

**Kilsyth Anderson  
Parish Church**

**February/ March 2015**

**Magazine**

*From the Manse..*

Where does time go? In a few weeks' time I will be 2 years as minister of Kilsyth Anderson Church. What a great privilege it has been to be here and share in the ministry and mission of Christ's church with you. Over the months much has been done and achieved and with a review of the ministry here due in only another 2 or 3 years we have some way to go to secure the long term future of this congregation.

I want to share with you both a **concern** and a **confidence** which I have about the church. First of all my confidence. I am convinced that God's great desire is for his Church to be a means through which men and women come to know of salvation through personal faith in Jesus. It is therefore imperative that local congregations witness well and wisely through the preaching of God's Word, the praying of God's people, the loving fellowship of the community of believers and also by taking the message out into the community in our words and by our actions.

**Effective mission connects with people.** The message we share therefore requires to be

“Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, ... on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.  
*Matthew 16:16*

conveyed in a manner which makes sense to them and connects with their life. I am confident that as we together seek to give our God the worship, witness and honour that He is due so the church will be built up.

Here is my concern – this is not happening to the extent which makes a

real difference. It is certainly a truth that we see some welcome shoots of growth and blessing in our congregation but more is required

It is said that the picture paints a thousand words so let me share with you this graphical illustration.

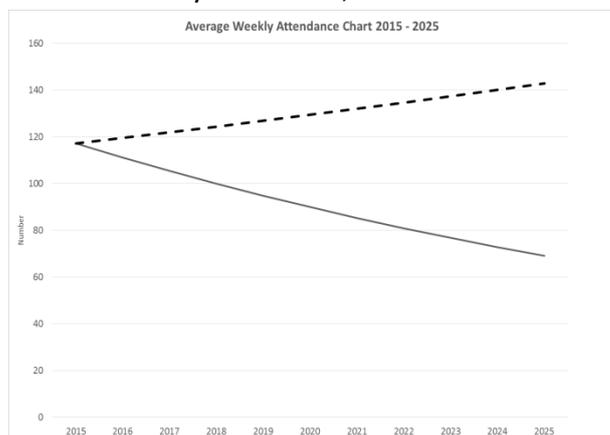
At present the congregation each year is slightly smaller than the year before, since there are weekly fluctuations we probably don't really notice it too much, but as each year goes to the next it is a pattern which continues and has done over very many years.

The solid line in the picture shows what might happen over the next 10 years if this pattern continues.

The dotted line however shows a different kind of future – one where new people come to worship alongside us on a Sunday.

The challenge therefore is clear – though conversion belongs alone to the grace of God, the conversations we have with others are often the means by which the truth of God is conveyed to those who need to hear the message of salvation. God uses us when we are willing to be used by Him to build His church. I pray that we will want to play our full part in building His church and see His kingdom come in fuller measure right where we are.

Allan Vint



### Contact for urgent Pastoral Care

Minister: Rev. Allan Vint (01236) 822345  
Session Clerk: Mrs Elizabeth Strang (01236) 824875

(The Minister will be on holiday from  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February until Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February  
Any urgent pastoral matters can be referred to the Session Clerk)

## SALTIRE AWARDS



Saltire Awards are awarded by the Scottish Government to young people over the age of 12 who elect to spend some of their time volunteering in different ways. This past year we were able to give the boys and girls, who were helping at Holiday Club, some training and access to the Saltire Scheme.

Holiday Club caters for all Primary School age children but some young people, who have really engaged in the Holiday Club over the years, want to continue their contact. To enable this we offer them the opportunity to become Trainee Leaders in the club. They are involved in helping in crafts, games and are allocated a specific leader and group of children to help. It has resulted in great benefit to the club and provides young role models for the younger children there.

In December the certificates finally came through, signed by John Swinney for the Government, and at a Sunday morning service, where the organisations were present, they were awarded to our Trainee Leaders.

**Abigail Shaw, Karis Abercrombie, Leah Campbell, Jordan Campbell, Jordan Henderson, Fiona Erskine and David Erskine** received their awards. Most of them hope to return to Holiday Club this year as helpers and we look forward to their enthusiasm and energetic contributions.

**Tom received this letter from the Lodging House Mission and asked if I could share with you**

Dear Friends,

A big thank you to everyone who sent in donations of food, sweets, clothing and money over the Christmas period to help us sustain a service for the men and women who come through our doors.

Our picture shows one of our service users cosily wrapped in a hat, scarf and gloves provided by one of our generously supportive churches.



This winter, the LHM is again involved in a partnership with the Glasgow Winter Initiative Night Shelter. This service provides a secure and safe environment for Glasgow's vulnerable rough sleepers during the coldest time of the year. Tea, coffee and snacks are also provided. The LHM has supplied free meal vouchers for those attending and to date over 500 have been distributed. Since the beginning of December the average number attending has

been around 20 per night. This is well above last year's attendance.

Not only has practical support been offered at the LHM; but I the LHM Chaplain, have been a volunteer twice at the night shelter covering the whole shift from 9.30 p.m. till 08.00 a.m. the next day. I plan another couple of night shifts before the shelter closes at the end of February as does Angela, our support worker. Doing these shifts helps the LHM establish vital contacts with service users and with other organisations involved in the shelter.

Give thanks for this vital Night Shelter service and pray for all those involved in running it and for the safety of all who use it.

Blessings

Gus McKay (Chaplain)

## **Christmas Fayre**

The work party would like to thank everyone that was involved in our recent Christmas Fayre. A big thank you goes to those who supported us by attending the Fayre and to those who handed in donations. The marvellous sum of over £2,200 was raised in aid of the Church Fabric Fund



## Church Kitchens

At the end of December, the Ladies from the Drop In, held their annual meeting to discuss and decide what they were going to do with the funds they had raised throughout the year. It was unanimously decided that although the two kitchens had served us well over the years (the main kitchen was renewed during the time of Mr Ross) they are in need of renewing. Thanks to these ladies a "New Kitchen Fund" has been set up with the Drop In donating £2,500.00 towards the fund. Also thanks to the lady bowlers who also contributed £200.00. This is a great start to the fund. Hopefully it won't be too long before we are able to commit to this project



## Kilsyth Community Food Bank

Please remember that we are still accepting donations of non perishable and personal care items, especially meat that could be use for dinners. There is a box in the vestibule on Sunday's or goods can be handed in at the drop-in on a Friday. You can find out more about their organisation on their facebook page where you can share their news.



## Flower List

1 <sup>st</sup> February:	Mrs Clem Bryden
8 <sup>th</sup> February:	Mrs Anne Harrower
15 <sup>th</sup> February:	Mrs Ann McCallum
22 <sup>nd</sup> February:	Miss Anne Strang
1 <sup>st</sup> March:	Mrs Christine Roberts
8 <sup>th</sup> March:	Mrs Helen Provan
15 <sup>th</sup> March:	Mrs Mollie Muirhead
22 <sup>nd</sup> March:	Mrs Rita McKerron
29 <sup>th</sup> March:	Mrs Sandra Allan



With St Patrick's Day on the 17<sup>th</sup> March and St Patrick's celebrating the 150th Anniversary of their Parish and the 50th Anniversary of the new Church building, I picked this Hymn and story



## Be Thou My Vision, the Song and the Story

St. Patrick (385-461 AD) was a man zealous for the things of God. As a missionary, he defied an Irish King's edict that restricted the lighting of candles on Easter Eve. King Logaire of Tara had decreed that no one was allowed light any fires until a pagan spring festival was launched by the lighting of a fire on Slane Hill. Patrick chose to honor God in spite the threat of death. King Logaire was so impressed with Patrick's brave devotion, he let him continue his missionary work unhindered.



An 8th Century Monk, Dallan Forgaill penned the words to *Be Thou My Vision*, as a tribute to St. Patrick's wholehearted loyalty to God. The hymn was translated from Irish to English in 1905 by Mary E. Byrne. In 1912, Eleanor H. Hull arranged the song into the verse most commonly found in English hymnals today. The music to accompany the lyrics is an ancient Irish folk tune called *Slane*.

### *With Thanks....*

*Thank you so much for the lovely flowers, they were appreciated very much*

*Clem Bryden*

*Thank you for the beautiful flowers which greeted me on my return from hospital. Sincere thanks also for all your best wishes and prayers, especially those by Alex Fleming during the Pause for Prayer group at the drop in café. They gave me comfort knowing your thoughts and prayers were with me during my operation*

*Jane Barclay*

## The Lord's Prayer

After several issues of the magazine, we are coming toward the end of our consideration of the Lord's Prayer.

Last time we were thinking about asking God to meet our most urgent need by



providing us with daily bread. That, of course, does not exhaust our urgent needs. As Jesus himself reminds us 'man cannot live by bread alone'. So we move on to see how we might ask God for the essential restoration of our relationship with him, when we sin, by seeking forgiveness.

The clause that deals with this petition, which is found in Luke 11:3 has been translated in three ways. The NIV translates it 'forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. The alternatives are 'forgive us our trespasses' or 'forgive us our debts'. This last is how we repeat it most commonly when saying the Lord's Prayer in worship. Each one is possible. The central theme is that we have broken our relationship with God by violating his Law. Debts here do not refer to financial failings, but rather things that we owe to God. Trespasses obviously refer to overstepping the mark and going into things and places where believers have no right to be. Speaking of sins is, perhaps, the clearest of all in that it highlights the guilt we have brought upon ourselves and the punishment that should follow.

Now along with sins, (debts or trespasses) there goes the word forgiveness. That is the cancelling out of the punishment we should bear. It is God alone who can grant such forgiveness, for all sin is against God (Psalm 51:4). With forgiveness there is also bundled together in this closely related group of terms the word repentance.

Now reading superficially it would appear that we get forgiveness only when and because we have forgiven others. However God does not set conditions like that before granting us forgiveness. The grace of God on which forgiveness rests is unconditional. Rather forgiveness comes when we repent. "A broken and a contrite heart, O God, you will not despise".

(Psalm 51:17) So what about our forgiving others their wrong doing against us? Well that arises out of our thanksgiving for what God has done for us. Full repentance and forgiveness will have that effect. As we are forgiven much, so we in turn will want to forgive much. So a right relationship with God is restored as is the right relationship with others.

It is a wonderful conclusion to a terrible situation.

**Praise God!**



## Birthdays

*Happy Birthday to Mrs Jean Paterson who celebrated  
her 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday on the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2015*

*Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday to*

*Mrs Betty Gordon on the 18<sup>th</sup> February 2015*

*Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday to*

*Anne & Elspeth Strang on the 18<sup>th</sup> February 2015*

*Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday to*

*Mrs Clem Bryden on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015*

*Happy 81<sup>th</sup> Birthday to*

*Mrs May Erskine on the 27<sup>th</sup> February 2015*

**40<sup>TH</sup>**

## Wedding Anniversaries

*Ruby Wedding Anniversary:*

*Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Margaret & John Brown on the 28<sup>th</sup>  
December 2014*

## Deaths

*23<sup>rd</sup> November 2014: Ms Lindsay Hamilton*

*28<sup>th</sup> December 2014: Mr James Hodge*

*10<sup>th</sup> January 2015: Mr Bill Mowatt*





# Church Diary

Sunday:	Morning worship	11.00am
	Evening worship	6.30pm
	(fellowship after service in main hall)	
	Time for prayer      Wyper Hall	6.00pm
Monday:	Ladies Bowling	10.30am
Tuesday:	<u>Girls Brigade:</u>	
	Explorers (P1-P3)	6.00pm
	Juniors & Brigaders (P4 +)	7.00pm
Wednesday:	Praise Group	7.30pm
	<u>Boys Brigade:</u>	
	Anchor Boys (P1 -P3)	5.45pm
	Junior Section (p4 -P6)	6.30pm
	Company Section (P7 +Secondary)	7.30pm
Thursday:	Mid-week Fellowship	
	Wyper Hall	7.00pm
Friday:	'Drop in Café	
	Wyper Hall	10.00am - noon
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# Dates for your Diary

1 <sup>st</sup> February:	Youth Parade	11.00am
3 <sup>rd</sup> February:	Kirk Session	7.30pm
4 <sup>th</sup> February:	Praise Group Practice	7.30pm
15 <sup>th</sup> February:	Rev. A Fleming	11.00am
	Rev. M Allen	6.30pm
21 <sup>st</sup> February:	Over 70's Dinner	2.30pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> February:	Rev. M Allen	11.00am
	Rev. A Fleming	6.30pm
1 <sup>st</sup> March:	AGM (after morning service)	
4 <sup>th</sup> March:	Praise Group Practice	7.30pm
15 <sup>th</sup> March:	Communion	11.00am & 6.30pm
24 <sup>th</sup> March:	Managers Meeting	7.30pm

## Glasgow City Mission and the Girls' Brigade

Thank you to everyone who came and supported Eilidh Kerr and Holly Bankier at their mince pies/tea and coffee event after the Christmas Gift Service. This was part of their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh and they were delighted to raise £80.00 for Glasgow City Mission.



The Brigaders are looking to go in and visit the Glasgow City Mission between now and May as part of their badgework. They are continuing to plan fundraising events and learn more about the City Mission on Tuesday nights.

### Night Shelter

A big thank you to everyone who has given pyjamas and socks. They were gratefully received. The night shelter has been busy with around 20 people each night using this facility. It will run until the end of February.

### Plastic Bags



If anyone has any spare plastic bags please can you give them to Helen Shaw, Margaret Brown or Jacqueline Brown. Each night the Mission runs, the men and ladies use the bags to carry food home from the mission. I am aware it now costs 5p for a bag but the delight when there are bags makes me even buy a bag for them.

Jacqueline Brown

### A Wee Reminder

British Summer time begins on the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2015.  
Clocks go forward 1 hour.



## BOYS' BRIGADE

Happy New Year to all of you. I hope that you all had a good Christmas and New Year. At the end of November the Anchor Boys and Junior Section enjoyed an evening at the pantomime at Cumbernauld Theatre. Now that Christmas is over they are going bowling at Kirkintilloch on 21st January, and then it's back into the hard work of gaining their badges!

Thank you to anyone who helped us with the Christmas card deliveries. It is a busy time for everyone and we do appreciate the help of those who are prepared to assist with this fund raiser. It is a great way of raising money -- £2950 into the funds. Of course we must also thank those who entrusted their cards to us again.

I also must thank the Company Section Boys who packed bags in the Co-op on Christmas Eve. This money will go towards our next project in Malawi. £799.99 was raised, but some kind soul donated the 1p necessary to make it up to £800.

Thank you to all who purchased the calendars which we produced showing our work in Malawi. This has brought in around £900 which again goes to the next Malawi project. The fund for this is growing, and I'm hoping that we MIGHT be able to go this year to refurbish the Church. Thank you to those who have been giving us regular donations towards this worthwhile project. Watch out for details of any fundraising events which we plan - after exams!!!

Once their prelims are over, our Senior Boys will be working hard to complete their work for their Queen's badges and for their Duke of Edinburgh's silver award. Colin Scott has now been trained to lead the expedition section - thanks, Colin for undertaking that.

The Company Section are about to embark on studying a set of DVDs called Nooma - thought provoking Christian material - as part of their badge work. We tried a new approach to badge work for the first part of the year, but it didn't work too well, so we're reverting to the 'old' way of doing it!

Can I remind you of our latest fund raiser which does not cost you anything - you'll be glad to hear that!

If you buy any new electrical appliances would you please cut off the old cable and keep it for us! Or, if you have any old cable lying around the house/shed/garage..... It can be left in a box in the Church vestibule or in a box in the hall, or if you let me know I will happily collect it from you. I recently took what I had gathered to the recycling place and received almost £100 - for the Malawi fund, of course! Thank - I'm sure you will support us in this venture as you do in so many other ways.



## PRAYER REPORT

It was with some trepidation that we prepared for our PRAYER DAY on 11<sup>th</sup> January. Frankly we had no idea how many people would come or how the whole idea would be received. At the morning service Allan preached on the theme of prayer and gave a very clear message about what prayer means. This was based on the word **CHAT**. The letters of that word indicating the four steps:-

**C**onfession

**H**alleluiah (which means Praise)

**A**sking God

**T**hanksgiving

With these thoughts still in our mind we gathered, fortified by a bowl of soup and sandwiches.

It was gratifying to see well over twenty people gathered in the chancel area. So the afternoon proceeded with people coming and going as we turned to pray for all our groups and organisations in turn. Everyone had obviously got the message that they could be there for the time when we would be praying for the activities they were most interested in. Some remained for much longer and happily the chancel remained full throughout the afternoon and by the end some forty people had been present for at least a part of the time.

The evening service continued with another message on prayer and we ended feeling the whole day had been a very worthwhile experience with many taking part who had perhaps never prayed in public before.

The Kirk Session will consider a report on the day which we hope can be repeated. It might be modified and improved in the light of that consideration. Many thanks to all who took part and contributed to something special and a bit away from our comfort zone.



### *Getting to know you: Lynda Anderson*

#### **What brought you to Kilsyth Anderson Church?**

We had previously attended KCC but Douglas got to know Mr McKinnon through his role as chaplain at Balmalloch Primary School. We went initially to see what like it was, were very warmly welcomed and have kept coming back.

#### **What involvement do you have in the church?**

I have been coming to the Anderson Church for about 12 years and previously helped with the Youth Club when it was still on. I was asked last year to consider becoming an elder, to start with I wasn't too sure but eventually after much thought agreed and attended my first meeting last year.

#### **What do you like most about Kilsyth Anderson Church?**

I really like the Bible based teaching of the Rev. Vint and the way he has introduced videos and new music into the Sunday services.

#### **What hopes do you have for the future here?**

Much as I really enjoy the fellowship just now I would love to see more families and young people attending and for more modern hymns to be sung during worship times.



*Introduction: Ancient people recognised the RAINBOW as a sign of peace and of harmony. The ancient Hebrews recognised it as a sign given by the Creator that he wants all living things to live and flourish in peace and harmony, all clans, all tribes, all colours, all faiths, all nations. That between us there should be no division but mutual respect and appreciation of one another's gifts as well as our differences. In this way we enrich one another by reflecting to one another the beauty and magnificence of the Creator. "When the rainbow appears in the clouds I will remember the everlasting promise between me and all living things on earth."*

## “THE STORY OF THE RAINBOW”

Once upon a time all the colours in the world started to quarrel, each claimed that they were the best, the most important, the most useful or the most favourite.



**GREEN** said: “clearly I am the most important. I am the sign of life and hope. I was chosen for the grass, the trees, and the leaves. Without me all the animals would die. Look out into the countryside and you will see I am in the majority.”

**BLUE** interrupted: “You only think about the earth, but consider the sky and the sea. It is the water that is the basis of life and this is drawn up by the clouds from the blue sea. The sky gives space and peace and serenity. Without my peace you would all be nothing but busybodies.”

**YELLOW** chuckled: “You are all so serious. I bring laughter, gaiety and warmth into the world. The sun is yellow. Every time you look at a sunflower the world starts to smile. Without me there would be no fun.”

**ORANGE** next started to blow its own trumpet: “I am the colour of health and strength. I may be scary but I am precious because I serve the inner needs of human life. I carry all the important vitamins, think of all the carrots, the pumpkins and the oranges. I don't hang around all the time, but when I fill the sky at sunrise or give you a majestic sunset to admire, my beauty is so striking that no one ever gives another thought to any of you!”

**RED** could stand it no longer. Red shouted out, “I'm the ruler of you all. Blood, life's blood. I am the colour of danger and bravery. I am willing to fight for a cause. I bring fire in the blood. Without me the earth would be as empty as the moon. I am the colour of passion and of love, the red rose, the poinsettia and the poppy.”

**VIOLET** rose up to its full height. He was very tall and spoke with great pomp: “I am the colour of royalty and power. Kings, chiefs and bishops have chosen me, for I am the sign of authority and wisdom. People do not question me. They listen and obey.”

**INDIGO** spoke more quietly than the others, but just as determinedly: “Think of me, I am the colour of silence. You hardly notice me but without me you all become superficial. I represent thought and reflection, twilight and deep waters. You need me for balance and contrast, for prayer and inner peace.”

And so all the colours went on boasting, each convinced that they were the best. Their quarrelling grew louder and louder. Suddenly there was a startling flash of brilliant white lightning, thunder rolled and boomed out. Then suddenly **RAIN** started to pour down relentlessly. The colours all crouched down in fear, drawing close to one another for comfort.

Then **RAIN** spoke: “You foolish colours, fighting amongst yourselves, each trying to dominate each other. Did you not know that the Creator made you all, each for a special purpose, unique and different? The Creator loves you all, he wants you all. Join hands with one another and come with me. He will stretch you across the sky in a great bow of colour as a reminder that he loves you all, that you can live together in peace, a promise that he is with you, a sign of hope for all for tomorrow.” So whenever He uses a good **RAIN** to wash the world, He puts the **RAINBOW** in the sky and when we see it we should remember that He wants us all to appreciate and live with each other in peace and harmony and not try to fight or dominate anyone

## More Treasure To Cherish

With Christmas over we leave behind our celebration of the birth of Jesus. Now the wider secular world who have been joining in this celebration to a limited extent turns away completely from thinking about Jesus.

Christians on the other hand see not just the attractive story of a baby, but the coming of one who grew and developed as he was prepared for his public ministry and for his eventual death and rising again. Our memory verses for the next few months then refer to the little glimpses we get of Jesus's life up to the start of that ministry.



### **February; Luke Chapter 2: Verse 40**

Here is Jesus still a child, but already showing signs of being special  
"And as the child grew and became strong: he was filled with wisdom and the grace of God was upon Him".

### **March; Luke Chapter 2: Verse 49**

Jesus at age twelve, coming to the end of boyhood and now showing an increasing awareness of his divine origin and destiny, when discovered by his distraught parents who had missed him on the way back from Passover in Jerusalem

"Didn't you know that I had to be in my Father's house?"

### **April; Luke Chapter 3: Verses 21 & 22**

Jesus is now an adult and ready to begin his main work. He comes to John to be baptised and as he emerges from the River Jordan, this amazing thing happens. This confirms who he is and launches him on the great task he has come to do.

"As he was praying, Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove and a voice came from Heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased"

# Kids Page



## WORD LADDER

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## Psalm 23 Crossword

Word List:  
king twentythree  
sheep overflows  
fear goodness  
anoint house  
shepherd protect

- Across
- God is our shepherd-\_\_\_\_\_.
  - In this psalm David compares himself to this animal.
  - David doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ evil because God is with him.
  - This lesson is about Psalm Chapter \_\_\_\_\_.
  - You anoint my head with oil; my cup \_\_\_\_\_.
- Down
- Surely \_\_\_\_\_ and love will follow me all the days of my life.
  - This is done in a ceremony by pouring oil on someone.
  - David talked about living in God's \_\_\_\_\_ forever.
  - The shepherd's main job is to do this for his sheep.
  - David used this profession to describe how caring God is.

Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

## Mother's Day Anagram

Word List:  
appreciate, blessed, commandments,  
example, forgive, holiday, honor, listen,  
love, respect



- hnoor \_\_\_\_\_
- bdeelss \_\_\_\_\_
- ceeprst \_\_\_\_\_
- adhiloy \_\_\_\_\_
- elov \_\_\_\_\_
- acdemmmnnost \_\_\_\_\_
- aaceeipprt \_\_\_\_\_
- eilnst \_\_\_\_\_
- efgiorv \_\_\_\_\_
- aeelmpx \_\_\_\_\_

## Places to find us

### FACEBOOK/ TWITTER

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### WEBSITE

[www.kilsythandersonchurch.org](http://www.kilsythandersonchurch.org)

If you wish to listen to the morning service again,  
it can  
be found on the church website

### CD MINISTRY

A copy of the morning service can be provided.

Please speak to your Pastoral Care visitor  
who can arrange for a copy

Items of news, special occasions, etc. for the next  
Newsletter should be given to  
Helen Shaw by Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2015

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