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elcome to the first edition of *The Signpost*, a new community magazine for Scone, published and distributed by *Good News Perthshire*.

Good News Perthshire exists to "share the good news of God's love with the people of Perthshire".





Back in November we distributed 50 'Winter Warmer Packs' to residents in Scone to help them through the cold winter months.

In December we held a well-attended *Christmas Service* in the Robert Douglas Memorial Institute and every Sunday we continue to run a *'Good News @ 7'* event in the same venue.



In this edition of the magazine you'll find information about our *Easter Family Fun Day* on Saturday 8th April, details on how to take part in our *Scone Easter Mystery Trail*, and an article explaining the true meaning of Easter. There's also a simple, fun recipe for you to try, some community news and a very special offer for all our readers!

We hope you enjoy reading the magazine. We'd really love to hear from you, so please *get in touch* if you have any questions or comments, or if we can be of any help to you!



7pm Sundays @ Robert Douglas Memorial Institute, Abbey Rd, Scone



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This month's cover image was taken by local photographer **Tom Ryan** at **Scone Palace** last year. You can view more of his work on the **"Pictures of Perth and Beyond"** Facebook group.

WHY SHOULD WE CELEBRATE EASTER?

side from being a good excuse to eat our own body weight in chocolate, why should we celebrate Easter? Here are 3 important things that Easter reminds us about...

1) THE BIBLE IS RELIABLE

Many of the events which took place over Easter weekend had been predicted in the Bible hundreds of years earlier. All of these events happened as part of God's plan, "according to the Scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3-4).

It had been predicted that Jesus would be betrayed by a close friend for 30 pieces of silver, and that He would die by crucifixion, amongst criminals. It was also predicted that He would be buried with the rich and that His body would not be left to decay in the grave, but would be raised to life again.

The fulfilment of these, and many other, prophecies gives us confidence that the Bible really is 'the Word of God'.

2) GOD'S LOVE IS UNQUESTIONABLE

The events of Easter weekend were all part of God's plan to provide a solution to mankind's greatest problem - the problem of 'sin'.

Sin is our rebellion against God, demonstrated in the fact that we regularly break His commandments.

The Bible teaches that sin separates us from God and destines us for Hell, rather than Heaven, when we die.

However, despite our sin, the Bible says, "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son [Jesus Christ]" (John 3:16) and "God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners" (Romans 5:8).

Jesus' death on the cross was central to God's loving plan to provide a solution to our sin problem. On the cross Jesus paid the penalty for our sin by taking the punishment we were due from God for all the wrong we've done.

3) NEW LIFE IS AVAILABLE

Jesus triumphantly rose again on the third day (Easter Sunday) and was seen by over 500 eyewitnesses, before later ascending back into Heaven.

Jesus' resurrection means forgiveness and new life are available to every one of us today if we'll simply turn from our sin and put our trust in Him.

This is the wonderful message of hope that Easter brings for us all, and why it's still worth celebrating in 2023!

"Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" (2 Corinthians 5:17)



GOOD NEWS @ 7

LOOKING TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CHRISTIAN FAITH? JOIN US FOR GOOD NEWS @ 7 EVERY SUNDAY EVENING!

Good News @ 7 has been running every Sunday evening since November 2022, in the RDM Institute.

It is an informal event aimed at anyone (young & old, Christian & non-Christian) who wants to enjoy some company and learn more about the Christian faith.

Upon arrival you'll receive a warm welcome at the door. You can grab a hot drink and biscuit and enjoy some friendly conversation around the tables before listening to a short message of hope from the Bible, followed by a brief, interesting biography of a famous Christian.

Please come and join us any Sunday you're free. Transport can be arranged within Scone upon request. Please get in touch if you'd like more information (contact details on back page).

WHERE?

RDM Institute Abbey Road Scone, PH2 6RU



WHEN?

7.00 - 7.45 pm every Sunday evening.



WHO?

Everyone is made very welcome!



EASTER RECIPE: FLUFFY BUNNY TAILS!

INGREDIENTS:

- White Marshmallows
- White Chocolate
- Coconut Flakes



10 MINUTES

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Melt the white chocolate
- 2. Dip the marshmallows in the melted chocolate
- 3. Sprinkle the coconut flakes over the marshmallows
- 4. Leave to set





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EASTER WORD SEARCH...

Can you find all 21 of these terms associated with the Easter story from the Bible? And spot the spelling mistake!

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RESURRECTION RISEN JUDAS GOOD FRIDAY **PRAYER** MARY **CRUCIFIXION** CROSS **DISCIPLES** BETRAYAL **JESUS** TOMB CROWN OF THORNS REDEMPION **PASSOVER** WINE **FAITH REJOICE** SON **SAVIOR BREAD**

Scone Easter Mystery Trail



WHO STOLE ALL THE EASTER EGGS?



Was it
Norman Western?



Or perhaps
Tomasina Trollope?



Or could it be Robert McBride?



Or maybe Phoebe King?



Download the instructions for FREE from www.goodnewsperthshire.com and solve the clues to find the thief.

These are some of the "landmarks" you'll be looking for as you follow the 2.4-mile trail round the village.









Email your answers (plus name / age / address) to: info@goodnewsperthshire.com



Prize for every correct answer received!





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