



Daily Bible Readings

OCTOBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		NOVEMBER	
1	Malachi 1-4	16	Mark 8-9	1	John 1-2	16	Acts 12-13
2	Matthew 1-4	17	Mark 10-11	2	John 3-4	17	Acts 14-15
3	Matthew 5-6	18	Mark 12-13	3	John 5-6	18	Acts 16-17
4	Matthew 7-9	19	Mark 14	4	John 7-8	19	Acts 18-19
5	Matthew 10-11	20	Mark 15-16	5	John 9-10	20	Acts 20-21
6	Matthew 12-13	21	Luke 1-2	6	John 11-12	21	Acts 22-23
7	Matthew 14-17	22	Luke 3-4	7	John 13-15	22	Acts 24-26
8	Matthew 18-20	23	Luke 5-6	8	John 16-17	23	Acts 27-28
9	Matthew 21-22	24	Luke 7-8	9	John 18-19	24	Romans 1-3
10	Matthew 23-24	25	Luke 9-10	10	John 20-21	25	Romans 4-7
11	Matthew 25-26	26	Luke 11-12	11	Acts 1-3	26	Romans 8-10
12	Matthew 27-28	27	Luke 13-15	12	Acts 4-5	27	Romans 11-14
13	Mark 1-3	28	Luke 16-18	13	Acts 6-7	28	Romans 15-16
14	Mark 4-5	29	Luke 19-20	14	Acts 8-9	29	1 Corinthians 1-4
15	Mark 6-7	30	Luke 21-22	15	Acts 10-11	30	1 Corinthians 5-9
		31	Luke 23-24				

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Music in Polmont Old

The choir item during the 'Homecoming' service in September was an old well-known hymn – 'Oh, for a closer walk with God', set to a Scottish tune – 'The Flower o' the Quern', composed in 1884 by James Scott Skinner, the great Scottish fiddle musician. In my search for the meaning of 'quern' in this context, I came across the lyrics for which Skinner wrote the music.

The words were written by J Gordon Phillips from Elgin, as a tribute to a young woman, Mary Morrison. Mary lived in Forres in the latter half of the 19th century and was described as the 'bonniest lass from Inverness to Aberdeen'. She was widowed at a young age and later remarried the chauffeur to the Earl of Moray.

The Flower o' the Quern

The flo'ers grow fair on the Lowland vales
 An' green grow the wids on the braes,
 An' soft an' low sing the scented gales
 in the lang, lang simmer days;
 But dearer to me are the mountains blue
 where grow the heath an' fern,
 An' the bonniest flo'er is the ane I lo'e
 That blooms 'mang the braes o' the Quern.

Quern - the Old English meaning of this is - a stone hand mill for grinding corn; often given to the lower of the two grinding stones, which was slightly hollowed. This could explain the Gaelic meaning of the word as 'a hollow'.

Smile when picking up the phone.
 The caller will hear it in your voice

When you realise you've made a mistake,
 take immediate steps to correct it.