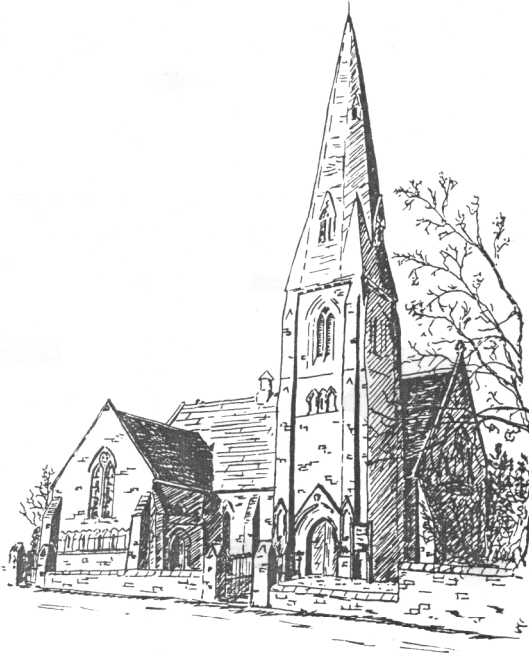


# SPOTLIGHT



## **St Ninian's Craigmalen Parish Church of Scotland, Linlithgow**

### **Newsletter**

**April 2008**

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Now Easter has passed, I present two extracts for thought and meditation from books I have read over the years.

Immortality of the Soul, Or  
Resurrection of the Dead.  
(adapted from a work by Oscar Cullman).

Only he who apprehends with the first Christians the horror of death, ... , can understand the Easter exultation of the early Christian church and understand that the whole thinking of it is governed by belief in the Resurrection. Belief in the immortality of the soul is not belief in a revolutionary event. Immortality, in fact, is only a negative assertion: the soul does not die, but simply lives on. Resurrection is a positive assertion: the whole human being, who has really died is recalled to life by a new act of creation by God. Something has happened – a miracle of creation! For something has also happened previously, something fearful: life formed by God has been destroyed.

Our Sharing of Bread is not in Vain.  
(adapted from *For the Sake of the Gospel*  
By Edward Schillebeeckx)

Celebrating communion we confess that the everyday history of injustice, and inequality does not have the last word. In the liturgy, we confess that in the end the powerful do not have the last word. We may not trivialise the barren, barbarian, everyday reality of injustice, poverty, and world hunger when we celebrate communion on a Sunday in a happy and relaxed way.

Nevertheless, in the liturgy, we move away from everyday life, and we dwell in a world in which we confess our faith and celebrate our hope. We dwell in the world of the sacramental word and sacramental sign. We confess and celebrate there the dimension of faith and the immense hope for the future. There we celebrate a future that is not quite realised but which is opened up to us through God in Jesus as a future, which is also possible for us. ... However, if we do not participate in God's grace, if we do not follow Jesus in actual love and dedication for men and women, then the coming of this better future is no more than sheer ideology.

Richard

April 2008

#### PARI SH REGI STER

#### BAPTISM:

16<sup>th</sup>.March: Finlay Scott Lawson, infant son of Brian And Jackie Cherrie.  
*"Suffer the Little Children to Come Unto Me"*

#### DEATH:

15<sup>TH</sup>.March: James (Jim) White, 11 Royal Terrace.

17<sup>th</sup>.March: Susan (Susie) Muir, Broxburn Nursing Home and formerly 45, Lennox Gardens.

*Our thoughts and prayers are with their families at this sad time.*

## SERVICES IN APRIL & MAY

6<sup>th</sup>.April                    11:00am                    Morning Service

13<sup>th</sup>.April                    9:45am                    Family Service

11:00am                    Morning Service

20<sup>th</sup>.April                    11:00am                    Morning Service

27<sup>th</sup>.April                    11:00am                    Morning Service

6:30pm                    Evening Service

Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated at both services

4<sup>th</sup>.May                    11:00am                    Morning Service

11<sup>th</sup>.May                    9:45am                    Family Service

11:00am                    Morning Service

18<sup>th</sup>.May                    11:00am                    Morning Service

25<sup>th</sup>.May                    11:00am                    Morning Service

## KIRK SESSION & CONGREGATIONAL BOARD

The Congregational Board will meet in the Longcroft Hall on the 15<sup>th</sup>. April at 7:30pm.

The Kirk Session will meet in the Longcroft Hall on the 20<sup>th</sup>. May at 7:30pm.

## DOOR DUTY ROTA

April 2008	May 2008	June 2008
Mr D Steven	Mr J Cowie	Mr W Ward
Mr I Lynch	Mrs M Cowie	Mrs C Coutts
Mrs M Christie	Mrs S Erskine	Mr H Graffen
Mrs L Raven	Mrs M MacGregor	Mrs E Stewart
Mrs M Steven	Mrs S Jackson-Bass	Mrs H Lynch

## FLOWER ROTA

April 2008		May 2008		June 2008	
6	M.Brown	4	G.Bathgate	1	E. Stewart
13	C.Wylie	11	B.Bruce	8	M. Cunningham
20	F.Hunter	18	J.Torrance	15	B. Findlater
27	C.Coutts	25	I.Lockhart	22	C. Millar
				29	R. Johnstone

## CAR ROTA

	April 2008	May 2008	June 2008
Route A	R. Laing	B. Pringle	D. Steven
Route B	A & J Scott	D.Clark	L. Brough

## BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Anyone wishing to place an entry in our Book of Remembrance in memory of a loved one, should please contact Mrs. M Reid on 844257 or Mrs. B Ingham on 843993.

Come to the Supper – a round the table consideration of the undernoted issues, with presentations, discussion and a space for listening. All beginning with a meal together. Time 6 – 9.30 p.m. Cost £8

- what is good in our communion tradition,
- where is there room for change?
- how well do we do word and sacrament?
- what does communion mean to you?

Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> April, Edinburgh: Marchmont St Giles

Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> April, Hawick: St Mary's

Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April, Paisley Abbey

Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April, Aberdeen: Rubinslaw

To book telephone the Worship and Doctrine Office 0131 225 5722

## Church without Walls 2008 - The National Gathering

This takes place at the Royal Highland Centre, Ingliston on 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am - 10pm and 4<sup>th</sup> May 11am - 10pm with worship, seminars, stalls and events to suit a wide range of age groups. More details can be found at [www.cwwresources.org.uk](http://www.cwwresources.org.uk) or see posters at the Church door.

### CHATTERBOX.

Our baby and toddler group Chatterbox, meets on a Thursday morning 9.30 until 12.00.

Come along and enjoy a good old 'blether' over a 'cuppa' as well as 'playtime' with the kiddies.

### SPECTRUM

Ladies of Spectrum are reminded of the rehearsal which will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup>.April in the Shields Room at 7:45pm.

If any lady (sorry boys) would like to become involved with our group and would like more information, contact either Barbara Bruce on 844805 or Rosina Johnstone 843524.

### GUILD

The Coffee Day was a great success when £445 was raised for Guild Funds. Many thanks to all who helped and contributed in any way to make the day a success. We welcomed the minister, Richard Houston, who got all the ladies' minds working. He gave out clues and the ladies had to guess the names of the hymns. Bruce Jamieson joined us on another evening when he spoke of his experiences during the years he took children on school trips to different parts of the world.

We are coming towards the end of the Guild year and the remaining meetings are:

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| 31 March | In Search of Western Hemlock -<br>T. McGregor |
| 14 April | AGM   |

The Guild is organising two outings - one evening outing on Monday 5 May to Longniddry Inn. This is priced £15.00. The other is a full day outing to Floors Castle on Saturday 7 June. This is priced £27.00. Anyone from the congregation who is interested or who would like to bring a friend is welcome. For details of what is included in the price and departure times please contact Ann on 842224.

### YOUNG WOMEN'S GROUP:

The YWG has had an enjoyable, interesting and most companionable year. The time has flown by (is that a sign we're not as young a group as we thought? - Certainly not!). We started with a Fun Night to get the ball rolling, followed by visits from representatives of the Lydia Project, the Scottish Ambulance Service and the Scottish Bible Society. Our very own minister, Rev Richard Houston, started off 2008 for us in what is fast becoming a welcome tradition. Scattered in between were a Christmas Meal, a pot luck supper and a craft night.

We plan to wrap up the session with a spring visit to the RNLI life-boat station at South Queensferry and our AGM is scheduled for Wednesday 16th April 2008 in the Longcroft Hall at 8pm.

### CHRISTIAN AID

The Christian Aid Book Sale will be held in St. Andrew's & St. George's Church, George Street, Edinburgh between 10<sup>th</sup>.May and 16<sup>th</sup>.May. Please take a leaflet detailing all the relevant information from the table at the main door of the church.

### FAIRTRADE STALL

The stall will again be available in the Longcroft Hall on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>. April at the conclusion of the early morning service and running until after the main service. This is a non-profit making venture promoting the sale of such goods within our congregation and town. For further information contact Sarah Woods on 207026 or Pat McEwan on 844383.

## INTERACTION BETWEEN THE CHURCHES IN LINLITHGOW -

April/May2008

THANK YOU TO ALL THE LEADERS OF OUR CHURCHES FROM ALL THE LAY PEOPLE FOR OUR PILGRIMAGE TOGETHER THROUGHOUT HOLY WEEK

A SILENT AUCTION will take place on Friday 4th April in the Queen Margaret Hall, St Michael's RC Church at 7.30pm. Tickets on sale £5 each, including a glass of wine, and cheese, can be obtained from Catherine 845683, or are available on the night. All proceeds go to the New Hall Fund.

LYPP XSCAPE EXAM HELP PROJECT will be running a weekly exam project again this year, starting on Wednesday, 2nd April, in the Power Station from 4-6pm and will provide a safe environment for young people to come and study in. Hopefully providing free access to tutors in a variety of subjects to help with revision and any problems. Email Jenny at [jenny@lypp.org.uk](mailto:jenny@lypp.org.uk) or phone LYPP office on 202610 if you can help at all with this.

2nd April - Music (Standard & Higher Grade)

9th April - English (Standard & Higher Grade)

16th April - Maths (Standard & Higher), Geography (Standard & Higher Grade),

23rd April - French, Spanish, German all at Standard Grade

30th April - Business & Physics (Standard & Higher Grade),

7th May - Biology & RMPS (Standard & Higher Grade),

21st May - Chemistry & Computing at Higher Grade

28th May - Spanish & German at Higher Grade

THE KANTUS CHOIR from Hungary will be singing on the 28th April, in St Michael's Parish Church, at 7.30pm - there will be a retiring offering.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - 11th to 17th May this year - house to house collectors are desperately needed to cover newly built areas in the town as well as to relieve other collectors with currently very large areas. It raises a great sum for the poorest of the poor in our world, and is not an onerous task. Do please help, and ring William Ross on 842646.

HOW TO DRUG PROOF YOUR KIDS - PRESENTER TRAINING FOR 2008  
Join the growing number of presenters who are helping parents across the country tackle one of the major issues facing children and young people today. To be held on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th May at 9am-5pm, in Jury's Inn, 80 Jamaica Street, Glasgow.

A ROUGH GUIDE TO DADS - A FUN FAST PACED EVENING FOR DADS  
- Be the best dad you can be! To be held on Tuesday 13th May - in Craighalbert Church, 3 Craighalbert Way, Cumbernauld, G68 0LS and on Thursday 15th May, in the Sidlaw Suite, West Park, 319 Perth Road, Dundee, DD2 1NN. 7.30-10pm - tickets £6.

1-2-1 CHALLENGE WEEKENDS - at a variety of activity centres throughout the UK from April - October 2008 - Family-building activity weekends for one parent and one child.

A DAY FOR BEREAVED PARENTS - encouragement and support for parents living with the loss following the death of a son or daughter. To be held on Saturday 21st June - 10am-5pm - in Craighalbert Church, 3 Craighalbert Way, Cumbernauld, G68 0LS.

For further information or to book any of these events please contact Tricia Fraser at the Scotland Care for the Family office, Linlithgow on 846476 or email: [tricia.fraser@cff.org.uk](mailto:tricia.fraser@cff.org.uk)