the evening activities and meetings which took us outside homes seem but a distant memory. I have certainly missed the Sunday services and choir practices at St Cuthbert's, which had become an important part of my life since retirement.

Writing this article in early March, as organist of St Cuthbert's, life has seemed even more confusing of late, and it has become quite difficult to remember exactly where we are in the liturgical calendar. Hymn lists are always drawn up well in advance, and selections have now been made to take us to the end of April. The choir's Easter newsletter, with each choir member selecting a favourite hymn or anthem for Holy Week or Easter, has been in production for quite some time. Recordings have been made for YouTube Sunday services for the next two weeks, and music has already been recorded for the zoom services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. As for Easter Day, plans have been made for on-line and in-church services, whilst we await the decision about the precise date when churches can re-open for services.

I am certain this "confused" feel to life is also being experienced by Nicki, all the others involved in the leading of our services, and by many others. When Easter Day finally comes, I very much hope that there will be a sense of joy for all of us, and that it marks the start of the return to a more ordered way of life for us all.

Philip Rossiter

Zoom Sunday Social

Our 'Zoom Sunday Socials' have met weekly for half an hour since the beginning of February, and we have had on average an attendance of 23 people. Each week Nicki begins with the Collect for the Day and then we go into small "break out rooms" of between 3-5 people, where we are able to chat informally for about 20 minutes. We then return to the larger group where people are able to communicate more generally and then we close by saying "The Grace" together. Although this has been a very new way of engaging with friends, those who have attended regularly have found it really enjoyable, and in fact, some have admitted that "We have been able to chat more easily with people who we might not normally talk to, and without any interruptions - not normally possible in the church hall!"

With the hopeful news that we are able to worship again in church from Easter Sunday, there has been some discussion about the future of Zoom Sunday Social.

Given that there will still be restricted numbers, mask wearing, social distancing and other limitations to our socializing, some of us worshipping on Wednesdays and others on Sundays, there has been a desire to maintain our online connecting.

As many people will be attending one of the three services being offered on Easter Sunday, our Zoom Sunday Social will take a break and from the following week, **April 11th Zoom Sunday Social will gather at the slightly later time of 12 Noon for half an hour.** Hopefully this will enable those who have been physically at church, to return home and then enjoy a coffee and conversation with others in the church family. The zoom link will be included in the Sunday Service sheet as before, and we look forward to welcoming some new faces. If anyone has any questions about joining for the first time, please contact Nicki or Wendy Pearson.

Your Vestry members

Fresh Start

Usually at this time of the year we would be asking you to spring clean and give any unwanted goods, bedding, furnishings, kitchen equipment etc to Fresh Start, the charity that equips houses for those just coming into their first homes after periods of being homeless.

Unfortunately we cannot currently organise our usual collection day because of the covid restrictions and Fresh Start cannot accept any goods directly either until the current restrictions are eased, possibly by the end of April. So, if you can, please hold onto any donations that might be useful and watch this magazine for further details.

Fresh Start continues to work as best it can, so, if you would like to support them with a financial donation, please go to their website.

We will be back collecting as soon as we can.

Lesley & Hilary

www.freshstartweb.org.uk

READINGS FOR APRIL 2021

Year B

4 April - Easter Day

Acts 10. 34-43

Mark 16. 1-8

7 & 11 April – Second Sunday of Easter (Baptism)

Acts 4. 32-35

1 John 1. 1-2.2

John 20. 19-31

14 & 18 April – Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3. 12-19

1 John 3. 1-7

Luke 24. 36b-48

21 & 25 April – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4. 5-12

1 John 3. 16-24

John 10. 11-18

28 April & 2 May – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8. 26-40

John 15. 1-8

Services in Church:

As of Easter Day 2021, services will resume in Church each Wednesday and Sunday at 10.30am (and will continue on-line on our YouTube channel)

As numbers are restricted, as before, booking is required to attend.

How to book:

**By Email: stcuthbertscomms@gmail.com
By Telephone: 07305 911986**

When to book:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10am – 1pm

If there is a place available at the service requested, you will receive confirmation by email, or telephone.

If you are not booked in, you will be unable to attend.

If you would like any further details, please contact stcuthbertscomms@gmail.com.

We look forward to welcoming you to a service in church.

Pew Sheet Weekly Prayers

Would you like to join me in finding or writing weekly prayers for our pew sheets? So many of you have told me how much you have enjoyed them, it would be good to have others involved.

Maintaining the Church

While we may not be open for worship, the church has a wonderful group of volunteers who carry out various roles to make sure the church is maintained, especially during the cold and wet seasons.

We are looking for someone to help with the heating. This will involve setting the timer for regular services but also additional times for extra services, or just to keep the church above freezing. Sometimes this does involve short notice calls.

Please get in touch if you'd like to help with either of the above. Many thanks. Nicki

Oxgangs Community Church Foodbank

This is a relatively new project within our boundary who are looking for donations of food. If you are able to help and can get to the rectory, please drop off any non-perishable items into the porch please, to help them feed the vulnerable in the area.

Please continue to support Trinity Food Bank as you have been during the pandemic. Thank you.



CoP26: What is it?

The ‘twenty sixth conference of the parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change’, or CoP26 for short, will take place *Covid restrictions permitting* at the Scottish Event Campus (SEC) in Glasgow from 1 to 12 November 2021. Since the first CoP in Berlin in 1995 there has been slow and painstaking progress towards international agreement. Getting every country in the world to sign up to life changing commitments is not easy but in Paris in 2015 (CoP21) there was agreement to limit global warming to well below 2° Celsius compared to pre-industrial levels and if possible to 1.5°C.

Why is the CoP important?

As global temperatures rise so do the range of risks and their severity, particularly for tropical countries. Small island states and low lying countries are dangerously exposed to rising sea levels and have campaigned to limit temperature rises to 1.5°C. Without radical action this will very likely happen before mid-century.

Who is involved?

Diplomatic representatives from all countries will be joined by campaigners, lobbyists, businesses, scientists, NGOs and the world's media. Faith groups will be well represented, from the Holy See and World Council of Churches (members include the Church of Scotland and Scottish Episcopal Church) to development agencies and other faith groups including ACT Alliance, Islamic Relief, Brahma Kumaris and many others. The total number of participants may be in the thousands – although post pandemic travel restrictions make the precise number uncertain.

What is up for decision?

The Paris agreement (2015) set out a mechanism to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Each country has to prepare a plan (called its nationally determined contribution or NDC) to set out how it will reduce greenhouse gas emissions. NDCs have to be revised and strengthened every five years and the Glasgow CoP is five years on from Paris. *Unless the commitments in the current NDCs are strengthened and put into effect urgently there is no hope of limiting global warming to 2°C.*



From the Archivist

This is the continued account of the history in the Old Testament after the death of Solomon:

The Divided Kingdoms

Jeroboam, the first king of Israel, was succeeded by his son, Nadab, who moved against the Philistines. (They lived along the coast in the area of modern Gaza.) Control of this area would isolate the Kingdom of Judah. He brought his army to Gibbethon and lay siege to the town. It was here, that he was attacked and killed by Baasha, one of his own officers. Baasha began his reign by killing every member of the family of Jeroboam. He ruled over Israel from 900 – 877 BC.

King Asa of Judah

Meanwhile in Judah, the people accepted that the king must be a descendant of David. Thus in 913 BC, Asa became King of Judah. 'Asa did what is good and right in the eyes of the Lord, his God.' (2 Chronicles Ch. 14 v2) His reforms included the removal of foreign altars, the hill shrines and other sacred pillars. Although the Jews had conquered the land in the time of Joshua and the Judges, a lot of the original Canaanite families remained. The Phoenicians who lived along the coast (modern Lebanon) were worshippers of Baal and his consort, Ashtart. Fertility cults were very popular with those who worked the land. Asa, King of Judah, encouraged his people to follow the law and the commandments. His long reign offered some security in the poorer southern kingdom.

In 873 BC, Asa was succeeded by Jehoshaphat who formed an alliance with Ahab, son of Omri. Both rulers wished to expand into the territory across the Jordan which had been occupied by the Arameans (Syrians).

Omri, King of Israel

King Baasha of Israel died in 877 BC and was succeeded by his son Elah. After only two years, he was murdered by one of the commanders of his chariots. The civil unrest continued and the commander of the army, a man named Omri, took control of the country. He built a new capital on the hill of Samaria and allied himself with the rich Phoenician trading cities of the coast. Omri strengthened Israel's position beyond the Jordan and conquered the Moabites who lived east of the Dead Sea. This was undoubtedly a golden era for Israel.

Surprisingly, little is said about Omri or his religious policy in the Book of Kings. We know that the sanctuaries of Dan and Bethel with their golden calves remained, for they survived until the end of the northern kingdom. On his religious policies, there is neither praise nor condemnation, only silence.

The death of Omri brought the peaceful succession of his son, Ahab. Israel then entered a period of bitter religious disputes.

The Reign of Ahab and Jezebel

To strengthen his position, Omri married his son, Ahab, to Jezebel, the daughter of the King of Tyre. Ahab became King of Israel in 869 BC.

The pagan world of the pre-Christian era was filled with gods and spirits. Hill tops often contained shrines, sacred to some local god. The Israelites had conquered the land under Joshua and the Judges but many of the indigenous people (Canaanites) remained. Pagans in these times, with a few exceptions, did not set out to convert their neighbours. The prophets of Yahweh might condemn the Jews for not keeping the Law, but they did not expect them to convert their neighbours to Judaism.

Ahab's queen was of different sort. Using the power of the state, she set out to crush the worshippers of Yahweh and establish the supremacy of Baal and Ashtart over the whole land of Israel. She appears to have been very successful. However, one man stood out. Elijah, who came from beyond the Jordan, condemned Ahab and his queen. The prophet would make an appearance and then vanish before Jezebel's police could arrest him.

A severe drought, leading to famine, struck the land. It lasted for three years before Elijah and the worshippers of Yahweh confronted the pagan priests on Mount Carmel. (1 Kings Ch. 18) This resulted in the end of the drought and the massacre of the priests of Baal. On hearing the news of the massacre, Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah. 'The gods do the same to me and more, unless by this time tomorrow I have taken your life as you took theirs.' Elijah fled into the wilderness out of reach of Jezebel's police.

Ahab held a council of war with Jehoshaphat of Judea. They proposed to reclaim the land west of the Jordan which had been occupied by the Arameans of Syria. Ahab consulted the religious leaders. However, Elijah was not the only man to trouble Ahab and his queen. Micaiah (not to be confused with the Prophet Micah who lived over 100 years later) who according to Ahab, 'he never prophesies good for me, nothing but evil.' (1 Kings Ch 22, v 18) warned the king against such a move. He was sent to prison with a diet of bread and water for his troubles.

In 850 BC the two kings launched an attack against the Syrians and Ahab was fatally wounded in the battle. His body was brought back to Samaria where he was buried. Ahab was succeeded by his son, Jehoram. Meanwhile, the leadership of the Yahweh's opposition had fallen to Elijah's successor, a young man called Elisha.



ZOOM QUIZ NIGHT



**Saturday 1 May
7.15pm for 7.30pm**

Gather a team – no more than 8 people

**Remember the magic of Zoom means team members can
join from far and wide!**

Choose a Team Name + a Team Leader

**No tickets! Donations, please for the
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to Patricia Brignall, 9 Thorburn Road or via JustGiving

**[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Colinton-
Christian-Aid-Committee-Edinburgh3](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Colinton-Christian-Aid-Committee-Edinburgh3)**

Team Leader's Role:

Organise a team and email the Team Name please to:

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AND

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by Sunday 18 April

Further information will then be emailed to you.

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**KILT-CYCLE, KILT-DANCE, KILT-TRAMPOLINE,
KILT-WHATEVER YOU LIKE!**

(and you don't have to wear a kilt!)

23rd – 25th APRIL

Pick a challenge and raise funds for Christian Aid

The Hunter Foundation will add 50% to whatever you raise!

Choose an activity. Ask friends and family to sponsor you.

You must register on the [Kiltwalk website](#)

**Registration costs £12.80 for adults (16+),
£6.50 for children (5-15)**

Once you register, a JustGiving page will automatically be set up for you. You will be able to personalise it and share it far and wide. Christian Aid Events Officer, [Lauren](#), will be delighted to support you to register or to answer any questions you might have.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch - lmcfarland@christian-aid.org

THE LEPROSY MISSION SCOTLAND

Dear Friends,

I recently received a copy of TLMS's magazine "DOCHAS" [this is the Gaelic word for hope]. As usual there are interesting articles in it about people who have been helped at one of the hospitals set up by The Leprosy Mission. Of course these hospitals have still been helping anyone who has been referred to them for diagnosis and treatment and they still need funds to keep them open so that they can continue to do their work.

TLMS, like so many charities, has suffered greatly from lack of donations. It is possible to donate on line or by cheque through the post. You can also receive emails by applying to leprosymission.scot/signup to read about the work that is taking place at the moment.

The website is: www.leprosymission.scot, where you can find lots of information.

If you are in need of cards or gifts, there is a lot of choice in THE LEPROSY MISSION HOME SHOPPING CATALOGUE on line at www.tlmtrading.com or ask for a brochure to be sent to you in the post. Any purchases you make support the work of The Leprosy Mission worldwide.

Let's hope that it won't be too long before we can all resume normal [or what we hope will be normal) life.

Blessings at Easter to you all,
Barbara Tatlock

The Sign Magazine

This issue has been sent by email to those who receive their order of service this way.

If you would like a hard copy, please contact:

stcuthbertscolinton@gmail.com

Please note - the deadline for information and articles for the May Issue will be

Sunday 11 April 2021

Please send to stcuthbertscolinton@gmail.com

Thank you!



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Services as of 4 April 2021:

Wednesday:

10.30am Eucharist

Sunday:

10.30am Eucharist

BOTH SERVICES WILL BE THE SAME.

THE WEDNESDAY SERVICE WILL BE RECORDED FOR YOUTUBE.

PLEASE NOTE: IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT GUIDELINES, AND AS NUMBERS ARE LIMITED, PLEASE BOOK YOUR ATTENDANCE AT ONE OF OUR SERVICES –

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