

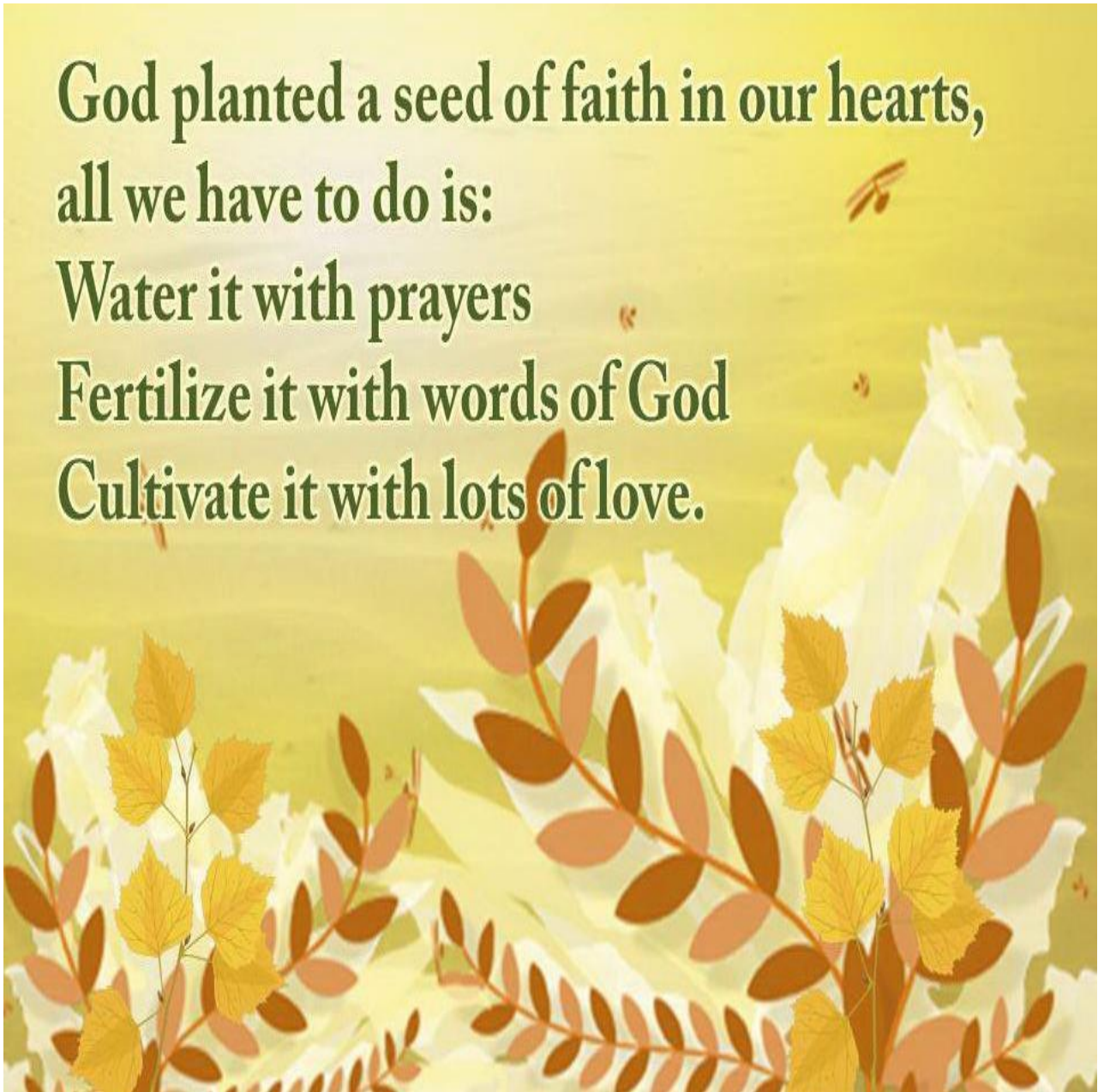
Partick South News

God planted a seed of faith in our hearts,
all we have to do is:

Water it with prayers

Fertilize it with words of God

Cultivate it with lots of love.



Spring 2020

Spring cleaning is more than mopping the floor

After the mid-week service today (26th Feb), where I had preached on *“pick up thy cross and follow me”*, I went home and checked my diary, only to discover that I had a free afternoon and evening.

As I enjoyed my lunch, I began to mull over what I could do with my free time; go to the gym, go for a cycle, read a book, catch up on some TV or something else. As I was mulling over my options a voice in my head said, *“pick up thy mop and bucket and wash me”*. That was it, I was to wash the floor.

I duly swept the floor and hoovered it, then I got my mop and bucket out, filled it with floor detergent and hot water.

I went to start at the front door area and noticed that it was particularly dirty. A quick mop was not going to clean it properly, so I got a basin of hot water soapy water, got down on my knees and started to scrub the floor. After working my way down the hall, I noticed that the water needed changed, I got up, emptied it out, filled it with fresh soapy water, and got back on my knees. Eventually I had washed all the floor.

Why am I telling you this story?

Today is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Lent is generally a time where we take time to reflect on our lives, and start to clean up anything in our lives, that does not fit in with God’s plan. A bit of a holy spring clean you may say.

When I was beginning to prepare to clean the hall floor, I noticed that simply using a mop and detergent, was not actually going to remove all the dirt and stains.

As I said earlier, I had to get down on my knees and give it some good old elbow grease and change the water several times as it got dirty rather quickly.

So also, when it comes to having a holy spring clean of our lives, just as a quick prayer doesn't properly clean our hearts from our sins. We need to get on our knees, and give our sins some good old holy elbow grease, some serious prayer.

Once we have properly cleaned the floor, it is a good feeling to stand back and look at how clean it is.

As we come on bended knee to Jesus, to have a holy spring clean of our heart, Jesus washes and cleans us, and it is a good feeling to know that we are cleansed from our sins. Of course, like a clean floor, it will get dirty again, we will make mistakes and we will need to get on our knees again and come to Jesus once again to be cleansed. Something else I noticed about the floor, the longer you leave it, the dirtier it becomes.

Being cleansed of our sins, is not a one off deep clean, it is not a once a year holy spring clean, it is an ongoing process, of washing and cleansing, washing and cleansing.

As you read this article, why don't you ask the Holy Spirit, to reveal anything in your life, that needs a good clean.

Then get on your knees (if you can) and ask Jesus to give you a good old Holy spring clean.

As for me and the rest of my time off today, well the living room rug is next to be tackled, cleaning seems to be never ending.

May you and your family have a blessed Easter.

Andy



One for all and all for one.

When our minister Andy was delivering a sermon a few weeks ago, it held my attention and the message stuck with me. The sermon was all about everyone working together and doing our best for each other.

This reminded me of stories I had read when many different groups of people stayed together no matter what, like 'The Three Musketeers'; Athos, Porthos, Aramis and, of course, D'Artagnan. How many times have we read of their adventures when adversity seemed impossible to overcome, yet by working together they always succeeded to resolve the problem? There are many stories about groups of people who work together.

One of the greatest is the story of Jesus choosing His disciples. Twelve special people who would spread the word of our Lord to others. The twelve proved to be quite a group. One a doubter, one called the Rock who denied Jesus and one who betrayed Him. Yet no matter what they stayed together through great adversity. This small group were part of the start of the story of Christianity and the Bible.

Here in Partick South we have a wide variety of people with various outlooks on the way forward. Everyone is listened to and valued and through all of the problems, small and large, we stick together. Just as Jesus never let anyone down, we should never let a difference of views cause us to not be as one.

I read Matthew 5 vs 9, the Beatitudes that God will "bless those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God".

One for all and all for one.
God bless each and everyone.

Ian.
Session Clerk

PRAYER MEETINGS

Monday Praise and Prayer: 7.30pm–9pm (in Bill Bingham Lounge)

On a Monday evening we have a time of singing praise to God and then pray for issues in the world, in our nation, in our community, in our churches and in our families. There is no pressure to pray out loud, your still, quiet prayers from the heart are just as important. Why not come along and join us at the Prayer Gathering, you will be made most welcome.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4: 6-7 (NIVUK)

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A Quiet Space

On a Sunday morning, the Bill Bingham Lounge is now available for anyone wishing a time of stillness and silence in preparation for the Morning Service. The room is open from 10.30am.

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Prayer Tree

If you have any prayer requests, please place them on the Prayer Tree in the Sanctuary and they will be removed each Monday Evening at the Praise and Prayer Meeting and prayed over.

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Stated Annual Meeting

This year's Stated Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday 29th March at 12.15pm following Morning Worship. Trustees to meet on Tuesday 24th March at 7.30pm to pass the accounts.

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Fortnightly Bible Study

The Bible Study continues and we have been exploring the book of Daniel. The study is from 11.30am – 12.15pm in the Bill Bingham Lounge. The Bible Study is both relaxed and informal, come along and join us, you will be made very welcome.

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Worship & Fellowship

The Mid-week Service continues on Wednesday mornings at 10.30am. We have a team of five who take turns leading the service and on the sixth week we have a time of Praise and Bible Readings/Reflections. The worship, which lasts approx. 30 mins, is followed by tea/coffee and a time of fellowship in the Vestibule Tearoom. All are invited and all are welcome.

“Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise – the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”

Hebrews 13: 15-16 (NIVUK)

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Ecumenical Events

World Day of Prayer – Friday 6th March

12noon – Partick Trinity Church
2pm – Salvation Army, Whiteinch
7pm – Partick South Church

Pentecost Praise – Thursday 4th June

7pm – St Peter’s Hall

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2020 Vision -Pentecost in the Park

Broomhill Hyndland Church are organising a celebration for the whole family in Naseby Park, Broomhill from 10.30am until 5pm.

The Christian Church has been working for over 2000 years and Broomhill Hyndland invite everyone to join with them to celebrate and witness the modern church in the west end of Glasgow at this free event featuring:

- Musical performances
- Children’s activities
 - Catering
 - Songs of Praise
- Quiet spaces/opportunities for pastoral support

For a full event programme, please see their website:
www.broomhillhyndlandchurch.co.uk

Monthly Church Lunch

Please come along and join us at the Church Lunch on the first Sunday of each month after Morning Worship. Everyone is invited and welcome to come and share in this time of fellowship together.

If you joined us at the February Church Lunch, you may have tasted the lovely **Cheese and Spinach Muffins** that were made by one of our Young Church members, Ben (with a bit of help from his parents!). Below is the recipe that Ben used.

Makes 10 regular-sized or 12 cupcake-sized muffins

oil or butter (preferably unsalted) for frying, plus extra butter for greasing

½ small red onion, finely chopped

175g (6oz) plain flour

1 ½ tsp baking powder

1 tsp cayenne pepper

1 egg

110ml (4fl oz) milk

125g (4 ½ oz) grated cheese

60-75g (2-2 ½ oz) baby spinach leaves, torn (or you can use defrosted frozen chopped spinach)

Preheat the oven to 160°C/325°F/Gas Mark 3. Heat the oil or butter in a frying pan, add the onion and fry until soft, then lift it out using a slotted spoon (to drain off the oil) and set aside.

Sift the flour, baking powder and cayenne pepper into a bowl and make a well in the centre. Beat the egg in a jug or bowl and add the milk, whisking them together, then pour the mixture into the flour and fold together.

Add the cheese, fried onion and spinach, and fold gently until evenly mixed, then spoon the mixture into the muffin tray.

Bake for 15-20 minutes (depending on size), until golden brown and springy, then remove from the oven and allow to cool in the muffin tray for a few minutes before turning out.

*Source: The Baby-led Weaning Cookbook (2010)
by Gill Rapley & Tracey Murkett.*

This Trying-Road (A Long And Searching Discipline)
(After 'Interior Castle' By St. Teresa Of Avila)

Trusting in your mercy
I allow my silkworm-soul to die
I'm quiet and consenting
I'm emerging, as a butterfly

I am proceeding carefully
I haven't yet found true repose
No guarantee of safety
I am thus rewarded here below

I choose the way of suffering
Is there no consolation?
Will a comfort come from up-above?
Is there an explanation?

I am wounded most delectably
No human-means can this procure
It is not caused by melancholy
Great advantages accrue

There's not much reason here for fear
Receive the favour and give thanks
And profit by the things you hear
Oh, be not troubled by the dark

Defend the words' veracity
Be suitably admonished
By locutions which are genuine
And peace and light, desires and wishes

Courage will be necessary
For the spark to grow into
A rapture and an ecstasy
(Combined into a certain-truth)

I find myself in an affliction
Borne of faith and confidence
I am obliged, I have been warned
And, justly, rise above myself

Interior-security
Is married to acute-distress
And bring me opportunities
Of demonstrating permanence

I walk-on in tranquillity
My prayers are of the strangest kind
And water or aridity
Are welcome to my state of mind

I walk-on very warily
And, everything is to the good
The pattern shows the way to be
Of this I think I may be sure

Confusion and humility
(Companions most remarkable)
By nature in conformity
I testify inadequately

Thrown into the direst fear
I come into a growing-calm
And, then into a state of peace
Which I observe but gradually

My conscience is, on balance, good
I see a meek and lovely face
I do not wish to be consumed
Or be annihilated

Yet, I seem to have these yearnings
And, upon occasion, my heart burns
I have no way of telling
Whence or how this heated-feeling comes

I'm in a place where I am cleansed
You winnow-out my affectations
Wonderful are the effects
Despite my faculties being lost

So, everything is different
The scales are falling from my eyes
I feel like I am being led
Along this way, to realise

And understand these fruits...

Written by DP 21/5/17

Life's a peach – not an orange

Imagine a return to work after an absence. Do you leap out of bed shouting, “Thank God it’s Monday”, or are you like me: throw the alarm against the wall and plead, “Don’t make me go there”.

God calls us to be Christ-like 24 hours, 365 days a year (the peach) and not only on a Sunday (a segment of an orange). It can be a tough challenge in today’s increasingly politically correct, and often anti-Christian, workplaces, however “the workplace is God’s place, and His place is just as much there as in the church prayer-meeting. The workplace is a place of opportunity – a place to express the compassion of the gospel in word and deed, to challenge non-biblical thinking and practice, to grow in faith and character and love.

God at work in us.

God at work through us.

God at work in those we work with.” (quote from Mark Greene, “thank God it’s Monday: ministry in the workplace” p13.)

A couple of years ago I was drawn to a, “Christians in Work” Conference, and have ever since, felt inclined to initiate a **Christian Women at Work group** within Partick South: we meet once a month, on the third Sunday, after church for a couple of hours of lunch and fellowship. The aim is to offer support to women in a range of work situations – there is no fixed definition of work – it could be paid employment, volunteering, maternity leave, stay at home, freelance, or... well anything. In addition, we have a, “What’s App” group for ongoing support and prayer requests for situations arising throughout the week.

Paul writes in Colossians, “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. *It is the Lord you are serving.*”

Colossians 3:23-24

Look forward to seeing you at our next fellowship!

Margaret Umeed

Why Keep Lent?

Lent, the forty days before Easter (not counting Sundays), is a somewhat curious period in the Church's calendar. Most things in the Church's year are festivals and we happily talk about celebrating them. Lent is very different: it is a minor-key period which is never 'celebrated' but only 'kept'. Some churches and Christians treat Lent very seriously, while others ignore it entirely.

Even among those who keep Lent, there is no agreement on how it should be kept. Many Christians try to give up something: for instance, chocolate, social media or television. It's even become a period for us to try to break bad habits, almost as if Lent gives us another opportunity to retake those New Year's resolutions!

What exactly is Lent about? Lent is 'preparation'. Lent is about three preparations.

1. Lent is a preparation for Easter. Easter, with its message of Christ destroying sin and death through his death and resurrection, is the most exciting moment in the Church's year. Yet we can undercut this note of victory by being so occupied that, amid the frantic busyness of our lives, we carelessly stumble upon Easter. Lent provides us with forty days' build-up to Good Friday and Easter Sunday that forces us to prayerfully ponder the death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. As the best way to appreciate a sunrise is to be there in the darkness before dawn, so the only way to appreciate Easter is to have come to it through Lent. We as Christians are, of course, an Easter people living in a Good Friday world.

2. Lent is a preparation for Existence. A fatal flaw in our culture today is that people do not know how to say 'no' to bad things. It is now almost a virtue to give in to every desire that comes upon us. Yet a great element in Christian morality is to be able to say no to wrong desires. Paul, in Titus chapter 2 verses 11 and 12, says this: 'For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people.

It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives.' Lent gives us the opportunity to practice resisting harmful and hurtful desires that will continue for life. Trivial as it may appear, a battle won over chocolate, coffee or cake at Lent may help us win a battle over lying or laziness shortly afterwards.

3. Lent is a preparation for Eternity. If you take Lent seriously, then these forty days can seem to be a long and often wearying season in which we never get our own way. Here, for a time, pleasures are put to one side and joys are postponed. But Lent doesn't last. The darkness is broken by the joyful light of the glorious triumph of Easter Day. Here there is a splendid parallel with our lives. For many of us, much of our life seems to take place in what we might call 'Lent mode': things do not go as we hope, we do not get what we want and our joys are absent or at best short-lived. Yet, for the Christian, there is that wonderful and certain hope that however deep and hard the darkness is in our lives, it will ultimately be lifted and replaced by an indestructible joy. For those who love Christ, life's long Lent will end, one day, in an eternal Easter in which death and sin are destroyed for ever.

Whether or not you keep Lent, which started on Wednesday 26th February – and in what way you keep it – is your choice. But to keep Lent, thoughtfully and prayerfully, is to come into a rich and lasting inheritance. Be blessed this Lent and bless others.

Taken from J. John

Reverend Canon

www.canonjjohn.com

Holy Week and Easter Services 2020

During Holy Week there will be a service in the Church each day. Below are the times of the services, please come and join us as we journey through Holy Week with Jesus.

Monday 6th April: 6.30pm

Tuesday 7th April: 1.30pm

Wednesday 8th April: 10.30am

Thursday 9th April: 1.30pm

Good Friday 10th April: 11.30am-12.15pm

Good Friday 10th April: 6.30pm

Easter Sunday 12th April: 9am - Early Morning Communion Service
[followed by breakfast]

Easter Sunday 12th April: 11am - Easter Celebration

Easter Sunday 12th April: 6.30pm - Service of Thanksgiving

We look forward to sharing in worship with you.

“Surely, he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.”

Isaiah 53: 4-5 (NIV)





Camp in the City ('Connect'):

This summer, from **Monday 29 June to Friday 3 July**, the Wheel Trust is running a mission to the young people in Partick, Whiteinch and the wider West End of Glasgow!

The vision is to have an event like SU camp – with Christian community, fellowship, teaching, fun and activities.....but in the city!

Would you like to see young people reached with the good news of Jesus?

We need people to pray, people to run activities, people to cook, people to help set up and down every day, people to lead worship, people to run workshops, people to drive minibuses, as well as the vital group leaders to get alongside the young people, befriending, helping and discipling them.

If you would like to be involved in reaching this generation for Jesus, and would like to find out more, please feel free to contact either

Anita Gaw, Administrator
or **Kathryn Campbell, who will be leading the mission.**

Their contact details are:

Kathryn's Email: kathryn@wheeltrust.org

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admin@wheeltrust.org
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The Triumphal Entry

Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!"
"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Mark 11:9 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



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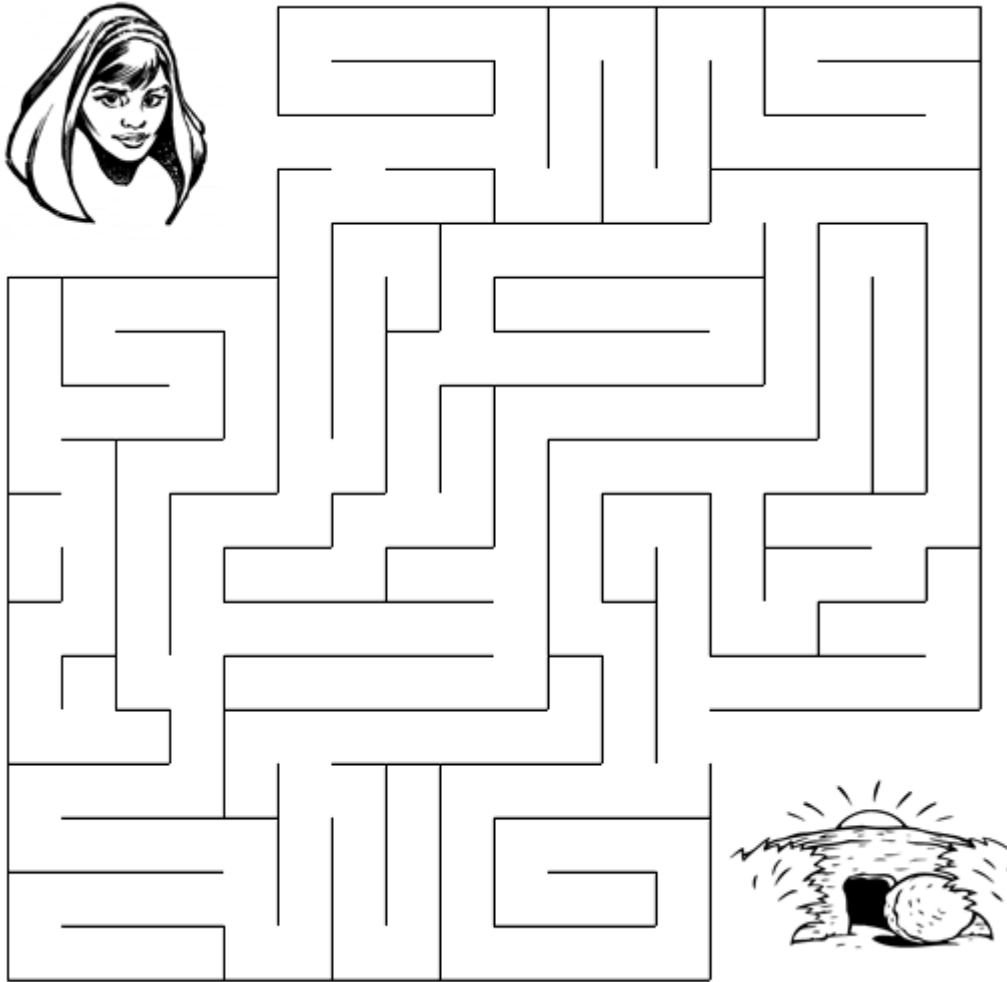
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COLT	HIGHEST	BRANCHES	HEAVEN	SPREAD
CLOAKS	ROAD	HOSANNA	BLESSED	VILLAGE

The Empty Tomb

John 20:1-18

Can you help Mary find the way to the empty tomb?



Bible Memory Verse

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news:
"I have seen the Lord!"
And she told them that he had said these things to her.
John 20:18 (NIV)

Easter Sunrise Surprise

He is not here; he has risen! Luke 24:6a (NIV)

Enter the correct words in the boxes based on the shape of the letters.



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women
tomb

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living

crucified
raised

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Easter Sunrise Surprise



He is not here; he has risen! Luke 24:6a (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 24:1-12 (NIV).

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living	tomb	rolled	risen	dead
women	first	spices	away	bowed
faces	stone	entered	ground	remember
morning	week	body	fright	day

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Prayer news: January 2020

Thank you for joining with us in prayer as we start a new year. We are very conscious of God's blessing on the work here and are grateful for your partnership in this.

We are looking forward to launching our new five-year plan this year, which will shape our focus and direction for the coming years. The needs in Glasgow are vast – please pray we will clearly discern the role we are being asked to play. Pray for wisdom and guidance for our Board and Management Team as they finalise plans.

City Centre

Our internship programme sees guests complete a level 2 or 3 SVQ and receive paid shifts at one of our three projects. Please pray that our current two interns will continue to make the most of this and will grow in confidence.

Give thanks that our Urban project is off to a good start this year, with guests engaging with activities such as music lessons, computing, employability support and fitness plans. Please pray that these activities will help our guests discover that they have gifts and abilities and will help them feel positive about the year ahead.

Child and Family Centre, Govan

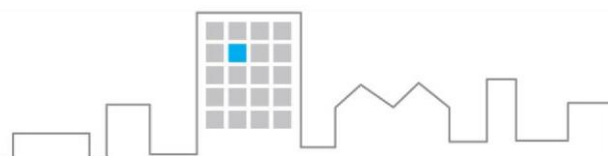
Please pray for new groups which we are starting this year, including a baby sensory group and a social group for our international parents.

We are steadily moving towards our vision of a brand-new building for the Child and Family Centre in Govan. Please keep this process in your prayers.

Glasgow Winter Night Shelter

As we reach the mid-point of the night shelter, we give thanks for the amazing staff and volunteer team who deal with difficult and distressing situations with grace and compassion. Please keep the team in your prayers.

Please pray that the guests who use the night shelter will receive support for all their needs. Along with suitable accommodation, these needs can include support with their physical and mental health and addiction support.



Parish Register

Funerals

Mr Allan Morris

Transference of Lines

Mrs Susie Milligan

Baptisms

Cora McKenzie

Riou Scott

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who has submitted articles, prayers, poems etc. for our Church Magazine.

I try to include a variety of items that may be of interest to you and to inform you of some of the things that are happening here in Partick South Church.

I am always looking for different ideas, so if you have anything for future magazines, please pass them to me or email me at maymc2010@hotmail.co.uk.

Also, if there is anything you would like added to the magazine, please let me know and I will do my best to include it.

Below I have listed proposed dates in 2020, when the magazine will be due to be issued and what the closing dates for any articles will be. I hope this will be of help.

Summer 2020

Magazine Deadline: Sunday 31st May

Magazine Issued: Sunday 7th June

Autumn 2020

Magazine Deadline: Sunday 30th August

Magazine Issued: Sunday 6th September

Winter 2020

Magazine Deadline: Sunday 29th November

Magazine Issued: Sunday 6th December

May McIntyre

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What's on

Vestibule Tearoom: Tuesday–Friday 10.30am–2pm

Praise and Prayer Meeting: Monday 7.30pm–9pm

Worship & Fellowship: Wednesday 10.30am

Sunday Cafe 25-35 (drop-in cafe): 5pm–6pm

‘Making Jesus Known’

Praising His name - Teaching His word – Serving His church

Reaching His people – Supporting His family