

The Grapevine

The Magazine of Saint Magnus Cathedral Congregation

ST MAGNUS CATHEDRAL SERVICES

HOLY WEEK and EASTER

Sunday 17th April	11.15am	Passion Sunday. The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated
Good Friday 22nd April	6.30pm	Reflective Service. Revd Fraser Macnaughton and the Cathedral Choir
Easter Sunday 24th April	11.15am	The Sacrament of Holy Communion
Please see <i>The Orcadian</i> for other services during Holy Week.		

**Services are held in
St Magnus Cathedral every
Sunday at 11.15am**



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Material for the Summer Grapevine should reach
Fraser Macnaughton by 8th May 2011



From the Manse

Sharing the peace of Christ

“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you; but the kind of peace I give you is not like the world’s peace. Don’t let your hearts be distressed” (John 14:27 The Inclusive New Testament). Jesus still calls us, assuring us that his peace is for this time and times to come.

For some people, this moment in the service can be an awkward one. The minister invites the members of the ‘congregation to “share the peace” with one another. What does that really mean?

Sharing God’s peace is *not* simply offering a friendly hello to those sitting around you. Sharing God’s peace is *not* a time for catching up on news with your neighbour or for reminding someone about an upcoming meeting. Sharing God’s peace does *not* require each worshipper to offer a sign of God’s peace to every other worshipper present.

Sharing God’s peace with one another is an act of reconciliation. It is an opportunity for God’s people to be reconciled with one another. It is, rather, a time to set aside our human differences and to recognize and enact our unity as

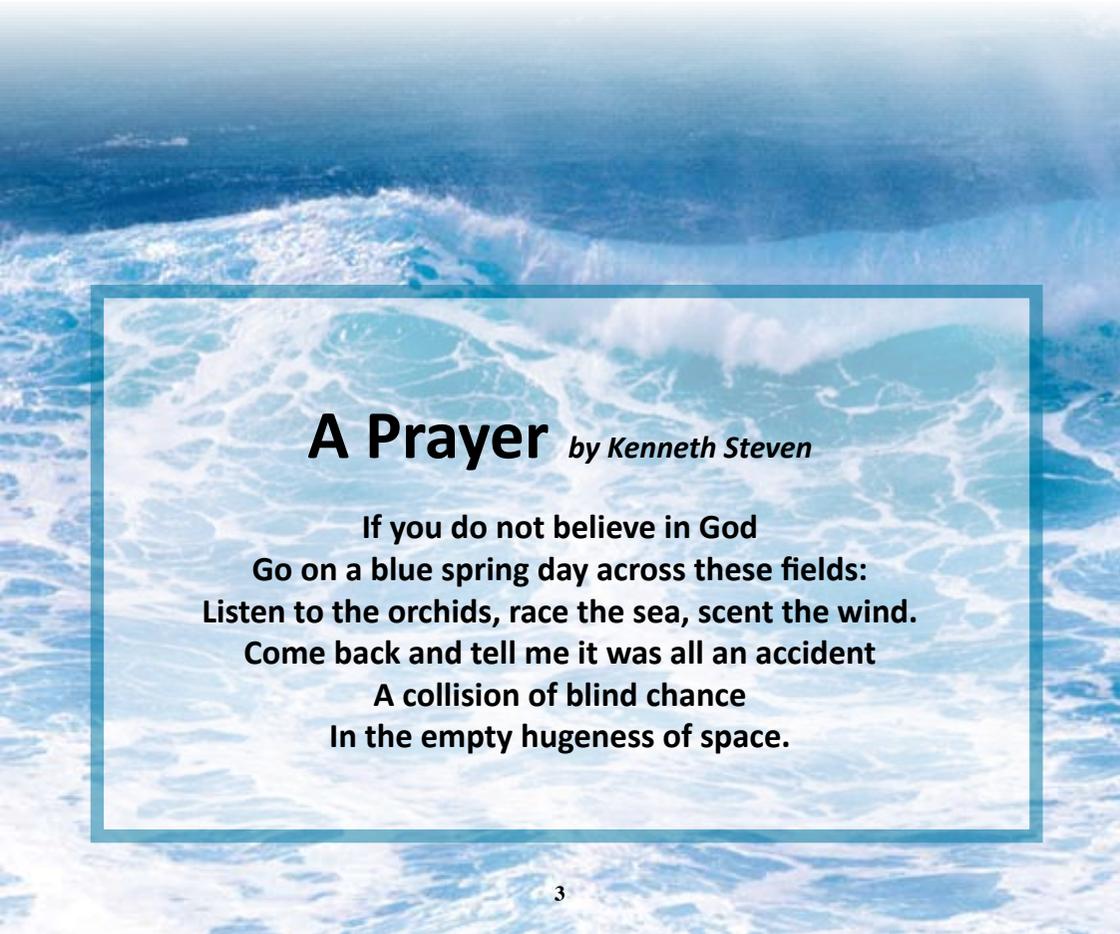
children of God.

What can the exchange of peace teach us for daily living? Christians are a people who seek reconciliation with one another. Making peace is a daily action in our lives. We do not need to wait to come to church on Sunday morning in order to make peace with our neighbours and our family members. Sharing God's peace is a daily opportunity.

I hope that this gives some explanation to a very important part of our weekly celebration, particularly with regard to the many visitors who come to Orkney and the Cathedral seeking that very peace of God.

Have a peaceful and blessed Easter,

Fraser



A Prayer *by Kenneth Steven*

**If you do not believe in God
Go on a blue spring day across these fields:
Listen to the orchids, race the sea, scent the wind.
Come back and tell me it was all an accident
A collision of blind chance
In the empty hugeness of space.**



LETTER FROM THYOLO, MALAWI . . .

Our beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Thank you - Christian greetings to you all.

On behalf of all Christians of Thyolo Highlands Presbytery, we would like to thank you, all members of Orkney Presbytery for the wonderful Christmas cash gift that we have received. We are very grateful. May the Lord always bless you all for taking part to raise this cash gift.

Throughout last year we have been receiving different cash donations from you, these have assisted us in the so many projects we are doing. Our poor church structures are now improving. We can never manage to return to you such a good brotherly gesture, but we only pray to the Mighty God to guide you and give you more blessings and happiness. We promise to use all this cash to improve our Thyolo churches and the lives of our women guild.

We also enjoyed the year 2010, with visitors from Westray and also later in the year Andrea and Neil. It was a wonderful year, full of joy for Thyolo.

Lastly we wish you all Christians and all the people of Orkney all the best in 2011 and we hope this partnership will grow from strength to strength.

God Bless Orkney and Thyolo Presbyteries.

Once again, thank you very much, In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we write:

Rev. Wilben Mulinde Moderator.

Rev. Cedric Kamoto Presbytery Clerk

Kester Chiwalo Partnership Coordinator

THE GUILD CELEBRATES 111 YEARS!



Present and former members of the Guild in Kirkwall Hotel, on Friday, 11th February, for 111th anniversary celebration.

The first recorded Minutes of a meeting for St Magnus Cathedral Guild are dated 1 February 1900. So it seemed appropriate to celebrate the 111th Anniversary of the formation on Friday 11 February 2011. Present and former members met in the Kirkwall Hotel to enjoy a meal together. Mrs Margo Cant, Honorary President, cut the celebration cake and was accompanied by former presidents Violet Grieve, Mary Hourie and Shona Linklater. Gladys Leslie read messages of congratulations from the National Guild Office, and from Fraser Macnaughton and Cristine Ferguson who were unable to be present. After the meal Jean Cooper, Violet Grieve, Shona Linklater and Isobel Scholes read various excerpts from past records (all these had been researched by Violet). There was a display of past photographs and cuttings which provided entertainment and lots of reminiscing. Everyone agreed it had been a splendid evening of fellowship and fun; Gladys Leslie brought the gathering to a close with prayer.



Mrs Margo Cant, Honorary President cuts the cake with (from left to right) former presidents Shona Linklater, Mary Hourie and Violet Grieve.



SOUP LUNCHES



The soup lunch season has come to an end once again, with this year's soup lunches proving more popular than ever. During the winter months many have enjoyed the delicious homemade soup and the opportunity to chat with other members of the congregation.

In addition to raising over £600 for church funds, this year's soup lunches have also raised £467.20 in aid of our Malawi partners and £243.00 in aid of Clic Sargent. Many thanks to all who have donated soup and/or helped at the lunches and to all those who have supported us by coming along and sampling soup.

The soup lunches take place in the St Magnus Centre after the morning service on the last Sunday of each month throughout the winter. The next soup lunch will take place on Sunday, 25th September. If you have not ventured along yet, please be assured that you will receive a warm welcome and the choice of a mouth-watering range of soups. This year also saw the publication of our 'Souper Soups' recipe pack, containing recipes for a huge range of soups, many of which have been on offer at previous lunches. These proved to be a real best seller, as our first print of two hundred copies was sold out within a week! To date, we have been able to send £650 from the sale of these to help with building projects in Malawi, but hope that the final figure to reach Malawi will exceed £1,000.

Copies of the 'Souper Soups' recipe pack are available from the St Magnus Centre or Resource Table in the Cathedral at a cost of £5 each.

The soup lunch team would like to take this opportunity to express sincere thanks to all those who donated recipes for the pack, to Lesley Poulton for the beautiful artwork and to Helen and Ian Cunningham for all their hard work in producing the recipe pack.

(We must also afford a huge thank you to Margaret Kirkness and her team for again organising a wonderful series of Soup Lunches this winter and congratulate them in being instrumental in raising so much for other worthy causes. Ed)

AN APPEAL

Due to the increasing popularity of the soup lunches, the soup lunch team is looking for a hostess trolley to assist with keeping soup warm at the lunches. If anybody has a trolley, which they no longer require and would be willing to lend to the St Magnus Centre, this would be very much appreciated. Please get in touch with Margaret Kirkness on 01856 874985.



From the 'Peregrinati' . . .

'On Friday afternoon, 4th March, seven of us from the Cathedral congregation travelled by ferry to Westray and stayed at the very comfortable and welcoming West Manse. One aim of the weekend was to look together at some aspects of Christian spirituality. This we did, sharing experiences from our own 'journeys', in a variety of ways and enjoying and growing through what we found when exploring the surrounding countryside and beaches. On Monday morning we returned to Kirkwall.'



“CROWDS AT THE GUILD . . .”



Over 70 people turned out for the meeting of the St Magnus Cathedral Kirkwall Guild.

The topic of the evening was the presentation, ‘A his and hers perspective on political life’ of Lord and Lady Wallace of Tankerness, better known to us as Jim and Rosie, popular and hard-working members and elders of our congregation.

While the Guild organised the meeting, our minister Fraser Macnaughton led devotions and conducted proceedings. A very entertaining and informative evening was enjoyed by all, based on a St Magnus Cathedral Guild initiative to involve the wider congregation in their activities.

Open meetings have proved successful as have inviting elders and members of the congregation to lead the worship at meetings. As one member quipped of the encouraging support pictured below. ‘Ach aye just the kind of normal numbers for a Guild meeting!’

THE COMING OF THE KING – A STORY FOR EASTER

Some thoughts and activities for young folk, their parents, grandparents, family and friends to share.



After school, the children of the village went to their playground to play before tea. 'Look at the state of this place!' said the eldest one. They all looked around and nodded in agreement. 'It is a mess', declared the littlest one. There were sweet papers blowing everywhere, empty juice cartons on the grass, the flowerbeds were all trampled and the plants broken. The wooden bench was shabby and needed a coat of paint.



There was a sound of running feet coming down the path, and a little girl came puffing up . . . full of excitement. 'My Mum says that the King is coming to visit . . . TOMORROW! What do you think of that?'

There was a buzz as everyone talked at once – 'The King – fancy him coming to our village!'

'Do you think we will meet him?' 'What does he look like?'

'Oh, he's very grand . . . important . . . and rich!!'

'What about inviting him to visit our playground?' suggested the littlest one.

Everyone stopped talking and looked at her.

'Here?' said the eldest one, 'we can't ask him here – it looks so awful!'

'We could tidy it', whispered the littlest one, 'we could make it fit for a KING!'

'What a smashing idea', they all agreed. So everyone set to and worked really hard – sweeping, picking up litter and raking the flowerbeds.

'My Mum has got some spare pansy plants', said one, 'I'll



go and ask if I can have them to put in here – they look nice’

‘And my Gran has an old red velvet curtain . . . we could put that over the bench . . . in case the King wants to sit down!

All was finished, and the playground looked splendid . . . fit for King!

They could hardly wait until the next day . . . and the coming of the King.

The great day dawned. The children rushed down to the playground and waited . . . and waited . . . and waited. But the King did not come. Everyone was very disappointed . . . and a bit cross . . . all that hard work for nothing!



Afternoon came . . . and still no King.

‘He isn’t going to come, is he?’ sighed the littlest one. The eldest one looked up and stared down the road, ‘Someone is coming’, he said, ‘but it isn’t the king . . . just a shabby old man’.

The man came up to the playground wall and looked over. ‘Hello children’, he called, ‘what a beautiful place. May I come in and rest awhile?’

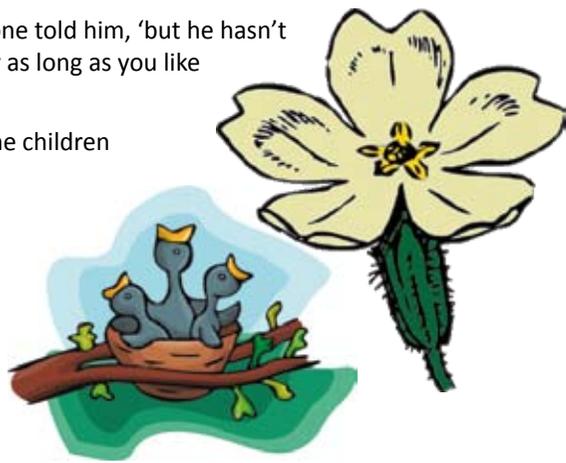
The littlest one said to the others, ‘He looks very tired and dusty. Let’s ask him to come in’.

Someone rushed to open the gate and another led the man to the velvet-covered bench, where he sat down gratefully.

‘We were waiting for the King’, the eldest one told him, ‘but he hasn’t come. You are welcome to stay and rest for as long as you like . . . we don’t mind’.

The man had such a lovely kind face that the children told him all their secrets . . . like where the blackbirds had built their nest, and where to find the first primroses in spring. They told him all they knew and he listened . . . and nodded . . . and smiled.

At last, he stood up. ‘Thank you children . . . for all your kindness. And now I must be on my way, for I have



a long way to go and lots more people to meet’.

As he walked down the road, the children started talking excitedly, ‘He wasn’t the King . . . but he was very kind . . . and he listened to us . . . and he thought our playground was beautiful.’

The littlest one pointed . . . to the man walking down the road towards the setting sun.

‘Look!’ he exclaimed, ‘See, the sun is shining round his head. It looks just like . . . a CROWN!’

The children treated the man kindly, even though he wasn’t the person they were expecting. I wonder what you would have done if you had been there. It’s not what we are like on the outside (the man was shabby and dusty); it is the goodness that shines out of us that makes us special.

Remember, we can find Jesus every day . . . in different and unexpected places.

*From that first Easter Day, Jesus comes to be **with** us and **in** each one of us – making us shine with his goodness.*



HERE IS A PRAYER THAT REMINDS US OF THIS . . .

**Jesus is with us
Each step of the way.
Jesus is in us
Every day.**

**Spirit of Jesus
Your goodness will shine
When you come into
This life of mine.
Amen**



ST MAGNUS FRIENDSHIP GROUP

PLANT AND PANCAKE SALE

Saturday, 21st May, in St Magnus Centre



It is the time of year again to remind all gardeners that the Friendship Group are planning a plant and pancake sale again in May and we would ask you to keep us in mind when you are in the potting shed. We will appreciate any donations and it would be helpful if they could be named. We welcome you all to come and join us on the day at the Centre.

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

DATE	NAME
27th March	Jonas Tualasea, Polrudden, Peerie Sea Loan

NEW MEMBER

NAME
Anne McCubbin, Scorradales House, Orphir

WEDDINGS

DATE	NAME
26th March	Megumi Uenoyama & Andrew Barrington

FUNERALS

DATE	NAME	ADDRESS
29 November	Edwin Work	Fairview Tankerness
02 December	Maimie Corse	Charvel, Holm Branch
08 December	Sally Heddle	Skeldro, 2 Sutherland Drive, Holm
16 December	Hamish Walls	5 Warrenfield Drive
31 December	Norna Shearer	5 Pipersquoy Drive
07 January	Brian Diack	Willowbank, 1 White Street
17 January	James Crisp	22 Buttquoy Park
13 January	Morag Peddie	1 Earl Thorfinn Street
21 January	Jimmy King	Kinverdale, Muddisdale Road
22 January	Carolyn Firth	63 Kirkland Road
29 January	Billy Raeburn	2 Seaview Chalets, Glaitness Road
08 February	Mark Ridgeway	67 Albert Street
12 February	Liz Barnett	15 Papdale Crescent
17 February	Olive Eileen Peace	79 Victoria Street



Spring Awakening

Spring Sparkles

