

# *Edenshead Parish Church Newsletter – Spring 2022*

Hello

Spring is certainly showing its presence with so much newness. The hidden bulbs we had forgotten are appearing and as the days lengthen, we begin to think about gardens and sowing the summer flowers in seed trays. All that has lain dormant and thought dead in winter, is coming back to life. Easter is a reminder of new life.

Easter's simplest meaning is that we live in a world in which God has the last word. On that Friday night in Jerusalem 2000 years ago, it seemed as if evil had mastered life. The holiest and most loveable One, who had ever lived was dead and in His tomb - crucified by the order of a tyrant without either scruples or regrets. He who had raised the highest hopes among people had died by the most shameful means – on a cross, with a jeering mob of debauched souls and a quick thrust of a spear to ensure it ended it all.

Those hours when His voice was stilled and His hands were quiet, were the blackest through which humanity has ever lived. If Caesar could put an end to Jesus, then no one could ever dare aspire or hope again. Hope, in such a world, could be nothing better than a mockery. But then Easter dawned and the glorious word: "He is Risen!" was heard. Evil's triumph was at an end. Since that hour when Mary in the garden, first discovered the staggering fact of victory, no one whose heart was pure and whose labours were honest has ever had reason to fear or despair if they believed in the resurrection. It is the assurance to all the godly that their faith is not in vain!

Easter is a time of glorious remembrance that all that was lovely and beautiful was not lost, but instead it is brought to a triumphant climax. Our Lord, Jesus, lives and reigns, now and always and in him we have the victory. The winters of our lives are transformed by the spring of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Happy Easter!

With God's blessings to you and your loved ones.

*Gavin Boswell, Interim Moderator*



## **Presbytery Update**

The first draft of the new Presbytery Mission Plan is almost ready to be sent out to Kirk Sessions and Cluster Groups for comment. This document is the result of information gathered in from every single Church and Cluster Group throughout the whole of Fife.

The comments returned will be considered and amendments made where appropriate. This is a draft document and will not be completely finalised until much later in the year. It will then be approved by Presbytery and once implemented, it will be reviewed every year until 2025 when the next version will be produced. And so the process goes on, always developing and adapting.

The key to the Church's survival is Mission and this is why the document is called the Presbytery Mission Plan – previously these planning documents were simply called Presbytery Plans looking ahead for the next 5 or 10 years.

The new PMP will show how we might maintain a Church presence throughout Fife. The aim is to ensure that there is a worship centre for every 10,000 of the population. This may or may not be a traditional "Church" building but there will be a centre.

The document speaks of "Ministries" as well as "Ministers" which will mean that alongside a Minister of Word and Sacrament in a cluster or grouping, other trained staff can be employed - for example, funding for one full time ministry could pay two part-time workers with different skills. This can bring diversity and variety to a wider area. Taking mission to new people is essential in order to grow a sustainable Church for the future.

Yes, there will be change but change is good, and change is exciting. This change is led by people who care deeply about the Church's future so please give some thought to how you might help.

### **Cluster Walk**

Saturday 21 May - Gather at Springfield Church at 10am

Join our Cluster friends as we join together for a pleasant walk! Pre-covid, these annual walks were well attended and much enjoyed. It is an ideal opportunity to get to know the folks from the other churches in our Eden Tay Cluster.

So, make a date in your diary and get your walking shoes polished. We'll be walking from Springfield via Crawford Priory. If anyone needs a lift, give Liz a ring on 07719 724730.

### **Joint Cluster Worship - Sunday 22 May at 2.30pm**

We'll meet at the Stables, Falkland Estate under the Woodland Canopy. Come along for another Cluster gathering with our Eden Tay neighbours. Again, phone Liz about transport.

### **Edenshead Parish Church Annual Stated Meeting**

This will take place following worship on Sunday 15 May. You will be able to collect a cup of tea or coffee between the two parts. It is hoped that everyone will stay to show support for the Kirk Session and the work they have undertaken throughout the past year.

### **Session Clerk**

As you will all know, Rod McCall retired from the post of Session Clerk last September.

From February this year, Liz Slattery who has been Depute Session Clerk, has agreed to take on the full responsibility of Session Clerk. Contact 01337 828386 or 07719 724730

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**Coffee Morning  
Saturday 9 April  
10 - 12  
Church Hall**



**Home Baking  
Raffle & Sales table**

**Come along for  
Coffee and Pancakes,  
Blethers and Baking**

**Future Worship Dates**

**Sun 3 April - Strathmiglo  
Sun 17 April - Muchty  
Sun 1 May - Strathmiglo  
Sun 15 May - Muchty  
Sun 29 May - Strathmiglo**

**East Fife Ladies' Choir  
Sunday 8 May at 2.30pm  
Auchtermuchty Church**



**Come and enjoy a  
wonderful afternoon  
of music.**

**Entry by Donation**

**Easter Worship**

**Thursday 14 April  
Maundy Thursday Worship  
7pm Auchtermuchty Church  
with Communion  
Led by Rev Gavin Boswell**

**Friday 15 April  
Good Friday Worship  
7pm Strathmiglo Church**

**Sunday 17 April  
Easter Sunday  
7.30am – Pitmedden Car Pk  
+ Breakfast in Church Hall**

**10.30am 'Muchty Church  
Worship followed by  
Tea/Coffee**

**"Fill the Gap"  
Soup and Sandwich  
Lunches**

**Sunday 24 April  
at 12 noon in the  
Church Hall**

**Tasty soup, great  
sandwiches and  
fellowship.  
Bring your neighbours  
and friends - the more  
the merrier....**