

# thegoodneighbour

April 2018



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GreenbankParish  
CHURCH

# Parish Register

## DEATH

16/2/18 Mr Tom Chisholm, Kennedy Court, Braidholm Crescent, Giffnock  
17/3/18 Mrs Nancy Scott, Glendoune Road, Clarkston  
21/3/18 Mrs Christina Cross, Rowandale Nursing Home, Shields Road, Glasgow  
22/3/18 Mr Gordon Burnside, Mansefield Crescent, Clarkston  
*"Dependent on your bounteous breath, we seek your grace alone,  
In every stage of life and death, to keep us still your own"*

## PULPIT DIARY

1 <sup>st</sup> April	10.30am	Sacrament of Holy Baptism & Easter Day Family Celebration (Children's Easter egg hunt and making Easter bonnets) Followed by Easter Day Communion.
8 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30am 6.30pm	Family Worship Prayers for Healing Service
15 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30am	Family Worship
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	10.30am	Worship & Sunday Club
17 <sup>th</sup> April	4.00pm	Messy Church
29 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30am	Songs of Praise & Sunday Club

Dear Friends,



Most trips to the Holy Land contain a visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem which is reputedly built over the sites of Calvary and the tomb where Jesus rose from death on Easter morning. The church remains standing because of steel scaffolding that supports its walls. The church is jointly owned by the Abyssinian, Armenian, Coptic, Greek Orthodox, Syrian Orthodox and Roman Catholic Churches. Each church tradition preserves its own chapel and conducts its own services. In the past, the leaders of these various church traditions have rarely communicated with one another and have been unable to reach agreement about how to keep the edifices of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in good repair. Even more ridiculous, each church tradition has found it impossible to trust any of the others with the keys to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and they are entrusted to the care of two Moslem families.

However, last year, in a historic moment of unity, all the church traditions came together to restore the edifice covering what is thought to be Jesus' original tomb. On Easter Day they signed an ecumenical message proclaiming the hope of Easter which said:

*The sacred history of Jerusalem and particularly of the Holy Sepulchre, is a constant reminder for the whole world that, in this place and at a certain time, the Resurrection was proclaimed for all people and for all time.*

It seems that the various traditions realized that the heart of their Christian faith did not lie in the ownership of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre; instead it was found in the hearts of those prepared to live out their faith through Christlike actions and interactions in a world that too often believes in conflict rather than reconciliation.

So may the hope of this resurrection faith live in all our hearts in the name and for the sake of the Risen Lord Jesus that we, and many others, may know the blessing s of Easter this year and forever.

Yours,

*Jeanne*

## KIRK SESSION – WHAT DO THEY TALK ABOUT?

The Kirk Session met on 6<sup>th</sup> February with 44 members attending and they discussed a wide range of issues.

**Worship:** The Kirk Session received reports on the services over the Christmas period including the well- attended Family Nativity Service, Nine Lessons and Carols, Watchnight Service and Christmas Day Services. Over Lent it is the intention to promote House Groups in addition to the Saturday morning group. Volunteers were called for to host the groups during the Lent period. Messy Church continues to attract good numbers.

**Outreach:** The Kirk Session received an update from the Lodging House Mission. Greenbank continues to offer wide support with the Junior Section of the Boys' Brigade collecting large quantities of tea, coffee and sugar. Christmas card sales this year totalled £825. Greenbank is one of 15 churches that provide volunteers to support the Saturday opening of the Lodging House Mission. Greenbank supported the Sleep in the Park event in December 2017 which took place in Princes St Gardens Edinburgh to highlight homelessness.

**Finance:** The Financial Position was updated and this continues to show a decrease of offerings for the first three weeks of January. The annual Fabric Appeal in the autumn raised £9,630 from 198 returns. Since the last report, contributions have been received from the Friendship Café, Ladies Afternoon Badminton Club, The Guild, and Timeout. Demand from external organisations for hall space continues and generates useful income towards the upkeep of our halls. The Church Fayre raised £3,067 and the Good Neighbour advertising £1,300.

**Fabric:** The Property convenor advised the Kirk Session that the annual PAT test of portable electrical items had taken place. Future work planned include a sign to discourage unnecessary vehicle access to the church grounds, inspection of the church stonework, decoration of the church vestibule and stairways, decoration of some halls, and inspection and investigation into water ingress on the flat roof of the corridor in the halls.

**Fellowship:** Reports were received concerning the Befrienders and the successful Afternoon tea with Aidan's View and Hawthorn Court residents.

**Youth:** The Kirk Session received reports from Jam, which has 13 young people currently and 1<sup>st</sup> Clarkston Guides. Helen Howard, the new Sunday Club superintendent, gave an update on Christmas events and the syllabus being followed on a Sunday morning.

**Legacy:** The Kirk Session approved a number of recommendations following the Maybole conference and agreed the update to the congregation which appeared in March Good Neighbour.

**Other Matters:** The Kirk Session dealt with a number of administrative matters including the following: The roll at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 was attested at 781 members. The Kirk Session approved a minute confirming adherence to the Safeguarding requirements of the Church of Scotland and also to requirements under the Data Protection Act. The proposed ordination of six new elders and the admission of one new elder were approved. The following Kirk Session appointments were made: Aileen McKinlay will replace Val Scholfield as Halls Convenor; Lindy Dallas will replace Aileen McKinlay as Fellowship Convenor and Jane Livingston will replace Aileen McKinlay as Housebound Co-ordinator. Ron Livingston will replace Rachael Mackay as Scripture Union Representative. The Moderator thanked those who were standing down.

(Please speak to your elder if you would like further information on any of the above.)

## CHRISTIAN AID

The recent 38th annual Christian Aid Art Exhibition and Sale took place in Carmichael Hall on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Once again it was well supported by local and invited artists who entered over 300 art works. The event was very busy with the tea room area well filled for much of the day. A particular thank you must deservedly go to the willing volunteers who helped serve many cups of tea and coffee throughout the event. Figures are still to be finalised for the total sales including home baking, craft stalls, and takings from the door as well as expenses, but a total of 77 paintings were sold (compared to 71 last year). I hope to be able to provide final revenue figures soon, but current information is that the profit should be about £7,200 (from income of £16,433) for the work of Christian Aid. A big thank you to all who supported the event; well done. In the meantime, please consider becoming a volunteer collector for the annual Christian Aid Week appeal which will soon be upon us (May 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>). The challenge will be to cover as many streets as possible in our collection area - your help will be much appreciated.

Mark Allan

Ron Livingston

# What's On

## **TUESDAY NIGHT WALKING GROUP**

Our hardy wee group will continue to walk around the local area for an hour leaving the church at 7pm prompt, weather permitting of course.

We walk the main routes with street lighting, blethering all the way.

Please feel free to join us - we are a friendly bunch.

Evelyn Clelland 07762 065507

## **LUNCH CLUB**

There are only two more opportunities to enjoy great companionship and wholesome food at the Lunch Club this session. Everyone will be made very welcome. Lunch is served from 12noon until 1.15 but there will be more choice at noon!

The next meeting is on Friday 27th April and the last one is on Friday 25th May. A warm welcomes awaits you.

Anyone who requires a lift to the church or who feels he/she would like to "join the team of helpers" should contact Jan on 258 4959 or Maureen on 639 5114.

The team are looking forward to welcoming you on 27th April!

## **HOLIDAY CLUB**

Help! Help! Help! Help! Help! Greenbank's Easter Holiday Club will be running once again from Monday 9th to Friday 13th April and we need all the help we can get! Whether it's for one morning or five, your help would be appreciated. If you want to join us for a wet wacky week contact Alison Harvey on 638 3679 or 07742282870.

## **FILM SOCIETY**

The final film of the session will be shown on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 7.30pm in the Session House. The film to be shown is "Turning Point" (1977) starring Shirley MacLaine and Anne Bancroft.

Forced to give up ballet after becoming pregnant, Deedee (Shirley MacLaine) moved from New York to Oklahoma to raise a family with her husband. When her old friend and fellow ballerina, Emma (Anne Bancroft), comes to town with her dance company and invites Deedee's daughter, Emilia, to join, Deedee is both excited for her daughter and nostalgic for her past life as a dancer. Jealousy and regret rise to the surface as Deedee copes with her buried dreams.

## **SNAP YOUTH CLUB**

SNAP Community Youth Club 7pm-9pm every Saturday night during term time. If you're P7-S3, come along for some Saturday night action packed fun and meet new friends -all are welcome. We do a range of indoor and outdoor activities from arts and crafts, board games and sports such as dodgy ball and badminton.

Please feel free to come along and register on the night or email:

[SNAP@greenbankglasgow.org.uk](mailto:SNAP@greenbankglasgow.org.uk)<mailto:SNAP@greenbankglasgow.org.uk> for more information.

## **TIME OUT**

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March is our AGM which will be held at Clarkston Bowling & Tennis Club. As always, we welcome all members of the congregation and friends to our meetings.

Look out for details of our summer meetings.

For more details please contact Moira McAlidine on 639 5968 or Sharon Mitchell on 644 2448.

## **MESSY CHURCH - FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 4PM – 6PM**

To book a place or offer help, please phone/text Lorna Preece at 07970192541 or email: [messygreenbank@gmail.com](mailto:messygreenbank@gmail.com)

# News and Updates

## ED LINES

Hi Guys,

Gosh! What a month March has been. Let's hope that the old adage, "in like a lion, out like a lamb" still stands! Caught between the "beast from the east" and "the pest from the west", we didn't stand a chance! Still, we had been warned. People panicked, bought basic essentials and shelves quickly emptied. We toughed it out! A few days later the snow was melting, shelves were restocked and crocuses began to reappear through the remnants of the snow, a sign of spring and better times to come.

Last month also saw the Paralympics. Athletes fought and struggled to overcome their disabilities. They have done amazing, inspiring things that few of us could dream of. Many of them had lost limbs or lost sight and a lot of them had lost hope. Competing in a sport gave them a feeling of worth, a goal: something to aim for, something to live for, renewed optimism for the future and better times to come.

Easter is one of the darkest, yet brightest times in the Christian calendar. The crucifixion, a time of plotting, betrayal and denial; the resurrection, a time of joy, elation and hope. Christ died for our sins and so we know that there were better times to come.

So has March gone out like a lamb? Well let's hope so. The Lamb of God. He has risen!

Happy Easter,

Alison

**ARTICLES FOR THE MAY ISSUE OF GOOD NEIGHBOUR SHOULD BE SUBMITTED  
BY SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL PLEASE**

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

A belated happy birthday to

Christine Baird who celebrated being 21 again, again, again and a wee bit more in February.

Tom McMeeking who reached a remarkable 80 years in March.

Also a mention to my very, very old friends, Joy Quate and Moira McAldine.

Bus passes in the post!

And last but definitely not least to Doris Mclver who was 103 years young on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

Congratulations to Anne and David Margetts, who will celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary, 60 years of marriage, on Tuesday, 3rd April.



## THANK YOU

A huge thank you to the Sunday Club and their helpers for a lovely treat to celebrate Mothering Sunday.

The youngsters singing, the crafts, smoothies and scones were much appreciated.

E. MacDonald

## AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

This summer, a brand new Girl Guiding programme starts its roll-out. This will have new activities, new badges, more adventures and more learning of skills for now and the future. The 1st Clarkston Brownies are looking for a leader or group of leaders to introduce the new programme. We meet in the Greenbank Church halls on a Monday evening and have girls between 7 and 10, with over 30 girls we are a large pack and have a healthy waiting list.

This role will give you an opportunity to get creative, have fun and be an inspiring role model.

Our leaders are women aged 18 or over. Girlguiding welcomes volunteers of all backgrounds, ages, cultures, faiths and abilities. As this role works directly with young people, you will be required to complete a PVG disclosure check, carried out by a local verifier. If you think this might be of interest then please contact Christine Bryden at [christinabryden@yahoo.com](mailto:christinabryden@yahoo.com) or 07786314779

## NEW ELDERS

On Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> February, six members of the congregation, Lynn Armstrong, Graeme and Helen Bradshaw, David Mitchell and Laura and Fraser Simpson were ordained as elders. Jeanette Mackay, who has been an elder for 35 years at St James in Paisley, was admitted as an elder in Greenbank. Here's the low down on them.

### Lynn Armstrong

Lynn was honoured and humbled (and terrified) when asked to be an elder. She was christened and went through Sunday School at Greenbank Church, many years ago. She met her dear husband Craig at Orchardhill Church. They have two children, Lauren and Euan. Lynn loves her job as an accountant, especially when the cash squares!! As a family they have made so many lovely friends through so many of the different organisations and now Lynn hopes to give a little back through her eldership.

Lynn thanks the Kirk Session for seeing something in her and hopes she doesn't let anyone down.

### Graeme Bradshaw

Graeme is married to Helen. They have a daughter, Grace, who is nine years old. She attends Carolside Primary and is a member of the Sunday Club. Grace was baptised in Greenbank in 2009. Graeme is a lawyer and works in Glasgow. He loves spending any free time that he has with Helen and Grace and is enjoying learning to play the piano along with Grace.

Graeme was surprised when asked to become an elder as it was something he hadn't considered but feels very privileged to have been asked.

### Helen Bradshaw

Helen is married to Graeme. They have been attending Greenbank for ten years. Their daughter, Grace, is nine. She loves going to the Sunday Club. Helen is the head teacher of English and Drama at Strathaven Secondary School. As you would expect, she is an avid reader. In her spare time, she enjoys running and going to the gym. Graeme and Helen have recently holidayed in London and Aviemore. When going abroad, they like Italy or the U.S.

Helen was equally surprised to be asked to be an elder as she thought they wouldn't be entitled to the position of eldership and so was genuinely honoured and privileged to have been approached.

### Jeanette Mackay

Jeanette was an elder for 35 years at St James in Paisley which she felt was a great privilege. She was delighted and honoured when asked to join the Session at Greenbank. Jeanette lives with her daughter and family in Viaduct Road and has three grandchildren. Jeanette is a retired nurse, though latterly she helped her husband in his model rail business. She enjoys playing hand bells and is a member of a hand bell choir.

### David Mitchell

David and his wife Julie became members of Greenbank in 2009. They have two children, Cameron 8 and Andrew 5, both of whom attend Sunday Club. David is an accountant and although he is based in Glasgow he travels quite a bit. He enjoys sports and his claim to fame is that he and Julie played hockey in the Commonwealth Games. A strange connection is that Jeanette's brother-in-law is David's brother's god parent. Small world!

David was honoured to be asked to be an elder and hopes he makes a good job of it.

### Fraser Simpson

Fraser is married to Laura. They have three amazing children, Millie, Harris and Ella. They moved to Clarkston just after they were married and have now lived there for 10 years. Fraser was originally a Graphic Designer but now works mostly online, designing, promoting and advertising websites. At weekends Fraser can be found dragging his kids into the fresh air to explore woodland trails, or competing in the latest round of the 'pooh stick' championships. Fraser comments, "Actually, on reflection, I think it is them dragging me. My first thoughts when asked to be an Elder... I was surprised, convinced I was too young, but most of all honoured and proud to be deemed worthy. I hope to live up to the faith shown in me."

### Laura Simpson

Laura Simpson (nee Mackenzie) has been married to Fraser for 10½ years. They have been blessed with three beautiful children: Millie, Harris and Ella. Laura is an English teacher and has worked at Williamwood High School for the past 13 years. Laura explains, "I love being a teacher and feel very privileged in helping to influence the futures of so many young people."

When Fraser and Laura joined Greenbank, they were delighted by the warm welcome they received and were touched by the support given when Ella had a life-saving operation when she was a baby, and when Millie was diagnosed with Crohn's Disease.

Laura was honoured and delighted when asked to be an Elder, following in the footsteps of her parents who are both elders and commented, "I will endeavour to do my very best for Greenbank, continue to spread the word of God and represent the caring ethos of the church."

## **GREENBANK CHURCH WALKING GROUP PROGRAMME 2018**

All walks are on Saturdays. We leave from the Church at the times shown.

Come along and enjoy the fresh air and good company.

28 <sup>th</sup> April	Perth	9am
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Falls of Clyde	9.30am
Weekend Away, 8 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> June	Fife Coastal Path	TBN
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Maidens to Culzean	9.30am
18 <sup>th</sup> August	Millport	9am
15 <sup>th</sup> September	Dumgoyne	9am
13 <sup>th</sup> October	Whitelees	10 am

For more information, contact Allan McLaren (639 5848) or Douglas Paterson (638 6350).

## **GLASGOW STEDFAST ASSOCIATION**

The Association is organising a charity concert to be given by the Glasgow Philharmonic Male Voice Choir on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm in Clincarthill Parish Church, Cathcart Road, Mount Florida. The choir is making a return visit to Clincarthill to help the Association to raise funds to help Glasgow Battalion of the Boys' Brigade have financial means to assist boys or companies to carry out projects which they are unable to finance themselves. The choir is bringing a guest, Hugh Reid, who is a well-known organist. The choir is always very entertaining with its selection of music and it should be a very enjoyable evening. Tickets are £8 each and can be obtained from Bill Robertson (585-0008) or simply pay at the door on 26<sup>th</sup> April. The Association looks forward to seeing you.

## **BOYS' BRIGADE 95<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DINNER**

223<sup>rd</sup> Boys' Brigade Ex-members Association is having a 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Would members of the congregation please inform any family or friends who have been in 223<sup>rd</sup> B.B. Company. Please forward details of anyone who is interested in attending to John Meek on 0141 644 2839 or email: [john.meek@ntlworld.com](mailto:john.meek@ntlworld.com)

## **LODGING HOUSE MISSION**

### Sunday Opening

Following the success of the 2016 project to commence Saturday opening, LHM decided to open on Sundays for the duration of the Glasgow Winter Night Shelter (1st December 2017 until 31st March 2018).

The LHM is delighted to tell us that the Board has made a decision to open permanently on Sundays. LHM's opening hours are now 8am - 3pm, 364 days every year (closed only on New Year's Day).

This is a major step forward in their aim to provide food, warmth, security and a host of backup services to Glasgow's poorest and socially excluded citizens.

### Annual General Meeting

The sixteenth Annual General Meeting of the Lodging House Mission will take place at 7pm on Wednesday, 4th April at the LHM premises, 35 East Campbell Street, Glasgow G1 5DT. All are welcome to attend and find out a little more about the work of the LHM. If you would like to come along, please let me know - I can provide transport.

### Craft and Card Sale

We have inherited a huge quantity of items including thousands (yes, thousands!) of individual greetings cards for all occasions; soft toys; gift wrap; key rings; invitations; packs of balloons; and glasses (i.e. tumblers).

These items will be sold as part of the "Craft and Card Sale", which will take place from 2 - 4 pm on Saturday 14th April in the church halls. All items will be VERY reasonably priced, and proceeds from the sale of these items will go to the Lodging House Mission.

Please do come along and stock up for the year (we have birthday, Father's Day, and christening cards, to name but a few!), and please tell all your family, friends, and neighbours to come, too

Thank you for your support.

Alison Allan (638 3916)

## **GREENBANK PLAYERS**

As you know we have not been able to put on a production this year but the Club committee has not been idle.

We did not want our 70 years to go unmarked and so have been planning a "bit of a do".

We have secured Friday 28th September at Cathcart Castle Golf Club and hope all past members will keep the date free.

If you are still in contact with past members not still with Greenbank Parish please let them and us know!!

June Alexander (644 2682)



# Prayer Diary



First a howling blizzard woke us,  
Then the rain came down to soak us,  
And now before the eye can focus,  
Crocus.

*(Lilja Rogers)*

I'm hoping that we've seen the last of the snow and that April finally ushers in some more spring-like weather. This year, my snowdrops managed their biggest ever crop of flowers - five!

By the time you settle down to actually read this, Easter may well have come and gone, since it falls right at the start of the month. While the kids revel in chocolate eggs, bunnies and chicks, and the shops invite us to lay on a spread to rival Christmas, we gather to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and the death of death. I hope you have been able to set aside a little time for contemplation.

Easter brings us together with our neighbouring churches, so give thanks for the companionship we found as we joined together to worship and celebrate.

The school holidays see the return of our annual Holiday Club. Ask that people find the desire to come along and help the kids have a good time, and that we have a good number of kids attending, bringing in people from the community and letting them get to know us. Pray that a good time is had by all.

Keep in your prayers all our youth organisations - the Sunday Club, Messy Church, SNAP, all the Boys' Brigade sections, the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides; and others who also use our halls such as the Karate Club, Bookbugs and After School. May all these children feel safe and happy here, and learn a few things along the way. Pray that better weather will allow people who have felt unable to leave their homes to get out and about and find some company.

As ever, pray for our wider world. For all the conflicts and disasters; for all the people without a roof over their heads; for all the oppressed; and all those who know only fear and misery and hunger, that they find comfort and peace.

'Now let the heavens be joyful,  
Let earth her song begin.  
Let the round world keep triumph,  
And all that is therein, Invisible and visible,  
Their notes let all things blend,  
For Christ the Lord is risen,  
Our joy that hath no end.'

*(Saint John of Damascus)*

## **PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAYERS FOR HEALING**

If you need prayer for yourself, a loved one or a friend please use the Greenbank Church Card [see reverse side] which can be found at the end of the church pews, and place it in the box at the front door of the church. Alternatively, prayer requests can be given to our Minister, Rev. Jeanne Roddick. Those for whom prayers have been requested will be prayed for at the monthly Prayers for Healing Service and throughout the month by members of the Prayer Group.

A Prayers for Healing service takes place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month in the church at 6.30pm. (Enter by Link building). Everyone is welcome to attend.

Gillian Foy (638 6245)

Prayer Promoter

## FLOWER LIST FOR APRIL 2018

	<u>Communion Table</u>	<u>Centenary Chapel</u>	<u>Side Windows</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> April			
8 <sup>th</sup> April		Vera Reid	Chris Adam
15 <sup>th</sup> April		Sadie Gould	Susan Mowat
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Etta Anderson	Elizabeth MacDonald	Tom McMeeking
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Eleanor Johnstone		

### Please Note:

The Flower Lists for 2018 are on the transept windows; you are invited to put your name and telephone number on a list to donate flowers on the date of your choice. A member of the Flower Committee will contact you during the week prior to this date.

Elizabeth Cross (638 5162)

## BUSHIDO KARATE CLUB

We have had a great start to the year with new students starting and some students returning after a break and carrying on with their karate journey - Karate is great physically and mentally for participants. We had success at the Wishaw Open (the first external competition of the year) where our very own Nicola Meiklejohn (Scottish Champion) came home with GOLD. At the competition we also had great displays from all our students who entered, which is testament to the additional training they have been doing. We have been grading a number of our students where they displayed their usual high skill level. The Bushido Karate Association Championships in Kumite (fighting) is coming up and all our participants have been training hard.

The club is putting more seniors forward to obtain their coaching qualifications and we are also developing our junior coaching course. Our coaches are all qualified and recognised by the Scottish Karate Governing Body.

Best wishes,

John Elliot, Bushido Karate Association Chairman

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**SWEATY**  
**CHURCH**  
**Under pressure**

**Holiday Club**  
is here again so be prepared to be sweaty.  
**A wet, wacky week filled with fun and frolics,  
crafts and creations, stories and songs.**  
**If you are at Primary school, come and join us  
every day from  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April until Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April  
from 10am to 12am.**

To register contact Greenbank Church office 644 1841 or email  
[greenbank.office@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:greenbank.office@tiscali.co.uk)

# Legend of the Butterfly

When our Lord was crucified, all nature wept. The very earth trembled in anguish, and every creature of God was filled with sorrow. The trees shed their leaves, the flowers lost their petals and outside the tomb of the Lord a tiny caterpillar spun itself a shroud of silk in preparation of death. Then, on the third day, Christ rose from the dead gloriously and triumphantly, and left the tomb to walk again among the beauties of nature that He loved so much. He saw the silken cocoon and touched it. Suddenly, the caterpillar burst forth in new splendor; a butterfly of breathtaking beauty, rising Heavenward with new life. Even so today, the butterfly testifies every spring to the miracle of resurrection and the beauty of God's great love.



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