

Focus on Fetteresso

We have just completed the celebration of Easter. This is the time that is designated every year when every Christian remembers the story of Jesus and celebrates that we have a living God who gives us all of the love that we have in this world. It is a time when all denominations come together which we did through a series of joint services held every evening from Monday to Saturday. Within Fetteresso we held at "Cuilidh". This was a place of sanctuary and retreat where participants could listen to readings from John and be led by meditation through Gods life.

Our morning worship led by the reverend Fyfe Blair took the form of an all age service. We had congregational responses, prayers and wonderful hymns including "All Heaven Declares the Glory of the Risen God" and "Thine is the Glory".

The God Sticks consisting of primary school children and led by Lucy Gourlay enacted a scene entitled "Arise My Lord" which reflected the reading from Luke 24:1-8 on the theme that "Jesus is Risen".

The theme, which was to remember these things, was delivered with the assistance of the children opening a variety of multicoloured eggs each containing a message. The reminders included: -

- The stone was rolled away.
- The tomb was empty.
- Men did not believe that Jesus was risen.
- Men though the whole story was nonsense.
- Peter found a piece of cloth from Jesus garments at the empty tomb.
- Others doubted if was all true and had to see for themselves.

This is a wonderful story, through it we search, participate and join in the resurrected life of Jesus.

The evening service saw the end of the study of Hebrew with a reading from Hebrew 13:9-16 on the topic of a "Sacrifice of Praise". This was a message that was written to a people who were worn out, whose possessions had been removed and homes lost. The letter delivers

hope and encouragement in the form of the life of Jesus. We are drawn into a lifestyle that is consistent with faith where we can:

- Imitate the faith of those who have gone before us.
- Run the race.
- Show hospitality to strangers.
- Love our brothers and sisters.
- Remember those who are suffering as if it was you.
- Remember those in prison as the Christians were.

The Jews saw sacrificial foods as the route to God. Jesus is our sacrifice. We offer our sacrifice through praise, love and hospitality. Sacrifice is not easy, it involves time and commitment. We should offer sacrificial praise through our lives to God every day.

This coming week

- We will have a farewell event for Joe and Margaret Sutherland in the evening.
- This is the social weekend which has been publicised before.