

What a difference a day makes!

"Behold, I am making all things new!" Revelation 21.5

John ascribes these words to the Risen Jesus in the vision given to him while in exile on the Isle of Patmos. They express the freshness of possibility emanating from the One who has overcome all barriers and opened the door to life in all abundance. They echo the words of Isaiah in his own vision, which took place several hundred years earlier, likening the Lord's intentions for his people to a desert bursting into bloom. Both visions, before and after the event, give expression to the impact of Jesus' resurrection.

Imagine the sensations of Jesus' family and friends, waking up on the first Easter Monday. How different to their fear and grief of 24 hours earlier.

Many will feel as if we are living through a nightmare. For Christians anyway, Easter was an encouraging reminder that God can transform the bleakest of situations - and literally overnight! In the meantime, we are sustained by extraordinary stories of service and heroism and imagination and cooperation, which the present emergency is evoking. It begs the question: when this is all over, what sort of world, what sort of society, what sort of church are you looking forward to waking up to?

Your Minister and friend,

Rory MacLeod



Need prayer or someone to pray with you?

Email Mary Fennell 1995gideon@gmail.com

Need to talk? Questions about the Christian faith

Contact the minister, who will find the right person to speak to you. Details are on the back page.

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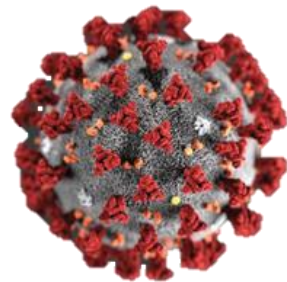
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Skye is a Charity
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CORONAVIRUS PROCEDURES

Church Provision

Spring 2020



Due to the Coronavirus, all planned group activities have been cancelled to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We are meeting through Zoom, putting up daily blogs on the website, and updating facebook regularly. We will try to keep people updated on each church through e-mail. If you currently do not get church e-mails, please let us know so that we can add you to the list. E-mail Lesleyinskye@yahoo.co.uk to get added onto the Broadford/Kyleakin/Elgol lists, or strathandsleat@gmail.com for the Kilmore list.

If you are not on the internet, please let us know, and we will maintain contact through telephone. You can still join the Zoom LIVE BY RINGING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS JUST BEFORE THE START OF THE SERVICE – enter the ID number and password when prompted (and remember to only 'un-mute' your phone if you are asked to)

0131 460 1196 OR 0203 481 5237 OR 0203 481 5240

11am Morning Worship: Meeting ID: 173 461 111 Password: 458436

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3pm Gaelic service: Meeting ID: 995 750 933 & Password: 601375

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6pm Fellowship: Meeting ID: 660 693 462 & Password: 389583

What about my weekly offering?

Thanks to all who continue to or have started giving through standing order, and we ask that you **continue to do so**. If you previously donated by weekly envelope / open plate we now encourage each of you to consider setting up a Standing Order. Our outgoings will continue as before so it is imperative that church giving continues, if at all possible. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND at this time that a lot of people may be affected by the downturn in the tourist industry, so we ask that you **give what you can**. Please e-mail Margaret, if you are not able to set up a standing order, but would like to give.

The bank details you will need are **Strath & Sleat Church of Scotland**

Sort code: **80-05-83**

Account number: **00930508**

PALM SUNDAY CHILDREN'S TALK



In John 8:12 Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life."

On Palm Sunday the children's talk was about why we call the day that Jesus died 'GOOD' Friday. Sin brought darkness into the world and meant we were separated from God. So we call the day we remember that Jesus died on the cross 'GOOD' because it's how Jesus brought light into the darkness. When Jesus died on the cross, he was taking the punishment that should have been for us, for our sin. So now, if we choose to say 'sorry' and choose to follow Jesus, we are forgiven.

To remind us of this, we made crosses where the only way the light can shine through the darkness is through the cross. Thank you to everyone who sent me a photo of the crosses of light that they'd made and put in their windows.

How lovely are the promises of Spring
 When life returns to animate each thing
 And man freed from his winter discontent
 Breathes in the air the coming summer's scent
 And thanks his Maker
 And thanks his Maker.

Each little flower - each little fragile head
 Springs in due season from primeval bed
 How can these tender blooms the hard earth
 pierce?
 Clasped in the ice cold hand of winter fierce
 Obeying their Maker?
 Obeying their Maker?

RESURGENCE

*A Poem by Helen MacRae
 (composed February 1975)*



List to the birdsong come again unbidd'n
 Where in harsh Winter have these songbirds hidd'n
 Such melodies - receptive ears enquire
 Are these the preludes of a heavenly choir
 Praising their Maker
 Praising their Maker.

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Regular meetings and services are postponed until further notice. If you are self-isolating, let us know how we can help:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Picking up shopping | <input type="checkbox"/> Posting mail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A friendly phone call | <input type="checkbox"/> Urgent supplies |

Contact your local elder or minister below.

Coronavirus is contagious. Please take every precaution to ensure you are spreading only kindness. Avoid physical contact (2m distance). Wash your hands regularly. Items should be left on your doorstep.

#ViralKindness

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