

Focus on Fetteresso  
29<sup>th</sup> March 2009

Everyone is invited to the Church Weekend taking place on 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> April. It begins on Friday at 4.15 with a Fancy Dress Party which is then followed by a Quiz Night. On Saturday there is a Speaker's Breakfast at 8.15am and a Family Walk at 10.30; in the afternoon there are various activities with a meal in the evening followed by Showtime! If you can make any contribution to the latter please see Ian Gillis. On Sunday afternoon the Treasure Hunt starts at 2pm and George Swapp will be leading a Walking Tour of the old town. For further information please see Meg Duncan.

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The Cuilidh (Sanctuary Retreat) for Holy Week is from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 10-10.30 am.

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Sarah Dickinson is organising the Spring Retreat on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 9.30-12.15 – numbers are limited to 25 so please indicate if you would like to participate.

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The Minister produced some props and his friend Gus to tell the children the story of Jesus' appearance to two of his followers who were walking to Emmaus after the Resurrection. These men did not recognise Jesus until later that day when they were about to eat - Jesus took bread, and after blessing it, broke it into pieces. Just as they realised who he was, Jesus disappeared and the men raced back to Jerusalem to tell the disciples. The minister asked us to reflect on how we know Jesus and recognise him as our friend.

Sarah Dickinson read Psalm 63 which speaks of David's intimate relationship with God. The psalm was written by David when he was going through a troubled time in the Desert of Judah. It is particularly appropriate in this time of Lent, a time for reflection and solitude. The Bible mentions many occasions on which God's people go into the wilderness alone to meditate and pray; Jesus himself went there for a period of reflection and was tempted by the Devil. The desert is a dry harsh place where we may suffer physically and mentally, but it is also a place of opportunity, a starting point for us in our spiritual life; we hear David longing thirstily for God and confident in his expectation of God's favour and defeat of his enemies. All of us who are longing like David for spiritual help should have confidence that God will be there for us..