

EASTER EGG APPEAL 2018

A very BIG thank-you to everyone who supported our annual Easter Egg Appeal back in March. There was a huge response to our appeal for people to donate chocolate Easter Eggs for distribution to needy children through our local food bank. A whole car-load of eggs was collected and it was both wonderful and humbling to see such a generous response from our congregation. As the hymn says, "*Faith proves itself in deeds.*"

Our friends at Cornerstone were amazed by the generosity of the congregation and our friends at the food bank were delighted to share in the Good News of Easter.

A new initiative for us this year was our 'knitted chicks'. One of our members had found a knitting pattern for hand-knitted 'chicks', each of which was just the right size to hold a chocolate creme egg. Such was their popularity, a group of people was soon set up to knit these, while other people donated chocolate eggs. Thanks to everyone's generosity, £107.50 was raised for church funds.

EASTER CRACKED OPEN

Cumbernauld Old was one of 14 churches in Falkirk Presbytery that took part in *Easter Cracked Open*, an outreach event for all ages, in the Howgate Shopping Centre in Falkirk at the end of March.

There was a variety of crafts and games, a story corner, prayer tree and praise band – all telling the Easter story – and it was good to see so many churches working together.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS

The annual Good Friday Walk of Witness, arranged by Cumbernauld Churches Together, continues to go from strength to strength, with dozens of participants from churches across the town taking part.

Our route this year went from outside the former Dunnes Store, through the Town Centre and finished at the United Reformed Church with a final act of worship about an hour later.