

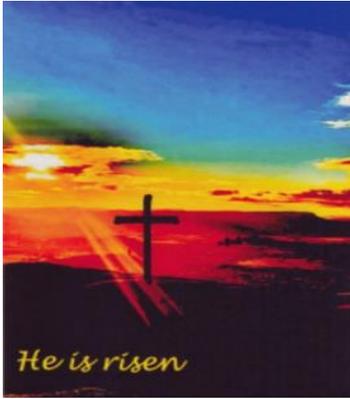


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## News from the Parish - March 2022

### Easter Services



Please join us during Holy Week – you’d be most welcome

Wednesday 13th	7.30pm	Dunbarney
Thursday 14th	7.30pm	Abernethy
Good Friday 15th	7.30pm	Forteviot
Easter Day	9.30 am	Forteviot

“Easter is coming and the geese are getting . . . .” Oh No! That’s wrong! That’s a rhyme for Christmas!!

But seriously, Spring is arriving and lambing is underway across our valley. Daffodils are blooming and the perennial shoots are starting to appear. With all the ghastly news in our headlines from across the globe we must not only respond with prayer (and whatever positive activities God leads us to in this time of trouble) we must also give thanks for all the blessings we have.



We shall be celebrating the risen Christ on Easter Sunday in Forteviot and we hope that we shall be joined in fellowship by as many folk as possible. We know that traditionally Easter brings opportunities for families and children to share in the bounty of the world and we plan to play our part in some small ways!



As you reflect on the changes in the Seasons, please remember that we have a Prayer Chain and a Shawl Ministry both of which provide opportunities to comfort and celebrate with folk - not just in our parish but across the world. If you know of people for whom prayer and/or a token of support\* might be encouraging please let us know.

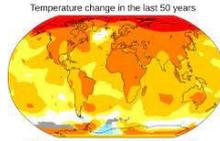
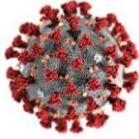
**Happy Easter - Christ is Risen!”**

\*Easter Chicks are going to be donated to Perth Prison Visitors Centre as well

## Message from Rev Sandy Gunn – our Locum Minister

Dear Friends

Easter 2019 saw us hoping for 20/20 vision in the year 2020. Since then a lot has happened:



the pandemic, COP26 and now the sad situation in Ukraine. In our global village, actions in one part of the village affect all. The consequences of these have shaken the relative security within which UK folk existed, whether through operations delayed, job uncertainty, education interrupted, price increase or haunted by a nuclear option.

Written to weary Christians the letter to the Hebrews speaks of **"receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken."** Jesus provides a secure basis for living as highlighted in events we celebrate soon -

**Palm Sunday** : tells us that Jesus Who had been a refugee in a war torn world, deliberately entered Jerusalem, weeping over it.

**Good Friday** : the cross marks the spot in history, when Jesus suffered once for sins to restore our relationship with God.

**Easter Day** : the evidence for the resurrection affirms Jesus' victory over death and evil.

When many feel shaky, weary or uncertain Jesus gives us good news to share - the cross and resurrection showing that each person is valuable to God, come what may, regardless of circumstances.

If one misses out on the good news of Jesus one devalues one's life! Accepting the good news means that we are part of God's team caring for individuals, for society and at an international level countering injustice, exploitation and trafficking. Christians are an Easter people!

If anyone would like to chat on the phone or face to face, don't hesitate to contact me on [sandygunn@btinternet.com](mailto:sandygunn@btinternet.com) or 01738 443216.

Prayerful good wishes

Sandy





**Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Forteviot Village Hall is planning a Platinum Picnic 2pm-5pm on Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup>. Activities and music are being planned and all are welcome to attend. More details nearer the time, as well as on their Facebook page and our website.**

**Presbytery Plan** – The Kirk session is awaiting a date when representatives from Planning & Development will come to talk to the Session about the plan and the way forward. We'll keep you updated as things unfold.

**When facing the dreadful situation in Ukraine, donating can still be done through The Reformed Church in Hungary Aid (a Church of Scotland partner)**



**Bank** RBS Church of Scotland No 1 Account      **Reference** RCHA donation  
**Account** 00134859      **Sort code** 83 06 08      *Please **gift aid** this if possible*

#### **HRCA's daily operation in numbers**

- Information requested: 1,474 persons
- Transport requested: 175 persons
- Accommodation requested: 106 persons
- Mental health assistance: 5 persons
- Medical care: 210 persons
- Meals, drinks: 1,159 persons
- Hygiene and childcare products: 364 persons
- Blankets: 142 persons



#### **Flag Iris**

*Karen Mooney*

Dug in, suppressed, yet holding on,  
they build an underground network  
from which they fight their way out.

Military green swords cut a swathe  
to stand guard over the principals  
whose lazuline folds encase a rising.

From darkness, they bring forth light,  
unfurl to expose a core of ripened gold,  
as they stake their claim to freedom.

## Q. What's happening in the Community Garden at Aberdalgie?

### A: We've been planting

**500** Snowdrop bulbs

**12** Apple, pear, plum  
and cherry trees, as part of the  
Queen's Green Canopy scheme



Headed by Jim Thomson  
from Dupplin Estate,  
**Perth Green  
Woodworkers**  
have started a new  
project.

As part of the Duke of  
Edinburgh Award  
Scheme students are  
learning how to make  
their own stools.

### A: They've been creating

Stools galore!



## Our Services are held at 09.30

### April

3rd Forteviot 10th Aberdalgie

24th Aberdalgie

For **Easter Services** see **the front page**

### May

1st Forteviot 8th Aberdalgie

15th Forteviot 22nd Aberdalgie

29th Forteviot



Please take time to visit our  
website and share its good  
news

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As well as keeping up to date with  
what's going on within the parish,  
each week you'll find a message from  
Sandy – both in video and written  
format – that links in with his sermon  
in the church.



### Contact us

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