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This year we're celebrating the 75th birthday of our church!!

We plan to have all the usual stalls — All Day Tea Room, Cake and Candy Stall, Bot-

tle Stall, CDs and DVDs, Toys, Bouncy Castle, Silent Auction, Music, Brica-Brac, Bar-be-que, Face Painting, Model Railway, Games, Puzzles, Quizzes, and more



There could be a Stamperland Cup Cake Challenge—would you be up for that?

We will only have a successful Spring Fair if everyone works hard. We need donations for all stalls, we need helpers before, during and after the event on Saturday 9th May. Please do think how you can assist—and tell one of the Fund Raising Committee or any office bearer.

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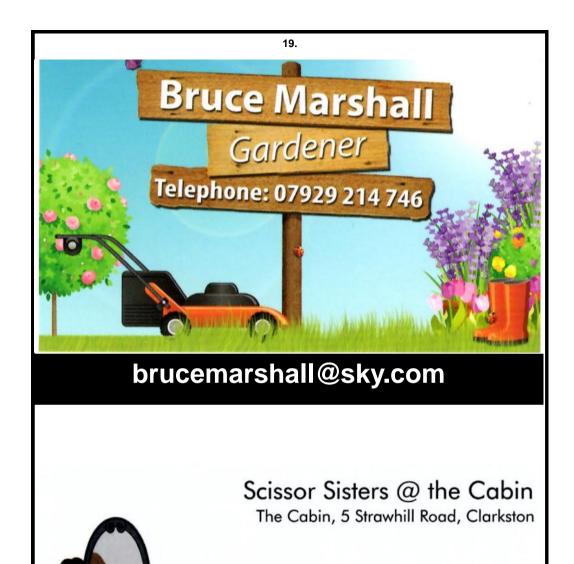
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The May edition of Focus will arrive at your door at the same time as you are receiving a variety of leaflets about the General Election. These leaflets give the political parties the opportunity to raise a wide range of topics. Millions of pounds are spent often on so called "negative" campaigning as the parties trade insults and abuse and inform us how terrible it would be if the other party won.

Politicians tend to appeal to our selfish instincts and constantly make promises which are soon broken. Seldom do we hear a politician of any party speak about his party's policy on overseas aid and international development. While we may criticise the Government on other issues, Christians should offer their congratulations that, in spite of our rich nation coming through difficult times, no cut has been made in overseas aid.

Soon after the General Election, we come to Christian Aid Week, from the 10th to 16th May. This year Christian Aid celebrates its 70th birthday and remains one of the leading charities which campaigns for a greater awareness of the plight of the world's poor.

Christian Aid Week gives us the opportunity to give as generously as we can of our time and our money to continue that work begun 70 years ago. Because that work is done, in the name of Jesus Christ and in obedience to the teaching of Jesus Christ, Churches of every denomination lead the way.

I know that for many years Stamperland Church members have faithfully supported Christian Aid. Please do so again this year.

Christian Aid remains committed to challenge the economic systems that continue to suppress the world's poorest people. The rules of a trading system in which workers are exploited and don't receive a fair wage, must be changed.

Many British supermarkets now sell a variety of goods which carry a fair trade mark on the label signifying that the people who produced the product have been paid a fair wage. Even although

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these products cost a few pence more, we ought to buy them.

We often read and hear the words "Charity begins at home" but never did Jesus speak such words. On the contrary Jesus encourages us to "go then, to ALL people's EVERYWHERE and make them my disciples" (Matthew 28, Verse 19)

Continue to pray for the work of Christian Aid. Actively support the work wherever you can, and use what influence you have to give its life giving work maximum publicity.

Yours in Christ's service,

Jack Drummond

Church Membership Classes

It would be a great encouragement if, during a time of vacancy, the congregation was strengthened by the addition of new communicant members.

I hope there may be some people who are seriously considering "joining" the Church for the first time. To prepare for this important step, there will be four meetings at the close of the morning worship on Sundays 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st May. New members would then be admitted to communicant membership at the beginning of the Communion Service on Sunday 7th June.

You can "join" the Church by Profession of Faith at any age. Please publicise theses arrangements.

Jack Drummond

Funeral

16th April 2015 Mr Russ McIntosh 26 Homeblair House.

The Black family would like to thank Reverend Jack Drummond for the lovely service at the baptism of Isabella Black, and to thank Sheena for the beautiful display of flowers at the service, in memory of Margaret Gray.

Thanks again,

the Black Family



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Dates for Focus Magazine



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September

October

November

E mail articles to cumbrae14@ntlworld.com, or paper copies when requested.

Pastoral Care.

We are hoping to extend the services that we can offer you, and are beginning with Exchange of Library books. One of our team Kay Baird, works in Clarkston Library and is happy to set this up for you should you wish to exchange a book and cannot get to the Library yourself, or, if you would like to become a member of the Library she can assist you to do this.

Please get in touch with us if you would like to know more about this.

Grace Scott, On behalf of the Pastoral Care Group,

Pastoral Care

Your Pastoral Care Team are here for you. If you need;

Transport to Church HospitalDoctors Appointment Shopping

Could do with a chat Have a prayer request

Please contact Grace Scott, 0141 637 2226

Richard and Gillian Burke (nee Findlayson) would like to thank the Minister for his lovely Christening Service, the Sunday School, for their gifts of flowers and baptism book, and the congregation for their gifts, cards and kind wishes, both when Andrew was born and when he was baptised.



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Church Halls Usage



What Use is made of Stamperland Church and Halls on a Weekly Basis?
(Mainly between September and June inclusive)
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| Sundays | Worship | Sanctuary | Morn |
|-----------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| | Stepping Stones | Large Hall | Morn |
| | Parties | Large/Small Halls | As Booked |
| Mondays | Baby Sensory | Large/Small Halls | Morn/Aft |
| | Brownies | Large Hall | Eve |
| | Guides | Large Hall | Eve |
| | Pipe Band | Sanctuary | Eve |
| | Session | Session Room | Eve Monthly |
| Tuesday | Rainbows | Small Hall | Eve Weekly |
| | Guild | Session Room | Eve Weekly |
| | Sounds Int. Choir | Large Hall | Eve Weekly |
| | Friendship Club | Session Room | Eve Summer |
| Wednesday | Open Door | Sanctuary | Morn Weekly |
| | BB Football Training | Large Hall | Eve Weekly |
| | Pipe Band | Sanctuary | Eve Weekly |
| Thursday | Beavers | Small Hall | Eve Weekly |
| | Cubs | Large Hall | Eve Weekly |
| | Scouts | Large Hall | Eve Weekly |
| Friday | Keep Fit Class 1 | Large Hall | Morn Weekly |
| j | Keep Fit Class 2 | Large Hall | Morn Weekly |
| | Heart for Art | Sanctuary | Aft Weekly |
| | Dance Classes | Large Hall | Periodically |
| | BB Junior Sect | All Halls | Eve Weekly |
| | BB Coy Sect | All Halls | Eve Weekly |
| Saturday | Flowers Team | Sanctuary | Morn Weekly |
| ĺ | Parties | Large/Small Hall | As Booked |
| | Fund Raisers | All Halls | As Booked |
| All Days | Cleaning/Maintenance | All Halls | As Required |

Holv Week 2015

Once again we would like to wholeheartedly thank the members of the Congregation for their support and attendance during our Holy Week Services this year. Based around our senses, each night we explored what this means for the Easter Story and Resurrection.

Starting with Steven getting us all to stand up during the sermon on Monday; to Scott sharing experiences of his class and David getting us to listen to music, the services were enjoyable and thought provoking all week. It was also a pleasure to hear the thoughts of Jack on the themes of taste and touch, as well as be joined by our friends from Netherlee for Maundy Thursday Communion.

Yet again, the whole congregation pulled together, with readings from several members; Jane, Barbara and Duncan providing the music and Jimmy (and Mrs Jimmy of course!) at the door. It is also appropriate to say that many members of the congregation attended every night of Holy Week, quietly and in their own way. This is noticed and appreciated. We thank-you for your support.

All this culminated in a wonderful dawn service on Easter Sunday, with a fabulous breakfast afterwards. In relation to this, it was wonderful to see Rebecca, Lauren and Andrew attend on the Sunday morning, while more generally, the attendance of some of the children throughout the week, such as Amy Mitchell, should be encouraged.

We said it last year - but hope to actually do it this time - and compile the sermons as a reminder of the week. Plans are also being formulated for next year - would you believe it - so we hope to see you then!

Thank-you to everyone,

Scott, Steven and David

A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was fined for littering.



She was only a whisky maker, but he loved her still.

The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.

The midget fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.

The soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.

Victoria Infirmary Chaplaincy

attended the very last meting of Team Leaders on Thursday 19th March at which the Rev. Ishaku Bitrus asks us all to thank our minister, congregation, and in particular, the team from our churches for their support in the Sunday Services over all the vears. The Victoria Infirmary has been the envy of all the Glasgow hospitals as it was the only hospital that that had a Church of Scotland service each Sunday of the year. So the south side churches can give themselves a pat on the back for the amazing support

At this meeting was the Head of Chaplaincy NHS GG&C, Blair Robertson, who spoke in our church last year and he also added his appreciation and thanks to all. Bryan Bannerman, Voluntary Services manager from NHS GG&C again added his thanks and was willing to take questions on any issues regarding the new hospital which was interesting, as the main question from the floor was the transport which. I might say, has still to be finalised!! We were informed that, because of the size of this new hospital, they are looking for 150 volunteers, so that help will be on hand when entering the hospital, so that assistance can be given with directions to the appropriate departments.

The last Sunday Service was held on 29th March and this happened to be Stamperland Church's date, so we had the privilege of supporting the very last service being held in the hospital that has served the south side for well over a century. A sad and joyous occasion, not only with the closing of a hospital that has meant so much to so many, but hearing again the Palm Sunday story. Unfortunately I was unable to attend the Service of Celebration being held on Sunday 5th April as I was south, meeting a new member of my own family, but I am sure it would have been quite an occasion.

Rounding up, and on a personal note, I would like to thank Pat, Fraser Mac, Winnie, Anne and Evelyn who have made up the team that has supported me since took over as Team Leader from Sheila McIntosh, without whom Stamperland Church would not have been represented, so my sincere appreciation to all.

Margaret Hyslop

Not Welcome

An impoverished old man applied for membership in a wealthy church. The pastor tried to put him off with all kinds of evasive remarks. The old man became aware that he was not welcome there and finally told the pastor that he would pray about it. After several days he returned. "Well," asked the pastor, "Did the Lord give you a message?" "Yes Sir, He did" was the old man's answer. "He told me it wasn't any use. He said, "I've been trying to get in that same church myself for ten years and they won't let me in either."

Make an ornament or decorative article using candle-making, arranging flowers, carving in any medium (e.g. wood, slate, stone, soap), fly tying, jewellery making, pewter work, copper or silver smithing, stone polishing, stone masonry or sculpture.

The Group's Annual General Meeting – By the time you are reading this the Groups A G M will have taken place which gives an opportunity for Leaders to meet with the parents and discuss the programme of events over the last year that their boys having been actively involved in. I will update you in the next issue of the Focus.

Church Parade 22nd February – The Scout & Guide associations, Founders' Day is celebrated on 22 February, the birthday of Robert Baden-Powell, and on this occasion the yearly church parade for Stamperland church had landed on the same date. I would like to thank the boys, Leaders and parents for getting their children out and turning up smartly dressed and in uniform on such a cold and wet day.

Air Space - Thursday the 12th March: The Scouts took part in this event for the first time and had an exciting and fun night. I'm sure this will be a yearly event within the balanced programme.

Air Space is over 100 interconnected trampolines; a huge spring-loaded urban playground. Solo or social - how you jump is up to you. You can improvise your own moves in the main arena, freestyle jumping from one trampoline to the next. Join in with team sports as you've never experienced them before: dodgeball, basketball and football – all on super-sprung pitches.

Joe Mailley – Scouter-in-Charge, Tel: 0141 571 0887



Trains at the Spring Fair

For over 20 years, oh yes it is! the railway display at the Spring and Christmas Fairs has delighted many visitors year after year, but in recent times it was becoming too heavy to handle by those young and old who help to put it together and take it apart.

After the Christmas Fair in December 2014 the plans to replace it were put into action and a new and very different railway has been getting built for many months since.

Whilst there will be something to see at the Spring Fair, much detail still remains to be done and we hope you will bear with us over the coming year as enhancements take place in time for the Christmas Fair, or why not see what it's like now and what it will be like in 8 months time?





79th Glasgow (Stamperland) Scout Group



A brief update from the Scout Group this month as we have had 3 weeks off with Holy Week and the Easter holidays so not much to report. Lots of activities are being planned for the run up to the summer holidays including a weekend away for the Cubs and Scouts in late May. Meanwhile we look forward to seeing you all at the Spring Fair in our usual spot cooking burgers and sausages. Come along to say hello and treat yourself to a tasty burger or sausage.

The following article should have been in last month's Focus, hence the report on some older activities. (Editor's mysterious omission) FN)

Scout Troop & Explorers

Burns Night -22^{nd} January - Leaders arranged for the scouts to take part in a night of celebrating Robert Burns, poet and lyricist. He is widely regarded as the national poet of Scotland.

The boys had prepared poems and songs with various sketches for the night and were served up by the Leaders with Haggis, neaps and tatties with our national drink, Irn Bru.

Craft Activity Badge – Over several Thursday nights since the start of the new session the boys have been working on the craft badge. 14 of the scouts have successfully completed the sections required. Well done to all involved.

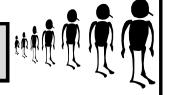
Part of the requirements are:

Make or decorate one or more articles using, whenever possible, original design ideas. The project should be discussed beforehand with a member of the leadership team and should take around six hours to complete. Appropriate care must be taken with all tools and materials to avoid injury. Some example projects:

- Make a picture using techniques such as mosaic, staining glass, quilting, calligraphy, pyrography, pressed flowers, fabric collage, printing with potato, lino, string, drypoint, aquatint, silk screen or similar.
- Decorate an article (wood, metal, glass etc.) by engraving or etching or decorate enamelware.

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DUTY TEAMS FOR THE COMING MONTHS



| May 3 rd – TEAM 1 | May 10 th – TEAM 2 | May 17 th - TEAM 3 |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Mr W Paterson (Con) | Mr G Fairweather (Con) | Mrs A MacFarlane(Con) |
| Mrs M Young | Mr G Robertson | Mr A Henderson |
| Miss L Robb | Mr R Russell | Mrs S Bell |
| Miss G Scott | Mrs J Silcock | Mrs R McNiven |
| Mr D McKee | Mr D Brown | Miss J Stewart |
| | Mr S Owens | |

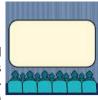
| May 24 th – TEAM 4 | May 31 st – TEAM 5 | June 7 th COMMUNION |
|---|---|--------------------------------|
| Mrs N Fisher (Con) | Mr R Allan (Con) | Mr R Allan (Con) |
| Miss J Barr | Mrs J Herriot | Miss E Robb |
| Mrs J Cranston | Mr J Curror | Mrs J Cranston |
| Mr G Finlayson | Mrs J Curror | Mr A Henderson |
| Mrs G Walker | Mr S Russell | Mr G Fairweather |
| Mrs K Bolton | | |

| June 14 th - TEAM 6 | June 21 st – TEAM 1 | $July\ 28^{th}-TEAM\ 2$ |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Mr A Graham (Con) | Mr W Paterson (Con) | Mr G Fairweather (Con) |
| Mrs E Graham | Mrs M Young | Mr G Robertson |
| Mr N Walker | Miss L Robb | Mr R Russell |
| Mrs M Neilson | Miss G Scott | Mrs J Silcock |
| Mrs K Baird | Mr D McKee | Mr D Brown |
| Mrs S Skelton | Mr W Paterson (Con) | Mr S Owens |

Any duty member who cannot attend on any date allocated should arrange a substitute for that date and inform the Duty Convener.

SHOWING ON A SCREEN IN FRONT OF YOU

It was during Alastair Cherry's ministry that the digital projector and screen were installed in our sanctuary. Initially, the screen was used mainly to show the words of hymns which weren't in the normal hymnbooks, or used only whilst the Sunday School children



were in church. Occasionally, the screen was used to enable particular pictures or words to be shown – often as part of a children's address. In recent years we've become accustomed to the screen and now expect the words of all of the hymns to be displayed on the screen every Sunday.

Somehow it became my job to prepare the Sunday morning presentation. Getting the words of the hymns onto the screen wasn't usually very difficult. Occasionally I would have to type every word of every verse of every hymn; sometimes I could get the words from the internet. However, what is difficult is getting the right words in the right order. Words in CH4 are often quite different from the words of the same hymn in CH3; verses taken from the internet can be hugely different from what appears in print in our hymn books; and (occasionally) I just make mistakes. And sometimes "technology" causes problems when verses which display perfectly on my home computer change formatting on the church computer and words disappear off the bottom of the screen.

I have learned that quite a lot of the congregation find it difficult to read words on the screen when the background is anything other than a plain colour – so now the words are usually either white or yellow against a black or dark blue background. I would be interested to know if anyone finds these combinations difficult and whether there is any preference for a change with, say, black writing on a white background. Please let me know your thoughts.

Between hymns we used to display a photograph of the cross on the chancel wall. Over time, the digital projector started to develop a ghostly image of the cross as certain of the pixels within the projector were being "over-used" and it became necessary to use different images to prevent the projector from "burning out".

Choosing what to show between hymns is a bit of a challenge. The image shouldn't be "too interesting" to ensure that members of the congregation don't find looking at the image more interesting than listening to the minister! For much of last year the screen showed pictures of church buildings, often of small country churches, from all areas of Scotland. There are plenty of churches in Scotland and so no shortage of potential pictures.

However, I would like to know what you would like to see on the screen between hymns. So, please don't be hesitant in suggesting the images which you would like to see displayed during the Sunday service.

Norrie Bolton Session Clerk

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The month of April has been an exciting one for the Company. Firstly, the football team are now the Battalion Cup holders after a fantastic 4-2 victory over the 137 BB Company. The boys played magnificently throughout, in challenging conditions, and despite a nervy last 10 minutes, held out to secure the Cup for the first time in a number of years! – Congratulations to Captain Cpl. Lewis Rankin, Cpl. Greg McCall, L/Cpl. Ross Johnston, L/Cpl. Matty Bainbridge and to Manager Lt. Scott Russell for a great achievement!!

The Drill Squad also entered the District Drill Squad Competition, their final of the session. Despite putting up a very good defence of the shield the Boys were just edged out by the 4th EK Company. Despite missing out on 1st place the boys put in a very good performance and can consider themselves unlucky to have lost. Well done all for putting in a number of excellent performances throughout the session.

During 10-12 April, the boys were of course at the Ardroy Outdoor Education Centre in Lochgoilhead for an action packed weekend. The boys (and staff!) had a fantastic time and took part in a wide range of activities including Gorge Walking, Caving, Abseiling and Camping. The boys were in lively spirits throughout and its fair to say that by Sunday lunchtime all were thoroughly exhausted – no doubt Monday was a lazy day for most, it certainly was for yours truly.

Finally, congratulations go to Sgt. Jack Smart and Sgt. Jack Carline for successfully completing the Queens Award completion course at Auchingillan. They are both on course to be presented with the Queens Award at this years Inspection.

Looking forward, the boys will be rehearsing throughout May in preparation for the Inspection which has now been moved to **5**th **June** – This change was due to the original date clashing with School Holidays.

Diary:

1st May Full Uniform Parade incl. Haversack, 8pm

8th May Parade Night, 8pm 15th May Parade Night, 8pm 22nd May Parade Night, 8pm 29th May Parade Night, 8pm

3rd June Inspection Rehearsal – Start 7pm
5th June Annual Inspection – Start 7pm

All enquiries; Peter Dale (Captain) 07506681531



SPRING FAIR



The SPRING FAIR is our major fund raising event of the year and opens our church to everyone in the parish and beyond. It lets people see that we can enjoy ourselves and have a bit of fun whilst working for our church.

We'll be having the usual stalls as well as, I hope, a few surprises. So, to remind you, we are looking for books, bottles, bric-a-brac, CD's, cakes, DVD's, jam, plants, records, seedlings, soft toys, toiletries, toys, more bottles and more baking. How about baking cup-cakes and entering the cup-cake challenge?

We're always looking for things which we can sell or auction – for example, unwanted presents, items from the back of the display cabinet which you've never really liked or antiques you are fed up dusting. We can take items which will help de-clutter your life!

There will be a bar-be-que, bouncy castle, face painting, model railway in the making, coconut shy, quizzes, and some surprises; and, of course, our famous "All Day Tearoom".

To make the Spring Fair a success we need your help. We need help on the Friday afternoon and evening to start setting up the halls and stalls. We need help on the day of the Spring Fair to assist at the various stalls, in the Tea Room and in the kitchen. At the end of the Spring Fair we need help with clearing the halls, taking left -over items to local charity shops and rubbish to the dump. Please think how you can help and let one of the organising committee know when you can assist. We are also looking for help in publicising the Spring Fair – by handing posters into local shops, by telling friends and neighbours about the Spring Fair and encouraging them to come along and enjoy themselves and picking up really excellent value goods.

Importantly, we need you to turn up and participate in all the activities.

Let's make this year's Spring Fair an event which truly celebrates our 75th anniversary year.

Norrie Bolton, Session Clerk



Christian Aid Week is from Sunday 10th to Saturday 16th May, Volunteers are needed to deliver and/or collect envelopes around all the doors of the parish. Quite a large number of people are required, so if you are able to help, please speak to Sandra Cowie or phone on 585 7188.

Please volunteer for your local area.

Sandra Cowie



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SHARING IN PRAYER MAY 'JESUS IS ALIVE'

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of Him Who brings good news, good news, Proclaiming peace, announcing news of happiness, Our God reigns, our God reigns,

Our God reigns!

You watchmen lift your voices joyfully as one, Shout for your King, your King. See eye to eye the Lord restoring Zion: Your God reigns, your God reigns!

Waste places of Jerusalem break forth with joy, We are redeemed, redeemed.
The Lord has saved and comforted His people: Your God reigns, your God reigns!

Ends of the earth, see the salvation of your God, Jesus is Lord, is Lord. Before the nations He has bared His holy arm: Your God reigns, your God reigns, your God reigns,

Your God reigns!

In a previous 'Focus' magazine, depressing statistics were listed of the countries where church membership numbers had decreased at an alarming rate and few people read or owned a Bible.

Now for the Good News: God works good out of bad atheism is not taking hold as much as people think, even although it seems to be in our country.... just think how Jesus' disciples reached out to the world as Christianity began 2000 years ago ... Mark to Egypt; Matthew to Ethiopia, Thomas to India, Andrew to Ukraine, Romania and Russia. Then, in the 5th century, there was Patrick in Ireland and in the 6th century, Gregory The Great sent Augustine to Canterbury; in the 16th century we had Martin Luther; 18th century John and Charles Wesley in the U.K. and William Carey to India; in the 20th century, the great- est growth, and opposition, took place with a Pentecostal Revival in the U.S.A. - with Oral Roberts and Billy Graham, and in 1904 there was the great Welsh revival.

In China today, there are 25,000 believers a day making it the most numerous Christian nation there is and also today, refugees in Syria are turning to Jesus. From the war in Syria and the Middle East by the IS terrorists - some Muslim refugees have been given a vision of Jesus and are converting to Christianity, and today there are 2,000 believers in Nigeria.

So, let's change our mind-set about churches. Whatever the denomination, if the Gospel is being preached, don't condemn what Jesus wants to build up. Be wholly dependent on God's Spirit because (Pastor Peter Anderson)

OUR GOD REIGNS!

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SHARING IN PRAYER 'JESUS IS ALIVE' cont'd

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder Consider all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed;

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Saviour, God to Thee How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,...

And when I think that God His Son not sparing, Sent Him to die – I scarce can take it in. That on the cross my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin;

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation And take me home – what joy shall fill my heart! Then shall I bow in humble adoration And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee

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'First of all, I ask you to pray for everyone. God wants everyone to be saved and to know the whole truth, which is, 'There is only one God and Christ Jesus is the only one who can bring us to God."

(1 Timothy 2: 1, 4, 5)

Pray- for the unemployed who often feel like pariahs in society. Pray that they might hear the message of Easter, that God loves them and has a purpose for their lives.

Pray - for your country as the Government considers giving more autonomy to the separate countries and regions in Britain. Pray that the Holy Spirit will give wisdom to all involved in this process and bring revival to every part.

OUR GOD REIGNS!