



# Brechin Bulletin

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## Love Lives Again

Of all the major festivals in the Christian year Easter is undoubtedly the most important. It points to God's promise that through his death and resurrection, Jesus has overcome sin and death once and for all. No longer shall they have power over us. It is Christ who has spoken the decisive word to the world.

As the hymn proclaims:

*Thine be the glory,  
Risen conquering Son;  
Endless is the vict'ry,  
Thou o'er death hast won.*

Yet we need to remember that the joy of Easter Day was made possible only by the horror of Good Friday. There could be no resurrection without crucifixion. The death of Jesus and his rising were all of a piece in the purposes of God.

And what were these purposes? Simply that humanity should be freed from its sinful self-centredness, from its alienation from God - the source of all goodness and love - and from the fear of death, the last great enemy.

If this seems strange to us, we shouldn't be surprised. For the events of the first Good Friday and Easter Day are nothing short of astounding. A man dies - and the world is rescued from sin; the same man is raised from death - and death is defeated. These are astonishing claims. Yet Christians proclaim them to be true. Charles Wesley puts the challenge neatly: "Tis mystery all, the Immortal dies; who can explore his strange design?"

But mysterious though these things may be, they are nonetheless made understandable by one word: love. Both the death and resurrection of Jesus make clear to us the sheer, unbounded love of God. At the empty tomb, he demonstrated the power of God's Spirit to bring new life and to transform even death itself. The Resurrection of Jesus is not, therefore, an abstract philosophical concept: it is a living truth that remakes us as individual people and remakes the world in which we live. This is the great message at the heart of the Christian Faith. In Jesus Christ, God has acted decisively to change everything - you, me, humanity, the whole of Creation. His all-embracing love is all around us here and now. In the words of St John, "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." (John chapter 3, verse 16). And so the story of the resurrection speaks with great power and poignancy: God has made himself known through the mighty act of raising Jesus from the dead. The agonies of Good Friday are redeemed by the glory of Easter Day. Love lives again.

**Francis Bridger**  
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## St Mary Magdalene Church, Dundee

**Tuesday 3rd April to  
Friday 6th April 2018  
Resurrection Rock**

St Mary Magdalene's Church are running four mornings of music workshops to produce this rock musical. For young people aged between 7 and 12 it will take place from 10am to 1pm on 3rd to 6th April with a performance during the 11am service on 8th April. For further information or to book a place please contact Mrs Sally Carus on **01382 775448** or [sallycarus@hotmail.com](mailto:sallycarus@hotmail.com)

## St Martin's Church, Dundee Tea and Blether

**Saturday 28th April 2018  
&  
Saturday 26th May 2018  
11.00am - 12.30pm**

Free entry with donations welcome

## St Margaret's Church, Dundee

### Coffee Morning

**Saturday 12th May 2018  
10am—12noon**

Admission £1 adults, children free

## St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee Evening Concert

**Saturday 19th May  
7.30pm**

Dundee Chamber Orchestra  
Conductor Andy Evans  
All welcome

## St James Church Hall, Stonhaven

### Book Browse

**Saturday 7th April 2018  
10am—3pm**

Free Entry Over 2,000 books



## St Martin's Church, Dundee Prize Bingo

**Wednesday 25th April 2018  
&**

**Wednesday 30th May 2018  
at 1.30pm**

Admission 50p includes refreshments  
and free raffle

## St James Church Hall, Stonhaven Coffee Morning

**Saturday 14th April 2018  
10am—11.30am**

Entry £2.50  
Includes refreshments  
Stalls to include cake & candy,  
hand knits, tombola and books

## St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee

### Lunchtime Concerts

**Refreshments after the Concert with a chance  
to meet the performers  
starts at 1pm**

**Saturday 28th April  
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(Dundee's female-voice community choir)

**Saturday 12th May**

Lisa Johnston—Soprano &  
Ross Cummig—Baritone

**Saturday 26th May**

The Cello Collection—an ensemble of  
5 cellos, led by Donald Gordon

