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**Editor's note:** The next issue of the *Review* will be for May. Please send any items for inclusion by 24th April.

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**Remember our Church motto**  
**“Within these walls, let no-one be a stranger”**

## **Re-opening the Church for Worship**

Following the Government announcement of dates for the relaxation of lockdown restrictions, we have now received guidance from the United Reformed Church about the re-opening of churches for Worship. It is recommended that the earliest date to aim for should be **23rd May, Pentecost Sunday**. The Elders have therefore agreed to accept this advice and that this will be our target , unless the situation changes again before then - which is always possible in these uncertain times! It is likely that to begin with we shall have to observe the same rules about social distancing and mask-wearing as before. More information next month.

In the meantime, it has been agreed that a limited number of activities could resume in the Hall from 12th April, including outside lets (such as the Country Market), so long as these only involve a restricted number of people.

The **Work Club** is planning to re-open on **22nd April**.

**Easter:** As we are not able to open for Easter, Revd Peter Brain is preparing worship material for Good Friday and Easter Sunday, which will once again be recorded for the website and distributed in print to those without internet access (see p9).

There is also an invitation from our sister church at **Point in View** to join them for outdoor worship in the meadow (weather permitting!). See p11 for details. Their services are broadcast live on Facebook at 11am each Sunday.

## **Reflection for Palm Sunday, 28th March**

**Philippians 2: 5-11 and Luke 19: 28-44**

***Revd Jim Thorneycroft***



### **‘What kind of King is this?’**

Jesus was travelling to Jerusalem, a journey which would end with betrayal, arrest, torture and death on a cross.

Jesus had journeyed from Jericho, where he had healed blind Bartimaeus, to Bethany which was about 13 miles. From Bethany he had only two miles to go to Jerusalem, so he had almost reached his goal.

The prophets of the Old Testament had a regular custom which they used when people refused to listen and take in their spoken message. They resorted to drama, to paint a picture in people’s minds and a drama was just what Jesus had in mind as he travelled into the Holy City. He proposed to ride into Jerusalem in such a way that the very action of it would be an unmistakable claim that he was the Messiah, God’s anointed King.

When Jesus rode into Jerusalem at the end of his journey, he was making a clear statement which was fulfilling a prophecy that Zechariah had made long before. Few people could have misinterpreted it, or could they?

‘Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See your King comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. (Zechariah 9:9).

This entry into the city had been prepared long before, it was no sudden, impulsive action. Jesus did not leave things to the last minute. It teaches us a lesson in preparing well when we are doing God's work. The most important preparation is prayer to ask God for guidance in every detail of our lives but especially when we are preparing to do his work.

Jesus had made his arrangements with the owners of the colt and a password had been agreed. He sent two of the disciples ahead of him to collect the colt and bring it to him. But they couldn't complete the task without the password, which was, 'The Lord needs it.'

When the disciples returned to Jesus with the donkey they threw their cloaks on its back and Jesus climbed on.

It took incredible courage for Jesus to enter the city in the way that he did. By this time there was a price on his head. It would have been natural for him to slip unseen into Jerusalem, but he entered in such a way as to focus the whole lime-light upon himself and to occupy the centre stage. It is impossible to exaggerate the sheer courage of Jesus.

Imagine the scene: As they walked along the road, the people were laying their cloaks in the road. The excitement was electric, they knew that something momentous was going to happen.

When they came to the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen. 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!' 'Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!'

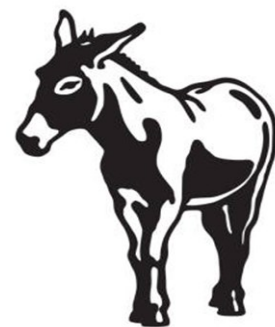
The Pharisees in the crowd asked Jesus to stop the disciples shouting out what for them was blasphemy. But Jesus said to them, 'If they were to keep quiet, the very stones in the road will cry out.'

It was a deliberate fulfilling of the picture painted by Zechariah. But even in this, Jesus underlined the kind of kingship which he claimed.

The donkey in Palestine was not the lowly beast that it is in this country. It was noble, because only in war did kings ride on a horse; when they came in peace they came upon a donkey. So Jesus by this action came as a King who comes to his people in love and in peace and not as the conquering hero, which the mob expected and were waiting for.

Jesus was prepared to do whatever it took to save us. Ridicule, pain, torture, even death on a cross. His was total commitment because he knew there was no other way.

***Rev Jim Thorneycroft,***  
*Synod Pastoral Advisor*



## Worship for Good Friday and Easter



It is disappointing that we shall be unable to meet, even in reduced numbers, to celebrate Easter in public worship. As I was due to lead the services on Good Friday and Easter Day, I am preparing two recordings and do hope you will find them helpful.

For Good Friday we shall hear the story of the trial and crucifixion of Jesus as told in the fourth Gospel, interspersed with verses of the hymn 'My song is love unknown', followed by a brief reflection and prayers.

For Easter morning we shall have a slightly longer service, though not including Communion. At Glenorchy we have not included Communion in on-line services during the lockdown, although some other churches have done so, with varying degrees of authenticity. But please don't feel guilty if you would really like a Communion service and so prefer to worship 'elsewhere' on-line.

Both of these recorded services will be available on the Glenorchy church web-site together with full orders of service (including the words of hymns and readings and reflections) which will also be produced as a booklet for those who cannot share on-line.

'The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone;

This is the Lord's doing and it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.'

*(Psalm 118, vv22-24)*

**Peter Brain**

## News of the Church Family

Please remember Barbara Riley in your prayers as she goes into hospital for a knee replacement operation at the end of March. Audrey Pratt is recovering well from her time in hospital. Mary Peters remains in need of constant care and attention and we remember her family as they care for her.

Fiona & Tony Cotter have moved to Dawlish. We wish them well in their new home.

## Church Finance

There has been a significant fall in Glenorchy's income in the past year. We rely on income from lettings, concerts and, especially, from your weekly contributions and bankers orders.



Thank you to everyone who gives regularly through the bank. However, if you are some-one who donates by envelope or loose cash, please consider if you could make a monthly donation, no matter how small, until we can hold regular services again. Cheques made out to Glenorchy United Reformed Church can be posted to **Jean Curl**. If you could set up a regular direct payment through the bank, even if you are unable to Gift Aid, that would be much appreciated. **Sheila Johnstone** can provide you with the details and the form.

Love and congratulations to all who celebrate an anniversary or birthday in April





## **Holy Week Worship at POINT IN VIEW CHAPEL**

You are warmly invited to join us in the meadow at Point in View on our journey through Holy Week. Our services will be led by our Chaplain, Martin and members of our church family. These services will depend on the weather, of course, so please refer to our Face Book page for latest information and announcements. If you do join us in person, please be assured that all the usual COVID precautions will apply, and we ask you to bring with you a folding chair, weatherproof clothing, a facemask, and a warm drink (if you would like). Parking will be available in the meadow as well as the car park. Thank you.

**Maundy Thursday 7pm Communion by the Campfire**

*Our beautiful re-enactment of the Last Supper in our campfire circle and livestreamed via our Facebook page.*

**Good Friday Midday Vigil 11.30am Passion and Promise**

*A deeply moving and inspiring service of remembrance and reflection at the foot of the cross in the meadow.*

**Easter Sunday 6am Sunrise Service**

*We gather round the open fire in the meadow and share warm bread and cooked fish in the presence of our risen Lord.*

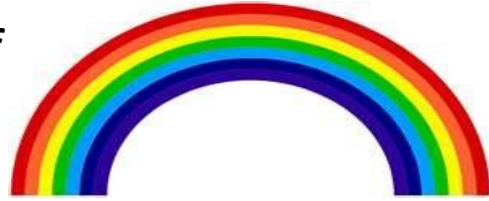
**Easter Praise 11am He is RISEN!**

*Family Worship and Holy Communion in the meadow.*



## Eco Matters

***The Rainbow: That is the sign of the promise which I am making to all living beings. Genesis 8.17***



In 1992 the United Nations set up several “Conventions”, which included “The Convention on Climate Change” and “The Convention on Biodiversity”. These were ratified by 197 countries (or “Parties”).

Now, nearly thirty years later, it is clear that dealing with “Climate Change” and maintaining “Biodiversity” go hand in hand.

This year there are two COP (Conference of the Parties) meetings: From 17<sup>th</sup> May in Kunming, China, COP15 is the Biodiversity Conference. From 1<sup>st</sup> November in Glasgow, COP26 is the Climate Change Conference.

The Dasgupta Review This report, called “The Economics of Biodiversity”, was commissioned by the Government in 2019 and published in February. The Prime Minister has stated that it will form a basis for discussions at this year’s conferences. The review presents the idea that the earth’s resources should have an economic value, which, in the past has been ignored. For example: Trees are cut down to make an income for people. If trees were considered more valuable when left standing, then there would be no incentive to fell them. Trees store carbon and so reduce greenhouse gases, which helps with Climate Change. They are also habitat for many other plants and animals.

It will require a major shift in people's thinking and also extensive international agreement in order to make such a new economic system work.

(Professor Pathna Dasgupta is a leading economist at Cambridge University)

***Peter Johnstone***

### **Ministerial Vacancy**

As reported last month, our search for a new minister remains on hold at the moment because of the Coronavirus pandemic. The Elders and Vacancy Committee have taken the decision that it would not be right to invite a prospective minister to "preach with a view" until we are able to involve the whole church in the process, including a social gathering, a Service of Worship and a Church Meeting where a vote could be taken. The timing remains uncertain until much further progress is made in containing the spread of the virus and the provision of vaccinations. We will await Government confirmation of when things will ease sufficiently. At present the earliest that this could be is the end of June, but that is by no means guaranteed! We will let everyone know as soon as there is any progress to report.

***In the meantime, let us pray that we may find the minister who has the gifts that are right for us as we look ahead to the future.***

*From the Elders and the Vacancy Committee*

## ***A note from the Mission Committee***

Just a nudge to repeat that because we cannot hold a 'Mission Sunday' this spring it will not be straightforward to collect the usual mission boxes.



Please remember to save up your coins (- remember them!) and bring your box to leave in Glenorchy vestibule once the building is open on certain days. You can do this when the Work Club is open on Thursday mornings (from April 22), or when the Country Market is open on Friday mornings, or on any Sunday from May 23.

This really does matter; we cannot support our three chosen charities without your money.

We hope to arrange a special service in October, on or near Bible Sunday, to reflect on the work of the Bible Society which is one of the current three charities being supported. You may recall that the Exmouth Bible Society support group celebrated 200 years of activity in 2020, which we were unable to mark. Whether there will be a Mission lunch on that Sunday is a decision above my pay-grade!

***Peter Brain***

### **Christian Response to Eastern Europe**

Sorry to say that the Warehouse will NOT be open on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April. If you have bedding or clothing in good condition, or undamaged kitchen goods you no longer need, please contact me and I will arrange collection. Thank you for your continued support.

***Jenny Newman*** (Tel: 275457)

## Allotment Diary

We had a good growing season last year and were allowed to keep cultivating even during the lockdowns. We are hoping that the weather this year will be as good as in the last.



The weather in February and early March has been windier and wetter than most years and there were more frosts than we usually get here, causing some delay in soil preparation. We hope it will improve and the sunlight will get stronger to warm the soil as the days get longer.

Green manure was grown in the polytunnel in the autumn and has now been cut and dug into the soil there.

The outside beds all had a dose of horse manure and also material from our compost bins (recycled leaves and stems and kitchen scraps).

Seeds have been coaxed into growth in trays and pots in our homes, ready for planting out in April and May.

There are signs of Spring – flower buds are swelling on the damson and apple trees. There is much to look forward to in the coming growing season.

***Peter Johnstone***

## Cookies Corner

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***Jenny Newman***



**Book Review:**  
**A Great Cloud of Witnesses**  
**Part 3: Death and Beyond**  
**by Barbara Bennett**

Our own Barbara Bennett has written this lovely, helpful book which imagines the thoughts of those who witnessed the events of Jesus' Passion, Crucifixion, Resurrection and his post Resurrection appearances.

Each reflection is beautifully illustrated with a relevant photo and each photo captioned with an appropriate Bible verse.

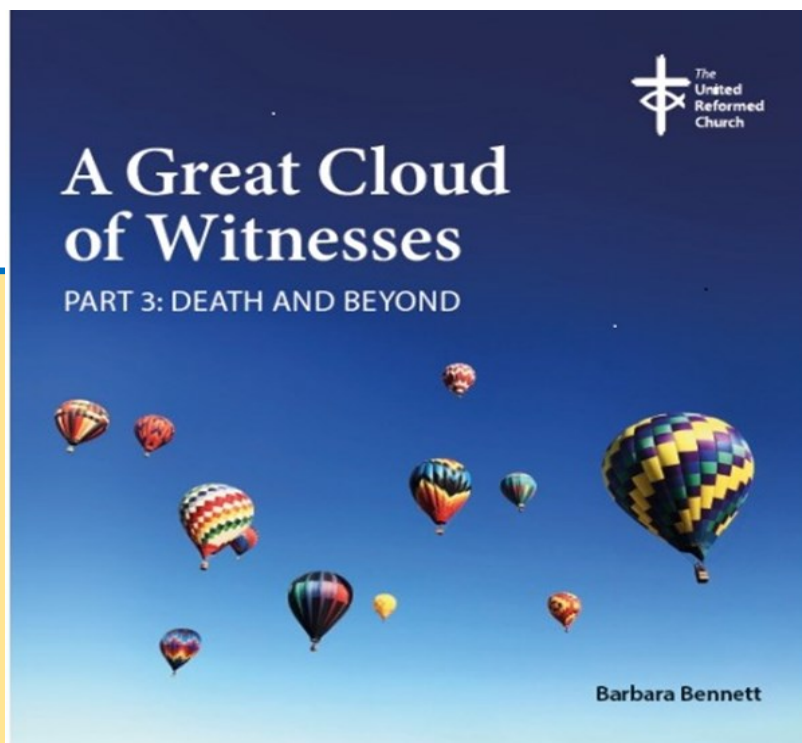
We read of the thoughts of, amongst many other characters, one of Jesus' disciples as Jesus rides into Jerusalem, of Peter when he denies Jesus, of the centurion at the foot of the Cross, of Mary at the empty tomb and of Cleopas' companion on the road to Emmaus.

I found it helpful to read the reflections slowly, to mull over and meditate on each of them. There were many feelings expressed by the characters which were quite thought-provoking and this is a book I'm sure I'll come back to often.

You can order the book online from the URC bookshop via their website or phone (see opposite page)

**Note:** Part 2 of the series, which Barbara wrote several years ago, is also available and this contains the reflections of witnesses to events in Jesus' earlier life and ministry. Part 1 has sold out!

***Geoff Smith***



At the beginning of the 1980s, Barbara Bennett's minister asked her to write a series of short meditative services for Holy Week. Most of the reflections in this book were produced for members of church to use at home as they prepared for Easter. "The reflections are the imagined thoughts of those who witnessed the momentous events at the end of Jesus' earthly life and his resurrection. In preparing this book I have added to them and extended their number. We too are able to witness to God's goodness and presence in our lives. People of all faiths and none have shared their care and concern in the past 12 months and brought hope and cheer in very bleak times. God is present in the darkest of days. God never fails us. Jesus has left the Holy Spirit to inspire us to look to the future, to find God and take God's hope out into the world."

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## **Food Bank Report: New Name and Website Celebrations**

We launched our new website and our new name, “Exmouth Food Bank” with very few glitches. Our team of volunteers decorated the Salvation Army hall with green bunting to match our new logo. They really got into it and wore green clothing, accessories and one lady wore a green wig! There was also an amazing cake decorated in green, made by an extremely talented volunteer. Please take a look at the new website which has further information and photographs, plus details of a new way to donate using our Just Giving page.

The launch day was special and marked with joy, however the very heart of what we do remains the same. We are about people. The people who volunteer, the people who donate their time, money, resources, kindness, compassion and love to the people needing our services.

During the Covid pandemic it has been a time of delivering food parcels at a distance. Hopefully in the not too distant future we will be able to welcome people back into the hall, where we can offer a friendly smile and hospitality along with emotional and spiritual support. We will also be able to signpost people to other services and to address any underlying needs. We will keep you updated as to when this will happen.

As we move tentatively out of lockdown our futures appear uncertain. For many their life circumstances will have changed, but no matter what people are facing, the Food Bank will continue to be here to help. This is down to you, the wonderful people of Exmouth and surrounding areas. We have been overwhelmed by your generosity and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

In the words of St Paul: The love of Christ compels us, the example of Jesus draws us and leads us, not just to speak of God's love, but to demonstrate it by reaching out in compassion to those in greatest need.

Well done the people of Exmouth and all our supporters for doing just that. God bless

**Elizabeth Reed**

Exmouth Foodbank  
[www.exmouthfoodbank.org.uk](http://www.exmouthfoodbank.org.uk)

### **Puzzle Corner**

Can you recall the first lines of these seasonal hymns?

God came in \*\*\*\*\* (237)

Led like a \*\*\*\*\* to the slaughter (241)

#### **Easter puzzle**

Now the \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* rises (243)

O sacred head, \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* (220)

Ride on, ride on in \*\*\*\*\* (209)

Christ the Lord is \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* (232)

Hail the day \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* (252)

Ye humble souls that \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* (242)



You can check the numbers and sing along when we get back together.

*Last month's answer needed some mathematics! Number the letters of the alphabet (A=1, B=2, C=3 etc) and then add up the totals for the letters in each word. Then do the sums ....*

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