

# ST COLUMBA'S FAMILIES NEWSLETTER

## HELLO FAMILIES OF ST COLUMBA'S

Wishing you a continuing happy Eastertide (traditionally Easter is celebrated for 50 days!) and welcome back to school and to church, after the holidays.

As we continue to think about some of the first stories of Easter, for example Thomas, you might be interested in this reflection from a retired Church of Scotland minister called, David Scott:

“When I visited the National Air and Space Museum in Washington in 1979, I was able to see with my own eyes a sample of the rock which had been picked up from the surface of the moon. Although I could see it with my own eyes, I couldn't prove that it had actually been taken from the moon.

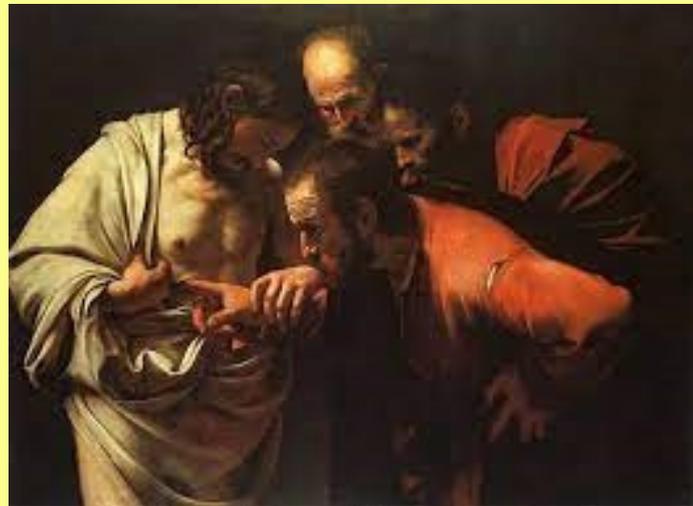
However, I had seen the astronauts on the TV. I had read about the Space Programme. I trusted the scientists who had presented the facts. Therefore, I was prepared to make the leap of faith required and believe that the rock had come from the moon!

It wasn't because I saw the rock that I believed it came from the moon. It wasn't because Thomas saw the risen Lord that he believed he was God. In both cases, we had to make a leap of faith. Seeing was not believing.

The leap of faith could only be made through the spirit of enquiry. And that begins with questions, uncertainties, doubts. It requires the honesty to look stupid and the courage to go into unknown territory. Whilst his senses couldn't prove that Jesus was God, they took Thomas to the place where he could believe it!”

Together I hope we can learn to ask good questions, trust Jesus and make many leaps of faith.

See you Sunday and to everyone going on the bushcraft activity – have a brilliant time.  
Angus & the Sunday School Team



Jesus shows his wounds to the disciple Thomas.