With each passing year I find a different message that comes from the Easter Story, but today I want to bring the simple version of the story allowing you to find your own message.

Holy Week seems to get off to a good start. On the Sunday prior to Easter, the one we all know as Palm Sunday, there was a parade. Jesus and his companions were entering Jerusalem and the crowds gathered to welcome him as though he was a conquering hero. They shouted and sang and threw palm branches in his path. And although the disciples and other close followers had been worried about this trip, that Sunday morning’s welcoming parade had given them a bit of false hope that maybe their fears of sinister plots and sworn enemies were totally unfounded. But the feel-good factor did not last long. For whatever reason, Jesus insisted on getting in the face of the establishment. The disciples barely had time to return the borrowed donkey Jesus had ridden in the parade, when Jesus went to the great temple and began to irritate powerful people. He overturned the tables of the moneychangers and set free the goats and sheep that were to be sold for sacrifice and even released the pigeons from their cages. On Sunday Jesus was honoured with a parade, but by Tuesday and Wednesday he could be found standing on street corners in the city market repeatedly preaching sermons that mocked the authority of the scribes and Pharisees.

And then comes the Thursday night dinner that was intended as a break from the stress the week had become, but instead of a relaxed evening, Jesus insisted on discussing betrayal and dying. “One of you (Judas Iscariot) has already betrayed me and the rest will head for the hills when the going gets tough.” Peter, ever the self-assured, objected, “Lord, maybe the rest of them will do that, but not me, I will never fail you.” Jesus shook his head, “Peter, before the sun comes up tomorrow morning, you will deny me three times.”

An agreeable dinner party had soured, and the mood changed. After eating and singing a hymn together, Jesus took a couple of his dearest friends to pray with him in the Garden of Gethsemane. But what he experienced in the quiet garden of prayer was marked by anxiety. Those trusted disciples had, as it turned out, the attention span of small children. They lost interest in prayer and fell asleep. Disappointed with his closest friends, Jesus now knew where this night was heading, and he was not looking forward to it. He prayed, “Lord, let this cup pass from me.” That’s a polite way to say, “God, I don’t want to do this. Judas Iscariot and Simon Peter have been good and loyal friends. I don’t want Judas to betray me. I don’t want Peter to deny he ever knew me. God of heaven and...”
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earth, I have thought about this very carefully and all things considered I don’t want to be arrested, beaten, tortured, and hung on a cross to die. Lord, let this cup pass from me.” God did not answer Jesus’ prayer, at least not the way Jesus asked to have it answered. Less than 24 hours after praying Jesus was dead and buried. But of course, we know the story did not end there. After the grave came the resurrection.

With all of you, I look forward to Easter and its promise of new life. “Holy Week” is a series of disappointing, agonizing, terrible events and before we get to Easter we have to go through the Master being arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane; Peter denying he even knew Jesus; the questioning in the basement torture chamber of Caiphas, the high priest; the sham trial at the palace of Pontius Pilate; the disappointment when some of the Palm Sunday crowd demanded Jesus’ crucifixion.

Before the glory of Easter, Jesus must carry his cross on the Way of Tears. He must be nailed to that cross on Golgotha. Before Easter, our Lord must be placed in the borrowed tomb of Joseph of Arimathea.

Good Friday with its suffering leaves us with a mood of defeat. First there was the kangaroo court totally lacking in respect, resulting in a guilty verdict leading to Jesus being taken away and murdered.

I sometimes wish we could skip over all the bad news of Holy Week and go straight to the good news of Easter. However, we cannot do that. In order to get to the joy of the resurrection and victory, there first must be death and defeat. Without the cross, the empty tomb makes no sense.

As a child, we learned from experience that the darkness of midnight inevitably will give way to the light of the morning. In our spiritual life, we can be just as certain that inevitable disappointments and struggles will give way to God’s grace and love.

Believe this: when you are in a pit of despair, don’t give up hope. God brings new life into the darkest moments of what otherwise may seem a hopeless situation. Believe that with confident certainty. Doing so makes a difference.

In thought and prayer this Easter
From Pat Walker
Joint Locum Minister

Robina (Ruby) Proctor
17th May 1926 - 8th March 2020

Ruby was the second eldest of five children in her family and the only girl. Ruby left school at the age of 14 and went into service as a maid but not long before the war she trained and served as a British Red Cross Nurse at Perth Royal Infirmary.

After the war it was back to the Angus area, working as a housekeeper and taking on lots of other seasonal work on the land: tatties season, berry season and it was while she was out ‘clatting neeps’ that she met and fell in love with her husband Wull.

Married in January 1947 they went on to become proud parents to Wilma, Margaret, David, Linda (deceased) and Shirley. Ruby had nine grandchildren and nine great grandchildren and she loved all in her family unconditionally just as they loved and respected her.

Ruby was a bit of a ‘superwoman’ because she was a hard worker her whole life and worked well into her 70’s and that was even after suffering a stroke when she was 67 years of age. She was a master at ironing, cooking, baking and looking after people most of her life. Ruby could never sit still and she always found something that needed to be done but for her relaxation it was time spent in the garden with her flowers.

Life changed for Ruby in later years after she and Wull retired and lived in Forfar. They enjoyed the social aspects of living in the sheltered housing complex and also after they moved into Lochbank Nursing Home. If you are speaking to any of the family ask them about the cabbage!!!

One of the big highlights in Ruby’s life was attending Buckingham Palace with Wull for a garden party for the Queen and Prince Philip’s Golden Wedding Anniversary which was the same year as Ruby and Wull’s Golden Wedding Anniversary and, more locally, they attended a reception at Cortachy Castle.

Ruby will be sadly missed by those who knew and loved her.

Rev Barbara Ann Sweetin
In the PICTure

Local Initiatives

During the current Coronavirus crisis, local help and information is widely circulated by social media. The following may prove helpful to those not using a computer.

Two shops in Letham are providing a telephone grocery delivery service.

**KeyStore**
- Telephone 01307 818840
- Minimum order £5.00, shopping delivered that day or next. Groceries & provisions only.

**Keptie Bakery**
- Telephone 01307 818936
- Minimum order £5.00, phone before 2.00pm, shopping delivered next morning. All bakery goods plus jam, milk and flour.

Cancellation of Worship Services

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Church of Scotland asked, in the strongest terms, that all gatherings for worship should cease until further notice. Other Scottish Churches are taking similar actions. This obviously includes Easter services. It also includes, but is not restricted to, prayer groups and meetings, such as Kirk Session.

Please look for services on BBC Radio and on television.

In doing this, we will of course follow all Government and NHS guidance in order to keep everyone safe.

SUNDAY SERVICES ON-LINE

While there are an increased number of Church services being broadcast on various TV and radio stations, you will be interested to know that a number of local churches are live streaming their services.

We would particularly commend the worship services from Lowson Memorial Church in Forfar, conducted by our Interim Moderator, Rev Dr Karen Fenwick.

To access these services, just search “YouTube Lowson Memorial” and scroll down to the relevant date then click on the link. Please note it will not be live until 11am on that particular Sunday morning.

Alternatively, email Karen on kfenwick@churchofscotland.org.uk and she will email you a direct link to help you access the service.

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CONTACT WITH LOCUM MINISTERS

Although there are no Sunday services and normal visiting has been suspended, Eric and Pat are still available and can be contacted by phone or email for whatever reason - perhaps if someone just wants to chat or share a prayer or simply to pass on information. Their contact details can be found on the front page of this magazine.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch in the event of a funeral. It also goes without saying that if further advice is forthcoming from the Scottish Government and/or the Church of Scotland then these plans and intentions may need to change.

A limited number of paper copies of this edition of ‘In the PICTure’ are available from

- Keystore, Gardyne Street
- Costcutter, Gardyne Street
- Keptie Bakery, The Square
- Letham Pharmacy, Blairs Road.

Future editions of ‘In the PICTure’ will also be published online until the pandemic restrictions have been lifted.

‘In the PICTure’ will be published on the church website and uploaded to the Auld Letham page on Facebook. The Community Council and Feuars have kindly agreed to post the magazine on their websites.

We would like to express our gratitude to the above for their generous assistance in these trying circumstances.

We would also like to thank our loyal deliverers who have ensured all properties in the parish received a copy of the magazine. We will welcome their support when the hard copy magazine is published again.

If you would be willing to deliver a few copies in your street please contact the Session Clerk, Irene McGugan, on 01307 818436.

Next Issue of ‘In the PICTure’

Deadline for the May (online) issue is **Saturday 18th April 2020**

Material may be sent to Joan Smith, 9 Burnside Road (01307 818937)
- E-mail: joan_77@btinternet.com
- or to Rev Martyn Thomas
  - 14 Kirkgait (01307 818084)
  - E-Mail: martyn317thomas@btinternet.com
Youth Group Report – March 2020

Over the last year we have welcomed a few children to some of our weekly services, but we have still not been able to encourage enough children to attend regularly to warrant organising a separate children’s activity during the service.

Unfortunately, the school were not able to come to a Christmas service but there are plans to have an Easter service here at the end of this term. We hope that the children, and their parents, will feel welcome and we look forward to seeing them at other services in the future.

The Messy Church event which we hoped to run last year did not happen. It is something which we would like to organise in the future, but it would need a number of people to commit to helping with the planning and running of the event. They run very successfully in other churches and it is a great way to encourage young families to join us in worship. Please speak to me if you would like to know more about what is involved.

If we do manage to encourage more families to join us, we will need more volunteers to help with events on a regular basis. We have several people who have gone through the PVG checking process which allows them to work with children, but we can always use extra help with this really important part of church life.

It is a well-known fact that a personal invite is one of the best ways to encourage people, who perhaps have not been in a church for many years, to attend so please think about inviting any young families you are in contact with. They will be made very welcome.

Norma Craigon

(Report given 8th March 2020)

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND AND ITS LINKS TO GHANA

A country with which we share a long history is Ghana. Above is the emblem of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana from which you will see that superimposed on the saltire is the red cross of Switzerland and a palm tree representing Ghana. The motto below ‘That they all may be one’ symbolizes perhaps not only Christian unity but the blend of the influences which is contained in today’s Presbyterian Church of Ghana.

At the beginning of the 20th century one of the most influential early mission stations in what was then the Gold Coast was the Basel Missionary Society which concentrated its efforts on central Ghana and placed great emphasis on practical and technical education. It was established at Akropong in the Aburi Hills, overlooking the coastal plain, the first teacher training college in Ghana.

When the First World War came along in 1914, the Basel Missionaries, although Swiss and neutral, were regarded as suspect and expelled from the country because they spoke German and the British colonial government invited the Church of Scotland to take over the work of the Basel Mission. While the emphasis, particularly of the Basel Missionaries, had been on technical education the Kirk, with true Scottish passion for education, threw its energies into general education across the whole of central Ghana and extended its work right up to the North and Upper Regions of Ghana.

The work of the Training College at Akropong became pivotal in training teachers to fill posts in all the schools run by the Presbyterian Church of Ghana to which the Kirk gave full autonomy in an independent Ghana. One of the most significant Principals of Akropong Teacher Training College was Rev. Bill MacArtney, father of the late Dr Allan MacArtney MEP. Allan used to say to me that he spoke as much Twi as he spoke English running about the streets of Aburi with his childhood playmates.

The list of alumni of the prestigious Accra Presbyterian Boys Secondary School reads like a roll of honour of top Ghanaians and to this day Aburi Girls High School is one of the foremost girls’ secondary schools in Ghana. Friends who were educated there say that they know more Scots songs, like the Skye Boat Song, than they know Ghanaiian songs because most of the teachers came from Scotland. With over 95% of its children enrolled in school, Ghana has one of the highest school enrolment rates in the whole of Africa.

Sandra MacRae
Letham and District SWI

Everyone present – members, visitors and friends, agreed that our meeting on Tuesday, 3rd March was most enjoyable. We were entertained by the singing group ACCORD led by Rev Barbara Ann Sweetin and accompanied by Mrs E McLeod.

That was before the present Coronavirus made an appearance in this country! Now, in the light of national guidelines and in the interest of public health the decision has been made to cancel our meeting due to take place on Tuesday, 7th April.

If it proves possible to hold a meeting in May, Tuesday 5th, we hope that Colliston Institute will be able to visit us on that evening instead of the April date and the monthly competitions for April will be judged on that evening also.

Following on from that, the business of the AGM – scheduled for the May meeting – and the presentation of trophies – would take place at our summer meal out on 2nd June.

Confirmation of these planned arrangements will be issued nearer the time.

The Spring Fayre which was to be held on Saturday 4th April has been postponed till the autumn.

Jane Nicolson (Press Secretary)

ANGUS FOODBANK

We were well on our way to achieving our target of 300kg in 2020 until the Covid-19 pandemic. To date we’ve donated 125kg.

Please continue to donate to those who are dependent on the Foodbank, especially in these troubled times.

Donations of food or personal hygiene products may be left at the KeyStore or taken to:

Angus Foodbank HQ & Distribution Centre
43 Craig O’ Loch Road
Forfar
DD8 1BZ.

Financial donations can be gift aided, allowing the Foodbank to claim a further 25% from HMRC.

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The only remaining active Angus Gold Group.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic the remainder of the Spring Programme is CANCELLED

It is hoped that we can resume with the Autumn Programme in September

Letham Pensioners

Due to the current situation regarding the Coronavirus, the Pensioners’ Committee has decided to postpone this year's Spring Coffee Morning, usually held in April. It is hoped that we will be able to hold this in early Summer instead. Please look out for notices around the village.

We have also cancelled any committee meetings for the time being, and are hopeful that the annual outing in July will not be affected.

Elaine Saunders, Pensioner's Committee
Rev Shirley Ann Thomas (nee Snell)
02.09.1936 – 12.03.2020

Shirley was born in Greenwich on 2nd September 1936 and grew up in Wimbledon. Although she had no brothers and sisters, she was very close to her cousins John and Faith. It was when her mother died when she was only 15, that she started to think - Where has she gone? And so she started to look for answers - first at confirmation classes, then at a Billy Graham Crusade - which left her with more questions than answers. What stirred them? So she asked God that night and felt him saying that His Holy Spirit was not only at Wembley Stadium, but right there in her room.

From then on, she started to see God directing her life and the verse in Proverbs that says "Trust in the Lord with all your heart: and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your ways" started to become real. After giving up a good job with Bank of America to go to evening classes and then on to university God was nudging her in the direction of Nepal before she had even passed her exams as Social Worker. Six years later, she was on a boat to India then to Nepal. She worked on until 1970 before coming home on leave and found that going back for a second term could be hard - in a male dominated country, the novelty can soon wear off. So she prayed “Lord I need a husband” and she married Martyn on 31st July 1971 in the British Embassy in Kathmandu and then in the hospital grounds where they were married by four pastors - just to make sure!!!

God then blessed them with family although sadly their first daughter Mary died, surviving just one day, and she is buried in Kathmandu. Cherry came on the scene in 1973 and Peter made his appearance in 1975. When Martyn's job as head of the United Mission to Nepal Building Department came to an end, they returned to the UK and again sought guidance from God - what next? But God already had things in hand - Martyn's application to Church of Scotland led to him attending a selection conference just ten days after their return and three years later, he was ordained.

They spent fifteen happy years at Lundie and Muirhead and it was when an auxiliary minister was appointed to help Martyn that Shirley too felt the call to auxiliary ministry. During her training, she did a placement at Menzieshill in Dundee and her husband tells the story of a motorbike coming up to the front of the Church - imagine their amazement when a middle aged lady appeared from under the helmet. They all loved her and she was later ordained in the year 2000, when she was appointed to help Martyn. And when Martyn retired, God guided them to Letham, where Rev Allan Webster was happy to have her help. As too was I - finding myself as the only full-time minister in Forfar within eight months of arrival, I was delighted when Shirley offered her services. Here too everyone loved her and it gave me a great deal of reassurance knowing that I could leave things in her capable hands. She said that she was often asked, “how do you know what to preach on when you're covering for someone else?” to which she would reply, “the worship service is for God - so I ask him - he knows what the congregation needs to hear”. She always felt that all becomes clear when you leave it to God.

Shirley also felt the grace and mercy of God on her life when she was in hospital after her heart attack. She was really very poorly when the hospital chaplain visited and after reading Romans 8, he took hold of her left hand and prayed for her. At the same time, she felt the Lord holding her other hand. But he wasn't quite ready to take her to heaven at that point and she continued to thank God for his continued presence.

You see, Shirley always felt so blessed - she held her family close - she loved her grandchildren - Rhiane, Robyn and Matthew. She was very much the hands on grandma - in fact if it wasn't for Shirley's help, Cherry wouldn't have been able to do her degree - and she loved having the grandchildren to stay over on New Year's Eve. She loved going to Pitlochry Theatre, she was excellent at making tapestries and also had an exceptional talent for keeping orchids alive!

However, this time, when her health took a downturn, she knew that it was only a matter of time. She wrote in her notes to me - increasing illness means less opportunity to serve - and she said to me in hospital - if I can't serve the Lord, then I'll just be bored. When Shirley was taken into Strathmore Hospice her health continued to deteriorate and sadly Shirley died on 12th March with her family at her side. It is best described by the Salvation Army expression - promoted to glory!!

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart: and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your ways” Shirley certainly proved this to be true.

Rev Dr Karen Fenwick
The Guild
Due to the Coronavirus the AGM was cancelled.
The financial report will be given at a later date.
Hopefully we will all meet up again at our first meeting on Tuesday 15th September, and everything is back to normal.
Take care everyone.
May the road rise up to meet you, the wind be always on your back, And may God keep you in the palm of his hand until we meet again

Isobel McClung

Stamp Appeal
Please continue to save your stamps but send them to Martyn.
Post cards are also very welcome as they appeal to a different sort of collector.
First Day Covers have extra value to philatelists.
The gentleman who processes the stamps for the Church has been doing it for 50 years!

Martyn Thomas 01307 818084

Letham Garden Club
Due to the Coronavirus pandemic the session planned for Tuesday 14th April has been cancelled.
The plant sale scheduled for Saturday 9th May is cancelled.
Autumn sessions begin on Tuesday 14th September

Bill Muir 0790839420

POLICE SURGERY
We care, we are here to listen to the concerns that matter to you in your community.
All Police surgeries have been cancelled for the duration of the Covid-19 crisis, to protect the health of those who protect you.
If you wish to speak to one of your local officers you can contact them by dialing 101.

KeyStore
Convenience Store stocking a large range of Groceries and Newspapers
Monthly Offers including Chilled and Frozen Foods Raghbir (Rag) and Kurtis Dhinsa
Opening Hours:
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Fairtrade
The monthly sales of Fairtrade goods are cancelled until further notice.
“Can we know God’s guidance”

One person’s experience (continued).

Part of the preparation for service overseas was a 2-year training course at Bible College. This was self-financed, so money was tight. There was no chance of a holiday in the long vacation but then a fellow student invited me to join her and her parents in a cottage in the Lake District. This was followed by a week with a friend in the Cotswolds. The weather was brilliant in the lakes, so I had a lovely time. There was only one problem, it was just about impossible to get from Cumbria to Tetbury in Gloucestershire by public transport in one day. The only train arrived in Cheltenham at 5.10pm. The last bus from the bus station to Tetbury left at 5.00pm.

That morning I read in Philippians 4 v 6 “Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God. And the peace of God which passes all understanding will guard your heart and mind in Christ Jesus.” So, I thanked God for a lovely week, asked Him to get me to Tetbury and keep me (the most anxious of travellers) peaceful on the journey.

He did that. I arrived at Cheltenham at 5.10 pm wondering what would happen. Walked to the bus station. I was surprised to be sold a ticket for a bus which should have already gone. I walked over to the buses. A rather harassed inspector asked me where I was going. “Oh! I think that one’s gone.” he said. “But things have been chaos here today. It is the beginning of the Midland’s factories holidays, so things here have got out of order.” He came back – “sorry your bus has gone – there is nothing until tomorrow. Wait a minute!” He flagged down a bus marked “Bournemouth.” He called to the driver. “This young lady needs to go to Tetbury – take a detour and drop her off.” I think only God can organise the diversion of a service bus! When I arrived my friend, Ursula, was amazed. She had never known a bus arrive in her village so late in the day. I have always thought of this as my personal miracle.

A year later another seemingly impossible thing happened. There had been a mix up in getting me a visa for Nepal just days before my departure date. My luggage was already on the boat. I could spend a few weeks in India while waiting for the visa but would need a special stamp in my passport from the Indian Embassy. “Impossible” I was told. “These things can take weeks and you are due to leave tomorrow.” Prayer was made. I walked into the Embassy and they stamped my visa.

to be continued.

Shirley Thomas
During this period of uncertainty regarding Covid-19, it has become apparent to Neighbourhood Watch Scotland that there are some people who are taking advantage of the situation and are targeting the most vulnerable.

Although we appreciate the concern that is being caused by the outbreak, please continue to be cautious when dealing with callers at the door, unwanted phones calls and emails.

If everyone can tell two people about the following recent developments in their next phone conversation with a friend or neighbour, the message will soon reach all corners of the community.

This is a worldwide pandemic and no legitimate organisation will contact you out of the blue and ask for payment for information or access to treatment which does not exist. We are hearing reports of emails and phone calls asking for donations to help those in need during this time, or offering miracle cures, and door to door campaigns offering testing. Also, please be aware that the Red Cross are NOT doing door to door testing as has been suggested in some areas.

Unfortunately, some fraudsters are offering to do shopping for residents, taking the money and then not returning with the goods. Others have offered to take a shopping list along with a bank card. This would be considered as theft and should be reported to the Police.

We don't want to discourage anyone from helping their neighbours or family members, and we don't want to breed distrust in those genuine members of the community trying to support others. We simply ask that you remain vigilant and:

- Try to only liaise with people you know.
- Only buy the essentials in this manner, therefore the amount of money required is minimal. Do not hand over a bank card - use cash only.
- If the person says they are from a community organisation, ask for some ID or verify their identity by calling the organisation directly, not the number on their card.

Scammers are also sending out coronavirus-themed phishing emails which attempt to trick people into opening malicious attachments or revealing sensitive information about themselves such as personal and financial details.

In the same way that we have seen fake TV licensing and HMRC emails, we are now seeing phishing emails claiming to be from organisations affiliated with the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organisation. There have also been some variations on current scams with fake emails appearing to be from HMRC offering a tax rebate due to the Coronavirus.

Please be aware of any suspicious emails and do not click on the links or attachments, and do not respond to any unsolicited messages or calls asking for your personal or financial details.

If you have been a victim of fraud or cybercrime, report it to Police Scotland Tel 101 or for advice contact Consumer Advice Scotland Tel 0808 164 6000.

For anyone concerned about COVID-19 please refer to the NHS advice page - [https://www.scot.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/](https://www.scot.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/)

Message sent by Mark Armstrong (NHWN, Community Support Officer, NW Scotland)
21st March 2020
Dear God,
I know that I’m not perfect,
I know I sometimes forget to pray,
I know I have questioned my faith,
I know I sometimes lose my temper,
But thank you for loving me unconditionally,
and giving me another day to start over again!!

Pray for me as I will for thee that we
may merrily meet in Heaven.
Sir Thomas More (1478-1535)

Lord, help us to love each other and care about one another through this time of uncertainty. Let us come through this pandemic together.

A Priest And A Taxi Driver Arrive At The Pearly Gates
St. Peter welcomes them and shows them to their homes.
For the taxi driver, a beautiful villa looking over a gorgeous field of clouds. "Thank you," the ecstatic taxi driver said.
Anticipating an even bigger mansion, the priest was dismayed when they arrived at a small 1-bedroom apartment.
"St. Peter, I'm a little puzzled," the priest began. "As a clergyman, I devoted decades of my life solely to serving the Lord. How come the taxi driver got a villa, and for me, only a small apartment?"
St. Peter smiled. "Up here, we go by results. While you preached, people slept; while he drove, people prayed."

For current useful information about the Covid-19 situation please go to:

**Angus Council**
Comhairle Aonghais

For the latest on Coronavirus, please continue to come to our dedicated pages here at [www.angus.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.angus.gov.uk/coronavirus)

This is where we are sharing updates and information about Coronavirus as it is relevant to Angus and Angus Council.

We are massively appreciative of all your support and thank you for your patience during these challenging times for us all.
EASTER FILM WEEK

As April Film Night this year is on Good Friday we’re showing a full week of films old and new from Monday 6th April until Easter Sunday.

MONDAY TO THURSDAY
A chance to see the 1977 Franco Zeffirelli classic, starring Robert Powell. The four episodes are about ninety minutes each and tell the story of the Gospels. It contains a veritable Who’s Who of film stars of the Seventies including Ernest Borgnine, James Mason, Donald Pleasance, Peter Ustinov, Christopher Plummer, Laurence Olivier and Olivia Hussey.

GOOD FRIDAY
Relive (or come to see) the famous Andrew Lloyd Webber / Tim Rice 1973 musical. It’s a chance, or another chance, to see one of the most successful West End musicals of all time and also look Broadway by storm.

EASTER SATURDAY
A modern day story telling of an atheist Philosophy professor who plans to forego dusty arguments in his class by insisting the new students declare that God is dead. Unable to do this, new student Josh is challenged to defend his faith and prove to the class that God’s Not Dead. Against all odds, Josh stands up for his faith and takes on the challenge. Let The Debate Begin.

With enthralling performances from Kevin Sorbo, Shane Harper, David A.R. White, Dean Cain and special appearances by ‘Newsboys’ and Willie and Korie Robertson.

EASTER SUNDAY
The week finishes with a highly entertaining film. It’s the epic Biblical story of the Resurrection, as told through the eyes of a Roman non-believer. Clavius, a powerful Roman military tribune (who oversaw the Crucifixion) and his aide, Lucius, are tasked with solving the mystery of what happened to Jesus’ body in the weeks following the Crucifixion, to dispel the rumours of a risen Messiah and prevent an uprising in Jerusalem.

ALL FILMS START AT 7:30PM
FREE ENTRY TO ALL FILMS.
DONATIONS APPRECIATED.

For more information (and names of the films) contact Richard on 07703 234192.

Fubar News
A Wee Bit of Scottish Patter to keep us smiling

Tae a virus

Twa months ago, we didna ken, yer name or ocht aboot ye
But lots of things have changed since then, I really must salute ye

Yer spreading rate is quite intense, yer feeding like a gannet
Disruption caused, is so immense, ye’ve shaken oor wee planet.

Corona used tae be a beer, they garnished it wae limes
But noo it’s filled us awe wae fear
These days, are scary times.

Nae shakin hawns, or peckin lips, it’s whit they awe advise
But scrub them weel, richt tae the tips, that’s how we’ll awe survive

Just stay inside, the hoose, ye bide
Nae sneakin oot for strolls
Just check the lavvy every hoor
And stock-take your loo rolls

Our holidays have been pit aff
Noo that’s the Jet2 patter
Pit oan yer thermals, have a laugh
And paddle ‘doon the waater’

Canary isles, no for a while
Nae need for suntan cream
And awe because o this wee bug
We ken tae be..19

The boredom surely will set in,
But have a read, or doodle
Or plan yer menu for the month
Wi 95 pot noodles.

When these run oot, just look about
A change, it would be nice
We’ve beans and pasta by the ton
And twenty stane o rice.

So dinny think ye’ll wipe us oot
Aye true, a few have died
Bubonic, bird flu, and TB
They came, they left, they tried

Ye might be gallus noo ma freen
As ye jump fae cup tae cup
But when we get oor vaccine made
Yer number will be up.

Willie Sinclair… March 2020

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