

Blackford's  marks the spot
Treasure Hunt

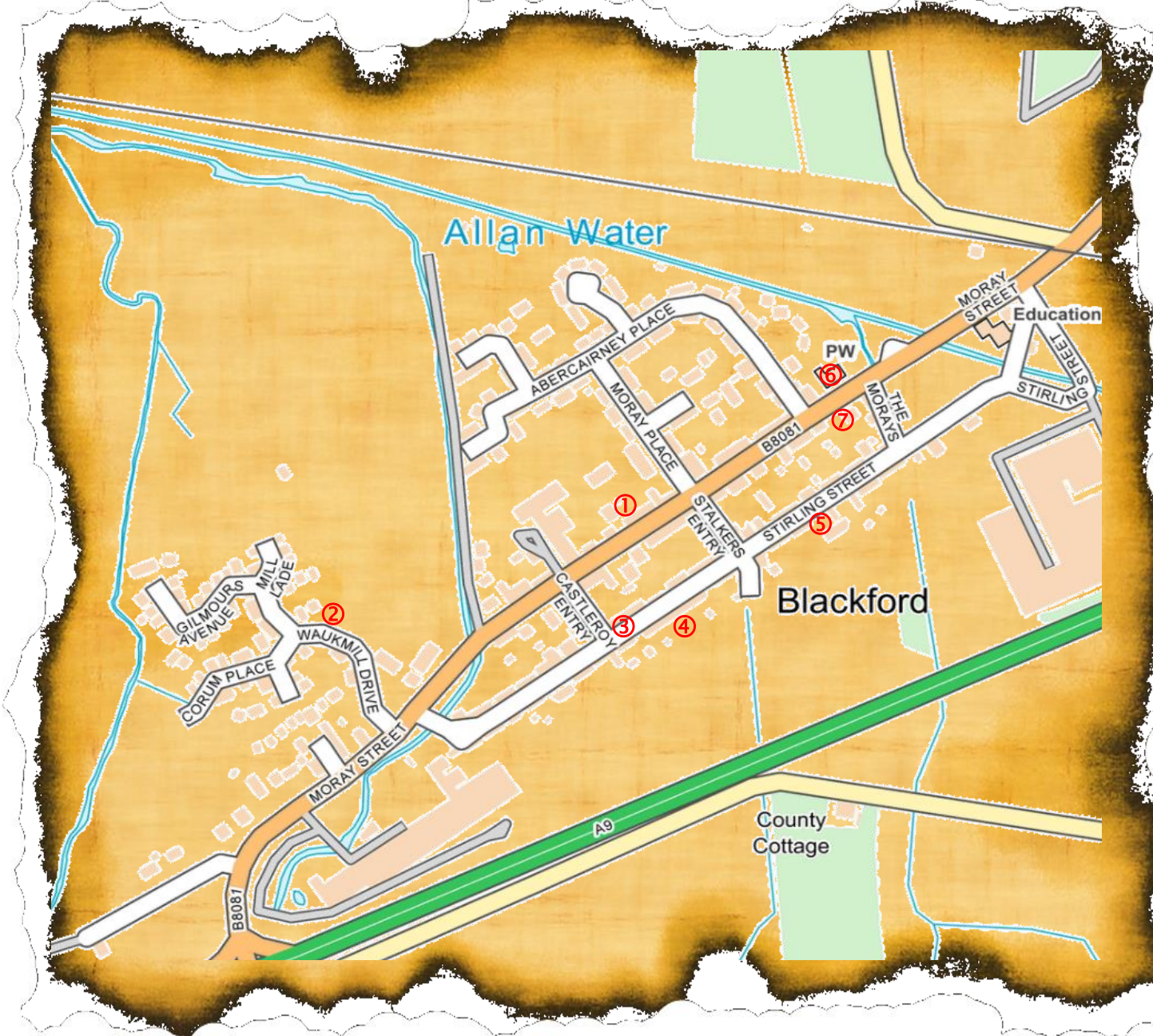
Rather than an Easter Egg hunt across the village, this year you're looking for the crosses in house windows to claim your prize.

From this Sunday—known as Palm Sunday—dozens of crosses like the one above will be appearing across the village.

All that children have to do is find the right number of crosses for their age group, mark them on their map and claim a crème egg or a bag of mini eggs.



We kind of know this will need an adult's help- how's your map reading?



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Pre school to P3	10 crosses
P4/5	15 crosses
P6/7	20 crosses

Claim your prize by taking your map to any of:
Gordon & Jane Roy, Beechwood, Stirling Street
Laura Peacock, Kilbride, Stirling Street
Jeannette Barr, Laurel Cottage, Moray Street
All are PVG checked and approved to work with children.



If you've ever commented on *13 round a table*, eaten a *chocolate egg* or worn a *crucifix*; if you've felt *excruciating* pain or been let down by a *Judas* who betrayed you. If you've talked of a *doubting Thomas* or *washed your hands* of someone, then you've been drawing from the Easter story.

Now you can experience the sights, sounds and tastes of Easter as you walk round Blackford.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday of Easter Weekend: 1-5pm each day

It's open to the sceptics, the curious, the lapsed and the bored—and those who already live in the light of Easter. You don't need to take a child.

Drift along our Easter Journey at your own pace or with one other household as rules allow. Stopping points are shown here and numbered on the map

If you're not able to get out and about there will be a virtual Easter Journey on our website with details of our online Easter services as well.

Happy Easter and God bless you.

Rev Mairi Perkins and all church members



1. Palm Sunday

As Jesus arrives in Jerusalem, the crowd line the main street and greet him like a King. Perhaps we'll be free of these Romans. How did Jesus arrive? There's a sound clue you'll need to pick up and use.

Laurel Cottage, Moray Street

2. Turning the tables

Who did this? Jesus? What? Gentle Jesus, meek and mild? He's really angry at those who make it difficult to get to God and chases the money makers from the temple. What's your "three word Jesus" summary of him? Has it changed at all?

4 Waukmill Drive



3. A meal like no other

Jesus wants to eat a meal with friends—don't we all! The Jewish Passover remembers how God saved his people from Egypt. Then Jesus told them how to remember him. The food helps tell the story and we'll share what we can with



4. The Garden of Gethsemane

As the pressure mounts, Jesus takes some time in the Olive Garden when trouble arrives.

We have an "as live" recording to listen to and interpret as you join in with the struggle.

On the path in the field behind Kilbride, Stirling Street



5. Pilate washes his hands

Only Romans could sentence to death. Pilate finds nothing wrong but, under pressure, he calls for water as if there's no longer blood on his hands. How are you under pressure? What do you want off your hands? Jesus can remove it.

Tullibardine Cottage, Stirling St

6. The Crucifixion

Romans knew how to kill; they were good at it. Crucifixion giving us words like crucial, excruciating and crux. It's that important. Watch The Miracle Maker animation. What will you hold onto from it? We'll offer an olive wood cross, but what else? **Church grounds**



7. The Garden Tomb

Jesus gave his life. A friend gave his tomb. Roman soldiers took guard once the stone was over the entrance. Jesus' friends went into lockdown for fear of death. Life seemed hopeless.

Spoiler alert: Everything changes on Easter Day!
Inverlussa Moray Street



Need to know more?

The Bible's a good place to go, or here's our Easter book for this year. The story of one of the guys on the other crosses that day. Heaven crops up in our thoughts more than you might imagine. How did this thief get there? How would we get there?

Ask us for a copy or try the Bell of Hope.

