



Chalmers Memorial Church Newsletter Easter 2013



From the Minister:
Dear All,

‘He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.’ (Luke20: 38)

It is very good to be back. I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to everyone who so ably kept the work of the church going whilst I was off sick. The past few weeks have been extremely difficult; Matthew and I are both very grateful for your prayers and the kind messages of support and sympathy. The death of my father is tempered by the message that God calls those who love him to his heavenly realm, where we will meet again.

As I write, I am looking forward to Easter. Yet first comes Holy Week. The events of Holy Week never lose their power to shock; Jesus journeys into Jerusalem and ultimately to the cross. The cheering crowds of Palm Sunday rapidly give way to a jeering mob outside Pontius Pilate’s residence calling for Barabbas to be released but Jesus crucified. Barabbas in Hebrew simply means “son of a father”; an anonymous and cryptic name for a criminal loved by the mob. Jesus, on the other hand, is the Son of God. His travesty of a trial before Pontius Pilate is a stark reminder why Christians should never tolerate miscarriages of justice. Abandoned and betrayed, Jesus endures death on the cross.

Just when all seemed so dark, the pain of Good Friday is superseded by the joy of Easter. The message of the resurrection of Jesus at the heart of the Christian faith: faith overcoming cynicism, hope overcoming despair, forgiveness overcoming condemnation, liberation overcoming injustice and life overcoming death. Christ conquers sin and death; he opens to us the gates of everlasting life. We should take this message very seriously; so many people can feel almost crushed by the weight of their troubles yet in Christ humanity is offered salvation.

If you can, please do come to the Holy Week and Easter services listed in the newsletter. The holiday club for children at Christmas was a great success; we will build on this with another holiday club on 6th April. I was delighted that Nicola Bruce and Hazel Gray (from Scripture Union) recently led a morning workshop on worship, particularly with children. This was a great success and will help us in future work. I’m looking forward to future events at Chalmers Church during the Spring and Summer.

Matthew joins with me in wishing you every blessing for Easter. May the Easter message of hope inspire you and give you hope and joy.

God bless,

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*(Please respect **Monday** as the
Minister’s day off)*

EDITOR’S NOTE

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

The next issue will be available on

Sunday 2nd June 2013

Articles for this edition should be with me by

Sunday 19th May

If you would like to E-Mail news you can contact me on:

chalmerschurch@btopenworld.com

Or by phone on 819471

Sheila Bulloch

Baptism

On 23rd December 2012

Rory Murdoch Millar,
Port Seton/Belgium

Funerals

On 12th December 2012

Henrietta (Effie) Fraser, Port Seton,
86 yrs old

On 10th January 2013

Mary Inglis, Port Seton, 78 yrs old

On 18th January

Annie Jarron, Port Seton, 94 yrs old

On 7th February

John Inglis, Port Seton, 81 yrs old

Thanks

Bill and Toni Stewart wish to thank the congregation for recent flowers received following illness.

PRAYERS

So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" John Ch12 v13

Jesus, we will follow you this week from the acclamation of Palm Sunday to the horror and despair of Good Friday when all hope is gone and we feel lost, bewildered and bereft. But God has not left us in despair and darkness forever. He has brought you back, risen and glorified, to be our eternal, living Lord. The stone is rolled away, the tomb is empty. Your presence and your spirit fill us with hope and love. We praise you Lord now and forever.

Pray for:

Our minister, Kristina and the Kirk Session

Those in our fellowship who are ill

The situation in Israel and Palestine especially further incursions into Palestinian areas by Israel

The people of Syria, especially the refugees

The work among children and all who will attend the Easter Holiday Club



Our Church – an explanation of the Interior Decoration and Symbolism

The light fitting or lantern above the communion table has many interesting design features. The wrought iron top is the crown of thorns. The three bulbs represent the trinity with the three gold balls. The pawn broker sign of redemption. The tassels are referred to as Aarons beard mentioned in Psalm 133 v2 and could have been influenced by the use of oil lamps in the fitting before electric light was introduced.

It is like precious oil poured in the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard down on the collar of his robes. Psalm 133 v2

Holiday Club

We are running another
Scripture Union Easter Holiday Club

Saturday 6th April, 10am - 3pm
Chalmers Church Hall

There will be a small fee of £3 and please
bring a packed lunch.

For more information and **registration**
please contact Nicola Bruce:

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Announcement for

Evening Service with Redemption Hymns:

Your choice counts – The red hymn book will be used again at our April Evening Communion Service and you can nominate your favourite Redemption Hymns. We want to know which are the most popular. You are invited to put your hymn request in the Redemption Hymn Box in the transept.

Holy Week

Monday 25th March

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

Maundy Thursday 28th March

2.00 p.m. Communion Service at John Bellamy Centre
7.30 p.m. United Communion Service in
Cockenzie Methodist Church
Rev Kristina Herbold ROSS

Good Friday 29th March

2 - 3 p.m. Silent Vigil - Church open for private prayers in
Chalmers Church
Rev Margaret STEIN & Sue LANGDALE

7.30 p.m. Service in Chalmers Church - Rev Jock STEIN

Easter Sunday 31st March

10.00 a.m. Easter Breakfast with the Sunday School
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- Rev Kristina Herbold ROSS

FORTH BRIDGE CROSS SATURDAY 20th APRIL

Sponsor forms are now available from
Eleanor Willins.

Let's help make 2013 as successful as last year when the fantastic total of £42,897 was raised. A Great Day out for Families, Groups and Friends, coming together to play their part in the fight against global poverty and injustice.

Thank you to all for your continuing support.

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## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> MAY 2013 BITE BACK AT HUNGER

We are currently seeking help for the Christian Aid Week House-to-House collection in May. Would you be willing to collect this year? Please see letter from Eleanor in the Church Hall. Or contact her on 812 616



*'And I am praying that you will put into action the generosity that comes from your faith as you understand and experience all the good things we have in Christ' (Philemon 6)*

Following on from last year's inspiring event, CLAN Lothian's vision is to see every member of a congregation released to reach the lost. With a focus on worship, teaching, sharing and hands on practical experience of going out and doing mission, we are delighted to welcome Chris Duffett as our main speaker. There is a youth programme run by Gorebridge Youth group, a children's Scripture Union programme and a crèche for under 5s - so an event for all the family!

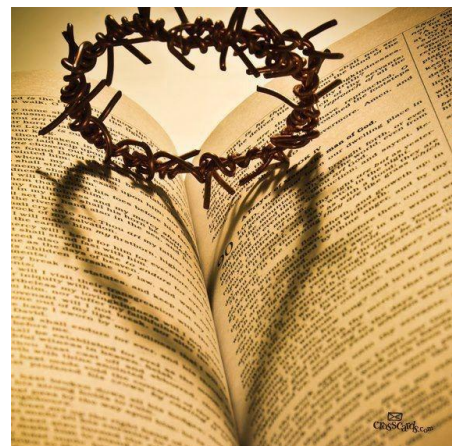
Please see website for more details - <http://www.clangathering.org.uk/lothians2013.php>. Flyers are available in the Church.

## Children's Resource Day

An event was held recently in our Church hall, led by Nicola Bruce, our Family & Youth Development Worker and Hazel Gray from Scripture Union looking at resources to use with children and young people in our Church.

The session was filled with lots of singing and some dancing! Nicola and Hazel shared with us various songs with actions that have been hits at recent holiday clubs and Sunday Schools. The team were uplifted by all the resources available.

We looked at what we as a Church wanted for the children and young people and how God can be shown to these young people.



## 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 (as advertised)

### Monday

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

### Tuesday

- 10.00 a.m. Chalmers Ramblers Walking Group  
7.15 p.m. Prayer Time  
7.45 p.m. Imagining the Bible (as advertised)

## Welcome Wednesday

- 10 - 11a.m. Prayer Time (2<sup>nd</sup> of month)  
1.30 - 3pm Get Together (2<sup>nd</sup> of month)  
12-2p.m. Lunches (3<sup>rd</sup> of month)  
10a.m - 12noon Coffee Time (last of month)

### Wednesday – Evening Activities

- 5 – 6 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> 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

- 5:15 – 6:15p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Cockenzie Rainbows }  
6:30 – 8 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Port Seton Brownies }  
(Sept. - June)

### Saturday

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



## OUR WORSHIP

**Rev Kristina Herbold Ross will conduct worship unless otherwise stated.**

### **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March (Easter Sunday)**

- 10 a.m. EASTER FAMILY BREAKFAST  
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship  
(Please note NO 10.15am or 6.15p.m. service)

### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

- 10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship – Ian BULLOCH  
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship

### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

- 10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship  
– Rev Kristina HERBOLD ROSS  
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship

### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

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

### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April - DAY of COMMITMENT**

- 10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship – Joyce BUCHANAN  
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship with Sacrament of  
HOLY COMMUNION  
6.15 p.m. Traditional Communion Service with  
Redemption Hymns

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

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

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May (Christian Aid Sunday)**

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

### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May (Pentecost)**

- 10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship – Ian BULLOCH  
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May (Trinity)**

- 10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship – Rev Tom GORDON  
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship  
6.15p.m. Evening Service with COMMUNION

### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

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

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