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# He is risen!

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## **GLANCE FROM THE MANSE**

This is the story of the cross the Father loved us, oh so much!

That when we did our very worst, Jesus gave His very best -

and He died for all of us.

Rend Co Kids

If you've been at any of our GoMAD events, there's a fair chance you'll have witnessed the team and children signing this song. Not only singing, but also SIGNING. It is incredibly moving to see and, if you can, to join in and sign.

The words trace the story of the cross - of the mess we make, our brokenness, what the Bible calls sin. It also describes how God reaches to us, arms spread on a cross, so that, in love, He can bring us back into relationship. The restoration is enabled by God's grace - His unlimited, unfathomable love which He lavishes upon us even though we do not deserve it and cannot earn it.

### Oh, amazing grace, You took my place Now I am changed by Your mercy, Your kindness.

In these days of Lent (the weeks leading up to Easter), I have been helped to think about the incredible price Jesus paid so that I could be changed, rescued, forgiven and set free. What has helped me? The question really needs to be "WHO has helped me?" It has been the pupils in our local Primary School! We've explored the emotions of Holy Week, the final days of Jesus' life.



Using images created by my colleague, the Rev. Stephen Ogston of Luce Valley Parish, the older pupils have traced how Jesus, the disciples, some of Jesus' closest friends, and the religious leaders might have felt.

The joy of Palm Sunday, the shock as Jesus cleared out the Temple, the confusion as Jesus spoke of HIs betrayal and death; the agony of Gethsemane, the fear as Jesus is condemned, the heartbreak as He died. The waiting, the weeping of Saturday; the bewilderment and ecstasy of Easter Day.

I suspect I'd become a bit over-familiar with the Gospel accounts - after all, I've celebrated Easter for 5 decades and the story doesn't change. This year, though, I'VE been changed. I've journeyed through that week as if seeing it for the first time helped by some 10 and 11 year olds.





What would enable you see Easter in a fresh way? Do you find these "Selfie" images helpful? Would watching The Miracle Maker bring it to life for you? https://bit.ly/MiracleMaker2000



Try simply reading the Gospel accounts of Jesus final hours. You can do that on your phone - www.Biblegateway.com has every imaginable translation of the Bible. Get a Bible from the church - we'd love to gift one to you! Come along to our Holy Week services ... 25 minutes out of your day and it might just save your life! Even at my loneliest, there's no greater love than this: You took the nails to hold me close.

### Young people in church

We're blessed to have a thriving children's scene in MoCPC and over the years have formed different groups to make sure we're catering for all of our young people as they learn more about Jesus, the Bible and faith.

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Crèche (tiny tots -3 years)
Bridge group (3 years – P2)
Jigsaw (P3-P6)
Epic/ Crossover (P7-Youth)
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All age groups join the start of our service before heading into their various groups after Family Time..

### The Crèche

Children can be taken to the crèche after Family Time, when all the other groups leave. The crèche is supervised, so parents can then return to church to take part in the rest of the service.

### The Bridge

The Bridge was formed about a year ago and is working well. (More below)

### JIGSAW

Jigsaw is going well, the kids, as always, are having great fun Sunday by Sunday. The younger children now form The Bridge which is in a smaller space and caters for the younger age group. Occasionally they do come in and join in with us in JIGSAW, especially when cake is involved! We stay in church until after Family Time when we hear about the day's story and then we continue to work









FPIC and Crossover

Every Sunday, our P6, 7 and secondary school pupils meet in the Church centre to join in the first part of the service.

We then move into a different part of the Church complex to explore the Bible passage in more detail through games, activities and discussion.

It's a lively and engaged group who are always keen to learn more and understand how to apply the Bible lesson in today's setting. There's always good chat as we unpack the stories..... and an abundance of sweets too!

Easter is always a busy time and our young people will be supporting the wider church's activities in the coming weeks. We're also planning an end of season celebration towards the end of May.

All welcome and if you'd like any more information, please reach out to Jen Love on (07923 621 223), Kirsty Lynch (07557 470 679) or Gillian Murphy (07854 160 757).

on this as we go through to our own space.

We are still collecting brown pennies to donate to a designated charity at the end of our session at the beginning of June. This year we have decided to donate our brown pennies to the young girl, Alison, whom our older children in Epic & Crossover, through Compassion, sponsor on an annual basis. We hope that our contribution can go towards helping Alison and her family being helped in some way. Thank you to everyone who brings brown pennies each week, it is very much appreciated.

If anyone would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Rhona 07950763536





2<sup>nd</sup> Campsie Boys' Brigade Company



The organisation's work is based on a >the adventure begins here
vision that children and young people experience "life to the
full." (John 10:10).

Our prayer and hope is that children and young people experience life to the full through coming to know Jesus for themselves.

Since the start of the session in September the boys in both the Anchor and Junior sections have been working towards their awards badges which will be presented at the parents evening in May.

Both sections have been working on "fit body and fit mind" by doing lots of fun exercises as well as having lots of fun playing games.

Examples of both sections' craft work can be found on the Boys Brigade notice board located in the Elisabeth Elliot.

The group meets at Milton of Campsie Parish Church, Locheil Drive, Milton of Campsie, on Friday Evenings 6.15pm and offers activities for

Anchor Section 5 - 8 year olds (P1 - P3)

Junior Section 8 - 11 (P4 - P6)

If you're interested in learning more about 2nd Campsie Boys Brigade, you can contact us by emailing

2campsie@boys-brigade.org.uk

Lt Jackie Scott Lt Hazel Millar Lt Yvonne Wallace

### Badminton

The badminton club continues to meet on Monday evenings at 7.30, but will be off over Easter on March 25th and April 1st. As usual, new faces will be warmly welcomed.



### Hobbies Club

We meet on Mondays from 2-4pm in the Stirling Hall.

Friendly company with craft work, knitting, crochet, embroidery. Bring your own work or just come to meet and enjoy a chat, with tea or coffee and biscuits £1!

### The Fellowship

The Fellowship appointed three new members to its Committee namely Syd Sharp, Chairman, Jim Crawford, Vice Chairman and Alex. Mcfarlane, Secretary.

We've had a number of interesting speakers throughout the session and more are lined up for next session. We had a very enjoyable afternoon visiting Harland and Wolfe's shipyard in Govan, a nostalgic time for some of our members.

A Scots' Night was organised in January at Hayston Golf Club and great night was had by all. Many thanks go to Ian Murphy and his team for excellent food and organising the event. The entertainers, Margaret Burton, Bill Forrest, Jocelyn Glennie, Naomi Nager, and piper Lewis were all in great form. It is hoped to organise a ceilidh in the autumn.

The number of people attending on Wednesday evenings has been very encouraging and several members of our Guild have been joining us along with some of our friends from Campsie Parish Church.

Lastly, many thanks to the A.V. Team who help set up amplification for our nights. JIM CRAWFORD 310791,









This year's World Day of Prayer helped us focus on the ongoing suffering and tension being experienced by our brothers and sisters in the Middle East during these dark and difficult Dead

> We prayed for a just solution, for equality, and for freedom of movement, religion and

expression. The words of a hymn written by Joy Dine summed up our feelings. We share them below:

When we set up camp and settle to avoid love's risk and pain, you disturb complacent comfort, pull the tent pegs up again; keep us travelling in the knowledge you are always at our side; give us courage for the journey, Christ our goal and Christ our guide.

The World Day of Prayer Candle is handed over by Christine to



Tricia representing whatever group will host next year's service, written by the Christian women of the Cook Islands on the theme

"I Made You Wonderful"

on Friday 7 March 2025



### Justice & Peace Group

This year's Christian Aid week is from 12th - 18th May, and focuses on Burundi. If you're happy to

lend a hand with collecting, counting etc, please speak to Ena or Jean - we'd be delighted to hear from vou.

This year's Fair Trade Fortnight has moved to 9th - 22nd September, as the 30th anniversary of the Fair Trade mark is celebrated. Please always look for the mark when you are shopping, to try and ensure that the growers and farmers get a fair deal.

### Mission

We recently had another GoMad Xtra event; there was a lovely atmosphere, attended by lots of children of varying ages.

We had great fun looking at the Easter story. The children's craft, making the tomb complete with soldiers, was great and really enjoyed by all the kids. There was lots of singing which the children, and adults, joined in with great enthusiasm! Looking forward to our next GoMad Xtra on 28th April.

### The Guild

We've been having meetings, usually with a guest speaker, since the 6th of September on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, those on the first being at 7.30 p.m. and on the third at 2.00 p.m. The remaining 'events' this session are the Easter-themed joint meeting on the 20th of March at 2.00 p.m. with Campsie Guild and our partner Guild from Breich, a talk by Grace Knight about the work of Interserve on the evening of 3rd April, and our AGM on 17th at 12 noon, to be followed by a Fish-n-Chip lunch and a Bring-&-Buy sale.



FAIRTRAD







## PRAY FOR OUR LOCAL CARE HOMES

What a privilege to be able to lead worship every month in the 4 care homes within the village! On the 3rd Sunday, we venture into Birdston North, Birdston South, Kintyre and Lillyburn.

The staff are very accommodating and make sure that those residents who wish to attend worship are gathered and waiting. We sing a few hymns and old choruses, hear a familiar passage from the Bible, are led in prayer and say the Lord's Prayer together.

These times of worshipping together are marked by laughter, conversation and joy. They are truly ecumenical and well supported.



### House Groups

In spite of our busyness, we'll manage to fit in House Groups before the summer. Still being wary and guided by Safeguarding instructions, we'll continue to meet in the Josiah Spiers where tea will be served. No study leaflet as yet. If you'd like to suggest a passage or a topic, please speak to Phyllis or text her on 07582 713463.

> Monday 20 May at 7,00 pm Tuesday 21 May at 7.00 pm Wednesday 22 May at 2.00 pm



## CAFÉ CONNECT

Café Connect continues to be well supported on a Tuesday morning. It is lovely to see so many people from the village, and beyond, coming along to enjoy some freshly made scones and lovely tea and coffee. It is a lovely space to meet people, old and new, as well as there being a work space to be used when needs be.

Please join us on a Tuesday morning 9.30 -12, you will be made very welcome.

### **Education Group**

The Youth Groups, age appropriate, meet every Sunday during the Church service and BB on Friday. All have healthy numbers.

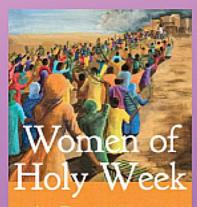
The Baby and Toddler Group meets on Monday morning from 9.45 -11.30am.

Some adults and children visit Birdston Care Home once a month where the residents enjoy interacting with them.



## JOURNEY WITH US IN HOLY WEEK

Have you heard of these characters in the accounts of Jesus' final week - Judas, Peter, the Beloved Disciple, Pilate, Caiaphas, Herod Antipas, Simon of Cyrene, the Centurion at the crucifixion, Joseph of Arimathea, Nicodemus, Thomas, Cleopas? It's a long list! All of these characters were men.



An Easter journey

But there were others ... the women! Joanna, Susannah, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, Mary of Clopas and Jesus' own mother, Mary. Those are simply the ones who are named; there will have been others. What stories would they tell? What can we learn from them?

Join with us as we journey through Holy Week - leaving the cheering crowds of Palm Sunday behind as we watch Jesus in the Temple, Jesus at the Last Supper, Jesus on trial, Jesus' dying - all through the lens of the Women of Holy Week. We'll finish with the women who were the first evangelists those who visited the tomb on Easter Day and heard the Good News of the resurrection.

Monday 25th to Friday 29th March 7.00 - 7.30pm Short act of worship in the Church Centre Saturday 30th March 10.30am - noon Church open for prayer and reflection.

ALL WELCOME (not just the women!



## JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON EASTER DAY

DAWN SERVICE AT THE TOP OF THE CAMPSIES

6.45 ST ART

PRAISE IN THE PARK BEECHTREE TERRACE

9.45 START

WORSHIP IN THE CHURCH CENTRE (INCL. EASTERIFIC)

11.00 START



Food banks provide free, nutritionally balanced, tinned, and dried food to those who need it. This might include people who have been hit by an unexpected financial crisis, such as redundancy,

unexpected bills, or the fallout from the coronavirus pandemic.

Care professionals, such as social workers, school staff, and health visitors, identify those in need of help and give them a food voucher for their local food bank. This voucher provides a food parcel of three days' worth of non-perishable food from the bank. Other problems, such as rising period poverty, mean that food banks also accept and offer donations of toiletries within the parcel.

But as well as providing these emergency items, food banks work so that people don't need to use them again. Specialised members of staff can provide additional support to help people resolve problems with their finances, such as debt, mental health issues, and a lack of access to government benefits. Some banks also offer services like childcare and educational courses.

The Trussell Trust operates the most food banks in the UK, with 1200 food banks nationwide.

(The "East Dunbartonshire" in the logo at the top  $\bigcirc$  s of the page is where the food bank is - it's not run by East Dunbartonshire.)

On the last Sunday of each month people are invited to bring foodbank contributions to the church. Our local foodbank is in Kirkintilloch, and food is taken there on Monday.

Although we 'advertise' the collection as being on Sunday, all the items will be non-perishable, so contributions can be left at the church any time it's open.

For information on the most recent shortages go to eastdunbartonshire.foodbank.org.uk











### **GoMAD Xtra**

Mangerama speaks for itself – we decorated manger scenes.

**Diorama?** We made superb 3-D scenes of Jesus & Mary in the garden on Easter morning.



Milton of Campsie Church Centre 1pm - 3pm, Sunday 25th February 2024 free entry (donations welcome) music • art • drama • tuck More details from Phylics on 07582 71543 or register with everthirs on or relation page



Thanks to the great team of folk who make this happen, giving of their time, skills & patience! Here are some photos!



Music, art & crafts at Mangerama









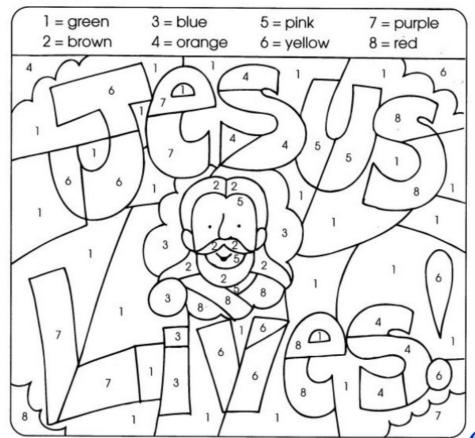


## **Jesus Is Alive!**

(John 20)

At the empty tomb, Mary Magdalene talked to a man. She thought he was a gardener. But then she saw that the man was really Jesus! He had risen from the dead and was alive again!

Color the picture using the code. Cut it out and tape it up so you can be reminded of this wonderful truth!



### DAILY VERSES ON FACEBOOK AND X/TWITTER Look for more: @MiltonofCampsieParishChurch / @CampsieOf

WORK WILLINGLY AT WHATEVER YOU DO, AS THOUGH YOU WERE WORKING FOR THE LORD RATHER THAN FOR PEOPLE

CHRIST LIVES IN YOU. THIS GIVES YOU ASSURANCE OF SHARING HIS GLORY.

100%

Share your story

FOR YOU DIED TO THIS LIFE, AND YOUR REAL LIFE IS HIDDEN WITH CHRIST IN GOD



LET YOUR ROOTS GROW DOWN INTO HIM, AND LET YOUR LIVES BE BUILT ON HIM

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PROVIDING A FOCUS ON GOD'S WORD DAY BY DAY WORKING THROUGH BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

### Mary "cracks it"!!



## Sit down together and enjoy peeling the foil wrapping off a hollow chocolate egg. Hold the egg in your hand.

Jesus' tomb was a bit like this egg – with the big stone rolled against the tomb entrance, inside it must have been dark and cramped. It's as if the darkness makes

it still Good Friday, the day that Jesus died.

But on the first Easter day, Jesus came alive again, and burst out of the tomb. Good Friday is broken once and for all, and new life is set free.

## At this point, feel free to smash the egg and start eating the pieces. While you eat, keep going with thinking through the story.

But the trouble was, that nobody saw it happen. The soldiers who were guarding the tomb had fainted in fear, and the next thing we know, Mary arrives at Jesus' tomb and finds that it's empty. The actual moment of the resurrection happened in private. Imagine all that excitement and joy and nobody to share it!

On Easter Day we focus on Mary's story. There in the garden, the resurrection had already happened, but she was trapped in her own Good Friday – her grief and sadness kept her in the dark.

## *If you have another chocolate egg, peel off the wrapping together and hold it in your hand.*

Just like the first egg, it's like Good Friday is still happening. It still felt like Good Friday to Mary.

When we read Mary's story we can tell the exact moment when the resurrection happened for her – it's when Jesus calls her name and she recognises him. Suddenly all her sadness is turned to joy. Mary's Good Friday is gone once and for all, the new life is set free in her.

### Are YOU trapped in your own Good Friday? Or has the Resurrection happened for you?





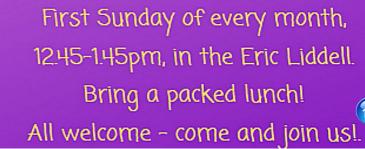
Come and join us for some 'gathered prayer' time. Every Wednesday 7.00 - 7.40pm in the Eric Liddell.

## All welcome.

Come as you can; leave when you must.



Come and chat through what has been happening in our times of worship together over the previous month - were there things that left you puzzled? Encouraged? Challenged? Did the choice of hymns help with the theme? Did the visuals add or subtract from what was being said? Which bits of the Bible passages merited further exploration?





## Sunday Reflections



During January we met with Moses and the 10 Commandments. Julie quoted from "Just 10" by J.John. She doesn't agree with all he writes but it's still a good read.

John begins with number 10 (covetousness) & uses this quote. What's your reaction?

Money can buy medicine but not health; a house but not a home;

Companionship but not friendship; entertainment but not happiness; Food but not an appetite; a bed but not sleep; a crucifix but not a saviour.



Remember the Golden Calf? What are our "golden calves"?

The Israelites got a "second chance" with a  $2^{nd}$  set of Commandments. Our God is the God of  $2^{nd}$  chances. How many  $2^{nd}$  chances have you had?

And we learned a new "10 Commandments Song" – has it helped you?

On 10 February we focussed on John 3:16 -

### "For God so loved the world" -

and the preceding verse about Moses lifting up the "brazen serpent" in the wilderness. The serpent was the antidote to the Israelites' snake bites. Jesus is the antidote to our sin. Look to the cross and find forgiveness.



Lifted up was He to die; "It is finished" was His cry! Now in heaven, exalted high – Hallelujah! What a Saviour!



### MAKING SENSE OF MEMBERSHIP

If you have questions about faith - or about what it means to become a 'member' of the Church then this is the place for you! There is space for discussion, questions, exploring and, if you feel ready, to make public profession of your relationship with Jesus. More information on our website after Easter.

> Julie is leading an event at Gowanbank. Places are subsidised by the church. For more information: 07825 001898

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Holiday

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### Oompa loompa doompety do We've an exciting tale for you!

The GoMAD "Scranarama" Team (pictured here) is delighted to announce their theme for Summer '24. Focusing (as always) on Jesus, the Team will use music, art & drama to get His message across to children, young people & adults.

The dates are Sunday 28th July (dedication) to Thursday 8th August (concert). How can YOU help? Prayer? Accommodation? Finance? Hands on? Speak to Julie or Phyllis. Thanks to Jenni, our artist-in-residence, for the new logo! Oompa Loompa indeed!



### Eco Group

### Climate Doom to Positive Action

In the midst of a climate emergency, surrounded by extreme weather, and with constant noise in the



media, it's very easy to get overwhelmed. If you feel like this, you are not alone; climate change anxiety is a relatively new term used to describe the feeling that many of us get when thinking about things like extreme temperatures and weather events. Recent research found that 59% of 16–25-year-olds surveyed said they were very or extremely worried about climate change. It's no surprise that this anxiety is becoming increasingly prominent.

The anxiety of Climate Doom can easily turn to bitterness. 'Why have all those in authority let us down in their lack of preparation and action to tackle climate change?' The anger, the frustration and the fear could really eat us up. But how do we get away from this?

<sup>6</sup>Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.' Ephesians 4:31-32 NIV

God askes us to be kind to one another and forgive one another but how does this help? By fixing the mind on what is good. By focusing on what we can do. By serving God through caring for creation. What can we change? How we can influence others, our church family, family and friends, Governments, big business? How can we be kind and compassionate to Creation? We can start with our own actions; here are some tips:-

• Avoid 'doom-scrolling' – if news and current events trigger feelings of anxiety you should try and limit your consumption.

• Get involved – it's been proven that taking active steps to volunteer, join advocacy groups or help out in your community can help you feel that your voice is being heard and tackle those



feelings of helplessness. There are several options available to suits your abilities and time here in Milton of Campsie. You could join the Eco Group to help develop ideas and deliver them within the church and community. You could take part in some of the campaigns we support or volunteer with the Rehomeing project. Or you could use the eco tips at home and the recycling bins in the church. There will be a way you can get involved.

• Pray. We must always continue to pray, to ask God for guidance and support in tackling this problem.

Dear Lord, you have created a glorious world for us to live in. Thank you for the all the wonders we get to enjoy. Help us to focus on the great things you have created and lead us to take much more care of it. Help us to raise our voices in support of action to tackle climate change. Help us not to become overwhelmed but to feel your love as we take steps to get involved and do more. Amen

### Eco Group Update

Over the past few months, we have been very busy. We have encouraged everybody to take part in the Big Garden Bird Watch with RSPB, and the government consultation on Water, Wastewater and Flooding in Scotland in January



as well as planting 3 new trees in the church grounds. We made 130 green heart badges in February and sent them out to our MP and every MSP in Scotland for the Share the Love campaign. March brought 'Fair Fashion', a talk on textile care and recycling. And we encouraged the congregation to take part in The Big Plastic Count with Green Peace, and Earth Hour with WWF. There are loads of things happening to suit everybody so please do get involved. In the coming months we will be changing the group structure and name as we become part of the Treasure Team but our commitment to caring for creation and campaigning for action on the climate emergency will not change.



We are many, God's great diversity, **yet we are one in Christ.** 

Different faces, different races, **yet we are one in Christ.** 

Fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers, single, married, broken, carried, **yet we are one in Christ.** 



The happy, the clappy, the barely out of nappies, the ancient, the modern, the famous, the forgotten, **yet we are one in Christ.** 

A broken body, torn apart, mars God's image, breaks God's heart. And yet our Father knows how the end will be, when all his kids will sing in harmony, the bride will dazzle, her branches bloom, so add your voice to hymn the tune **that we are one in Christ.** (adapted from Engage Worship)

**Carol Singing** at the cross, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, GoMAD Xtras and World Day of Prayer - Oh how good it is when the Churches worship and work together!

**Prayer Walk** on Palm Sunday (24 March): Meet at 2.00 pm at St Paul's; walk to the Bowling Green, the Cross, Battlefield Park, Cottonmill, then the Parish Church for refreshments. At each "station", we'll sing, read Scripture and pray. Come and go as you please.

**Go MAD Xtra** on Sunday 28 April from 1.00 pm till 3.00 pm for children of all ages ...... leading up to **GoMAD** beginning Sunday 28 July (Dedication Service) and culminating in a Charity Concert on Thursday 8 August. Special daily events for children, young people and adults.

**Pentecost Praise** on Sunday 19 May at 2.00 pm in Battlefield Park or the Parish Church. More details later. Please put these dates in your diary.

## JOIN WITH US FOR WORSHIP!

## COME ALONG ON A SUNDAY MORNING. THIS IS, BY FAR, THE BEST OPTION



WATCH THE LIVESTREAM ON FACEBOOK: MILTON OF CAMPSIE PARISH CHURCH



CLICK THE LINK ON X (TWITTER): @CAMPSIEOF



TUNE IN TO YOUTUBE FOR LIVESTREAM: MOC PARISH CHURCH

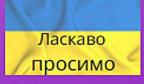
YOUNG FOLKS MEET FOR EPIC & CROSSOVER EACH SUNDAY @ 11AM DETAILS ON THE EPIC FACEBOOK PAGE.

> KIDS GATHER FOR JIGSAW & THE BRIDGE EACH SUNDAY @11AM



**CRECHE FOR BABIES AND TODDLERS** 

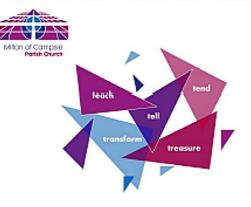
## **NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!!**



COME AND JOIN US! ALL WELCOME.



## CHANGING FOR GROWTH



ON WEDNESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY WE HAD THE LAUNCH MEETING OF OUR NEW TEAMS.

Thank you to everyone who came along - over 50 of you! There's still plenty of room for others to get involved.

#### WHY CHANGE?

Much of our church activity over the past 30 years has been organised by 6 Workgroups (Mission, Communication, Worship, Education, Pastoral Care and Stewardship). Our new TEAMS are based on the 5 Marks of Mission - the staples of every church community. We want to be ALL FOR JESUS and we will use that as our benchmark as we engage in the 5 areas of Teach, Tell, Tend, Transform and Treasure.

#### WHO'S INVOLVED?

Each member of our Kirk Session (those who serve the church as Elders) is part of a Team - some taking on different responsibilities in these new groups, others staying with more familiar territory. However, the mainstay of each TEAM is the huge number of members and others closely involved in the church family. That's why we can say that there would be room for you!

### WHAT DO THE TEAMS DO?

The TEAM members show their love for Jesus in the work they undertake by serving His Church. They will gather together every couple of months but, in the interim, take on various projects and tasks so as to meet the needs (spiritual, emotional, physical, political, etc.) of those in our community and congregation.

### Church Rehoming Project

A huge thank you to so many of you who continue to donate good quality household items; bedding, towels, kitchenware, clothing, shoes, toys, books and furniture over the past few months. The level of

donations has continued to increase, as has the level of need unfortunately.

Just a reminder that as well as saving so many items from landfill, your items are passed on to folks who are so grateful to receive them. They can help someone setting up home for the first time, or someone struggling to cope with financial demands.

It would be a great help if you are able to deliver to The Pantry, Ruchazie at 435 Gartloch Road G33 3TJ. You can find out more on: glasgowhelps.org.

The Pantry is open from 9:30 to 4:30pm on week days except for Mondays when they are open till 6:45pm. Saturday opening is from 9:30am to 1pm.

The phone number is: 0141 237 4900.

If you are unable to deliver you can still contact Ann on: 07952 838 860 **Thank you for helping to make a difference!** 

### Easter Egg Appeal

The Real Easter Egg is the only one which has an Easter story book in the box, is made of Fairtrade chocolate and supports charitable projects. One egg costs only £5. If you would



like to contribute to the cost of giving an Easter egg to a child who may not otherwise receive one this Easter, you can donate on a Sunday morning (basket on the corner table on the left as you leave the David Livingstone) or drop your donation through the church letterbox.









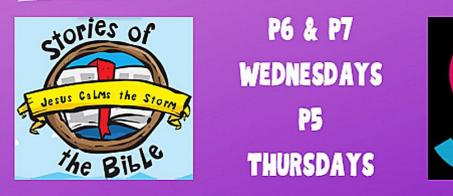
Diorama? What can it be? A 3-D picture made by me. To a "tomb-with-a-room" add a stone rolled away, Plus Jesus & Mary on Easter Day!



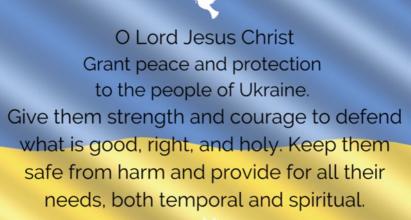


## PRAY FOR OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS





Every week between 30 and 40 youngsters from Craighead gather at lunchtime for the Scripture Union groups: games, a Bible story and chat. It's amazing!





From a prayer written by Carrie Chuff, a Ukrainian Greek Catholic mom.

Pray not for Arab or Jew, for Palestinian or Israeli, but pray rather for ourselves, that we might not divide them in our prayers but keep them both together in our hearts.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night.

Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

