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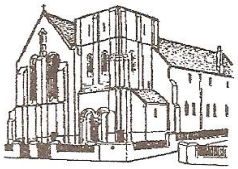

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From the Minister's Desk

"Jesus answered, 'It is written: man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" **Matthew 4: 4**

Dear Friends,

Lent is the period before Easter when Christians from some traditions observe a fast – occasionally a literal fast from sunrise to sundown (an idea Islam copied with Ramadan), but more often the giving up of cakes and baking. This latter practice led to people using up the last of their eggs and flour to make pancakes on the day before Lent started, hence the celebrations of Shrove Tuesday.

It arises from the start of Jesus' ministry, when He went into the wilderness for forty days and nights and ate nothing during this time of testing. More recently, Christians have used Lent as a period to give up certain things as a mark of commitment to their Lord and as a test of self-discipline.

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Some folk have chosen to give up chocolates or alcohol during Lent; more recently there is a trend of people giving up social networks like Facebook for the forty days. It can be a way of resetting our priorities and thinking about the things that can dominate our lives, sometimes in an unhealthy way.

This year the Kirk Session has invited the congregation to take up a different Lent challenge – to give up your usual seat in the Church and sit somewhere else, nearer the front. This is giving us the opportunity to share closer fellowship, to get to know different members a bit better, and to participate in the service from a new perspective.

It can be an uncomfortable thing to move away from what is familiar, but many have said they are enjoying being drawn together and speaking to different folk at our services. For some, there are particular reasons for staying put – like having space for a guide dog in training – but for most of us this is a challenge that is bringing benefits.

If you've not been at Church for a while, why not join in our Lent fellowship and sit somewhere different on a Sunday morning?

Yours in the Grace and Peace of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Mike Goss.

POUNDS FOR PANAHATTI

A special collection taken at our Communion services on Sunday January 24 raised £232.91, which Acting Treasure Sandra Dow has forwarded to the hospital at Panahatti in India.

Carnoustie Church is a registered charity.
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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

We ask you to join in these services which celebrate the Church's most important festival.

Palm Sunday March 20
7.00pm: Service in St Anne's, Thomas Street.
Monday March 21 -Friday March 25
10.15am: Reflections in Panbride Church Hall.
Monday March 21
7.00pm: Service in Barry Parish Church.
Tuesday March 22
7.00pm: Service in Panbride Church, Arbroath Road.
Wednesday March 23
7.00pm: Service in Baptist Church, High Street.
Maundy Thursday March 24
7.00pm: Agape Supper in Erskine UF, Kinloch Street.
Good Friday March 25
11.00am: Walk of Witness from Black Slab Car Park.
12 noon: Quiet Hour at Holy Rood Church, Maule Street.
7.00pm: Joint Service in Carnoustie Church.
Saturday March 26
8.00pm; Service of Light in Holy Rood Church, Maule Street.
Easter Day Sunday March 27
6.45am: Sunrise Service at Leisure Centre Car park followed by breakfast in Philip Hall.
9.30am: Morning Service in Barry Parish Church.
11.00am; Morning Service in Carnoustie Church.

THE NEXT CONTACT

The next issue of CONTACT will appear on Sunday April 3 and all items to be included should reach the Editor by not later than Sunday March 20.

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

Funerals: *"Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me shall not perish, but have everlasting life.'"*

Feb 3	Mrs Isabel Hyslop, Braehead Drive.
Feb 11	Mrs Irene Moody, Kirkton Terrace.
Feb 15	Douglas Grassick, Thomas Street.
Feb 23	Kathleen Fraser, Ravensby Road.
Feb 29	Douglas Mitchell, Kinloch Care Home.
Mar 1	James S. Lindsay, Winter Place.*
Mar 3	Mrs Alvaine Watson, West Smieton Street.*

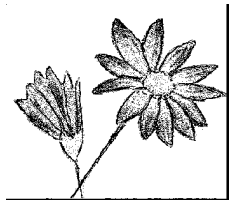
* denotes a Carnoustie Church member.

ANNUAL STATED MEETING

IN CHURCH AFTER MORNING SERVICE

SUNDAY MARCH 20

OLIVE'S FLOWER SHOP



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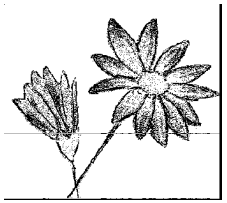

CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING

On Saturday March 12 the local Churches in Carnoustie will once again come together and hold a Coffee Morning in the Philip Hall to support the work of Christian Aid.

There will be the usual stalls – cake/candy, bric-a-brac, gifts, the last named having proved especially popular in previous years. Donations for any of the stalls will be very welcome. Tickets will be on sale soon — adults £1.50, children 75p.

Remember the date….. Saturday March 12.
Remember the place…. the Philip Hall.
Remember the time…. 10-11.30am.

Allison Edwards.

BAKE OFF to TAKE OFF

As mentioned, in last month's Contact, we will be at the helm of Bake Off to Take Off, a special Coffee Morning to raise funds for the work of MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship), the charity Carnoustie and Barry Church Guilds are jointly supporting this year. Tickets will be on sale nearer the time, adults £2, children £1.

Do come along. You will have the opportunity to sample really nice home baking.

Donations for the cake/candy, bric-a-brac and gift stalls will be appreciated. The gift stall is always popular, so a box will be placed at the back of the church next month to receive wrapped donations to the value of no less than £1.

Children are invited to enter a cake decorating competition (entry 50p), and so it is hoped you will bring your young people along.

We are pleased to say that the Senior Boys from our local Boys Brigade Company will be helping to serve the coffee on the morning.

Looking forward to your support!

Allison Edwards. (for the FUN GROUP.)

THE GUILD

March sees us nearing the end of this session but there are still plenty of opportunities to join us for various meetings.

At 2.00 pm on Wednesday March 9, we will be joining the rest of Angus East Presbyterial Council for their AGM in Old & Abbey Church in Arbroath. The speaker is Rev Ian Murray and if you are interested in attending, get in touch with a Guild committee member for details about transport.

Wednesday March16 is our Annual Meeting. It will be held at 7.30 pm in the Philip Hall By the time it is held, we usually have filled any spaces on the Committee and sorted out all our finances so normally the meeting does not take long at all. However, this year we will have a few decisions to make with regard as to how to keep our branch going and how to go forward.

The theme for the 2016/17 session is 'Be Bold, Be Strong, Go in Joy' and we are hoping that this is what we will be able to do. To finish off this particular evening in joy, there will be a Beetle Drive with a twist, so come along to see what that twist is.

On Wednesday April 6, Rev Dougal Edwards will be telling us all about his trip to Cuba and there will be plenty of room for everyone to hear his tales.

Irene.

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YOUR MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

Sun Mar 6	Mrs Y. Eaton and theVardyFamily.
Sun Mar 13	Mrs I.R.Johnston and Mrs N.Watson.
Sun Mar 20	Mrs D Armstrong and Mrs A. Gall.
Sun Mar 27	Mrs S. Duncan and Mrs E.Mann.
Sun Apr 3	Mrs S. Dow and Mrs E. Duffus.
Sun Apr 10	Mrs A. Fenton and Mrs.S. Lindsay.
Sun Apr 17	Mrs H. Thomson and The Vardy Family.
Sn Apr 24	Mrs D. Taylor and Mrs P. Thornton.

JAMES S. LINDSAY

We were all saddened to learn of the death of Jimmy Lindsay in Ninewells after a brief illness.

Jimmy was a faithful member and long-serving elder of the Church in Carnoustie. He served for a time as Session Clerk and later as Presbytery Elder, giving unstinting service in so many ways, not least with the fabric of Carnoustie Church itself.

A former Captain of the 1st Carnoustie Boys Brigade Company, he greatly enjoyed working with young people over many years, even getting dressed up for the drama in the Holiday Clubs in the Philip Hall.

I first met Jimmy at the Manse when it was being made ready for the Manse family to move in prior to the induction in 2003 – immediately I found someone who went the extra mile to help others, and I was to find a man of great integrity, loyalty and quiet good humour.

Jimmy will be greatly missed by us all, and particularly our prayers remain with his wife, Stella, and children Anne, Alistair and Norma, and their families

Mike.

"The primary reward for human toil is not what you earn but what you become by it."

John Ruskin.

DOOR DUTIES – MARCH

Sun March 6	Sandy Thornton, David Blair, Audrey Duncan, Audrey Doherty, George Roger, Christine Roger, Mairi Allan and Sandra Armit
Sun March 13	Allan Gall, Mike Richardson, Ann Green, Sandra Dow, Jacqui Armstrong, Norma Murdoch and Jean Brown.
Sun March 20	Alex McGill, Ann Banks, Allison Edwards, Alan Ferguson, Alan Lindsay, Val Russell and Gavin Allan.
Sun March 27	Gordon Hampton, Margaret Ramsay, Effie Bruce, Mandy Ferguson, Gwen Pyne and Sandra McKay.
Sunday April 3	Ian Johnston, Jennifer Craib, Johann Stevenson, Jim Patterson, Kay Landsburgh, Graham Landsburgh and Pru Milne.

AVIE WATSON

We learned with sadness that Avie Watson died on February 26 in Arbroath Infirmary. Widow of the late David, Avie was a regular attender at church, taking her turn on door duties. She also enjoyed the Guild Study and Friendship Group and the Guild itself. The CONTACT team will miss her regular and cheerful help in folding the magazine and distributing it. We offer our deepest Sympathy to her son, John, her daughter in law, Maggie and their family.

Do You Know?

Across Scotland CrossReach works in over 70 different projects, supporting people through Services to Older People, Adult Care Services and Children and Family Care Services.

GUILD'S HELP WELCOMED

Sandy Scrimgeour is Chief Executive of the Association Trust (Scotland) the umbrella organisation for the Street Pastor teams spread across Scotland. They are one of the Church of Scotland Guild's 3-year partner projects.

"The movement started in London in 2003," Sandy explains, "and by 2007 had spread to Scotland, with Pastors operating in Aberdeen, Inverness and Perth. In January 2010 Association Trust (Scotland) was founded to support the ever growing number of Scottish units. There are now twenty three and are still expanding.

Street Pastor volunteers will come from various denominations and that is really important. When they go out as a team they leave their differences in customs and traditions behind and share one thing – the love of Jesus.

The latest planned teams are in Ayr, Prestwick and Stornoway. Every Street Pastor volunteer will be trained for fifty hours. After training he or she will be out on the streets by Christmas. The teams will go out one or perhaps two nights a week (although each person is only expected to be out once per month).

"When they start chances are they may be a bit shy and find it hard to share their faith and pray openly," Sandy observes. "A year later and they'll have grown in confidence, be much more open to active engagement."

Association Trust is planning to train team leaders, co-ordinators and local management teams.

"We want to raise awareness of the work that Street Pastors do," Sandy observed. "Like many organisations, we need volunteers."

Their work may often involve looking after young people who have had too much to drink, but Street Pastors meet people of every age group and with all sorts of problems.

"The Guild 's 3-year partnership will help us in many ways," says Sandy, "especially with training, so that it is consistent over the whole of Scotland. We are incredibly appreciative of the help."

2016 COMMUNION ROTA

Communion is held on the 4th Sunday of all months stated
BOLD are card communions

Team A Sept, **Oct,** Nov	**Team B** Feb, **Apr,** May	**Team C** **Jan,** June, Aug
Evelyn Baker	Sandra Dow	Audrey Duncan
Ann Banks	Allison Edwards	Mandy Ferguson
David Blair	***Alan Ferguson***	Gordon Hampton
Ian Johnston	Allan Gall	***Irene Hoar***
Kirsten Mann	Ann Green	Alan Lindsay
Margaret Rsmsay	Norma Murdoch	Alex McGill
Mike Richardson	Sandy Thornton	Gwen Pyne
Peter Thornton		Pat Thorntom/
		Rhona Goss

Additional Volunteers for communion duties	Additional Volunteers for washing glasses
Audrey Doherty	Sheila Blair
Susan Turner	Jenny Maclaren (Not January)

Each team will be responsible, when they are on duty, for getting the church ready for communion, serving the elements and tidying up afterwards i.e. washing the glasses and putting everything away including the communion table and chairs.
If you arrange a swap please let your team leader (in bold italics) know as soon as possible.

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SUNDAY MARCH 20

STAMP CORNER

UNDELIVERED MAIL

Royal Mail has admitted it destroys an average of 25 million letters, packets and parcels every year. A mountain of undelivered correspondence – costing millions in postage – is amassed at the firm's National Returns Centre at a rate of almost 70.000 items per day.

In the last six years the company has destroyed 152 million items of post that could not be delivered or returned to sender. The majority, it seems, were business mail, although some envelopes bear no address and are simply written out to the likes of "Mum and Dad"!

In 1926, a seventeenth century trunk of letters was bequeathed to a museum in The Hague. It had belonged to a very diligent postmaster and postmistress of the day, Simon and Marie Brienne. The chest contained an extraordinary archive of 2,600 letters sent from all over Europe none of which were ever delivered. In the 17th century, the recipient also paid postal and delivery charges but if the addressee was deceased, absent, or uninterested, no fees could be collected.

Postmasters usually destroyed such "dead letters", but the Briennes preserved them, hoping that someone would retrieve the letters and pay the postage. The trunk freezes a moment in history, allowing us to glimpse the early modern world as it went about its daily business. Many letters were from French Protestants seeking news of exiled family members, and recording their daily struggles under the regime of King Louis XIV.

The archive itself had remained virtually untouched by historians until it was recently rediscovered. Around 600 of the letters remain unopened, and they are now undergoing a process of x-ray, preservation, digitization and editing that will reveal their secrets for the first time.

So do remember to address your mail clearly and include where appropriate a return address; otherwise in 2316 you could be the talk of Carnoustie!

Allan MacLaren

(COFFEE) BREAKING NEWS.

Both the February Friday Coffee Breaks were well attended. It was great to see so many tables occupied and hear the lively buzz of conversation as people enjoyed the coffee and home baking served by Effie Bruce and her helpers.

The Coffee Breaks in March are on the 4th and 18th of the month in the Phillip Hall from 10.00 to 11.30 am and it is not too late in the session to join us for a cuppa and chat. We would be delighted to see you.

Thanks to the ladies who responded to our recent request for helpers. If you have a spare hour one Friday to help don't hesitate to get in contact with us.

Evelyn Baker.

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PRAYER FOCUS

We offer these thoughts to add to your own prayers:

1. **Holy Week and Easter** – Give thanks for our partnership with other Churches in the town and pray for our witness to the community through the special services that we share.

2. **Zika virus** – Pray for those suffering from the Zika virus and for those trying to deal with this health crisis in South and Central America.

3. **Emergency Services** – Remember those who provide help, care and support in emergencies, especially volunteer bodies like Scottish Mountain Rescue and the RNLI.

FUNDAY CLUB'S CHAS COFFEE MORNING

The Funday Club will be holding its 2016 Coffee Morning in aid of the Child Hospice Association Scotland on Saturday March 19 in the Philip Hall. The doors will be open 10.00 –11.30 am and there will be all the usual popular stalls – Cake and Candy, Toys, Books, Brick-a-Brac and Gifts. Donations for these will be gratefully received and this year we are hoping to have some Face Painting.

Tickets (Adults £1.20, Children 60p) are on sale from FunDay Club leaders, MacDougall's Newsagents or at the door on the day.

Please come along and help us raise money for this very worthy cause.

Jean Reid.

READING FROM THE BIBLE

Sun Mar 6	Gordon Hampton.	**Sun Mar 27**	Alan Ferguson.
Sun Mar 13	Sandra Dow.	**Sun Apr 3**	Irene Hoar.
Sun Mar 20	Allison Edwards.	**Sun Apr 10**	Gwen Pyne.

MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP

In last month's CONTACT I wrote about the Cessna 182 SMA, one of the planes used by our MAF friends in their work in the jungles of Madagascar. The Cessna 208 Caravan is the other type of plane used. As you can see by the photographs on display in the Church, it is larger and more powerful than the Cessna 182 SMA. Both planes are suited to the type of work that is done by MAF, each providing for the needs of the people.

The turbune-powered 208 and its stretched variant, the 208B, allow large payloads to be carried over great distances They have become the backbone of MAF's fleet and provide a great combination of range, capacity and flexibility.

The simple design and construction, along with a reliable Pratt and Whitney turbine engine, which runs on Jet fuel, combine to keep maintenance time and costs to a minimum.

To suit rough airstrips, the Caravans are fitted with sturdy landing gear, larger tyres, mud flaps, rubber scrapers for the nose tyres, and slightly longer nose gear to help prevent mud and rocks being thrown into the propeller when landing.

Fully equipped for instrument flying, with GPS, weather radar and Stormscope, the Caravan is reliable and can operate safely in more challenging conditions such as storms or during the rainy season. MAF use this plane In Mongolia too, where ground temperatures can drop as low as -40ºC in winter and the Grand Caravan is fitted with full de-icing equipment.

The large cabin can take 13 passengers or be adapted to carry bulky items such as timber, prefabricated doors, corrugated iron sheets, fuel drums, and even motorbikes. Cargo pods fitted underneath the plane ease loading of freight, and mean dangerous goods such as fuel can be carried without endangering the passengers in the cabin.

Irene.

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FORTHCOMING DATES

Sun Mar 6	11 00 am: Morning Service in Church. Funday Club leaves Church during service.
Mon Mar 7	12.15 – 1.00 pm: Prayer Group meets in Duthie Room.
Wed Mar 9	2.00 pm: Angus East Presbyterial Council AGM in Old and Abbey Church, Arbroath. 2.30 pm: Afternoon Service in Willowbank 7.45 pm: Youth and Children Team meets in Duthie Room.
Sat Mar 10	10.00 – 11.30 am: Christian Aid Coffee Morning in Philip Hall.
Sun Mar 13	Fairtrade Fortnight ends. 11 00 am; Morning Service in Church. Funday Club leaves Church during service.
Mon Mar 14	12.15 – 1.00 pm; Prayer Group meets in Duthie Room. 7.30 pm: Finance Team meets at Caesar Avenue.
Wed Mar 16	7.30 pm: Worship Team meets. 7.30 pm: Guild AGM in Philip Hall.
Thur Mar 17	10.00 am – 12.30 pm: Study and Fellowship Group meets in Duthie Room.
Fri Mar 18	10.00 am - 11.30 am: Friday Coffee Break in Philip Hall.
Sat Mar 19	10.00 – 11.30 am: Funday Club's CHAS Coffee Morning in Philip Hall.
Sun Mar 20	11.00 am: Morning Service in Church. Funday Club leaves Church during service. **Annual Stated Meeting in Church after Service.** **Material required for April edition of CONTACT.**
Mon Mar 21	12.15 – 1.00 pm: Prayer Group meets in Duthie Room.
Sun Mar 27	11 00am; Communion Service in Church. Funday Club leaves Church during service.
Mon Mar 28	12.15 – 1.00 pm: Prayer Group meets in Duthie Room.
Thur Mar 31	10.00 am – 12.30 pm: Study and Fellowship Group meets in Duthie Room.
Fri Apr 1	10.00 am - 11.30 am: Friday Coffee Break in Philip Hall.
Sun Apr 3	11 00 am; Morning Service in Church. Funday Club leaves Church during service.
Mon Apr 4	12.15 – 1.00 pm: Prayer Group meets in Duthie Room.
Wed Apr 6	7.30 pm; Guild meets in Philip Hall. **Holy Week services see page 3.**