

# **Cathedral News**

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# ***Who's Who at the Cathedral***

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# From Bishop Ian

Dear friends,

What is this thing we call Holy Week and the special days celebrated then? It is the last week of the 40- day season of Lent, the week before Easter Day. In Holy Week we focus on the last week of Jesus' life, especially his Passion and Resurrection.

Palm Sunday is the commemoration of our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem five days before his Crucifixion. But the service on Palm Sunday has a dual focus. It begins with a joyful procession with palms to remember

Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, described in the Gospels. The hymns, prayers, and readings also reflect this joy. But then the service moves on to look towards the Passion - Jesus' suffering and death. The whole Passion story is read or sung, usually with the congregation joining in, taking the part of the crowd.



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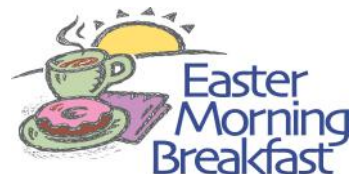
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Maundy Thursday remembers the events in the upper room the night before Jesus died. The name maundy comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, a commandment, and the service remembers the words of Jesus, 'A new commandment I give you, love one another as I have loved you'. The Eucharist or Communion service remembers the very night when Jesus, at the Last Supper, commanded us to 'do this in remembrance of me.' At the end of the service, the altar is stripped in preparation for Good Friday. This symbolises Jesus being stripped of his garments by the soldiers before his Crucifixion. But the service also remembers Jesus washing his disciples' feet, as the priest washes the feet of some of the congregation (it is not compulsory for all!).

Good Friday is the day when Christians have always remembered Jesus' Passion, his arrest and trial, his Crucifixion and death. The service includes the reading of the whole Passion once more, as on Palm Sunday, and a time of silence as the Cross is placed in the centre of the cathedral. Then, at the Veneration of the Cross, we are invited to come forward, as we do at Communion, and stand for a moment at the Cross, or touch it with a hand, or kiss it, as we lay our hurts, our doubts, our sins, our prayers for others, on the Cross with Jesus. Then we receive Communion from the Sacrament blessed on Maundy Thursday, and the service ends in silence.

Easter Day is the climax of Holy Week, in fact of the whole Christian year and the centre of Christian faith, as we celebrate Jesus rising from the dead. The word Easter, like the German *Ostern*, refers to the sun rising each morning in the east, a sign of a new day, just as the Resurrection of Jesus is the sign of new life, eternal life, that comes through him. Christians have usually lit a new fire, and then a special candle (the Paschal Candle) in the darkness of Saturday night or early Sunday morning, as a symbol of God bringing life out of death at Easter. The Easter Vigil, very early on Sunday morning, starts like this, and goes on to renew our Baptism and to celebrate the first Eucharist or Communion of Easter. It is an exciting and dramatic service, worth getting up very early in the morning, just as the women went to the tomb early that morning and found it empty. Those who make it to the Easter Vigil are welcome to stay for breakfast and coffee afterwards!

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# *Readings and Collects for March*

## **Third Sunday of Lent - 3 March**

**Collect:** Merciful Father, we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: when we are discouraged by our weakness, give us strength to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

**Readings:** Exodus 20.1-17, Psalm 9, 1 Corinthians 1.18-25, John 2.13-22

## **Fourth Sunday of Lent - 10 March**

**Collect:** Almighty God, grant that we, who are weighed down by our sins, may be relieved and encouraged by your grace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

**Readings:** Numbers 21.4-9, Psalm 107.1-3,17-22, Ephesians 2.1-10, John 3.14-21

## **Passion Sunday - 17 March**

**Collect:** Merciful God, look upon your family as we travel to the foot of the cross: and, by your great goodness, guide us in body; that, by your protection, we may also be preserved in heart and mind; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

**Readings:** Jeremiah 31.31-34, Psalm 51.1-13, Hebrews 5.5-10, John 12.20-33

## **Palm Sunday - 24 March**

**Collect at the Liturgy of the Palms:** Assist us mercifully with your help, Lord God of our salvation: that we may enter with joy into the celebration of those mighty acts whereby you give us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

**Reading:** John 12.12-16

**Collect at the Liturgy of the Passion:** Almighty God, who, in your tender love for the human race, sent your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his passion, and also, be made partakers of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

**Readings:** Isaiah 50.4-9a, Psalm 31.9-16, Philippians 2.5-11, Mark 14.1-15.47

### **Maundy Thursday - 28 March**

**Collect:** O God our Father, as you invite us to share in the supper that your Son gave to his Church to proclaim his death until he comes: inspire us by his service. And unite us in his love; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

**Readings:** Exodus 12.1-4(5-10)11-14, Psalm 116.1,10-17, 1 Corinthians 1.23-26, John 13.1-17,31b-35

### **Good Friday - 29 March**

**Collect:** Almighty Father, look with mercy on this your family: for which our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, given up into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

**Readings:** Isaiah 52.13-53.12, Psalm 22, Hebrews 10.16-25, John 18.1-19.42

### **Easter Day - 31 March**

**Collect:** Almighty God, who, through your Son, Jesus Christ, have overcome death and opened the gates of eternal life: grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of his resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

**Readings:** Acts 10.34-43, Psalm 118.1-2,14-24, 1 Corinthians 15.1-11, John 20.1-18

### **Second Sunday of Easter - 7 April**

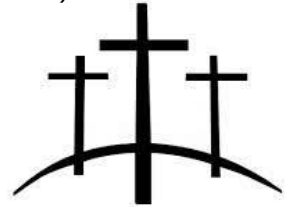
**Collect:** Almighty God: in your great goodness, grant that we, as pilgrims

through the Easter mysteries, may hold them fast in our lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

**Readings:** Acts 4.32-35, Psalm 133, 1 John 1.1-2.2, John 20.19-31

## St Ninian's Cathedral Holy Week and Easter March 2024

<b>Palm Sunday 24th March</b>	11am Sung Eucharist <i>with</i> Blessing of Palms 3.30pm Fauré Requiem (Cathedral Choir)
<b>Tuesday 26th</b>	7pm Stations of the Cross
<b>Wednesday 27th</b>	11am Holy Communion
<b>Maundy Thursday 28th</b>	11am Chrism Mass <i>with</i> Blessing of the Oils 7pm Eucharist of the Last Supper <i>with</i> Washing of Feet
<b>Good Friday 29th</b>	10am Liturgy of the Passion <i>with</i> Veneration of the Cross
<b>Easter Day 31st March</b>	6.30am The Easter Vigil <i>with</i> New Fire and Eucharist <i>(breakfast after)</i> 11am Sung Eucharist of Easter <i>with</i> Renewal of Baptism



## **Don't Forget!**

**The clocks go forward one hour on Easter morning...which means that the 6.30am service (the Easter Vigil) is actually 5.30 in old money!**

## **Candlemas Sayings**

Bishop Ian preached at the Candlemas service on 4 February and quoted an old saying, something along the lines of 'If Candlemas Day be fair and bright, winter will have another fight. If Candlemas Day brings cloud and rain, winter won't come again.' Mrs Editor pricked up her ears at this, having been told the exact opposite by her Highland mother: 'If Candlemas be bright and fair, half the winter's gone and mair.' Which one are you familiar with? Do let the editor know!

# What's Been Going On?

## Pancake Party

The late, lamented Provost Hunter, who over the years has cooked hundreds of pancakes (with some assistance, it has to be said), would have been proud of his pancake legacy! A good number of the congregation, plus friends, turned up in the Chapter House on Shrove Tuesday to enjoy a feast of pancakes and a veritable Olympic Games of pancake tossing. The evening was ably hosted by Jamie Gardner. Huge thanks to everyone who came along, who set up the tables and put them away, the washer-uppers and especially to Wendy and Margaret Barker who spent the morning mixing batter and frying. Thanks too to the photographers, especially Raymond Borley for his action shots!





## Happy Birthday!



Many happy returns to the ever cheery Penny Fenwick who recently celebrated a significant birthday with the obligatory cake in the Chapter House.



And a very happy birthday too to cathedral manager, Chris Ahern who has also celebrated a significant birthday in the past month. Many thanks to Christopher and Wendy for the photos.



## Bishop Marinez Bassotto



The bishop of our twin diocese of Amazonia, and indeed the Primate of the Anglican Episcopal Church in Brazil, Bishop Marinez Bassotto, joined us in the cathedral on 4 February and preached at the Choral Evensong. The bishop was, of course, honoured with a cake and Christopher was there to record the occasion. She is pictured left with Bishop Ian and below with the 'Save the Amazon' wristbands she gave out to the congregation. In the blue robes in the choir are some of the Strathallan choristers who sang with the cathedral choir. At the reception afterwards, choir member Genny Duncan mentioned to Bishop Marinez

that she had spent part of her gap year in Pelotas, which was then our twin diocese, in southern Brazil. The bishop replied saying that she had grown up in Pelotas and they actually knew several people in common, mainly from the Pelotas cathedral community. Quite a coincidence, bearing in mind that the population of Brazil is around 215 million!



## Canon Hunter

At the same service on 4 February our late provost was made a canon of the cathedral. It's always tempting to say that Hunter was canonised but that might be looking a little too far ahead! This is a very fitting recognition of his 24 years with us and it's good to know he will now always have a connection with this cathedral which he served so faithfully. Hunter was snapped by Christopher just after he had divested himself of his canon's robes.



## Choir News

On Palm Sunday, 24 March, at 3.00pm the cathedral choir will sing the Requiem (op. 48) by Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924). It was written in memory of his father, who died in 1885, and was also sung in memory of his mother who died three years later. The work does not have the outbursts of hysteria of Verdi's nor the spectacular orchestral effects of Berlioz's, being more intimate in style, removing the feelings of torment in other Requiems and replacing them with a sense of tranquillity and rest.

In our performance the seven sections will be interspersed with readings, meditating on the Passion of Christ. Soloists will be Moira Docherty from Tayside Opera and Alister Allan from our own choir.

The choir will also be busy singing during Holy Week.

## Cover Photo

Spring sunshine illuminates flowers on the editor's kitchen table, and in so doing seems to create the shadow of a cross. All very Easter-ish!

# The Cathedral Garden



Following John Blackie's departure for pastures new at the end of 2023, it is nice to be able to record the appointment of David Martin-Smith as the cathedral's new gardener. With spring already marked by the appearance of snowdrops and daffodils, he has been hard at work raking up leaves and preparing the garden for the coming year. If you are thinking that his face looks familiar, this is because David also sings as a tenor in the cathedral choir.

*Christopher Dingwall*

## Contemplative Creative Day

On Saturday 27 January a Contemplative Creative Day was held in the Chapter House. The theme for the day was 'Patterns' based on two scripture verses -

'Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.' Romans 12.2 and 'You lead me down the right path that unwinds in the pattern of your name.' Psalm 23.3 (Norman Fischer translation)

Thirteen people took part, six from the cathedral congregation and seven from outwith the cathedral. Some people had done workshops like this before but for others it was their first time. A rich variety of creative artworks and poems were produced by the participants as they prayerfully expressed their contemplation on the theme. Thank you to all who took part.

*Margot Dunnachie*

*And thank you to Margot for organising it. She also kindly sent in the photos on the opposite page - studies in intense contemplation!*



## **Warm Spaces**

The warm spaces team have been hard at work on Mondays since the autumn and are looking forward to finishing at Easter. Two of the team - Carmen and Irene - are pictured here, pinnies on and ready to serve tea, coffee, biscuits and excellent toasties, all provided by a Council grant. Do come along to the Chapter House, 11.00 - 3.00, for good conversation and a great lunch!



# Flowers



The cheery restorative power of flowers is remarkable. A couple of bunches of daffodils placed by the leaflet stand is all it takes to give the cloisters a lift. The flower team has been somewhat in abeyance since Covid - and advancing years have taken their toll too - though they have done wondrous things for special occasions. Would anyone be interested in joining the team, with a view to having more flower arrangements at regular Sunday services? Please do let the editor know and he'll pass on names. Meanwhile Easter is coming and the flower team will be gathering on Easter Saturday morning, as they have done in previous years, to decorate our beautiful cathedral for the greatest festival in the church calendar.

## Christian Aid News

### Turkey-Syria Earthquake: One Year after Disaster

#### Life before the earthquake

Even before this devastating earthquake, there were over 4 million adults and children in need of aid in Northwest Syria - that's over 8 in 10 people. According to the UN OCHA, the area is home to nearly 3 million people who have been displaced by the long-standing conflict in Syria.

- \* Nearly 2 million of these people are still living in camps with limited predictable access to heating, clean water or other necessities.
- \* Around 80% of these people are women and children, who are particularly vulnerable and often face further brutality like gender-based violence.

#### Our initial response

Once the disaster struck, a rescue operation was rapidly launched across much of southern Turkey and northern Syria.

The initial disaster response focused on supporting immediate needs, which mainly included food kits and cash in the first few months. This was followed by humanitarian support through protection, education and community-led approaches.

Working through local partners, and with funding from several donors, Christian Aid has been able to reach more than 105,500 people badly impacted by the earthquake, including many who saw their homes destroyed or badly damaged. Christian Aid aims to reach almost 289,500 more people by the time our projects in the area are complete.



After nine months, the focus of our humanitarian aid shifted to building community resilience. This included support for women through women's centres that provide economic opportunities, legal awareness, and educational, protection and skills support, along with small business grants for the wider community. Christian Aid's partners also helped the rebuilding of schools and roads.

### **Our ongoing response**

Though the earthquake has passed, the crisis is far from over. Hundreds of thousands of people across Syria and Turkey will continue to face the impact of the flood for many years to come. Though we were able to help fulfill the immediate and essentials needs, we know that our focus now must turn to battling the ongoing impact and rebuilding the community.

During the summer of 2023, we turned our attention to child protection. We began creating safe spaces for children in the area, helping them work through the devastating scenes they witnessed and regain their childhood. Working with our partner Hurras Network (Child Guardians), a child protection agency, we created a child-friendly space where they can provide one-to-one educational and emotional support. In total, 4,000 children attend these safe spaces and are able to take part in fun activities designed to help reduce stress levels and promote the well-being of children.

*From the Christian Aid website, February 2024.*



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# BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL 2024

## RAY OF HOPE



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# BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL 2024

**Ensuring Lasting Change for women, young girls and children in  
ASHAKIRAN - RAY of HOPE**  
A Project of the Cathedral Relief Service - Diocese of Calcutta

**Bishop Ian writes:**

When in Kolkata, India, in December 2023 as a guest of the Diocese of Calcutta, I visited some of Cathedral Relief Service's projects in the poorest areas of the city. I met women whose lives had been transformed by learning skills in sewing and embroidery. Now they could use these skills to earn their living, instead of being forced into poverty, and many into prostitution.

I received a gift of bishop's vestments made by the women of Nari Dana, a precious reminder to me of this life-changing project. Please support my Bishop's Lent Appeal with your gift, and help 'Ray of Hope' to bring Nari Dana to Ashakiran.

**Rig David, Director of Cathedral Relief Service, Kolkata, writes:**

Kolkata has widely spread slums, including Ashakiran, where families have very little income and many mouths to feed. Lack of skills for men and women results in lack of jobs, and so poverty. Children do not get to complete school, especially girls, who must work to shoulder the burden of family life. Many women and young girls are sexually abused and forced into prostitution to earn a living.

Cathedral Relief Service, through its Nari Dana ("Women's Wings") project, works with women's groups to ensure that women and girls at risk are trained in tailoring and embroidery skills, in order to make a livelihood so that they can have a bright and confident future. 'Ray of Hope's' aim, fully endorsed by the Bishop of Calcutta, is to set up Nari Dana for women and girls in Ashakiran.

Thank you for your donations and support, which will enable the young women to grow in confidence and to build a future for themselves.

More information at <http://www.cathedralreliefservice.net/activities/women/>

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# ***My dear Mum and Dementia***

It is always sad when our parents get older and, as they said then, 'begin to lose their marbles!'

My father was already in a care home, while my mother continued to live in their apartment, cared for by my sister Maureen, who also lived in a separate apartment in the same building. My sister had commented from time to time on Mum's growing forgetfulness, but I hadn't really paid serious attention to it until I was on one of my visits.

It was a fair old drive from Methven to Great Malvern in Worcestershire, about eight hours, but I always knew I would get a warm welcome from dear Mum. Having walked my dog (yes, it was the young Brandy!) and unloaded everything, I sat down and had a good old chat with her. In the evening I went out and bought a Chinese takeaway for us both, and she really enjoyed that. It had been a long day, as I had started driving at 4.00am, so gratefully retired to bed and was fast asleep before my head hit the pillow.

It was about midnight when I eventually came to and heard the piercing sound of the smoke alarm bleeping away. I got out of bed and entered a smoke-filled lounge. I moved quickly through to the kitchen where I found a gas ring still aflame, heating a now dried-out saucepan with charred chicken bones stuck to the bottom.

I switched off the gas ring and got on a chair to switch off the smoke alarm; of course, I couldn't find any switch, so I took the casing off to remove the batteries, when my sister walked in with Mum! Well, dear Mum had forgotten to turn off the gas before she went to bed. No harm done, but the smell lasted for weeks!

There were various other incidents throughout the week. I had arranged with Dad's care home that I could set up my speakers, amplifier, and associated kit (which I had brought down from Methven), to sing for Dad in the gardens (it was summer). Mum had been fully briefed, so I set off to set up my equipment and have a quick rehearsal, promising Mum that I would return to pick her up in the afternoon.

When I arrived back at the apartment to pick up Mum, I found her with a lady friend who had arranged to take her out for the afternoon! Mum was in complete denial that I had spoken to her about our visit to Dad that afternoon. Oh dear!

At the weekend just prior to my departure for Scotland, Mum had offered Maureen and me a cooked lunch which we gratefully accepted. Mum wouldn't have us in the kitchen, so we laid the table, put on some nice music, and waited. There were some grumblings coming from the kitchen, so we went in to find saucepans merrily boiling away and Mum looking perplexed and annoyed. 'I can't find the joint,' she explained. After some serious searching we couldn't find it either, so we cracked open a tin of corned beef, thanked Mum very much and cleared away.

A few days later, after I had returned to Methven, I received an email from my sister which announced that the missing Sunday joint had been found...in the tumble dryer!

Such were the first signs of dementia, and whilst we saw the humorous side of things, dear Mum was *compos mentis* enough to realise that things were not right. As time went on she was becoming increasingly frustrated, so I wrote a poem for her called 'Pastures Green'.

Some years later she passed away and, unbeknown to me, had requested that I should read this poem at her thanksgiving service, which I did. Bless you dear Mum.

### Pastures Green

Green leaved boughs sway on summer's breeze.	A choir gives voice from conical spire, Raising spirits throughout the shire.
Moonbeams kiss a dappled sea.	How music calms troubled souls,
Oh sweet scent of rose and pastures green,	Reviving hope, renewing goals.
A memory of places I have been.	
On mirrored pond, swans do glide,	Oh weary body, its service spun,
Heather blankets mountain's side.	Slow of mind and memory done.
Colours rich in autumn's hue,	Practical life becomes a struggle,
Glinting sun on morning dew.	Everyday, another muddle.

Thinking back, when hearts were young,  
When life was good and full of fun.  
There are no regrets for a life well spent,  
So many blessings from Heaven sent.

So fret ye not of life's demise,  
Or ne'er to see a last sunrise.  
For faith is belief of things unseen,  
Certain knowledge of pastures green.

*Raymond Borley*

*Many thanks to Raymond for the article and for his lovely poem. Mrs Editor, who grew up in Norfolk, remembers Raymond's mother well (and Maureen too) as she was a games teacher at the same school in Norwich.*

## **Bell Ringing**



When I was younger I so used to enjoy taking part in the local community church in Cornworthy, Devon (*pictured left*), where we lived as a family. Our local church, like Perth Cathedral, had many wonderful activities, one of which was bell ringing. We would meet up on Wednesday afternoons before tea.

The Cornworthy bells were all different and we all had such fun ringing them. We would all gather every Sunday before church to start the service by welcoming everyone into church with the bells.

Cornworthy was a hamlet with not much in it: a Saturday shop to buy your weekend sweets, a local dairy making goats cheese and selling goats milk (all the goats would go for a walk on Sunday!), a church and a local shop run by my parents where we supported local producers and which provided sandwiches for the local industrial estate.

Bell ringing was so much fun and we all enjoyed it. It's sad that there are not many opportunities for youngsters today to learn the ancient and sacred art of bell ringing.

*Alodie Orr*

# Isla's Wedding

On 20 January we had a wonderful family event as my sister Isla got married in a church in Wiltshire where four generations of my mother's side and five of my father's side had also been married. Isla's wedding is the first nuptial mass I have been to and it was an amazing service! The music was incredible, the flowers were beautiful and Isla herself looked sublime. The service was followed by a reception near the church and it was wonderful to see family and friends we hadn't seen for a long time and to meet a number of Isla and Dan's friends I hadn't met before.



Before Isla moved to London, she worshipped with us at St Ninian's for many years. When she was at school she sang at the cathedral through the choral scholars program and during the restoration, Isla ran a sponsored half marathon (*pictured left*) to aid the restoration fund. She still likes to join us for services when she comes up to visit and she is delighted by all the good wishes she and her new husband received from members of our congregation on their wedding day.

*Maihri Cameron*

## From the Farquhar Diaries

**16 March 1904.** Last night we had our confirmation in the Cathedral...Boys [Henry Boys was Precentor at the cathedral between 1902 and 1904] and I presented 36 candidates; 20 men and 16 women. He had prepared the boys, while I had instructed the 26 others...Six out of the ten grown up men came from

the Watergate Mission, where a splendid work is being done by Captain Brittain. One of the men had never been sober on a Saturday for 30 years but took the pledge last Autumn and has never either touched or wished to touch since then... But the Service went most smoothly and solemnly. Captain Brittain tells me that after the Service two of the men, who had not been on speaking terms, met in the street and exclaimed to each other, 'In the name of God, shake hands!' As the preparer I suppose I ought to have discovered the feud & composed it before the Confirmation, but I did not and it is well that the men had the strength given them to do as they did!

*An extract from The Diary of the Very Rev G T S Farquhar, edited by the late Margaret Lye.*

## **From Bishop Ian (cont'd)**

Jesus' Passion and Resurrection have been celebrated by Christians every year from the earliest times. The first Christians called the festival *Pascha* (Greek for Passover), and for French speakers it is called *Pacques*, because of its link with the Jewish Passover. It has always been one festival celebrated over a whole week: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Day, are really one single service in different parts throughout Holy Week.

Holy Week is an opportunity for our growth as Christians, by helping us encounter Easter in a fresh way every year. We grow as the Holy Spirit works through symbols, scripture, and sacrament, to bring us closer to Jesus in his death and resurrection. I hope you will come to as many of the services of Holy Week as you can, and experience this for yourselves.

Alleluia, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

*Bishop Ian*

## **Easter Saturday Activities**

There will be a children's event in the Chapter House at 10.00am on Easter Saturday. Decorating the cathedral for Easter will take place at the same time.

Tea, coffee and biscuits provided!

## ***Eddie the Eagle says...***

I'm so glad my old boss Hunter has been made a Canon, if only because it gives me a chance to practise my puns. How about these? Canon Hunter was fired with enthusiasm, was never on a short fuse and his time with us was a blast. And when he left us he left with bang. In general, a man of great calibre. As for what a cannon fired, I'll maybe stop there.



### ***Times of Services etc***

At St Ninian's we extend a warm welcome to all those who come to share in the worship of God in the name of Jesus Christ.

#### **Services**

Sunday	Eucharist	11.00am
Wednesday	Eucharist	11.00am

#### **Giving**

For all committed giving, envelopes and covenants, please contact Chris Ahern, our treasurer, who will be delighted to advise.

#### **Flowers**

Flowers greatly enhance our worship. If you can help or donate, please contact Molly or Hazel.

#### **And finally...**

If you have an article for the magazine, or a suggestion for one, please either pass it to the editor, Jeremy Duncan, or email it to [cathedralmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:cathedralmagazine@gmail.com). The closing date for inclusion in the April magazine is **24 March**.



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Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane.**

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