

# Easter 2021



# Print Out ...

A round up of news,  
information, views and a bit of fun.



The daisy looks up in my face  
As long ago it smiled;  
It knows no change but keeps its place  
And takes me for a child.

*(John Clare)*

The LORD bless thee and keep thee:  
The LORD make his face to shine upon thee,  
and be gracious unto thee:  
The LORD lift his countenance upon thee,  
and give thee peace.

Numbers 6 : 24 - 26



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Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this Printout.

Did you find all 18 Easter Eggs?

## Welcome to our March and Easter edition ...



Now we have really left the long, dark nights behind. On the 28<sup>th</sup> we shall be putting our clocks forwards again to 'summer time'.

How wonderful it is to see so many bulbs flowering in the church garden again. Snowdrops, crocus and daffodils, including the wild 'Lent Lillies' and narcissi.

Most were planted years ago to mark celebrations – an anniversary, the church's centenary, a celebration of the lives of those we love who have passed on. Some were planted by folk no longer with us but who remain in our hearts, cheering us with happy memories..

Holy week is nearly upon us, for many the most important time in the Christian calendar.

A wooden cross now stands outside St. Modan's church, reminding those who pass by of Lent and ready for Easter.

Our Worship Services will be available online for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday as has become our custom. An extra, special, online service for Maundy Thursday is planned.

At the time of going to print we are still unsure whether we might be able to open our linked Parish churches (following the restrictions) for worship on Easter Day.

The Session plans to meet on March 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss this. Check our Website news or Facebook page from 24<sup>th</sup> for an update, or phone Morag (see 'Contacts' on back page) if you don't use either of the above.

Although we shan't be able to have 'egg rolling for the athletic' on April 4<sup>th</sup>, a just for fun 'Easter egg hunt' has been placed among the pages of this Printout - how many can you find?



Kiltwalk for Christian Aid - weekend 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> April

How would you like to be part of a Congregational Kiltwalk (or cycle ride) raising funds for Christian Aid.? Please see the enclosed flier for more information and how to proceed .



## Another Not The Scottish Quiz



1. Which member of the Bach family was known as the "English" Bach?
2. Which animal shares its name with a type of lily?
3. Which nationality is the international goalkeeper Fabien Barthez?
4. Norwegian Knut Hamsun was awarded which Nobel prize?
5. Which comedian played Yorrick in Kenneth Branagh's 1996 version of Hamlet? Charlie Drake, Roy Hudd, Ken Dodd or Russ Abbott?
6. Which of these is a State on the East coast of U.S.A? Maryland, California, Oregon or Washington?
7. In Germany mythology what is a Nibelung? Dwarf, God, man or giant?
8. Which character links actors Peter Ustinov, Albert Finney and David Suchet?
9. What does the "A" stand for in the Army Division, SAS?
10. Captain Scott died in 1912 whilst on an expedition to where?
11. Which was the second university to be established in England? Durham, Exeter, Liverpool or Cambridge?
12. Which country is known by its native inhabitants as Aotearoa – Land of the Long White Cloud? Australia, New Zealand, Chile or Nepal?
13. Which wood was the ARK made from? Lime, Gopher, Date Palm or cedar?
14. According to legend which flower is named after a boy accidentally killed by the god Appollo? Hyacinth, Crocus, Edelweis or Gladiolus?
15. The man known as The Grand Old Duke of York, in the nursery rhyme, was the son of which monarch? Henry VIII, William I, Victoria or George III?
16. Which country was Gladys Aylward a missionary in? Thailand, China, Cambodia or Japan?
17. Cape Breton Island is part of which Canadian Province? Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Quebec or New Brunswick?
18. Who benefited from the fund known as Queen Anne's Bounty? Soldiers, Stray dogs, Clergymen or prisoners?
19. Which leader was found murdered shortly after his wedding in 453 AD? Genghis Khan, William the Conqueror, Hannibal or Attila the Hun?
20. The Amalienburg Palace is in which capital city? Helsinki, Stockholm, Oslo or Copenhagen?

*Answers to our February Not the Scottish Quiz -*

- 1)Germs, 2)Earth, 3)Catherine Cookson, 4)Cookery, 5)Ganges, 6)Winston Churchill, 7)Mountain Ash, 8)Bono, 9)Big Ears, 10)Battle of Hastings, 11)Alnwick, 12)Dock, 13)Sarajevo, 14)Miss Haversham, 15)Plagiarism, 16)Salisbury, 17)Kingston, 18)Sydney, 19) Ishtar, 20)Florida

## Holy Week Characters' Codeword

These names below are all mentioned in one or more of the four Gospels. Perhaps you can consider the part each played during Holy Week as you seek them out?

E	C	B	T	U	D	G	P	L	J	U	O	V	R	R	T
H	L	A	E	E	R	P	R	H	T	O	O	Y	Y	I	Y
F	Y	R	M	F	S	O	P	S	Q	K	R	O	P	X	E
H	D	A	H	E	J	E	A	S	N	A	P	I	A	T	K
G	P	B	P	Q	S	D	V	W	M	I	F	I	A	Y	L
V	Q	B	H	O	U	S	S	R	M	B	S	L	G	D	E
J	E	A	J	J	M	Z	I	I	Z	I	I	A	I	R	L
E	K	S	C	R	G	K	P	A	M	P	N	M	C	L	I
R	G	D	T	Y	M	M	A	E	H	O	G	A	A	N	J
E	X	W	F	U	B	F	N	D	T	M	N	L	E	Q	A
M	I	I	P	K	J	G	N	P	P	E	G	C	S	W	H
I	C	A	I	A	P	H	A	S	W	T	R	H	A	G	M
A	S	A	L	O	M	E	S	W	J	I	D	U	R	L	J
H	I	N	O	G	J	V		W	H	P	T	S	E	I	Z

ANNAS	BARABBAS	CAESAR	CAIAPHAS
ELIJAH	JEREMIAH	JOSEPH	JUDAS
MALCHUS	MARY	MESSIAH	PETER
PILATE	SALOME	SIMON	

“A Christian should so live that they would not be afraid to sell the family parrot to the town gossip.”

*(Billy Graham)*

## From the Minister ..... Songs from the kraal

The year: 1978. The time of year: Easter Weekend. The place: Oshakati, Ovamboland, Namibia. The venue: a worship service. The church: a dusty kraal. The congregants: about 400 “terrorists”. The preacher: a young infantry lieutenant, who happens to be a minister, too. The musical instruments: none whatsoever.

The South African Air Force has just bludgeoned the two main bases of SWAPO in Angola; curiously named: Moscow and Vietnam. Dassault Mirage jet fighters rained death and damnation upon the hapless inhabitants. Just over 400 people survived the attack: mostly women and children, living in the peripheral enclosures around the military camps.

Today they have been herded into a large, dusty kraal, like cattle in a pen. (A kraal is the African version of a cattle pen; fenced off with barbed wire, with a trough for water and a trough for fodder.) The Namib sun is scorching down, mercilessly, upon a broken people, crushed in body and in spirit. They are treated like animals. The Geneva Convention is far, far away...

One of my Ovambo scouts comes to me, begging for help: These people, these “terrorists”, are asking for a minister, a padre, to lead them in worship, as it is Sunday. How can it be? Our propaganda machine says clearly that they are terrorists, Marxists, communists. Surely the godless cannot be in need of a God?

I am only a lieutenant in the Infantry, doing my compulsory military service. But I have a soft heart.

Therefore I go, with only a bible in my hand. I leave my FN assault rifle with my corporal. Only a bible. And the soft desert wind.

When I arrive, they start singing. Without hymn books. They know the words. They don't need books. The singing swells, rises, rolls over the desert like gigantic, white-feathered waves. African voices. Full of pain. Full of joy. Joy and pain; rolled into one. The music of the angels.

I read a bit. I preach a bit. I pray a bit. They sing and sing and sing. Their song becomes my sermon.

Their song becomes my shame. A white man in a white man's uniform. I end my sermon apologising for my people's arrogance. For the sins of apartheid. I ask them to forgive us. And to help us. To rebuild this beloved country. But not with guns. Not with fire and brimstone from above. Not with landmines, bombs and the blood of innocent people. But with mercy, kindness, forgiveness. They respond joyfully, with songs of peace and love and brotherhood. The service continues for almost 5 hours.

My life has changed forever. Their music and the white smiles on the sweaty faces made a blind man see. And a lame lieutenant starts to walk. I'm on the road to Damascus. From that Easter Weekend in 1978; onwards to the future.

And whenever I lose my way, as a minister, I return- to the songs from a kraal.

## Traditional Hymns for Holy Week and Easter

### **Palm Sunday - March 28<sup>th</sup>** **"Ride on ride on in majesty,"**

"Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin  
o'r captive death and conquered sin."

*A processional hymn, based on Matthew 21:1-17  
It written by Henry Hart Milman a historian,  
dramatist and ordained Parish Priest in 1820*



### **Good Friday - April 2nd** **"There is a Green Hill far Away"**

"There is a green hill far away,  
outside a city wall,  
where the dear Lord was crucified,  
who died to save us all."

*This was written by Cecil Frances Alexander, an Anglo-Irish poet  
and hymn writer. Her words reference numerous passages from both  
Old and New Testaments. It was first published in 1848 in her book  
'Hymns for Little Children' along with 'All things Bright and Beautiful'.*



### **Easter Sunday - April 4th** **"Thine be the Glory"**

"Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'r death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes, where thy body lay."

*This was originally written by a Swiss Protestant Minister,  
Edmond Budry in 1884, using elements from Isaiah 25:8.  
set to the tune from Handel's oratorio Judas Maccabaeus.  
It was translated from French to English in 1923 for the  
World Student Christian Federation.*

## Easter Eggs

Eggs have been a symbol of rebirth and new life for millenia. Christians also regard them as a representation of the stone rolled away from the tomb where the body of Jesus had been placed, the empty tomb and the Resurrection.



Many years ago, and still in some orthodox Churches, eggs, (along with dairy products and meat), were not eaten during the forty days of Lent ... hence the tradition of Shrove Tuesday and pancakes to clear out larders before Lent began. However, as we know, the chickens won't stop laying. Their eggs would be saved up and a large store of them would be available come Easter Sunday.

The tradition of colouring and decorating eggs is a long one, still popular throughout Europe. In the middle ages, different cultures developed their own styles and customs of decoration such as crimson colouring in Greece, plant and fern decoration in Austria.

Chocolate eggs were invented in France and Germany, the first British ones were made in 1873 by Fry's.

While a majority of folk do eat eggs during Lent these days, quite a few 'give up' chocolate for the season and can celebrate Easter with chocolate eggs!

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According to the Gospel of John, at the Last Supper Jesus told his disciples to love to one another as He had loved them. In Ardchattan we have remembered these words with retiring collections following our Communion services.

During Easter it is good to take time to remember Christians who are persecuted for their faith today, unable to celebrate as we are free to do.

With this in mind we have previously given donations to the Barnabas fund. They stand alongside our Christian brothers and sisters who suffer discrimination and persecution, by providing aid through their partners on the ground, encouraging prayer, telling their untold story and speaking out on their behalf.