



Clontarf & Scots Presbyterian Church

March –
April 2023



From our Minister



"But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this? In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind". Job 12:7-10

During our break in Morocco, the family left behind had the unenviable task of taking our geriatric cat, to be put to sleep. In order to process the news I sat and wrote an obituary for her. Odd, but very therapeutic. Once again I was grateful for the gift of the animals that share our homes.

themansefamilyrip.ie

With great sadness we announce the passing of Myfanwy Fortescue Ritchie. January 2007 to January 2023. After a lengthy illness badly borne. She is deeply mourned by her momsie, boss, slaves Marianne and Daniel, as well as, her aunties Lydia and Miriam.

Many school children will wonder this summer where the cat gargoyle has gone.
There will be no 'embuschier' on my Horlicks or marmite toast.
No sleeping support for the boss from the top of the filling cabinet.
There will no longer be a 'leopard' in the snow, sun, watering hole or hunting terrifying moths.
May she rest well with no more pain, nor inadequate slaves.

We thank our marvellous Creator for such gifts as Myf.

Lorraine

Our Furry Friends & Family

The Manse - Myf & Obadiah

She left paw prints on our hearts.



Is my gift in here???



Sophie, Lucy and beautiful Shepherd Lois

Dolan Family



Max is part of the Dawkins family

Max spying on the neighbours



THANK YOU FOR ALL THE PHOTOS

... AND FOR SHARING YOUR FURRY FRIENDS AND FAMILY WITH US.

Our very special Shaun



Thank you Ian for allowing Shaun to be part of the Church family. Bringing excitement to the children when they see him. And smiles to the more mature folk ☺

Rowe ... taken care of by Betty



"Flora, not owned by me but I am her Auntie and babysit her regularly"
- Hilary



Miriam was playing with rescue cats at the Purr Café in Smithfield, run by Phibsboro Cat Rescue.



Sam keeping warm by the cat brothers, Muffin and Siúcra

Furry family of the Borland's



Syd and Furby

Snow cooling off



Who is the driver?

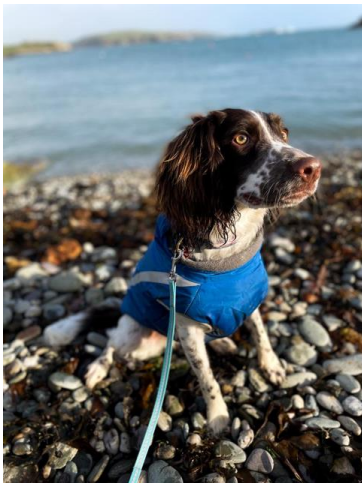
Extracts from
'Twas the Year Our Pets Saved Us
A Chewy Original Poem

By: Benedict Cosgrove

'Twas the year full of questions, COVID, and doubt. ...
Yet each time we felt at the end of our ropes —
Lo and behold! — our pets raised our hopes.
They offered relief for our cares and our worry,
relief that was feathered, or scaly, or furry, or
swam'round and 'round in a tank without
sinking, or sat by a heat lamp, unmoving,
unblinking. Some of these critters are new
family members. Some have been with us for
days without number. Some were adopted as
pandemic puppies. Some are ball pythons, or
bunnies, or guppies. Honestly, though, species
don't matter — the point is that pets make
everything better.

... We treated our cats to special cat treats. We
taught new limericks to our old parakeets. We
gave extra crickets to our cute bearded
dragons. Even our fishes' tails started waggin'.

We care for our pets — they need us, it's true.
But deep down we know that we need our pets,
too. Their antics make us laugh when we're
tearful. They comfort the anxious, lonesome,
and fearful. We need the sense that their
presence provides us. The feeling that loved
ones are always beside us.



Mikko and Gemma taken care of by **Katelyn**

... Who knows what's in store?
Who knows what fresh
weirdness will barge through the
door? But whatever may come,
let's all take a minute to celebrate
our world and the animals in it.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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All members and friends of Clontarf & Scots, are warmly invited to join us for a time of fellowship and reflection, after the service on 12th March 2023.

We will join together for tea and coffee, hear our report from 2022, and reflect on our journey for 2023.

Please join us as we celebrate this amazing family of God.

KIRK SESSION and CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Monday 13 March	Kirk Session
Thursday 16 March	Congregational Committee
Thursday 20 April	Congregational Committee
Monday 22 May	Kirk Session
Thursday 25 May	Congregational Committee
Monday 26 June	Kirk Session
Thursday 29 June	Congregational Committee

Note:

These are all evening meetings:

- Kirk Session at 7:30 pm in the Vestry
- Congregational Committee at 8pm in the Scots Hall

Please put these dates in your diary. These dates will not be changed.

SERVICES AND BIBLE STUDY

March

Sunday 5 March	Worship Service (11 am) Tea & Coffee
Thursday 9 March	Bible Study (2:30- 3:30 pm)
Sunday 12 March	Worship Services (11 am) Tea & Coffee
Thursday 16 March	Bible Study (2:30- 3:30 pm)
Sunday 19 March	Worship Service (11 am) Tea & Coffee
Thursday 3 March	Bible Study (2:30- 3:30 pm)
Sunday 26 March	Worship Service (11 am)
Thursday 30 March	Bible Study (2:30- 3:30 pm)

April

Sunday 2 April Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt	Worship Service (11 am) Tea & Coffee Stated Communion
Friday 7 April Good Friday	Worship Service and Communion Service (7:30 pm)
Sunday 9 April Easter Sunday	Sunrise Service (on Bull Island 6:30am) Worship Service (11 am)
Sunday 16 April	Worship Service (11 am) Tea & Coffee Preacher Marianne Knoetze
Sunday 23 April	Worship Service (11 am) (Service lead by the Ladies)
Sunday 30 April	Worship Service Tea & Coffee (Guest Speaker Rev. David Bruce)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

March

Sunday 12 March - Start in Sanctuary and move to small Scots Hall




Sunday 26 March - Start in Sanctuary and move to small Scots Hall

April

Sunday 2 April - Stated Holy Communion Easter Egg Hunt, start in Sanctuary and move to apex garden

Sunday 23 April - Start in Sanctuary and move to small Scots Hall

ADDITIONS TO THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE CONGREGATION

	
<p>Congratulations to the Bryce family</p>	<p>Welcome to Levi Hope to meet you soon.</p>
	<p>Congratulations to John and Aiveen on the birth of their grandchild.</p> <p>Azira was born to Rachel and Ade. We welcome Azira into the world and ask the Lord to give the family many blessings.</p>