

## THE PARISHES OF DALMENY & QUEENSFERRY

**“The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on Jesus’ head.” John 19:2**

There is an old story told of a priest who found a branch of a thorn tree twisted round so that it resembled the shape of a crown of thorns. Placing it on the altar in his chapel on Good Friday, it was a timely and appropriate visual symbol of the suffering Jesus went through. Early on Easter Sunday morning, he remembered what he had done and feeling it wasn’t really appropriate for Easter Sunday, he hurried in to the church to clear it away before the congregation arrived. To his surprise and delight, he found the thorn branches transformed as they were now blooming with beautiful roses.

In many ways the whole of our Easter celebrations have this wonderful journey of transformation and hope at their heart. Within the unfolding drama, conflict, betrayals, denials, suffering, pain and crucifixion runs a seam of love and hope, which, come the Sunday morning, bursts forth as the power of God is revealed through the resurrection of Jesus. George Matheson, the great hymn writer, captured the moment magnificently in this moving hymn “O love that wilt not let me go” when he wrote “*I lay in dust, life’s glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red, life that shall endless be.*”

What, you may rightly ask, has all this got to do with life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and in particular our lives which can so often become absorbed with everything from the mundane, everyday issues to times of crisis, loss and illness. Simply put, it has everything to do with our day to day life, life with all its wonderful challenges and unsolved mysteries for the same seam of love and hope can be revealed as we tap in to God’s power, peace and presence, so that no matter what we are facing, we can discover that there is no situation beyond God’s transforming touch.

As this Easter week unfolds, we will on each night of the week be exploring a different perspective on the last events of Jesus’ life. We would love it if you were able to come along and join us on any of these special events for together we can discover the rich seam of love and hope that God longs to release into our hearts and homes, our community and church, our world and ways.

Wishing you an exciting and transforming Easter,  
Every blessing,



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Minister



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## EXPERIENCING EASTER 2015

Sunday: 29 <sup>th</sup> March		<b><u>“THE PEOPLE FILLED WITH HOPE AND LOVE !”</u></b> <b>PALM SUNDAY SERVICES</b> – in Dalmeny (11am) & Queensferry (10am & 11.30am)
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30pm	<b><u>“THE TESTIMONIES OF HOPE &amp; LOVE”</u></b> <b>JOINT SERVICE AT QUEENSFERRY CHURCH</b> led by our home groups.
Tuesday: 31 <sup>st</sup> March	7.30pm	<b><u>“THE JOURNEY OF HOPE &amp; LOVE” AT DALMENY</u></b> A series of interactive reflections on the final stages of Jesus’ journey to the cross.
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	7.30pm	<b><u>“THE GATHERING OF HOPE AND LOVE” in QPC</u></b> An opportunity to bring along a significant song, hymn, reading, insight or image that has enriched your experience of the events of Easter. Alternatively, just come along and listen as others share theirs.
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	9.30am	<b><u>“THE TABLE OF HOPE &amp; LOVE”</u></b> <b>COMMUNION celebrated at Queensferry</b>
	7.30pm	<b>JOINT COMMUNION SERVICE AT QUEENSFERRY PARISH CHURCH</b>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	12 noon	<b>ECUMENICAL SERVICE AT THE PRIORY</b>
	7.30pm	<b><u>“THE CROSS OF HOPE AND LOVE”</u></b> <b>JOINT SERVICE AT DALMENY</b>
Sunday: 5 <sup>th</sup> April	10am and 11.30am 11am	<b><u>“THE TOMB OF HOPE &amp; LOVE!”</u></b> <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> Morning Services in Queensferry with egg rolling in between. Bring your eggs! Morning celebration at Dalmeny (11am) with eggs to follow.
	4pm	<b>MESSY CHURCH</b> – for all the family at the Priory Church (opposite the Police Station)