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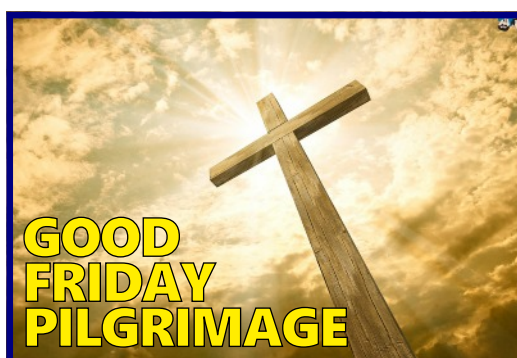


# BUSBY FOOD BANK

by KATE KENNY

Busby Food Bank, which is part of East Renfrewshire Food Bank and based in Busby Parish Church, would like to give a big thank you to everyone who has donated food and other items, including Cartsbridge Evangelical Church, St Joseph's Church and all the team at the Speech and Language Department in the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley.

The RAH idea to collect for the Food Bank was initiated and coordinated by Sheetal Basi and was greatly supported by the rest of the team. We had the opportunity to meet Sheetal when she delivered the food to us on a Sunday just prior to Christmas. This type of generosity from the community, members of our church and others has allowed us to give out over 400 parcels throughout 2025.



This year's pilgrimage takes place on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Refreshments will be provided at various points along the way. Please join us!

- 8.00am Carmunnock Church
- 9.00am Cartsbridge Evangelical Church
- 10.00am Busby Parish Church
- 11.00am Greenbank Parish Church
- 12.00 St Joseph's Catholic Church
- 1.00pm St Aidan's Episcopal Church
- 2.00pm Netherlee & Stamperland Parish Church
- 3.00pm Orchardhill Church

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Ann Brown  
Clarkston House Care Home

Dorothy Noble  
Busby

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

**PLEASE  
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CAN**



Busby Brownies meet every Monday night from 6:30 to 7:45. The Pack is currently full, and there is a waiting list.

We are also in need of adult helpers. If you can help by volunteering, please email busbybrownies@gmail.com for more details.



Busby Community Council's next meeting is at 7.00pm on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April in Williamwood High School.

Email: busbycommunitycouncil@outlook.com

For seven weeks from early January, Carol and I were in Perth, Western Australia, visiting daughter Elizabeth, son-in-law Xander and grand-sons Rory, aged 5 and Jamie aged 3. In a sense we were on holiday, although minding two energetic boys and being responsible for 3 daily car-runs to school and back, meant it wasn't everyone's definition of a holiday, but it was fun and we would not have missed it for anything.

Sunday, being our day of rest, saw us attending the Wesley Uniting Church in the City, pictured; illustrating the contrast of the ancient and modern that typifies the Perth city landscape.

The Uniting Church in Australia (UCA) is a united church in Australia, founded in 1977 when congregations of the Methodist Church of Australasia, the Presbyterian Church of Australia and churches of the Congregational Union of Australia united under the UCA's Basis of Union. The UCA is Australia's third-largest Christian denomination, behind the Roman Catholic and Anglican churches.

Wesley Uniting Church itself was formed on 1st January 2001 from the related churches of St. Andrew's/Ross Memorial, Trinity and Wesley.

The roots of Wesley, from its opening in 1870, are evident in memorabilia that adorns its interior. One such notable item, referencing the founding of the Boys Brigade in Glasgow, marked the centenary of the founding of the First Company of the Boys' Brigade in Western Australian 1895.

This was not the only link to Glasgow that we found, the Director of Music/Organist, Angela Currie, was a graduate of the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama (RSAMD). On our first Sunday attendance we were surprised to be sitting next to a lady member of Kelvin West Church of Scotland with mutual connections to friends and colleagues at the Lodging House Mission. It's a small world indeed.

Sunday worship followed a liturgical approach that would have been very familiar to members of our own church and we hope to be able to bring some of this into future services in Busby. Texts were from the Good News Bible (Australian version) and hymns from 'Together in Song' (Edition 2 of the Australian Hymn Book) with familiar words and music.

We much enjoyed worshipping at this very welcoming church and look forward, God willing, to returning there in future years and renewing friendships so readily formed. Again, just like visitors find our own Busby Parish Church.



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# THORNTONHALL/BUSBY LDES THREAT REMAINS

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## Every Silver Lining Has a Cloud

TRISHA HUGHES

In 2026, we mark the third year of fighting the proposed industrialisation of our Greenbelt here in Thorntonhall and Busby and as far as we understand, the Meikle Dripps Farm BESS has been taken off the table. However it has been replaced by a larger proposal, within a similar time frame.

This article is intended to keep you up to date and aware of the changes to the BESS and now the new 86 Acre "Busby LDES" planning applications, if you would like to know more or get involved please contact Trisha at [bess@thorntonhallbess.com](mailto:bess@thorntonhallbess.com)

### To Date:

- We can take some relief that the Meikle Dripps Farm BESS plan has not been submitted or passed for development.
- We can also take some comfort in knowing that, as an alliance of communities, we have made enough noise to delay and stall development, and we would like to thank everyone for their support.
- The Meikle Dripps Farm BESS has been taken off the table (for the immediate future), as too many BESS plans have been approved by the ECU in Scotland. Three times the amount required.
- NESO (National Energy System Operator – Glasgow Office, 100 West George Street) has recently completed the UK Connections Review for projects anticipated to be completed by 2030/2025. (*Source: Connections Reform Results National Energy System Operator*). Inspection of the Connections review reveals that overall, too many BESS schemes have already been approved, especially in Southern Scotland, when compared to battery storage requirements (something we have been saying for quite some time).
- Whilst this is good news for Meikle Dripps BESS, Apatura Ltd., of course, were aware that this was on the way and they switched horses to a new proposal, an 86 Acre Busby LDES Scheme on the same site, which they submitted to this Connections Review process.
- The original BESS group has grown over the last few years, and Jackton, Busby, and, to some extent, Clarkston have all become involved in the campaign, so we have changed our name to include these communities. Our new name is "The Jackton, Thorntonhall and Busby Alliance LDES Action Group"
- *N.B. Whist the name of the group has changed we will be keeping our old email address, [bess@thorntonhallbess.com](mailto:bess@thorntonhallbess.com) as we have a huge number of residents on our newsletter list.*
- We have also seen the demise of some of Gillian Martin's responsibilities. The Scottish Government's Climate Secretary, who has

been accused of an "embarrassing climbdown" after being removed from looking after massive energy projects. Scottish Ministers are meant to be unbiased when it comes to granting permission for major projects, and complaints were made about her clandestine meetings with energy giants.

### What is an LDES?

A Long Duration Energy Storage (LDES) is an energy storage system that can discharge energy continuously for more than 10 hours, unlike traditional short-term batteries (BESS). Historically, LDES have mainly been pumped water solutions in the UK.

LDES solutions are designed to store excess electricity—often, but not necessarily, from renewable sources like solar or wind—and release it during periods of high demand, outages, or when generation drops. However, technology has moved on, and the Busby LDES is a proposed battery storage solution.

Why am I mentioning this? Well, what we are now fighting is the proposed LDES plan on an 86-acre site, between BUSBY and Thorntonhall, located on greenbelt Farmland, which is huge and totally unsuitable for this area.

**The Busby LDES will replace the Meikle Dripps Farm BESS if planning is granted. If not the original BESS plans, according to Apatura, will be reinstated.**

An LDES must go through a slightly different process before planning, and this process, put in place by OFGEM and NESO, assesses connectivity to the National Grid prior to the ECU planning permission being granted. It is bigger, uglier and will be a massive eyesore. It will take longer to build, and will attract more traffic during and after construction, through Busby, along Peel Road and Waterfoot Road.

The Battery and Solar farm image shown is for illustrative purposes only. But we do have to ask ourselves (especially as Apatura have not responded to this question), if the LDES plan is for a 16-acre installation, within an 86-acre planning application, what are the remaining 70 acres going to be used for? Similar applications in Ireland have seen the remaining acres used for Solar at a later date.



### The Recent NESO Meeting with Community Councils

The Scottish element of NESO invited all Scottish Community Councils to a Zoom meeting to discuss LDES planning applications, our group represented the Jackton, Thorntonhall and Busby Alliance and the Vice Chair for the JTCC also attended.

We were all told that there will be no change to the planning application process and that the NESO Connections timeline process would not involve local communities. In fact, many of the communities that attended the NESO meeting walked away in disgust.

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Let us remember that the Busby LDES is no different in its supporting infrastructure than the Meikle Dripps Farm BESS; there will still be a:

- 2.4m fence potentially now around an 86-acre plot
- There will still be extensive lighting and camera systems surrounding the site.

● The LDES itself will resemble a massive industrial estate surrounded by a prison type security system and, Given the increased size of the location requested in the planning application, the LDES will be just as close to the Busby Schools, Churches, Nurseries, Care Homes and residents as the previous BESS and the new site will be almost as big as Thorntonhall village.

### ECU Communication Channels Reduced

It is getting harder, not easier, for local communities to be heard on intrusive energy infrastructure expansion. The new minister for energy consenting Ivan McKee MSP, has slipped this change through.

"The primary route used by ordinary people to make their voice heard on BESS and LDES, which was email, has been suddenly withdrawn without any public explanation, leaving only the *website and postal communication channels open*. This is totally undemocratic and directly affects the ability of people to participate in decisions that reshape the landscape and make a huge difference to their local area."

Source: The Scotsman Sat, Jan 24, 2026

Please rest assured that the "LDES action group" will make sure, when the time comes, that you will have links to all the means available to voice your opinions, and if you don't have the means to send your opinion electronically, just let us know, and we will help you with that too.

### Finally

So, one down, one to go, we need everyone to come together and continue to help fight this dreadful proposed industrialisation of our greenbelt. In short, our beautiful environment would be destroyed forever by an 86 Acre LDES installation in whatever form it takes.

We now have two Facebook sites, one for Jackton and Thorntonhall, and one for Busby. This helps to keep local issues local. They can be found at:

*Busby:* <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61587517863975>

*Jackton and Thorntonhall (requires membership approval):* <https://www.facebook.com/groups/413677208186476>



*A computer generated image of a smaller LDES than the one proposed beside Busby and Thorntonhall*

# DESERT ISLAND DISCS

## The "Greatest Hits" Selection

We have been running the Desert Island Discs feature in Focus for 4 years now and thought that this edition would be a good opportunity to look back and pick some of the most memorable tracks chosen by our members

*Picture courtesy of BBC Radio 4*

1 Louis Armstrong - What A Wonderful World Selected by Linda Smith in Spring 2023. "What A Wonderful World" was said to be a reflective, hopeful number that yearned for the optimism in an increasingly fragile world." Could any song be more relevant today?

2 The Kinks - Waterloo Sunset Selected by Iain Jarvie in Winter 2022. "On Radio 2's Sunday Love Songs, Steve Wright said this might be his favourite song in the history of pop music." It has certainly been rated by many as one of the greatest pop songs of all time.

3 The Beatles - Hey Jude Selected by Robin Bulmer in Autumn 2022 and Fay McIntyre in Winter 2023. The highest ranking Beatles' song In Rolling Stone Magazine's "500 Greatest Songs Of All Time" at number 8. An anthem sung by so many around the world.

4 Randy Newman - You've Got A Friend In Me Selected by Jerry Eve in Autumn 2025, it reminded him of daughter Alice, her husband Fraser and their son Ollie. Taken from the always uplifting film Toy Story, a heart warming song by a gifted, and under-rated songwriter.

5 The Beach Boys - God Only Knows Selected by John Lamb in Autumn 2023. Voted by many, including Sir Paul McCartney, as the greatest pop song ever written, it is certainly a rival for Waterloo Sunset.

6 Runrig- Loch Lomond Selected by Marilyn Ross in Summer 2025. There were quite a few Scottish songs selected but for sheer energy and the reaction it provoked when Runrig played it live and which is carried on at countless weddings, it is the pick of the bunch.

7 The Hallelujah Chorus - Handel Selected by Allan Morrison in Spring 2024 and Marilyn Ross in Summer 2025. We might be accused of being a bit light in the Classical genre. Of all the classical pieces selected, this is probably the most uplifting and rousing of them all and, having been selected twice, it had to go in.

8 Queen - We Will Rock You Selected by Irene Black in Winter 2025. We had to include one real rock "banger" in the list. The competition was fierce between The Rolling Stones, Dire Straits, U2, Bruce Springsteen and others but this got the casting vote.

Congratulations to Marilyn Ross for having two of her selected songs in our Greatest Hits and our thanks to everyone who has taken part in Desert Island Discs over the last four years. We look forward to getting back to publishing other peoples' selections in the next and future editions of Focus.



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# A HISTORY OF OUR CHURCH AND ITS ORIGINS

## PART FOUR - Commerce, Leisure & Union

by MAUREEN POTTER

Photographs courtesy of East Renfrewshire Council Heritage Group

In this, the fourth part of our Church's history, Maureen looks in more depth at the end of the Nineteenth Century, looking at the village life of Busby, as well as the ongoing Church history.

When I finished Part 3, I intended moving onto the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. However, on further reading of the late John McVicar's excellent book on Busby, I changed my mind. I decided that to miss out the final years of the 19<sup>th</sup> century would be doing a grave disservice to the village of Busby.

In 1884 a new minister was called to Busby U.P. (West) Church by the name of Rev. William Melville. One of his first tasks from the pulpit was to admonish the villagers for football hooliganism! One of the biggest teams in Scotland at that time was Busby Cartvale with a large following in the village and the surrounding area. However when beaten by other teams, the villagers had taken to stoning the opposition's football supporters! Rev. Mr. Melville had the task of telling the villagers this type of behaviour was totally inappropriate! Whether the hooliganism was reduced over the years is not recorded but in the following years Busby Cartvale FC lost its prominence in the football world due to many of its players becoming professional. Professionalism was frowned upon initially by the football establishment but over the years they came to accept it. By that time, however, it was too late for Busby Cartvale FC.

In 1884 Busby was a busy, thriving village with 2 banks, both set up by Dr. John Ross, and 2 public halls – the Good Templar's Hall and the Wilson Hall. These halls were in constant use by the many groups operating in the village at this time. Some known to us are as follows: - Busby Horticultural Society founded 1881, Busby Literary Association, Busby Mechanics Institute, Busby Masonic Lodge St John number 458, Busby Foundry Boys Association, Busby Friendly Society and Busby Orange Lodge to name a few. The Orange Lodge held a parade through the village every year on 12<sup>th</sup> July. There were also youth off-shoots from many of these clubs, one of which was the Juvenile Good Templar's Lodge better known as "The Lifeboat Lodge". One of the members of this youth group was either the grandfather or great grandfather of the late John McVicar. Regular concerts were held in the halls by the various groups to raise funds for the impoverished in the village. The Shepherd's Friendly Society formed around this time had members who paid 6 pence a week membership fee, and after 6 months if they were off work sick they received 6 shillings a week sickness pay and after a year it was increased to 12 shillings a week. This organisation continued right into the mid to late 20<sup>th</sup> century.



Busby also had a broad selection of shops at this time locally. They were as follows: - 9 grocer's shops, a post office, a fish shop, a coal merchant (Carslaw's), a butcher, a draper, a pharmacy, a stationer, a newsagent, a sweetie shop and a dairy.

As well as a thriving shopping centre, the churches were thriving too, Busby UP (West) and Busby UF (East) were joined by a new church known as Busby Greenbank Church of Scotland and a Roman Catholic Church at the Sheddens known as St Joseph's. The nearby settlement of Clarkston began to grow as well.



The Railway which had previously terminated at Busby was extended not only to East Kilbride but to Blantyre and then Hamilton – sadly that extension to Hamilton didn't last long due to subsidence from underground mining works.

Although Busby was a thriving village, seeds of industrial decline began to appear in 1885 with the closure of the Upper Mills. They re-opened in 1889 as a starch works but the level of air pollution was so bad that they were forced to close again. These closures caused much hardship to local people although there was still worsted spinning, and dye works at the Lower Mill employing 120 people.

Another problem which arose in Busby in 1885 was a severe water shortage due to a long, hot, dry summer which meant that the reservoir based at Carmunnock at that time had an exceptionally low water level. Even when rain came in August, it did extraordinarily little to fill the reservoirs and this meant that water had to be rationed. There were rumours that some local people were so desperate for water that they tried to dig wells in their back gardens! Heavy rains came in September and water supplies returned to normal shortly afterwards. However there were intermittent water problems until water supplies were taken over by the County Council.

Church life in the UP (West) continued with a new manse for the minister at 95 East Kilbride Road and a 50-year celebration of the foundation of the church. The Temperance Movement had formed a Band of Hope in the village, and they objected to the use of sherry at Holy Communion. This problem appears to have been resolved with the introduction of unfermented wine. The Temperance Movement continued in strength with many followers amongst church members and continued until after World War 1.

In August 1885, the UF church was burgled and the baptismal font along with some other smaller items were stolen. The same night there was also a burglary in the tobacconist's shop at the Sheddens. It was believed that both crimes were carried out by the same gang but unfortunately, they were never caught!

In early June 1886 Robert Miller from the UP Church approached Rev Adam Henderson of the UF Church about the possibility of appointing a Bible Woman for women in the district. The UF Church immediately agreed but when Busby Greenbank were approached, they were reluctant to take part. However a year later Busby Greenbank agreed and a lady called Catherine Walkinshaw from the UP Church started the post. I haven't been able to find out if the lady received a salary or if the post was unpaid. Sadly, she passed away in 1896 and the committee she led was dissolved.

The 1880s was a time of religious fervour in Scotland and this was reflected in Busby by the appearance of numerous evangelists some from as far away as London. This caused the UP Church a great deal of concern and it had special meetings to counteract the teachings of some of these evangelists. The UF Church took a different approach and attempted to work with the less extreme evangelists in their endeavours.

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The UP Church appears to have had a choir and probably some form of musical instrument to accompany the choir and congregation but until 1887 there were no musical instruments in the UF Church. In January of that year, a harmonium was introduced in the church to accompany praise during worship.

In January 1892 the Upper Mill suffered a major fire along with the part of the adjoining residential buildings known as The Traps. The Printworks Fire Brigade turned out immediately but, due to the very icy roads back-up from neighbouring fire brigades did not arrive. The building was totally destroyed. There were only six families left in The Traps as the Busby Bleaching and Beetling Company had been evicting the residents with no thought to their welfare. The families who were left in The Traps now found themselves homeless and with housing being in great demand there is no record of what happened to these families. The following year The Traps and what was left of the Mill was sold to Mr James McKenna for demolition. Much of the stone was used to build tenements in Shawlands and in Holyrood Crescent at the Sheddens. 1897 was the year of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee so a joint service of worship was held in Greenbank Church with all three ministers conducting various parts of the service. Unfortunately the celebrations coincided with a measles outbreak in the village, so the school had to be closed in an attempt to stop infection spreading. The "Lord of the Manor" Mr William J. Kippen had donated a substantial amount of money to the ministers for all the children to enjoy a Grand Fete. Due to the measles epidemic the Grand Fete was postponed from June until August when the children all followed the City of Glasgow Pipe Band to a field near Waterfoot for the celebration. Each child was given a gift and a Jubilee coin to mark the occasion. I wonder if anyone in the area still has a Jubilee coin in their possession?



The Busby and Clarkston Golf Club opened on 21<sup>st</sup> May 1898 on ground donated by the Kippen family. That is the part of Busby where Oliphant

Crescent, Ellisland Road and Lochlea are now. The members paid 10/6 membership fee annually. By the time of the opening there were 170 gentlemen, 50 ladies and 40 junior members.



On Monday evening of 27<sup>th</sup> February 1899 Busby UP Church was seriously damaged by a fire which had begun at the rear of the church. No fire brigade was available, so local residents put the fire out using buckets of water passed by hand from the Old Manse and the School House. The Pulpit and the Chancel were completely destroyed and the walls and pews suffered severe damage. A meeting was held to discuss the best way forward. The UF Church was approached for help which was gladly given. This meant that both congregations were now meeting in the same building.



At this time nationally, talks were taking place between the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland and the United Free Church regarding a union of the two denominations. Due to these ongoing discussions taking place at national level, discussions took place locally regarding the future of the UP church building. Some felt if they were going to become one denomination then it would be better to build a new church to house an enlarged congregation, some felt a new multipurpose church would be better and some wanted the status quo which meant restoring the UP church building. After much discussion it was decided to stay with the status quo and the church insurance covered the cost of the bulk of the restoration of the UP Church.

In 1900 the Scottish United Presbyterian Church and the Scottish United Free Church joined to become the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland. The UP church in Busby became known as Busby West United Presbyterian Church of Scotland and the UF became known as Busby East United Presbyterian Church of Scotland.

Simnel cake was traditionally 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

Shona

### Ingredients

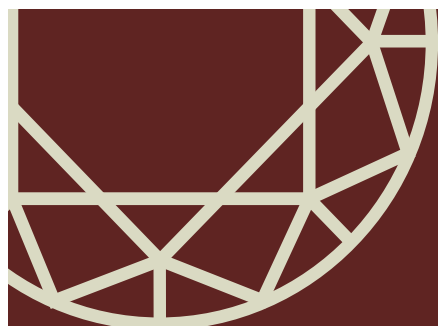
- 3 eggs
- 150g soft margarine
- 150g caster sugar
- 5ml orange extract or zest of one orange
- 150g S.R. flour
- 5ml baking powder
- 5ml mixed spice
- 70g mixed fruit
- 250g marzipan

### Method

- 1 Preheat the oven to Gas 5/ 190°C. Arrange 12 paper cases in a muffin tin.
- 1 Beat the eggs in a jug.
- 1 Cream the margarine, caster sugar and orange extract or zest in a large bowl.
- 1 Sieve in the flour, baking powder and mixed spice.
- 1 Add the egg and beat the mixture until soft, light and creamy.
- 1 Fold in the mixed fruit.
- 1 Carefully divide the mixture evenly between the paper cases.
- 1 Bake for 12 - 15 minutes until well risen and springy to the touch.
- 1 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.
- 1 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.



# Simnel Cupcakes



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# FROM CORINTH TO BUSBY

by JOHN WALKER



I have just returned from the ancient city of Corinth in Greece, and on reflection I can assure my friends at Busby Church that there is very little difference between Corinth, and the village of Busby today.

I was there as part of a follow-up to my visit to Philippi in November. Philippi was the first European city recorded to have established the first church by the Apostle Paul.

Paul visited Corinth twice, I believe, and stayed there longer than in any other place.

He worked alongside Priscilla and Aquila. They were prominent women and key co-workers of the Apostle Paul in the mid-first century AD, playing foundational roles in the establishment of early Christian communities in Europe and Asia.

Not far from the temple in ancient Corinth, it is reported on the Internet that "Paul was brought before the proconsul Gallio by Jewish leaders, but Gallio dismissed the case as a matter of Jewish religious law, not a criminal matter." In today's judicial parlance it was not a case of fear or alarm.

The early church had similar problems to those in the village of Busby today, surrounded by a culture that is, at times, ignorant of — and even hostile to — the Saviour.

Moreover, today in Scotland, local communities often have little or no say in the decisions that affect them. Authority comes from the top down, whatever the political colour — yellow, blue, red, or green. In Corinth, the Romans dominated their subjects in much the same way.

However, that early community — Aquila, Priscilla, to name but two — had something different to offer. Their message of salvation, no matter what an individual has done and no matter what the authorities legislate, was something that could not be ignored.

In the time we are living in, that same message is essential: for we are now in a period of great uncertainty, and you like them have a message for the people around you. It is the same message then as now, one of certainty, and of hope.

# BUSBY GUIDES

by PAMELA MILL

At present we have about 34 girls in our unit. A few girls left after Christmas, but several new girls have joined us since then. We also have several Young Leaders. Some of them have been in the Guides, others are doing their service for the Duke of Edinburgh Award. We are also pleased that Jacqueline John is volunteering with us as a Unit Helper.

We have recently been working on the Skill Builders Explore badge. This involves a range of five activities. We have looked at cities and life in cities. The girls had to make up short plays about this. We have also studied maps of the world and planned travelling to other countries and cities. Another topic we covered was about the importance of protecting ourselves in hot sunshine with hats, suntan lotion etc. We are going to look at OS map reading this week. The Guides will draw what they think map symbols are like e.g camp site, castle, nature reserve and then they will compare their ideas to those on an actual OS map.

We have recently made S'mores and decorated cakes which they all enjoyed.

Lynne, our Assistant Leader did the Children's Address at Church on the 22nd February which is Guide Thinking Day. It was also the 100th Anniversary of Thinking Day. We are very lucky to have Rainbows, Brownies and Guides in Busby Church.

We are all looking forward to the lighter nights when we can get out in the Church gardens where we can play games and have barbecues.

Thank you to all the girls, their parents and all those who help on Tuesday evenings. I really appreciate their support.



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