

## From the Editors... Jutta & Harald



### Dear Readers

This is our first edition in 2015, wishing you a new year seems to be already late to say in March, asking about new year resolution we did last year, so how could we start this magazine this year?

What about spring cleaning? Pull up your sleeves and get to work with the following checklist:

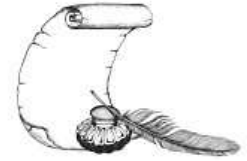
- Dust off your Bible - Psalm 119:168
- Wipe your eyes – Psalm 30:5
- Vacuum up the influences of the world – 1 John 2:15
- Shampoo away the build-up of an unforgiving attitude – Luke 11:4
- Wax and buff your time in prayer – Luke 18:1
- Reseal your faith commitment to God – 1 Thessalonians 5:8
- Polish your thought life – Matthew 15:19
- Clean up your motives – 1 Corinthians 4:5
- Rake up the brush and deadness from seasons past – Romans 8:13

Spring has sprung!

With fresh air, bright sunny days, and breezy nights – spring has come. Those who long for a new start in their spiritual walk are unafraid of what it takes. Your Heavenly Father longs for you to grow spiritual fruit in the abundance of grace that He has granted you.

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## From the Manse...



### Dear Friends

This has been a busy few months for us as a Church as we have looked out our Vision for the future and reflected upon how we can turn dreams into realities. To turn our possibilities in to priorities. Within the next couple of weeks we should all see a copy of the Church Action Plan, please read it and reflect upon it. We will meet to discuss it and many other items at our Annual meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> March. I trust we will leave the meeting encouraged with a sense of hope and direction. Which is a great start to Holy Week and my favourite season of the Churches year. We have a Passover meal on Maundy Thursday and a Good Friday service when we reflect upon the price that was paid for us on the cross of Calvary.

We then meet again at Sunrise on Easter morning to declare to the world **CHRIST HAS RISEN! HE HAS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!**

I love Easter because it is the season of HOPE! It truly is a time for celebration, it is the great feast of the church and I look forward to greeting you all at our Easter services as we come together to celebrate our faith in the risen Jesus.

But of course there would have been no Easter Day without the pain and suffering of Good Friday. As we journey through Holy Week we come to that season in our church year when we see the hatred and anger of this world overcome by the love and forgiveness of God and that really is a cause for celebration. As we look at our world today we still see so

much anger and hatred so much pain and suffering and we hear the constant cry “Is love really stronger than hatred?” The cross shows us that love is triumphant; it was not nails that held Jesus to the cross but his love for you and me. Love for God and for others has enabled people to endure the most dreadful suffering and come out victorious. Love, true, self-giving, sacrificial love is the greatest need in our world today it is what is sadly lacking. The Easter message of hate overcome by love must be proclaimed by the church but also lived out in life of all believers.

If the Easter message of death overcome and life renewed, of sin overcome and forgiveness offered to all is truly proclaimed, lived and believed then love and peace will be restored and our broken world healed by the love and peace of God flowing through the lives of his people.

My Easter prayer is that everyone in our church family knows Jesus as both Crucified Saviour and Risen Lord. That they take his love with them into the world that through their love and example the world may believe. May the Peace and Love of the Risen Jesus be with you all!



*Love, Kim*

### **My journey to the „Moses“ mountain, Sinai, Egypt (Al-Gebel Musa)**

About 5 years ago, I had the pleasure of visiting the so-called “Moses” mountain in the Sinai Peninsula in Egypt. The Bible reports that Moses climbed up this mountain to receive the 10 commandments directly from God.

It was about 3 a.m. in March 2010, at the end of a cold winter, when our journey started. I got up and took my camera bag and tripod (about 30kg) plus some water/snacks. It all began on foot of the about 2,200m high mountain, next to St. Catherine Monastery, and there were about 1.5km of serpentines before us. It was freezing cold (10 degrees) and with gusts of wind. During our journey, we stopped in some makeshift Beduine shelters along the path. The Beduine served hot tea and coffee. After warming up, our group of 6 elderly pensioners and I (31) plus a tour guide continued our path. At a halfway height, I



decided to take a camel for the rest of the way. Over 4,000 steps (700m height, which is almost the height of the “Burj Khalifa”, the highest building in the world) were still waiting for me and I was already exhausted. Whoever has mounted on a camel knows that I do not exaggerate when saying it was a tough ride, especially when climbing up a mountain.

We had some flashlights and cellphones to light the dark path. But we wanted to see the fabulous sunrise and I also hoped to be a bit nearer to God. We were moving slowly but finally we arrived at about 5 a.m. When getting there, it was a strange picture. People of all sorts and nationalities were camping and had brought sleeping bags. Some must have been staying a couple of days there. Some had tents. Almost everybody had a smile on his/her face.

At 5.20 a.m., it occurred to me that we might not be lucky that morning. Heavy and dense fog lay all around us. The sun was nowhere to be seen. Some disillusioned travelers already had begun their way down. We decided to wait. At about 6 a.m., a bright fireball shone through the dense fog. The sun worked its way through and the fog slowly disappeared. My travel group decided to go down, but I wanted to stay. At 6.30 a.m., you could see surrounding peaks unveiling their beauty. My prayers had worked. The sun was already high up and you could see the steep slopes and the little path we had climbed up. I took some good shots and took some rest before our descent. The Beduine guide who had waited for me and another guy from our group was rushing down the steps. Going down turned out to be harder than climbing up because my knees got soft and my muscles burned. On the way down, I thought about over 40 year old Moses climbing up twice. He and Aaron must have been a strong and very fit fellow with a stronger will than mine! Along the way, I took beautiful shots of the surrounding mountains and scenery. I was happy to be here in this fascinating place.



When I had mastered the steps, there was still 1.5km to go. From far, I could see the St. Catherine Monastery. Along the way, I had lost contact to the tour guide, as they were rushing down the mountain taking shortcuts. I must have lost them while taking photos. Somehow, my feet were heavy. At some point, I started to take steeper shortcuts to go down quicker. Luckily, I did not stumble. But I did not know the way, which is why I must have taken the wrong shortcuts and my journey became even longer. In the distance, I could always see the Monastery, but the way seemed endless. My back hurt

of the weight and I had been continuously praying to find the right way to get back. It was also a spiritual exercise, since I wanted to be where Moses had been: in the presence of my God. But the way turned out to be very different from what I had expected. Finally, I reached the St. Catherine Monastery about 2 hours later than the rest of the group, exhausted but safe and happy.

**Matthias Kundt**



## Classical Guitar Recital by Ayman Jarjour

The 10th of February, (the Feast of St Paul's Shipwreck) and a public holiday, saw a fairly full church in the afternoon as Syrian born, classical guitarist Ayman Jarjour regaled the assembled guests with a wonderful and varied repertoire of classical guitar pieces.

Mr Jarjour's reputation precedes him and his playing skills have taken him from Damascus to Edinburgh, Beirut to Bonn and Khartoum to the Carnegie Hall in New York where he received a standing ovation.

His easy manner with the audience as he explained the various piece he was about to play only added to the ambience of the recital.

His repertoire ranges from traditional Spanish/Latin American pieces through Baroque and Classical to contemporary pieces.

For this particular recital he chose from Alfred Satie to Villa Lobos moving through JS Bach before returning to Campina and the Russian, Koshkin and rounding off with Pipo, Tarrega y Eixea and the French Tunisian Roland Dyens.



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The choice of pieces truly showed the extent of Mr Jarjour's talent and the very mixed audience rose to the occasion.

The recital was generously given by Mr Jarjour in aid of the St Andrew's Scots Church mission work "Out of Africa ... Into Malta".

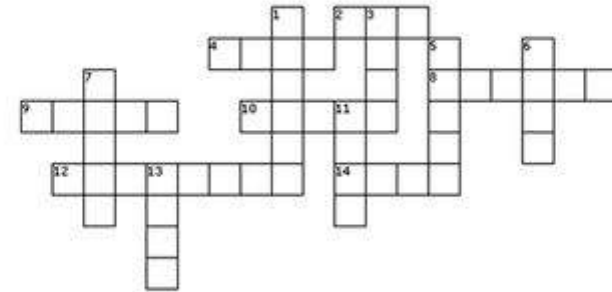
After the recital a coffee and cake reception was on offer to one and all and Mr Jarjour went amongst the assembled crowd signing cd's and talking freely about his life and work.

The guitarists among us were offered some tips and the afternoon was a huge success.

*John Leiman*

## He is not here. He has risen!

Words taken from John 20:1-18 (NIV)



ACROSS

- 2. To shed tears
- 4. The opposite of alive
- 8. A heavenly being
- 9. The thing that covered the entrance to Jesus'tomb
- 10. The color that is the opposite of black
- 12. A person who takes care of plants and flowers
- 14. The name of the woman who discovered Jesus' empty tomb

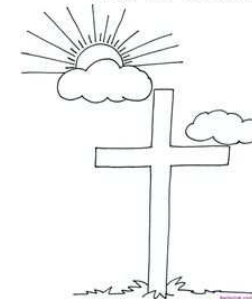
DOWN

- 1. The male parent
- 3. Return to an upright position after lying down; to return from the dead
- 5. The opposite of late
- 6. A period of seven days
- 7. An adult female person
- 11. A place where someone is buried; another name for grave
- 13. The opposite of light

Words Used

early	angels	gardener	rise
week	white	Mary	dead
dark	woman	tomb	
stone	cry	father	

He is Risen



**Mission -  
What God can do if we let him...**

Our involvement in mission at St Andrew's Scots Church should not be measured by how much we hear about it. We are all part of it whether we are contributors or not. Everyone is automatically involved by being a Christian worshipper at St. Andrew's. Of course, we need to chat about it after the service or during other occasions to go deeper into it. However, practically every Crossroads magazine carries an article presented on behalf of the Mission Team. Everyone who attends any of the fundraising events, or who prays for the mission work of the church, or who remembers to put something into the basket at the back of the church for Dar Teresa or who contributes to the teaching of English to migrants or responds to a request to help out on one or more occasions is a member of the Mission Team in the wider sense.

In this issue, I have been asked to give as much information as I can on the mission work - the three that have a name as it were. I will do my best though the bulk of this article is about the overseas mission since Crossroads is the best means of communication about it. Nevertheless, there is mission beyond these three mentioned in the article. That includes practically all we do all day since even greeting our neighbour may make a difference to them and to us, making us feel more one in Christ.

**Our Dar Tereza Spinelli mission** is simple in some ways. We are all asked to consider them as an extension of our family, our sisters,



since they are women who have suffered some form of abuse and ended up homeless sometimes with one or more children to care for. Many of these women have not had the same opportunities for the holistic education that we consider crucial in today's world for our own families. At Dar Tereza they find shelter and counselling that helps them to pick up the pieces in order to start again as it were. They learn important skills for living and for raising their children. However, the resources are limited and so our weekly contributions top up their groceries and their cleaning materials as well as their own sanitary needs. So between toothpaste and detergents, corned beef, tuna and pasta, as well as the occasional mammoth-giving at Harvest or around Christmas and Easter, they feel that someone is thinking of them, that they are not alone. The social workers at Dar Tereza know they can even turn to us when they have other bigger needs - e.g. when heaters are required or when particular things beyond the usual list are required e.g. nappies when babies turn up with their mothers. The liaison person for Dar Tereza is Judy Wilmot - she is contacted from time to time in hours of 'bigger' needs and she keeps an eye and ear open to let us know how we can help.

**Our migrant mission** is reflected in all that has been said regarding the 'Out of Africa into Malta' project which led also to Malta Microfinance which enables migrants to start a little business without going into unnecessary debt or provides financial help for projects related to the transition phase from detention to achieving independence. The person who is the expert on this is Peter Lloyd. One important aspect of this mission is the English teaching that is carried out on a weekly basis and which requires more volunteers who can join the team without having to have any training or teaching experience. As one can imagine, migrants cannot thrive without being able to communicate with those around them. Ideally, those who stay on locally should learn Maltese too - but English is a

definite priority for them whether or not they stay on in Malta. They cannot earn their living without English and their lives would be diminished if they cannot communicate with those around them. From time to time our help - not necessarily financial - needs to increase in response to some emergency.

Naturally, all migrants are part of our family and some have become regular worshippers with us and hence themselves contribute to our church life in many ways, enriching all of us as we each enrich each other. In some ways, after all, St Andrew's is a migrant church since most worshippers are not native Maltese but have landed here for one reason or another.

Our **overseas mission** is the way Providence is allowing us to work with brothers and sisters we will probably never meet. Several years ago Sister Catherine, our mission partner in Zambia, worked with the Fumbo community which was suffering the consequences of widespread AIDS. With financial support from St Andrew's Scots Church, the Fumbo community undertook the care of goats in order to support themselves. Naturally, this was more easily said than done. However, with a great deal of trust and hard work, the members of the Fumbo community started to make a living and began to support themselves and their dependents. This was indeed a success story. Sister Catherine still visits the community from time to time in order to ensure that they continue to have sufficient means for adults - particularly vulnerable adults - and children many of whom have lost one or both parents to the AIDS virus. The goats do not bring in money for investments but are just enough to live on. Hence the community is vulnerable if anything unusual happens. Naturally, the success was not reaped out of a single project. It took time. The foundations were laid by the health education entrusted to Sister Catherine's own religious community. It succeeded mainly because members of the Fumbo community were

trained and could then take on various responsibilities to ensure that people understand what is involved. They facilitate the distribution of medicines, the care of the sick who they visit regularly depending on their needs. It was a slow but sure mission that targeted the development of skills to ensure the future rather than stopping at the immediate aid so desperately needed.

Since the people in Fumbo reached the point where they did not need to depend so much on the missionaries who had helped set them on their feet, Sister Catherine moved to the Tugwashanye community which was practically destitute. She and the sisters of her community again worked hard to make a success of their educational programme that had the prevention of AIDS as a primary objective. To educate one needs medicine and food as well as other things that enable people to live. Thinking beyond the immediate, what is also required is education that helps and also goes beyond the prevention of disease. It is education that enables families to be helped out of dependence. Mission work in Tugwashanye also needs to meet the unexpected, such as widows ending up with no home for them and their children.

So what was done with the funds that have been sent to the Tugwashanye community? The money sent to the Tugwashanye mission often reached them at a time of crisis. Last year some of the money sent by us was used to build a room for one family and a room was added to a single room for another larger family. These are realities that probably none of us has had to face. Widows are often pushed away by the in-laws and end up without shelter.

For a time, the funds were used to launch a chicken project. Hard-boiled eggs were sold to office workers by members of the community. It was a bright idea that worked extremely well for a

time. Unfortunately, the chickens were struck by disease killing them and the community's livelihood. This was devastating and it took a while to come up with other ways to enable the people to find ways to survive without the dependence on food from the mission office.

One summer Sister Catherine brought aprons and baskets that were made by the women in Tugwashanye. She was stopped at the airport and asked to pay taxes on the handiwork. In her calm way she explained that she could not pay a penny. It took an Air Malta employee to hear her out and iron out her difficulty and enable her to board the plane to Malta with her luggage intact. The handiwork was appreciated by the various Church members - and many outside of St Andrew's - and so they were sold and the money sent to the Tugwashanye community. Many of us wear the aprons at home and certainly during the Pasta Nights. However, Sister Catherine cannot repeat the adventure.

Last year we enabled Sister Catherine to start the Maize project. She asked us for help to enable three widows to be given seeds and fertilizer to plant maize. We raised enough for six widows to be helped. Although the money did not reach her in time - she was given the seeds and fertilizer on credit assured by us that the money was on its way. So again the Good Shepherd worked through the trusting Zambian shopkeeper. That way the maize was planted in good time for the rains. Each of the six widows has given back 6 bags of maize from the harvest to be sold in order to buy maize seeds and the very expensive fertilizer necessary to enable other widows to plant and harvest maize. So, next October, more women will be able to plant and, God willing, reap the harvest to enable others to benefit and thus look after their families independently as well as continue the chain of support to others in their own community.

Since then, Sister Catherine and the mission office have decided to focus more on education. Primary and secondary education is not free in Zambia. Neither is further education. There are 32 students being helped, wholly or partly, some in primary, some in secondary education and a few in college. One student has won a scholarship and has started a Science degree course. Had he not completed his secondary education this would not have been possible. The money we send is now being used partly to sponsor some of the brighter students to start a college education to enable them to move out of the poverty cycle. It costs about 600 euro a year for college. There are 4 students studying to be teachers at the moment. If the funds we raise can support a capable student to go through College this would be a step out of poverty. We could be allowing God to work through us in Tugwashanye. The three students helped earlier have completed their courses. Sister Catherine is waiting to hear from the two young men who she thinks are currently still looking for jobs. Our prayers are also needed for the individuals as well as for the missionaries and the community as a whole.

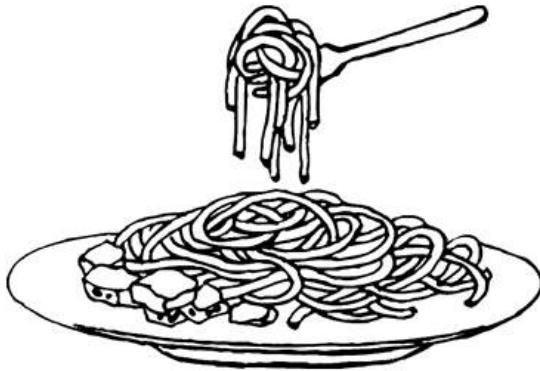
Perhaps some of us could discuss how we can help out by recruiting others beyond St Andrew's. Meanwhile we are now preparing for the Pasta Night to be held in St Andrew's Church Hall on Saturday 25th April 2015 at 6.30 pm (sharp). Anyone requiring adjustments to the menu (e.g. rice instead of pasta, or gluten-free pasta) particularly if you are intolerant to some food item please let Marie or Norrie or Christa know. Please do come and bring as many friends as you can persuade - see the advert in this issue of Crossroads). It is always a very enjoyable night. The food is always good and no one ever goes away disappointed. We welcome any contributions to make goodies such as puddings/sweets or even sauces - just let one of us know directly or by phoning 21382506 (the Alexanders). We are all in this together. I am just writing about it. None of us can do any of

it on our own. We can only do all this if we allow God to work through us.

Marie Alexander  
For the Mission Team

### **Pasta<sup>1</sup> Night Fundraiser**

**Saturday, 25th April 2015 at 6.30 pm**



In aid of the Tugwashanye Community

Venue:

**St. Andrew's Scots Church, Valletta**  
Entrance from South Street

Price: 12 euro per person

<sup>1</sup> Special diets also catered for if requested well in advance on 21382506 or by telling Marie, Norrie or Christa

## ***Special Events***

### ***More details on Sunday Service Sheet***

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

Junior Church start

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

Church at Work – Spring Cleaning

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

2.00pm St Andrew's Church  
Annual General Meeting

**Maundy Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

Passover Meal

**Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

Service

**Easter Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

Sunrise Service



# Dates For Your Diary



Preaching Appointments and Duty Rotas				
Date	Theme	Preacher	Door Steward / Greeter	Regular Duty Elder (Welcome Address)
29. Mrz 15	Palm Sunday	Dieter Paul	Franklin Wilmot Pat O'Neil	David O'Neil
05. Apr 15	Easter Day	Rev Hurst	David P.-G. Steve Hurst	Harald Thiele
12. Apr 15		Rev Hurst	Dot Hunter Bill Hunter	Ernest Kumi Assumang
19. Apr 15	All age Worship	Rev Hurst	David Smith Jenny Psaila	Clement Okoro
26. Apr 15	Holy Communion	Rev Hurst	Ian McLeod Doreen Portelli	Sharon Abbott
03. Mai 15		Rev Hurst	Ria den Heyer Norrie Alexander	Christa Wiegand
10. Mai 15		Rev J Hellyer	Franklin Wilmot Pat O'Neil	David O'Neil
17. Mai 15	All Age Worship	Kirk Session	Jenny Psaila Tony Ellul	Harald Thiele
24. Mai 15	Holy Communion	Rev Hurst	David P.-G. Steve Hurst	Ernest Kumi Assumang
31. Mai 15	Songs of Praise	Rev Hurst	Mary Pace Bardon Pat O'Neil	Clement Okaro
07. Jun 15		Rev Hurst	t.b.d.	t.b.d.
14. Jun 15		Rev Hurst	t.b.d.	t.b.d.
21. Jun 15	All Age Worship	Rev Hurst	t.b.d.	t.b.d.
28. Jun 15	Holy Communion	To be Confirmed	t.b.d.	t.b.d.

When ever possible the Rev Kim plans to have **Monday** as her rest day so please try to refrain from contacting her on a **Monday** unless it is an emergency.

Thank You for your understanding.

## Coffee & Chat



We sit at the front of the Church and either just chat or make things, etc. People of different nationalities and cultures come in for a drink. Some are on holiday and some live here. If you have nothing to do on a Tuesday each week why not drop in and see us between 2 pm and 4 pm. You are very welcome.

## Home Groups

There are two Home Groups just now: one in Birgu at the Wilmot's – and a second in Maghtab at Thiele-Trimmel's.



Contact Judy or Franklin (Birgu Group) on 7926 1646 or [fwilmot@keyworld.net](mailto:fwilmot@keyworld.net) OR Jutta or Harald (Maghtab Group) 9964 7772 or [dc8-73@gmx.de](mailto:dc8-73@gmx.de)



A prayer chain is a group of like-minded people who wish to pray for people and their situations that arise during our daily lives. It is also used for praise.

This started in our previous church also called St. Andrew in Cardiff 34 year ago. When it was started there it was all done by phone as no one had a computer back then.

A Coordinator was informed of a person who needed prayers. There would be about 4 or 5 "Chain Leaders" who would each receive the message, and they would then contact the person underneath them on the chain, who would then contact the next one on the list, and so on, there may be 6, 7, or even more hence the chain. So with the exception of the Coordinator no one had to call more than one person. It was a wonderful feeling to know that people were praying for your situation.

With the advent of computers being owned by lots of people now, it was suggested to me a couple of years ago that I might want to move with times and bring the prayer chain into the 21st century by using email as well. It made a tremendous difference, as people who had odd working hours and/or used their computer a lot were able to participate more easily. Of course there are people who don't have a computer, or just prefer a phone call which is fine.

The power of prayer is truly amazing.

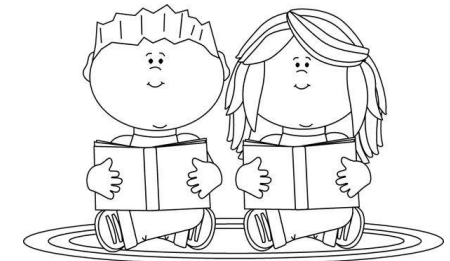
If anyone would like more information or to join the prayer chain, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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## CROSSROADS MAGAZINE

Please enjoy reading "Crossroads" but when you have finished with your Crossroads Magazine and taken a note of any dates or articles you wish to remember perhaps you could return it to us for recycling to the many visitors who drop in to visit the Church during the week.



There would be no  
*Christmas*  
if there were no  
*Easter*

~ Gordon B. Hinckley