

The Xplorers Group Kilmelford.

The Xplorers meet in Kilmelford Church on the first Sunday of every Month except January and August. Xplorers is a young people's group and all children from the age of 3 – 16 are welcome. We meet at 1600 in the church and enjoy many different activities as we explore various aspects of the Christian faith. The activities are appropriate to the different age groups who attend. At 1645 we have a break for refreshments and at 1700 there is a 15 minute Prayz time to which family, friends and visitors are welcomed by our young people.

21 young people attended Christingles on 2nd. December. The following Prayz time extended its welcome to visitors from the Netherlorn parishes for the first of the Advent celebrations. The minister kindly invited everyone to mulled wine, tea and Christmas cakes at the Manse following the Prayz time.

The Family Nativity Service on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>. December was very well attended by grandparents and parents of the children involved in reading the Christmas Story. All the young were delighted to be able to take home a knitted sheep as a thank you and memento of a very happy service.

February saw us continuing the story of the Wise Men and exploring aspects of "giving". Activities included the making of a model tent as used by the Wise men, friendship bracelets and the filling of shoe boxes to send as overseas gifts to children less fortunate than ourselves.

Xplorers will continue to meet on the first Sunday of every month throughout the year at 4pm for activities and discussion followed by the Prayz time. The first Sunday in March falls during Fairtrade fortnight and we will be considering Jesus' teaching on "fairness". The April meeting is after the Easter weekend, however our theme will still be based around the Easter events and, weather permitting we will roll painted eggs outdoors; otherwise eggs will roll in church!  
All are welcome to come and join us.

A group of young people from Hilton Church, Inverness, are staying in Kilmelford Village Hall from 7<sup>th</sup>.-14<sup>th</sup>. April. They will host fun, games and various activities in Kilmelford on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. These are free of charge and open to all. See the posters for details.