

# Prestongrange Church Newsletter

Spring 2023

Dear friends,

As we approach Easter, we celebrate and rejoice that we have a Saviour “crucified in weakness, yet he lives by God’s power.” ( 2 Cor. 13:4). The suffering servant of Isaiah, is none other than the very Son of God, who “took up our pain and bore our suffering....was pierced for our transgressions ...crushed for our iniquities.” Of Him it is said that “the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.” (Isa. 53:6). Death could not hold Him for He willingly entered into it that he might rob it of its power. The last enemy– death itself- and the enemy of our souls– the devil– are no match for Jesus our victorious Saviour who comes with the offer of eternal life to all who trust their lives to Him. To the lost and the lonely ; to the depressed and the discouraged; to the sad and the sick; we say: Jesus can bring hope into our despair and peace and healing into our pain.

Jesus is not to be found among the dead. His tomb has no tombstone. It was rolled away– not to let Jesus out, but to let us see in. He is risen from the dead that we who trust in Jesus may rise with Him into new life with the Lord forever. He is the forever friend and Saviour who is now “at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.” (Hebrews 8:34). Jesus died on that cross out of love for us– taking the rap for our sin– and he now prays for us. What a Saviour. Who would believe that we matter that much to Him– and yet we do. Now we can truly live as we trust our lives to Him. Nothing but the best from Jesus who only wants to do us good in giving us the assurance of salvation and daily guidance as we seek to walk with Him and fellowship with Him each day.

May the God of peace and the Prince of peace bless and encourage you as you look to Him.

Yours in our glorious Saviour,

*Kenneth Donald*

## Easter celebrations

**Good Friday (7th April): 2.30-3.15pm.**

**Reflective worship under the gallery in the church. You are welcome.**



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**Easter Sunday:**

**8.30am Worship in Coronation Gardens (behind church)**

**followed by breakfast rolls in the church hall at 9am.**

**11am. Family worship in church.**



## Prayer & thanksgiving:

*"We have to pray  
with our eyes on  
God, not on the  
difficulties."*

*~ Oswald Chambers*

1. For the new Scripture Union group that Chris has started up in Preston Tower Primary School on Thursdays commencing at noon. The group has attracted between 8-15 P.4 & 5's and the same number of P.6's. If you are free to help Chris for the hour, please have a word with him.
2. For Focus (youth group) gathering on a Friday evening at 7pm: meeting either at the manse or Chris & Lindsay's home. Praying for guidance in the way forward.
3. For God supplying our financial needs as a church through another financial year as we seek to be obedient in the calling that he has given us to be his servants and ambassadors.
4. For 3 families now connecting and serving with Safe Families in offering support for those who could do with a little help in coming alongside them.
5. For those who have supported the work of Bethany Trust in preparing meals to be taken to the welcome centre in Edinburgh and those who have financially supported this important work.

We have a Whatsapp page where prayer requests can be shared and where information can be found about our Saturday morning prayer meetings (on Zoom) at 8.30am.

On the first Sat. of the month, we gather with others (in person) to pray for the reviving and renewing of the church and its witness to our nation – with particular reference to East & Mid Lothian.

See Margo for further details.



Copies of our church accounts can be found on our **webpage**: <https://Prestongrange.church.co.uk>



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## Prospective manse sale

The congregational board and the kirk session in looking to the future, have asked for Presbytery permission to sell the manse with a view to buying a newer property that is more energy efficient and has a more manageable garden. The process will be handled by the Law Department of the Church.

## Funerals:

Marion Baillie	Kirsty Scott
Marion Russell	Agnes Little
William Martin	Helen Dewar

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