

**Sunday 15 April 2018**

**Easter 3**

**10.30am Celebrating Communion**

Preacher: Stuart Robertson

Readings: Acts 3:12-19

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48

### Notices

**Ladies' Tea Party 2018 Saturday 26th May, 3pm – 5pm.**

Please keep this date free in your diaries and invite family and friends. More information nearer the time.

**Next meeting of the Altar Panel Group**

The revised date is **Monday 23 April, 7.35pm** in the downstairs Meeting Room.

**Quiet Space for silent prayer**

The next Quiet Space is on **Saturday 14 April** at Bill and Jenny Brockie's house, 31 Hollybank Terrace, EH11 1SP, **at 9.45am.**

**The next Newsletter**

The copy deadline for the next Newsletter, which covers May and June, is **Sunday 22 April.** Please let David have copy by then.

**Bishop John's Lent Appeal**

This year's appeal supports two charities which, in their contrasting ways, offer healing and wholeness. **EMMS International** is well known for its outstanding work in bringing hope and love to people in the world's poorest countries who cannot afford medical care. **Edinburgh Rape Crisis Centre** aims to 'be there' in the immediate aftermath of rape or abuse and to help victims and their families rebuild their lives. If you would like to give money, please place it in an envelope marked "Bishop's Lent Appeal" and put it in the collection plate.

**The Second Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday 8 April 2018**

*Preacher: William Mounsey*

*President: David Warnes*



*Living out faith in our community  
through prayer, reflection and action*

**Collect for the Second Sunday of Easter**

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**New Testament Reading: Acts 4:32-35** *read by Susan Warnes*

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

**Psalm 133**

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

**It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.**

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

**For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.**

**New Testament Reading: 1 John 1:1-2.2** *read by Susan Warnes*

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

**Gospel: John 20:19-31** *read by Walter Savory*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The closing date for applications for the post of Rector is Monday 30 April, and interviews are planned for Monday 14 May.

Please keep all involved in this process of discernment in your prayers.

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