



New Aberdour

SPRING 2019 NEWSLETTER



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Aberdour Parish Church
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SOUP AND SWEET
IN ABERDOUR PARISH HALL
SATURDAY 23RD MARCH 2019

FROM 12.00 – 2.00PM

ADMISSION: £4.00 Adult
£3.00 Children

RAFFLE



SPONSORED WALK BBQ AND FUN DAY

IN AND AROUND NEW ABERDOUR

SUNDAY 26TH MAY 2019

3.00PM ONWARDS

EVERYONE WELCOME

PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR DETAILS NEARER THE TIME

I suppose I could have
struggled through without
you, but thank heavens I
didn't have to.

The littlest kindnesses
repeated a thousand times
have the greatest value.

Psalm 145: 18 - 19
The Lord is close to all who
call on him, to all who call on
him in truth.

He grants the desires of
those who fear him, and he
hears their cries for help and
rescues them.

Looking forward into 2019 we have a good Calendar ahead

Church Services

Every Sunday Morning for Worship at 10.00am Everyone is very welcome.

Mothering Sunday Service 14th March 2019
To be led by; Mr John McColl

Palm Sunday Service 14th April 2019
To be led by: Mr Richard Sneddon

Easter Sunday Service 21st April 2019
To be led by: Mr Richard Sneddon

Communion Service Sunday 5th May 2019
To be led: Rev Fred Coutts

A warm welcome awaits anyone wishing to join us at any or all the Services and Groups. We also have a cup of tea/coffee and a piece at the end of the service held on the first Sunday of each month and following any special services. Please feel free to join us in fellowship at this time.

Church Groups

Guild

Guild meetings are currently held in the School community room. We meet the first Tuesday of the month from October – March
Tuesday 5th March 2019 Napkin folding – Mrs Edwina Flowers
Tuesday 26th March 2019 Scammers – Julie Galloway & Ewan Simpson

Singing Group

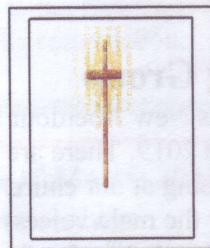
St Drostans New Aberdour Singing Group will be visiting Fraserburgh Hospital in 2019. There are also times when we learn new Songs and Hymns to sing at our church services. If you would like to join in (especially the male voices) you would be most welcome.

Sunday March 3rd for further details contact; Mrs Ruth Reekie
Sunday April 28th

Fact: did you know that the Cadburys cream egg goes on sale on the 1st January every year

Names in the Bible Word scramble

1. iashia
2. jsdua
3. nawder
4. bamraha
5. raachzaih
6. cjboa
7. imeah
8. entpseh
9. dudasteh
10. Ejsus
11. Utsti
12. Sosme
13. rgaha
14. romewtaohib
15. haejli
16. elekeiz
17. lenida
18. eihneamh
19. ewtamht
20. retep
21. selnhasiansto
22. kule
23. stiut
24. mronas
25. eviartolne



Why do we give things up during Let?

Many Christians will choose to abstain from certain foods the experience of Jesus Christ and his experience in the desert. Traditionally in the past Christians would fast during the forty days of Lent meaning they would only have one full meal a day and possibly two small snacks. Today lifestyles make this very difficult however some still choose to abstain from something in particular usually something they enjoy items like chocolate, cakes or wine. It is nearly always a luxury a visit to the hairdressers, nail bar, even meals out. It is also known that on occasions a Christian who wants to stop a habit takes advantage of the Lent period.

A story that changed History

More than 2,000 years ago a man called Jesus began telling people there was a better way to live. He was wise, loving and revolutionary.

But he claimed he had been sent by God and that did not go down at all well with the religious authorities.

Happiness is a healthy mental attitude, a grateful spirit, a clear conscience and a heart full of love.

Supplied by: A Gibson

Notice

The Minister announced that there was to be a short meeting at the back of the church of the Board at the end of the service.

Everyone concerned gathered round but to everyone's surprise there was a stranger in amongst.

The Minister asked politely if there was anything they could do to help?

The stranger replied you announced that there was a meeting for the board at the end of the service and in honesty after that service including the sermon I am as bored as everyone else here.

You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.

Supplied by: A Carmichael

Lent is one of the most important parts of the Christian Calendar

When is Lent in 2019?

Lent will begin on 6th March Ash Wednesday. It will come to an end on Thursday April 18th known as "Maundy Thursday" with the following day known as Good Friday. On this day we commemorate the Crucifixion of Christ.

What is Lent?

Lent is the six week period leading up to Easter Sunday. The actual length is 46 days however, 40 of these days are fasting days and six are the Sundays leading up to Easter.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini Easter".

The period of Lent is seen as a time of solemn observance and preparation for the celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter. From the start on Ash Wednesday until its conclusion on Easter Sunday, it has been a traditional time for fasting or giving something up.

Lent Begins the day after Shrove Tuesday this day is better known as "Pancake Day".

Good Friday is also a day of fasting.

The forty days represent the time Jesus spent in the wilderness enduring the temptation of Satan and getting ready for his ministry. It can also be seen to mirror the forty hours Jesus spent in the tomb before His resurrection.

Remember the Clocks Go Forward 1 Hour 30th March 2019
Fetching lighter mornings and darker evenings

At Easter we have chocolate eggs but many of us do not know why. We can go all the way back to the symbolic meaning that ancient civilisations attached to the humble egg. Early Egyptian and Hindu documents show that from many centuries before Christ, the egg was regarded as a strong symbol of fertility and rebirth. The egg having the shape it has holds the perfect shape an inside and an outside this allows us to give birth by cracking the egg and once hatched there is new beginnings and new life.

Christianity adopted this symbol and attached it to the most powerful moment: the discovery of Jesus resurrection. The egg became the symbol of Jesus tomb and cracking of its shell is recognised as Jesus breaking free from death.

It was in the medieval period that colour shells started to appear, when children would hold races rolling their eggs down a hill and the cracking would symbolise the Christian tradition of rebirth.

Over time the tradition of gifting eggs changed and in the nineteen century the upper classes broke away from gifting actual eggs and commissioned precious ones. Probably the most famous of precious eggs are designed by Fabergé

Money can buy many
things, good and evil. All
the wealth of the world
could not buy you a friend

Psalm 51: 10:

Create a pure heart in me
O God, and put a new and
loyal spirit within me.

Spring Cleaning

It is that time of year when we all want to clean up our homes and garden after the long winter months taking the debris from the garden and house that have accumulated during this time. Spring Cleaning does not have to be just around the home or work it can be done to include our spiritual needs. At this time of year the Bible encourages us to draw closer to God and allow our hearts and bodies to be cleansed.

Editor: I can hardly belief that we are into March already leaving Christmas and Hogmanay just a memory. Our gardens are racing into life due to the spell of unseasonal warm weather, confusing all the flora and fauna as well has ourselves, I have had to check myself a couple of times thinking for a second we were further on in the calendar. Spring is such a wonderful time of year a time of year we find ourselves planning ahead which may include our soup and sweet or our sponsored walk and family fun day. These are a good time for fellowship or renewing friendships we all try to keep in touch with each other but often during the winter darker days and cold weather we spend more time indoors huddled where it's warm. As we move towards the end of spring we will be getting ready to pack away our thick winter coats and possibly shed a layer of clothing in anticipation of the warmer days to come, looking forward to the next season of summer.

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us
Psalm 67: 1

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