



# Parish News



*Hello Everyone,*

## Sunrise

We don't get many cloudless mornings here in Scotland at this time of the year but towards the end of February, we *did* have some spectacular *Sunrises*.

From my kitchen window, I could see the top of a red semi-circle climbing over the distant hills. Then it softened into a beautiful bright pink and filled the room with a warm glow before fully emerging into a golden orb.

Sunrises at that time of the year may be enjoyed by everyone since they don't appear before 8 o'clock, but you'd better be quick as the clouds can shroud them almost as quickly as they appear!

The Psalmist David said, "God is like the light of the morning, like the sunshine bursting forth in a cloudless sky."

There are many events in the Bible that tell us of things that happened 'in the morning'.

Following Jesus' supreme sacrifice for our sins at Calvary, two ladies went to the tomb to embalm His body early in the morning, only to be greeted with the wonderful news, "He is not here. He is risen!"

Over 400 years before this event, Isaiah, the Prophet, recorded these words, "I have swept away your sins like the morning mist. I have scattered your offences like the clouds. O return to me for I have paid the price."

The Psalmist again says, "God satisfies us in the morning with His unfailing love. So we sing for joy to the end of our lives."

On a more pensive note, James writes, "How do you know what will happen tomorrow? For life is like the morning fog - it's here a little while and then it is gone."

But we can look forward to the great day promised to every believer -

'When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound and time shall be no more,

And the morning breaks eternal bright and fair; When the saved on earth shall gather on the shore, And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.'

*I hope that you, too, will be in that great and happy throng.*

*Yours in faith,*

*Gordon McInally*

**Abronhill Parish Church:**

**Afternoon Tea and Quiz**  
**Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> March at 2pm.**

# Cumbernauld : Condorrat Parish Church

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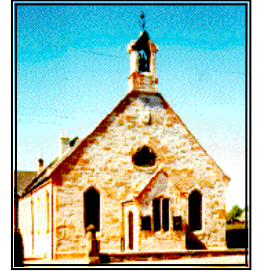
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## SUNDAY SERVICES:

*Morning Worship in the Sanctuary at 10am.*

Communion Services (1st Sun. – March; June; September; December.).....10am.

Check the *Condorrat Parish Church* blog on our website or at [www.ccosfive.wordpress.com](http://www.ccosfive.wordpress.com)

## Prayer for Condorrat

Circle Condorrat Lord  
Keep protection near and danger far,  
Keep hope within and despair without.

Circle Condorrat Lord,  
Keep light near and darkness far,  
Keep peace within and anxiety without.

Eternal Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
Shield Condorrat on every side.

Amen.

## Sunday Welcome Teams



### March 2026

- 1st. — Mr J. Newlands and Team 1.  
8th. — Mrs. L McKeown & Team 2.  
15th. — Mrs. J. Bolling & Team 3.  
22nd. — Mrs. E. Stewart and Team 4.

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*Hello Everyone,*

*Moving towards a brighter future.*

Two of the biggest hurdles we have in the quest to appoint a new minister for our linked parishes have now been cleared. After a vote in both churches, a nominating committee has been formed and has already had its first meeting. As I write this, we are set to meet with the vacancy advisory committee from Glasgow presbytery. The second hurdle was the parish profile, which needs to incorporate elements from both parishes individually along with a joint section outlining our hopes and plans for the future. My thanks go to Mrs Cochrane, Mrs Russell and Mr and Mrs Robertson for their hard work in bringing this to fruition, along with our counterparts from Abronhill.

Once the profile has been approved by Presbytery, we should be in the position to advertise for a new Minister, and invite applications from prospective candidates.

I will of course keep you apprised of any developments, via the newsletter and on Sunday mornings during my welcome and intimations.

Board business:

The trustees attended a mandatory training course on safeguarding, which was hosted by ourselves in the church hall. A donation will be received from Presbytery for hosting this event.

Mrs Kenny has finally managed to resolve the ongoing billing issues with Scottish Power regarding energy usage in the manse. The outstanding electric bill is just under £300, and the gas is now in credit. This has been a long-drawn-out process which Mrs Kenny has doggedly pursued.

The Fish Supper night will take place on Thursday 16 April, more details will follow shortly but there will be a list in the hall for names and orders. Tickets priced at £10. Liz Cochrane had very kindly taken three large bags of donated underwear to smalls for all, which they were very grateful to receive.

The fabric report highlighted that the age of the electrical wiring in the church and halls are over 50 years old. The EICR report has determined that this is at the end of its life span and will need to be replaced, an initial quotation was received with a cost of over £7,000, Mr Cochrane is actively seeking further quotes to carry out this necessary work.

In addition to this, all 4 boilers are also on their last legs, and replacements will be needed in the near future. It will also be determined if any grants are available for these works to be undertaken.

The very generous gift from the Spar has now been assigned to the repairs to the car park which cost £900. I will write to the Clyne family and advise them how we used their gift. A decision was made to remove the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary banner on the 4<sup>th</sup> of April as our year of celebration comes to an end.

A complaint had been raised regarding dishes being left by people using the hall, this will be taken up by Mrs Hutton and Mrs McLean reminding people to clean up after themselves.

Kirk Session business:

Holy week services will be conducted by our good friend the reverend Alistair Shaw.

Presbytery has advised us of a change to the action plan which now has to be submitted annually at the inspection of records.

Session congratulated the parish profile group for their hard work, a few minor changes were suggested especially around the description of the manse. Mrs Cochrane will liaise with Linda Gray at Abronhill to update and finalise the profile document.

I sincerely hope that I will be able to report our advertising of the post of minister for our churches in the near future.

*Grace and peace,*

*Kenny*

(Kenneth Mackenzie)

Small Phenomena

As an experiment (or perhaps just for fun) someone suspended a large bag of salt from the ceiling above a black floor cloth. They opened a hole in the bottom of the bag, and then set the bag swinging.

At first it left a ragged white line across the cloth and then formed a rough circle which gradually thinned into an increasingly narrow oval shape.

Then, when it seemed there was nowhere else to go, the oval shape turned through ninety degrees

and began expanding again. And so it went on.

Eventually, losing momentum, the salt drew a decreasing spiral in the middle of what was now a wonderfully intricate pattern.

Other than the initial push, no-one had touched it. Gravity and momentum had done the work.

My point in explaining all this? Well...maybe nothing. But it seems an uplifting thought that the world, when left to its own devices, just about always seems to tend towards the beautiful.

*(You could try this out...just to check?)*

## Social Group

March 2026

The **Coffee Morning/Craft Fayre** will take place on Saturday, 7th March from 11am -2pm. Entry is £5 adults and £1 children and Donations for the Lucky Number Draw, as well as Home- baking will be very welcome.

I would like to thank the Boys' Brigade for putting out the tables and chairs and we shall need help to clear the tables and chairs at the end.

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*Elizabeth Aitken*  
Social Convenor

## The Frozen Rose

One freezing January morning as I looked out to the garden, I thought how bare and sad everything seemed. ...and then something caught my eye. There in the flower border, all on it's own standing tall and proud, was a beautiful yellow rose in full bloom! I could hardly believe my eyes, so I went for a closer look.

That single rose had come from a plant I'd given up for dead. This Rose was frozen solid. It looked beautiful, but it's sweet fragrance was all locked up in the ice. And then then this thought came to me.

Like the rose we each have the potential to give out the sweet fragrance of God's love to those around us: yet so often we keep it inside like a 'frozen asset', until we allow the Lord to melt our hearts and unlock our potential...for Him.

### **2 Corinthians 2: vs 14**

*'But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of Him'*

**'Ben ' Huddleston**

## Treasurer's Report

March 2026

*Dear Everyone,*

During the very mixed weather we were having in February, I was interested in a quote I read by Jarod Kintz, an American author, "*March is when some days are winter and some days are spring.*" For me, that summed up what I thought of February, but it will not be long until the clocks go forward and we can focus on the prospect of longer days.

We received a letter and Certificate from **Strathcarron Hospice** thanking us for our donation - the **Retiral Offering from Carols by Candlelight**. The Certificate is on a noticeboard in the hall. If you would like to read the letter, please see me.

The relevant forms relating to our Giving to Grow contribution, which have to be submitted to the bank and to the Church of Scotland in Edinburgh annually, have been delivered/sent.

The Finance Committee met and various items relating to the preparation of the annual accounts discussed and agreed. Thank you to the Guild for submission of their accounts which are required for inclusion in the Church accounts.

Thank you to everyone who continues to contribute, in any way, to our Church funds. It is encouraging to note that some people who are unable to attend services regularly, or at all, but watch online, give generously. Every donation is very much appreciated as it helps to keep our Church viable. If possible, we do not wish to find ourselves in the position of so many congregations because of our inability to meet our financial commitments. I hope everyone with an interest in the future wellbeing of our Church agrees.

As we are now in **Lent**, I hope your journey through this season is meaningful

*May God bless you*

**Ann Kenny**  
(Treasurer)

## Tongland....Tongland?

Who's ever heard of *this* village in Scotland?

Well, it's on the River Dee just north of Kirkcudbright with an extraordinary history. A site of a once mighty abbey (1218 by Fergus, Lord of Galloway) only a doorway in part of the parish church remains.

The last Abbot, John Damien (the Frenzied Friar of Tongland), tried to fly from the walls of Stirling Castle for the benefit of James IV, but fell to earth in a dung

heap and broke his leg.

James Neilson (1792-18650), inventor of the hot blast technique for smelting iron, is buried in the churchyard.

Thomas Telford built the Tongland Bridge over the deep River Dee gorge - Telford's first bridge in Scotland.

For two heady years in 1921-22, Tongland was the proud manufacturer of fine motor cars. "Galloway Cars" were built in a factory, once used to build aero engines for the First World War, and staffed by women..

*Thank You*



Many THANKS to everyone at the church for the lovely flowers I received from the church following my time in hospital. God Bless you All,  
*Norma Inglis*

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We would like to say 'many thanks' for the beautiful flowers that we received from Condorrat Church. They were very much appreciated.  
*Andy and Margaret Forrest.*  
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Many, many 'Thanks' for the lovely flowers I received recently from the Church. They were very much appreciated.  
*Sheila Jackson*

"Thank you" so very much for your Donations and support for HEART & STROKE when the sum of £1,400 pounds was raised.  
*Anne Cummings*

*Thank You very much to all those who have kept in touch with me. All your cards, flowers, visits and good wishes are greatly appreciated. Although my sight and mobility are limited, I hope that I will get to meet everyone again as Spring approaches.*

*Mary Innes*

*A most sincere 'Thank You' for the beautiful flowers I received after my lengthy spell in hospital. It was lovely to know you were thinking of me and brightened my day.*

*Anne Forbes*

### Parish News

If you wish to receive your issue by Email please send a request to the Editor by email and you will be added to the list.

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### Sunday Morning Tea/Coffee Teams



#### March 2026

- 1st. Mrs Freeland, Mrs Graham & Mrs Semple
- 8th. Mrs Cummings, Mrs Hughes & Mrs Rooney
- 15th. Mrs Freeland, Mrs Graham & Mrs Semple
- 22nd. Mrs Diamond, Mrs McLellan & Mrs. Lazzurri

#### The Tea Teams welcome Volunteers to join our Group.

No early morning setting up would be required, just serving and clearing afterwards. Something to bear in mind, the teapots can be heavy and we work to a rota, 4 or 5 weekly depending on how many volunteers we have.

*Lesley Freeland.*

### *Flowers for the Sanctuary*

#### March 2026

- 1st. Mr. Carson
- 8th. Mrs E. Ross
- 15th. Mrs . H Coull
- 22nd. Mr. H. McColl
- 29th. Mrs. M Proctor

*"Love is the fairest flower that blooms in God's Garden."*

*Barbara Johnson*

### Flower Calendar

*The gift of flowers brings happiness, and a sense of being remembered for many different reasons, as a church member or as a friend or a neighbour living in our community.*

Thank you to everyone who continues to contribute to the flowers each Sunday to beautify the Sanctuary. I can assure you that they bring so much joy and comfort to the people who receive the flowers from the church.

The Flower Calendar for 2026 is now on display in the Church vestibule which will enable folks to check their dates, I do endeavour to contact everyone each month to remind them of the date for their flowers.

I would also be grateful if you are aware of anyone deserving of church flowers being delivered to them.

Please inform myself or any office-bearer on duty on Sundays.

*Liz Cochrane*  
(Mob: 07702129882)



**Deaths:**

*“Blessed are they who die in the Lord.”*

( \*member)

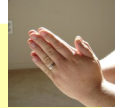
**February 2026.**

**17th. Mrs Margaret Eadie \* of Condorrat**



**Prayer Corner**

**March 2026**



Loving God,

We meet together once more to seek your will and to commit ourselves afresh to the service of Christ.

We come to worship you, to speak with you, to learn from you, so that we may be equipped to serve you better.

**You have called us together:**

**send us out to work for your kingdom.**

Be present with us now in this time together. May it be an occasion of learning about one another and about you, of deepening friendships and strengthening faith, of encouragement and inspiration, and of renewal in our life together as a church.

**You have called us together:**

**send us out to work for your kingdom.**

Help us to recognise the wider family of which we are a part; the churches of our town and country, churches in other lands, and the Church universal. Open our minds to all that

we can give and receive, to everything we can learn from those who have gone before us, and to our own responsibilities as part of the great company of your people.

**You have called us together:**

**send us out to work for your kingdom.**

Help us, finally, to respond to the needs of others remembering that your love is not just for the Church but for the world.

Show us where you would have us serve you, and give us the vision to hear and respond – to put our words into action, to show our faith through our deeds, to proclaim the gospel through demonstrating your care for all.

**You have called us together:**

**send us out to work for your kingdom.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*AMEN*

**Gordon McInally**



*All scripture is inspired by **God**; and is useful for teaching the truth; rebuking error; faults; and for giving instruction for right living.*

*2 Tim. 3:16,17.*



**Human Love Story**

Many folk are now coming to see Edinburgh for the first time with the world now becoming a ‘smaller place’.

Many years ago I was visiting the Castle and fell into conversation with an ‘auld body’ in neat black clothes.

She stood there on the battlements, like a statue. Then she turned to me and said, ‘Man, it’s the grandest sight in Scotland, and I love it! But, my man’s in the kirkyard noo, and my laddie is in Australia with three motherless bairns, and is wearying for the sight of me.

So I’m flying out this week....and leaving all I hold most dear.....all *this!*’ she waved a hand, as in farewell, over the city below and beyond. ‘And it nearly breaks my heart. I felt I must come....jist tae see it once more...’

The sentence was never finished. She had a stern, strong face, but the tears flowed suddenly and her body shook.

Silently, I left her alone with her situation. A little later, I saw that little figure in black limping slowly down the steep path from the Castle carrying, I’m sure, a memory that will live with her for the rest of her days.

## The Girls' Brigade



March 2026

Hi Folks,

The Girls are now back and hard at work on their Badge Work.

If you know any girl/young lady that would like to join please let us know.

Email :

[first.condorrat.gb@hotmail.com](mailto:first.condorrat.gb@hotmail.com).

Thank you for your continued support.



**Nicola Gilmore**

(Captain)

Tel: 07557470195

## *Foodbank*

A huge thank you to everyone from our congregation who continues to support us with food donations on a regular basis, every item is very much appreciated.

The Foodbank is getting busier and we are seeing more clients, everyone enjoys their tea and biscuits and having a chat.

Thank you again to our willing volunteers who faithfully turn up week after week. We appreciate everyone who donates their time to help on a Friday.

We are pleased to support our friends from St Helen's while they organise a roof repair on their hall. The 'Warm Hub' at St Helen's is presently meeting in Condorrat Church Hall every Monday @ 10.30am so please come along for a cup of tea or coffee and toast, there is no charge. Come and have a blether and meet new friends, you will be made very welcome.

Once again, a huge 'THANK YOU' to our local supporters: **Little Hands Nursery, Spar, I&E Wales & St Helen's**, we really appreciate your donations.

**Sheila Graham**

Food-bank Co-ordinator

(Tel: 01236 611222)

## **Don't Quit**

We're all fighting a battle of some kind, but some are not winning!  
Winners have one thing in common:  
a strong faith that refuses to quit!



## 1st Condorrat Company The Boys' Brigade

March 2026

Hi Everyone,

This year is certainly flying in and the boys have been busy with their Bible stories, badge-work, achievements, drill, and other exciting activities.

**Anchor Boys** have been having fun each week with a mix of games, races, and crafts. It's good to see so many boys attending each week and really getting into the spirit of what Anchor Boys is all about.

**Junior Section** have begun preparation for the International Games. This year we are hoping for a top 100 finish. For a global competition that's no easy feat! The Drill competition will have come-and-gone by the time this goes to print and we are hoping for a podium finish again this year. Excitement is starting to build for annual camp which is fast approaching.

**Company Section** have also been preparing for an upcoming Drill Competition and Inter-Battalion Competition, working incredibly hard for both. Continuing effort has also gone into badge work and awards.

In the coming weeks there will be a Battalion 5-A-Side Football competition for Junior Section, as well as Battalion Laser-Tag evening, and an Inter Battalion Cross Country Competition for the Company Section. We are hoping to see 1st Condorrat well represented at all three events.

Thanks as always for your ongoing support and encouragement in all that we do.

We meet in the Church Hall on .....

**Anchor Section:** Thursdays, 6.30/7.30pm.

**Junior Section:** Thursdays, 7.15/9.00pm.

**Company Section:** Thursdays, 7.15/9.30pm.

**Senior Section:** Thursdays, 7.15/9.30pm.

For further information or any problems please feel free to contact any of our leaders.

Company Captain: **Gareth Ramsay**

Anchor Section Leader: **Jamie Porrit**

Junior Section Leader: **Colin Mackay**

Company Section Leader: **Kris Tromans**

Remember that for information on BB Activities, Uniforms or just an update on what's happening please check our **web-site**.

[/1condorrat.boys-brigade.org.uk](http://1condorrat.boys-brigade.org.uk)

## **Speak Kindly...**

It's easy to speak kindly to folk we like, but it can be tempting to snap at those who get on our nerves; the cold caller, the door-to-door salesperson, the parking Warden. Yet there's a good chance they dislike their job as much as you like being on the receiving end.

So next time you encounter one who tests your patience, remember they're human too and surprise *them* by speaking kindly.

What's more, it will make you feel better also. Arguments only lead to feelings of anger and negativity on both sides....whereas gentleness benefits everyone.

## Glacier Mints

I always think of a polar bear when I see these sweets! Advertisements for Glacier Mints had a polar bear standing on a large clear mint which looked like an iceberg and you could see right through it! After a few minutes in your mouth, glacier mints *do* become completely transparent.

Did you know that our lives are 'transparent' before God too?

God sees everything we do; knows every thought we have; and knows every detail of the lives we lead - yet He loves us anyway!

This is so reassuring when we realise that there are things we are ashamed of...yet He is willing to forgive.

See **Psalm 139**: vs 1-3.

*"O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise, you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; You are familiar with all my ways."*

'Ben' Huddleston

## Abronsill Parish Church

### Afternoon Tea and Quiz Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> March at 2pm.

Entry £5.00 at door includes afternoon Tea and Entry to the Quiz. Bring a Team of up to 6 or just come with a friend and be teamed up with folk on the day.

### *A Little Bird*

A little bird I am,  
Shut from the fields of air;  
And in my cage I sit and sing  
To Him who placed me there:  
Well pleased a prisoner to be,  
Because my God  
it pleases Thee.

Naught have I else to do,  
I sing the whole day long;  
And He whom most I love to  
please, doth listen to my song.  
He caught and bound my  
wandering wing  
but still He bends  
to hear me sing.

Always laugh when you  
can: it's a cheap medicine.

Merriment is a philosophy  
not well understood.

It is the sunny side  
of existence.

*Byron*

## The Guild

March 2026

At recent meetings we've welcomed Hazel and Ronnie Paterson who entertained us with some Robert Burns and other Scottish songs and stories; made clay pinch pots; and enjoyed a Valentine's afternoon with 'Pink' Food and drink, while listening to romantic music. We all went home carrying a red rose.

Future meetings will include hearing about Scottish Witches; Line Dancing and a visit from "Shoogaly Road".

*Lesley Freeland*  
Tel: 01236 734930.  
Mob: 0775771190

## CRAFT FAIR and COFFEE MORNING

*Saturday, 7th March*

from 11am - 2pm.

Entry £3

Donations for Lucky Number  
Draw and Home Baking will  
be appreciated.

## Be Still

When sorrow overwhelms you and you have no strength to smile,  
When each day is hard to live through and it hardly seems worthwhile,  
When your voice is close to breaking from the tears you cannot cry,  
Just be still,  
Be Still  
And know you are with God.

When the world spins on regardless of your troubles and your pain,  
When you wonder if you'll ever laugh or dance with joy again,  
When it feels as though your words of prayer are offered up in vain,  
Just be still,  
Be Still  
And know you are with God.

When the sun comes slowly rising with the promise of the dawn,  
When your sorrows ease and nightmares fade into the golden morn,  
When you look upon the world and know your faith has been reborn,  
Just be still,  
Be Still  
And know you are with God.

*Annaliza Davis*

*(Well...I never knew that about Scotland)*

### ***Eilean Donan***

*A Symbol of Scotland*

When people throughout the world think of the Scottish Highlands they picture romantic Eilean Donan perched on a small isle in Loch Duich near the Kyle of Lochalsh. It is the most photographed castle in Scotland, everything an ancient Highland Fortress should be. Yet this was once a pile of rubble having been blown to smithereens by Royal Navy warships during the Jacobite rebellion of 1719. at that time it housed a Spanish garrison supporting the Old Pretender.

Home of the MacRaes, Eilean Donan was restored at vast cost by Lieutenant-Colonel John MacRae Gilstrap between 1920 and 1932.

Since then it has appeared many times on the silver screen, most notably in the film 'Highlander'(1986) and as a MI6 northern headquarters in the James Bond film 'The World is Not Enough' (1999).

'Wondrous is the strength of cheerfulness, and it's power of endurance. The cheerful man will do more in the same time, will do it better, will persevere in it longer than the sad or sullen.'

*Thomas Carlyle*

### **SMALLS FOR ALL CHARITY**

We would like to thank the Congregation and their Friends for their continued support in donating bras and new pants for the

'Smalls for All Charity'.

Your generosity spreads far through the UK and 28 countries in Africa, helping women and children. The charity also collects ink cartridges which they recycle to raise funds.

Thank you so very much.

***Margaret McCallum  
& Liz Cochrane***

### ***Rosslyn Chapel - The Prentice Pillar***

A place of mystery and intrigue and brought to a wider attention by the publication of Dan Brown's *The Da Vinci Code*.

The chapel was begun in 1447 by William Earl St Clair when only the choir was completed, but the whole of the interior is luxuriantly decorated with carvings and sculptures of quite outstanding brilliance.

Among the most lavish of the carvings is the 'Prentice Pillar', wreathed from the base to the capital with flowers and foliage so fine that they almost flutter as you pass.

The story goes that St. Clair brought home from his travels a picture of a pillar that he had admired in Italy and commanded the mason to carve a similar one for his chapel. The mason found he was unequal to the task, so he went off to Italy to examine the original. When he returned he found that his apprentice, inspired by a dream, had carved out the dazzling pillar we see now.

In a fit of jealous pique the mason killed the apprentice on the spot.

Two things suggest that this story is true: Firstly, the consecration of the chapel was delayed, apparently because blood had been shed there; and secondly, high up in the roof at the west end there are tree heads, carved by the boys work-mates, of the mason, the murdered apprentice and his weeping mother.

### ***Jane's Help***

When Dady came home at teatime Mummy said, 'I've finished the baking - and Jane helped me.'

'There's a clever girl,' declared Daddy.

'Yes,' Jane agreed happily. 'I stood on a chair and helped Mummy, and rolled the pastry, and I put jam in it, and there's a tart for you, and I made it, and I've been so busy, and I've taught Mummy a new song, and we laughed and everything's done now and Mummy wouldn't have got it all done if I hadn't helped.'

How bright her eyes, how rosy her cheeks - what a happy soul she was.....and it never occurred to Mummy to tell Daddy that it would have taken half the time *but* for Jane's 'help'.

*(After all, you shouldn't have children if you can't make life thrilling for them)*

### ***White Donation Boxes***

Many thanks to all who continue to give a little extra through the white boxes this is very much appreciated.

Please remember to put your name  
on the label on the box.

Most peoples hindsight is 20/20  
**(PARISH NEWS)**

To err may be human, but to admit it isn't.

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# March Cryptogram

Can you find the words by using the key below?

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

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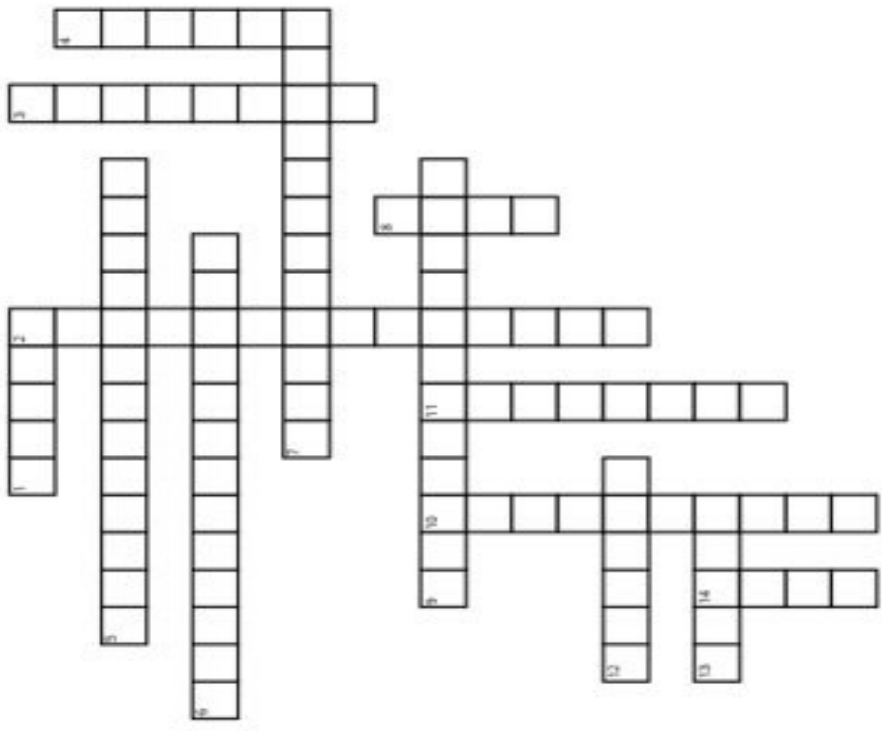

 10. 


11. 


 12. 


# Crossword

Solve the following puzzle based on the clues given



### Across

- [1] Dr. \_\_\_\_\_, a famous children's author was born on March 2nd, 1904
- [5] March is celebrated as Women's History Month. Who was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean?
- [6] In the Northern Hemisphere, what is the equinox that occurs in March called?
- [7] What popular college basketball tournament occurs in March?
- [9] Which famous Roman emperor was assassinated on the Ides of March?
- [12] What is the astrological sign for birthdays in March?
- [13] The first day of spring usually falls in which month?

### Down

- [2] In March, what do people traditionally do to welcome the spring season?
- [3] What musical instrument is often associated with St. Patrick's Day?
- [4] In March, many people plant what colorful spring flowers?
- [10] The month of March is named after which Roman god?
- [11] What green vegetable is often associated with March and St. Patrick's Day?
- [14] What type of weather is common in March?