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Easter: From Here to Heaven

The month of April is traditionally associated with longer days and increasing warmth, the awakening of plant life and the arrival of Spring. In Scotland however I reckon this is the hardest season to guarantee or even predict, so often a winter chill lingers, disrupting gardening plans and outdoor activities.

This April, as we enter with Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday we enter the drama of Holy Week. Mounting tension and conflict, farewell table talk and tears, arrest and night time trial, crucifixion, darkness and despair. Abruptly, Jesus comes to a dead end. The powerful have their way with this Messiah. And the disciples scatter. Like winter, doubts linger.

Yet in Matthew's Passion there are signs of greater forces at work in Jerusalem: earthquakes, tombs opening and the Temple curtain torn in two from top to bottom. But for now the body is lovingly buried by Jesus' friends and guarded by soldiers - lest there were any more misunderstandings about this imposter (so said the Pharisees).

At dawn on the third day the Evangelist's apocalypse is dramatically revealed to the women by an angel of the Lord: "Do not be afraid, you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen". Jesus' Resurrection from the dead is witnessed and proclaimed and new life abounds. Spring finally arrives.

John Bell of the Iona Community wrote in one of his hymns that, "From heaven to here and from here to heaven is a distance less than tissue thin". Our faith is sometimes paper thin. Participating in each stage of Holy Week and Easter stretches the perilous thinness of our discipleship but it's worth persevering.

With Holy Week and Easter Blessings.

Walk in Love with our Companions'

Our Companions in Iowa are planning a work visit to Swaziland later this year and have chosen the theme above for this visit. I hope to lead a group from Brechin Diocese to join them.

The first purpose is to help with construction of a priest's house in Fonteyn, a suburb of Mbabane. The team will spend some days assisting with that project, or a similar project identified by Bishop Ellinah.

The second and equally important purpose is to continue to build and strengthen relationships and support networks with our Companions from Swaziland and Iowa, through sharing in work, worship, travel, visits and social time.

The visit will include several days working on projects, visits to parishes in rural and urban areas, where we have shared projects and a day visit to Hlane Game Park.

It is anticipated that dates will be from 12th September 2017 to 25th/26th September 2017. Dates will be confirmed

If you are interested, or have questions, please get in touch or check for full details on the Diocesan Website .

<http://www.thedioceseofbrechin.org/news/entry/invitation-notice-swaziland-visit-walk-in-love-with-our-companions>

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St Paul's Cathedral,
Dundee

Lunchtime Concerts

Saturday at 1pm

1st April 2017

Miranda Evans : Soprano

Matthew Burns : Baritone

tickets available at the door:

adults: £5; students: £3; accompanied

school children: free

Refreshments after the Concert



Holy Rood Church
Carnoustie

Coffee Morning

Saturday 1st April 2017

10.00am—11.30am

All welcome

St Martin's, Church Hall,
Dundee

Tea and Bletcher Club

Last Saturday of each month starting

Saturday 29th April 2017

11.00am - 12.30pm

Free entry with Donations Welcome

St Margaret's Church,
Dundee

Coffee Afternoon

Saturday 22nd April 2017

2.00pm - 4.00pm

Stalls, cake stalls, price draw and
much much more.

Tickets £1.00 per Adult and

Children are free

Refreshments include homemade
scones and jam with cream

All welcome



Rev Kerry Dixon is installed as Cathedral
Chapter Canon