



By the way...

Easter
2018

The Snow that Brought the Village to a Standstill

The heavy snow that caused so much disruption, also brought out the best in the residents of Langbank. Many thanks to all those who checked up on elderly neighbours, brought in supplies to those who were unable to venture out, cleared neighbours' drives, helped those whose cars got stuck and gave lifts up and down the hills. There was a real community spirit which hopefully will continue when the snow's gone.



Beetle Drive

The **Family Beetle Drive** in January was a great night, with the adults becoming even more excited than the children. With some frantic dice throwing and artistic beetles everyone had a great night. There were also some tasty treats and a cuppa at half time to keep everyone going.

The **Quiz Night** in March was the usual big success. Thanks to Sister Andrea for setting the questions, and to everyone who helped to organise this event.

Langbank SWI

The SWI has just held a very informative evening learning how to research your Family Tree. Our own expert, Margaret White, explained how she researched her own family history, and gave an entertaining talk on how we all can do this.

Our regular meetings are open to all villagers, and the next evening, on Thursday 18th March, is a talk from the Branching Out Charity and Garden Centre in Port Glasgow. This will be a chance to ask for any gardening and plant advice, just in time for the good weather. As usual, a delicious supper will conclude the evening. Why not come along and join us.

Langbank Mini Voices

The group is open to children from age 4 and runs in the village hall on a Thursday evening from 6-7pm during term time. If you are interested please contact Anne on 07505640904. The children attending all love the singing and dancing and best of all they get to plan their own routines with their friends. Before Christmas they treated their families and the church to their production of 'Straw and Order' which was fantastic.

Langbank Mini Voices are performing their end of session show, 'Resurrection Rock', in the church on **Tuesday, March 27 at 6.30pm**. All welcome, please come along and support this fantastic group.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

John Chapter 3 verses 16 & 17.

Church News

Church of the future

The team undertaking the feasibility study on the potential benefits of developing the church to give greater flexibility of worship and also additional use by the community, has had initial discussions with several village groups and committees. Permission is now being requested from Presbytery to employ an architect to carry out further fabric investigation and prepare detailed proposals for further discussion. The Feasibility Study Group would be pleased to have anyone interested in this project join them, or if you have any ideas about activities that could take place in the church if the redevelopment goes ahead, please email the team at langbankcnl@gmail.com. We need your suggestions and support.



Easter Poem

May the spirit of hope that Easter brings
Help you find contentment in little things
And restore your faith in the Lord above
Who gave his life for the ones he loves.



Dear Friends,

The snow may be piled high, but there is birdsong these mornings, colour in the garden, and a definite brightness in the sky - signs that, despite the Beast from the East, Spring has already begun. The Easter Story follows the same pattern; each year we recognize that it is within the darkness of Good Friday itself that the seeds of faith are laid – ready to burst into life on Easter Morning. It is a clear message that God is present in every situation, however dire. Even when ‘hid from our eyes’, God is working to transform the earth, to bring good out of the worst of situations, to transform lives.

It is often through the words of hymns that we can best express our feelings about God, and what we believe are God’s feelings for us - which is why I have put Hymns at the centre of our worship, during the period of Lent. I am always keen to know which Hymns are most meaningful to you.... so thank you to those who have responded to the leaflet – and please keep them coming.

Just in time for the last Kirk Session Meeting I became the new Interim Moderator of Langbank and St Andrew’s. The step-up from Locum was quietly arranged and having got to know you over the past five months, I feel comfortable with my new appointment. I am grateful to Rev David Stewart for his leadership in the past - and his continuing support of my ministry among you.

Easter will be with us in a matter of weeks. Come along if you can to our Holy Week and Easter Services, and take part in Easter 2018. I look forward to sharing the walk with you, confident that our proclamation on April 1st – ‘**Alleluia! Christ is risen**’ will really be a shout of Joy.

With every blessing,

Liz

Easter Services

- Sun Mar 25** - Palm Sunday (10am Langbank Church)
Mon Mar 26 - Holy Monday (7pm St Andrew’s Church)
Tues Mar 27 - Langbank Mini Voices presents Resurrection Rock (6.30pm Langbank Church)
Thurs Mar 29 - Maundy Thursday (7pm St Andrew’s)
Fri Mar 30 - Good Friday (7pm Langbank Church)
Sun Apr 1 - Sunrise Service (6am Newark Castle)
- Easter Sunday Family Service (10am Langbank)

Please come and join us for any of these services. You can be sure of a warm welcome.

An Easter Message

Village News

Camera Club

The club is thriving at the moment due to an influx of new members, both male and female, from Langbank and the surrounding area. The club's aim is to promote photography to the wider community. Do come along as we provide help and support in all aspects of this great hobby. Meetings are held in the church hall on the second and fourth Monday of the month at 7:30pm (September to May). For more information please contact Derrick McPherson at langbankcc1@gmail.com.

Langbank Singers

Langbank Singers has had a successful session. In November we entertained at St Machur's Guild in Bridge of Weir, which was a very enjoyable evening rounded off with a lovely supper.

At the start of December we went carol singing at Finlaystone and raised £50 for the charity 'Something for Romania'. Fortunately it was a dry day, although very cold. We all appreciated the hot chocolate and mince pies afterwards, thanks to George MacMillan. Our next engagement was the church Candlelight Service, which was a great night, singing all our favourite carols. On Christmas Eve we could be found singing up at Gleddoch House Hotel, where we were given a very warm welcome, and a very enjoyable supper.

Early in March we entertained at Inverkip Guild's and SWI's fundraising evening, and we are giving a concert in Linwood at the beginning of June.

We were pleased to welcome 2 new members this year, but we would be happy to hear from anyone who enjoys singing and would like to join us on a Thursday evening in the church hall. (tel: 540752)

Playgroup

Playgroup is held on a Friday morning (term time) in Langbank Village Hall, and we currently have spaces for children aged 2.5yrs to 5yrs. Children from Langbank and the surrounding area are all welcome.

If you would like to join us on a Friday morning or for more information please contact Jen Burrows on 07947983025

Under 3's

This is an informal drop-in session for parents, carers and children under 3 years old. We meet every Friday during term time from 10am till 11.45am at Langbank Church Hall, with a Rhythm Time session the last Friday of each month. For more details call Kit on 07871166905.

Langbank Primary

Another busy term at school with the P1/2 class learning about Early Man, P3/4 have been studying the Romans, P5 have become budding engineers and P6/7 are experts on all things Victorian.

This session there is a whole school drive in Maths with even the parents getting an evening class on the subject.

The school garden continues to be a main focus and they would be grateful for anyone in our community who could provide help with this.

What's Happening

Our **Plant Sale** will take place on **Saturday May 12** from 10.30 – 12.30pm in the church car park, and **cream teas** will be served in the church hall. Order forms will be available in a few weeks time and can be requested from langbankcni@gmail.com

Drop-In-Café

Come along to the Church Hall every Monday 2pm – 4pm and enjoy a cosy chat, tea/coffee and delicious home baking.

Soup and Sandwich Lunch

Langbank Village Hall is the place to be, for lunch, on the first Wednesday of the month. We offer a choice of soup, rolls with various fillings, coffee/tea and a biscuit. Adults £4, children £2. All welcome.

Yoga Class

There are places available, why not give it a try? You will be made welcome and no previous experience required. We meet on Tuesday 7.30pm to 9pm in Langbank Village Hall, Middlepenny Road.

For further information please contact Sara 07962347950.

Keep Fit

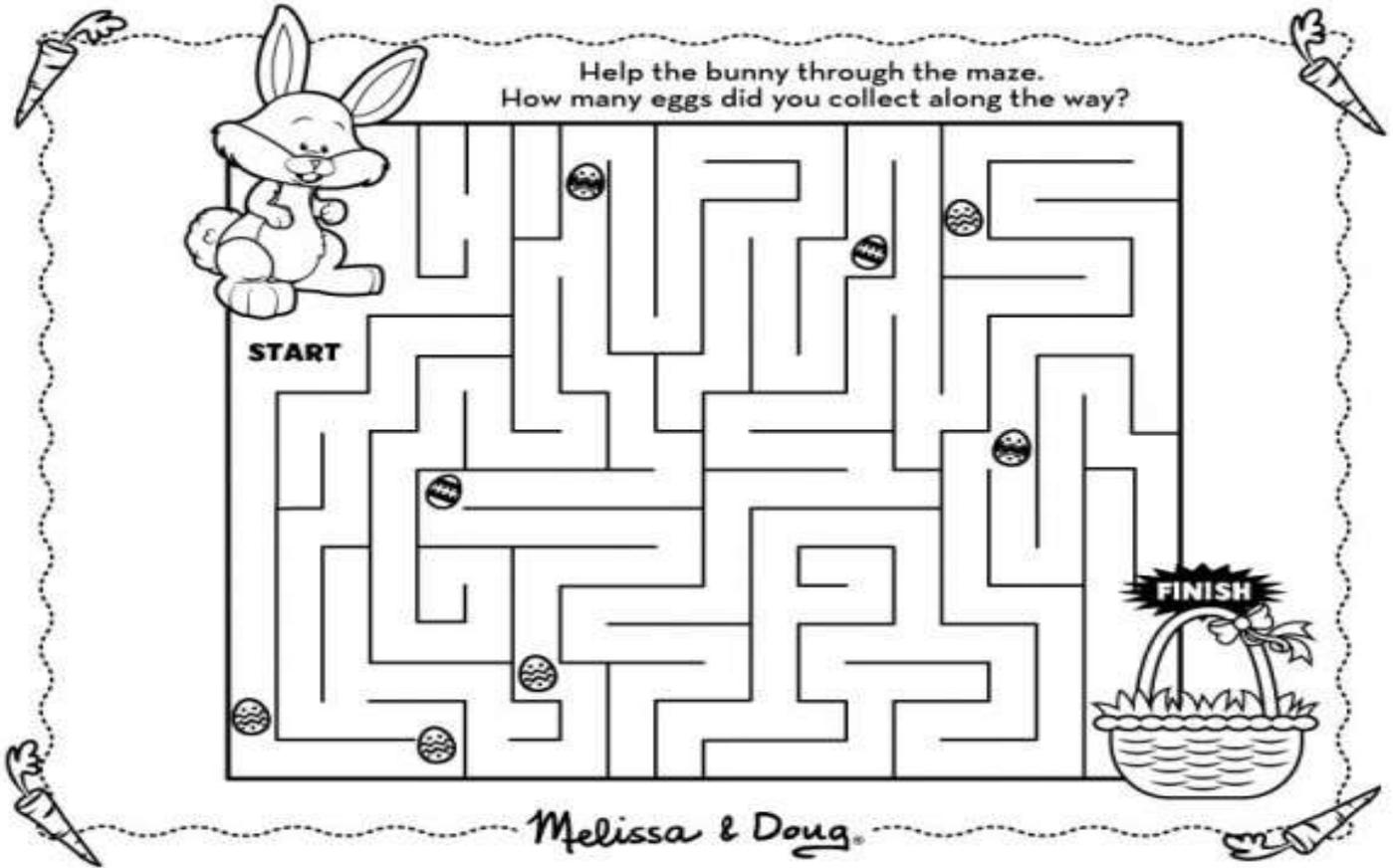
Come along and join in with Alyssa's keep fit classes in the Village Hall. These are suitable for all abilities and a bargain at only £2.

Sunday 5pm is **Metafit**.

Thursday 7:30pm is **Circuits**.



Hello, boys and girls. Here are some Easter activities for you to complete and colour in.



Wordsearch

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BUNNY	EGGS	HUNT
CHICK	FIND	LAMB
DYE	GRASS	LILY
EASTER	HIDE	NEST

