

Easter Sunday

31<sup>st</sup> March 2013



# Markinch Parish Church Sunday Bulletin

*Minister: Revd Alex Forsyth TD BA MTh*

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*Our Mission*

*To Worship God, Share His love and Serve His World*

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*Grace To You And Peace*

*During the organ prelude please quietly prepare yourself for sharing in the service by offering a prayer and reading the lessons set for today.*

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From  
"Seven Stanzas at Easter"  
by  
John Updike:

It was not as the flowers,  
each soft spring recurrent;  
it was not as His Spirit  
in the mouths and fuddled eyes  
of the eleven apostles:  
it was as His flesh: ours . . .

Let us not mock God with metaphor,  
analogy, sidestepping transcendence;  
making of the event a parable,  
a sign painted in the  
faded credulity of earlier ages . . .

Let us not seek to make it less monstrous,  
for our own convenience,  
our own sense of beauty . . .

Let us walk through the door.

*(Collected Poems: 1953-1993)*



## Update



**Welcome.** We hope you will feel at home and among friends. Visitors please sign our visitors book in the church vestibule. After the service join us for coffee and a chat in the hall. If you would like information about the Church or any of the organisations please see a member of the welcome team. The reader today is Ian Cowie.

**Ministers Vestry Hour** 12 noon - 1.00 pm. Please contact the Minister for an appointment - phone 01592-758264 or E-mail [alex@arforsyth.com](mailto:alex@arforsyth.com) In the event of hospitalisation, serious illness, family anxiety, bereavement or personal difficulty the Minister is readily available to visit. You have to let him know if he can help.

**Have a look at the new double glazing in the church hall.** Many thanks to all who helped fund this project.

**Coffee Mornings** on Thursdays from 10.00am-11.30am in the church hall. Join us for tea or coffee and a chat. You are always welcome.

**Church Lunch** - we need to confirm the numbers with Balbirnie Golf Club. Names and deposit of £6.50 to Jean Forsyth by today please.

**Christian Aid** quiz sheets are on sale in church hall - only £1

**The Date Of The Wine and Cheese Evening** has been changed from April 19th to Friday April 26th 2013. Tickets will be available in April from Marianne Sankey, or Bryan Gould or Harry Gould, cost to be announced next week, and the focus will be on French for Friday.

**Markinch Community Open Day** The church plans to have a small display at the Open Day on Saturday 20th April from 11am to 3pm but unfortunately none of the Media Committee are able to man the stand due to previous commitments. If anyone is able to man the stand for even part of that time could you please speak to Ken Wilkie.

**Jigsaw Lending Library** Available in the church hall following Sunday Service at a cost of £1 per jigsaw. If you require any information about this activity please contact Meg Sankey on 07834 729420.

**The Rag Bag Collection** continues to provide us with a small continuous income, but we continue to look for any textiles, curtains, bed linens, towels, clothes, bags and shoes. Please ensure that all donations are placed in a tied plastic bag. If you cannot transport your collection or have a large donation that you need assistance to move, please do not hesitate to contact me to arrange collection. (0780 1279899)

**Craft items are on sale** in the hall for church funds. If you have any unwanted craft items, fabric, threads, wool, half-finished kits or projects that you would like to donate to the fundraising effort, please contact Marianne Sankey, Meg Sankey or Karen Wood.

**Markinch Heritage Group** will be hosting a talk on Stirling Castle and its Architecture by Professor Richard Fawcett in the 252 Memorial Hall on Thursday 4th April at 7pm. £2 entrance fee for non-members.