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'All mums should live'

Sierra Leone is the world's most dangerous place to become a mum. Every day 10 women die from giving birth.

Jebbeh Konneh is heavily pregnant. Her sister recently died in childbirth and Jebbeh fears she may be next.

'I'm afraid. I pray, when that day comes, God will help me to deliver safely, so that I can have a bouncing baby and I'll be healthy.'

Minister

Rev Benjamin JA Abeledo
(Vacancy from 20 June 2019)

Interim Moderator:

The Very Rev Dr Russell Barr

Locum:

Rev Gordon Farquharson
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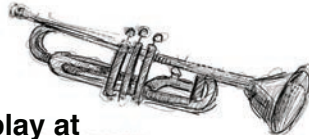
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From the Minister



“You are my witnesses”

Luke 24:48

Dear friends,

The blessing of Easter will still be with us as we live through the Spring days ahead. We can look forward to seeing some of the results.

There’s an old song (from the 1930s) "Please Don't Talk About Me When I'm Gone"*. The words of that song certainly were not echoed by the risen Jesus. After the amazing news of His Resurrection had sunk in among His frightened Disciples and they were able to meet Him again, He left them with a Great Commission. He instructed them to continue his work by making disciples of all the world. That is a tall order but that’s the **co-mission** Jesus gives. As we try to follow the Gospels we should make our best attempts to be the successors of that band of the faithful who set out to tell the world their good news. I’m sure that even without the inspiration of Jesus’ instruction most of the Disciples would have set out in their own different ways to spread the news. Their experiences of Jesus - their Master and companion, their friend, cruelly slain but now risen – gave them all they would ever need to talk about. They had amazing stories to tell – stories of their own weakness and disloyalty and the shame they had to overcome. But the real stories were of their recollections of Jesus life, His sacrifice, His words and actions, His acts of love and tenderness, the challenge presented by what He achieved in His career of healing and teaching. They met and shared their personal experiences, they told the world of what they remembered and they had their words and thoughts committed to print in their wonderfully varied ways. So we have in our New Testament their often-self-condemning testimonies of Jesus’ strength and dependability. They became His witnesses and the promoters of His calling - His appeal to show the world the wonder of God’s love. They were His missionaries.

In our time “Mission” as a word had acquired the quaint status of age associated with a distant past of mission halls and old-style hymns / continued

From the Minister continued

with often-parodied words and tunes, written for revivals long past. But 'mission' - it found a new lease of life when management gurus of our time found it just the right word that they wanted to inspire visionary thinking among ambitious leaders of industry and commerce. A sense of mission should lie behind all the planning and forward looking of the go-getters. Suddenly we found Mission Statements all over the place, above office and Reception desks, in Hospital wards and on the notepaper of firms and institutions. The word has the meanings associated with commitment and dedication and enthusiasm (with zeal, to use another old-fashioned term). These words belong to the Church in important ways for they express the qualities for which Kirk folk should be known.

We must never forget that the Church's mission is a **co-mission**, for Jesus will work with us as we set out to fulfil His intentions. And we too can talk about Him, not as one who has gone, but who goes before yet still is with us present in the Spirit. We all can be part of the Jesus movement with His help and we should find a new lease of life for **our** sense of mission as we receive again the promise of Easter and pray for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

We are His Witnesses.

With every good wish,

Gordon Farquharson

* Its lyrics involve parting lovers, the singer asks the other to either speak nicely of her or him, or not all!

Church Diary

May

- 1 12 noon Mid Week Service followed by light lunch (last of the session)
5 9.30 am Early Family Service
11.00 am Morning Worship
12 11.00 am Morning Worship, Christian Aid Service
19 11.00 am Morning Worship

From 26 May onwards the Large Hall will be used for worship

- 26 11.00am Morning Worship followed by Short Communion
28 4.00 pm Strachan House Service

June

- 2 11.00 am Morning Worship (**No 9.30 am service**)
9 11.00 am Sunday Club Promotion Service
16 11.00 am Morning Worship
23 11.00 am Morning Worship
25 4.00 pm Service at Strachan House
30 9.30 am Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
11.00 am Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

July/August

All Sundays **10.30 am** Morning Worship (**one service only**)

September (onwards)

11.00 am Morning worship (**one service only**)

There is more information about services in the Large Hall on page 6

Moving to the Large Hall for Worship

In preparation for our move into the Large Hall for Worship, we thought it would be helpful to let you know what to expect.

The first service in the Hall will be on Sunday 26 May at 11am.

This allows us a few weeks to complete all of the preparatory work, packing and removal of pews in the Sanctuary before the contractors start their works.

The format of our services and the fellowship that we share in worshipping our Lord will stay the same.

You'll come into the Hall from the rear doors on Queensferry Road. The Hall will be laid out for worship on a Sunday morning with chairs. We'll make sure there are some with arms if you need a bit of help standing up. Feel free to sit anywhere you like, maybe take the opportunity to sit beside someone you don't know and make new friends.

Music will still be at the heart of worship and will be provided by the choir accompanied by Donald on the keyboard.

We'll mainly use the CH4 hymnbooks and the Good News Bible as at present, but won't be projecting the words onto a screen, so we'll make sure there are plenty books to go around.

After services, tea and coffee will be available in the Small Hall. It would be helpful if you didn't linger in the Large Hall after the service as that will allow the teams to clear away the chairs. The only exception to this is on the last Sunday of the month (beginning 26 May) when you are welcome to remain in the Large Hall for a short Sacrament of Communion after the main service.

If you have any questions or are unsure about any arrangements, please speak to your elder, or one of the welcome team.

Fay Stirling

Alison Hewat has ideas for improving your comfort during services in the Large Hall. See page 23.



As you will know, we will be moving into the Large Hall for worship when work starts on the Sanctuary. The accompanying piece in this edition of Kirk

News gives more details on this but the important headline fact is that the first service in the Hall will be on Sunday 26 May. We have planned carefully for this but no doubt the system will evolve as we go along and we learn what works well and what doesn't. We will, of course, keep everyone as fully informed as possible and your patience with the occasional hiccup – which is almost bound to happen – will be much appreciated.

Every household should by now have received a copy of the promised leaflet and covering letter and we very much hope that this has been informative and that everyone now knows what is actually happening. If by any chance you have not seen a copy please ask for one, either from your Elder or in the Church Office.

The work in the Large Hall should be well under way by the time this edition is distributed and it is due to be completed by 10 May. This will inevitably cause considerable disruption to the organisations which use the Halls but it will be well worth it and, again, your patience and forbearance is greatly appreciated.

It is exciting to see the progress that is being made and, as ever, we will keep publishing updates as we go along.

Family

BAPTISMS

April

- 21 Finlay Graham Donaldson, son of Graham and Laura Briggs
- 21 Lachlan James, son of James and Julia Allsopp

DEATHS

March

- 27 Mrs Margaret Liston

Flowers

The flowers in church in May will be donated as follows:

- 5 In memory of Charles and Isabel Brown
- 12 Mrs Betty Blackford
- 19 Mrs Alison Hewat
- 26 Mrs Winifred Scott

Mrs Ann Wood and Mrs Diane Ross will be delivering the flowers.

Violet Troup,
Flower Convener



I would like to thank all those who donate items for inclusion in the Fresh Start starter packs. It always amazes me that the cupboard never stays empty for long after I take a carload to the warehouse.

A full list of what Fresh Start puts in their starter packs is on the corridor notice board. Goods can still be brought to the halls on a Friday morning between 10 am and 12 noon until the end of June.

Your donations make a difference as last year 1200+ households received 10,297 starter packs and 152 households received cooking appliances.

Fiona Cooke
Coordinator



Edinburgh Floral Art Club

Meets in Blackhall St Columba's Church Hall from 2 - 4 pm on Friday 10 May when the demonstrator is Susan Hall from Cleveland.

Her theme is 'Nature's Tapestries'.

All welcome. Visitors £7.

Christine Morrison

Easter Baptisms

Cousins, Finlay, son of Graham and Laura Briggs (top), and Lachlan, son of James and Julia Allsopp (middle), were baptised by the Rev Gordon Farquharson on Easter Sunday.

Lachlan, like brother Joshua and sister Iona before him, had travelled from Australia for his special day.

Finlay and Lachlan are grandsons of Blackhall St Columba's Church Elder, Donald Mackie and his wife, Barbara.



Quiz Night

Thursday 16 May 2019 at 7 30 pm

Blackhall St. Columba's Church Hall

Supporting our



project

All church and community organisations are invited to enter teams of 4-6 members, but if individuals would like to come along or form their own team please do so and send your team name and size to Eddie Thorn (egthorn@btinternet.com) or to the Church Office.

Refreshments available.

Do come and enjoy the fun.

Tickets price £5 - pay at the door

KIRK SESSION REPORT

There has been no meeting of the Kirk Session subsequent to Tuesday 12 March 2019, which was reported on in the last edition of Kirk News.

I would, however, report on the following.

Rev Benjamin J A Abeledo

The Presbytery of Dunkeld and Meigle has sustained the call by Blairgowrie Parish Church for Benjamin to be their new minister. We said farewell to Benjamin on Sunday 7 April and the following is the tribute read out that morning at the end of the Service.

“Benjamin, this is, of course your last Sunday with ourselves.

While your ministry here has been a relatively short one, I believe that it would be only fair to say that a great deal has been achieved over the past three years and importantly a lot of groundwork done to lay firm foundations to secure the future of Blackhall St Columba’s.

Your vision led to the much needed and exciting Building for the Future initiative yet throughout the discussion and planning process you were careful not to influence any of the decisions leaving that responsibility to the members of the Steering Group and, ultimately, the Kirk Session.

Benjamin, you guided us through the move to the Unitary Constitution, resulting in us as a Congregation being ahead of the game, so to speak, before the change in the constitution was imposed upon us by the charity regulator.

You also led us through the Local Church Review exercise, an all important piece of planning for the future here at Blackhall St Columba’s, and the content of our report was commended at The Presbytery of Edinburgh earlier this year. It is unfortunate that you will not be with us to play your part in the team effort necessary to convert the plan into real action and outcomes but rest assured that others will.

All in all, Benjamin, you have shown strong leadership, as we would expect from a former military man, and you have also instilled enthusiasm. For all that we are extremely grateful.

Benjamin, you should depart from Blackhall St Columba’s knowing that you have given your all for the Congregation / continued

KIRK SESSION REPORT continued

the Congregation in terms of pastoral care and teaching of the Word with your sermons being particularly inspiring. You are the teacher after all and have carried out these responsibilities with great commitment. May God walk closely with you and Marie as you move into this new phase of your life and may you find joy, fulfilment and peace in Blairgowrie.”

Benjamin was then presented with a cheque in the amount donated by Elders and members of the Congregation. Benjamin subsequently acknowledged the gift and added “you



have always been a very generous Congregation and

in this presentation, you have once again demonstrated your kindness. As you continue to serve the Lord, let me wish you every blessing and success in all your endeavours and future service for Him”.

Violet Troup presented a bouquet of flowers to Marie.

Interim Moderator

The Presbytery of Edinburgh has appointed The Very Rev Dr Russell Barr, Minister of Cramond Kirk, to be our Interim Moderator throughout the period of the vacancy. We are very fortunate in having a minister of Dr Barr’s experience to lead us through the period of vacancy.

An Interim Moderator has a dual role to discharge. On the one hand, being the Presbytery’s appointee, the Interim Moderator is expected to help in representing the views of Presbytery to the Congregation. On the other hand, as the Congregation’s Minister for the time being, the Interim Moderator may be called on to help in representing the Congregation’s views to the Presbytery.

The Interim Moderator acts with all the powers and authority of an inducted minister, even where the regular preaching and pastoral aspects of ministry are delivered by the Locum. That said, the Kirk Session, / continued



KIRK SESSION REPORT continued

now that we are in a period of vacancy, appreciate that Dr Barr also has the responsibilities for the good people of Cramond Kirk and their Kirk Session.

Locum

During the period of the vacancy Rev Gordon Farquharson will be the Locum and will take most of the Services during that time. We are fortunate having Gordon on site, so to speak, in terms of his role as Pastoral Assistant and therefore someone known and well respected by the Congregation. Gordon, with support of the Elders, will perform the pastoral duties. We should be mindful that this is not a full time role.

Process to appoint a new minister

Following Benjamin's appointment as minister of Blairgowrie Parish Church being sustained by The Presbytery of Dunkeld and Meigle, arrangements are in place for his Induction on 20 June and a warm invitation is extended to those who may wish to attend.

With our Congregation becoming vacant at that point, there is a process to be followed before we can start looking for our new minister.

The Presbytery of Edinburgh has appointed The Very Rev Dr Russell Barr to serve as our Interim Moderator and Russell will guide us through what needs to be done in order for the Presbytery to grant us permission to call a new minister. This will include a number of edicts being read to the Congregation, the creation of an electoral roll of people eligible to vote, and meetings with various Presbytery committees.

Once permission to call has been granted, the Congregation will choose a Nominating Committee who will prepare a Parish Profile and begin the work of looking for a new minister.

Please be assured that throughout this process I will endeavour to keep you apprised of developments.

Eddie Thorn
Session Clerk

Tale of two great events - Ceilidh

On Saturday 30 March the Outreach Team held a very successful Ceilidh with over 70 attending ranging from 3 months to 90 years young. Amy and two friends (Anne & Alastair) providing the Ceilidh band music, Donald and Martha sang for us and much dancing was enjoyed. Lynn Bunney and her kitchen team ensured all were fed and watered for more dancing. A raffle on the night raised £134 for the Disaster Appeal Committee East Africa cyclone which was added to the church's retiring offering the following day. All in all a fantastic night of fellowship, fun, dancing and music.

and - Early Rise Easter Service in the Park

On Easter Sunday the 8 am service was held this year in Ravelston Park (rather than up Corstorphine Hill) and was well attended. Some from the community, having seen the posters, joined the service, swelling the attendance to 70. Most of the attendees, two dogs included, returned to the church hall for the traditional bacon roll and coffee. Thanks to the team led by bacon chef Ishbel for providing the very delicious snack. Thanks also to Gordon for leading this service in the park along with his other duties that day.

Michael Cockburn, Outreach Team



Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church
of Scotland in 2018/19,
The Rt Rev Susan Brown



'He Will Not Fail'

The Moderatorial year is very nearly over for me.

What have I enjoyed most about it?

Virtually everything! It has been an enormous privilege to meet with congregations up and down the land (and beyond!) including in particular, the Presbyteries of Annandale and Eskdale, Kirkcaldy, England and Hamilton.

Perhaps the one thing I had not realised was quite how much writing was expected from a Moderator – but that too, although challenging in terms of time, has presented a wonderful opportunity as newspapers as well as this magazine, have asked for articles and opinion pieces: a great chance to reach out to a wider audience.

What has most surprised me?

The good heart of the vast majority of our congregations.

Yes, I know we are less in number and we are growing older.

Yes, I know finances are not at their strongest – but right now, as a Church, we are doing probably the most we have ever done in terms of serving our local communities.

Foodbanks, lunch clubs, dementia cafes, children's groups and organisations, space for physical fitness and for mental health support as well as specific needs groups on top of worship in all sorts of ways, is being offered in the tiniest to the largest of parishes – in rural, suburban and city settings.

I have been blown away by the innovative ways congregations have sought to meet the needs of those around them.

I think it is also true, however, that sometimes those congregations have felt 'failures' because their Sunday numbers are not what they used to be.

That is so sad!

Jesus himself, sought out the most vulnerable. Not to demand they turn up at the Temple – but simply to help them and by so doing, he showed them something of their Father's love. / continued

'He Will Not Fail' continued

There are challenges ahead for us as a Church. There is no denying that.

But the God we live for and worship and serve is a God for whom all things are possible and if we truly believe that, then we need to put our trust in him and let him lead the way.

Sundays do still matter – but we need to find the stepping stones which might help people to bridge the gap between what they see as 'real' life in 21st century Scotland and the calling of the Christian faith to follow Christ and become members of his body.

Perhaps one of the places where that intersection is lived most acutely is in our interaction with service personnel. I had the opportunity to visit the Royal Navy and the work our chaplains do is both remarkable and central to the life of that service.

Chaplains offer the space for life's big questions to be asked and they remind an age group missing from many of our churches of the need to wrestle with what matters - as well as offering a voice at the table when it comes to ethical debates surrounding our nation's defence.

As this amazing opportunity draws to a close for me I thank God for it and I pray we, as a Church, find our confidence in Christ.

He will not fail.

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The Rt Rev Susan Brown is minister at Dornoch Cathedral and Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in 2018/19 .

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Tenneh's Story

Tenneh plays with her precious baby Ansumana. She blows raspberries on his belly. Lifting her baby up high she beams with joy. Tenneh gave birth to Ansumana three months ago. Thankfully, he's a happy, bouncy baby. But Tenneh has lost and loved another baby before.

When Tenneh's labour started during her first pregnancy, there was no health centre in the village. Her mum took her to a traditional birth attendant. For the two days of her labour, Tenneh was in agony. She fell unconscious and was bleeding heavily. With very little medical training, the birth attendant was way out of her depth. In the days and months after her labour, Tenneh felt very weak and her baby wouldn't breastfeed. Tragically, her baby died when he was three months old. 'That day I will never forget,' she recalls. 'I felt sick like I've never been sick before. If God would not have saved me, I would not be alive today.'

New hope

Through our partner RADA (Rehabilitation and Development Agency), Christian Aid saw how difficult the situation in Sawula village was and began working to ensure that mums and babies have fullness of life. RADA has been working locally to help vulnerable women access healthcare, improve hygiene with simple interventions like handwashing and, with your support, build a bigger, better health care centre.

Thankfully, when Tenneh was pregnant a second time, things had changed for good. This time, she had nurse Judith by her side. With her expert love and care, Judith helped Tenneh deliver her baby safely. Tenneh said: 'During my second labour, I was scared. But nurse Judith was with me, assuring me of everything. When I delivered, I felt so good.' 'With the coming of Judith, so many lives have changed,' Tenneh continued. 'We know that with Judith, as long as we see the light at the end of the tunnel, we'll be OK.' / continued



Photo credit:
Christian Aid/Adam Finch

Tenneh's Story continued

Thanks to nurse Judith and the medical training you helped provide, Tenneh could hold her beautiful baby boy in her arms.

A health centre for all

The community in Sawula dream of having a health centre that can meet their needs. The current health centre is the size of a small bedroom. Operations, deliveries and baby checkups all happen in one single room with only two delivery beds. Nurse Judith works around the clock to meet the needs of mums and young children who come to the clinic. But the need is great, and sometimes she's forced to send people away.

When women come to the clinic at night, there's no light for Judith to use. So she has to ask her patients to bring a torch to see by. In addition to this, there are often not enough drugs at the clinic. Judith sees diseases like malaria and typhoid, especially in children. She has to go on a motorbike or sometimes walk for three hours to collect drugs. 'I need help,' nurse Judith says. 'Women are dying from childbirth, children under five are dying, because of poverty. Please help us.'

For Tenneh, and many mums like her, a new health centre would be like a dream come true. 'We'll dance for three days when we have the new health centre,' she says. With your support today, we could work alongside Judith's community to build a bigger, better health centre to help more mums like Tenneh give birth safely.



Photo credit: Christian Aid/Tom Pilston

Christian Aid Week brings Christians together with a common purpose to achieve something incredible. Can your church come together to raise £300 this Christian Aid Week?

A gift of £300 could provide a delivery bed for a new health centre giving mums a safe place to deliver their babies. We need your support now, more than ever. With every envelope, every click, every one of us can help deliver babies safely.

Please make a donation.
You can donate online,
by using the envelope inserted in this magazine
or by supporting our Coffee Morning.
Together we can make a difference to people like Jebbeh
and Tenneh who need our help.
Your envelope can be returned to the church
any time during May



**Christian Aid
Coffee Morning**

Saturday 18 May 2019

10 am – 12 noon

Blackhall St Columba's Church Hall

Tickets £3 (£1 for children over 5)

**Donations of home-baking to be sold
would be appreciated.**

**Christian Aid Scotland
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Fair-trade Stall

Last ever stall will be on Sunday 12 May. All stock at knockdown prices. Please support us.

We are closing and any foodstuffs left over will go to the foodbank. If we have any cash balance this will go to Traidcraft Exchange which is the charity arm of Traidcraft plc which support suppliers and artisans from 3rd world countries.



We will no longer collect jewellery or coins.

Recycling



Since we started the stall we have also done quite a lot of recycling. However there are now many outlets that are easily accessible for people to do their own recycling. Consequently this will also be discontinued. Many thanks are due to the small number of people who have taken the time and trouble to make sure phones, spectacles, tools, and cartridges get to their ultimate destinations.

Batteries: can be placed in your blue boxes or taken to Sainsburys and other shops providing the facility.

Spectacles: can be handed in to your local opticians

Phones: try your retailer or places like Carphone Warehouse

Garden tools: places like Dobbies and Hopetoun Garden Centres take these

Cartridges: return to retailers or suppliers like HP who can provide envelopes for free returns

GENERAL RECYCLING – use Local Authority facilities eg your own green bins and places like Sainsburys and Tesco

Many thanks to our regular supporters and helpers.

Elsbeth Williamson.

Fellowship Afternoon Group

Thanks to all who contributed to the Bring and Buy stall at our final meeting on Tuesday 9 April. We raised £103 making our total for Building For the Future £170. A personal thank you too for a great send-off which was much appreciated. The leadership team, who have worked so hard, were also thanked for their contribution.

Donald Cameron OBE, along with a soloist and pianist, provided a varied programme of music and song. It made for a very happy and enjoyable close to our session.

Wishing you all an enjoyable Summer ahead.

Fiona Drinnan



Tuesday Topics

Following two interesting talks, the History of Craigleith and the Royal Victoria Hospital and Wojtek, the soldier bear, our final meeting of the session was the AGM, followed by a Beetle Drive. We are now looking forward to our summer outing, Afternoon Tea on the Orient Express!

The Committee are now geared up to putting together a programme for next session which will begin at the end of September.

Eleanor Lowrie, President

Jacky Cowie, Secretary



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March 2019

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Dear Friends,

I write to thank you for supporting the worship, mission and service of the Church through your regular financial offerings. It is important that you know what happens to your money and this letter explains how your congregation's Ministries and Mission contribution will be used to enable the work of the Church in 2019.

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Total contribution to Ministries and Mission for 2019

£116,213

The contribution is used to provide over 720 ministers and parish workers in communities throughout Scotland and further afield and assists with recruitment and training costs. The 2019 cost of a parish minister at the top of the stipend scale is **£42,912**. I would invite you to compare this with your congregation's contribution. Many churches gave additional contributions in 2018 and these have been gratefully received.

Your contribution is also used to support work in: resourcing congregations for Christian education and outreach; to further the caring work of the Church to people in need through CrossReach; to accompany partners around the world on our shared Christian journey; to offer the Church's opinion in public debate; to provide administrative, financial and legal advice, plan the General Assembly and ensure the Moderator represents the Church. The contribution from your congregation ensures a diverse ministry is maintained, and that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is shared in many ways and many places.

A new National Stewardship Initiative 'A Narrative of Generosity' will be launched at the Heart And Soul event which is taking place on Sunday 19th May 2019. This modular resource is easily accessible and can be tailored to respond to the particular needs of your congregation. Should your church require support with this new, or any other Stewardship resource please contact the National Stewardship Coordinator, David Lynch at dlynch@churchofscotland.org.uk. David's team of consultants are available to work with you without any charge for their time. I myself look forward to assisting you in any way I can.

With grateful thanks.

(SGD) Archie McDowall

Email: amcdowall@churchofscotland.org.uk

Softer Seating

When we move into the Large Hall for our services we will be using the grey chairs.

Some of us find these chairs uncomfy if we have to sit for a long time. It has been suggested that we bring our own cushions which is a VERY GOOD IDEA.

I shall be bringing my own cushion in a soft shopping bag. (We used to do this when we took my Mother to restaurants where the chairs were too low for her to reach the table.)

A material bag with a cushion in it will make the seat more comfortable. The bag could also be used to carry your collection and hanky (even peppermints for the sermon).

Or perhaps you would like to sew straps onto a cushion so that it can be carried easily.

You might be concerned about the cushion falling to the floor when you stand up to sing the hymns, but it wont if you make the handles long enough to slip over the back of the chair. Variations on this theme could be endless. You could compare techniques with your neighbours before the service as well as admire their cushions. Week by week you could improve on your new seating.

If you forget to bring your cushion I expect there will be some available.

Alison Hewat

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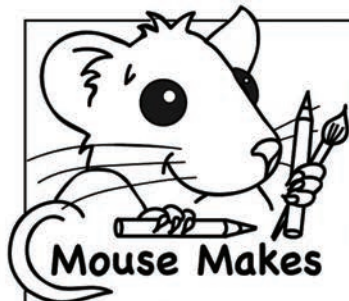
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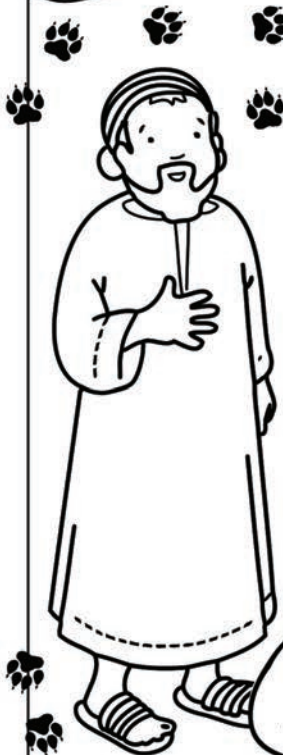
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You may have read the Bible story of Daniel in the **lions'** den, but have you ever read the whole book of Daniel? Take your time and read a little each day and find out about the **vegetables**, the **statue**, the **gold idol**, the **furnace**, the **tree**, the **writing on the wall**, the **lions**, the **four animals**, the **ram** and the **goat**, and the **man**.



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 Ashpenaz changed Daniel and his friends names. Look up **Daniel 1:7** to see what he changed them to.

Can you find these words from the book of Daniel in the wordsearch?
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