

SARAH PEARCE, our much-loved church administrator, sadly died on Wednesday evening in the Rowans Hospice. We pray for Biff, Emma, Kirsten and all of Sarah's family at this sad time.

OUR ANNUAL MEETING will be held this coming Thursday, 19th April at 7pm in church. All are welcome.

QUIZ TIME: Sat 28th April 7pm for 7.30pm. (in Church Hall). Tickets £10 each still available. Fish and chip supper or alternatives, BYO drinks.

CHRISTIAN AID'S BIG BREKKIE: Sun 6th May 8.30 - 10.30 Please join us for bacon or egg baps, toast, tea & coffee in the church hall. Proceeds to Christian Aid

DIARY DATES:

Summer Festival: Sat 7th July 2018 12md-4pm.

Advent Fayre: Sat 1st December 2018 12md-3.30pm

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Mission of the Month: Barnabas Fund



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Welcome to our services today
Prayer Ministry is available during & after The 1030 Service
Please join us for refreshments after The 10.30 Service

Sunday 15th April 2018 - Easter 3

0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 2)
1030 The 10.30 Service (Holy Communion)
1800 The 6.00 Service

This Week's Activities

Tuesday 1930 Music & Worship Committee (in church)
Wednesday 0900 Morning Prayer
Thursday 1900 Annual Parish Meeting (in Church)
Friday 1415 Friday Friends
Saturday 0900 Church Cleaning
0900 'Who Let the Dads Out?'

Sunday 22nd April 2018 - Easter 4

0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 1)
1030 The 10.30 Service

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

COLLECT

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19

¹² When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. ¹⁴ You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. ¹⁵ You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶ By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see. ¹⁷ "Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. ¹⁸ But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: Luke 24:36b-48

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you O Lord

^{36b} Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' ³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, 'Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.'

⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, 'Do you have anything here to eat?' ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴ He said to them, 'This is what I told you while I was still with you: everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.' ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, 'This is what is written: the Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.' ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you O Christ