

Meet The Man From Galilee.

As we approach Good Friday and the celebrations of Easter; chocolate eggs, cards and hot-cross buns are quickly disappearing from the shelves. One question remains: "Have we forgotten what these celebrations are all about?"

Directed by Beth Lynam, a group of local people from New Life Christian Fellowship, are performing *The Man From Galilee* play, sharing the true meaning of Easter. Performing songs and dialogue from *The Man From Galilee*, with a medley of video clips from *The Miracle Maker* film, the cast re-enact the story of Jesus' life, death and resurrection in a moving and powerful way.

The first performance, enjoyed by a number of local residents, took place on Palm Sunday in Kilgetty Community Centre. Opening with Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, this and Jesus miracles attracted huge crowds, with even bigger expectations. Jesus' words are tinged with a taste of what was to come: "For the future of man and the promise you gave, I go to my grave" (*The Man From Galilee*).

As the musical unfolds, tension mounts, some religious leaders are threatened by Jesus power. Judas' song shows how Jesus was betrayed by one of his closest friends. Jesus knows what is to come, he talks with his followers about death and betrayal. He performs his own memorial meal: bread, to remember his broken body, and wine remembering his shed blood.

Mary's song portrays Jesus' pain, as he faced the prospect of bearing the punishment for the world's wrongs, Jesus begs for another way. He accepts his fate, submitting completely to God's will. The show darkness as Jesus is taken, beaten, arrested, spat upon, crucified; he does not curse the crowds, but says: "Father Forgive them!".

Then death. Disciples despair. Three days of waiting. At the tomb the stone miraculously rolled away, it was empty! People see Jesus alive again, resurrected! Rumours spread rapidly. Do you doubt this story? Meet Thomas, the doubter: "unless I see and put my hands in Jesus wounds, I'll never believe!" Enter Jesus, Thomas' doubts dispelled.

The final song brings the true message of Easter to life: "look towards tomorrow, face the future with a smile... although there may be grey skies, he will drive the clouds away, open up your heart and let the sun shine, you will find a better day". Jesus tells his followers to go and share his good news with the whole world. This is what Easter is all about; celebrating Jesus' love for us today.

A second performance of *The Man From Galilee* takes place **11am, Easter Monday 5th April, outside Kilgetty Community Centre, followed by a free Easter Egg hunt. A craft fair** is also planned from 10am to 4pm inside Kilgetty Community Centre. All are welcome.

