### **EASTER EVENTS 2018**

Sunday: 25<sup>th</sup> March PALM SUNDAY SERVICES

Celebrating and pondering the

Triumphal Entry

in Dalmeny (11am) and

Queensferry (10am & 11.30 am)

Tuesday

27th March

7pm Café Church in DALMENY CHURCh

CENTRE

7pm

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March "Stepping in His Sandals" in QUEENSFERRY CHURCH

An Interactive Holy Week Event for primary age children at QPC, teaming up with GB leaders to host a HolyWeek event for kids. We invite children to come and walk through Jesus' story from Palm

Sunday to Easter.

RSVPs are helpful! Email jill@qpcweb.org

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am Maundy Thursday Communion

service in QUEENSFERRY CHURCH

7.pm JOINT COMMUNION SERVICE AT DALMENY

KIRK

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March ECUMENICAL SERVICE AT KIRKLISTON

COMMUNITY CHURCH

A series of meditations led by local church

Leaders at noon.

7pm

12

noon

JOINT GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AT

**QUEENSFERRY CHURCH** 

Sunday: 1<sup>st</sup> April **EASTER SUNDAY** 

6.45 United service at Craigie's Farm with Bacon

AM! rolls and coffee to follow for £5.00

(Book via office /Eventbrite- for catering nos.)

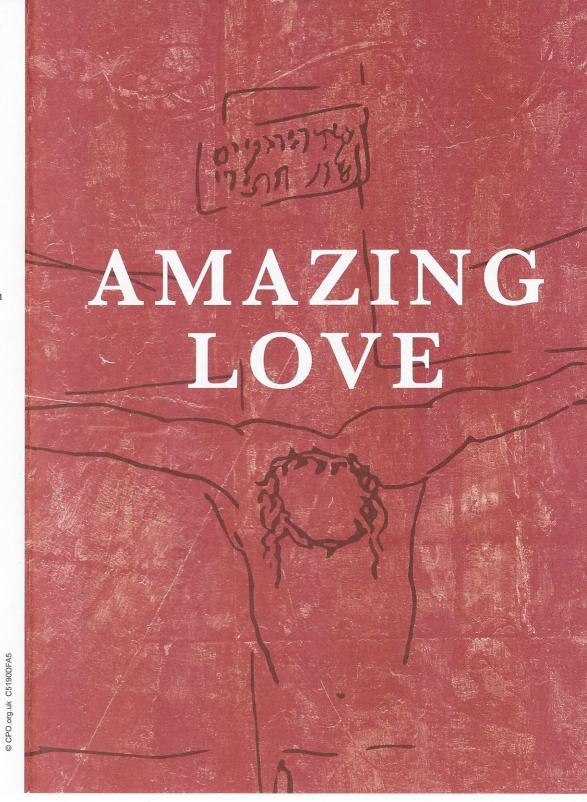
10am

Morning Services in Queensferry Church with

& egg rolling in between. Bring your eggs!

11.30am

11am Morning celebration at <u>Dalmeny Kirk</u> with eggs to follow.



# THE PARISHES OF DALMENY & QUEENSFERRY

### AMAZING LOVE!

Just what does amazing love look like. Recently, at the funeral service for the American Evangelist, Billy Graham, his daughter, Ruth, spoke powerfully about her discovery of amazing love. She gave us a window on her life story - a period of which was marked by a meltdown in her closest relationships. Having just got divorced, she decided to make a fresh start in life and moved to be nearer her sister. New home, community and, of course, church. Not long after arriving there, she was introduced by the pastor of the church to a widower and the two of them struck up a friendship. Before long, they were 'an item' and hurtling, it seemed at break neck speed, towards a new 'big day'. Around her, her family and close friends sought to counsel her to slow down, take your time, etc etc.

Headstrong, Ruth, however, pressed on, discarding their advice as well as their presence. Before you know it, they were married and within days, Ruth knew she had made another major mistake fearful of the man she married, she left 5 days later. Where was she to go - everyone close, including her parents, had counselled her against such a path. She had no choice or other options open to her and packing the car began the humbling journey back to the family home.

With each passing mile the tension within her grew: what would she say – what would they say – how would they react given all the advice she had ignored.

The last part of the journey she knew would take her up a long and winding road up a mountain. With the turning of every bend she knew she was one nearer the last one which would lead her home.

Upon turning the last bend – perhaps of all the bends the one she feared most - she saw a lone figure standing at the end of the road at the gateway to the house - her father.

Tentatively, she opened the car door and made her way forward – he with little fuss opened his arms wide and simply said: 'welcome home'.

The amazing love of a father to a child.

Does such a story sound familiar?

Luke in chapter 15 of his gospel recounts a similar tale of a son and the reason Jesus told such a tale was to show us just what the love of God is like - amazing love.

So this Easter season why not come journey with us through the events of Easter week and maybe we may, anew, make a wonderful discovery of the amazing love of God shown and known through the outstretched and open arms of Jesus.

Rev David Cameron Minister

Rev Graham Leitch Hon. Associate Minister

#### TIME FOR CONTEMPLATION AND REFLECTION

Throughout the week in the sanctuary at **Dalmeny Kirk** there will an opportunity to drop in on an informal journey through the different events in the last week of Jesus life.

Come and go as you please during the opening hours below and whilst in the sanctuary we hope you will be able to draw on the rich variety of experiences in his final week thereby having an opportunity to spend time reflecting on the significance of them for each of us and the world today.

# **Opening hours:**

Monday

26th March 7.00-9.00pm

Tuesday

27th March 7.00-9.00pm

Wednesday 28th March 10.00-12.00pm

Friday 30th March 10.00-12.00pm

Dalmeny Kirk and Queensferry Parish Church

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