



# STRATHKINNESS

## KIRK AND COMMUNITY

Much more than a church newsletter—village news & activities as well!  
APRIL 2017

### FROM THE MANSE

In the run up to Holy Week and Easter I picked up a book from my shelf by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan entitled *The Last Week*. The back cover asks, What was the last week of Jesus’s life about? And what does it mean for us now? The front cover shows an image from the start of that last week. The image comes from the bible stories where Jesus, we are told, rides into Jerusalem as the crowd greet him and wave branches in welcome. The actual painting can be found in St-Germain-des-Pres church in Paris and is called *L’Entrée a Jerusalem*. On the front also the words, “What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus’s Final Days in Jerusalem”. The design of the cover and the words on the cover make me want to open the book and start reading. The first chapter starts talking about Palm Sunday and each day of that week gets a chapter to itself. Chapter Eight reaches Easter Sunday. After the printed text from Mark’s gospel about that first Easter morning (Mark 16:1-8), the words found there say,

“Without Easter, we wouldn’t know about Jesus. If his story had ended with his crucifixion, he most likely would have been forgotten- another Jew crucified by the Roman Empire in a bloody century that witnessed thousands of such executions.” (p190)

How true that is. If Jesus had simply been another man, with another story, his story and life would have almost certainly been lost and forgotten like so many other people crucified by the Romans. Whatever happened at Easter and however we interpret those events what is certainly true is that the community of disciples that had surrounded Jesus during his life on earth became convinced he had risen and through time became empowered to go out and share their faith. What on the day of Jesus’ crucifixion and the day after looked rather like a bad decision, to follow a misguided man, was on the third day and the days after transformed into a new experience and belief about God and how God deals with the world. They were amazed to have confirmed to them that God loves us all deeply and that life is victorious over death.

May you have a Happy Easter.

Allan McCafferty

### Strathkinness Parish Church Services

*Sunday Services held in Strathkinness Church are at 11.45am. except for Joint Service with Hope Park and Martyrs held in Strathkinness on 9th April at 11am.*

***Maundy Thursday (13 April) 7.30pm Communion in the Round in HPM.***

***There will be a brief Sacrament of Communion held after Morning Worship on Easter Sunday, 16th April.***

Date	Door Duty		Reader	Flowers
2/4/17	J Royds	P Royds	V Smart	Wilson
9/4/17	I Scott	A Wilson	R Simpson	Blyth
16/4/17	I Scott	A Wilson	E Whyte	Reddie
23/4/17	I Scott	A Wilson	A Wilson	Graham
30/4/17	I Scott	A Wilson	E Wilson	Simpson

### *Ecumenical Services for Easter*

#### *Good Friday Pilgrimage*

#### *Way of the Cross —Friday 14 April*

Follow the whole Pilgrimage or only part as your circumstances dictate.

*Assembling at 4pm at St Mary’s, finishing at 6pm at St Mary on the Rock.*

- 4.00pm: St Mary’s College, South Street
- 4.15pm: Black friars Chapel, outside Madras College
- 4.30pm: by fountain in Market Street
- 4.45pm: outside St Salvator’s Chapel at *Patrick Hamilton* initials
- 5.00pm: by Martyrs Memorial on Scores
- 5.15pm: in front of the castle by Wishart memorial
- 5.30pm: by the War Memorial, in front of cathedral
- 5.45pm: St Mary on the Rock

#### *Easter Day Dawn Service, Sunday 16 April*

7am dawn service at St Mary on the Rock, beside the cathedral.

## Changes at the Church

A number of changes have been made inside the church to make it more attractive. There is a new disabled ramp at the main door. For the first time in decades, the door itself can now open to its full extent following the re-location of the large cupboard behind it. Sundry other items have also been removed from the entrance vestibule to de-clutter this area and create more of an open and welcoming space for people arriving at the Church.

Two rows of pews have been removed from the back of the Church to create a meeting and social space in the centre aisle. On the back wall, the four cradle rolls will be displayed, listing all Baptisms since about 1951. Names written in ink which have faded are to be made legible again. These rolls are a piece of local history in themselves.

A new display position has also been found for the fragment from the original gravestone of the five Covenanters who were hanged and buried at nearby Magus Muir in 1679. This was in retaliation for the murder of Archbishop Sharp by different Covenanters at the same location earlier that year.

The cleared spaces at the back of the two side aisles are to be used for the Foodbank and for a Children's area.

These rear areas inside the Church will be carpeted shortly and nice new red pew cushions have been provided. These replace the thin strips of old foam-backed carpet on the pews from which generations of children at school events found it irresistible to pick off the crumbling foam.

The Church car park was re-surfaced earlier last year. This was not only to benefit Sunday users. The Church allows the school to use the car park as an overspill and it is also in daily weekday use by the Playgroup, and the Pilates and Dancing classes.

We have to thank the late Mrs Kay Younger of Main Street for her bequest which has made these improvements possible. Practical help and assistance has been ably given by the Church Property Convenor, David Sinclair, and also Hugh Lawrie, Allan Myles, Dod Wallace and Alistair Clyne.

Everyone is very welcome to come and experience the new-look layout.

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## Church Accounts and Annual Review

The 2016 Church Accounts and Annual Review have been posted on the Church website and hard copies can be obtained from the Treasurer (850612).

It was not a bad year financially with a year end surplus of £10,821. There was an increase in offerings and donations by members for the first time in four years. They amounted to £16,632 in total. A large chunk of the Church income now comes from the various groups who use the Hall, £11,598 in 2016. Sadly, this is now indispensable to the financial viability of the Church. It costs about £2,000 every month to keep the Church and Hall going.

The bigger problem for Strathkinness Church is its lack of people support rather than financial support. The majority of the regular congregation is now over 80 and very few are under 60. The absence of a next generation obviously threatens the survival of the kirk in this community.

Please support your Church.

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## BOYS BRIGADE.

Grand Spring  
Coffee Morning  
Saturday 25th March  
10 till 11.30 am

at the BB Hall  
Kinnessburn Road, St Andrews.



*Hope Park and Martyrs Church*  
**Roundabout Café**  
Tuesdays & Thursdays  
10am —3pm

## *The Friendship Group*

*Tuesdays 2-4pm  
in the Church Hall*

**Good company, cake and  
non-competitive dominoes.**

*New members most welcome.*



## **STOREHOUSE**

*Enriching Lives with  
Acts of Kindness*

Storehouse is a local food bank run from the Vineyard Centre at 62A Largo Road, St Andrews. Donations (of non-perishable foods, toiletries or household cleaning items) are collected at Strathkinness Church or can be dropped off at the Vineyard Centre (Tuesdays 11am to 1pm or Thursdays 10am to 4pm).

## **Strathkinness Monthly Prayer Group**



If anyone has a special request for prayers or would like more information about the Prayer Group please contact Margaret Overend on 850686.

## Mobile Library Service



*The bus will visit Strathkinness at the following times:*

Wednesdays 29th March; 12th & 26th April

Main Street (Little Beehive Nursery) 10.00-10.30

Church Road (General Public) 10.30-11.00

Church Road (Strathkinness Primary School) 11.00-12.00

*Please make use of this excellent service!*

***NB The Library Bus has disabled access.***

## OPEN GROUP AFTERNOON TEA

***Wednesday 19th April  
3 pm in the Church Hall***

Invitations to our annual Afternoon Tea will soon be delivered to all senior ladies within the Parish. As may be appreciated, it is not easy to keep our list of names updated and you may be unintentionally omitted. If you are a recent recipient of a bus pass or are new to the village and in this category, please phone J. Blyth - 850 661- for an invitation. We will be very pleased to have you join us for this very sociable afternoon tea party.

## Post Office

**Mondays and Tuesdays  
12.30—2.30 pm**

**Church Hall Vestry  
Strathkinness**

*Please notice the new times.*

## Craft Group

**Monday 10th April  
at 7.30 pm**

**in the Church Hall  
New members always  
welcome**

*Please bring something to work on.*

## Bin Calendar

**Fridays**

31 March Grey

7 April Blue & Brown

14 April Green

21 April Blue & Brown

28 April Grey

## Village Hall News

### VILLAGE HALL A.G.M.

**Tues 18th April at 7.30 p.m. in the Hall**

**All Welcome**

*Strathkinness Village Hall Fundraiser*

## RACE NIGHT Saturday 22nd APRIL

**7.00 p.m for 1st Race at 7.30**

There will be a Bar

Stovies served at the interval

*Our stable of 'horses' are in fine fettle  
and will be at their peak on the night!*

This is always a great night -

Come and enjoy the fun!

To book a place please contact -

Dougie Gilbert 850 850 or Jane Blyth 850 661

## VILLAGE HALL WHIST DRIVES

**Friday 31st March at 7.30pm**

**Friday 28th April at 7.30pm**

**All Welcome**

*Results Whist Drive held on Friday 24th February*

LADIES 1st: Gerry Hardy; 2nd: Mary Booth;

Consolation: Margaret Thomson

GENTS 1st: David Calcraft; 2nd: Ralph Morris;

Consolation: Jim Lindsay

*For up-to-date information on  
all matters involving the  
Strathkinness community go to  
the website  
[www.strathkinnesscommunity.co.uk](http://www.strathkinnesscommunity.co.uk)  
—we do!!*

## *Digest of Community Council Meeting 8/3/17*

**Councillor appointment:-** Mrs. Blake-Johnston appointed as a Community Councillor. Still a vacancy for another full voting member.

**Village Green:-** Tree planting now completed.

**Projects for 2017 :** 2 responses from groups still awaited.

**Strathkinness Primary School:-** Headteacher Stephen Morrison outlined importance of “Outdoor Learning” project— where children given opportunity to expand their knowledge and understanding of the environment by holding outdoor classes— in Fife Schools. School working with Peter Kushner and Tony Wilson of Community Trust to expand school activities into Bishop’s Wood at Magus Muir, where an outdoor learning facility is being created. Difficulty of transporting children to the Magus location an issue as no direct pedestrian access from the village.

**Police Report:-** Main concerns highlighted in recent survey were speeding motorists, dog- fouling and internet crime. Police monitoring road safety issues at opening and closing times of school. Recruitment and training of volunteers for Community Speedwatch programme to take place shortly.

**Planning:** Application to erect laundry store at St. Andrews Forest Lodges, Kincapple. No objections noted. Application to erect storage shed at Edenside Stables. No objections noted. Large turn out last month at public consultation re proposed planning application for St. Andrews West Major Mixed Use Development. University owned Langlands site has been formally selected as location of new Madras College, subject to outcome of education consultation and planning permission being granted.

**Traffic and Transportation:-** Fife Council commitment to fund cycle path between Strathkinness and St Andrews on High Road. Concerns again raised re speed of traffic through village. Photographic evidence of parking problems at junction of Sunnyside and Main Street to be passed to Roads Dept.

**Community Trust:-** “Adopt a Tub” programme being organised for this season. An Open Day had been arranged at Bishop’s Wood, Magus for anyone wishing to assist in the maintenance of the 30 acre site. Volunteers, supervised by Woodland Ranger Tony Wilson, can register their interest with the Trust and be able to help with extraction of Wood Burning Fuel, charcoal making and many aspects of woodland management. Opportunity for children to participate in woodland bulb planting under supervision of Bob Bilson.

**Review of Website :-** Activities of Community website outlined and input sought on how profile of website could be raised within the community. Village organisations to be reminded them that if they pass information to Mr Younger he can easily upload this on to the website.

**A.O.C.B.-** Fife Councillor Keith McCartney not standing for re-election; thanked for his efforts for community and wished a happy retirement.

**Date of Next Meeting:** 12th April 2017 at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

### *Craigtoun Park*

#### *Mother’s Day Special*

Please join us in our cafe on Sunday 26th March between 12 and 4 pm where we will be serving tea, coffee and cake for just £3.00 per person.

Sunday 26th March is also a Training Day for us so our paid attractions will be operating sporadically throughout the day. Those lucky enough to find themselves in the right place at the right time will be welcome to make use of the facilities free of charge.

*Easter Fayre  
Saturday 15th and  
Sunday 16th April*

*Temporary Deliverer Wanted  
of Kirk & Community to  
Bonfield Road. Please contact  
Editor if you can help.*

### *Visit Our Village Website*

Did you know that we have our very own village website? It’s loaded with all sorts of useful information about the village. It has a table of forthcoming events, links to all the websites associated with the village, copies of all the recent community council minutes, information about developments and much more. Its web address is [www.strathkinnesscommunity.co.uk](http://www.strathkinnesscommunity.co.uk) and we apologise for the long-windedness of this. If you bookmark the page, it will be easier to reach next time. We hope that it has what you are looking for. If it hasn’t, please tell us using the contact page in it. It will be dealt with promptly.

*Future Kirk & Community deadlines:  
9am on Sundays*

*16 April; 21 May; 18 June  
20 August; 17 Sept; 15 Oct; 19 Nov.  
(3rd Sunday each month except July and December)*

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