

Spring 2020

LENT and Easter to Pentecost

FOCUS

*Kirk and Community News
For the Churches in Tinto Parishes*



THE TINTO PARISHES



Cairngryffe Parish Church
Libberton & Quothquan Parish Church
Symington Parish Church



TINTO PARISHES: An open and welcoming community of faith

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Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday 1 st March	09.30AM—CAIRNGRYFFE
	11.00AM—SYMINGTON
Sunday 8 th March	11.00AM—LIBBERTON & QUOTHQUAN



Remember, if you would like Communion at home, please let your elder know, or contact Rev. George directly on 01899 309400
We try, where possible, to hold the Home Communion on the same day or close to the Congregational Communion Day.



FRONT COVER

The Sunday School at Cairngryffe Parish Church regularly update their cross on the wall behind the Communion Table.

This time with hand crafted spring flowers in preparation for LENT and Easter.

THE TINTO PARISHES: *The Church in our Community*

The Church of Scotland serving the South Lanarkshire communities of Carmichael, Covington, Libberton, Pettinain, Quothquan, Symington, Thankerton and an extensive rural hinterland.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

2020	Cairngryffe	Libberton & Quothquan	Symington
MAR 29	0930 M	1100 OA	1100 M
APRIL 05	11.00 Cairngryffe	Palm and Passion	Joint Worship
APRIL 12 <i>Easter</i>	1100 WG	0930 M	1100 M
APRIL 19	1100 M	0930 M	1100 WG
APRIL 26	1100 WG	0930 M	1100 M
MAY 03	1100 M	0930 M	1100 WG
MAY 10	1100 WG	0930 M	1100 M
MAY 17	1100 M	0930 M	1100 WG
MAY 24	1100 WG	0930 M	1100 M
MAY 31	1100 M COM	0930 M	1100 WG
JUNE 07	1100 WG	0930 M	1100 M COM
JUNE 14	1100 DV	0930 DV	1100 WG
JUNE 21	1100 WG	0930 M	1100 M
JUNE 28	1100 M	0930 M	1100 WG
JULY 05	Joint Worship	1100 Libberton	
JULY 12		Joint Worship	1100 Symington
JULY 19	Cairngryffe	Joint Worship	
JULY 26		1100 Libberton	Joint Worship

M=Minister: WG=Worship Group, COM=Communion
DV=Minister swap with Douglas Valley Church

WORSHIP IN BIGGAR CARE HOMES.

Rev. George will lead worship:

In March 2020 at

Greenhills—Wednesday 12th at 2.30pm

Gillespie Centre Lunch Club—Tuesday 17th at 12.30pm

The Bield—Wednesday 25th at 2.30pm

In May 2020 at

Greenhills—Wednesday 12th at 2.30pm

Gillespie Centre Lunch Club—Tuesday 19th at 12.30pm

The Bield—Wednesday 27th at 2.30pm



Seasonal Picture. 'CHERRY BLOSSOM'
Rampant Scotland.

WORSHIP CALENDAR—

Below you will find the key reading for each Sunday from now until Pentecost on 31st May. For more detailed readings, closer to the time, please see the weekly orders of service which give more detailed information up to three weeks in advance.

The focus Gospel for this year is the Gospel of Matthew. However, during the Easter period we make more use of John's Gospel.

MARCH 29	LENT 5 John 11:1-45	Raising of Lazarus
APRIL 05	PALM SUNDAY— Matthew 21:1-11	Hosanna to Hallelujah
APRIL 12	EASTER SUNDAY—John 20:1-18	The Alternative Way
APRIL 19	EASTER 2—John 20:19-31	The Thoughtful Ones
APRIL 26	EASTER 3—Easter 3—Luke 24:13-35	The Surprised Ones
MAY 03	EASTER 4—John 10:1-10	The Nurtured Ones
MAY 10	EASTER 5—John 14:1-14	The Flummoxed Ones
MAY 17	EASTER 6—John 14:15-21	The Loving Ones
MAY 24	EASTER 7—John 17:1-11	The Praying Ones
MAY 31	PENTECOST—Acts 2:1-21 John 20:19-23	The Excited Ones

HOSANNA TO HALLELUJAH

Holy Week at Tinto Parishes

PALM SUNDAY APRIL 05 Joint Intergenerational Service
11am at Cairngryffe Parish Church



MONDAY	APRIL 06	Holy Monday - 7pm	Symington Parish Church
TUESDAY	APRIL 07	Holy Tuesday - 7pm	Symington Parish Church
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 08	Holy Wednesday - 7pm	Libberton Parish Church
THURSDAY	APRIL 09	Maundy Thursday - 7pm <i>Sacrament of Holy Communion</i>	Cairngryffe Parish Church
FRIDAY	APRIL 10	Good Friday - 7pm <i>Tenebrae Service</i>	Libberton Parish Church

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 12

09.30—Libberton Parish Church
11.00—Cairngryffe Parish Church
11.00—Symington Parish Church

From your Minister.

BELOVED



Inbox.

True to the nature of the day, on St. Valentine's Day I received an email in my Inbox entitled 'Beloved'.

No, it wasn't a scam email offering me a share of some millions. It was an appropriate message from the Worship and Prayer network of Christian Aid, quoting from 1 John 4:7 – "Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God'.

They asked recipients of the letter to take time on Valentines Day to reflect on the first word of that verse – '*beloved*'. And they concluded, "Would that all our giving, acting and praying for and with vulnerable communities around the world flow from abiding in love, from knowing we are beloved. It is not an invitation to apathy, but to dare to abide in the life-changing love of God. To allow that love to grow our compassion for and sustain our action in God's world—to both abide and to act."

My soul's delight.

Our main Gospel focus this year is Matthew. The first time we hear 'beloved' used in Matthew's Gospel is Chapter 3, verse 17 - "And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'" At that point, Jesus has done nothing to please or displease God. Yet God still chooses him, his beloved son, to fulfil God's mission. There are close parallels with Isaiah 42:1 – "Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights".

I love that phrase "in whom my soul delights". By comparison it does make 'with whom I am well pleased', sound a wee bit Scottish Presbyterian. It is a phrase I can imagine as the voice of God's Spirit speaking behind every Baptism that happens in our churches, 'this is my child, in whom I delight'. Also, behind my own Baptism; also behind your own Baptism.

Although we were far too young at the time to understand any of it, we do come, in faith, to trust in God's delight, and to grow in God's delight.

A writer on Ministry Matters said this:

There is a moment in our spiritual walk in which we truly come into our own. It's the moment that we realize who we are and why we are here: We are God's beloved. And because we are the Beloved, God's love can overflow to nurture and heal this fragile, beautiful, aching world.

God is already delighted with you. Stop trying to please God. And once you do, you may find that you can love yourself and love your neighbour in the way that Jesus taught us to do."

The Beloved Community.

These were words favoured by the courageous peace-maker Dr Martin Luther King Jr. The King Centre Library and Archive in Atlanta notes;

"Dr. King's Beloved Community is a global vision in which all people can share in the wealth of the earth. In the Beloved Community, poverty, hunger and homelessness will not be tolerated because international standards of human decency will not allow it. Racism and all forms of discrimination, bigotry and prejudice will be replaced by an all-inclusive spirit of sisterhood and brotherhood."

It is the Doctor's prescription for a healthy society – a society where 'international standards of decency will not allow' It is rooted in love. Love is the most powerful force in the universe.

Bill Mefford who writes in 'United Methodist Insight' says;

"...but it is a force that has to be chosen. We must choose to love. We must choose to not let our differences divide us, but rather to celebrate those differences as unique expressions of God's wonderful creation. Let God's beloved community come, and let us be faithful to God's vision."

"Your friend and minister,

George

Prayer: This is Love

This is love.

Not that you spoke words of comfort, walked with the unclean and unloved, shared wisdom, bread and wine, brought healing into lives and challenged the status quo.

This is love.

That you spoke the word of God, walked a painful road to the Cross, shared living water, bread of life, brought Salvation to the world and died for the sake of all.

This is love.

It is a seed
sown in the ground,
which germinates,
blossoms,
and spreads its sweet perfume.



~ written by John Birch, and posted on **Faith and Worship**. <http://www.faithandworship.com/>

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES

—WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CAIRNGRYFFE—

Baptisms

Peter Forrest McLuckie—December 8, 2019

Farewells

Henry McMahon—December 16, 2019

It was with great sadness that we learned of Henry's passing just prior to Christmas.

Sadly, it was the end of a sterling fight with Cancer which he had been fighting for some considerable time. Henry continued to amaze us each time he came along to join our Sunday worship, even in the latter stages of his illness – he was always bright and cheery, loved the conversation, the singing, and was still insisting that he “take his turn” at doing the reading when he could.

He brought much to our Session Meeting and could regale us all with funny stories and fond memories of his life and times as a Postie, as a Sunday School Teacher in the “olden days” he would say at Covington Church, on the golf course, and of course his expeditions on holiday to the Continent. A true inspiration to many of us – we will miss his presence and his enthusiasm in our midst.

After the Christmas Season when we enjoyed all the usual joy and celebrations, we are now looking forward to 2020 with some excitement – perhaps another Harfest-type event coming along later in the year so watch this space! Before then however, we will, as always look forward to our Easter Celebrations and Reflections and, as I write this there are plans afoot to structure this special time in our Christian Calendar with something for everyone to take part in.

Looking back the New Beginnings Appeal was, yet again very successful, with £310.00 raised for Christmas Meals and many, many donations of Christmas Goodies donated for those in need. So, perhaps a little belatedly I would like to say a huge thank you to all those who made this happen and I know the FoodBank were also very grateful for this donation.

Mary McLellan, Session Clerk at Cairngryffe



CAIRNGRYFFE SUNDAY SCHOOL - SPRING 2020

We meet in the church at the start of the service and take part in the first part of the service. After 'Time Together' we go to our Sunday School Room to do our own Bible based activities.

From now until Easter we will be looking at stories about Jesus and his teachings.

Dates and Times

From now until Sunday 29th of March—at 9.30am.

Palm Sunday 5th April 11am joint service, children will be able to take part in this all age interactive service.

After the School Easter break we return on Sunday 26th April at 11am, Summer Term will run until Sunday 14th June

Our Bible based teaching is for children of nursery school and primary school age, we are a small group- new children are always welcome.

For further information contact Rosmairi Galloway Tel: 01555 880779

—WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LIBBERTON & QUOTHQUAN—

The winter quarter at Libberton and Quothquan started and ended with candles! December saw the lighting of the Advent candles of hope, faith, joy and peace by different families from the congregation, together with the Advent liturgy and the Advent hymn.

The Christmas season was its usual joyful, busy self. We hosted Libberton Primary School's Christmas service and held a particularly successful Christmas “Messy Church”. 14 young people from the parish (accompanied by parents) came to church on Friday evening to hear the Christmas story, make Christmas decorations & decorate the tree. Rev George shared photos of the joy & energy of this event on the following Sunday and thanked all of those who had made it possible.

The congregation were delighted to welcome a large number of friends and visitors to an evening service on Christmas Eve and to host the Joint Tinto Parishes Family Service on Christmas Day. It was great to enjoy the Christmas season (and the sherry & mince pies!) with everyone - and to meet many of you again at the end of year and New Year Tinto Parishes Joint services.



As we moved into 2020, we are, once again, grateful to Rev Bill Buchan & Rev John Turnbull for leading some of our services and to Alice & Mabel for playing the organ. The congregation continues to enjoy coffee and chat every Sunday after the service, our parishioners continue to support the flower rota and the coffee club continues to meet fortnightly in the Gillespie Centre.

We have ended the quarter with the candles of Candlemas - members of the congregation participated in the service as Rev Bill Buchan lit the candles of truth, forgiveness, thanksgiving & praise and encouraged everyone to focus on Christ, the light of the world.

Elizabeth Dobie

Libberton and Quothquan Kirk is holding a **Daffodil Tea** on Saturday, March 28th from 10.30 till noon in Quothquan Hall.

There will be lots of goodies for sale at a baking stall and an awesome raffle! Enjoy a cuppa, hot cross buns, shortbread and a blether. Price Adults £2.50, children free.

Catherine Foster

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SYMINGTON

A big 'thank you' to everyone – young and old, who helped to make Christmas in the Kirk a very happy time. It was great too, to welcome visitors and friends to worship with us at this special time.



The choir presented an evening of musical entertainment in the church on Friday 6th December. This was a very successful event and was attended by around 100 guests who enjoyed not only hearing the choir but also the contributions of several very talented individual members. The musical programme was followed by wine and canapes in the church hall. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the evening a success and to all who attended.

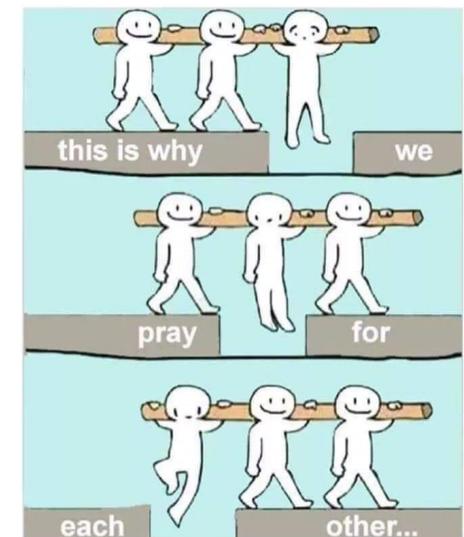
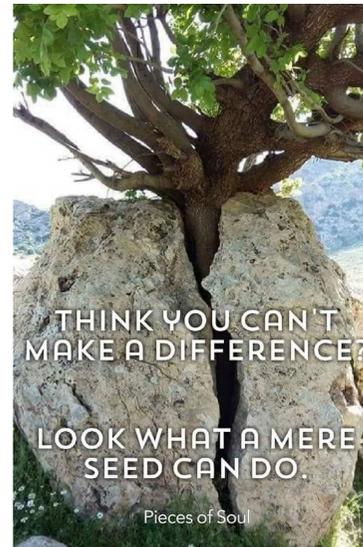
Now that Christmas is behind us we enter into a six month period where the Worship Leaders take the Church service every second week. We thank Douglas, Nancy and Ross for their commitment to serving God in this way.

After 29 years as flower list coordinator, Olive Hunter has decided to step down. We thank her most sincerely for her many years of diligent service. Margot Leadbitter has agreed to take over this role.

Robert Carson, Session Clerk at Symington

FLOWER LISTS

SUNDAY	CAIRNGRYFFE	SYMINGTON
1 st Mar 2020	Maureen Bannatyne (Communion)	Flower Fund
8 th Mar 2020	Margaret Bulloch	Ella Hodge
15 th Mar 2020	Annie Callan	Marilyn Masterton
22 nd Mar 2020	Margaret Smith	Helen Duthie
29 th Mar 2020	Rosmairi Galloway	Isobel Grierson
5 th April 2020	Rena Borthwick	Nancy Overend
12 th April 2020	Cathryn Forrest	Flower Fund
19 th April 2020	Elizabeth Warnock	Judith Stubbs
26 th April 2020	Liz Hiddleston	Mary Hodge
3 rd May 2020	Sheena Sommerville	Anne Hill
10 th May 2020	Isobel McClymont	Jean McCurrach
17 th May 2020	Margaret Clarkston	Nan Warwick
23 rd May 2020	Carole Gardiner	Peggy Prentice
31 st May 2020	Kris Todd	Susan Craig
7 th June 2020	Rosemary Whitefield (Communion)	



——LANARK PRESBYTERY ELDER'S REPORT——

In the last issue of Focus I mentioned that the Minister, elders and most of the Congregation of Lesmahagow: Abbeygreen Church of Scotland had indicated that they wished to leave the Church of Scotland and that it was hoped that the process could be completed by the end of 2019.

Unfortunately, due to the volume of applications being received by OSCR, it became clear that the application for charity status for the new congregation was unlikely to be processed before 31st January. At the time of writing (early February) it is hoped that it will be approved within the next few days and that the process can now be completed by the end of February.

The February meeting of Presbytery was largely taken up with a display of 'The Easter Code' organised by the Worship and Discipleship committee. This something which Forth Parish Church have put on over the last four or so years in the week leading up to Easter. It comprises four 'tents' (in the form of gazebos), each depicting an event in the Easter story – washing the disciples feet in the upper room; Peter denying Christ in the inner courtyard; the arrest in the garden of Gethsemane and the empty tomb on Easter morning. In each tent small groups of participants are invited to experience the event through a simple setting, a narrative and activities.

During the day they invite all the classes of the local primary school to come in turn and experience this. Although it is primarily aimed at children, adults can share the experience in the evening. Members of Presbytery were impressed with not only the effective simplicity of the settings, but also how they were able to feel that they could experience each event. This year Forth will advertise, through the Presbytery, when the event is taking place so that members of other congregation may go and share the experience.

Rev John McCulloch, the minister of Rev George's former charge in Jerusalem and our Mission Partner, will be coming to the area from 2nd to 13th September 2020 and plans are being made to hold services in each area at which he can share his experiences with people.

'All Tied Up' is an event being planned by the Relationship and Context Committee in aid of the Church of Scotland HIV fund. It will take the form of a walks around new Lanark –one a gentle stroll and a more robust climb around the falls of Clyde. There will also be a keynote address by Jane Fucella. Instead of sponsorship participants will pay a flat fee/donation and they will be asked to wear red laces in their boots or shoes.

The Church in Carstairs has recently undergone a major refurbishment and a service of re-dedication is to be held on 12th March at 7:00pm at which the Moderator of the General Assembly will preach.

All congregations are once again being invited to hold a 'Student Sunday' offering to support our students in training for the ministry. Lanark is one of the few Presbyteries which supports their student members in this way and I know that both Kaye Gardiner and George Sneddon, our present students, greatly appreciate our support.

Jim Watt (Presbytery Elder Cairngryffe Kirk)

——FROM OUR KIRK TREASURERS——

SYMINGTON - January to December 2019

Income 2019		Expenditure 2019	
Standing Orders	£18,990	Ministry & Mission	£22,430
Plate Offerings	£2,512	Presbytery Dues & Minister's Travel	£1,285
Weekly envelop	£3,212	Other Staff Costs	£6,116
Gift Aid 2018	£5,870	Joint Cong Exps	£1,989
Other Offerings	£888	Heat & Light	£1,834
Utility + Insc Reimbursement	£544	Fabric Maint	£4,042
Special Coll	£695	Special Coll paid	£695
Organ Fund	£1,893	Organ Purchase	£2,400
Holiday Club	£60	Holiday Club	£60
Charity Coll	£189	Charity payments	£64
		Insurance Church & Manse	£1,523
		Outreach Project – local primaries	£141
		Other Costs	£346
Sub Total Inc	£34,793	Sub Total Exp	£42,925
General Trustees (CFF)	£3,569		
TOT INCOME	£38,362	TOTAL EXPEND	£42,925
Net Deficit	£4,563		

J Eric Carlyle , Treasurer

CAIRNGRYFFE PARISH CHURCH

The Annual Accounts for 2019 are currently with the Auditor, but the provisional figures are :-

Income 2019		Expenditure 2019	
Standing Orders	£11,903	Ministry & Mission	£11,959
Weekly envelope	£1,775	Minister's Travel	£870
Plate Offerings	£2,722	Salaries	£3,576
Gift Aid 2018	£4,847	Joint Cong Costs	£1,114
Tea Committee	£656	Presbytery Dues	£497
Donations	£542	Pulpit Supply	£66
Interest & Invest Income	£222	Printing & Stat	£168
Life & Work	£27	Dyson	£320
Miscellaneous	£297	Miscellaneous	£164
Sub Total	£22,991	Sub Total	£18,734
General		Fabric Repairs	£1,909
Trustees (CFF)	£6,014	Insurance	£2,220
		Scottish Power	£3,387
TOT INCOME	£29,005	TOTAL EXPEND	£26,250
		Net Surplus	£2,755

Linzi Struthers, Treasurer

HARFEST.

Following the success of our event in Thankerton Hall in October last year— for young people of all ages— we have decided to repeat it in 2020, with some additional and new ideas.

Can you guess what the Schools competition theme might be?

How can we give you a clue?



CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERINGS

Our retiral offerings at our three Churches on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day included collections for the ongoing work of New Beginnings, and towards screening of the children's play area of the Family Visitors Unit at the State Hospital. In total we collected,

New Beginnings—£250

Family Unit—£162

Prayer Page



THE KISS OF BETRAYAL



Kiss of Judas. 14th Century Fresco. Sacro Speco Monastery, Subiaco, Italy

At a time like this,
when the triumph of
death seems inevitable
and the suffering
around us makes us
want to turn away,
we commit to resurrection:

In the secret chambers where power-brokers meet,
we commit to making the voice of life and justice heard;

In the crisis moments when quick decisions must be made that hold
human lives in the balance

we commit to making peace and co-existence the challenge we raise;

In the forgotten corners where the powerless and poor daily walk the
valley of the shadow of death,

we commit to equity, compassion and giving;

In the dying places on our planet where human carelessness and
consumption have threatened the survival of all,

we commit to simplicity and sustainability.



As you stand among us now,
Jesus, in your resurrected
glory, may we know the power
of your life; may we turn
away from death; and may
we become agents of
resurrection,
Where ever we find ourselves.

Amen.

Prayer—sacredise.com 2014

Prayer Promoters

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On Saturday 25th January, aged 88, and after a long illness, the internationally renowned hymn writer Shirley Erena Murray died. Her funeral was on Friday 31st January, the congregation processing from the Raumati Church of Kapiti Uniting Parish to the nearby Cemetery, singing this hymn.



GIVE THANKS FOR LIFE, THE MEASURE OF OUR DAYS HYMN 736

The American pastor, author and spiritual mentor A. W. Tozer is quoted as saying: “After the Bible, the next most valuable book for the Christian is a good hymnal.”

What makes a hymnal good? At its very essence it must enable us to sing our Faith, to express what is fundamental in our Christian understanding of the meaning of life, the place of death:

Give thanks for hope that, like the seed of grain
Lying in darkness, does its life retain
To rise in glory, growing green again. Alleluia!

HYMN 736 verse 4

*Sing this life well-lived for others,
strong to stand, to lead and teach,
ministries of care and kindness,
talents of the mind and speech;
praise his life's creative spirit,
visions of a better way,
thanks and blessings on this day.*

Shirley's poem
for her husband John's funeral in 2017

What else makes for a good hymnal? I'm sure it helps if at least some of the hymns were written in the century in which we were born! And also, that we can draw on hymns that help us articulate our Christian perspective on some of the contemporary issues of life that cause us pain and confusion.

Shirley's hymns are represented in over 140 collections worldwide, and there's about 22 in our own CH4. She was born into a Methodist family, married John Murray, a Presbyterian Minister, and from 1975 to 1993 they lived in Wellington, New Zealand, when he was minister at 'St. Andrew's on the Terrace' Church. The church was a testing ground for some of her hymns, most written at John's request to accompany a theological theme in his sermons. She rose to the 'theological challenge', and also to the challenge of relevance – this was a worshipping community where 'In the Deep Midwinter' might have been sung at the height of summer – she said, "It seemed to me that the hymns we sang had no resonance with the world I lived in."

Her long-term colleague, and collaborator, Prof Colin Gibson, spoke of “the inclusive language of her hymns, and their innovative use of Maori; her bold appropriation of secular terms and original poetic imagery, and the directness with which she confronts contemporary issues.”

Shirley herself said: “Because I live in a highly secular society in Aotearoa/New Zealand, I am conscious of how the stereotype of Christianity can be cynically dismissed. I long to say that there is so much to understand and embrace in the wisdom and spiritual treasury and survival skills that Jesus has given the world.”

Rev. George says, “For at least 20 years, Shirley Erena Murray has been one of my most special muses – every new hymn is a gift, another way for me to give voice to my own spirituality. I remember also in Jerusalem, where our Hymnary – CH4 – was totally unknown to the international worshippers, I was often asked to photocopy HYMN 168, or I'd find people lingering in church to write down the words of the hymn.” It spoke to a very deep place of experience for some people:

God Weeps
at love withheld,
at strength misused
at children's innocence, abused,
and, till we change the way we love,
God weeps.

HYMN 168 verse 1

The ministry of hymn writing – to help give others voice; for any hymnwriter whose hymns are sung publicly it must feel like an awesome privilege, perhaps even an awesome responsibility - choosing words and thought forms, that help other people to sing their faith.

Here are words from one of Shirley's hymns – relevant to the Easter season of this issue of Focus:

Make real for us your holding love
The love which is your meaning
The power to move the stone of death
The hope of Easter morning

And an excerpt from one of her earliest hymns, originally printed privately in the 1970's, then publicly in 1992

Faith has set us on a journey past the landmarks that we know
Taking risks with no insurance but the Word that tells us 'Go!'
prophets are our travel agents, Gospel makers lay this road,
To the place of peace and promise, faith will take us into God.

Adapted from a reflection given by Rev. George at Presbytery of Lanark, February 2020.

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

CAIRNGRYFFE EVERYOUNG CLUB

Meetings are held fortnightly on **Thursdays in Thankerton Village Hall at 2.00pm.** and all who are young at heart are welcome!

The programme for the rest of the spring meetings is: -

12 th Mar 20	Mary Gilbert (Pettinain) – Wildlife of Scotland
26 th Mar 20	Vanessa Rodgers (Thankerton) – Holiday to Easter Island
9 th April 20	Irene Waterman (Symington) – Painting in your garden with Watercolours
23 rd April 20	Andy Nelson RN (Boat Bridge) – Life as a Submariner
9 th July 20	Summer Trip - tbc
8 th Oct 20	tbc
29 th Oct 20	Squeeze & Teeze + Afternoon Tea (NB a week later than usual)

For more information please contact the Secretary,
Charlie Todd, on 308327

Editor's Note I would like to express grateful thanks to everyone who contributed material for this edition of FOCUS.

The Summer edition of **FOCUS** will be issued in mid-May 2020.

Contributions from church groups covering the period from June 2020 up to the end of August 2020 should be sent to the Editor
by Sunday 3rd May at the latest.

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Puzzle Page

Hosanna to Hallelujah Wordsearch

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EASTER GOLGOTHA COCKERAL HOSANNA JUDAS TOMB
ARRESTED PETER MARY JERUSALEM GETHSEMANE MAGDELENE
TEMPLE HEROD BARABBAS LAST SUPPER HALLELUJAH
PILATE WINE FRIDAY CROSS BREAD

Holy Week and Easter at Tinto Parishes

Hosanna to Hallelujah

Come worship with us on



palm
Sunday

Intergenerational engaging
worship that prepares the
way
for Holy Week.

Cairngryffe Parish Church
11.00am Sunday 5th April 2020

Worship for all the family, Procession,
Easter egg hunt.

ALL WELCOME

Joint Tinto Parishes Worship

EASTER SUNDAY 12th APRIL 2020



Sharing
Easter
TOGETHER

ALL WELCOME

Come celebrate with us the Risen Christ

09.30am
LIBBERTON & QUOTHQUAN
PARISH CHURCH

11.00am
SYMINGTON PARISH CHURCH
Or
CAIRNGRYFFE PARISH
CHURCH

Holy Week



evenings at
7pm

at Tinto Parishes

MONDAY at Symington Parish Church
6th April Holy Monday

'Expressions of Love' Anointing John 12:1-11

TUESDAY—at Symington Parish Church
7th April Holy Tuesday

'Children of Light' Spiritual seekers John 12: 20-36

WEDNESDAY—at Libberton & Quothquan Church
8th April Holy Wednesday

'Spy Wednesday' Betrayal— John 13:21-32

THURSDAY—at Cairngryffe Parish Church
9th April Maundy Thursday

'He Loved them to the End' Sacrament of Holy Communion
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

FRIDAY—at Libberton & Quothquan Church
10th April Good Friday

'It is Finished' darkness and light Tenebrae Service
John 18:1-19,42

Reflective and meditational—40-45 minutes