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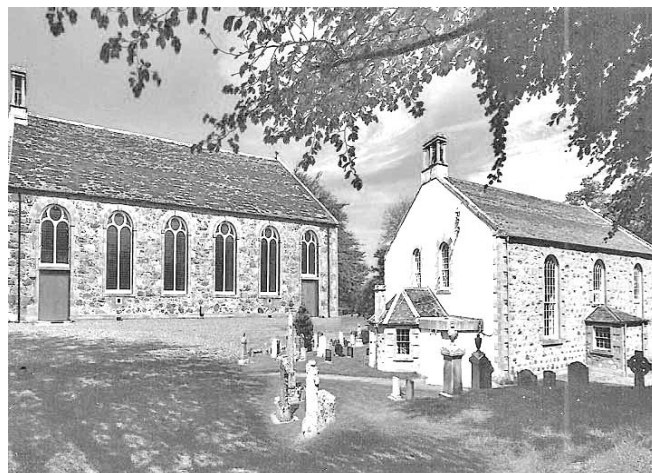
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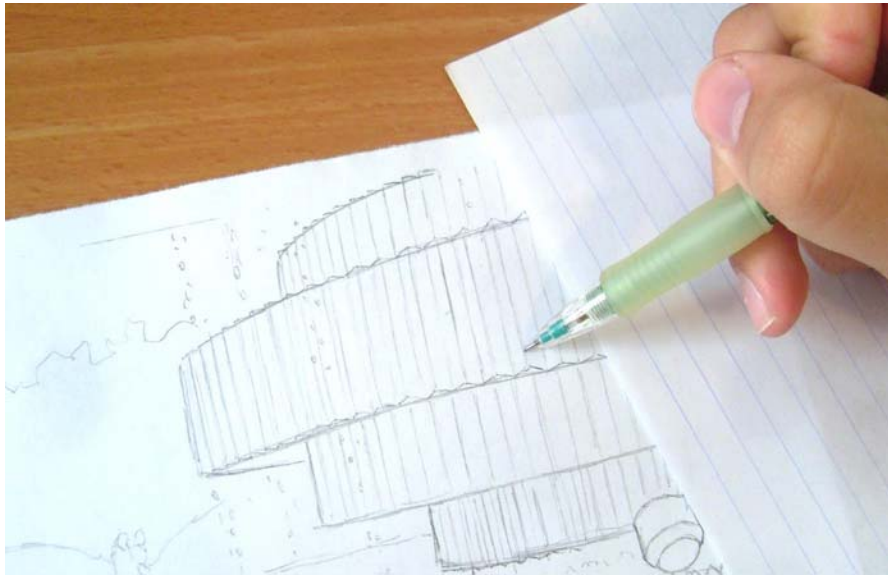


Living in the love of Jesus in the rural Highlands

Second Edition

Easter 2016





Anchor article Easter Edition.

In my article for the Christmas edition of “The Anchor” I shared a pen picture of where the elders and deacons of our two churches would like our congregations to be in 10 year’s time.

God first in everything, every generation and all sorts of people engaged in the life of the church, people becoming disciples; leaders identified and developed; active engagement with our communities and the wider church at home and overseas, and numerical growth such that we outgrow our buildings.

Over the past couple of months on Sunday mornings, I have been attempting to put some flesh on the bones of these aspirations, and also reminding us where we have been, and all that has been done over the past year.

It is possible though to be busy at doing all sorts of things and lose our focus on the one who promised to build His church no matter what, and who wants us to know Him intimately as a friend and brother. In his letter to the church in Galatia, the apostle Paul writes:

“Oh foolish Galatians! Who has cast an evil spell on you? For the meaning of Jesus Christ’s death was made as clear to you as if you had seen a picture of his death on a cross” Galatians 3: 1

Paul goes on to challenge the Galatians:

“Let me ask you this one question: Did you receive the Holy Spirit by obeying the law of Moses? Of course not! You received the Spirit because you believed the message you heard about Christ. How foolish can you be? After starting your new lives in the Spirit, why are you now trying to become perfect by your own human effort? Galatians 3: 2-3

As we come up to Easter, I would encourage us all to mull over this passage. Paul says we receive the Holy Spirit through faith in what Jesus did for us on the cross *“When he was hung on the cross, he took upon himself the curse for our wrongdoing”* (Gal 1: 13). We can’t get right with God and be intimate with Him, through our own efforts and trying to live a good life.

Also our faith in the grace of God shown in Jesus is what releases power to live the miraculous life.

“I ask you again [says Paul], does God give you the Holy Spirit and work miracles among you because

you obey the law? Of course not, it is because you believe the message you heard about Christ.

Galatians 3: 5

Have you asked yourself, “am I living a life filled with the Holy Spirit and seeing God work miracles”. I remember saying rather sceptically to God many years ago that I would believe in miracles when I saw them, he answered straight back, “If you believe I can do miracles then you will see them!”

The whole of the Christian faith is based on the Easter miracle that a man who claimed to be God was killed, yet came back to life again. Do you have the faith to believe in this miracle? If so, then it's surely a pretty small step of faith to believe that Jesus still performs miracles today as we partner with his Spirit dwelling in us. What's more I'm completely convinced that to see our vision for our churches realised, we need the miraculous power of God to flow through all aspects of our church life..... *and* to have the determination to believe for it. I would encourage you then to be determined this Easter to exercise those faith muscles, to wholeheartedly worship, love and honour our Lord in the Spirit – and see what might happen.....!

With blessings for a joy-filled Easter,

Jonathan

Fund Raising Quiz Night, Kirkhill Church, by *Catriona Garvie,*

1st year Charleston Academy

In February, the whole of S1 from Charleston Academy was challenged by the school to raise money for the Blythswood Care 999 Fire Engine Appeal. We were told that one of the fire engines that Blythswood Care had sent to Moldova had got a crack in its chassis and was irreparable. Blythswood Care were aiming to raise £2,500 to send another vehicle over. Everyone in S1 was asked to create a group of 8 and we were given £20 and told to make as much money as possible. Once we had formed our team, we had to make up a group name and appoint a finance manager. Then we had to decide what we would do to raise money. Our team decided to organise a quiz night because we thought it was feasible and would raise lots of money. All the teachers opposed it – they thought it would be too much work and that we wouldn't be able to do it – but we carried on!!

The first thing we had to do was book a venue. We decided and booked Wardlaw Church in Kirkhill, which turned out to be ideal because it has a good sound system and kitchen. After that, we had to start publicising our event. This we did by putting out flyers, asking people about it and various other ways. The next thing we had to do was go round local shops in Beaully asking if they would donate raffle prizes. Everybody was very generous. Meanwhile team members were making up the questions for all the different rounds. It

was quite hard to find good questions and it made us appreciate people who run quizzes regularly.



The day of Saturday 5th March dawned and we all gathered together to prepare the church and luckily everything was ready on time. The big uncertainty was whether we would have enough or too many tables. In the end, we filled 16 tables, which was a full house, and we sold over 800 single raffle tickets. There was a display of baking which all looked and was delicious. Overall, from selling tables, raffle tickets and donations for baking we managed to raise just over £500. This was a fantastic amount to be able to send for the fire engine going to Moldova. We are very grateful to everybody who helped achieve this in all sorts of different ways.

Kirkhill Flower Calendar

We in Kirkhill have been able to take the Church Flowers to a few people in the area since Christmas. With your kind donations to the Flower Calendar the more dates that are “taken” the more we can distribute to our friends who are unwell / ill etc.

If you know of anyone who would like to receive the flowers from Church please let Anne know. Her telephone number is 831453.

Article contributed by Anne Lyall.

Kiltarlity Church Flowers

What a wonderful response received from 14 ladies of our congregation who have undertaken to donate /arrange flowers in Kiltarlity Church during 2016.

Just prior to Christmas last year , 4 specially made platforms were fitted to our sloping window sills. These have been and will be used for special occasions, e.g. Christmas, Easter, Harvest Thanksgiving and other occasions which arise throughout the year.

Undernoted is the Flower Arranging Rota for the 3 months April to June 2016.

3 April Sheena Ferguson
10 April F MacRitchie

17 April F MacRitchie
24 April Margo MacLennan
1 May Margo MacLennan
8 May Marie Harvey
15 May Marie Harvey
22 May Marie Harvey
29 May Marie Harvey
5 June Marjory Sandilands
12 June Marjory Sandilands
19 June Gena MacLean
26 June Gena MacLean

Thank You

Marie

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or Barbara Wilton, 01463 741352

Young Life International, *what's it all about ?*

You may have heard mention of Young Life in various ways recently, but still be wondering what it's all about!

Young Life is a Christian organisation working with young people. Its particular focus is working with young people who do not go to church, or who may never even had contact with church and religion.

This is clearly embodied in their mission statement “introducing adolescents to Jesus Christ and helping them grow in Faith”. Some of the ways they accomplish their mission are by: “going where kids are; building personal relationships with them; winning the right to be heard; providing experiences that are fun, adventurous and life changing”. This is achieved through inviting teenagers to various activities called “club” and an annual camp. These activities are all organised by a Young Life worker who lives in the community.



The churches in Kiltarlity and Kirkhill have been developing a project to bring a youth worker to this area to stimulate and support the churches' outreach to such young people. A committee has been formed with members from the Church of Scotland and Free Church in Kiltarlity, and from the Church of Scotland in Kirkhill. It is working with the organisation "Young Life International" (YLI) which operates in 98 countries around the world, (though relatively new in Scotland,) and has the aim for every young person, everywhere, to experience the life-changing message of hope in Jesus Christ.

Plans are well advanced to develop a job description and advertise the post. YLI do have workers in other parts of the UK, but not in this part of Scotland, so the post to be advertised will be that of an 'Area Director' who will help develop the work in this area, being active in making contact with young people, and running activities for them. YLI has a particular vision for contacting young people who have little knowledge or experience of the Christian faith, and through informal and fun-filled activities introducing them to the significance of who Jesus is.

An important part of that activity is running the aforementioned summer camps, which many young people say is the best week of their life. In Scotland YLI has developed a campsite near Crieff and the committee are hoping that a group of young people from this area will be able to go to camp there this summer. Fund raising activities are being planned to

help with the costs for young people to attend the camp.

Finance is also required to fund the post of the worker. Contributions have been made from individuals and local church congregations such that the committee feels that the amount required is within reach, and hopes that it will be possible to have someone in post by August 2016.

Already there is a schedule of events for young people in the Kiltarlity / Kirkhill area, these to start garnering enthusiasm amongst the teenagers. Events such as a series of "Club Night" for young people have been planned at various venues in the area, such as the hilarious "Beach Party" held in January.

You can be sure that we will be providing more information as it becomes available, especially around opportunities for supporting this financially but in the meantime if you require any further information about the project please speak to a member of the committee, which includes Jonathan, Anneliese, Ellenor, Alasdair and Eileen from the local Church of Scotland congregations. In the meantime there is more information on the Young Life organisation in general at www.younglife.org.

An amalgam of articles submitted for publication by Alasdair and Eileen Morrison and Anneliese Garvie.

Annual Report of Wardlaw Church Guild 2015 /16



Unfortunately the first meeting of the year had to be cancelled due to heavy snow, but thereafter we got into our stride with excellent presentations by the Inverness Street Pastors and Befrienders Highland. In the latter half of the year we marked the 120th Anniversary of our Guild with a celebratory lunch and presentation of Long Service Certificates to our loyal Guild members

Margaret Shiels and Sarah Cameron each over 10 years

Louise Monaghan over 25 years

Carol Grant over 40 years

Elma Rorison over 60 years

Wilma Williamson over 70 years

Mrs Mairi MacFarlane who sadly has been housebound for some time also received a certificate for her many years of service to the Guild .

All of this made for a truly remarkable occasion !

The following month the Inverness Street Pastors fulfilled their promise of their postponed visit from earlier in the year which concluded with a programme of Christmas music and carols given by Mrs Mary Robb and the SWI choir.

Membership has once again increased and we now have 18 members (14 ladies and 4 men, the latter being the envy of other local Guilds!) plus a goodly number of visitors each month from Kirkhill and Kiltarlity, who are always most welcome.

Article supplied by Mrs Jeanette McLellan, and photograph by Mr John Hamilton.

Kirkhill Church of Scotland



Spring Praise Concert

with
HIGHLAND GOSPEL MALE VOICE CHOIR

FRIDAY 27th MAY 2016

7-00p.m.

In Kirkhill Church Tickets £5-00

For tickets contact Frances 01463 782496

Ways to grow

In January an invitation went out to consider joining the "Conversations with God" life group to which 6 people responded. Life groups are just a way of regularly meeting with others to encourage ourselves to grow in our faith. This group has a particular focus on prayer and developing intimacy with God. We meet every Wednesday from 7-9pm to have a relaxed time around the fire. Basically we meet to do three things; we have some gentle time

of worship, some time hearing encouraging truth about what God says in His word and chatting about what it might look like in our week ahead to be active in that truth and we spend some time talking to God.

In this group people have been bold and brave to want to move forward and experience more of what God has for them and the people around us. Jesus always recognised that the people he talked to had their issues but He never disqualified them! So be encouraged and put a toe in some water of growth this year. Try something new and move forward in 2016.

Things to try...

Thursdays 1030-1200pm – Bible Study Group – location varies from week to week

Our Alpha course was completed just before Christmas and there was enthusiasm to continue meeting together and look at key aspects of the Christian faith through bible studies in Mark's gospel and in Acts. The group is open to anyone who wants to get to know more about God and His Word. Contact Alasdair and Eileen Morrison for more details

(aldasdairmorrison155@btinternet.com; 01463

831185)

New group – Wednesdays 7.30pm @ Eileanreach House, Lentrane

Iain & Avril Marr are intending to start a new group on the 30th of March, 7.30pm with prayer, worship and sharing God's word. Contact Avril Marr (avrilmarr@btconnect.com; 831609)

In addition to the life groups we have our **regular prayer meeting on Wednesdays 7pm-7.30pm prayer in Kirkhill Church**. This is co-ordinated by Margaret Birkbeck (831518) The prayer meeting is open for anyone regardless of where you are in your faith. You can pray silently, or out loud for people and situations as the Lord leads, and say AMEN to the prayers of others!

If you want to keep in touch with what's going on then remember to have a look at the web site!

Kate Humphrey

An Easter Hymn

Hear the Lord my child he's whispering
Whispering every night and day
Hear the Lord my child he's whispering
Hear Him when you kneel to pray

See the Lord my child He's dying
See the Lord upon the tree
See the Lord my child He's dying
Bearing sin for you and me

See the Lord my child He's risen
Look upon the empty grave
See the Lord my child He's risen
Sinners such as we are saved

Hear the Lord my child He's calling
Listen often for your name
Hear the Lord my child He's calling
Calling you to be His own

See your life my child before you
Walk with Jesus every day
See your life my child before you
Take His hand along the way

*It was written to the old Seekers tune 'The carnival is over' but works with the
Tune of 'What a friend we have in Jesus' too.*

Tomnacross Easter Service

On Thursday this week children from Tomnacross Primary and Nursery and adults alike were treated to a super Easter Service at Tomnacross Church. We had readings from Annabelle Fraser and Joe Embleton and three songs - the last one open to everyone willing to join in the actions. And yes, there were plenty of adults willing to do that very thing! Isobel Garvie gave us a violin solo and Angus Trevelyan an accordion one. What talented youngsters we have! Our minister talked us through the whole Easter story - it is nice to get a fresh perspective on such an important story, and lovely to send our children off so happily for their Easter break.

Another delicious recipe from Frances

RASPBERRY VELVET CAKE (Valentine or Easter special!)

Ingredients:

280g golden caster sugar

3 large eggs

280g self raising flour

75g cocoa powder

150ml buttermilk

1tsp white wine vinegar



85g full fat cream cheese
75g pureed raspberry, sieved to remove seeds
¼ tsp red food gel
150g punnet raspberries, optional

For the Cream Cheese Frosting

200g icing sugar
50gm butter, softened
140gm cream cheese

Method:

1. Heat oven to 180C / 160C (fan)/ gas 4
Grease and line the bases of 2x20cm sandwich tins with baking parchment. Using an electric hand whisk beat together the caster sugar and butter until light and fluffy. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well between each addition.
2. Sieve the flour and cocoa powder into a bowl. Add half to the egg mixture and fold in carefully. Mix together the buttermilk, vinegar, cream cheese,

raspberry puree and food gel. Fold half the buttermilk mixture into the cake batter and repeat the process with both the flour mixture and buttermilk mixture.

3. Spoon the combined mixtures into your prepared tins and cook for about 25 – 30 mins, until an inserted skewer comes out clean. Leave to cool before turning out onto a wire rack.
4. For the FROSTING mix together the icing sugar and butter until soft and creamy, then stir in the cream cheese. Sandwich the cooled cakes together with half of the frosting, adding 150g fresh raspberries if you wish, then spread the remaining frosting over the top. WILL
5. KEEP FOR UP TO 3 DAYS IN A COOL PLACE.

JESUS is ALIVE

1.He was only 33
When my saviour died for me !
Beaten and humiliated
By people like you and me

2.Hours of agony on the cross
When darkness fell around
Mary felt His pain
As she watched her young son die

Father forgive them was the cry

3.The soldiers thought it was finished
The evil deed was done
But it was far from over

4.Mary went to the tomb
Her heart was full of fear
The body of her master
It had disappeared

5.Overcome by sorrow
She heard a gentle voice
She turned and saw her master
JESUS IS ALIVE

6. He walked among His followers
And promised them His love
Always to be with them
Watching from above

7. So next time you feel anxious
And your body full of fear
Remember the cross is empty
And your Saviour's very near.

Written by Liz Kennedy

NEWS from Kiltarlity Kirk Session

At a recent meeting of the Kirk Session / Deacon's Court it was unanimously agreed that the present "fee" of £45 charged to fund cleaner and church officer's remuneration shall be waived, and that as from date agreed a suggestion shall be made to parties concerned with the organisation of funerals and weddings that a donation to the church shall be most welcome.

It is with the greatest pleasure and delight that we, the Minister and Session of Kiltarlity Church welcomed no fewer than 8 new members to our flock, at the Communion Service on Sunday 6th March 2016. It is hoped that all 8 will enjoy warm fellowship among us and share regular and meaningful worship with us.

Dates for your diary :

SUMMER FUN DAY..... there will be another summer fun day for primary school children on Thursday 28th July. Please watch out for more information regarding venue and activities. Volunteers always required to lend a hand to make this "fun day" the success it has been in the past, do contact Anneliese Garvie (741038) if you feel you can commit yourself to even part of the day, it will be very worth your while.

KILTARLITY GALA DAY this year the Gala will be held on Saturday 4th June, and Church will be hosting a

stall, proceeds raised to support Young Life Camps. Do come along and support it.

KILTARLITY ACCOUNTS 2015

Accounts for the year to 31/12/15 have now been approved by the Deacons Court, presented to the congregation at our AGM and posted on our website. Please have a look for a resume of what we have achieved over the last year and particularly at how our finances are doing. Offerings have risen by £2776 [21%] which is encouraging, use of FWO envelopes has increased to 44 and 4 members now contribute by bankers order. We encourage both methods of giving which ensure regular weekly or monthly donations even if one cannot attend every Sunday. 30 taxpaying members have signed GiftAid declarations and this, coupled with the new GiftAid Small Donations Scheme enabled us recover £3350 from HMRC. Anyone who pays tax and is not yet signed up should please discuss with me. 2015 saw a lot of non-recurring expenditure, especially on the manse upgrade [£17K] and the audio visual system installed in the church [£6K]. To meet this we had to draw on our Fabric & Reserve Funds. We have in fact had to do this over the last few years as expenditure ALWAYS exceeds income. Our budget for 2016 foresees a possible further £11K coming from this source. Although the F & R Fund presently stands at some £95K it is constantly being eroded and we cannot maintain the present rate of attrition - the day must

never come when we have nothing to fall back on. Perhaps its a tall order to expect us to balance our books out of what we each give but it is an escapable fact that some weekly amounts have not changed for several years . Perhaps it is now time for all of us to review what we can afford to contribute to the work and mission of our church? "How can I repay the Lord for all His goodness to me?" IDM

SOUP n' PUDDING NIGHT

in

KIRKHILL CHURCH

on

Friday 29th April 2016

7-00p.m. for 7.30p.m.

Tickets £8-00 per person

Bring your own refreshments

For tickets contact Frances

Tel 01463 782496

SPOTLIGHT ON IAIN MARR, (Elder and
Presbytery Elder, Kirkhill)

It is now 73 years since I was born and in that time I have only ever lived in two houses, my parent's house in Beaulieu and the house in which we now live in Newtonhill. My home in Beaulieu was a very happy one, I had the great privilege of having godly parents. My father John Marr was the cutter at Campbell's of Beaulieu. If you got a suit or kilt made there between 1930 and 1964 my father would have measured you, cut the cloth, given you two fittings and signed your name, date on the label. Although he enjoyed his work he really worked to fund the preaching of the gospel.

He held cottage meetings each Sunday night in Kilmorack and Kiltarlity and a Children's meeting in our house each Saturday night. As the numbers grew, the venue moved to the Children's Hall in Fraser Street (still there but now converted into a house) At these meetings, which gained the nickname of "Marr's Meetings", many people came to Faith in Jesus, while all received a good grounding in Bible knowledge and Christian living.

My father also had a great sense of fun, and in his daily living people could see that it is a happy thing to be a Christian. He also had a great love for people and I hope that has rubbed off on me! Well, it was by his example and the guidance of my mother, that at the age of 7 years I asked Jesus to be my Saviour and be part of my life. I remember the joy even at that early age and though I couldn't explain it I knew that something had happened.

I was 8 years old when I bought my first antique. I was rummaging around Jimmie Stewart's Scrap Yard in Beaulay for pram wheels for a bogie I was building, when I came across a Love Seat. It was button backed and had brass castors. I ultimately bought it for £4, took it home in a barrow and spent a fortnight "restoring" it. I then sold it to my best friend for £8, and he sold it to his father for £16.

In my teens I moved from Beaulay Secondary School to Inverness Royal Academy, and there I met Avril Forsyth, now my darling wife. She was, and still is, a strong influence on my life (for the better I may add). I did not much like school as I much preferred "doing" to "learning". On leaving school I worked for Ian Ross Television next to the La Scala Cinema and at 19 I became the manager there. Two years later I started my own business in Beaulay, "Iain Marr TV Sales and Service" in the Old Bakehouse, now demolished, but opposite Makerston House.

In April 1966 Avril and I were married and bought our present home Eilanreach House. We have two daughters, Rebecca in Orkney, Sarah in Inverness, and three grandchildren. Over the years I bought antiques in the saleroom and restored them for our house.

Ultimately there were too many items and so in 1975 we started "Iain Marr Antiques", our first shop being in the basement behind Theresa's Genoa Restaurant. That was 41 years ago, and I still enjoy the business today. My interests other than work and Church which I love, are Scottish Country Dancing, chess, gardening, good food, and wine.

I have always felt that being a follower of Jesus is paramount and that this should permeate every facet of our lives. Whatever we do in life we should do it better because we should do it to God's glory. We may not be what we should be but if we are following Jesus then we are not what we once were!

EASTER QUIZ

Answers on the notice boards after Easter

1. What was the Jewish feast which was being celebrated the week Christ was crucified?
2. When Jesus entered Jerusalem during what is known as His Triumphal Entry, what animal was He riding on?
3. Why is the Sunday before the resurrection called Palm Sunday?
4. Which disciple cut off the ear of the high priest's servant in an attempt to protect Jesus from being taken as a prisoner?
5. What was the name of the high priest's servant who had his ear cut off by the disciple and subsequently reattached by Jesus?
6. How many times did Peter deny Christ after the abandoned the Lord?
7. How many pieces of silver did Judas trade the life of Jesus for?
8. How did [Judas](#) identify Jesus to the soldiers?
9. In repentance Judas returned the money to the priests that he was given as the price of betrayal of the Lord and then did what?

10. The priests took the money that Judas had returned to them and did what with it?

11. Who was surprisingly released before Pontius Pilate sentenced Jesus to death?

12. What did Pilate's wife counsel him to do concerning Jesus?

13. A man named Simon was compelled to carry the cross of Jesus. In Mark 15 we are told the names of Simon's two sons. What were their names?

14. What was the inscription above the cross?

15. Can you quote 4 of the 7 statements recorded in the Bible that Christ said from the cross?

16. Following the statements of Jesus on the cross, there was a statement by a Roman soldier concerning Christ. What was it?

17. What happened in the Temple as a sign that the death of Jesus had made way for the individual believer to approach God?

18. When Jesus died there was darkness in the land. How long did it last?

19. In John 19 two men helped prepare the body of Christ for burial. One is said to have been a secret disciple and another secretly came to Jesus early in His ministry to ask question. Who were these men?

20. Who was the first person to see the risen Christ?

