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Dear Brothers and Sisters

Running the race?

I'm writing this on the day of the Stirling Marathon when everything seems to have ground to a halt in both of our churches. It is pretty amazing to see all the people who are challenging themselves against arguably one of the biggest challenges that an amateur runner can give themselves. It is also amazing when you think about all the money that is being raised for charity.

Anyone who has ran or jogged at any level understands the amount of effort it takes not just to run 26 miles (which is a long, long way) but also to get yourself ready to even take your place on the start line. I used to run for an athletic club in my youth and competed in many cross country races, later I ran a handful of half marathons but I've never done the full marathon. Nowadays, my knees get so sore, a few miles is enough for me but I miss it and, to be honest, I'm a little jealous of those that can run a marathon.

I must also admit to a degree of frustration about the impact that the Stirling Marathon has on the communities it passes through. Sunday is just another day to the world and it is no longer a day when people stop what they are doing to find rest in God. We are not alone in being impacted as a church but as a result St Blane's was less than half full; Lecropt couldn't even have a service at all because of road closures and what not. Some folks didn't have a choice, they couldn't get to a church, and some will have chosen not to come for other reasons. People couldn't. I hope some of those who weren't able to get to either of our buildings worshipped somewhere else.

That said we can learn a bit from our friends out pounding the streets for, as we know, the bible talks about life being like a race. I'm pretty sure that as they run in their race the runners will be constantly thinking about the finish line, believers are called to have the same determination and the same desire to look to the finish line. But we are to fix our eyes on Jesus through all that hinders us and run to the end.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12v1-2

Those that run today will talk at the end of the crowds who urged them on. Those verses in Hebrews also talk of us urging each other on in our race, the race that we all run together. And of course at the end of the Stirling Marathon the runners will receive a medal to show they have achieved their dream. At the end of our race we receive something infinitely greater.

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

1 Corinthians 9v24-27

Everyone who runs today will have good spells when they feel good and also times in the race when they wonder if they will manage to the end. I'm full of admiration for folk who trained and manage to complete a marathon but I have even more admiration for folk who train as believers and run their race faithfully to the end, especially through the tough times.

So concentrate not on earthly races for medals but on heavenly kingdom and prizes. Run your race with your team mates around you, encourage those that are struggling, be encouraged if you are struggling and know that it is through Jesus, the author and perfecter of your faith that you will be able to endure to the end.

Your fellow runner
Gary

CHURCH REGISTER

Funerals -

“forever with the Lord

27th March 2018

Francis MacKay

Pastoral Group

The group helps out with providing visitors for housebound and less able people of the congregation.

We also have a list of people willing to drive people to local hospitals and the health centre.

If transport is required to attend church services, we can arrange this.

If you feel you would benefit from any of these services, please do get in touch with us or your elder.

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CHRISTIAN AID WEEK IN DUNBLANE 13-19 MAY 2018

Restaurant and Shop

Cathedral Hall, Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th –
10.00 am until 2.00 pm.

- Great value morning coffee
- Home-produced lunches with exquisite desserts
- Stalls selling plants, bric-a-brac, home baking, books.

Come for morning coffee and stay to lunch!

House to house collection throughout Dunblane and surrounding area. **Please support your collector generously.**

Christian Aid provides relief to those in need irrespective of creed, religion, or nationality. Christian Aid works with local partners on the ground, not with governments, to ensure that help is provided efficiently and in response to real needs.

Items for **August Chronicles** should be submitted by
Saturday 4th August. Contributions are always welcomed.
Please e-mail douglas@crannoch.plus.com

The Easter Journey

Just before Easter, and over three days, all the Year 5 children from the three primary schools took part in an Easter Journey to discover the things that happened during the week of Jesus' death. Through role-play, storytelling, watching and listening they travelled through the palm-waving celebrations of Palm Sunday and the clearing of market traders from the temple. They listened in on what happened in the Garden of Gethsemane and heard about Jesus' cruel death on the cross on Good Friday. They experienced for themselves some of the emotions felt by those who knew Jesus well. The story doesn't end there, of course, and they discovered what happened three days later on the very first Easter morning when the tomb was found to be empty!

In smaller groups the children were talked through the last supper in the upper room, tasting for themselves bread and wine (matzos and grape juice), experienced and talked about the crowd calling for Jesus to be crucified, and watched a brief animated film of the crucifixion. At an art/craft table they each made a card to take home, not fluffy bunnies, eggs and yellow chicks, but a cross on a hill.

The children were absorbed in this very dramatic presentation of what to us is a familiar account of the last week of the life of Jesus. They asked good questions and for sure took away an impression of what Easter is really about.

Scottish Bible Society

The Scottish Bible Society held a coffee morning in St Blane's Church Hall on Saturday, 21st April, which raised a total of £513. This was an excellent fund raising event and the committee would wish to thank all those who supported us in reaching this sum.

Liz Reid

Wednesday Book Group

The group is relaxed and informal and it really doesn't matter how much you think you know or don't know! We're interested in learning together more about what **God** wants us to know through His word. Over tea and biscuits and following the guide "James: Genuine Faith" the group has been looking at some real-life questions such as; Is my faith just hot air? What difference should it be making?

James is very down to earth and has been challenging us and showing us how to apply what we're learning. Everyone knows that's not always easy, but talking together around a subject is a way of trying to be of help in each other's faith and is hugely encouraging.

If you would like to come along to these fortnightly meetings, you would be very welcome.

Jean Proto

Dates for your Diaries

St Blane's Drama Group is preparing another evening of Comedy for your entertainment. Once again we are offering 3 one act plays to make a highly entertaining evening before the Summer Holidays. This will, as usual, be in the Church Hall, starting 7:30 on Wednesday June 27th and continuing through to Saturday June 30th. Profits from the production will be donated to Ehlers-Danlos Support UK.

In addition some of the Drama Group stalwarts will be performing The Steamie on August 22nd to August 25th. Please make a note of these dates in your Diaries. Tickets as usual will be available from Small Print, on the door (if there is any left) or telephone 823716.

An elderly preacher received a letter with just one word on it;

FOOL

The following Sunday from the pulpit he addressed the congregation saying:

"Earlier this week I got a letter which the sender had signed but other than that there was no content, if that person would like to see me later.....!"

The Guild

The Guild held its AGM on Monday, 19th March and this was made extra special as we celebrated the 90th birthday of two of our members, Margaret Henderson and Ishbel Kerr.

Our session has been very successful, with many interesting and varied speakers. We are ending our year with afternoon tea at Callander House in Falkirk, on Friday, 18th of May.

Our 2018-2019 session will commence in October, when we look forward to seeing our existing members and welcoming any ladies or gentlemen who would wish to join us. The committee would like to thank all our members for their support throughout the session.

Liz Reid

Happy 90th Birthday Margaret and Ishbel

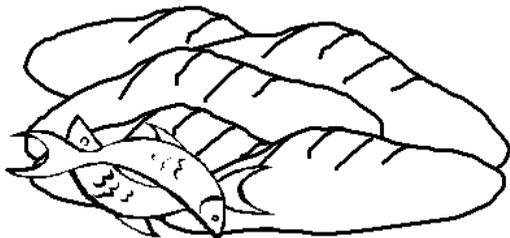
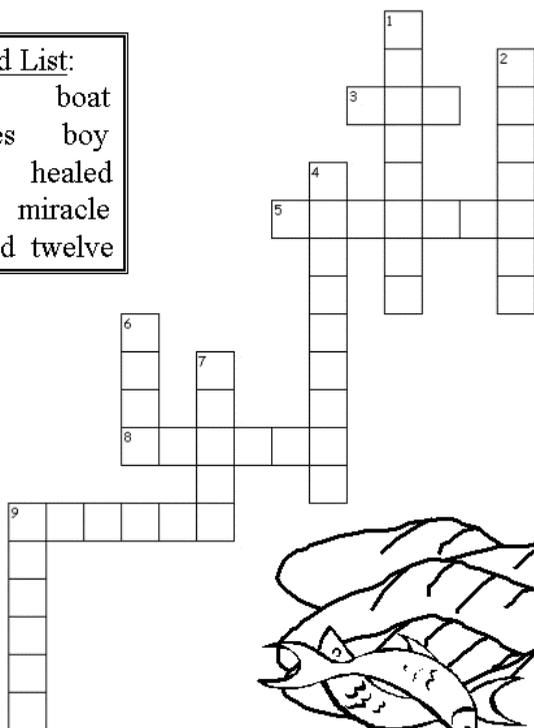


Children's Corner

Jesus Feeds 5000 Crossword

Word List:

baskets boat
disciples boy
bread healed
hungry miracle
thousand twelve



Across

3. Jesus used this persons small lunch to feed five thousand.
5. Jesus performed this on the boy's lunch and still does them today.
8. This is how many baskets of food were left over.
9. One of the other miracles Jesus did that day was that he ____ people.

Down

1. Five ____ people followed Jesus just to listen to Him and be healed.
2. Jesus filled enough of these to feed all the people.
4. The ____ doubted how they would feed all the people.
6. This was Jesus and the disciples' transportation that day.
7. The boy had 2 small fish and 5 pieces of ____ in his lunch.
9. Everyone was ____ that's why Jesus performed the miracle.

**Daily Bible Reading Guide for
June - August 2018**

<i>June 2018</i>			<i>July 2018</i>		
<i>Fri</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Matt 13:24-30</i>	<i>SUN</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Luke 13:10-17</i>
<i>Sat</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Matt 13:31-35</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Matt 21:12-22</i>
			<i>Tue</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Matt 21:23-32</i>
<i>SUN</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Luke 11:1-13</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>Matt 21:33-46</i>
<i>Mon</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>Matt 13:44-52</i>	<i>Thur</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Matt 22:1-14</i>
<i>Tue</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Matt 13:53-58</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>Matt 22:15-22</i>
<i>Wed</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>Matt 14:1-12</i>	<i>Sat</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>Matt 22:23-40</i>
<i>Thur</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>Matt 14:13-21</i>			
<i>Fri</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>Matt 14:22-36</i>	<i>SUN</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>Mark 1:14-20</i>
<i>Sat</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>Matt 15:1-20</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>Matt 23:1-12</i>
			<i>Tue</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Matt 23:13-26</i>
<i>SUN</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Luke 12:32-40</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>Matt 23:27-39</i>
<i>Mon</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>Matt 15:21-28</i>	<i>Thur</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>Matt 24:1-14</i>
<i>Tue</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>Matt 15:29-39</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>Matt 24:15-31</i>
<i>Wed</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>Matt 16:1-12</i>	<i>Sat</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>Matt 24:32-51</i>
<i>Thur</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>Matt 16:13-20</i>			
<i>Fri</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Matt 16:21-28</i>	<i>SUN</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Mark 1:21-27</i>
<i>Sat</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>Matt 17:1-13</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>Matt 25:1-13</i>
			<i>Tue</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>Matt 25:14-30</i>
<i>SUN</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>Luke 12:41-48</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>Matt 25:31-46</i>
<i>Mon</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>Matt 17:14-21</i>	<i>Thur</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>Matt 26:1-16</i>
<i>Tue</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>Matt 17:22-27</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>Matt 26:17-25</i>
<i>Wed</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>Matt 18:1-9</i>	<i>Sat</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>Matt 26:26-35</i>
<i>Thur</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>Matt 18:10-20</i>			
<i>Fri</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>Matt 18:21-35</i>	<i>SUN</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>Mark 2:1-12</i>
<i>Sat</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>Matt 19:1-12</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>Matt 26:36-46</i>
			<i>Tue</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>Matt 26:47-56</i>
<i>SUN</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>Luke 12:49-56</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>Matt 26:57-68</i>
<i>Mon</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>Matt 19:13-22</i>	<i>Thur</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>Matt 26:69-75</i>
<i>Tue</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>Matt 19:23-30</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>Matt 27:1-10</i>
<i>Wed</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>Matt 20:1-16</i>	<i>Sat</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>Matt 27:11-23</i>
<i>Thur</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>Matt 20:17-28</i>			
<i>Fri</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>Matt 20:29-34</i>	<i>SUN</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>Mark 2:23-28</i>
<i>Sat</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>Matt 21:1-11</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>Matt 27:24-31</i>
			<i>Tue</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>Matt 27:32-44</i>

August 2018

Wed 1 *Matt 27:45-54*
Thur 2 *Matt 27:55-66*
Fri 3 *Matt 28:1-10*
Sat 4 *Matt 28:11-20*

SUN 5 *Mark 3:20-30*
Mon 6 *John 1:1-18*
Tue 7 *John 1:19-28*
Wed 8 *John 1:29-42*
Thur 9 *John 1:43-51*
Fri 10 *John 2:2-12*
Sat 11 *John 2:13-25*

SUN 12 *Mark 4:35-41*
Mon 13 *John 3:1-21*
Tue 14 *John 3:22-36*
Wed 15 *John 4:1-26*
Thur 16 *John 4:27-42*
Fri 17 *John 4:43-54*
Sat 18 *John 5:1-18*

SUN 19 *Mark 5:25-34*
Mon 20 *John 5:19-29*
Tue 21 *John 5:30-47*
Wed 22 *John 6:1-15*
Thur 23 *John 6:16-27*
Fri 24 *John 6:27-40*
Sat 25 *John 6:41-51*

SUN 26 *Mark 6:1-6a*
Mon 27 *John 6:52-59*
Tue 28 *John 6:60-71*
Wed 29 *John 7:1-13*
Thur 30 *John 7:14-36*
Fri 31 *John 7:37-52*

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday: Morning Worship 10.00 a.m.
Evening Service 6.30 p.m.

Communion: Last Sunday in February, May and October
10.00 am and 6.30 pm (after Thanksgiving)

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