



ST COLUMBA'S FAMILIES NEWSLETTER

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This Sunday, we would normally start the service with a palm waving procession round the church led by our young people, to mark Palm Sunday. Two years ago, we also got the choir involved. It was/is a great way to launch the worship on Palm Sunday with music, movement, prayers and people, old and young.

Traditionally, Palm Sunday begins with great celebration, remembering Jesus entering Jerusalem, but very quickly shifts to the tough and painful story of his last days – time in the Temple, a special meal with his friends in an Upper Room (our communion bread and wine), praying in the garden of Gethsemane, his arrest, his trial and his execution. It becomes such a sad story and difficult to understand. Why would that happen to someone who we believe was so good?

Each year we take time in the week to come (Holy Week) to listen to the story of those last days and hours. We may not completely understand why things had to happen this way, but we can come to believe that all of this – Jesus' life, death and in time, his resurrection – is about love. It shows how far Jesus, and how far God was prepared to go to express his love for each of us.





One way we might think about the meaning of the Cross and the hope of Easter this year is to visit the online exhibition on our website. There are some unexpected places where people are showing and sharing their faith.

Easter also heralds the holidays. I hope they will give you some rest, fun and refreshment. I received the following advice this week from one of the Church of Scotland committees:

Make time to think - it is the source of power.

Make time to play - it is the key to freedom and relaxation.

Make time to read - it is the gateway to knowledge.

Make time to worship - it washes the dust of earth from your eyes.

Make time to help and enjoy friends - no other happiness matches this.

Make time to love - if you don't it will fade away.

Make time to laugh and pray - these are two things that lighten life's load.

Make time to be alone with God - He is the Source of everything.

Finally, while it is possible to attend worship in-person, from this Sunday (28th March) onwards, we do not yet have the possibility of restarting creche and Sunday School. There is however a suggestion that there may be a small get-together for families, at an outside venue, on Sunday 25th April. Keep an eye out for further detail.

Thank you to Fiona for this Sunday's activities. Have a lovely weekend and a happy, final, few days of term.

Angus & the Sunday School Team