

# EDZELL LETHNOT GLENESK PARISH CHURCH MAGAZINE SUMMER 2022



*Souvenir Jubilee Edition*

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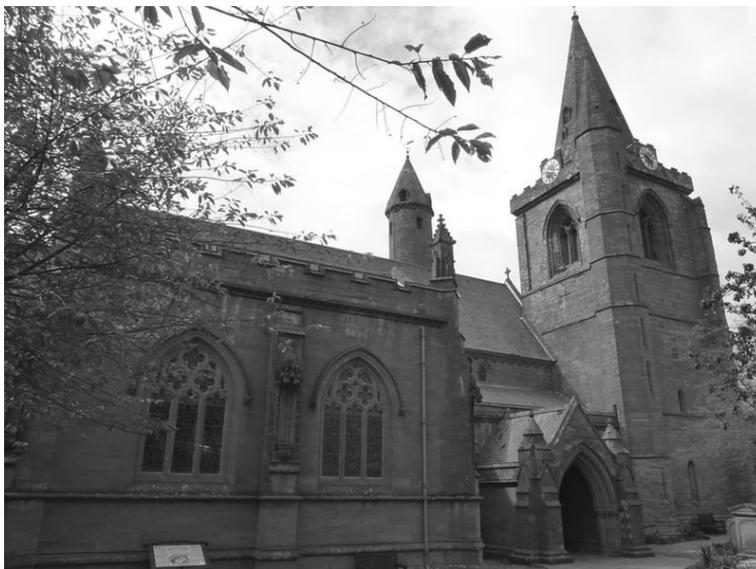
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Hello and welcome to our Summer magazine. I hope it finds you all well. As I write we are basking in sunshine which certainly matches the holiday feel of this issue. Lots of celebratory photographs from the marking of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at the beginning of June as well as the recipes enjoyed that day. Andy keeps us up to date in Notes from the Kirk Session and Wayne reflects on some royal visitors to the area. We have included a few items you might like to look out for this summer as well as an appeal for help with the Gala Teas and an invite to explore our library. Alison gives us a report on what sounds to have been an interesting training day and Ishbel leads us in Prayer. Do you have any Coronation or Jubilee souvenirs? A bookmark, bible, plate, teddy etc.? Martin and Steve share with us the story of their mementos. You might like to go to our Facebook page and share the story of yours. As ever thank you to all contributors and especially Rab for the photographs. Any ideas for the Autumn magazine, when Meet the Team makes a return, please get in touch.

Wishing you a happy summer, hope to see you in Church, if not remember you can still enjoy our online service by going to the website or Facebook page. Best Wishes Judith Hay.

***Explorers Go Wild Holiday Club  
in Brechin from July 11th –15th ,  
8.30am—12.15pm daily.***

***For more information go to Brechin Churches Together  
Facebook page.***



Brechin Cathedral 800 Years of Worship Exhibition in the Brechin Townhouse Museum until the 31st October.

Items on display from the Cathedral and Angus Alive Archives also the Cathedral Lego Model.

## CROSS WORDS

This year it was good to commemorate and celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen. We had two special church services to mark the occasion. We planted a cherry tree in the church grounds as a lasting memorial and enjoyed a celebratory lunch with coronation chicken, jubilee trifle, and a decorative cake. Our church building was appropriately adorned with union flags, colourful bunting, and a portrait of Her Majesty, with many congregants dressed in the colours of the Union Flag which was designed by King James VI & I to commemorate the Regal Union of 1603. Not only did we refer to Her Majesty's Coronation Service, but we were able to watch a short black and white film of how the people of Edzell celebrated the Coronation seventy years ago. Many actually packed into our church building to watch the event on a TV screen.



The Jubilee commemoration provided an opportunity not only to give thanks to God for Her Majesty's dutiful, diligent, and faithful service to church, nation, and commonwealth, but in addition to rejoicing, it also prompted time for reflection, reminiscence, and rededication. The then Moderator of the Church of Scotland presented Her Majesty with a Bible at her Coronation and the Archbishop of Canterbury said, 'Our gracious Queen: to keep your Majesty ever mindful of the law and the Gospel of God as the Rule for the whole life and government of Christian Princes, we present you with this Book, the most valuable thing that this world affords.'

And the Moderator added, Here is Wisdom; This is the royal Law; these are the lively Oracles of God.'

God's word is not only the perfect rule for faith and morals but this word in scripture reveals the Word Incarnate in whom we also become members of God's Royal Family as foretold and forth told in the Bible.

Jubilee commemorations and celebrations were normative in Israel during the Old Testament period. Every fiftieth year was a Year of Jubilee by divine law. Land was rested. Property was restored. People were released from indebtedness. Those in servitude regained their freedom. It was marked by thanksgivings and festivities. And most importantly it anticipated and was a foreshadowing of Jesus' death and resurrection. His crown followed his cross and so does ours. Through his cross and crown, Jesus has paid our debt of sin. He has purchased our liberty. He provides us with abundant life in the present, and the promise of everlasting life to come. He is the place of our everlasting rest. He is God's promise of wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption. He is King of kings and Lord of lords. Like Her Majesty let us remain his ever dutiful, diligent, and faithful subjects.

God Bless,

Wayne.



**Join us this summer in Glenesk**  
**at the Maule Church**

20th July - Lunchtime Fellowship

'Bring your own Picnic'

August - Songs of Praise

Keep an eye on our Facebook Page, Church notice board and Sunday Service for more details.

## NOTES FROM THE KIRK SESSION

Session met most recently on 10th May.

With great sadness, we noted that Esther McGregor has made the difficult decision to stand down from active duties, after more than 10 years in the role. During that time, she has contributed so much, for which we are very grateful. Esther will continue to attend services, however, and will still be one of the Bible readers, and will remain on the Prayer Rota, so we'll still be hearing more from her. As well as thanking her for all she has done, we wish her good luck, and good health for the future.



Wayne's Wednesday service in July will be held at the Maule Memorial Church in Glenesk. Look out for further details. There are also plans to host a Songs of Praise at the Maule Memorial in August, ideally making the most of good summer weather to have a scenic visit to one of the Parish's more remote, but attractive, places.

New members added to the Communion Roll from Brechin Cathedral were warmly and formally welcomed to the congregation at the service held on 22nd May. A dozen lines have been received already, with more promised. Their involvement in our community, sadly as a result of the dissolution of their own church, has nevertheless been a blessing, giving Edzell a welcome boost and adding a real sense of purpose and heart to the regular Sunday services in the village.

The Queen's Jubilee service arrangements have been addressed elsewhere, but the Session was particularly pleased to mark the occasion with the planting of a memorial Cherry Blossom tree, near to where EVIS planted another (picture) in the Church grounds, by way of a tribute to Eileen Cowie, long serving elder and supporter of the village.



We have bats in the belfry! Repairs to the woodworm discovered in the roof space have been delayed until the bat situation has been resolved, likely to be September or October.

The Church records for the last two years, including the accounts, an updated Communion roll, the Property Register, the Baptismal roll, and the Kirk Session minutes, always so well drawn up by Ian Jardine, were formally inspected by Presbytery representatives at St Margaret's Church, Forfar. The minutes noted the re-appointment of Heather Gow, as Presbytery Elder.

Session approved the use of the Church Hall for teas and other refreshments on Gala Day on 6th August. Be sure to come along! Gail Davies will be looking for volunteers to assist with serving.

Lastly, approval for use of the Hall and kitchen was again granted to Kevin Simpson, in respect of the annual Cairn o' Mount cycling challenge. Church goers and others may have seen many cyclists setting off and arriving back at the Muir on the first weekend in June. Kevin is CEO of Malawi Fruits, a charitable organisation raising funds for relief work undertaken in Africa. He subsequently advised that over £6000 was added to the coffers on the back of the event. A great achievement. We are glad to help!

Andy Turnbull      Session Clerk

## **Report on Elders Training day**

On Saturday 18th June, Douglas and Heather Gow and I attended an "Elders Training Day" in Broughty Ferry. This had been organised by the Presbytery Training team and was aimed at those about to become an Elder, newly ordained Elders or those who were looking for refreshment after some years in post. Whilst most of the delegates did have some years behind them, one woman from Forfar will be ordained in a few weeks time and another woman from Broughty Ferry has been an Elder for 40 years!

We had been sent several documents to download, some reading matter and a couple of questionnaires which we had to take along already completed to feed into the discussions. There were three presenters throughout the day and we worked in teams of four with our feedback recorded on the inevitable Flip-chart.

The day began with two readings from the bible where the role of the Elder was described, even as found in the early church. The Greek word **presbyteros** means elder and **presbyterianism** means rule by elders. The minister is the teaching elder and the ruling elders form the session but all are of equal standing..

There was an interesting presentation about the development of global Presbyterianism as well as the history here in Scotland.

It is guaranteed by an Act of Parliament as the form of government for the Church of Scotland. The head of the church is Jesus Christ and its supreme rule of faith and life is through the teachings of the Bible. Authority is vested in the courts of the church, **not** in any individual. The highest court is the General Assembly which has authority over the Presbyteries (and Kirk Sessions), and these Presbyteries then have authority over Kirk Sessions.

We were given a copy of The Eldership Vow each elder makes at their ordination. No-one present could recall the words but no wonder! The vow sounds quite legalistic and the language is dated. It was formulated in 1929 and it would take an Act of Parliament to change the wording.

We had all taken along the completed questionnaire of 36 points to “discover our talents. “ Most of us had found this difficult, we Scots can be a bit reticent about “our talents” but this turned out to be quite a good exercise. It is reassuring to see why some of us are good at some things and uncomfortable with other tasks. It emphasised the point that outcomes are better when the **right** person does the **right** thing at the **right** time.

We discussed the (almost) post Covid world we live in now, how we coped as a church over the last two years and how we are moving on.

We were also given a helpful 12 point list of how the Elder can be an EFFECTIVE member of the Kirk Session. A useful motivational tool, I think.

We finished by discussing the PRESBYTERY PLANS which have to be in place for December 2022! However this was upbeat. Within the constraints of what is actually known, the presenter, Irene McGuigan, was well informed and I think we finished the day looking forward, realising that individual Kirk Sessions have a big role to play as the Church moves forward and as individual elders, motivated to be part of that as an effective member our Sessions.

Alison Paterson

## **THE FELLOWSHIP GROUP**

We have a fundraiser coming up by way of the Gala Teas on Saturday August 6th and I would appeal for bakers/helpers for the day to please get in touch.

Gail Davies

## **THE GUILD**

At the last meeting of the session on 10th May we enjoyed a talk by Bill Greig. We hope to resume with a monthly meeting in the Autumn and look forward to greeting new members.

Doris Alston

## **CHURCH LIBRARY**

We are all getting used to being back in our newly refurbished church and able to worship freely and fully again following COVID. At the same time we have welcomed new people into our congregation following the sad closure of Brechin cathedral.

It seemed a good time to mention some of the less well known facilities Edzell church has to offer.

Over 30 yrs ago I was unable to attend church because of developing ME / Post Viral Fatigue which also affected my heart. This badly affected my life and I was very limited in what I was able to do. During that time I started reading a number of different books to explore and support my faith and found it a great help during a difficult time.

When I was able to start going to church again ,along with others ,we decided to set up a library in the church lounge. Since then many more books have been donated and there are now a wide range of books on Christianity covering many different aspects of Faith.

Anybody is welcome to go into the lounge and see what we have available. Books can be taken home to read, there are no rules and regulations about how many you can take and how long you take them to read. We just ask that you sign the book which is available to say which books you have borrowed.

Gill Reid

## SUMMER PRAYER



*I lift up my eyes to the hills, where does my help come from?  
My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.*

*Psalm 121 : 1*

Lord our Loving heavenly Father,

We are surrounded by hills around the area we are fortunate to live in. As we see the changing colours, snow, heather, greenery on them, our eyes are drawn upwards to You. You made all the beauty around us and we give you our thanks and praise.

We thank you for our senses. Sight, which lets us see all you have made and the glorious colours of creation. Hearing, that we can hear the sounds of the rushing streams, the little birds and the other animals talking to each other. Being able to smell the flowers and grass and touch so many marvellous creations.

We take so much for granted and in our busy lives we rush around. Help us to take time to be part of what you have made.

We pray for those who at present are unable to get out and about, who have to rely on others for help and care, who are in pain or ill, sad and down. Help them the find comfort and peace.

At present there are so many problems in the world disrupting the lives of many, worrying times and now there is fear over the cost of living and anger and blame starting to emerge. We have come through a long time of difficulty and trials that were new to the world. There seems to be so much negativity, and yet that is why prayers are so badly needed.

Help us to remember all the good that has been, and is happening in

so many ways. There is such a lot of compassion and care being shown, not just to friends and family but to strangers too. This surely is a cause to rejoice in and we give You praise. If our lives were plain sailing, we would not know how kind hearts are.

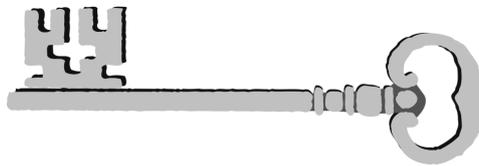
We pray for your church and thank You for the freedom we have in our country and being part of it. We pray many will know You in their lives as things return to normal. We thank you for answered prayer, and for the reassurance that we may have to wait a bit for answers or in a different way. One day we will understand it all.

We ask for joy and happiness to be in people's lives, renewing them.

We pray in Jesus Name, Your Son and our Saviour.

Amen.

Ishbel Karam



*I thought I had the key to happiness, I thought I had the cure for loneliness,  
I thought that I could live my life alone, I thought and now I know,  
It can't be done.*

*Because I met the one, the truthful way  
One who when I was sad, taught me to pray,  
No more I try alone, He made me see,  
That for my happiness, God is the key*



## **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](mailto:reid.edzell@gmail.com)



Our Jubilee  
Celebrations in  
pictures.  
Sunday 5th June.





With thanks to the lunch organisers and their helpers.

## CORONATION MEMENTOS

My Jubilee memory is in fact from the Coronation back in 1953, I was six nearly seven, we had a street party in Brook Street in my home village of Thurmaston near Leicester. I remember having a sit down tea of sandwiches and cakes, all children were given a Coronation Mug and inside mine and my sister's was a Coronation Crown (Five Shilling Coin, 25p today). I remember being disappointed with the coin because other children had sweets or toffees in theirs and I thought it was a better deal at the time.

Unfortunately my Crown was stolen, we think by a family friend's daughter. We still have a Crown though as Margaret also received one, although she was ill in bed with measles!

Move on to 2014 when I was down in Dorset and visiting an antique emporium in Bridport, I found on a corner of a table two coins in plastic covers one of which was a Crown and it was a Coronation one! Showing some light ware, I bought it for £5 and it felt that someone was looking down on me and I had been reunited with my lost one!

For those that have not seen one, they are made of nickel silver, one and a half inches diameter (40mm) on the front is the Queen in uniform on horseback riding side saddle as depicted at Trooping of the Colour. On the reverse is a crown surrounded by four shields and emblems, one each for the four home nations, on the edge is a cross followed by the words; FAITH AND TRUTH I WILL BEAR UNTO YOU.

This means a great deal to me and also confirms the wonderful promise given and maintained by the Queen for over 70 years and a fine example to all of us as Christians.

Martin Dayman

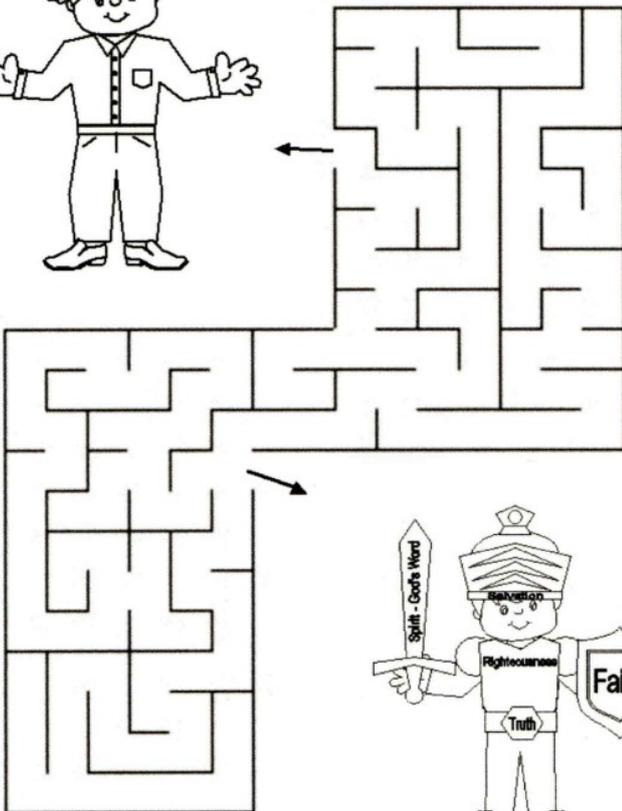
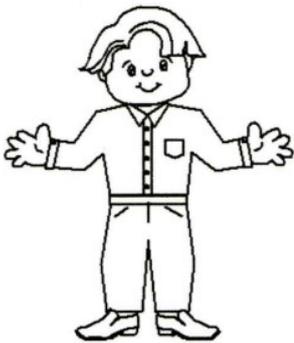
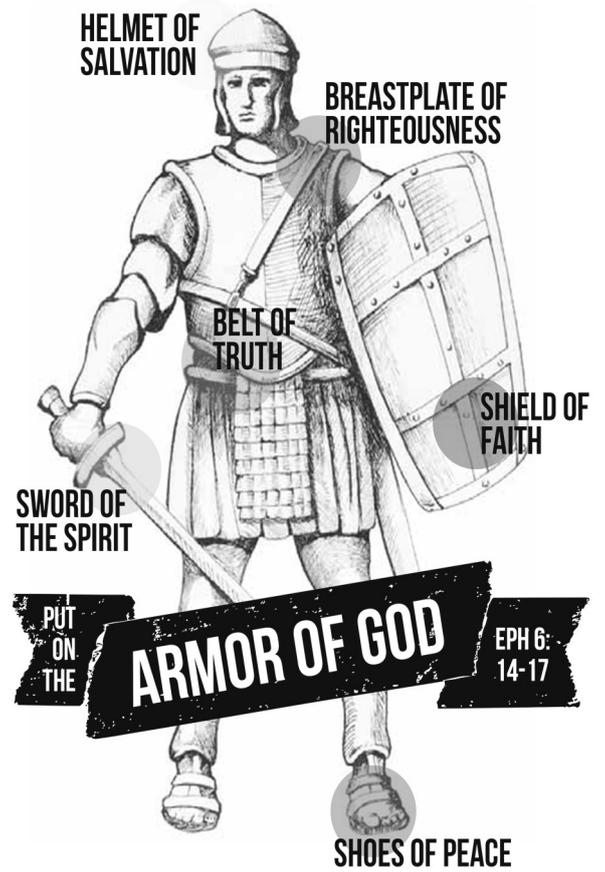
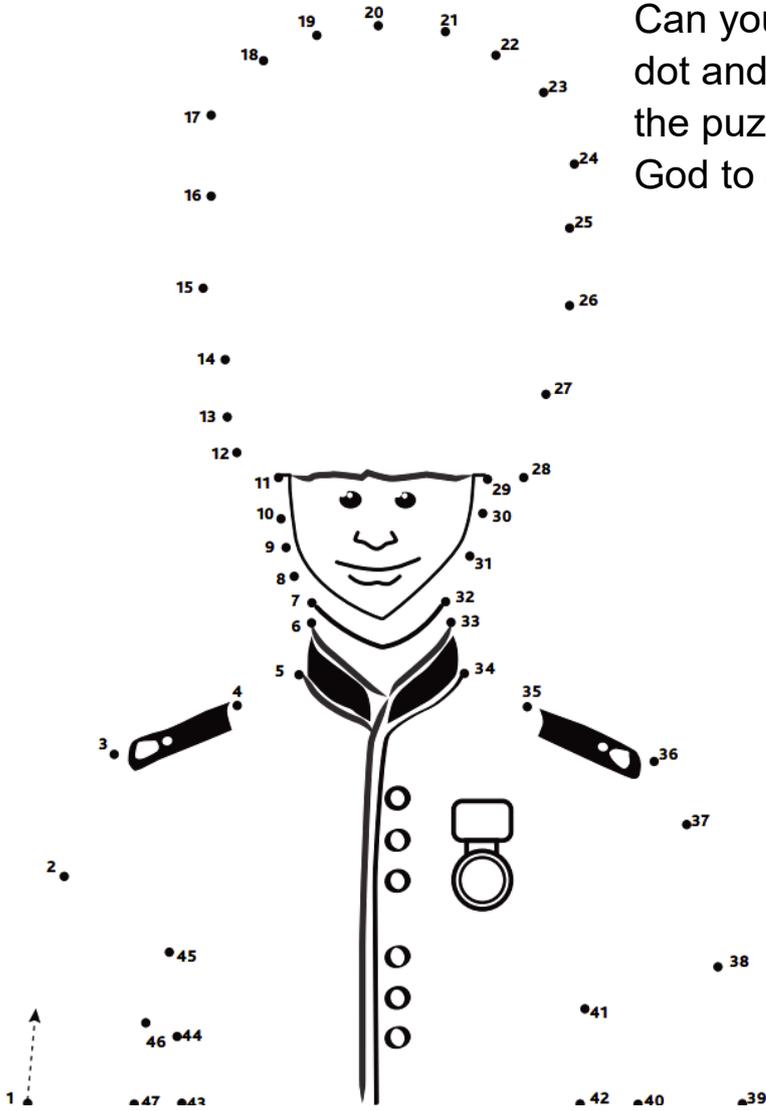
In 1953 the mayor of Shaftesbury, where I hail from, bought a coronation mug for every child born that year. In order to avoid any family wars he also bought them for their siblings.

I appeared to the world in August that year and the mug in the picture is definitely the longest surviving personal possession I will ever have.

Steve Davis



Can you complete the Queen's Guard dot to dot and then use the picture below to complete the puzzles about the armour given to us by God to guard against evil.



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# ROYAL VISITORS



Continuing with the theme of royal occasions, it is worth remembering that Mary, Queen of Scots visited and stayed at Edzell Castle over the 23/24 August 1562. There she convened the Scottish privy council. I suspect there was much feasting and festivity on that occasion. Similarly, Mary's son and successor, James VI also visited the castle as a teenager in June 1580, and again as a young man in August 1589. The reigns of these monarchs and the favour or patronage they showed to the Lindsay lords and Crawford earls were something of a high-water mark in the fortunes of Edzell Castle. And this can still be seen in the decorative ruins, surviving furnishings, and Jacobean walled garden. In time, the Lindsay family paid dearly for their loyalty to the Stewart dynasty when the last earl was



dispossessed of the Castle for his support of the Jacobite cause. Like the ancient House of Lindsay, we Christians too are the beneficiaries of royal favour in and through King Jesus. In him, we are members of the ultimate royal family. And he is ever with us and for us. In him, all God's promises are yes and amen. In him we not only have a wonderful heritage but in him, we have an even more glorious inheritance. And the good news is that nothing and no one can take it from us.



In Glen Mark we also find another memorial to a royal visitor to this area.

The Queen's Well Monument was there erected over a natural spring in 1861 in honour of Queen Victoria who stayed at nearby.

Invermark Lodge and who loved to hunt in the surrounding hills and valleys while living at Balmoral.

Similarly, our church building is a lasting memorial to King Jesus who offers to all the water of everlasting life (John 4:14). Additionally, our neighbouring parish of Fettercairn has its notable Romanesque arch which was also built as a memorial to the Prince Consort and to commemorate the visit of Queen Victoria and Albert that same year. This prompted thought on the symbolic arch in the Bible over God's throne in the Book of Revelation which the arched wings of the seraphim over the Mercy Seat in the Holy of Holies, found in the Old Testament Tabernacle and Temple, bore witness to. Let us, therefore, bow down and worship the King of kings and Lord of lords who leads his people in triumphal and joyous procession.



Wayne

### **Holy Land Pilgrimage**

7-16th October 2022

The trip is being organised through the Church of Scotland's Faith Impact Forum and will offer a fine balance between '*walking in the footsteps of Jesus*' (visiting the classic biblical sites etc.) and engaging with present-day local communities - Christian, Jewish and Moslem. Two nights will be spent at the Scots Hotel in Galilee and the remainder of the time at the Scots Guest House in Jerusalem. Flights are with Turkish Airlines from Edinburgh to Tel Aviv via Istanbul.

Please contact me should you wish to enquire further about the trip or to register interest.

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## JUBILEE RECIPE CORNER

Coronation Chicken was first prepared for the banquet for Queen Elizabeth's Coronation in 1953 by Rosemary Hume and Constance Spry. Here is the filling we all enjoyed in Bridge Rolls at our Jubilee lunch in June 2022.

### Coronation Chicken sandwich filling (Jane Saunders)



#### **INGREDIENTS** (serves 2)

150 grams cooked chicken	4 Tablespoons Mayo
3 dried Apricots	2 Tablespoons Greek Yoghurt
1 celery stick	1 ½ Tablespoons Curry paste (korma)
1 handful Watercress	1 ½ Tablespoons Mango Chutney
	1/8 teaspoon salt
	1/8 teaspoon black pepper
	1 ½ teaspoon lemon juice

#### **METHOD**

1. Dice chicken into very small pieces
2. Measure and mix together Mayo, Yoghurt, Curry Paste, Mango chutney, lemon juice, salt and pepper. (If chutney too chunky blitz briefly)
3. Dice celery finely.
4. Chop Apricots into small pieces.
5. Mix chicken, celery and apricots into sauce.
6. Place generous amount of filling on roll base, scatter with watercress, smear a little sauce on roll top to "glue" roll together.



### Jubilee Trifle

This delicious Trifle was "invented" this year for the Queens Jubilee celebration by Jemma Melvin and takes some expertise and around 4 hours to make and construct.

Here is the **CHEATS** version enjoyed at our recent celebratory lunch.

## **INGREDIENTS** ( 8 generous portions )

1 Lemon Swiss roll ( sourced at Lidl)	1 Orange jelly
2 tins mandarin oranges in juice	2 Tablespoons sugar
1 lemon (finely grated zest and juice)	2 Teaspoons cornflour
1 Tablespoon Lemon juice	
100 grams Amaretti biscuits (Gourmet Grocer)	
500ml readymade custard	300 ml double cream
100grams white chocolate	25 grams of mixed peel

## **METHOD**

1. Make up the jelly by melting the cubes in 200ml of boiling water, once completely melted stir in the drained juice of one of the tins of oranges and the zest and juice of the lemon then top up to 500 ml with cold water. Leave in the fridge until completely cold.
2. Melt white chocolate, spread onto baking paper, scatter over peel and press gently into chocolate. Place in fridge to set.
3. Slice lemon Swiss roll into 10 pieces and arrange over base and one row up sides of trifle bowl. (Looks good with straight sided bowl but does not affect the taste!)
4. Gently pour cooled jelly mixture over Swiss Roll and return to fridge to set.
5. Make the Mandarin Coulis ; put oranges from drained tin in a pan with sugar and lemon juice and heat gently. Stir and mash down a little then add the drained mandarin oranges from the second tin and “slurry” of corn flour mixed with 1 tablespoon cold water. This will quickly thicken a little; remove from heat and leave to cool.
6. Spoon Coulis over the set jelly and cake layer.
7. Closely pack the biscuits as next layer.
8. Pour over readymade custard
9. Whip cream until just holding its shape and spoon carefully over to cover the custard layer.
10. Cut/break chocolate into shards and push into the cream.

Chill in the fridge but remove for about an hour before enjoying!

*Thank you Alison for providing the recipes. Anyone who missed the Jubilee lunch can now enjoy the feast but alas have to make it themselves!*



Planting of the Jubilee Tree.



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