

## Give thanks for...

- The love and mercy that God has shown towards us in loving us and giving everything for us
- The volunteers who give of their time every week to help with Friday Youth and our visiting volunteers who came in to speak to us
- All the assemblies this last term and the amazing times where we experienced God's presence
- The wonderful Easter Adventure days and how God was with us in these
- The opportunity to help run a club in Lochcarron this year again with great volunteers
- Safety in all our Easter events but especially while out on the mountain bikes, and for the time spent with the young people who came along
- The relationships and contact we have with so many of the children and young people in our area

## Please pray for...

- All our young people that they would become confident and sense love and security in their lives, knowing the greatest love of all in God
- All the children who came along to the Easter Adventure days and that they would continue to think about all that they heard
- The planning for all the Holiday Bible Clubs and Youth Activity Week, for the practicalities, the weather and most of all, that God would be working in the hearts of the children and YP
- All our seniors still sitting exams and especially those worried about them
- The P7's as they work through what it is going to be like to be in High School.



## Looking Ahead

This term is a busy term as P7's are working towards their big move to High School and the seniors are sitting their big exams. **This is the first year since Covid that these are returning to what they were before, but many of the seniors are really worried.** We will be having a chat with all of the P7's and seeing them during their transition week. Each child will also get a great little book called 'It's your Move' produced by SU, which is packed full of good advice for their transition.

Planning is well under way now for a holiday club in Inverinate, Lochcarron and also Kyleakin, although we need to recruit some more volunteers for this so please pray it all comes together. God has always been faithful and the clubs have always been a huge blessing. **It is very exciting to be able to follow on from the one day Easter club in Lochcarron with a full summer club and to see all the children again there.**

We are also planning another youth activity week which has already had lots of young people asking about. **God has really blessed this work over the years and we look forward to what He is going to do this year.**

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Thank you for your interest in our work and for your invaluable support. We thank God for you.

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## How is our love for God?

Have you ever asked yourself the question, why did Jesus stay on Earth for 40 days before he ascended to be with His Father? He must have been longing to get back to His father, especially after everything that had happened, so why after His resurrection did he not just meet with His closest followers and ascend into heaven the same day. They would have seen he was alive, known that the Scriptures had been fulfilled and then waited for the Holy Spirit.

Can I suggest that, like everything God does, there is intentionality and purpose. Remember the state of the minds of Jesus followers. **Many of them had hailed Him as a King and we see even in the two men on the road to Emmaus that they were disappointed that He was now dead because He couldn't do this... or in the way they thought he would.** Many of the followers had fled or gone into hiding for fear of what would happen next.

All that Jesus had been through could have easily been forgotten and the followers go back to their old ways of being under the law, but God knew the hearts of humanity were so easily drawn back. **In His mercy and grace, He made sure hundreds of people saw Jesus alive so they could all testify to Him being alive (1 Corinthians 15:6).** He loved us so much that He not only died for us, but stayed around to encourage, teach and equip the followers until they would receive the Holy Spirit. **He gave them an assurance and confidence that they probably wouldn't have had if He hadn't stayed, allowing them to draw close to Him again and be in His presence. What a beautiful Saviour.**

The love and compassion shown in this time was a true gift from God, but when He gave us the Holy Spirit, it made a way for us to know His love and compassion at any time, and that is an even greater gift. What a joy and privilege to know that God loves us and continually thinks of His people. **How much do we show our love for Him? How much do we love others like He loves? He always gave and gives everything.**



## A love for our young people

One of the most basic human needs is love and security and this is maybe truer now than ever for young people (YP) today. Sadly, it also seems to be under attack in a fast paced culture that often demands living in the moment rather than thinking about the future and controlled by the devices in our hands and the hundreds of messages received each day. **It is almost like we are experiencing a new pandemic all over, a very different pandemic, one that attacks the minds of our YP.**

Through our work with the YP in our area we endeavour to show them love and security, creating opportunities for them to build confidence and creating safe spaces for them to be part of. **We also have the joy of being able to show them the love of God and tell them about the God of love and when love is so often misguided today,** it is wonderful to show them a real love that never changes, a real God that cannot be anything other than love. He is the only way and the only answer.



This term we have had a great number of YP gathering every Friday afternoon where we have been baking with Finlay from Chocolates of Glenshiel, learning about fire safety and seeing inside the fire truck

with Angus and hearing about what it's like to be a local police officer with Dave. **A huge thank you to each of them and for sharing about their faith and what Jesus means to them. It was great to hear the responses of the YP.** We were also thinking about bullying and respect as these are two huge topics now. Please can I encourage you to pray every day for our YP. **We believe that prayer changes everything and we long to see YP experiencing God's love for themselves.**



## Easter Events

As well as some wonderful times in assemblies in the Primary Schools and High School on the lead up to Easter, where Gods presence was so real, we had several events for children and young people over the Easter break which were also very special.

Alongside local churches, and a great bunch of volunteers, a one-day Holiday Bible Club style event called Easter Adventure was run in Kyle, Lochcarron and Kyleakin. **It was great to welcome lots of children to each of these and to be able to share the heart of the gospel through what Jesus did and took on Himself, as well as having lots of fun, singing,**



**and completing some beautiful crafts.** The children were all fantastic and asking really good questions that showed how they were thinking about what they were hearing.

A special mention must be given to the Lochcarron club as this was the first holiday club here in quite a few years and it was a joy to see how well the team worked together and how excited they were to be running a club again. **Their excitement was infectious and therefore the children were excited too, and as they left with big smiles on their faces, we pray that they will continue to remember all that they learned.** We now look forward with enthusiasm to the summer holiday club and are eager to see all the children again.



As well as children's events, we had organised three days of youth outdoor activities and while unfortunately we had to postpone our 2 day hike due to a band of freezing weather, we did manage to get out on the mountain bikes and enjoy a good afternoon with a local instructor. **The weather turned on us towards the end and we got rather wet, but the young peoples attitudes were still upbeat and it was good day out.**

**We would love if you could join us for our Prayer for Youth evening on Thursday 18th May at 7:30pm in the Lighthouse Centre, Kyle. There is immense value in praying for our children and young people, and bringing them before the most amazing Father, protector and guide.**

