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**W**elcome to another edition of *The Signpost*, a community magazine published and distributed by the Christians who meet in *Perth Gospel Hall*.

In this issue of The Signpost there's lots of Easter-themed content and an invitation to join us for our *Easter Friday Family Fun Day* (details on back page).

As always, we hope you enjoy reading the magazine. We'd really love to hear from you, so please *get in touch* if you have any questions or comments, or if we can be of any help to you!



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This month's cover image was taken by local photographer **Tom Ryan** at **Scone Palace** last year. You can view more of his work on the "**Pictures of Perth and Beyond**" Facebook group.



# WHY SHOULD WE CELEBRATE EASTER?

Aside from being a good excuse to eat our own body weight in chocolate, why should we celebrate Easter? Here are 3 important things that Easter reminds us about...

## 1) THE BIBLE IS RELIABLE

Many of the events which took place over Easter weekend had been predicted in the Bible hundreds of years earlier. All of these events happened as part of God's plan, *"according to the Scriptures"* (1 Corinthians 15:3-4).

It had been predicted that Jesus would be betrayed by a close friend for 30 pieces of silver, and that He would die by crucifixion, amongst criminals. It was also predicted that He would be buried with the rich and that His body would not be left to decay in the grave, but would be raised to life again.

The fulfilment of these, and many other, prophecies gives us confidence that the Bible really is 'the Word of God'.

## 2) GOD'S LOVE IS UNQUESTIONABLE

The events of Easter weekend were all part of God's plan to provide a solution to mankind's greatest problem - the problem of 'sin'.

Sin is our rebellion against God, demonstrated in the fact that we regularly break His commandments.

The Bible teaches that sin separates us from God and destines us for Hell, rather than Heaven, when we die.

However, despite our sin, the Bible says, *"God so loved the world that He gave His only Son [Jesus Christ]"* (John 3:16) and *"God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners"* (Romans 5:8).

Jesus' death on the cross was central to God's loving plan to provide a solution to our sin problem. On the cross Jesus paid the penalty for our sin by taking the punishment we were due from God for all the wrong we've done.

## 3) NEW LIFE IS AVAILABLE

Jesus triumphantly rose again on the third day (Easter Sunday) and was seen by over 500 eyewitnesses, before later ascending back into Heaven.

Jesus' resurrection means forgiveness and new life are available to every one of us today if we'll simply turn from our sin and put our trust in Him.

This is the wonderful message of hope that Easter brings for us all, and why it's still worth celebrating in 2023!

*"Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!"*  
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

# JOIN US FOR LUNCH!



1pm at PERTH GOSPEL HALL, Balgowan Road, PH1 2LH



Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL, Monday 1<sup>st</sup> MAY, Monday 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE

Since March 2022 our monthly **Community Lunch** has served up over 500 meals to more than 100 different people from the community, whilst also raising over £1000 for a variety of Christian charities.

Gareth Edwards, who helps co-ordinate the event, reflected on the first year, saying, *"As we emerged from the Covid pandemic we recognised that there were lots of people in our community who had become very insular and quite lonely. We wanted to give them an opportunity to come and meet old friends and make new ones, while also enjoying a lovely home-made lunch."*

The lunch consists of delicious soups and desserts made by volunteers from the church, followed by tea and coffee. Gareth explained, *"There's always a warm, welcoming atmosphere, and a constant buzz of chatter! Alongside the food we have a fun quiz and a short 'thought for the day' from the Bible. The lunch is completely free, but over the past 12 months we've raised more than £1000 in donations which have gone to Christian charities helping people here in Scotland, and further afield in countries such as Ukraine, Moldova and Turkey."*

Everyone is welcome at the **Community Lunch**. Feel free to just turn up on the day, or get in touch for more details.





# COMMUNITY KICKABOUT!



8-9pm at SEVEN ACRES, Newhouse Road



Every Friday (You need to book your place each week though!)

For over 10 years we have organised a **weekly football group** over the spring and summer months. After a break last year we are lacing up our boots and getting back on the pitch in 2023!

The group is aimed at men of 16+, with no upper age limit. In the past we've had players in their teens, 20s, 30s, 40s, 50s and 60s joining us! All abilities are welcome, too, so whether you're a novice or a pro you are free to join us for a semi-serious, but always friendly, kickabout on Friday evenings at Seven Acres all-weather pitch.

We play for an hour, 8-9pm, and then share a 5-minute 'thought for the day' from the Bible at the end. There is no charge, but in order to get correct numbers each week we ask those who want to play to sign up to receive a weekly text which they must then respond to in order to book their place. It works on a 'first come, first served' basis for every session.

At the end of the season we hold a 'Player of the Year Awards' evening with food, trophies and a lot of fun.

If you're interested in joining us, please contact us on **07584099498** and we'll add you to the list to receive the weekly text message!



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## EASTER WORD SEARCH...

Can you find all 21 of these terms associated with the Easter story from the Bible? And spot the spelling mistake!

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RESURRECTION  
RISEN  
JUDAS  
GOOD FRIDAY  
PRAYER  
MARY  
CRUCIFIXION  
CROSS  
DISCIPLES  
BETRAYAL  
JESUS  
TOMB  
CROWN OF THORNS  
REDEMPTION  
PASSOVER  
WINE  
FAITH  
REJOICE  
SON  
SAVIOR  
BREAD



# LOCAL COMMUNITY NEWS!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...



**Easter Event:**  
10-12 noon  
8<sup>th</sup> April @ Co-op  
Rannoch Road.



**Letham Residents Assoc. Meeting:**  
7pm 25<sup>th</sup> May @  
Letham Community  
Club, Marlee Place.

## ACTIVITIES EVERY DAY...



**Letham4All** provides a broad range of activities and services every day of the week for people of all ages in the community. For a current listing of what's on offer check out their website or find them on Facebook.  
[www.letham4all.org](http://www.letham4all.org)



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**Letham4All:**  
[letham4all.org.uk](http://letham4all.org.uk)

**Love Letham:**  
[loveletham.org](http://loveletham.org)

**Letham Residents Association:**  
**Facebook > Letham Residents**

**Letham Climate Challenge  
(Swap Shop):**  
[lethamclimatechallenge.org](http://lethamclimatechallenge.org)

**Letham FC / Seven Acres:**  
[lethamfc.co.uk](http://lethamfc.co.uk)



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# Easter

## Family Fun Day

10.30 - 12 noon

Friday 7th April



Bouncy  
Castle!

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Egg  
Decorating!



Easter Gift for  
Every Child!

Games, Crafts  
& lots of Fun!



Drinks &  
Snacks!

ALL  
**FREE**

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