

SUNDAY 16TH JANUARY 2022

ST COLUMBA'S FAMILIES NEWSLETTER

HI FAMILIES OF ST COLUMBA'S,

The picture this week comes from a retired Church of Scotland minister in St Andrew's, Revd David Donald Scott who writes at <http://daviddonaldscott.com/blogonthelearig/>

His wife Mary-Catherine made this Sugar Bunny. They are usually made from the colours of sugar almonds. This one is white. David describes her: "She has lovely big ears matching her dress. She also has a little purple jacket with yellow trim. The Sugar Bunny walks very easily and is called Claribel."

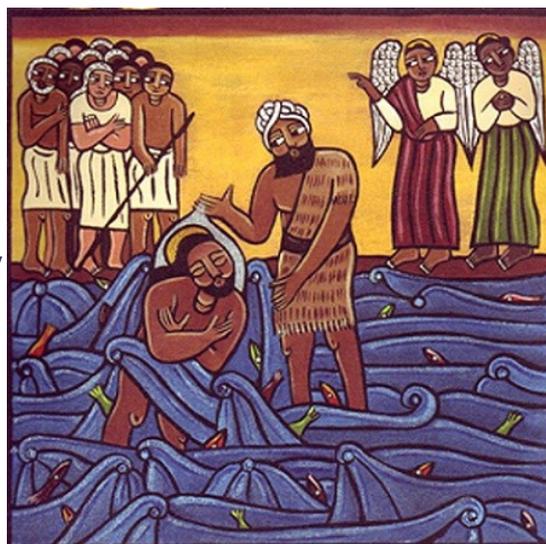
Mary-Catherine didn't make it for a grandchild. She and David don't have any at the moment. Nor did she make it for a craft fayre. There isn't one on the calendar. So why did she make it? "She made it because the Sugar Bunny was such a delight!"



Last Sunday at St Columba's we heard the story of Jesus' baptism and we baptised young James Coleman. When Jesus was baptised in the Jordan by his cousin, John, he heard a voice from heaven saying, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." (Or "in whom my soul delights.") At his baptism, God told Jesus how much he loved him. It marked the start of Jesus' ministry to the world.

At any baptism God is saying the same to the one being baptised. "You are my beloved daughter. You are my beloved son in whom I am well pleased."

As David concludes in his blog: "We don't have to do anything to be loved by God. He loves us because he made us, and he made us because we are a delight to him - just like the Sugar Bunny!" That is quite a thought, we delight God! Keep on delighting!



Dates for the Diary

Sunday School will meet at church, at 11am on the following dates. We very much hope you can be part of that.

Sunday 6th February

Sunday 6th March

Sunday 3rd April

Preparations for Lent 2022

Last year one of the really lovely contributions to our collective, congregational journey through Lent, towards Easter, were the recordings made by some of our St Columba's families for the church website <https://www.stcolumbas.org.uk/scripture-and-music-for-lent/>

We hope to do something similar this year. Please let Angus know if you would like to record a reading and a prayer. It is very simple to do, with the resources provided for you. And it definitely encourages others and is much appreciated. Do be in touch!

In the meantime, we hope you can stay happy and healthy. And for those of you who may be poorly at the moment, get well soon.

Keep smiling!

Angus and the Sunday School Team

