



**Chalmers Memorial Church Newsletter
Easter 2011**



From the Locum Minister:

Lent and Easter is a time when we feel like getting our homes in order and one of the tasks I have been putting off is the annual clearing out of clutter. It is amazing how things just accumulate, clothing, books, tools, discs and bits of this and bits of that. I have a garage that was meant to hold a car but is given over to bicycles, pieces of wood, games equipment, toys for the grandchild, bird food, Wellingtons and trainers, car and craft stuff and more besides.

Now much is still in use but some things are just taking up space and are of no use to me at all. I know I must make time to sort it all out.

Spring is traditionally a good time to take stock, to get rid of rubbish and shape things as you want them to be. In the same way the Christian time of Lent leading up to Easter is a time to look at our lives and Easter is an opportunity to give time to God, to focus on the deeper things of life, to check the direction we are taking and make a personal commitment.

Of course we have freedom to choose. We can hurt ourselves with our choices and hurt others too but we can also help others and find happiness and inner peace. Easter is a festival of life and we are invited to open ourselves to the love of God and travel in the light of Jesus Christ.

Late Extra – 27/03/11

Now I heard today at Church the news that the congregation are to hear a sole nominee preach on April 17th. I feel very happy that you have moved on to this important occasion but I also feel so grateful for the time we have been together. It was a tough winter for weather but I have really enjoyed my time with you. It has been spiritually uplifting and I have felt a blessing in the friendships and the challenge.

Graham Black

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Thanks to all who have contributed to this issue of the Church Newsletter.

The next issue will be available on
Sunday 12th June 2011

Articles for this edition should be with me by
Sunday 29th May

If you would like to E-Mail news you can contact me on: chalmerschurch@btopenworld.com

Or by phone on 819471

Sheila Bulloch

**Guild Outing to Dundee on
26th May 2011**

There are still seats available on the bus for the outing. If you would like to join us you will be very welcome. Please contact - Alice Hood 812191

Christian Aid - Events for your diary

Forth Road Bridge Sponsored Walk will take place on **Saturday 30th April 2011**, between 2-6pm. Sponsor forms are available from Eleanor Willins (812616)

House to House Collection **15th – 21st May 2011**. Again speak to Eleanor if you can help in anyway with this event. Help people in poverty out of poverty - Collect this Christian Aid Week. To volunteer to collect please speak to Eleanor Willins or call on 812616

**PRAYER
DIARY**

He has risen! He is not here! See the place where they laid him.

Mark 16 v. 6

Sunday: Thank you Heavenly Father for your unfailing love and mercy towards us, so much so that you sent Your only Son into this world to be our Saviour and Lord. We thank you Father for Jesus' life and example: for his death in our stead at Calvary and rejoice in His resurrection! Forgive us that we fail so often. Help us Father by the power of your Holy Spirit to truly love you with all our heart and love our neighbour as ourselves. In Jesus Name we pray. Amen.

Monday: Thank God for the Guild session now past, for all the speakers who have come, for all the fellowship enjoyed and for all the organisations that have been supported.

Tuesday: Give thanks for the work that has been undertaken by the Nominating Committee and pray for the Rev. Kristina Herbold-Ross as she preaches as sole-nominee on 17th April.

Wednesday: Intercede for the future of Scotland as the country goes to an election in May. Pray the people will take seriously their right to vote and be concerned and informed about political issues. Remember especially all the candidates who have put themselves up for election. Pray that they may have wisdom and integrity as they spell out their policies.

Thursday: Remember all teenagers who are at the moment studying and preparing for important exams which will determine their future. Pray for all teachers who encourage and support them. Remember all children looking forward to their Easter holidays that it may be a time of relaxation and fun.

Friday: Bring before God those in our Church fellowship who are going through difficult times at the moment with health problems. Pray for those who have been bereaved in recent months that they may be comforted and know God's peace.

Saturday: Continue to remember in our prayers all who have been devastated by events in Japan: the situation in so many countries in the Middle East and the on-going war in Afghanistan. Pray for members of the United Nations as they try their best to resolve situations and endeavour to bring peace and unity to so many countries.

Pray especially for all children who have been orphaned because of the earthquake and tsunami and children in countries where there is upheaval.

Thanks

Phemie Turnbull wishes to thank the Church for the beautiful flowers received after her recent stay in hospital.

Peter Stewart wishes to thank everyone for cards, flowers, prayers and visits during his stay in hospital and recuperation at home.

Janet Frame would like to thank the Church for the flowers received following her recent bereavement.

**DAY OF COMMITMENT
SUNDAY 1st MAY**

To assist us in our own 'internal review', we are going to use May as a time for renewal and recommitment culminating in special services on *Sunday 1st May at 10.15am, 11am & 6.15pm* Office-bearers will be delivering to each member's household a leaflet and letter explaining it clearly, to help us review our own commitment to Christ in terms of the promises we once made. Please bring your completed response card in the small envelope you will receive with your invitation to communion, to one of the services on Sunday 1st May, our **Day of Commitment**. Further commitment cards are available from your Elder or Deacon, just ask.

OUR SOLE NOMINEE - The Reverend Kristina M. Herbold Ross

By now I am sure everyone is aware that the Nominating Committee have recommended the Reverend Kristina M Herbold Ross as our sole nominee and that she will preach at the 11.00 am service on 17 April. Please make a special attempt to attend the service to hear her preach. Immediately after the service members and adherents, whose names are on the Electoral Roll, will be invited to cast their vote in the hall.

By way of background information, Kristina was born and brought up in Germany, and studied language and literature before graduating with a degree in theology in 2004. She worked in various parishes before being ordained by the Lutheran Church of Hanover in 2008.

She moved to Scotland in 2009 with her minister husband who is now in the parish of *Cockpen & Carrington, Lasswade & Rosewell* - and she has been formally admitted to the Church of Scotland, having worked as Assistant Minister at **Greyfriars Church, Edinburgh**.

She has been working in East Lothian doing pulpit supply and holiday cover, while seeking a charge of her own. The committee were impressed with her enthusiasm and approach and are pleased to present her as our candidate to lead us into the future here in Chalmers.

When asked to introduce herself to you, Kristina said -

"I am delighted and honoured to be invited to preach as sole nominee for Chalmers Memorial Church. I am very much looking forward to meeting you and to preach in your beautiful church building."

"I am enthusiastic about worship – in the Sunday service and in our daily lives."

"Joy" and "seriousness" could describe my approach to ministry. 'Joy' about proclaiming the love of God to his people and being alongside them, and 'seriousness' in being aware of the weight of this message and the responsibility which comes with it."

"I detected the same joy and seriousness in the way the nominating committee went about their task and am confident that I could work well with you in ministering to the people of Cockenzie & Port Seton."

The Nominating Committee firmly believe that Kristina was by far the best candidate who applied for the position and having met with her on a number of occasions we were impressed with her enthusiasm and commitment and accordingly the Nominating Committee commend her to the Congregation.

John Murdoch

Funerals

On 21st January Janet Neil WATT
37 Fishers Road, Port Seton

On 2nd March George JOHNSTONE
36 Castle Terrace, Port Seton

On 4th March Margaret HORNE
9 East Lorimer Place, Cockenzie

15th March Robert FRAME
48 Links Walk, Port Seton

25th March Isabella Grant COULL
2 Johnstone Terrace, Port Seton

Holy Week



Monday 18th April

7.30 p.m. Holy Week Service led by members of the Guild to which ALL are invited. Preacher: John KNOX

Maundy Thursday 21st April

7.30 pm United Communion Service in Methodist Church

Good Friday 22nd April

2-3 p.m. Open Service in Old Parish Church

- Rev Jock STEIN

(Note - due to the afternoon service in the Old Parish Chalmers Church will not be open for the usual period of meditation on Good Friday afternoon.)

7.30 p.m. Words and Music for Good Friday in Chalmers

Memorial - Rev Graham BLACK and Chalmers Choir

Easter Sunday 24th April

10.00 a.m. Easter Breakfast with the Sunday School

11.00 a.m. Family Celebration. Rev Graham BLACK

Services and Meetings

Sunday

- 10:15 a.m. All-age Family Worship (in Hall)
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship (with Crèche)
6:15 p.m. Evening Worship (monthly)

Monday

- 7:15 p.m. The Guild (Oct - March)

Tuesday

- 10.00 a.m. Chalmers Ramblers Walking Group
(every 2nd Tuesday and every Friday)
7.15 p.m. Prayer Meeting for the Vacancy



Welcome Wednesday

- 10a.m – 12noon Coffee Time (1st)
12-2p.m. Lunches (3rd)
10 - 11a.m. Prayer Time (last)
5:15 p.m. 1st Port Seton Rainbows (Sept. - June)
6:30 p.m. Boys Brigade –
- 7:45p.m. { Anchor boys and Junior Section
{ Company Section (Sept. - June)
8.00p.m. Badminton Group

Thursday

- 5:00 p.m. Rainbows }
6:30 p.m. Brownies } (Sept. - June)

Saturday

- 8.00 – 9.15a.m Prayer Breakfast (last of month)

OUR WORSHIP

**Rev Graham Black our Locum Minister will be preaching at the
11am services unless otherwise indicated**

Sunday 17th April (PALM SUNDAY)

**11.00 a.m. Morning Worship with our Sole
Nominee – Rev Kristina M. Herbold Ross.
Followed by congregational vote in the Church
Hall.**

(Please note NO 10.15am service)

Sunday 24th April – Easter Sunday

10.00 a.m. Easter Breakfast with the Sunday School
11.00 a.m. Family Celebration

(Please note NO 10.15am service)

Sunday 1st May - DAY of COMMITMENT

10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship - Rev Tom GORDON
11.00 a.m. Sacrament of
HOLY COMMUNION - Rev Tom GORDON
6.15 p.m. Evening Worship followed by
HOLY COMMUNION - Rev Tom GORDON

Sunday 8th May

10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship - Rev John KNOX
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday 15th May

10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship - Anne SUTHERLAND
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday 22nd May

10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship - Nicola BRUCE
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday 29th May

10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship - David COOPER
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship
6.15p.m. Evening Worship - Rev Tom GORDON

Sunday 5th June

10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship - Amanda JOHNSTON
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday 12th June

10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship - Rev Tom GORDON
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday 19th June

11.00a.m. All-Age Family Service and Prizegiving
(Please note NO 10.15am service)

Sunday 26th June

10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship Joyce BUCHANAN
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship with Sacrament of
HOLY COMMUNION

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