

**ST EBBA'S  
SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
EYEMOUTH**

**April 2014**



**Times of worship**

Every Sunday: 11am Eucharist in church

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## Dear Friends

I was asked recently ‘What really matters in life’? For most of us, I suspect, that question only forces itself upon us at times of crisis or tragedy. Then we are made to question the values that really shape our lives. It is when we face painful issues, bereavement, a broken relationship, chronic illness, personal hurt over our actions or those of another, that we begin to reconsider the foundation of our lives.

It is when we find that our external supports begin to crumble that we discover the limitations of our inner resources. Such may also be the time when we become more truly the people we are.

Lent has always been offered as a time for re-examination; a time for us to make space to face the deeper questions in our lives, a time to stand back and look at where our security lies. It is a time to rebuild our inner resources by turning towards God; it is a time to re-order our priorities so that when the storms of life come we shall not flounder and that when we feel paralysed by the many pressures of life we find greater inner strength to cope.

Our culture today is mainly concerned with the external, the physical and the material. Human beings seem to be increasingly reduced to the level of a genetic machine. We have more to live with but less to live for. We have more meetings but less meeting; communications have never been better and relationships so bad. We live longer lives but not happier ones.

We need to give more attention to the things that belong to the spirit. We need to work at cultivating our relationship with God; we need to redirect our focus away from our self-centred preoccupations and towards the Lord and Giver of life. We need to look to Christ, to measure our human lives against His and to press ahead on our journey of discipleship.

It is in the examination of our lives and the offering of them

to God that we enter into deeper communion with Him, especially through prayer and worship. As we 'wait upon the Lord, we shall renew our strength' and find in Him a deep sense of joy and security that nothing in this world can take away.

May you be truly blessed in your search for what really matters in your life.

With love

David



### **THE GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE**

At the end of the Ministry Team Commissioning service on Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Bishop dedicated our new Garden of Remembrance. This is the small enclosed area along the church wall, covered with stone chippings, which may be used for the scattering of ashes after cremation.

Any member of St.Ebba's will have the right to have their ashes to be disposed of in the garden and the Vestry will consider extending this to others from the community of Eyemouth by individual request. A short service can be offered at the scattering of ashes if desired.

Because of the nature of this garden area, interment of caskets of ashes will not be possible, nor will be the mounting of memorial plaques on the church wall. Names will be recorded in the Burial Register kept in the Vestry for future reference.

It is hoped that people who wish to make use of this facility might make a donation for new shrubs and trees to be planted in other parts of the church grounds.

The Vestry would like to thank Richard Yeo for his work in making this Garden.

## APRIL DIARY

<b>Sun 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Passion Sunday</b> <b>LENT 5</b> 11am Eucharist (1982)
Readings	Ezekiel 37 vs 1- 14 Psalm 130 Romans 8 vs 6 –11 John 11 vs 1 – 45
<b>Sun 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b> <b>LENT 6</b> 11am Eucharist (1982)
Readings	Matthew 21 vs 1-11 (Liturgy of Palms) Isaiah 50 vs 4 – 9a Psalm 31 vs 9 –16 Philippians 2 vs 5 – 11 Matthew 26 vs 14 – 27.66
<b>Sun 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>EASTER DAY</b> 6.30 am Sunrise Service (outside the church) 11am Eucharist (1982)
Readings	Jeremiah 31 vs 1-6 Psalm 118 vs 1-2, 14-24 Colossians 3 vs 1-4 John 20 vs 1-18
<b>Sun 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>EASTER 2</b> 11am Eucharist (1970)
Readings	Acts 2 vs 14a, 22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1 vs 3-9 John 20 vs 19-31

**Leaders for April services will be:**

Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>	Joan Shelmerdine
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	Debbie Higson/ Richard Oldale
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Oldale (6am)
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	Debbie Higson (11am)
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	Joan Shelmerdine

**Intercessors and Readers – April**

	<b>Server</b>	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Reader</b>
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>	Joan Shelmerdine	Ernie Cox	Irene Morris
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	Debbie Higson	Noreen Thompson	tbc
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	Joan Shelmerdine	Sheila Cox	Ian Taylor
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	Joan Shelmerdine	Frankie Taylor	Simon Furness

**SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AT ST. EBBA'S**

Palm Sunday

11.00 am Eucharist (1982)dramatised reading of the Passion Gospel

Monday – Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion (in the Parsonage)

Maundy Thursday

7.30 pm Eucharist with Footwashing, Stripping of the Altar, and Watch

Good Friday

2.00 pm The Proclamation of the Cross

Easter Day

6.30 am Sunrise Service (outside the church)

11.00 am Festival Eucharist of the Resurrection (1982)

*For full details of the ecumenical services, please see elsewhere in the magazine*

*Decoration of the church for Easter will take place on Holy Saturday morning. All volunteers and donations of flowers welcome.*

*Contributions to the Diocesan Lent Appeal should be handed in at Easter or as soon as possible afterwards.*

*If you wish to receive a Home Communion at Easter, please contact one of the priests in the Ministry Team*

## ADVANCE DIARY DATES



**Saturday 10th May - CA Sponsored Walk**, Berwick to St. Abbs but you can choose your section. However if you start at Berwick Holiday Park you have to be able to walk to Marshall Meadows Caravan site as there is no vehicular access before that (and a helicopter is a bit expensive!) Frankie and Ian will be doing this walk, perhaps not all the way and if anyone else would like to join in, I have sponsor forms. You were very generous last year so I will be collecting signatures on 27th April once back from Australia.

**Sunday 11th May - Christian Aid Lunch**, Parish Church Hall 12.15 p.m.- 1.15 p.m. We've been asked to provide a couple of loaves of sandwiches so I will be taking names for that but see other options below. May I suggest that we don't have coffee in the Parsonage on this Sunday to encourage attendance at the lunch? There will be lots of nice soup.

**Saturday 17th May - Coffee Morning**, Masonic Hall for which we are asked for scones, cakes, raffle prizes and helpers.

**Street Collection**, same morning. If you're good at rattling cans and persuading shoppers to part with their change but not a baker, this could be for you! (This replaces house-to-house collections).

**Friday 20th June** - Concert with Raymond Williams and Friends - Coldingham Village Hall, evening. Tickets £8 includes refreshments.

# **EAST BERWICKSHIRE CHURCHES TOGETHER DIARY**

## MONTHLY

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 7.30pm: Bible Study Group, Eyemouth Parish Church Hall

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday at 8.30am: Prayer Breakfasts, Eyemouth Parish Church Hall

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 8.30-9am: Early Morning Prayer, Coldingham Priory

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday evening: EBCT Service, venues vary

## APRIL

2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> at 11am (coffee at 10.30): Lent Study & Meditation Group, St Ebba's Parsonage

13<sup>th</sup> at 8pm: Palm Praise, Eyemouth Mission

14<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm: Final Lent Study, Eyemouth Parish Church Hall

15<sup>th</sup> at 10am: Coffee Morning & 11.30am service, EU Church

16<sup>th</sup> at 10am: Catholic Mass, St Andrews, Eyemouth

16<sup>th</sup> at 11am: Coffee plus Reflection & Sharing, St Ebba's Parsonage

17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm: Maundy Thursday Service, Ayton Parish Church

17<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm: Maundy Thursday Service, St Ebba's Church

18<sup>th</sup> at 2- 3pm: Reflections, St Ebba's Church

18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm(tbc): Good Friday Reflection, Coldingham Priory

18<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm: Good Friday Service, Reston Parish Church

20<sup>th</sup> at 6.30am: Sunrise Service, outside St Ebba's Church

20<sup>th</sup> at 8am: Sunrise Service, Ayton Old Kirk

20<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am: Fellowship Breakfast, EU Church

20<sup>th</sup> at 11am: Eucharist at St Ebba's Church

20<sup>th</sup> time to be confirmed: Egg Rolling, beside Gunsgreen House

## EBCT EVENING SERVICES

April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm: Fishermen's Mission, Eyemouth

May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm: Coldingham Priory

June 8<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm: Burnmouth (tbc)

July 13<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm: St Ebba's

August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6.30pm: Service of the Sea, EU Church

September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm: tbc

October 12<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm: Eyemouth Parish church

November 9<sup>th</sup> : Remembrance Sunday, Eyemouth Parish Church

# The Bishop's Lent Appeal 2014

The Bishop's Lent Appeal for 2014 will provide valuable funding for two charities:

Waverley Care - Care and support to people living with HIV or Hepatitis C.

Waverley Care is the leading Scottish charity which, for 25 years, has been providing care and support to people living with HIV or Hepatitis C. At the start of Lent, the season of new beginnings, we will celebrate our own new start as we re-open our residential and outreach support centre, Waverley Care Milestone, after a long-overdue refurbishment. Through Milestone, we will work alongside those on the margins, those who are particularly vulnerable and isolated as a result of living with a stigmatised condition and who may be going through periods of ill health.

Anglican Church in Papua New Guinea - Support for the wives of over 250 Anglican priests.

Most of the 250+ Anglican priests in Papua New Guinea work in remote rural or coastal parishes, without electricity, roads and communication. Often working with little or no stipend and in areas with very limited cash, it is a constant challenge for the priest's family to buy essentials such as clothes, school fees, or paraffin for lighting.

Clergy wives have tough lives, being responsible for growing or finding the family's food; cooking; fetching water and firewood; marketing; child and elderly care. This is in addition to their work and leadership role with other women in the parish as the priest's wife. ACPNG's five bishops would like to provide each clergy wife with a hand sewing machine, together with simple training available from within the church's existing membership. A sewing machine costs c.£60, and enables the wife to sew garments for the family or for income-generation, make vestments and alter second-hand clothing, thereby contributing to the lifelong self-sufficiency of the whole family.

See more at <http://www.edinburgh.anglican.org>

## IDENTITY – WHO ARE WE?



This September sees the long-awaited Referendum on Scottish Independence. As that well-known Borderer, David Steele, said in a recent newspaper article, discussions about it seem to have gone “on and on and on”. There is danger that people have or will become bored with the whole subject, especially as many appear to have had made up their minds about the subject years ago and show no inclination to look again at the issues.

The Scots relationship with their English neighbours has never been simple, straightforward and easy to define as historians constantly remind us. Here in the south of Scotland, Borderers have both enjoyed the benefits or at other times suffered from a particular dynamic with their contemporaries in the central belt and in Northumberland. Every year we are reminded of this and sometimes re-enact this history in our local town festivals.

The Episcopal Church has likewise a chequered history vis-à-vis England. As a church we are deeply grounded in the history and culture of Scotland with roots going back before the Scottish Reformation to the early Celtic churches. We experienced years of persecution by the authorities because of our Jacobite (“separatist”) allegiances – and I discovered recently from their church noticeboard that one Rector at St. Andrew’s in Kelso, James Gray - was deposed by the Privy Council in 1689 because he refused to pray for King William whom he regarded as an unlawful sovereign.

We are not a branch of the Church of England, however much we enjoy fellowship with it as part of the worldwide Anglican Communion and often use its resources. We may be commonly badged “the English church” but nevertheless we are proud of our true title “the Scottish Episcopal Church”.

This has significance for us as we approach the Referendum which requires us as individuals to reflect on our identity (or

identities) as Scottish, English, British, European or whatever. What constitutes our identity – facts of birth or residence, or feelings of belonging and cultural/political sympathies? As a denomination we may be justly proud of our Scottish independence but as a local congregation how does that translate into the way we conduct our life and our mission? What “identity” in Eyemouth should our church of St. Ebba’s aspire to?

*Tim Morris*

### **OUTSIDE OUR BORDERS**

*This month Brian Payne leads us to a fairytale ruin in Northern Majorca*

The Balearic Island of Majorca, one of a group set in the western Mediterranean, is almost indelibly associated with package holidays of the cheap and cheerful variety. As in so many places accessible by a relatively short flight from Northern Europe, the farming of tourists has overtaken the more traditional cash crops –



and there is very little wrong with that if Majorcans get to eat and send their children to university.

The island is bounded along its western side by a high ridge line, running up to the Formentor peninsular. This latter place, steep sided, uncultivated, set about with scrub and cypress trees has become that haunt of the wealthy tourist. Peter Ustinov played Poirot in a film set in the uber-exclusive hotel at the most northern tip, and the selectivity of the clientele has not diminished.

Set high on the cliff, well away from the single road that runs up to the tip of the peninsular is the Castell Del Rei. It can only be approached from one side, as the cliff drops for near on a thousand feet below its tattered ramparts. To get there, you walk through thick woods, in which a number of clearings, with the circular plinths left by charcoal burners in times past.

The castle, last used in about 1715, is now a dramatic ruin. The site is isolated enough for the pottery that the defenders used over the centuries to be found in profusion on the slopes leading to the walls – no archaeological study has ever been made at the site. And this is the wonderful thing about the castle. It is a complete fairytale ruin. A single family own the ground and woods around it. To get permission to visit the castle, you apply for a permit at the local town Pollensa. It takes up to 4 days to get that granted. In Britain, a place of such historic interest and natural beauty would be at the end of a tarmac road, with car parks and a visitor centre. The cliffs would be fenced off, and the pottery would have long vanished, taken for souvenirs or tidied away on safety grounds. And the drama and excitement of the long walk through the woods – the anticipation of the first sight of the battlements would have been lost to the visitor forever.

The owning family, by leaving it to the determined explorer to find, have done something that is really altruistic – they have brought some further magic to that wonderful and exhilarating place.



## **HAS CHRISTIANITY A FUTURE?**

Although we may often be disheartened at the state of the Church, Christianity has achieved a great deal over the ages. Doctrines and practices have evolved over the centuries so that most people in Europe no longer believe in the rightness of slavery or in executing criminals even for petty crimes. Such advances have been won at great cost, thanks to the vision of Christians such as William Wilberforce and other people of good will.

Four hundred or more years ago, things were very different. Serfdom and slavery were commonly accepted and executions carried out, even for petty crimes. There were wars such as the Thirty Years War between the Roman Catholic and Protestant powers in 17<sup>th</sup> Century Europe. These islands have also suffered from much religious strife in the past. The tail-end of such

divisions may still be seen in parts of northern Ireland and elsewhere, but with increasing secularisation, such divisions may well decrease over time. (Some extreme Muslims may be at a similar stage to the Christianity of 400 years ago, but they also have enlightened modern theologians such as Mona Siddiqi of Edinburgh University). In recent times, great changes have occurred within the Church in its various forms. Pope John XXIII inaugurated the Second Vatican Council of 1963 which updated the Liturgy and opened up the Roman Church to other branches of Christianity and to the world. During the 1960s, Martin Luther King was leading the protests to give full civil rights to the black people in the United States – he paid for his faith with his life.

The moral authority of Pope John Paul II helped to show up the hypocrisies of many Communist regimes in Europe. The candlelit prayer vigils in the St Nicholas' Church in Leipzig in 1989 led to East Germans being allowed to travel abroad, and helped the downfall of the Iron Curtain. In the same year the protests against President Ceausescu's government, initially led by the ethnic Hungarian Pastor Laszlo Tökes in Timisoasara led to the collapse of the Romanian Communist regime. Many other examples could be given of movements and people who helped bring about change for the better, such as the freedom movements in South Africa and leaders like Nelson Mandela and Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

There are many signs of hope for the Church today. The Ecumenical Movement may have slowed down but agreements between denominations, such as the Porvoo Accord between Anglicans and Scandinavian Evangelical-Lutherans is a sign of an increasing desire for unity. In many places, churches are cooperating as never before. The election of Pope Francis has brought a breath of fresh air into the Roman Catholic Church which may well influence other denominations. Another sign of hope is the increasing role of women in the Church, although much remains to be done in that respect.

Recent Christian events in Eyemouth have been encouraging. Bishop John's recent visit to St Ebba's was one of

these and the good attendance at the World Day of Prayer Service, which showed that Christians of different backgrounds need to come together more. A vision for the Church in future centuries might be a greater sense of oneness between the denominations. For example there would be neither Protestant nor Catholic; we would all rejoice in the name of Christian. Denominations would exist, perhaps Universal Church, Roman Rite or Anglican Rite, etc and there would be much more intercommunion. Jesus did not pray for his disciples only “but for those who believe in me through their word.” (John 17:20,21). There is a future for Christianity in a secularised world.

*Ernie Cox*

**St Ebba’s Ministry Team**

The Ministry Team meets at 4pm on the 3<sup>RD</sup> Thurs of the month.

**EVENTS TO NOTE IN APRIL**

Scottish Federation of Congregational Churches Assembly  
Saturday 26 April at Eyemouth

Scottish Bible Society Small Group Bible Study Seminar  
Saturday 5 April 10am for 10.30 am – 12.30pm  
Southview Evangelical Church, Chirnside

Holy Island Away Day, Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April

**SITUATIONS VACANT – MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK**

Volunteers urgently needed for a rota to clean the Parsonage.  
Please contact any member of the Vestry if you can help.

## LAUGHTER LINES

### Kid's Quotes on Science



- You can listen to thunder after lightning and tell how close you came to getting hit. If you don't hear it, you got hit, so never mind.
- When they broke open molecules, they found they were only stuffed with atoms. But when they broke open atoms, they found them stuffed with explosions.
- Most books now say our sun is a star. But it still knows how to change into a sun in the daytime.
- Many dead animals of the past changed to fossils, others preferred to become oil.
- Vacuums are nothings. We only mention them to let them know we know they are there.
- We say the cause of perfume disappearing is evaporation. Evaporation gets blamed for a lot of things people forget to put the top on.
- I am not sure how clouds get formed. But the clouds know how to do it, and that is the important thing.
- It is so hot in some parts of the world that the people there have to live in other places.
- H<sub>2</sub>O is hot water, and CO<sub>2</sub> is cold water.
- To stop milk from turning sour, keep it in the cow.
- Vacuum: A large, empty space where the Pope lives.

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*If you are in hospital and would like us to know and/or to visit, under the current regulations you have to specifically ask the hospital to inform us.*



If you want to keep up with what's happening here and across the Borders, you will find the minutes of our own Vestry meetings and the Borders Area Council meeting in the files at the back of the church.

### **EDITOR'S NOTE:**

*Many thanks to all those who have contributed to another info-packed and interesting newsletter. Lots of great reads this month! Please hand copy for the next issue of the magazine to one of the Wardens or send to me at the address below **by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous month.***

*Thanks go also to Parish Pump, a website offering material for use in parish magazines and newsletters.*

*With best wishes for a joyful Easter, Pat*

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"It's not a quotation or sermon theme, it's just a warning about the low doorway"