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Minister's Thoughts

Dear friends

WERE YOU THERE when they crucified my Lord? It's a line from an old hymn we sing as we make our way to the terrible events of the first Good Friday.

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

The truth is... not many were there. Or at least, not many whom Jesus knew and could look to for comfort.

In some stories, John, the fisherman is there. And Mary of Magdala, a disciple in her own right. And Mary, Jesus's mother (her poor poor heart) ... And other women whose names we barely know and whose stories we are not told.

Sometimes in life... we ask the question, *Are you there?... God, are you there?*

But... perhaps the cross is part of God's answer to that question. Because God is *always* where there is pain and suffering and wondering and lostness.

Were you there when my mind was confused and I didn't know where was home? we ask. *I was there*, says God, *I am here. Come and find your home in me.*

Were you there when we hurt each other, when we said and did things we didn't mean? we ask. *I was there*, says God, *I am here. Let me show you my way of peace.*

Were you there, we ask, *when our friend died? Our neighbour?* *I was there*, says God, *I am here. With me, you are never alone.*

And will you be there, for me, God? Will you be there when I leave this world? we dare to ask also. *I will be there*, says God, *I am here. Do not be afraid. I have been that way before.*

Thank God the terror of the cross that Good Friday gave way to the laughter of the empty tomb two days later.

Thank God the terror we sometimes feel gives way to the knowledge that we are, all of us, held in love by God, present with us in all things.

Because, if what happened at Easter and in the days leading up to it, says anything, it is that God is with us, always with us, in good times and in bad, in joy and in deepest sorrow.

If those days say anything, it is that life is worth living and love worth clinging to. And all, in the end, is love.

Wishing you deep peace and much joy this Easter and beyond.

With you,

Carol Anne



Dornoch Cathedral

10th March 2024 at 11am

This service was called by the new Presbytery *Cleir Eilean I* which replaces the previous Presbytery of Sutherland. This is the local part of the re-organisation of the Church of Scotland, due to falling membership and income.

The new parish which this service of union marked is called

Dornoch Firth Church of Scotland

It unites Dornoch Cathedral, Creich, Kincardine, Croick and Edderton.

The service was led by **Rev. Doug McRoberts** the new full-time Moderator of Presbytery which takes in all of the Highlands and the Western Isles.

The prayers were led by **Rev Carol Anne Porter** (locum) and **Rev Mary Stobo** (Kincardine, Croick and Edderton).

The scripture readings were by **Mrs Jeani Hunter** (Creich) and **Mrs Christine MacKay** (Kincardine, Croick and Edderton).

Rev McRoberts gave the sermon on the theme 'MARY AS MOTHER' as it was Mothering Sunday.

Mrs Amanda Anderson on behalf of Presbytery gave a history of all the congregations now in the new union.

The congregation was asked to stand as a symbol of acceptance of the union of congregations and a prayer of dedication was given by the Moderator.

This was followed by the Sacrament of Holy Communion led by the **Rev Iain MacLeod** (Interim Moderator)

The service ended at 12.40pm with a rousing organ voluntary by **Mr John Brozovsky** (organist at Creich Church of Scotland)



Creich



Dornoch Cathedral



Kincardine, Croick and Edderton

A prayer from Carol Anne for our uniting congregation

(this was read at our Service of Union of Sunday 10th March)

God of the story
yet to be written,
we come gladly to you.
Who we will become,
what we will do together in you –
our highest hope,
your deepest pleasure.

.....

God who remembers,
we entrust our stories to you.
Who we have been,
what we have witnessed of you
not so much an end now
as a breath before the word.

.....

God of shared dreams
we have cried in the night for you.
Who are you, Lord?
What do you want with us?
These stubborn hearts
yearning,
yearning,
yearning to beat to the sound of your voice.

God who is our unbinding,
we tell you
though you know already, –
we are an Easter people
afraid of resurrection.

We are your people
and yet we cling to our chains.
Free us,
free us, mighty God
to listen and love
and sing and serve together
as brings you glory.

Beginning
not tomorrow
but today.

.....

in the name and Spirit of
Jesus Christ our Lord

AMEN



Life Events

Wedding

Helen O'Neill & Harry F. Ross - 4th January

Funerals

We hold close in our thoughts and prayers those who have lost loved ones and friends in recent weeks.

Margaret Jane MacPherson (Meg) - 5th January

Betty Simmonds - 6th February

Wilma Halliday - 10th February

Charles J. (Charlie) Wood - 4th March

I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid. - Jesus of Nazareth

The Guild

THE LAST MEETING in January was Guess Who? We all took a childhood photo, then tried to guess who was in each photo. Some were easy, others not so easy. Rev. Carol Anne Porter was our speaker that afternoon and she based her talk around the photos. She asked us to write down childhood pranks that we got up to.

One of our members remembered the day she landed in hospital - she had been playing at weddings with her brother when they thought the hinge of a fireguard would make a suitable wedding ring. It went on but wouldn't come off. Result an anaesthetic to have it removed.

February started with a Chat with Friends when three of our members spoke about living far from home - Debbie Miller experiencing living in several European Countries, Lizzie Campbell working in Africa and Annie MacDonald in a war zone in Cyprus whilst serving in the RAF.

Our second meeting in February was shared with the Women's Group when Morag Macaskill spoke about *Starchild*, one of the Guild projects that Dornoch have been supporting this year. Starchild was set up by Michela Foster Marsh in memory of her Ugandan adopted brother.

Starchild aims to build a holistic centre to offer support, training and guidance to those with intellectual and physical disability in Uganda, to prevent future generations of disabled people from being hidden in their communities.

In March, Nan Gibb gave a very informative talk on Life as a Social Worker. Her early years working in Glasgow where 'The Steamie' was a source of information, then in other areas in the south of Scotland. She ended her career in Aberdeenshire, working with families and young people in residential and community settings.

At our final meeting for this session on 19th March we watched a DVD from the Guild Rally, of the Salvation Army playing their tambourines. This preceded our AGM.

Margaret MacRae

Cathedral Welcome & Sales

THIS YEAR, as a part of the 800 Year Cathedral Celebrations, we will be opening during the Easter Holidays (Monday 2nd – Saturday 6th April).

A very big Thank You to those members of our volunteer team who have offered to be part of our Easter Rota. We are all looking forward to welcoming visitors to the Cathedral during what we hope will be a sunny and spring-like week.

Moving on, our summer season will open on Monday 6th May and will continue until mid September. Needless to say, we are - as always - looking for more volunteers to help us through the summer, so if you feel you could spare 3 hours once a fortnight, we would be very grateful to hear from you.

Visitors always appreciate our welcoming presence in the centre of the Cathedral, and profits from our sales provide meaningful financial help

towards its maintenance (over £7,000 last year). Please see from the photograph, just a few of the items we will be offering this year.

Sue Boyce (01862 810415), Anne Chambers (01862 811520), Lisa Dickenson (01862 810973)

We really do need the help of a few more volunteers this year



A small sample of items for sale

Women's Group

WHEN OUR GROUP were discussing what gift we were going to craft for our fellow members of the congregation this spring, we had the words from Luke 19 v40 in mind:

"But," he said, "if they kept quiet, the stones would do it for them, shouting praise."

As a result we decided to collect stones from our local beaches, decorate them and share them with others as an enduring reminder of the glory of Easter. We agreed on a suitable size and shape of stone, we agreed on the design and the wording to be drawn on each stone... and yet each and every one has turned out completely different and unique. We hope the stones are enjoyed and treasured, they were chosen and decorated with love.

Morag Macaskill

From our 'old files' – (50 years ago)

A Committee meeting of Dornoch Young Wives and Mothers Group was held in the West Church Hall on August 14th 1974 at 8.00pm.

Members of the Committee present were Mrs Broadhead, president; Mrs Bremner, Secretary; Mrs Goskirk, Treasurer; Mrs Allan, Mrs R Murray, Mrs Williamson and Mrs Hayward. Apologies from Mrs C Murray, Mrs Jack and Mrs McDermid.

Business - It was agreed to begin the new session of Playgroup on Aug 27th under the leadership of Mrs Hayward. Letters of welcome and the proposed syllabus, when available, to be sent to Mothers of new children. It was agreed to begin our monthly meetings with a Beetle Drive on Monday September 2nd. Various suggestions for monthly meetings were considered and the secretary would be assisted by other committee members in contacting the speakers concerned so that the syllabus could be arranged as soon as possible.

The chairman felt that the Playgroup Library was in need of restocking and it was agreed to make contact with the Primary School with a view to joining their Book Club. A call will also be made for good used pre-school age books, with a view to starting a lending library in the Playgroup to encourage the children in the use of and care of books. It was also agreed to buy our own set of mugs for committee use and tea towels. The usual biscuits and juice to be bought for the new session by Mrs Williamson, the catering convenor.

Since funds were well up it was discussed how the Group could donate some money to a good community cause. Various suggestions were put forward, but it was decided to approach the Matron of Oversteps to seek her advice on how we could contribute to their coming Coffee Morning towards their 'Lift fund'.

It was noted that flowers and a card had been sent to Mrs Fulton during her convalescence in Braemar.

Church attendance by Young Wives Group and their children was discussed but no firm conclusion reached at this time as to how attendance could be improved.

Rota Duty at the Playgroup was discussed and a blank list was proposed, so that Mothers could select their own day of rota to suit themselves and to prevent pushing someone into an unwanted duty. We hope that this voluntary list will ensure good attendance of Rota Mothers.

Mrs Broadhead would approach Golspie High School to confirm the services of some of the Nursing girls at Playgroup as provided last session.

The group will be glad to welcome back as helpers Mrs Gall and Mrs Rutherford. There being no further business the meeting was brought to a close.



Volunteers required - could you help?

WE ARE LOOKING for volunteers to assist with the work of the new Dornoch Firth Parish in the following two roles:

Safeguarding Coordinator and also Christian Aid Coordinator

Dornoch Firth Parish also has subcommittees with different remits and the Kirk Session would appreciate the help of the congregation to support them in the wider work of the Parish.

If you think you could help, even in a small way, e.g. social committee, pastoral, property, finance, etc. we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Liz Manson <dornochcathedalsessionclerk@gmail.com>, Mary Stobbo <mstobo@churchofscotland.org.uk> or Jeani Hunter <nielsenhunter@btinternet.com>

Creich - Walk of Witness

THIS IS an Ecumenical event with the Episcopal congregations on Good Friday.

The walk will start at 10.15 from the car park of Ardgay Church and we will walk to Creich Church in Bonar Bridge where we will have tea/ coffee and Hot Cross buns. There will be several stops along the way for readings and reflections. It is suggested that some people leave their cars at Bonar and then we can run others back to Ardgay at the end of the morning.

It would be great to have a good crowd for this event which we have shared for three years now.

Jeani Hunter

Golf Charity Event – University of the Highlands Golf Students

THIS WAS PART of the golf students' course work to plan and deliver an event. It was a truly international team with Abbie Talboys and Francesca Brimm from England, local Rhianna Mackay, Embo and Parneet (Pia) Kaur from India.

Pia who had a summer work experience in the Royal Dornoch Pro Shop wrote, *"We are overjoyed to know that our event has helped raise more support and donations for Caithness and Sutherland Women's Aid (£499). We are grateful to the Royal Dornoch Ladies who participated, and the team members of CASWA, and to Royal Dornoch for giving us tee times which made the day very successful."*

Annie Macdonald said, *"The CASWA Gift Project has already gained further support as a result of the event through donations of essential toiletries which are always welcome. Any further donations can be dropped off at the Dornoch Hub."*

Emma Fraser, Deputy Manager at CASWA wrote, *"We would like to thank the group for selecting our charity as the beneficiary of their fundraising event and for their dedication and the time spent on planning and delivering an extremely successful event. The day resulted in an amazing amount being raised for CASWA which will make a huge difference to our work locally and provided us with a great opportunity to raise more awareness of our organisation within our local community!"*

For more details please see <caswa.org.uk>



UHI Golf Students who ran the charity golf event, (L to R) Abbie, Francesca, Parneet, Rhianna

Live Streaming

MANY PEOPLE continue to enjoy our Service Live Streamed. We received this email after the Live Streaming of the Service of Union.

“Linda and I were delighted to join in the special Service on Sunday 10th March. While in Spain since the start of the year we have watched the majority of the services live each Sunday. This week it was great to hear the history of each of the three former congregations and the significance Dornoch played in the development of the plan to reduce the number of presbyteries down to ten across Scotland.

“We were reminded of our home in Dornoch as we watched this Sunday. We started to watch the service on our veranda, but were driven into the apartment because of a cool Dornoch-like breeze, making its way down to us in the Costa del sol.”

John & Linda McMurray



The Halkirk to Dornoch Pilgrimage

WITH EASTER fast approaching I would like to say a big thank you to everyone, across the Dornoch Firth Parish and beyond, who is taking part in the virtual pilgrimage from Halkirk to Dornoch. Give yourselves a big pat on the back – I hope you’ve got more than a blister on your travels and found peace in your walk with God.



For those still enjoying the journey at a steadier pace, worry not; this is not a race and I doubt very much whether all of St Gilbert’s team arrived in Dornoch for day one of the build. Feel free to keep journeying at your pace.

You may have heard that a few hardy pilgrims are planning to walk the route in summer as a fundraiser. (The dates are yet to be confirmed but initial thoughts are leaning towards Midsummer). If you’d like to join the walk for all or part of it, or be interested in a support role (such as driving walkers to their start point) then contact Fay <fay@ecosse.net> or Alasdair <alasdairmackay1870@gmail.com>.

It would be lovely to have as many as possible join us on the last section of the route walking to the Cathedral where there will be a warm welcome and a well earned rest. Further details to follow.

DORNOCH CATHEDRAL 800 YEARS

2024 marks the 800th Anniversary of the first stones of the Cathedral building being laid.

800 Years Celebratory Concert

7pm Monday 1st April

TO ROUND OFF the weekend of events celebrating the 800th anniversary of the laying of the first Dornoch Cathedral foundation stone, there will be a musical concert in the Cathedral starring many performers from near and far.

The new Firth Band will be opening proceedings - audience participation obligatory! Others taking part include Simon Scott, Isla and Lucy Robertson, Georgie MacLennan. Bands, The Machine and High Street and prize-winning fiddler Emma Cameron. Also performing will be Gillie O'Flaherty and Tom Campbell, traditional musicians from the Royal College of Music in Glasgow.

Entry is by donation and we'd love to see you there! Come early to get a good seat.

Graham McCarthy

Winter activity – Innis Mhor Care Home

WHILE MOST PEOPLE were staying indoors when we had snow and ice this was not the case for some residents. Lack of space in the magazine meant this was carried over to this edition, but it is well worth including this photo.

Dornoch lady, Margaret Baggott, decided she wanted to go sledging, so manager, Kate Walker, rounded up a few staff and before long they were out on the slopes having fun. When asked how she enjoyed her afternoon Mags commented, "*Wonderful and I am going skiing tomorrow.*"



Margaret and Kate sledging

Theatre Group

THE NEXT Theatre Group production will be on Saturday 18th May in the West Church Hall with performances at 2:30 pm and 7:00 pm. The play is based on the Jungle Book but with a hard-hitting new storyline. All the well-loved songs and more will be there.

Just back after our break, we have welcomed a new group of members from primary 5 - fifteen! - and what enthusiasm they bring! All are looking forward to acting in the new play and we are very much looking forward to working with them.

The photo shows Grace Roughley suitably disguised to take part in one of our regular improvisation tasks which the children enjoy.

Graham McCarthy



Boys' Brigade

BOTH THE ANCHOR BOYS and Junior Section were delighted to host the BB 140 Baton when Michael MacAuley, Highland Battalion Secretary took the baton to Dornoch on one of their evenings recently. This Baton contained a message from King Charles congratulating the boys on being part of an organisation that is now 140 years old.

All the BB companies in Highland Region are getting the opportunity to see the Baton and hear the message. The Dornoch Anchor boys had a relay in the hall and the Junior Sections boys each ran round the outside of the hall holding the Baton.

The Junior Section boys are busy practising their marching for the Highland Battalion Figure Marching Competition. We will travel to Inverness in a few weeks for this competition so please keep your fingers crossed for the boys.

Isabel and I have decided to hang up our BB boots at the end of this session. We both feel that it is time for us to step aside and we are hopeful that we will find others to take over the leadership of both groups. We have made approaches to some people but if you know of anyone who would be willing to take over the running of either the Anchor Boys or the Junior Section then please let us know. It is a very rewarding hobby!!

Morag

READERS:

Morag and Isabel have run the BBs since 1999. In that time over 200 boys will have progressed from the Anchor Boys to the Junior BBs, with several continuing as helpers. Considering the age profile of our congregation, it is unlikely that new leaders will come from within us but you may have a friend, relative or neighbour that might consider coming along to an evening and see how rewarding their sessions are.

I suggest we owe it to Morag and Isabel to see the Junior BBs and Anchor Boys continue – they have both done many extra miles.



Junior BBs with the BB 140 baton



Anchor Boys with BB 140 baton

Brownies

THIS TERM saw us celebrating World Thinking day on the 22nd February. The theme this year is 'Our World, Our Thriving Future'. It is about working together to create a better future, where all girls live in an environmentally sustainable world free of poverty. During this time of global unrest, increasing cost of living and more families using food banks, the theme couldn't be more poignant.

The 8th March marked International Women's Day. We are going to 'Reflect on Reflections', creating positive portraits to remind the girls of their own strengths and great things others see in them. The girls also made amazing bracelets for their mums to celebrate Mothers Day.

As part of Dornoch Cathedral's 800th Anniversary celebrations, the girls are now working on a flower arrangement for the Flower Festival. Hope to see you there!

Julie Herbertson



Oversteps Care Home

DAVID MACDONALD, chef at Oversteps, was put forward by Visit Dornoch for the 2024 Highland Shortbread Showdown Competition, held in Eden Court on Monday 17th March.

David's wife, Jen, Care Home Manager, and her staff organised a tasting afternoon tea, where the residents voted for their favourite shortbread from David's Cranachan, Lemon & Ginger, Banoffee and Irn-Bru® varieties.

The residents were sure that David would not come home with a "wooden spoon" as their favourite flavour Banoffee was very special. The recipe is David's secret, a 1940 recipe from his grandmother.

David did not let them down and was announced winner of the "Best Shortbread – traditional category."



Shortbread Showdown Chef David MacDonald



Peggy Macdonald choosing her favourite flavour

Dornoch Firth Church Junior Band

THE FIRTH JUNIOR BAND (changed the name from "Youth" on account of age!) has been busy practising on a Friday evening with its first-ever gig at the "Darkness to Light" event at the West Church Hall on Saturday 30th March at 4:00 pm.

We are keen to welcome young players of any level, on any instrument. Please encourage your parent or carer to bring you to the West Church Hall on a Friday from 4:45 pm to 5:45pm during school term.

Graham McCarthy

The Meadows Care Home

WE HAVE FORMED an alliance with the local Tiny Tots who will hold their event in the care home on a regular basis; this was of great delight to the residents to have the young ones in the home and be able to be part of their group for the day. They were all smiling, laughing and happy – it was a joy to see.

Eilidh Smith, DFG, says, ‘This was the first intergenerational session at the Meadows Care Home. The parents, babies and toddlers were invited to join the residents at the Care Home for a music session and song time which everyone enjoyed.’

We now have a walking group on a Thursday afternoon at 2pm. We just go for a short walk around the town and are looking for some volunteers to join us for our walk followed by afternoon tea. If anyone can spare an hour to come and help out that would be great. Please contact me on 01862 811133 or <jacqueline.macrae@sanctuary.co.uk>

Jackie Macrae, Manager



Meadows Care Home visit



Walking Group

Social Committee

COFFEE MORNING dates: Fridays 19th April; 17th May; 14th June. Enjoy fresh scones, pancakes and baking from 10.30 to 12.00 and the chat.

Soup and Sweet Lunch in aid of Christian Aid - Sunday 31st March – 12.30

Donations of soup and sweets can be handed into the West Church Hall from 9.45am on the Sunday. Thank you to all who have offered their support for this event.

Tickets, at £5, are available at Sunday Services, or through your Elder if unable to attend Church.

Una Reid

Natter & Nosh

NATTER AND NOSH continues to be well attended and as always the Natter is as important as the Nosh.

The dates from now on are as follows.

March 25th

April 15th and 29th

May 13th and 27th

June 10th

We meet in the West Church Hall Dornoch on Mondays at 12.30pm and all are welcome.

Dornoch Firth Group

Mamas' Club & Woodlands Story Walks

Jen and Eilidh have been joined by Kelly, the newest DFG team member. Kelly is working with Jen on the new Mamas' Club group which provides creative workshops for mums at the Old School in Embo. Workshops so far include decoupage easter egg decorations and flower crowns. While the babies and toddlers are welcome along, this group focuses on the mums giving them a lovely opportunity to have some relaxing creative time as well as a cuppa and cake. Interested mums do need to book and it costs £2 per session.

When they are not running creative workshops Jen and Kelly can be found at Camore woods for the Woodland Story Walks on a Monday morning. The first session attracted 20 families and 24 children, which was a fantastic turn out. Each session is based on a book with activities, songs and a story incorporated into the walk and is aimed at families with children aged 0-5. The group is free to attend.

Mamas' Club and the Woodland Story Walks run on alternate Mondays during Term Time. Both groups run between 10.30-12noon. For more information contact <jen@dfgcommunity.com>.



Little Otters

Eilidh and Kelly are developing the new Little Otters outdoor baby and toddler group at Davochfin Farm just outside Dornoch. There were 27 families and 32 children at the first session, and everyone enjoyed exploring the new outdoor site and playing with the sensory activities on a beautifully sunny March morning. With pigs, a lamb and a huge tractor to look at too it was a fantastic start to this new project which aims to get families outside learning in nature and finding out about farming life.



Little Otters runs 10.30-12noon on a Thursday morning at Davochfin Farm, Dornoch during term time. For more information, please contact <eilidh@dfgcommunity.com>

Tuesday Tots and Natter & Knit

In February we hosted a Toddler Tea Party to raise money for the Highland Hospice. With a bake sale, raffle and take a toy donation table the group raised over £250.

The ladies at the Natter and Knit group on a Tuesday Morning did an amazing job of providing lots of excellent baking for the Tuesday Tots Bake stall for the fundraising event for the Highland Hospice. It was lovely to have the group join in with the Toddler Tea Party on the day too. A special thank you to



Dornoch Firth Group – continued

Kath who donated a beautiful, knitted pyjama case teddy to the raffle.

For information on Tuesday Tots & Natter and Knit please contact <jen@dfgcommunity.com>

Baby Massage

Session for younger babies runs on a Tuesday morning between 9.30-10am. This is a drop-in session with no need to book. Eilidh will take you through the basic massage strokes.. Take along a pillow and towel for sessions, massage oil is provided. Parents are welcome to stay for Tuesday Tots following baby massage.

Stop Press! - Easter Picnic at the Farm - Sat 30th March 11am-2pm

Pack a picnic and head along to Davochfin Farm for a fun filled day of Easter crafts, outdoor activities and scavenger hunt. There will be lambs and chicks to see as well as home baking and teas and coffee on offer. It looks like it is going to be a lovely day out with the Little Otters team on hand to provide outdoor learning activities too.

For more information, please contact <eilidh@dfgcommunity.com> and see our new Facebook page <<https://www.facebook.com/DornochAreaFamilyEvents>>



Dornoch Community Workshops

Our Dornoch Area Men's Shed has 6 new members join since Christmas. In the January Storms, DACIC's Wooden Hut was severely damaged, but Luke Watson kindly offered us the timber and a few of the Shedder's built another extension on the side of our shed. Our Shed is open every day Monday to Saturday for members, no fixed times, but someone will be there every Thursday between 11:00 and 2:00 for new members or if anyone wants to drop in for a chat and look around.

Sutherland Cares Counselling Project

This project was awarded Regeneration Funding from Highland Council to offer Free Counselling Sessions to anyone living in Sutherland, a confidential service delivered by qualified counsellors.

We used all our funding a month earlier than planned so this project has now closed. We hope to gain further funding and resurrect the project again soon.

This successful project delivered 479 Counselling Sessions over the 11 months. The online and over the phone sessions were particularly useful for those in very rural areas. Feedback from our counsellors showed that men, in particular, felt able to open up quicker to be helped over the phone rather than face to face. 22% were male so this shows the value of this approach to community health and wellbeing.

The Hut. Food Share Larder

Our Food Hut in the car park of Dornoch Hub is open every Tuesday and Thursday morning. Donations are welcome and we now have a few cupboards outside open 24/7 for donations or to help yourself to provisions inside.

Dornoch Emergency Resilience Group DORNOCH FIRTH GROUP

We are looking for a small number of volunteers to be part of a new steering group for this important activity. See our website for info and contact charles@dfgcommunity.com if you can be on the steering group. <<https://dfgcommunity.com/community-resilience>>

Dates for your diary

Holy Week – Easter in the Cathedral

Monday 25th -Thursday 28th March

A SHORT INFORMAL SERVICE AT 6PM

Good Friday - 29th March – 7.30pm also in Cathedral

Friday 29th March

INTERDENOMINATIONAL WALK OF WITNESS - ARDGAY TO BONAR

10.15am Kincardine Church or 10.35 at Drovers square (see article)

Saturday 30th March

800 YEARS CELEBRATION EVENTS

Showing DVD of ‘2005 Songs of Sutherland’
Dornoch West Church Hall – 2.30 – 3.30pm

Stories & Songs – “Darkness to Light”
Dornoch West Church Hall – 4pm – 5pm

The Labyrinth in Cathedral 5pm to 7pm
Just drop in anytime for a few minutes

NOTE: Sunday 31st March – clocks go forward one hour

Sunday 31st March

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Beach Car Park starts 06.35 with sunrise expected at 06.46

EASTER SUNDAY OUTDOOR SERVICE

8.30am at The Stones, beside the bridge at Bonar Bridge

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE

in Cathedral at 11am, conducted by Rt Rev Sally Foster-Fulton, Moderator of The Church of Scotland

SOUP & SWEET LUNCH FOR CHRISTIAN AID

12.30pm in Dornoch West Church Hall

800 YEARS CELEBRATION

Ecumenical Songs of Praise at 6.00pm in Dornoch Cathedral

Monday 1st April

800 YEARS - CHILDREN’S TREASURE HUNT

Dornoch Cathedral 2-4pm

Tuesday 2nd April – Sunday 7th April

800 YEARS - FLOWER FESTIVAL

Dornoch Cathedral 9am - 5pm

Friday 12th April – 11am

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Bradbury Centre, Bonar Bridge

Friday 21st April & 19th May

CARE HOME SERVICES

Oversteps - 2.30pm

The Meadows - 3.15pm

Saturday 18th May – 2.30 & 7pm

YOUTH THEATRE - JUNGLE BOOK

Dornoch West Church Hall

Sunday 26th May

A LAMBING SERVICE

at Edderton – details TBC

SUNDAYS @ 7

Start on 2nd June



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