



# Faith Has Moved Mountains

"It's been a bit of a long shift," is what the foreman said.  
His words, they gave us such a lift for we had thought them dead;  
The 33, for 69 days buried underground  
Inside a gold and copper mine; once lost, they'd now been found.

The mine – San José was its name, for trust in Christ is strong  
In Chile. Though you'd think they'd blame conquistadors for wrong  
Committed when they stepped ashore to kill, enslave, and search  
For treasure – Blessed are the poor – they also brought the Church.

The 5<sup>th</sup> of August 2010 was when it all began;  
Rocks fell, the shafts were blocked, and then those miners, to a man,  
Incredibly, their lives were spared, as birds from traps are freed.  
But how? A plan, which few folk dared imagine could succeed.

For well over 2,000 feet of rock, most would presume,  
Above their heads would have them beat; would surely spell their doom.  
And yet by San Lorenzo, skill, luck – families had to shout –  
Divine and superhuman will, eventually they're out.

Before that happens, their supplies, though – meagre is the word –  
And so there's great relief – surprise – when drilling, sounds are heard  
Of banging on Day 17 as, like a needle in  
A haystack, the bit finds them lean, but living. Though they're thin,

'We're fine,' they write beneath the earth, now knowing that their wives  
And friends can help them – joy and mirth – to eat, and save their lives.  
And so they do as with that vent, a capsule called a *dove*  
Can now be used. Supplies are sent, and messages of love.

When, to inspire them Chapter 28 of Job, a song  
Of praise for miners which says when in peril and we long  
For safety – if we're filled with dread – it always helps to look  
To God, their Pastor may have read – true words from the Good Book.

For now, though, liberty's something that nobody is able  
To promise; as by thread (or string) these lives hang. Even cable  
Would not suffice. The rocks could shift at any time again  
When all the best attempts to lift the men would be in vain.

And what is more, they need a channel that is wide enough,  
And carriage to transport a man through rock that's really tough.  
But this they paint red, blue and white, the Nation's colours  
– wise –  
And call the Phoenix that it might raise, resurrect and rise.

Then, as a billion people hold their breath, and fear the worst,  
This story that will be re-told for years concludes. The first  
Man does emerge; he kneels in prayer; his wife hands him, as all  
The Church bells ring, the Virgin Mary woven on a shawl.

And then, much later (how we smiled), someone who couldn't wait  
To meet – embrace – his newborn child, emerges. Celebrate!  
He is the 32<sup>nd</sup>. Bless! But what then helped him cope:  
The couple went and called her Esperanza, which means Hope.

And hope is what all miners need, when each year thousands perish;  
All mainly due to unsafe greed, when we instead should cherish  
The lives of those who dig for ore, for while we all love bling  
And coins, we know we could pay more – a ring is just a ring.

# Easter at Busby Parish Church



Palm Sunday 25 March, 11am Sunday Worship

*Joint Services with Greenbank and Williamwood Churches:*

Spy Wednesday 28 March, 7pm

at Williamwood Church

Maundy Thursday 29 March, 7pm (Communion)

at Greenbank Church

Good Friday 30 March, 7pm

at Busby Church

Good Friday Pilgrimage:

7am Netherlee Church

8am Stamperland Church

9am St Aidan's Church

10am Williamwood Church (Refreshments)

11am Greenbank Church

12noon St Joseph's Church (Stations of the Cross)

1pm Cartsbridge Church

2pm Busby Church

3pm Carmunnock Church (Refreshments)

Easter Sunday 1 April, 11am Sunday Worship



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# Busby Bakes

Shona Park

Simnel Cupcakes     Makes 12

Simnel cake was traditional given by girls working in service to their mothers when they returned home on Mothering Sunday. After the Second World War and the demise of houses employing servants the cake became associated with Easter.

It usually has 11 balls of marzipan on top to represent the disciples minus the traitor Judas.

This recipe is a much lighter version of the traditional cake, which has a layer of marzipan in the middle. If you are not a fan of marzipan these cakes would be lovely drizzled with some icing made from icing sugar and orange juice.

Happy Easter Everyone

## INGREDIENTS

3 eggs  
150g soft margarine  
150g caster sugar  
5ml orange extract or zest of one orange  
150g S.R. Flour  
5ml baking powder  
5ml mixed spice  
70g mixed fruit  
250g marzipan



## METHOD

- 1 Preheat the oven to Gas 5/ 190°C. Arrange 12 paper cases in a muffin tin.
- 2 Beat the eggs in a jug.
- 3 Cream the margarine, caster sugar and orange extract or zest in a large bowl.
- 4 Sieve in the flour, baking powder and mixed spice.
- 5 Add the egg and beat the mixture until soft, light and creamy.
- 6 Fold in the mixed fruit.
- 7 Carefully divide the mixture evenly between the paper cases.
- 8 Bake for 12 - 15 minutes until well risen and springy to the touch.
- 9 Roll out the marzipan and cut out 12 circles big enough to cover the tops of the cakes. Roll some of the excess marzipan into 12 small balls about the size of a marble.
- 10 Place a marzipan circle and ball on top of each cake when they are still hot and briefly brown under a preheated grill until the marzipan is golden.

