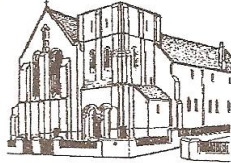


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From the Minister's Desk

“The Word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”

Hebrews 4:12

Dear Friends,

I'm back at the General Assembly once more, this year as a Commissioner, which means I'll get to speak occasionally. Next month's Contact will have a lot more detail and reflection from the Assembly, but I'm writing this after the first day when a number of major decisions have been made.

Of course, the headlines are all about the vote to permit congregations to call Ministers who are married to a same sex partner. This is still against the teaching of the Church, which remains that marriage is between one man and one woman, but vacant congregations will be asked – through their Kirk Sessions – whether they want to depart from this teaching.

(continued)

It is not a happy place for the Church to be in, confused and muddled, with an unclear message to the world which in the end satisfies no-one. This is what the Theological Forum calls 'constrained difference', where the opposing sides in this debate live with a compromise that satisfies neither. Worst of all, it compromises the authority of God's Word, and obscures the message of the Gospel, which is why I and many others recorded our Dissent from this decision.

Yet it is also important to remember that this was only a small part of the work of the Assembly – even on the first day. The Council of Assembly's report on the struggles for the finances of the Church was important.

Income from congregations has stopped rising, but costs continue to rise, and that brings future challenges for the work of the Church. The fall in numbers of Ministers helps to balance the books, but leaves us struggling to provide for Ministers for our parishes throughout Scotland.

There is also good news, with the continued emphasis of moving control of some of our finances to Presbyteries, which helps us look for more local ways of supporting the mission of the Church.

In many ways it feels like the Church is struggling to manage 'business as usual' – but this could lead to exciting possibilities for change and even for renewal in the Church of Scotland. Some decisions cause me and many others great pain, yet I am glad to say that God is still at work in His Church throughout Scotland.

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

Mike Goss

MAF

“End of the Spear “, the Mission Aviation Fellowship film, was shown in the Philip Hall on Friday April 29. It was well attended and raised £200,10 which was forwarded to Mission Aviation Fellowship by Depute Treasurer Sandra Dow who has received a letter of thanks.

STUDY & FELLOWSHIP GROUP

We have now come to the end of our session but will resume meeting again in October. This year our donations, which amounted to £125, were sent to the Scottish Bible Society for the 'Proclaimers' project. This is a little black box by which groups can hear God's Word spoken in their own language, which has proved particularly useful for those who cannot read the written word. Here is the story of one such family

Groum and his sisters found themselves living on the streets in Ethiopia after their parents died of AIDS. They survived on scraps of food found in rubbish bins and were in a constant state of anxiety. Thankfully, they were rescued by a Christian orphanage for street children. The orphanage workers restored them to health, gave them a place to call home and shared God's love with them. They listened to Bible stories through the "Proclaimer" device provided by the orphanage and soon Groum developed a strong faith in Jesus and was doing well in school.

He is now in the final year of high school and hopes to go to university to pursue a career in medicine or engineering. Such a change from a street-kid to an ambitious young man – and all because he heard that Jesus loves him through the 'Proclaimer'!

Effie Bruce.

COMMUNION TEAM - SUNDAY JUNE 26

Audrey Duncan, Mandy Ferguson, Gordon Hampton, Irene Hoar, Alan Lindsay, Alex McGill, Gwen Pyne and Rhona Goss/Pat Thornton.

The team will be responsible 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 chairs and Communion Table.

The retiring offering at the April Communion (24.04.16) raised **£202.76** which was donated to the Organ Fund.

PRAYER FOCUS

We offer these thoughts to add to your own prayers:



1. **Homelessness** – Pray for an end to this scourge on our society, through the provision of support and resources to help people get appropriate housing.
2. **European Referendum** – Pray for wisdom on this complex yet vital issue for our future; pray also for clear, honest debate from both sides.
3. **Stewardship** – Pray for all involved with our Stewardship Campaign and for a faith-filled response from our members.

QUEEN'S 90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Throughout the country on June 12, people will be holding events to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. Carnoustie is no exception with several parties arranged.

At 1.30pm that Sunday, there is an opportunity to join in with others to enjoy a bring your own food picnic at the Philip Hall. It will be held outside if the weather is fair and inside if not, all you have to do is turn up and have a good time with friends.

Everyone is welcome so hopefully we will see you there.

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STEWARDSHIP

June is the month for our Stewardship Season this year. Stewardship is about looking at our resources and reviewing the use we make of them.

A personal pack for members of Carnoustie Church is being hand-delivered to each household early in the month. The information in the pack will give you the opportunity to review your own resources. This year the focus is on money so please carefully consider your giving to the church.

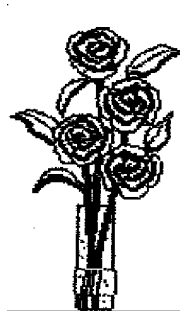
The pack will also contain a response sheet and confidential reply envelope. So please welcome your visitor and arrange the time they may call back to collect your sealed response.

The minister will be preaching on the subject on two Sundays, June 12 and June 26. All the visitors will be calling to collect responses on the week beginning Sunday June 26. It would help enormously if you have already filled in your response, put it in the envelope and sealed that.

Carnoustie Church members enjoy a happy, loving fellowship. An increase in giving would develop this further. *Together we can...*

YOUR MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

Sun June 5	Mrs J. Dundas and Miss A. Hood.
Sun June 12	Mrs S.G. Landsburgh and Mrs N. Young.
Sun June 19	Mrs N. Murdoch and Flower Fund.
Sun June 26	Mrs H. Dorward and Gillian and Mrs P. Murphy.
Sun July 3	Services in Barry Church.
Sun July 10	Services in Barry Church.
Sun July 17	Services in Barry Church.
Sun July 24	Mrs D. Blair and Mrs J.Hoar.
Sun July 31	Mrs O. Milne and Mrs G. Robb.



MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP

Madagascar's incredibly poor infrastructure and vast distances create great challenges for those travelling in the world's fourth largest island. As one of the few organisations able to overcome the difficulties of land travel, MAF was called in to handle the logistics so that SIL International (formerly Summer Institute of Linguistics) and Wycliffe could come together for a translation workshop.

The two organisations usually work closely together to translate God's Word, equip field personnel with linguistics skills, and promote the translation of the Scripture. But despite their shared vision to make the Scriptures available in every heart language, opportunities to bring the different teams together are rare.

Although the teams dispersed across the island work in many different settings, the challenges faced by the translators are very similar.

'Communities that speak lesser-known languages face many challenges when it comes to pursuing social, cultural, political, economic and spiritual goals without losing their ethno linguistic identity,' explains MAF Pilot Josh Plett.

Teams working on translations for the Tandroy, Bara, Betsimisaraka, Antaisaka, and Tanosy people groups were collected over a two-day period. MAF Pilots Patrick Keller and Josh Plett carried out the busy flight schedule and really enjoyed meeting the teams.

'Where there was once disunity because of people speaking different languages,' Josh explains, 'God is now bringing salvation through these diverse languages to build up His Kingdom.'

Two weeks after the original flights, the teams took to the air once more to fly home.

'What a joy to be called to this work,' says Josh, 'to enable these language groups to meet. What a joy to support them as they translate God's Word into other tongues; bringing the Gospel story to people in a language they can understand and identify with.'

'SIL and Wycliffe continue to remain great partners of MAF Madagascar,' he concludes, 'and we look forward to our next flight with them!'

Irene.

CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY

Last month CONTACT reported that, at their final Break for this session, Friday Coffee Break handed over a cheque for £1,700 to CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Dundee. The gift was gratefully received and we now have pleasure in printing CAP's acknowledgement letter. It tells us a little more about CAP, which operates from St Peter's Free Church and is, supported by St Peter's Free Church, Broughty Ferry Baptist Church, Grace Church, and Hillbank Evangelical Church.

Thank you for inviting me to Carnoustie Church FRIDAY COFFEE BREAK yesterday morning. It was good to meet you and your committee and some of the people who regularly attend the event. You made me feel very welcome and the pancakes were delicious.

I saw some of the hard work and commitment that goes into running your group and the amount you have raised since September is evidence of your generosity. I was delighted to accept your cheque for £1,700 on behalf of CAP Dundee. We will use your gift to support our work with some of the most vulnerable individuals and families in the Dundee area.

CAP does not pay off the debts of clients, but works to negotiate manageable repayments with creditors. We do not give money to our clients, but we are able to "bless" them with emergency food shopping or occasional social outings. Your gift is a significant contribution which will enable us to continue this work. It is also a great encouragement to us to know that people are supporting us both financially and in prayer.

Please pass on our grateful thanks to all who support the work of CAP.

Yours on behalf of all who work in CAP Dundee. Ruth Packwood.

READERS' ROTA

Sun June 5	Alan Ferguson.	Sun June 26	Kirsten Mann.
Sun June 12	Irene Hoar.	Sun July 3	Ian Johnston.
Sun June 19	Youth Group.	Sun July 10	Mike Richardson.



STAMP CORNER



Since first appearing on three stamps from Japan in 1875, birds are now among the most popular themes in modern philately, with thousands of stamps being issued. Natural wonders do not come much more amazing than long-distance migratory birds.

Mankind has been aware of bird migration for millennia, but for much of that time underestimated its full extent. Until well into the 18th century many ornithologists and naturalists believed that some species hibernated during the European winter, rather than flying south.

It is now known that millions of birds fly distances of 6,000 miles twice a year, on one of several north-south routes: from Europe to Southern Africa, from North America to South America and from north-east Asia to Pacific Islands or Australia.

The world champion migrant is the Arctic Tern, which breeds around the Arctic Circle in the northern hemisphere's summer, and then flies all the way to Antarctica for the southern hemisphere's summer. As a consequence, this bird enjoys more daylight than any other creature on earth. It also has the longest commute at an estimated 25,000 miles a year.

It has been found that some species migrate at night and others by day, and that the sun, the stars and the Earth's magnetic field are important aids to navigation

However, there remains a great deal that is barely understood. How does a bird find its way back to the same locality, even to the same garden, where it was hatched, when travelling thousands of miles? Answers on a post-card please!

Your contributions of used postage stamps whether featuring birds or not are always welcome. Please use the box at the back of the Kirk for both stamps and unwanted spectacles.

Allan Maclaren.

SAY A PRAYER FOR CROSSREACH

CROSSREACH, the Social care arm of the Church of Scotland, celebrates its 11th birthday this month. It was launched in June 2005 to continue the Kirk's long tradition, dating back to 1869, of providing care and support for those in need. Today CROSSREACH employs 2,000 staff and operates all over Scotland. Its remit is to offer services to people in need in Christ's name, to provide specialist resources as part of the caring work of the Church, to identify existing and emerging areas of need and guide the Church in pioneering new approaches to these problems.

A CROSSREACH HOUSING SUPPORT Service runs in Angus. It helps people with substance misuse problems. OVERSTEPS in Dornoch, provides residential care and support for 24 older people. CROSSREACH COUNSELLING MORAY is available for young people, adults and couples and QUEENS BAY LODGE in Edinburgh provides residential care for 28 older people.

THRESHOLD, another Edinburgh venture, provides housing support and care at home for adults with learning disabilities, while SOUTH BEACH HOUSE in Ardrrossan is home for a further 40 older people. OASIS and THE TRYST, in Bankfoot and Pitlochry respectively, also cater for older people, offering day care and stimulating activities. Hamilton's THRESHOLD SUPPORT SERVICES helps organise holidays and care at home for people with learning difficulties or who suffer from autism.

The list goes on; WALTER AND JOAN GRAY HOME is a 16-bed care home and day care centre for older people in the Shetlands, Whiteinch's MOVE ON SERVICE supports Glasgow adults recovering from substance misuse, WELL HALL, in Hamilton, is home for 38 older residents. At WILLIAMWOOD HOUSE in Giffnock and THE ELMS Care Home in Edinburgh specialist care is available for older dementia sufferers, and OASIS at Garelochhead, offers a day care service that helps people to continue living in their own homes.

The work of CROSSREACH falls into eight main categories: **Children and Families, Counselling and Support, Criminal Justice, Homeless People, Learning Disabilities, Mental Health, Older People and Substance Misuse.** Funding comes largely from the Church of Scotland and the Scottish Government, but as anyone involved in its work will tell you, it depends on **Your** prayers for its success. That is important. Please do not forget CROSSREACH when you say your prayers.

Sandra Dow.

DOOR DUTY TEAMS - JUNE

- Sun June 5** Allan Gall, Mike Richardson, Ann Green, Sandra Dow, Jacqui Armstrong, Norma Murdoch and Jean Brown.
- Sun June 12** Alex McGill, Ann Banks, Allison Edwards, Alan Ferguson, Alan Lindsay, Val Russell and Gavin Allan.
- Sun June 19** Gordon Hampton, Margaret Ramsay, Effie Bruce, Mandy Ferguson, Gwen Pyne and Sandra McKay.
- Sun June 26** Ian Johnston, Jennifer Craib, Johann Stevenson, Jim Patterson, Kay Landsburgh, Graham Landsburgh and Prudence Milne.
- Sun July 3** Kirsty Mann, Neil Russell, Allan MacLaren, Jenny MacLaren, Jane Ower, Irene Morrison, Evelyn Baker and Irene Hoar.

THE NEXT CONTACT

The next edition of CONTACT will appear on Sunday July 3. It will cover July and August and all items for inclusion must reach the Editor by Sunday June 19.

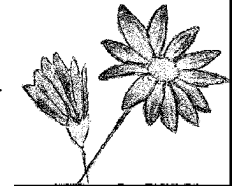
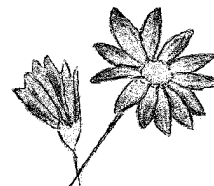
Please note that as the service in July is in Barry Parish Church, Carnoustie Church will be opened from about 11am - 11.30am so that distributors can collect their CONTACTS.

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Funerals: *“Jesus said, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me shall not perish, but have everlasting life.’”*

May 2 Dr John Caldwell, Maule Street.

May 13 Robert Cairns, Kinloch Care.

May 19 Ronald MacDonald, South Grange.

May 23 Nora Duncan, Barry Road.

* denotes a Carnoustie Church member.

HOLIDAY CLUB

Carnoustie Church and the Carnoustie Baptist Church are running a joint Holiday Club during the week of 4th July and are looking for volunteers.

It takes place during the mornings from 4th to 8th July, and if anyone can help even for just one day it would be gratefully received.

If interested please speak to Mike Goss who can also give more details.

IMPORTANT FUNDAY CLUB DATES

Sun June 19 Prize giving service.

Sun June 26 No Funday Club.

Sun Aug 21 Funday Club resumes.

Sun Sept 18 Harvest Thanksgiving.

LARGE PRINT CONTACTS

Over the years we have had a fair number of enquiries from readers about the possibility of supplying a large print version of CONTACT. We are now able to do this and if you feel one would be a help to you please let the Editor (ph 853663) know.

FAIRTRADE

I have been very remiss about Fairtrade news lately although there has been good news to announce. Angus Zone had their Fairtrade Status renewed in January for another 2 years and work continues in all the towns every week.

Carnoustie had their Fairtrade Status renewed in April, again for the next 2 years and thanks go to everyone who has helped support and promote Fairtrade in the town over the last 2 years and more. Keep looking out for, and of course purchasing, items showing the Fairtrade symbol. Remember this supports many people who otherwise would be living in very difficult circumstances.

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Treasure Hunt

The Treasure Hunt, confined to the centre of Carnoustie, is to be held on Friday evening 17th June 2016 commencing at 6.30pm.

All participants to meet at the Black Slab where the Treasure Hunt will start and finish.

Transport to the Manse will be available if required.

The Barbeque which follows, will commence in the Manse Garden around 7pm.

To ensure your dietary requirements are catered for it's a 'bring your own food and own cold refreshments' night.

(Entry form on reverse of page)

To allow the 'chef' to get organised during the Treasure Hunt, please hand in your food to the Manse immediately prior to going to the Black Slab for 6.30pm to start the Treasure Hunt.

Entry forms to Pat Thornton, 9 Collier Street by
10 June

Team name

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Number in team

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FORTHCOMING DATES

- Sun June 5** 11 00am: Morning Service in Church. Funday Club leaves Church during service.
- Mon June 6** 12.15 – 1.00pm: Prayer Group meets in Duthie Room.
7.30pm: Worship Team meet in Duthie Room.
- Tues June 7** 7.30pm: Presbetyery Communion in Carnoustie Church.
- Thur June 9** 7pm: Carnoustie High School Awards Evening in Carnoustie Church.
- Sun June 12** 11 00am: Morning Service in Church. Funday Club leaves Church during service.
1.30pm: the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations. Outside Philip Hall and in Barry West Church Gardens.
- Mon June 13** 12.15 – 1.00pm: Prayer Group meets in Duthie Room.
- Fri June 17** 6.30pm: Treasure Hunt and Barbecue.
From the Black Slab to the Manse.
- Sun June 19** 11 00am: Prizegiving Family Service in Church.
Material required for July/August edition of CONTACT.
- Mon June 20** 12.15 – 1.00pm: Prayer Group meets in Duthie Room.
- Tues June 21** 7.30pm: Mission & Discipleship Team meet in the Duthie Room.
- Thur June 23** 3pm: Afternoon Service in Braehill Lodge.
- Sun June 26** 11.00am: The Lord's Supper in Church. No Funday Club.
- Mon June 27** 7.30pm: Kirk Session Executive meets in Duthie Room.
- Wed June 29** 10.00am: Woodlands P.S. End of Term Service in Carnoustie Church.
- Sun July 3** **10.00am:** Joint Morning Service in Barry Parish Church.
- Mon July 4** 12.15 – 1.00pm: Prayer Group meets in Duthie Room.
Holiday Club starts in Carnoustie Baptist Church.

Talent is God-given. Be humble.

Fame is man-given. Be grateful.

Conceit is self-given. Be careful.

John Wooden.