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Hello and welcome to our Easter magazine. I hope it finds you well and looking forward to celebrating with family and friends. I am certainly looking forward to the end of Lent and enjoying hot cross buns on Good Friday and CHOCOLATE eggs on Easter Sunday! It is great to see the promise of new life around us on the farm as we enjoy the sounds of the returning lapwings, oyster catchers and curlews and look forward to welcoming calves and lambs.



There is also signs of new life in our church with new members, the Guild resuming meetings and also the addition of a monthly mid week service when we can enjoy lunch together. All accompanied by the welcome sound of chatter! This year we have plenty reasons to celebrate with the jubilee and the linkage anniversary, the Fellowship Group looks like they will be busy helping us get together. If you have any ideas for an event please let us know, fundraisers are always needed! Also any items for our summer magazine will be most welcome. I hope you are able to manage along to one of the Easter services in person or online.

HAPPY EASTER.

Judith Hay

Here's another Bible Challenge!

Can you make a Bible Cake?

Look up the following references for the recipe.

Half a pound of **Judges V 25**

Two cups **Jeremiah VI 20**

Two cups **Numbers XVII 8**

Four and a half cups **1 Kings IV 22**

Two cups **1 Samuel XXX 12**

Two teaspoons **Amos IV 5**

Two cups **Nahum III 12**

Six of **Jeremiah XVII 11**

Pinch of **Chronicles IX 9**

One and a half cups **Judges IV 19**

Pinch of **Leviticus II 13**

Treatment-**Proverbs XXIII 14**, and place in **Matthew XIII 42**
for 90 -120 minutes.

Answers can be found in recipe corner.

CROSS WORDS

A few years back in the church garden at our Easter Sunrise Service I made use of a poem I had written on the theme of snowdrops which I regularly encounter in the wood on the edge of the nearby Muir. The beauty of snowdrops prompted thoughts on the Easter Season. The snowdrops are signs and seals of approaching Spring just as Easter is a celebration of Jesus' resurrection to life. The dark and deathly barrenness of the tomb, like winter, was wonderfully transformed to light and life in the Spring of resurrection. What is Easter but the season of faith and hope that good will ultimately triumph over evil, that light will dispel darkness, that love will conquer hate, and that life will defeat death.



Like the snowdrops heralding Spring, whose silent white bell-shaped flowers ring out across the Muir the tune of beauty, new birth, and vitality, so Easter announces the good news of a new season or a fresh start. It communicates rebirth and renewal through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The snowbells rightfully give way to the golden daffodils and white lilies of Easter Sunday that trumpet a celebratory and joyous note. Easter heralds 'beauty for ashes, the oil of joy, for mourning, the garment of praise, for the spirit of heaviness'.

Like the snowbells of Spring that humbly huddle together, so we Christians gather to worship God and celebrate Christ's triumphal resurrection. The reflective solemnity of Lent, the anticipation associated with Palm Sunday, and the remorse of Good Friday gives way to the rejoicing of Easter Sunday.

Like the snowdrops of Spring that provide a visible act of worship and witness on the Muir, so we regularly gather to glorify God and for our mutual good. How do you celebrate Easter? Do you decorate and roll eggs? We rejoice in the massive stone that was rolled away from the mouth of the tomb! Do you send and receive cards? We have a joyous message to receive and share. Do you enjoy chocolate Easter eggs and bunnies? They are symbols of life and laughter, of grace and goodness which we rejoice in at Easter. Come, join us for worship this Easter Season. We gather every Sunday at 11am with additional special services on Good Friday at 7pm and on Easter morning at 8am in the church garden, which short act of worship is followed by breakfast in the church hall. The main Easter Service will be at 11am. There is also an Easter Service in the Fern Church at 9.30am. A warm welcome awaits.

God bless,
Wayne

EASTER SERVICES

Wednesday 13th April 12.30pm.

First monthly **mid week service** to include lunch in the Hall.

Friday 15th April 7pm

Good Friday Service

Sunday 17th April

8am Dawn Service in the church garden
followed by breakfast in the Hall

9.30am Easter Service at Fern

11am Easter Service at Edzell



MEET THE TEAM - MARTIN

How would you introduce yourself?

Hello, My name is Martin Dayman I am married to Margaret for nearly 54 years, we have three grown up children Zoe, Kate and James with six Grandsons, all young adults.

I am a retired building services engineer and we have built our own eco house at Menmuir, it is a Norwegian kit house and we are off grid with our own wind turbine.



What do you like most about Edzell and the surrounding area?

We moved up to Scotland and Edzell in 2004 from Loughborough in Leicestershire following a life changing event. Margaret's brother and sister in law moved up to Menmuir seven years before us and we enjoyed holidays in the area and fell in love with Edzell and all its local amenities, its perfect setting and most of all the large skies we get in Scotland. We initially purchased a new house in Slateford Gardens and moved to Menmuir in 2008 to self build our new home.

What is your role within Edzell Church?

Initially I was the Hall Convenor and then in addition the Church Officer (Beadle), ordained as an Elder, then I became Property Convenor. During these roles I was part of the Project Group for the refurbishment of the Church, following various schemes we settled on the core elements of; replacement windows, heating, lighting, electrical, audio visual and church organ. I retired as Property Conveyor in 2020 and took on the role of Project Co-ordinator to complete all of the works for the refurbishment which was completed last year.

Is there a Hymn/Christian song that is special to you? Why?

My favourite hymn is "Be Still for the presence of the Lord", it is special to me as it was an anthem for the Alpha course I attended when I came to faith at the age of 56, though I had always had Christian values when dealing with everyone in my working and family life. In 2002 I was one of four senior managers in the Estates Department of an NHS Trust that were dismissed over a Health and Safety Improvement Notice, all were vindicated by employment tribunal.

During this traumatic time Margaret attended a Mary and Martha group and confirmed that others were praying for me which started my journey to faith.

Is there a particular Bible verse/passage that you like to turn to? Why?

I find it hard to give just one favourite, if I can be cheeky can I have

a) Psalm 23 the lord is my shepherd, I had a copy of this in my pocket during my employment tribunal with the feeling that Jesus was by my side, b) 1 Corinthians Ch.13 Love, the basis of my Christian Life, c) Luke Ch.10 The Good Samaritan, being a good neighbour, the main reason I got involved with Brechin Community Pantry helping those in poverty in our community.

What does Easter mean to you?

Both sadness and celebration, great sadness that he had to suffer a horrible death to take the sins of the world on his shoulders for us all and celebration that he rose again and the opportunity of everlasting life with the trinity.

Do you have a recipe for a special dish you like to enjoy at this time of year?

Before moving to Scotland my special dish would be traditional roast beef, roast potatoes and Yorkshire pudding, with roast lamb at Easter. Since living in Scotland I now have a more varied choice of dishes, current favourite is Pasta with Smoked Salmon for an easy supper that I can make under supervision!

What is your hope for Edzell Church in the year ahead?

Following the removal of covid restrictions, I look forward to being able to use our wonderful facility of Church and Hall fully again, for worship, concerts, a quiet place, family celebrations etc. towards being the centre of the Community. I particularly want to be seen as a good neighbour and ensure that those in need are cared for both spiritually and practically.



MEET THE TEAM—HEATHER

How would you introduce yourself?

Hi, I'm Heather Gow, married to Douglas and we arrived in Edzell in 1991 as a young family with 2 children, Fiona and Lorna, Michael came along in 1993. Now we're grandparents to Alexis, where has time gone?

What do you like most about Edzell and the surrounding area?

I grew up in very rural areas so my one requisite for a place to live was somewhere we could walk to the shops and school and be part of a local community. Edzell is all that and more, we both love going out for walks, enjoying village life and taking part in local groups.

What is your role within Edzell Church?

I am the presbytery elder which means I attend Presbytery meetings and act as a link between Edzell Church and Angus presbytery. I have only been in this role for 2 years and because of Covid all the meetings have been via Zoom, prior to this they were held at a church in Forfar. Hopefully we will soon return to in person meetings and I look forward to speaking with folks I have only seen on a screen!

Is there a hymn/Christian song that is special to you? Why?

On the Sunday before Christmas in December 2020 whilst in lockdown we had 'Angels from the Realms of Glory' sung by 'The Piano Guys' played as a video in church. It is such a wonderful rendition and a very moving video, reminded me so much of preparing the children for the nativity plays they took part in and how important children and families are in our church family.

Is there a particular Bible verse/passage that you like to turn to? Why?

As a child I had books with bible stories in them that I still reflect on, one that resonates with me at this time is the story of Moses in his basket, his mother desperate to ensure his safety. The images of mothers carrying babies or holding their children's hand as they flee the war in Ukraine reminds me what we do to protect the most vulnerable in our society. And we still use Moses baskets today without thinking of their origin.

What does Easter mean to you?

Easter is a very special time in the church and the Easter Sunday service is one of my favourites. It is a time of celebration, there is a feeling of hope, the promise of spring and new life, it feels very poignant this year as we pray for peace in Ukraine.



Do you have a recipe for special dish you like to enjoy at this time of year?

Douglas got a soup maker for his birthday this year and we have been experimenting with some very different soups, 'Butternut squash, Chilli and Coconut Soup' is definitely a favourite. And you don't need a soup maker to make it!

What is your hope for Edzell Church in the year ahead?

I think we're all looking forward to a return of more normal services without masks and more fellowship. I really miss those social occasions and with some new faces at church it will be lovely to get to know those who have joined our congregation recently.

PRESBYTERY REPORT

There are many changes ahead as the Church of Scotland adapts to smaller congregations and less ministers. All churches will be inspected by a presbytery team to ensure they are 'well equipped places in the right spaces'. It is expected we will have more and bigger unions as some difficult decisions are made.

Angus Presbytery will amalgamate with Dundee, Perth, Dunkeld & Meigle and Stirling to become the Presbytery of Perth. Meetings which are currently on a Tuesday evening approximately 7 times a year will be replaced with in person full day conference type sessions, probably a Saturday and once per year on line. It is hoped the day conference sessions will be uplifting and inspiring and will include the sharing of initiatives and ideas.

The moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, Lord Wallace, is to visit Angus in May. 'Lord Wallace of Tankerness' (to give him his full title) is Jim Wallace, former Deputy First Minister, he is also an elder at St Magnus Cathedral, Orkney.

I do get information from presbytery on how the Church of Scotland is supporting those affected by the Ukraine crisis, I will pass on this information to Douglas for our Facebook page and use the church noticeboard where appropriate. There was a very moving prayer session last week online with many churches from different denominations united in common prayer for peace in Ukraine. We also have had information on how to give financial donations through the Church of Scotland to our partner, the Reformed Church of Hungary. They are using their buildings to support the people moving from East to West as they seek safety and sanctuary and working on the border areas of Hungary, Slovakia and Romania.

NOTES FROM THE KIRK SESSION

The Kirk Session held a meeting in the Church on 8th March, with some members joining virtually using Zoom. The hybrid approach is most likely here to stay!

Despite the success of the new audio-visual system, the decision was taken to have organists playing in services, twice every month. Words will still be read from the screen, rather than hymn books, at least for the time being, but the combination of live music and recordings seems to be appreciated, with something for everyone.

Wayne outlined the Presbytery Mission plan outlining the number of ministry posts for Angus Presbytery, with a total of 15.5 posts available now, inevitably perhaps representing a reduction from the current situation. For our part, the parish boundary extends to take in new areas west of the A90. As if the parish wasn't large enough already!

Having finally completed the extensive renovations, it's a disappointment to learn an inspection of the church roof area has found signs of woodworm, as well as numerous wasps nests. Even some bat droppings indicating that we've 'bats in the belfry'! The bad news is that the estimated repair cost is £1700, although as bats are protected, work can't start until clearance is given.

In the church grounds, the clear up after the storms has also been completed, with tremendous help given by numerous volunteers, helping to remove the many branches and fallen trees. Thank you to them all. Just one window pane was cracked by the debris flying around, so financially, we can count ourselves lucky. One kind soul even donated £50 in return for firewood, so arguably we made a profit!

Fellowship teas after the service are once again being held. It's great to have many of our new friends from Brechin Cathedral joining us regularly for refreshments. The more the merrier!. Indeed, another three have now transferred lines to Edzell, with potentially more to come.

Next meeting in May, by which time summer may have arrived!

Andy Turnbull.

THE FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Tea, coffee and fellowship after the service has resumed and seems more popular than ever.

The Dawn Easter Service at the Church will take place on Sunday 17th April at 8am. This will be followed by bacon roll breakfast at 8.20 am.

Discussions are taking place regarding a lunch or something similar to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee on the first weekend in June.

It has also been proposed that to mark the 25th anniversary of the linkage between Edzell Lethnot; Maule Memorial Glenesk and Fern Careston Menmuir in some way.

Finally, Wayne is planning a short service, once a month, on a Wednesday beginning during Easter week when lunch will be served.

Gail Davies

THE GUILD

The Guild members had an informal get together on Shrove Tuesday and enjoyed tea and pancakes. It was decided to hold a monthly meeting over the next two months and subsequently on Tuesday 12th April at 2pm we look forward to welcoming Rev Ian Gray. Then on Tuesday 10th May we hope to invite a speaker from one of our Projects. It would be lovely to see some new faces, everyone is most welcome.

The Angus West Guilds Together, Songs of Praise will be held in Edzell Church on Thursday 26th May 7.30pm.

All most welcome.

Doris Alston

NEW SAFEGUARDING COORDINATOR

After 10 years in the post Judith Hay has decided to relinquish the role of Safeguarding Coordinator. Theo Loizou has kindly agreed to take it on and will attend training in early May. In the meantime any issues can be raised with the Safeguarding Panel (Andy and Judith).

SPRING PRAYER

Dear Lord and Father,

Spring is here, though the weather can still be changeable, the daylight is lengthening, birds fly past with nesting material in their beaks, more and more flowers are coming into bloom. We give thanks for Your Creation, for the different seasons and the sense that whatever is happening, day will always follow night, spring will come after winter. Peace can be found in the beauty of nature.

Sadly Lord, though, this Spring which should be a time of hope, new life, fresh starts, has a cloud hanging over it. Your world is going through a time of great turbulence, countries are fighting, innocent people are suffering, there are now many refugees, and famine and poverty are increasing. This is not the world you want for mankind. We pray for leaders all over the world that wiser decisions will be made and democracy and cooperation will prevail. That the rich will reach out and share with the poor, that refugees will find safe homes and those children who are going hungry will be fed.

We ask that people will come to know of Your Love for them, that the vulnerable will be comforted and supported and that leaders will be guided to make wise decisions. Help us in our own small ways as individuals to do what we can to make Your world Lord, a better place. A place where all can live in peace, can live safely and be fed, a place where all lives matter. Generate in us a spirit of hope, faith that all will be well and the knowledge that You will never leave us. Help us to appreciate the power of prayer and to trust in You.

As we approach Easter and remember during Passion week that Your Son Jesus Christ suffered and died for us on the cross, we then celebrate the glory of His resurrection. Help us Lord over the cries of Your people and sounds of war to still hear Your voice. We pray for PEACE and for all those who are suffering and know that you will always be there, Your LOVE is constant and Good will triumph over Evil.

Through the Life of Your Son, Jesus Christ

Lord hear our prayers
Amen.

Gill Reid



A Prayer for our Church

*O God, make the door of this house wide enough
to receive all who need human love and fellowship, and a heavenly
Father's care;*

*but narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and hate.
Make it's threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block
to children, nor to straying feet
but rugged and strong enough
to turn back the tempter's power:*

*God make the door of this house the gateway
to thine eternal kingdom. Amen*

(Thomas Ken 1637—1711)

PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group continued to have a time of prayer on a Friday morning each in their own homes. For more information please speak to Gill. They are happy to receive your personal prayer requests in strictest confidence by phoning or texting Gill 07732 978653 or emailing reid.edzell@gmail.com

ROAD TRIP TO RESTENNETH



A few years back I wrote a song after a visit to the ruined Restenneth Priory. Nestled in the heart of the Angus countryside a couple of miles from Forfar and adjacent to the Angus Archive building, it is well worth a visit. Picturesque and atmospheric it is a good place to reflect and learn something from our rich and remarkable church history and Christian story.



The medieval priory dates to the early 11th century but was built upon an earlier monastic foundation dating back to the year 710. That ancient church was dedicated to St Peter (Rome) and was mentioned by the contemporary historian and churchman, the Venerable Bede. Its foundation reminds us of the catholic (universal) nature of Christ's church.

The chorus of my song runs,

'Ruined Restenneth Resting in heart Of ancient Pictland. Established apart.'

The monastery was sanctified and set apart for a holy use, but it ministered to and served the wider community. The Augustinian canons that lived there waged a holy war of regular praise and prayer. They worshipped, worked, and witnessed on site.

King Alexander I had the Annals of Iona transferred to Restenneth in the 1100s. They were suitably housed in the tower. And they remind us how the medieval monasteries played a vital administrative role, as well as an academic, economic, and spiritual one, within the nation in that era. Sadly, however, the monastery paid a heavy price for its service to the Scottish Crown when it was sacked and torched by Edward I during the Wars of Independence when those ancient records were tragically destroyed. And so, I wrote,

'Augustine's canons Waged holy war. Devoted to Peter. God's name adore. Favoured by royals, Served Forfar town. Circled by water. Records for crown. The Hammer did torch. Staking his claim. Old annuls lost. Edward to blame.'

While important historical records like the Annals have perished despite attempts to protect them, God's word abides for ever. And yet we must guard it and pass it on to future generations. It is not a historical artefact but is the living and active word of God.

Here moreover a brother of King David II was buried and the infant son of Robert the Bruce.

'A brother of David, Baby Bruce at rest. Rich and poor buried, Sacred rites and blessed.'

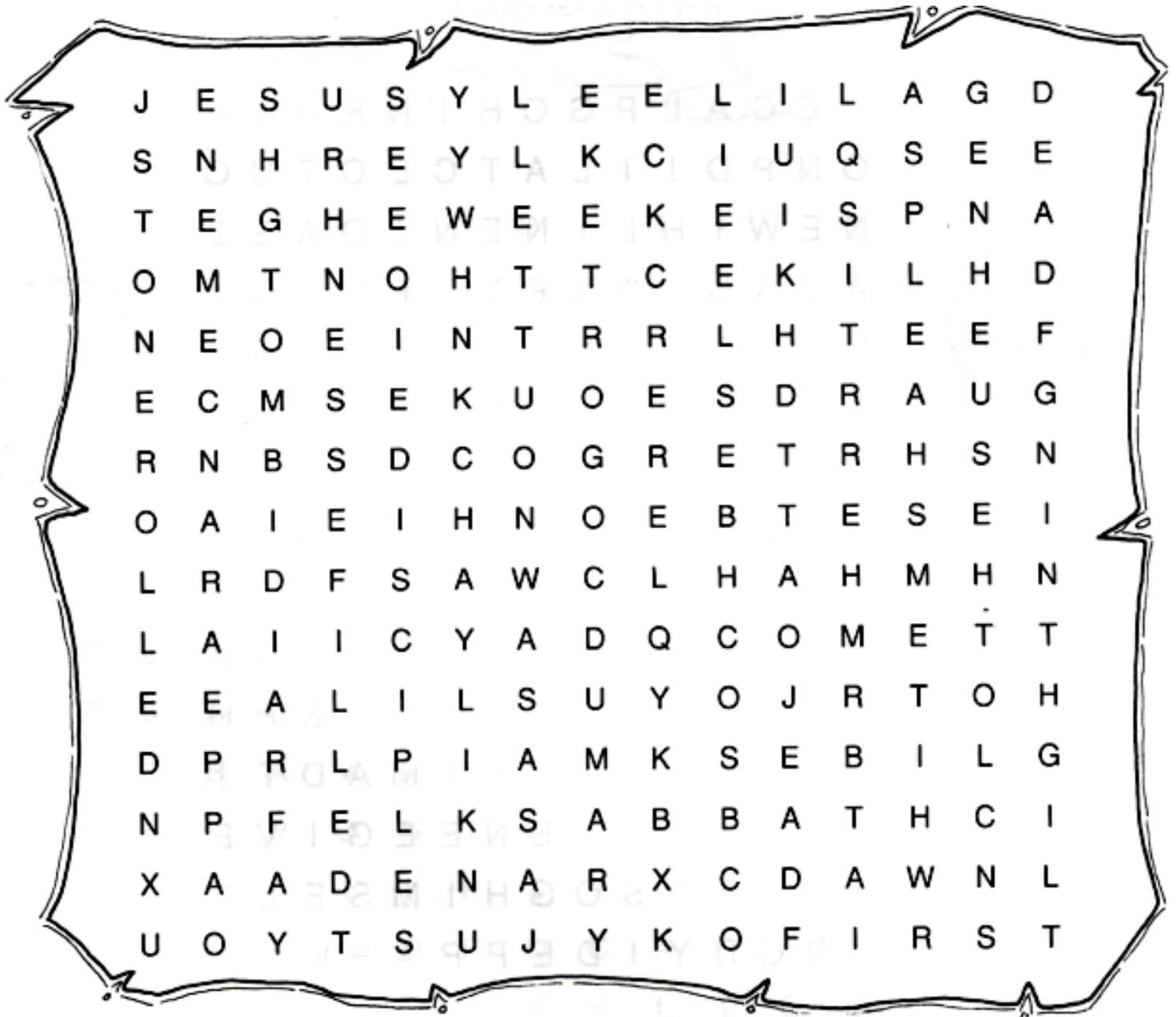
The rich and poor, the great and the good rest awaiting the resurrection to come. Such is our faith and hence my reference to *'sacred rites and blessed'*. The monastery was closed at the Reformation and fell into ruination. The waters around it were drained and cattle grazed among its ruins until it was purchased and preserved for the nation by Historic Scotland.

'Rutherford prior [to] Reformation. Sanctuary for cattle. Conservation. Remains of tower. Octagonal the spire. Medieval past. Point and in-spire.'

Restenneth can still inspire, move, and motivate us. It continues to communicate our Christian past and maybe it has important lessons yet to teach us for the present. It is certainly worthy of a visit. Like those ancient monks let us sing psalms, study God's word, pray, work and witness for the glory of God and for our mutual good.

Wayne

Hope you enjoy this word search on The Resurrection as in Matthew 28: 1-10. Once you have circled all the words discover the angel's message by writing out the uncircled letters. (two X's not used.)



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For our younger readers.



Can you spot 5 differences between the two pictures of the soldier holding Jesus as he stands in front of the church leaders.

They had Jesus nailed to a cross. He died and was placed in a tomb.



Using the pictures and letters below find out what happened on the third day.

The good news that first Easter.

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RECIPE CORNER

Heather's Butternut Squash, Chilli and Coconut Soup

2 tbsp olive oil

500g butternut squash, de-seeded, peeled and cut into small cubes

1 medium onion, chopped

1 tsp ground cumin

1 tsp grated fresh ginger

1 red chilli, finely chopped, (remove the seeds for a milder taste)

3 garlic cloves, sliced

800ml vegetable stock, made from 2 cubes

200ml coconut milk

Juice of 1 lime

10g fresh coriander (optional)

In a large pan heat the olive oil and fry the butternut squash for 2-3 minutes, stirring every so often.

Add the ground cumin, chilli, garlic and onion; continue to cook for a further 5 minutes until the butternut squash begins to soften.

Add the remaining ingredients, stir well and cook for approx. 30mins until veg are soft. Either liquidise or use a stick blender for a smooth consistency. Very tasty!

Martin's Pasta With Smoked Salmon

(gives 2 generous servings or more if being frugal)

250g. smoked salmon

250ml crème fraiche or cream cheese

1 onion

350g pasta

Squeeze of lemon

Chopped parsley to garnish

Chop onion and add to boiling water with the pasta, cook for required time.

When pasta is done add in the torn up smoked salmon and crème fraiche and stir well. Heat through gently. Serve with a squeeze of lemon and sprinkle of parsley. Enjoy with a cool glass of sauvignon blanc!

For Easter indulgence why not round off this delicious meal with a slice of Cream Egg Cheesecake!

125g butter melted
300g chocolate digestives crushed
700g cream cheese
200ml sour cream
200g icing sugar
100ml double cream whipped
2 packs mini cream eggs
200g milk chocolate

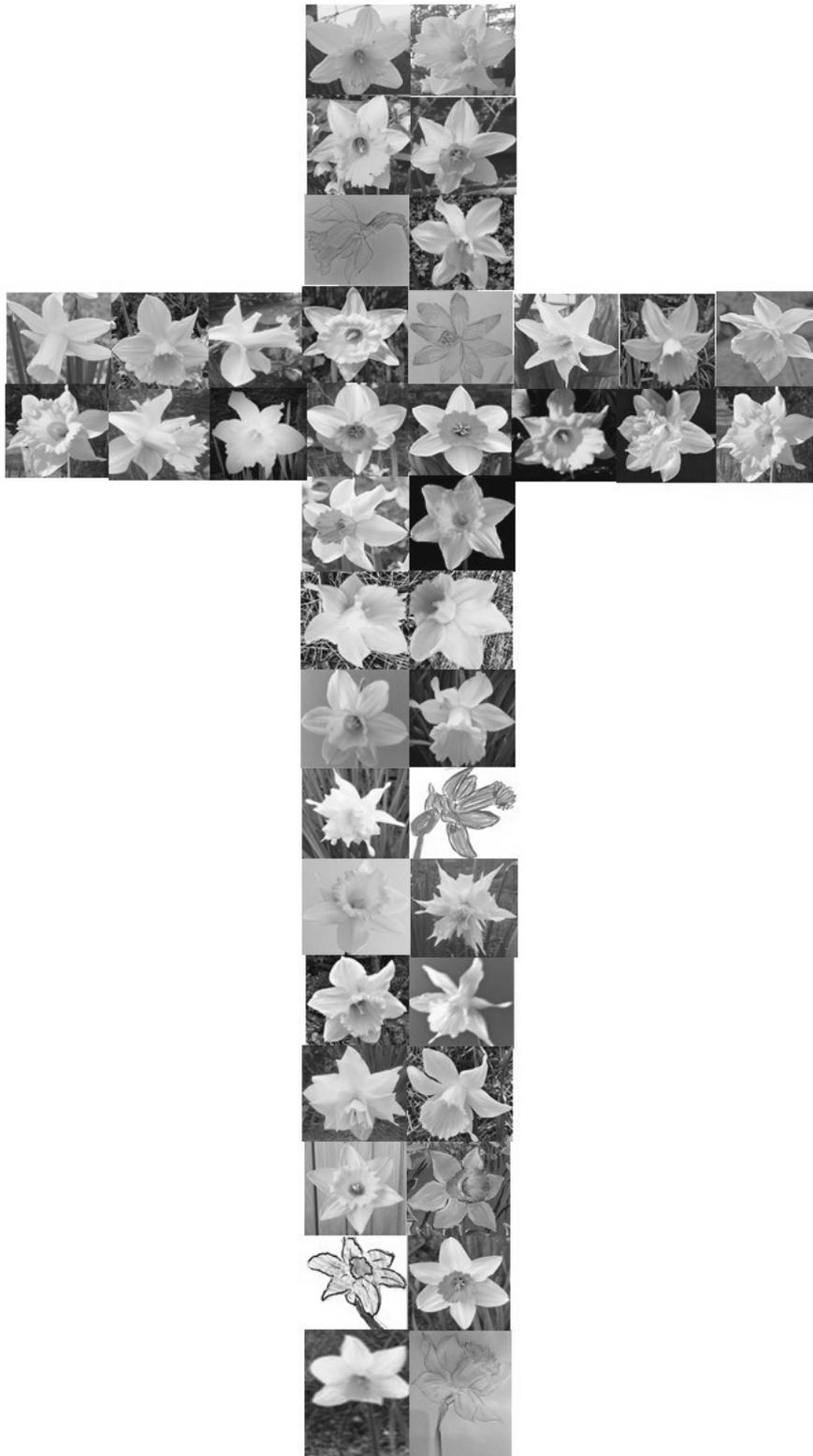
For the base combine butter and digestives and press into a 10" tin. Place cream cheese, sour cream and icing sugar in a bowl and mix together well. Fold in cream. Cut 1 pack mini cream eggs in half and fold into the mixture. Pour over base and chill to set. Once set pour over melted chocolate and decorate with other pack of eggs.

ENJOY!

BIBLE CAKE ANSWERS

8oz butter	2 cups figs
2 cups sugar	6 eggs
2 cups almonds	pinch of spice
4 1/2 cups flour	1 1/2 cups milk
2 cups raisins	pinch of salt
2 Tbsp leaven (use baking powder)	

Beat together and cook in oven for up to 2 hours.



I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom; But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection. Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer; But this I know with all my heart- His wounds have paid my ransom.

How deep the Father's Love v.3 Stuart Townend

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