



# ***Kincarrathie House Spring 2023 Newsletter***

Recently I saw an advert on the television. It was for a story-writing service. You could contact this company who would send round an author who would then ask you lots of questions in order to write the story of your life. I think it is a great idea. It is something you can then pass on to your children or grandchildren. My biggest regret about living in a fishing village for many years is that I did not have the time to write down some of the stories the old fishermen had. They were brilliant stories that really gave a good insight into the village when most of the men worked at sea. The boats leaving the harbour at one minute past midnight on a Sunday, everyone with their radios on as they sang psalms as they left for the week's fishing. Coming home from school to find langoustines in a pot, because there was no market for those so the kids ate them as snacks. Going round the coast of Britain every year following the shoals of herring. All sorts of stories that are in danger of being lost.

I have been thinking a lot about stories, the stories we tell about ourselves and the stories we read. In fact I wrote this recently, which I want to share with you. Maybe it will put the biggest story into perspective for you:

“The Bible is a story, nothing more, nothing less. What makes it special is that the story is God's story, it is God's love story. God speaks, the narrative begins, and creation happens. We know from the beginning that this is a love story, because God speaks from God's being which is three persons in relationship and the pinnacle of his opening speech is a creature made in God's image and therefore with the desire and capacity to love and be loved. However, we soon learn that humanity does not want to live in God's story, it wants to construct its own story and so that initial relationship is severed and sin enters the picture.

The first twelve chapters tell of this sin and the effect it has on the relationships within humanity and between humanity and God. However, God is not content with that situation and so in chapter 12 of Genesis we begin the story of how God wishes to reconcile with humanity and indeed all creation. We hear of the covenant between God and Abraham. We hear of slavery in Egypt, the Exodus and the promised land. We hear of God's hesed, his steadfast love, towards his people and their continued rebellion. We hear hymns of praise by those who want to remain part of God's story and prophets who urge the people to stop writing their own story and be content to be within God's. We hear of God's son, being born, living and teaching, dying and rising again. We hear a new way that God tells his story through apostles and even that man Paul, until we hear the end of the story and God loving and being loved in a new creation.”

*How do you fit in to the story?*

*Reverend Graham Crawford*

# Recent Highlights



**The Blackford Fiddlers  
in January**

## Seasonal art & craft activities



**March Quiz Night  
The winners, with our  
young volunteer**



**Strength and Balance & Games with students from Perth College**



**Games prize-winner!**



**Our hatched Easter chicks!**

**Lingo Flamingo French class (below)**



**Carol, from our Activities Team, has been working on knitting project to make a blanket for the Turkey Earthquake Appeal. Thanks to all residents and staff who have knitted squares. The blanket is nearly finished!**



**As we have moved into Springtime, it has been lovely to see the residents getting outside more in the better weather and visiting the Walled Garden. Already we can see the benefits of the improved access and pathways within the garden, as well as the extra seating areas around the garden.**

**We have had students from Perth college visiting to help us with our Strength & Balance classes and play games, which has been a great success. A small group of residents has been meeting regularly to learn/polish up their French-speaking skills and we were delighted to watch seven chicks hatch during the Easter week. Also, some residents have taken part in a song-writing and story-telling project designed for care homes and primary schools, and, in May, this will conclude with a class of children from St Ninian's Primary School visiting to perform the song they have written for us, based on the residents' contributions during earlier visits.**

**Looking further ahead, we are planning a Coronation Day Celebration on 6th May and a royal-themed Coronation Lunch on 7th May. We are also looking forward to some summer events and are planning to hold our annual Garden Party in September (date tbc).**

***With best wishes, Nicola MacCallum, Home Manager***