

A photograph of a cave entrance, viewed from inside looking out. The cave walls are dark and textured. Outside, a field of tall, thin grasses is visible against a bright, hazy sunset sky with orange and yellow tones. A simple wooden cross stands in the middle of the field. The overall mood is peaceful and spiritual.

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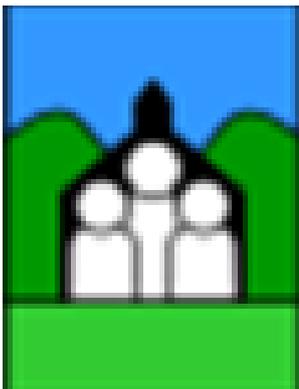
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From Your Minister

Message from the Manse

Dear All,

I hope that this magazine finds you well. We are pleased that we are now open again for in-person worship in our churches. It is good to be able to come together for worship and prayer. Easter falls this year on April the 4th, and thankfully things are now beginning to look a little more optimistic. The spring days are lengthening and nature is bursting forth back into life. As a nation we are seeing vaccines being rolled out to much of the population to suppress Covid 19 and restrictions are beginning to be lifted.

The Easter message is very much good news. When all looked hopeless and death seemed to triumph, God raised Jesus forth from the dead - to be alive for evermore. Victory was demonstrated over sin and death, and we can have joy knowing that Gods purposes are never defeated. We can rejoice knowing that death need not be the end if we trust in Christ as our saviour and Lord.

As churches we look forward to resuming our activities and trust that Christ is alongside us as we journey on ahead.

May you all have a blessed Easter season.

Rev`d Theo Corney

Points for Prayer

This is what the Lord says: Fear not for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. I, even I, am the Lord and apart from me there is no saviour.

Isaiah 43, v.1 & 11.

A meditation for the quiet moments

Let your God love you.
Be silent. Be still. Be alone.
Empty before your God
Say nothing. Ask nothing.
Be silent. Be still.

Let God look upon you. That is all.
He knows, He understands.
He loves you with an everlasting love.
He only wants to look upon you with his love.
Quiet. Still. Be. Let your God love you.

(Edwina Gately)

A year of 'lockdown' and still the virus rages throughout the world. Easter has come and passed before this Newsletter reaches you, but we are Easter people and live with the good news that Jesus is alive and because He lives we can face the future. No virus or pandemic can change the fact that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord. So, give thanks for that fact and let us count our blessings: for our National Health Service that still cares for us even when stretched to the limit, for the dedication of all those who care for others. For the skill and commitment of scientists who work tirelessly to produce the vaccine that will give us protection.

And hold each other in prayer so that although we have to be separated, we are not divided, and may come through this experience strengthened and equipped to serve in our congregations and communities.

Pat Guthrie



God's Love

(A French Allegory)

A poor lad once and a lad so trim
Gave his love to her who loved not him
And said she, "Bring me tonight, you rogue,
Your mother's heart to feed my dog"

To his mother's house went that young man,
Killed, cut out her heart and ran;
But as he was running, look you, he fell
And the heart rolled out on the ground as well.

And the lad as the heart was a rolling, heard
That the heart was speaking and this was the word,
The heart was weeping and crying so small,
"Are you hurt, my child, are you hurt at all?"

From cross Jesus said
"Father forgive them, for they know not what they do."
Luke 23:34

Provided by Rev. Jim Guthrie

James Laird McLachlan

4th November 1933 – 27th December 2018

This Pulpit Fall and Bible ribbons are donated to St Colmon Church by the congregation in memory of James McLachlan, known to everyone as “Jimmy”. They reflect some of the joys of Jimmy’s life, including the tradition he began as Head Gardener at Knockdolian when on the late Duchess’s first visit each year Jimmy picked a bunch of the first snowdrops for her.

Born and bred in Colmonell, Jimmy began his life of gardening aged fifteen and his faithful support of his local Church began with bell ringing and pumping the pipe organ bellows. Jimmy lived his Christian faith as an example to all and latterly went on to serve as Kirk Session Clerk, a role he held for thirty years, diligently and conscientiously, serving with four ministers.

Jimmy served his community in many ways, from the Fire Service and Community Council to the local Horticultural Society and Discussion Group and he also enjoyed many varied pastimes and hobbies; bowls, badminton, clay pigeon shooting, speaking at Burns Suppers, photography, quizzes, hill walking, camping, military, and local history. With his excellent command of language, he was a great raconteur of fascinating tales of the old days and its characters.

As an accomplished angler Jimmy was adept at “reading the water” and had an enviable gift for tying salmon flies such as the “General Practitioner”. Two of his creations can be seen on the Bible ribbons.

Above all Jimmy was a gifted gardener and lover of nature.

Gardening was Jimmy’s life and work, and his work was his hobby.

Looking at the Pulpit Fall we can remember Jimmy as a gentle, warm hearted, generous, and sincere man. A life enhancer with a wonderful sense of humour.



ST COLMON CHURCH FLOWERS

2021 ST COLMON CHURCH FLOWERS 2022

2021	2021	2022	2022
APRIL	JULY	OCTOBER	JANUARY
4th <i>EASTER</i>	4th	3rd	2nd
11th	11th	10th	9th
18th	18th	17th	16th
25th	25th	24th	23rd
		31st	30th
MAY	AUGUST	NOVEMBER	FEBRUARY
2nd	1st	7th	6th
9th	8th	14th	13th
16th	15th	21st	20th
23rd	22nd	28th	27th
30th	29th		
JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH
6th	5th	5th <i>Tree etc</i>	6th
13th	12th	12th <i>Tree etc</i>	13th
20th	19th	19th <i>Tree etc</i>	20th
27th	26th	26th <i>Tree etc</i>	27th

Spring is here again, and there is a new flower list at the back of the church. We have always been very grateful for all the contributions from the congregation. Please put your name down on any dates you would like to put a vase of flowers in the church.

Notices

Carol Sanford would like to thank everyone for their phone calls, cards and support during her time of bereavement.

We wish Alan, Barbara and Gina God`s richest blessings as they move to Luce Bay and thank them for their support of our churches over the years.



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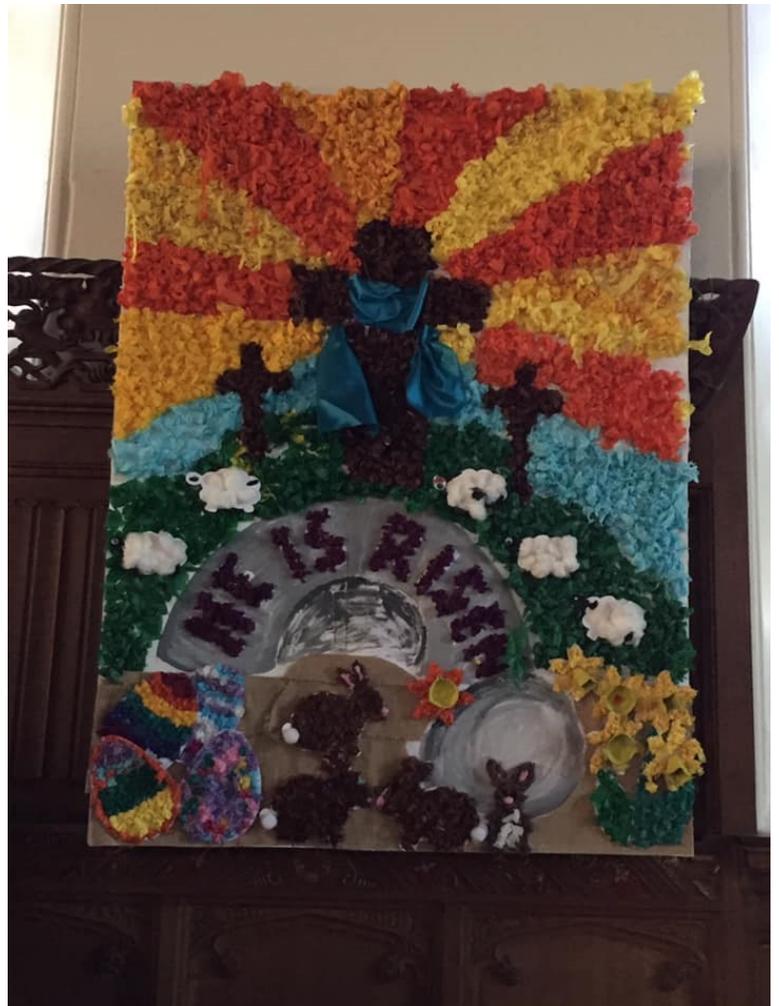
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Easter Sunday 2021



Thanks to Colmonell Primary School for the fabulous pictures to decorate our church. They were very much appreciated by everyone, great work!



*To our church family and friends at
St Colmon and Ballantrae*

First of all a huge thank you for your generous and unexpected gift and the lovely cards as we sadly leave the area it has been our privilege to call home for the last 12 years. After a roller coaster of a journey over the last 6 weeks we moved into a property overlooking Luce Bay - not where we expected to be when we began our moving journey almost 2 years ago. In fact we are in Stephen Ogston's parish.

We would like to thank you for your support and friendship, both personally and for our music ministry - we have many fond memories to treasure. We have made so many special relationships and trust we will stay in touch - we hope to drop in at a service when we can officially cross the border.

Our new address is Ellan Vannin, Auchenmalg, Glenluce. DG8 0JU - you are welcome any time.

We pray God's richest blessing on you.

With our love and best wishes,

Alan, Barbara and Gina

Jesus Rises Up

(John 20)

After Jesus died on the cross, His body was put inside a tomb. A heavy stone was placed in front of the opening. When Mary Magdalene went to His tomb, she saw that the stone had been rolled away. Jesus was not there!

Find the path that takes Mary to the tomb.



**HE HAS
RISEN!**

