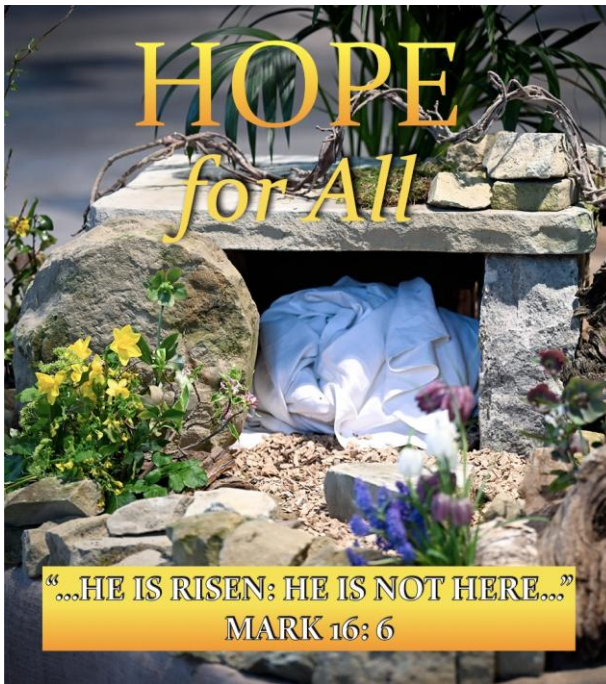


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SERVICES APRIL 2025 to SEPTEMBER 2025

DATE	LASSWADE & ROSEWELL (10.00 am)	COCKPEN & CARRINGTON (11.30 am)
5 April EASTER DAY	8 am Service in Rosewell Church Garden 10 am Minister - Rosewell Communion Service	The Minister
12 April 2nd Sunday of Easter	The Minister - Lasswade	The Minister
19 April 3rd Sunday of Easter	The Worship Team Rosewell All Age Service	The Worship Team All Age Service
26 April 4th Sunday of Easter	The Minister - Lasswade	The Minister
3 May 5th Sunday of Easter	L&R Worship Team Rosewell	The Minister Communion Service
10 May <i>Christian Aid Week</i> 6th Sunday of Easter	The Minister Lasswade	The Minister
17 May 7th Sunday of Easter	The Minister - Rosewell All Age Service	The Minister All Age Service
24 May PENTECOST SUNDAY	The Minister - Lasswade	The Minister
31 May TRINITY SUNDAY	Three Churches Joint Service Rosewell Parish Church at 11.00am	
7 June 2nd after Pentecost	The Minister - Rosewell	The Minister
14 June 3rd after Pentecost	The Minister - Lasswade	The Minister
21 June 4th after Pentecost	The Minister - Rosewell All-age Service	The Minister All-age Service
28 June 5th after Pentecost	The Minister - Lasswade Communion Service	C&C Worship Team
5 July 6th after Pentecost	The Minister - Rosewell	The Minister
12 July 7th after Pentecost	The Minister - Lasswade	The Minister
19 July 8th after Pentecost	Worship Team - Rosewell	The Worship Team
26 July 9th after Pentecost	Worship Team - Lasswade	The Worship Team
2 August 10th after Pentecost	Worship Team - Rosewell	The Worship Team
9 August 11th after Pentecost	The Minister - Lasswade	The Minister

16 August 12th after Pentecost	The Minister - Rosewell All Age Service	The Minister All Age Service
23 August 13th after Pentecost	The Minister - Lasswade	The Minister
30 August 14th after Pentecost	Three Churches Joint Service Bonnyrigg Parish Church at 11.00 am	
6 September 15th after Pentecost	The Minister - Rosewell Communion Service	C&C Worship Team
13 September 16th after Pentecost	The Minister - Lasswade	The Minister
20 September HARVEST 17th after Pentecost	The Minister - Rosewell All Age Service	The Minister All Age Service
27 September 18th after Pentecost	The Minister - Lasswade	The Minister

Holy Week Services: Monday 30th March to Friday 3rd April

Morning Reflection Services at 9.00 to 9.30 am at the Pitcairn Centre, Monday to Friday

Evening Ecumenical Services

Day	Church	Time
Monday	Our Lady of Consolation, Bonnyrigg Stations of the Cross	7pm
Tuesday	Rosewell Church	7pm
Wednesday	Lasswade Church	7pm
Maundy Thursday	St Leonard's Church	7pm
Good Friday	Cockpen and Carrington Church	7pm



From the Minister ...

As I write, we have shortly enjoyed Holiday Club once again this year. It was another super few mornings from Monday to Wednesday during the half-term break when about 30-40 children gathered for Bible teaching, songs, games, crafts and snacks.



Our theme this year was on Friendship and based on the friendship of some of the toys in the Toy Story movies, in particular, Woody, Buzz Lightyear, Jessie,

the Aliens from Pizzaland, and Barbie, all wonderfully played by members of the Bonnyrigg Youth Fellowship. Josh, our Community Youth Worker began on Monday thinking about how we are made for friendship with each other and also made for friendship with God. Louise then thought about how sometimes our friendships can go wrong with disagreements and that can be hard. But we were reminded from the Parable of the Lost Son (Luke 15:11-32) that even when we may go our own way in life, God in his love is always waiting to welcome us exuberantly back home when we turn back to him.

As I shared on Day 3, God delights to be friends with us and he's overjoyed when we choose to be friends with him, too. And that's why God sent his Son Jesus into the world, so that Jesus could tell everybody and show everybody just how much God loves them, and to help us come to know and love God back.

As we move towards Good Friday and Easter, we are reminded that the most wonderful way Jesus shows us how much God loves us is in giving up his life for us on the cross. God delights to be friends with us, but sadly a gap existed in humanity's relationship with God because of all our wilful disobedience. That wasn't something God wanted to leave unsorted, and Jesus, God's Son, One with God, was able to come in God's plan and be the one to pay the price for all our sins, taking them away through his death on the cross. Wonderfully, God's plan didn't end there, but having taken away all that separates us from God, Jesus was raised to life again. We have the assurance that he is alive and with us always, as Saviour and Friend, bringing us full and lasting life as we believe and follow him.

As we thought about at Holiday Club, to have a friend who is always with you is very special. In Toy Story 3, Andy says the same thing about Woody, the toy that has always been his favourite. He's going off to college, but as he gives his toys to a little girl called Bonnie, he assures her that what makes Woody so special is that he'll never give up on her; he'll be there for her no matter what.

And these are the things that make God's love, Jesus's love, so special – that he never gives up on us and will be there for us no matter what. He knows us and loves us better than anyone else and he will always be there with us, as friend, and help, and guide in our lives, come what may.



While in the church at Holiday Club each morning, we sang the song from Toy Story, 'You've got a friend in me.' And one of the joys and assurances of Easter is that we can have a loving, ever-faithful and present Friend in Jesus, as our encourager and guide. As part of the song says:

*"When the road looks rough ahead, you've got a friend in me.
We stick together and we see it through, 'cause you've got a friend in me."*

Because of Easter, we give thanks that Jesus is the greatest Friend we can ever have, because he truly will be with us always come what may and loves us, just like God, so amazingly and forever.

With every blessing for Easter when it comes.

Your Minister,
Lorna Souter

Lasswade Church

At present, the sale of Lasswade Church is in the process of being completed. There is still some uncertainty as to when this may be, but it may be in April to May.

For members and all who have had attachment to Lasswade Church, we will give notice as soon as possible of the date for the closing service. We hope that as many as possible will be able to attend as we give thanks for the life of the church and share memories together. All will be most welcome.

The Minister

Cockpen and Carrington Parish Church

From the Church Registers

Baptisms

If you wish to discuss the sacrament of Baptism, please contact the Minister.

22 February 2026 **Alexander J P Redpath**
son of Cameron and Chloe Redpath (née Renwick)
Baptised by The Reverend Lorna Souter

Weddings

See Church website at www.church.cockpen.co.uk for information and advice on weddings.

Deaths

26 January 2026 **Mrs Margaret Anne BAXTER**
10 February 2026 **Mr Jim AIRD**
22 February 2026 **Mrs Isobel WATSON**
February 2026 **Mr Desmond WILLIAMS**

We remember the families of Anne, Jim and Isobel and Mr Williams in our prayers and give thanks to those who cared for them.

We continue to pray for those in our Congregations (and outwith) who grieve at this time of loss. As a Church, we are here for any who feel that we can help in any way.

Jesus said, 'I am the Resurrection and the Life'



Dust If You Must

Dust if you must, but wouldn't it be better
To paint a picture, or write a letter,
Bake a cake, or plant a seed;
Ponder the difference between want and need?

Dust if you must, but there's not much time,
With rivers to swim, and mountains to climb;
Music to hear, and books to read;
Friends to cherish, and life to lead.

Dust if you must, but the world's out there
With the sun in your eyes, and the wind in your hair;
A flutter of snow, a shower of rain,
This day will not come around again.

Dust if you must, but bear in mind,
Old age will come and it's not kind.
And when you go (and go you must)
You, yourself, will make more dust.

By Rose Milligan

This poem first appeared in *The Lady* (September 1998).
It is now believed to be in the public domain.

Rose Milligan lives in Lancaster, Lancashire,
England. Despite extensive research, we've
been unable to find any other details about her.



Sunday Tea Rota

Cockpen & Carrington



12th April	Helen and Wilma
10th May	Vi and Andrew
14th June	Liz MacD and John
12th July	Dot and Moira
16th August	Helen and Wilma

If you would be willing to join the tea rota, please speak to Liz Mills.

From the Flower Convenor

Well here we go — and the first thing I would like to say is a very big **Thank You** to all of you who have continued to give so generously to the Church Flower Fund. I include the new people who are now giving and of course to anyone who gives me a donation from time to time throughout the year. This makes our church look nice and cheery with some fresh flowers every Sunday.

After the service we give them out to anyone who would benefit from the flowers to cheer them up for whatever reason. If you know of anyone who would benefit from these flowers, please always let either myself or Liz Mills know. I would like to say thanks to Liz for all her support to me as the convenor, as she is always willing to give practical help or advice if I require it. At this point I would like to say thank you for all the prayers, messages and cards which were sent to me from yourselves when I was ill over the past weeks.

Easter is our next celebration in the Christian Calendar, and I have started to plan what I'm going to do special in the church for that.

I will close now, and attached is the flower rota Sunday to Sunday for April, May, June and July 2026. Please give me a call if you require any further information regarding the Church flowers and as always, many thanks for giving me the pleasure of doing the flowers on your behalf.

God bless, and love to all from

Anne Clark xx

Flower Convenor

Tel: 01875 821717 or Mob. 07929 446 662

Cockpen & Carrington Flower Rota 2026

April		June	
5	Liz Mills	7	Graham Burnside
12	Ian Bee	14	Wilma Sweeney
19	Liz MacDonald	21	Jim Young
26	Mary Logan Ian Fowler	28	
May		July	
3	Sandra Crawford	5	Liz Mills
10	Moira Scott	12	John Adamson
17	Ian Richardson	19	Liz MacDonald
24	Dot Scott	26	Ian Fowler
31	JOINT SERVICE		



“BETRAYAL?”

THE BETRAYAL OF JESUS by Judas Iscariot was an event of unique significance and consequence in human history, in that it was followed by the Crucifixion and Resurrection and eventual formation of the Christian religion. It was also distinctive in being divinely ordained, anticipated by Jesus and followed by the suicide (Matthew) or accidental death (Acts) of the perpetrator. It was also a historical event along with other “betrayals” of interest as we approach its annual commemoration.

Two others of note, relatively close in time and place, during WW2, both retaining elements of doubt and enigma were those of:

The capture of Jean Moulin (delegate of General de Gaulle to the French Resistance) and six other resistants by a Gestapo unit under the notorious Klaus Barbie at the home of Dr Frederic Dugoujon in the northern Lyon suburb of Caluire on 21st June 1943 and his subsequent death under torture on or about 9th July without revealing any resistance secrets.

A year or so later on 4th August 1944, six hundred miles to the north, the breaking into the refuge of the Frank family including Anne and others at Prinsengracht 263 in Amsterdam by Nazi police and their

deportation to Auschwitz -Birkenau and eventual death of the family (apart from father, Otto) in other camps. Anne herself, just 15, died of typhus at Bergen-Belsen in February or March 1945, weeks before the camp’s liberation.

Postwar the discovery of her diary and dedicated efforts by her father and others has revived her memory and led to her becoming in effect the main human face of the Holocaust/Shoah, just as the figure of six million Jews murdered (and those others targeted by the Nazis) has become its statistical face and the sign “ARBEIT MACHT FREI” at the entrance to the camps along with the gas chambers and piles of shoes its material face.

On 3rd May 1957 their home of refuge in Amsterdam was opened to the public as a visitor centre and place of homage. Many of us have visited there.

Otto Frank, the only family survivor, has said that he believed the refuge had been betrayed by someone to the authorities. Over the years there have been many named suspects but no conclusive evidence has been offered against anyone. Dave Rich in *“Everyday Hate: How Antisemitism is Built into our World and How You Can Change It”* (2024) commented: “The story of Anne

Frank is for Jews, a story of antisemitism and the betrayal and murder of a family who were stripped of all their rights and their possessions and ultimately of their lives because they were Jewish and had nowhere else to go”.

Ronald Leopold, Executive Director of the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam, has however been quoted as saying: “You must not mark someone down in history as the betrayer of Anne Frank if you don’t have conclusive evidence for this.” Research by the Anne Frank House Museum staff suggests that the reason for the raid on 4th August 1944 and discovery of the fugitives was probably suspected ration card or coupon fraud. Two men, Martin Brouwer and Pieter Daatzelaar, who had been dealing in illegal ration coupons and cards, had been supplying at least some of those used by the Frank family in hiding.

On 4th March 1944 Anne had written in her diary, “B” and “D” have been caught, so we have no coupons.

The time between that entry and the raid on 4th August is easily accounted for by investigation time. Like so many others the Frank family now faced a three-day journey by cattle truck to Auschwitz-Birkenau.

The life and death of Jean Moulin was and is a more heartening saga because of its eventual

outcome, despite the immediate result of his betrayal along with six other Resistance leaders on the 21st June 1943 at the fateful meeting.

There were actually eight men there, but one of them, Rene Hardy, had not been invited but was brought, unknown in advance to Moulin, by a fellow member of the resistance group, Combat, whose leader Henri Frenay was in London at the time. Hardy’s presence was against all rules of safety precautions of the Resistance.

Moulin had parachuted into France in Provence, on the night of 1st/2nd January the previous year and had painstakingly and courageously, built a fragile coalition of movements, unions and political parties together meeting for the first time in Paris, in the Resistance Council on the 27th May under his chairmanship. He had also been crucial in the creation of the Secret Army under General Charles Delestraint. But he had enemies in Combat who falsely suspected him of communist loyalties. Delestraint had been captured by Abwehr and Gestapo agents in previous acts of treachery at La Mulette underground station on 9th June and deported to Dachau. He was shot there just days before its liberation.

Now there was a meeting to appoint a new army chief, a meeting disrupted by the arrival of Barbie’s

Gestapo team. All the resisters, save Hardy, were handcuffed. He was being apparently bound by rope when he managed to break free and escape, seemingly hiding in a nearby ditch. A bystanding roadmender gave evidence at Hardy's later trials that the search had been cursory and the searchers naïve. Dr Dugoujon testified that:

“Children playing hide-and - seek would have found Hardy in that ditch.”

Moulin died a few days later from a combination of torture and, according to Barbie, self-inflicted harm in an effort to kill himself to avoid disclosure of vital information useful to the Nazis. Barbie said at his own trial in Lyon in 1987 that Moulin had shown magnificent courage under torture.

Hardy was twice tried and twice acquitted at later trials, in 1947 and 1950, the second a military tribunal held when it was established that he had lied at the first trial and perjured evidence given on his behalf. His second acquittal was only because a 4:1 verdict was required to convict and the judges voted 3:2.

Paul Dreyfus, who made an intensive study of the case over many years, and interviewed Barbie

and Dr Dugoujon among others wrote (1999):

“Rare, rare, very rare are those who still believe in his innocence” and Laure Moulin, Jean's sister wrote in her biographical tribute to her brother:

“These acquittals have convinced neither the remaining victims of the treachery at Caluire nor me.”

Eventual vindication, tribute, justice and closure were realised for Jean, his sister, supporters and fellow resisters when his presumed ashes were transferred from the cemetery Pere Lachaise in Paris to the Pantheon on a route lined by former resisters, last resting place of France's “Great and Good.” That was in a two-day ceremonial on the initiative of President Charles de Gaulle over the weekend of 18th- 19th December 1964, culminating in a memorable speech by Andre Malraux, novelist and member of the Resistance, giving lie to those who had accused him of putting communism before France.

This was not a resurrection, but it was a complete rehabilitation of a man whose reputation had been damaged by unfair criticism and failure to convict.

Bill MacDonald

INVITATION

The Sacrament of Holy Communion
will be celebrated
in **Cockpen and Carrington Church**
on **Sunday 3rd May 2026**
at **11.30 am.**

All are invited to join in this celebration.



Hearts of Flesh

Twice the prophet Ezekiel speaks of God taking people's "hearts of stone" and replacing them with "hearts of flesh" (11:19; 36:26). That is what the Lord does for us when He saves us: we are no longer hardened and callused by sin, but sensitive to His Word and to His ways.

William Cowper (1731-1800), the author of "There Is a Fountain" and "God Moves in a Mysterious Way", referred to those passages in his hymn, "The Lord Proclaims His Grace Abroad", published in *Olney Hymns*, Book 1, Number 71 (1779):

The Lord proclaims His grace abroad!
"Behold, I change your hearts of stone;
Each shall renounce his idol god,
And serve, henceforth, the Lord alone.

"My grace, a flowing stream, proceeds
To wash your filthiness away;
Ye shall abhor your former deeds,
And learn My statutes to obey.

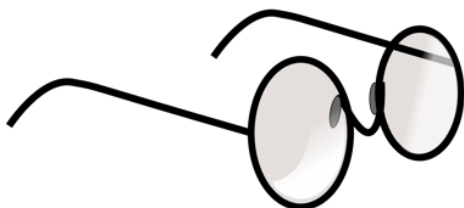
"My truth the great design ensures,
I give Myself away to you;
You shall be Mine, I will be yours,
Your God unalterably true.

"Yet not unsought or unimplored,
The plenteous grace I shall confer;
No—your whole hearts shall seek the Lord,
I'll put a praying spirit there.

From the first breath of life divine
Down to the last expiring hour,
The gracious work shall all be Mine,
Begun and ended in My power.

Words: William Cowper (1731-1800), *Olney Hymns*
(London: W. Oliver, 1779), number 71.
Tune: Ernan, Lowell Mason, (1792-1872) Tune written in 1850.

Old Spectacles



If you have any old spectacles you want rid of, we have a box at the Church where you can deposit them.

They will be taken to the Opticians who in turn will get them sent abroad to be used to make glasses for people less fortunate than us.

We've been handing them in to Specsavers over many years and they are always delighted to receive the glasses and so grateful to our Church for the regular contributions.

Many thanks.

Wilma

GUILD CHARITY AFTERNOON TEA

The Guild will hold a charity **Afternoon Tea on Monday 4th May 2026** in the church hall **from 2-4pm** when all are welcome to come along and enjoy the food and entertainment.

The entertainment will be by Stuart Anderson, and the proceeds of the afternoon will be donated to the Midlothian Hedgehog Society, which is a local charity here in Bonnyrigg, rescuing these little creatures who have fallen on hard times and hopefully, be able to be released back into the wild.

Tickets will be available from Liz, Helen or Wilma priced £6

GUILD NEWS



THERE WERE NO GUILD meetings in January so at the time of writing this we have only had three meetings this year and each of them has been different in subject matter but equally well presented, stimulating and informative and very much enjoyed.



As many of you know the Church of Scotland Guild encourages the local Guilds to work to a three-year strategy/plan of action and choose charities whose work echoes this plan. For the period 2024-2027 the strategy is *Let us build a House* with the themes — **Sure Foundations** (last year),

Living Stones (this year) and **Beyond the Walls** (next year).

We invited a speaker from one of the chosen charities — Bear Necessities: Build my church Bulgaria, to come to one of our meetings in March to tell us about the charity and its partnership with the Guild.

The charity started after Christina from Alness in Ross-shire visited Bulgaria with a team from Blythswood Care shoebox project. Christina was so affected by the need she saw there she returned the following year with her friend Cathey to make a documentary about the shoeboxes. Both women had been part of the church in their youth but had drawn away from God in adulthood. The following year they both returned to a poor area of Sliven with bags full of things for the residents which included shoes for the children who were not allowed in school without the required/necessary footwear and teddy bears. This led to their charity working under the name of Bear Necessities and through their work being led back to their faith in God.

Under the communist regime in Bulgaria, Christians were often persecuted and it was forbidden to congregate as a group so many were nervous about returning to a church and there were very few churches.

Many Christians were meeting together in homes but, over time, the number of believers has increased, and larger accommodation is badly needed.

A youth Pastor called Rumen had been very helpful to Christina and Cathey in telling them what was most needed by the people, and he was very impressed by their drive and determination to provide for everyone in need regardless of creed. He was amazed by their ordinariness, humility and capacity to love. Through this pairing a soup kitchen project was started, and other community activities were introduced.

A few years ago, Ruben realised that God was calling him to Plant a church and when, in 2022, he told Christina and Cathey this they were inspired and excited but were adamant that they already had their hands full and could not help but told him they would pray for the project. Well, they now reckon God has answered their prayers by nudging them into partnership with the Church of Scotland Guild to help plant this church. They have taken a lease on a building that was used industrially but has lots of room to plant a church which will allow a congregation to meet together to worship, to mingle with others socially, to live in love and build faith and even provide space for the soup kitchen.

We wish all our project partners well with their plans and bless the work they do for others. The amounts donated by the Guild over just 14 months is, I think, amazing.

From 1st January 2025- 28th February 2026 the Guild has raised £108,115.87 broken down as follows —

Bear Necessities- Build my Church (Bulgaria) -----	£38,754.00
Release International – Operation Hope (Egypt)-----	£34,976.70
Scottish Bible Society – Bibles for Bairns (Scotland)-----	£47,325.55
Crossreach – Playful Beginnings (Scotland)-----	£59,059.62

Easter Blessings to all from the Guild

Bear Necessities!

Cockpen & Carrington Guild were thoroughly impressed by their speakers at a recent meeting, Cathey and Christina from one of our project partners, **Bear Necessities!**

The Guild says their presentation was “informative, thoughtful, humorous and inspirational” and highly recommend that you get them to one of your meetings if you haven’t already. They brought along some items to sell that go further in supporting their amazing work too. We recommend that you get a couple of Guilds together from your area if you are going to have them, as they are coming a very long way and it's good to use their time as productively as possible. Thank you Cathey and Christina, keep up the amazing work!

Helen and Liz



News from Josh, our Community Youth Worker

The youth work in Bonnyrigg has been seeing some amazing growth over the last few months, and it has been an absolute joy to see where God has been working in the growth of the area. With Toastie Tuesday still running smoothly, we are now welcoming over 400 students from Lasswade High School each week, getting the chance to welcome each of them into a Spirit-filled environment where they can catch just a small glimpse of what we as the Church has to offer them.

We are also delighted to see more growth at our Thursday night Drop-In, thanks to the work of Toastie Tuesday and other connection builders over the week, all of which means that we get a chance to build relationships with over 25 teenagers on a weekly basis, meeting them where they are comfortable, getting to know them and, amazingly, getting to teach them the gospel message each week.

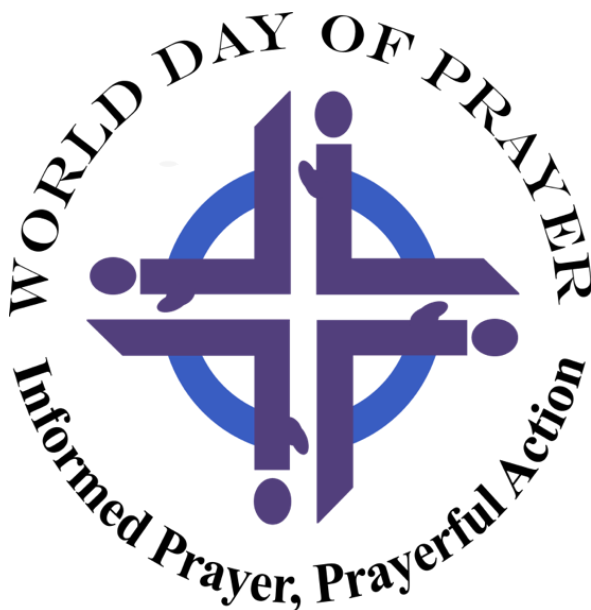
It truly is a joy to see the ways that God has been blessing the growth of the youth ministry, from meeting new teenagers and introducing them to God and then watching them grow in their discipleship journeys at things such as the upcoming Magnitude Festival in the summer. It is clear that God's hand is at work in the hearts of them all, and we're all super excited to see what He does next!

World Day of Prayer 2026

It was the turn of Lasswade & Rosewell Parish Church to host this year's World Day of Prayer Service. This took place on Friday, 6th March in Rosewell Church and was entitled "I will give you rest; - Come" (Matthew 11:28). This year's service was written by the Christian Women of Nigeria.

As always, the service involved members of the congregations of Bonnyrigg, Cockpen & Carrington, St Leonard's, Our Lady & St Matthew, and Lasswade and Rosewell.

The evening ended, as usual, with refreshments. Thanks to all who attended and who contributed in any way to the success of the event.



Covid 19

As I think of the turmoil this virus has caused,
life as we know it, stopped or paused,
the death rate still rising and causing alarm,
we can't hug our loved ones in case we cause harm.

The Nurses and Doctors working so hard
to save the lives of our loved ones, oh it's so hard
to see life as we know it, gone just like that,
but with countless of good things and that is a fact.

Oh yes, there's the moaners and complainers too,
never happy with what they are being asked to do
to keep loved ones safe, is a great big ask,
but we must show love, and kindness, as we carry out this task.

Yes, there is heartache but so much good too,
keep your mind focused and we will get through
this dreadful pandemic that's blighted our land,
a bind, maybe some day soon, united, we'll stand.

Written during the Covid pandemic.

Anon

Garden News

Don't tell secrets in the garden,
Potatoes have eyes,
Corn has ears,
and the beanstalk.

KNIT AND NATTER



Although the weather throughout January and February was very wet, it did not dampen the enthusiasm of the ladies coming along to the Knit and Natter group on a Thursday afternoon.

As always, the ladies were anxious to get going on a new project. After receiving a donation of a good amount of wool it was decided that we would put it to good use by knitting hats for the homeless. These are so necessary and much appreciated during our long harsh winters when the homeless charities can ensure that they always have supplies when needed.

Although nothing has yet been arranged it is hoped that we as a group can all once again enjoy a meal together before we close over the summer period.

EFM

FROM THE ORGANIST

As I write, at the end of February, we seem to have come to that welcome point of the year where we finally begin to see a little more light in the evenings and very occasionally some sunshine!

Musically too we are emerging from the quieter period after Christmas, with the choir performing a setting of the old English carol '*A babe is born I wys*' at our Communion service in February.

Easter falls quite early this year however and we are already into Lent, so the next major events in the musical (and Church) calendar, namely Holy Week and Easter itself, are not far away. As in many past years Cockpen & Carrington will be hosting the service on Good Friday evening (3 April). As always this will be a meditative occasion, and along with appropriate hymns the choir will, as in past years, be singing the ancient plainsong '*Reproaches*', which have been part of the traditional Good Friday liturgy for more than a thousand years. We will also be singing an anthem, '*Dearest Lord Jesus, suffering Saviour*' by Lajos Bárdos, a leading Hungarian composer of the first half of the last century, who had a keen interest in choral music and indeed was instrumental in building up a strong choir tradition in his own country which continues to this day. The service will take place at 7 pm.

On Easter Day the choir will be singing a seasonal anthem by Bach, '*Jesus, fount of consolation*', which began life as a solo aria but was subsequently arranged for choir. We hope many will join us for this always joyful service, which will of course include several rousing hymns for the season, concluding with the Easter favourite '*Thine be the glory*', sung to a famous tune by Bach's equally celebrated contemporary Handel.

At the close of the service I will be playing a piece new to my repertoire, *Chant de Joie* ('Song of Joy') by the 20th century French

organist and composer Jean Langlais. Despite becoming blind at the age of two and coming from a very humble background, he became one of the leading French musicians of his generation. He wrote in a very personal and quite advanced harmonic style, of which this piece is typical. It was written at the end of the Second World War and can perhaps be thought of as the musical equivalent to a celebratory firework display!

I've often noted in the past how lucky we are to have a good quality pipe organ to lead our worship. Unfortunately it has recently shown signs of a developing problem. The mechanisms which connect each of the pedals (which provide the bass notes) to their pipes have at their centre a leather connecting joint. While the equivalent mechanism for the two manual keyboards was renewed in the 1970's this did not extend to the pedals, so the leather joints in question have never been touched since the organ was built in 1888. Perhaps not surprisingly, after very nearly 140 years of weekly use these are now coming to the end of their lives, though I think we can say they have done well!

So far only one pedal has dropped out of action but a recent visit from the organ builders has confirmed that others are likely to follow sooner rather than later. We will be facing quite a hefty repair cost therefore, but I hope all will agree that the organ is central to our services and a major part of our heritage. I shall keep you updated!

GMB

March 2026

Sweet Tub success

Thank you to everyone who contributed sweet tubs for the Tub2Pub initiative on behalf of Macmillan Cancer Support. 143 tubs were delivered to Elginhaugh Farm by the closing date of 15 February.

I am still being given tubs, which will give us a head start for next year and saves plastic from landfill. Since Tub2Pub started across the UK over 470,000 tubs have been collected and over £34,000 raised to help fund vital support for people living with cancer. It is a great example of collective community action having a positive impact.



Liz MacDonald

✓ ANSWER SHEET to Quiz on back page

1. C — Combination of solar and lunar cycles
2. B — Day and night roughly equal
3. B — Jesus entering Jerusalem
4. B — From Latin *mandatum* (“command”)
5. C — Crucifixion seen as bringing salvation
6. B — Giving Maundy money

Fun Space for Adults



We all need to take time for fun, relaxation and company in the midst of our busy lives. 'Fun Space' is for adults of all ages to come and enjoy games of all kinds as well as jigsaws and crafts. For those with accompanying pre-school children, the team will be happy to help look after them while you have time for the game or activity you would like to do. And we always stop for tea/coffee, biscuits and chat, too! So why not come along and have some time out.

You will be most welcome!

**Each Thursday 10.00 to 11.30 am
at Rosewell Church Hall**

LASSWADE AND ROSEWELL PARISH CHURCH NEWS

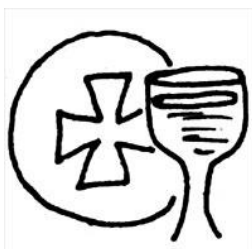
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**Vision Statement: 'All journeying together in faith
and trust to share God's love'**

Daffodils have many spiritual meanings, including rebirth, renewal and hope. May God shower you with blessings, love and peace this Easter.



Sacrament of Holy Communion



An Invitation to a Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Sunday 5th April at 10.00 a.m. Rosewell Parish Church

Sunday 28th June at 10.00 a.m. Lasswade Parish Church

Sunday 6th September at 10.00 a.m. Rosewell Parish Church

A warm invitation is extended to you all.

Impressive Turnout:

A huge thank you to all who supported the Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday 14th December. The amazing sum of £1,364 was raised for Church funds. This was a result of efforts put in by many people – those who baked, donated items, and manned the various stalls, served the tea and coffee, worked in the kitchen (cooking bacon rolls) and others who worked behind the scenes. To all those who came along and supported in any way – a big thank you to them all.

Coffee Mornings:

On the second Saturday of each month (except January) a Coffee Morning is held in Rosewell Church Hall from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon. Everyone is most welcome for a chance to meet new people, catch up with friends and enjoy tea, coffee, home baking and a warm welcome!



LENT is a wonderful time for us to have a clear out, both physically and spiritually. We wonder if God is challenging us to put some of our attitudes and opinions in the bin. Maybe God is challenging us to get rid of something we have been storing for too long. We will feel better and lighter if we do.

Christian Aid Week 10th – 16th May 2026



This year's Christian Aid theme will focus on tackling poverty and hunger in Burundi, where 70% of people face daily shortages of food, clean water, and electricity.

Will you donate this Christian Aid Week?

Do come along and support Christian Aid at our Coffee Morning on Saturday 9th May from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon in Rosewell Church Hall.

Church Register

Bereavements

We would ask that you remember and pray for the family and friends of:

Mrs Edith Barton – 5th December 2025

Mrs Cath Connor – 16th February 2026

Jesus said, 'I am the Resurrection and the Life

Messy Church



Messy Church, held in Rosewell Church Hall, begins with a warm welcome so if you have never been to Messy Church before, do come along. Mums, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends and carers accompanied by babies, toddlers, and primary school children – you are all most welcome.

Children are NOT dropped off – come and join the fun with them. Messy Church creatively explores Christian and moral themes through getting messy; with crafts, games, a story, prayer and songs and then it finishes with a special Messy meal together without you having to clear up or cook!

Do come and join us on Saturday 2nd May and 6th June from 4.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. You can find us on Facebook at '**Rosewell Messy Church**'.

Lasswade and Rosewell Messy Church Tea

I LIKE HUGS

It's wonderful what a hug can do.
It cheers you up when you're sad and blue.
A hug can say, "I love you so"
Or "I hate to see you go".
A hug is "Welcome back again!"
A hug can soothe a small child's pain
And bring a rainbow after rain.
The Hug! There's no doubt about it,
We scarcely could survive without it.
A hug delights and warms and charms,
It must be why God gave us arms.
So stretch those arms without delay
And give someone a hug today.



An Easter Garden



An Easter Garden on a tray is a simple, symbolic craft created by arranging soil, moss, small sticks, and a mini pot to represent the resurrection scene, often featuring a "tomb," three crosses, and a stone. It acts as a visual aid to teach the Easter story, using natural elements to build a small, meaningful landscape.

Tea-n-Toast Morning

Cockpen and Carrington's ever popular Tea and Toast morning was held on Saturday 14 March in the Church Hall. It was well attended as ever with a variety of events going on. There were plenty of activities to keep everyone busy either before or after having their tea and toast. There were cakes and other sweet treats to savour with another cup of tea or coffee while waiting for the results of the raffles and tombola on offer - and all in aid of church funds. We had guess the Teddy's birthday; and guess how many penguins were in a picture – to raise awareness of the plight of penguins in the Arctic. Congratulations to all who took part and, to those who went away with a prize or in some cases, many prizes!

A big thank you to all those who helped, either in front of house, or behind the scenes to make this yet another very successful venture. We look forward to the next one. This huge effort by everyone raised the magnificent sum of £1130.





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Easter Quiz

Circle the correct answer for each question. (*Answers on page 27*)

1. Easter Sunday is calculated using which calendar?

- A) The Gregorian calendar only
 - B) The Jewish calendar only
 - C) A combination of solar and lunar cycles
 - D) The Islamic calendar
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2. What is the spring equinox?

- A) The longest day of the year
 - B) The day when day and night are roughly equal in length
 - C) The first full moon of spring
 - D) The start of British Summer Time
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3. Palm Sunday commemorates:

- A) Jesus' birth
 - B) Jesus entering Jerusalem
 - C) The Last Supper
 - D) The crucifixion
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4. The word "Maundy" in Maundy Thursday comes from a Latin word meaning:

- A) Forgiveness
 - B) Command
 - C) Sacrifice
 - D) Supper
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5. Why is Good Friday called "Good"?

- A) It always has good weather
 - B) Schools close for holidays
 - C) It commemorates the crucifixion, seen as bringing salvation
 - D) It marks the end of Lent
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6. In the UK, what special ceremony does the monarch traditionally perform on Maundy Thursday?

- A) Lighting a beacon
 - B) Giving Maundy money to pensioners
 - C) Opening Parliament
 - D) Ringing church bells
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