

Yester & Bolton Saltoun



Parish Newsletter

April 2021

It has been a long year and now, finally, we seem to be approaching a gradual lifting of restrictions, and can – tentatively – begin making plans again. How are you feeling about moving out of lockdown? I would imagine that many of us are relieved, and hopeful and excited for what is waiting for us: seeing friends and family again, many of whom we might not have seen in person for such a long time; giving and receiving hugs; not automatically being alarmed by seeing people stand too close together, or removing masks. Given, it might be quite some time yet before we're quite there, but slowly, slowly, we're moving in that direction. Perhaps you have hopes and plans for attending an event, or going on holiday. There are a good number of couples and families with young children, who are waiting to make final arrangements for their weddings and baptisms – and I'm very excited for all of this to happen when it is safely possible to do so. It's so hard to wait for things we've been longing for so long, isn't it?

However, I think I'm not alone in being exhausted and very, very tired, after everything this past year has thrown at us. And, like many of you, I'm also somewhat worried about the lifting of restrictions, and being out and among more people again. What will it be like to be back in gatherings and crowds, especially while many of us are yet awaiting our vaccinations (and trying to deal with our impatience)? Will we manage to keep up with the demands of whatever a 'new normal' might look like? How will we heal from all the pain that we have experienced, from the fears and the loneliness and the grief for all we have lost? Will we be able to take and apply the things we've learned this past year – for instance, how vulnerable we all are, how precious life is, what a beautiful and nurturing, yet fragile environment we live in, and, above all, how life-affirming and encouraging it can be when we reach out to one another and help each other in the many ways each of us can?

In our mixed emotions at the moment, it can help us to remember that in our hopes and in our joys, in our worries and our fear, God is with us. A year ago, we didn't know how to live through the evaporation of all our plans, and the death of those we love, and social turmoil, and not knowing what zoom was, and an isolation we thought we surely could not bear. We didn't know how we were going to live without our routines and our groups and travel and theatres and hugging our families and yet ... somehow, we did. May God help us to remember that we somehow got through this year without first knowing how we would do it, and that God has been in every moment already, and will be in every moment to come. May we recognise that God's Spirit has accompanied us, equipped us, and comforted us – even when we failed to notice it, feel it, believe it, or be grateful for it. God goes with us, even into the next, as yet unknown steps that we're about to take.

As we move forward, may we trust in God, and help each other. As ever, if you would like a conversation, by phone or video call, or outdoors – perhaps going for a walk – or would like any other help or support, please get in touch.

Have a good Spring,

Anikó

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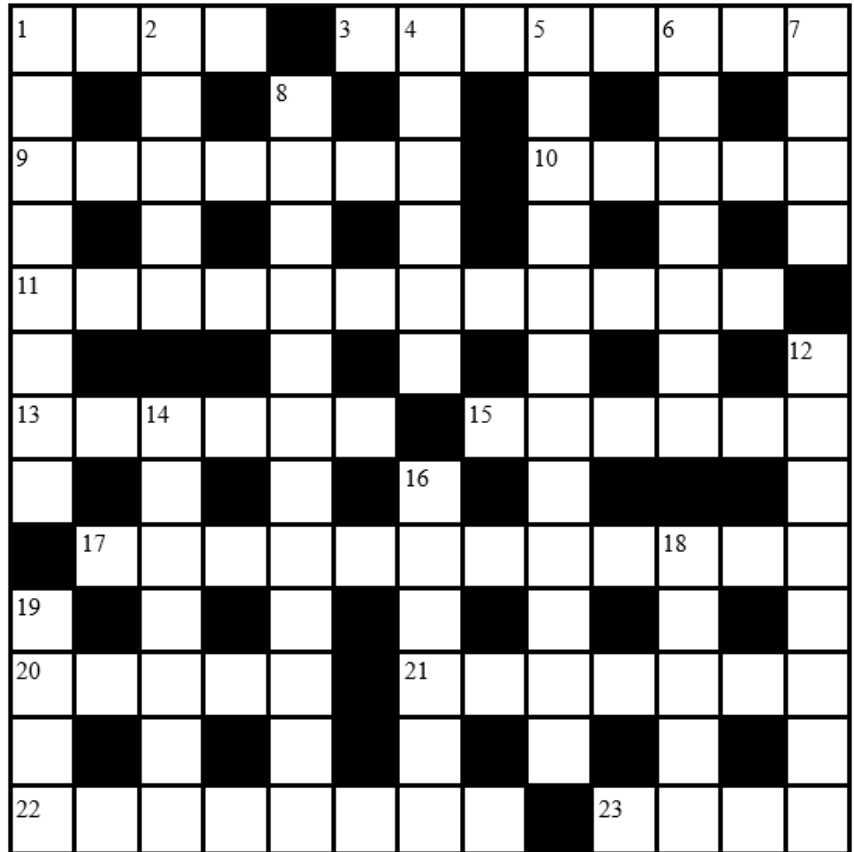
Crossword

Across

1. The Enigma machine could crack one of these. (4)
3. A New Zealand Rugby player. (3,5)
9. There's a West one and an East one in this county. (7)
10. Long for. (5)
11. Once lockdown is over, we might look forward to going out for this. (9,3)
13. Nearly. (6)
15. After lockdown is over, for some of us this will be the **first** thing we want! (6)
17. Phil Cunningham is one. (12)
20. During lockdown, some men have acquired one! (5)
21. This city, from ancient Mesopotamia, has its ruins in present-day Iraq. (7)
22. Large smears of something. (8)
23. Excessively quaint. (4)

Down

1. Robinson Crusoe was one. (8)
2. Decorative pottery from the Netherlands. (5)
4. Preston Mill is in East _____. (6)
5. Something which is definite. (6,1,5)
6. Not professional. (7)
7. Leeds Castle is in this county. (4)
8. Pen pals did this with each other. (12)
12. Carry on. (8)
14. Caine or Parkinson? (7)



Crossword 02 set by Margaret

16. Able to be consumed. (6)
18. How Kate is related to Charles. (2-3)
19. A long-legged wading bird. (4)

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Morag and Frank are fundraising

Morag and Frank are raising funds for Christian Aid and, as most of you know, they usually participate in the Forth Bridge crossing which can't be held this year. Instead they are participating in the KiltWalk on the weekend of 23-25 April. All proceeds go to Christian Aid and their work. Anyone who'd like to support them can do so at <https://virtual.thekiltwalk.co.uk/fundraising/ScotlandsVirtualKiltwalk2021-MoragSwan> and <https://virtual.thekiltwalk.co.uk/fundraising/ScotlandsVirtualKiltwalk2021-FrankFiddes>. If you would like to support them but can't do so online, please contact Anikó.

In-person services to resume from 18 April

We are very happy that we will be returning to our church buildings for our services from 18 April, subject to the ongoing situation. Initially there will still be restrictions in place. These included social distancing which means the number of people attending each service will be limited (for Yester Church, there's a capacity of 38 people, with 29 at Saltoun, and 19 at Bolton). Please contact Paul Sales (01620 811260 / paulsales457@btinternet.com) if you'd like to attend a service in-person.

We will not be able to sing just yet, and everyone will be required to wear a face mask, with medical exemptions only. We have also been strongly reminded that, even for those who have already received their Covid-19 vaccine, we need to ensure to avoid gatherings in and outside of the churches, to keep ourselves and each other safe. There are still considerable threats from new Covid variants, and not everyone has been vaccinated yet. We are confident, though, that we'll all rejoice in being able to worship again in the same space, and that we'll all help each other with our usual cheerfulness and compassion to keep each other safe. For the time being, services will still be filmed and made available later on the website and as sound recordings for everyone who is not able to attend a service in person.

Messy Church Lent Crafts

As you are reading this the Easter chocolate feast is probably still quite fresh in your mind!

I'm just wondering how you all got on with your Easter craft bags? I'm guessing the shortbread biscuits didn't make it past the first week of Lent! That's just fine for Lent is a whole forty days, plus the Sundays and you needed to keep your strength up! I wonder how you got on making your origami dove, too fiddly for me! And who did you give your Easter Cards to? We gave you quite a lot to do didn't we? The Easter scene with the three crosses and the Lent Journey Tree and then there was the big day itself with your Easter egg hunt. (I think that was my favourite!) And a great way to introduce Clare who thought that one up. We're really delighted to have Clare and Steph join the Messy Church team. I'm sure they will bring a host of new creative ideas. Much as we all enjoyed the chocolate I'm sure we all learnt a fair bit too about the real story of Easter. It was a shame we couldn't get together to do all the activities but here's hoping very soon we will be organising our next in person Messy Church event.

Hope to see you soon,

Jenny

on behalf of all of us on the MC Team; Cecile, Clare, Cress, Janice, Jackie, Jenny, Margo, Ian, Steph and Wendy



Finlay's Miscellany

The 25th of March, Lady Day, used to be England's most important day. Lady Day used to mark the start of the New Year. Once the Gregorian calendar was introduced to England in 1752, the start of the year changed from 25th March to 1st January (though Scotland had made the move in 1600), eleven days were "lost" by the 14th of September 1752 following the 2nd of September. In those days there was no PAYE, and taxes for the year were collected as and when. No wonder there was such an outcry of "Give us back our eleven days!" for those who had paid a year's tax wanted 365 days benefit. Thus, the strange choice of 6th April as the start of the fiscal year, being eleven days after 25th March, and ensuring that taxpayers were not due more tax until another 365 days had passed.

Our Church Family

Thank you from the minister

After more than a year of online services, most of which were pre-recorded (apart from the ones filmed when we could have in-person worship in the churches in the summer), I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to these services in so many forms. So many members from across the linked parish have offered readings, music, photos, reflections and prayers. The organists – mostly Marian Thomson and Malcolm Christine – have recorded music for us, and other singers and pianists have contributed additional music. Lately, Alex Campbell, one of the Humber elders, and Ellen, our Duke of Edinburgh volunteer, have added the lyrics for our hymns to the sound recordings. Paul has put the sound recordings on CD, and made sure that they got to the people who needed them. Cressida took care of advertising all our services online. Each service took, all in all, about twelve hours to prepare – and dozens of files being sent through the ether, to get it all together. A great thank you also to all of you who have regularly engaged with the services, either online, or by worshipping with the help of the sound recordings. While the online services couldn't replace worshipping together in the same space, they have enabled us to worship together nonetheless, as part of the same community, and I am truly grateful for that. They have shown us, too, that it is possible to do things differently, and encourage us to find creative and resourceful ways of doing them.

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We hope to be able to hold weddings and baptisms again later this year.

Deaths

6 November 2020	John Pate, Marvingston
9 December 2020	Eileen David, Gifford
21 January 2021	Wendy Milne, Gifford
11 March 2021	Mary Todd, Gifford

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Deadline for next newsletter: Wednesday 12 May 2021

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Crossword answers:
Across: 1. code / 2. All Black / 9. Saltoun / 10. yearn / 11. afternoon tea / 13. almost / 15. hairdo / 17. accordionist / 20. beard / 21. Babylon / 22. splodges / 23. twee
Down: 1. castaway / 2. Delft / 4. Linton / 5. beyond a doubt / 6. amateur / 7. Kent / 8. correspond / 12. continue / 14. Michael / 16. edible / 18. in-law / 19. lbs



Church Services April-July 2021

From 18 April, we hope to return to our church buildings for in-person services at the earlier time of 10am, subject to Government Covid guidance and restrictions, which can change. Please check the Church website and notice boards for updates. Restrictions, including the wearing of facemasks and the recording of contact details need to continue for the time being. If you would like to attend an in-person service, contact Paul Sales by Friday evening for each Sunday service, and by the evening prior to weekday services. Telephone: 01620 811260 email: paulsales457@btinternet.com, text: 07827226135. Sunday services are recorded and will be available online later that day on the Church website and YouTube channel. Audio recordings of all Sunday services are available on CD.

April	11	Online		The Rt Rev Dr Martin Fair, Moderator of the General Assembly
	18	Yester	10am	The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell
	25	Saltoun	10am	The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell
May	2	Yester	10am	The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell
	9	Bolton	10am	The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell
	16	Yester	10am	The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell
	23	Saltoun	10am	The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell Pentecost
	30	Yester	10am	The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell
June	6	Yester	10am	To be confirmed
	13	Bolton	10am	The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell
	20	Yester	10am	The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell
	27	Saltoun	10am	The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell
July	4	Yester	10am	The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell
	11	Bolton	10am	The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell
	18	Yester	10am	The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell
	25	Saltoun	10am	The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell

Changes to Sunday service times

Our weekly Sunday worship time will move to the earlier time of 10am once we are back to in-person services. This change follows discussion with our linked parish of Humbie, with whom we share our minister. They had been meeting for worship at 9.30am which some people found difficult. After much constructive discussion with both Kirk Sessions the future pattern of worship will be weekly at Yester, Bolton & Saltoun Church at 10am and a fortnightly service at Humbie at 11.30am.

For the Yester, Bolton & Saltoun Church services, we will return to the previous pattern: Yester on the first and third Sundays of each month, Bolton on the second Sunday, Saltoun on the fourth. Once Covid restrictions on the numbers attending services are ended, we will be joined by our friends from Humbie Church every fortnight. When there is a fifth Sunday in the month there will be an additional joint service held in either Yester or Humbie. Please see the service rota, check the website or the noticeboards for more details.