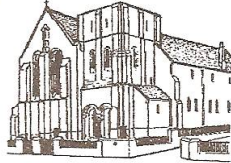


CONTACT



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From the Minister's Desk

**“How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God.
Indeed it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a
needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”**

Luke 18: 24 - 25

Dear Friends,

We've had a wonderful time watching the Rio Olympics this summer, whenever we've had the chance. I have to admit that staying up or getting up in the middle of the night for Usain Bolt's incredible running was never going to happen in the Manse. But catching up later with this and so many other golden moments has been fabulous!

And it is great to be able to celebrate the abilities of British rowers, gymnasts, swimmers and hosts of other athletes – not least our own Andy Murray with his amazing retaining of the Gold that he first won at Wimbledon four years ago.

(continued)

After the struggles and controversies of earlier in the summer – of problems with getting venues ready, the scandals of doping and the worries of the Zika virus – it was just so good to enjoy the games themselves. We should applaud the achievements of those who managed to beat their own targets even if they didn't surpass anyone else, along with the triumphs of each one who stood on a podium at the end of their events.

Of course, although much of the media moves on, the games themselves have not finished. On September 7 the Paralympics begin, when those often referred to as 'disabled' get the chance to show that they can achieve more than most of us ordinary mortals. After the success of the London events, it is to be hoped that these athletes achieve the coverage and acclaim they so richly deserve.

After the close of the Olympics themselves and of the Olympic village, the plight of Kenyan athletes dumped in Brazil's favelas, shanty accommodation, while waiting for flights home was a reminder of the reality of poverty in Rio and across Brazil today. By the end of September the Olympic parties will have left Rio, but the hardships and struggles of the favelas remain.

While we rightly rejoice in all that the athletes will have accomplished, perhaps we ought to seek better ways of supporting and providing for those left behind in Rio and elsewhere. Many of the athletes proclaim a confident Christian faith (not always well reported by the BBC), and Christian churches and charities are already at work in Brazil helping those most in need. Will we stand with them?

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

Mike Goss.

THE NEXT CONTACT

The next edition of CONTACT will appear on Sunday October 2. All items for inclusion must be handed in by Sunday September 17.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Irene Hoar, Allison Edwards, Norma Murdoch, Sandy Thornton, Pat Thornton, David Blair, Graham Landsburgh and Sandra Dow formed the Campaign Team.

With help from Fiona Penny of the Church of Scotland and our minister Mike Goss, they produced the leaflet and response form that was delivered in June to everyone in the Congregation.

Leaders of the district visiting teams readily agreed to ensure delivery at the beginning of the month. 301 packs were given out to members and two non-members both asked for one. It was decided not to involve members living in Nursing Homes, but packs were posted to eight members living in the postal district, only one replying.

We discovered sadly that three members had died, five had moved to unknown addresses, two had moved to nursing homes and one was in hospital.

Despite two or even three visits 49 members couldn't be contacted.

Of the 207 replies that were collected or returned to church, two asked to be removed from the Church Roll

Although not asked for, 13 donations came along with the replies from 13 folk, four of them anonymously. These donations amounted to £1315 and the treasurer, having claimed tax back under Gift Aid on those that were eligible, got a further £207.50 from HMRC.

Seven forms were returned anonymously, 13 indicated no interest, while 69 indicated the receivers would continue giving in the same way as before and 97 were to increase their giving. 10 members asked for bank standing order forms and 11 asked for Gift-Aid forms. (Not all of whom would be new to GA.)

A reminder here to anyone giving directly through their Bank that any instructions regarding change to your offering amount has to be made to your bank by you.

The Campaign Team thanks everyone who co-operated in the Campaign and all the Carnoustie Church members who, having considered the material, responded so positively to the appeal. The Finance Team are very grateful for the willing help received in the project and look forward to reporting on how the Church finances match up with the promises.

Sandra Dow (Acting Treasurer.)

ON THE ROAD

Kirk leaders are going 'On the Road' this autumn, running a series of day and evening events across the country. They want to hear from YOU, to listen to YOUR ideas and to share YOUR thinking about the future direction of the ministry and mission of the Church of Scotland and for planning to make our Church a thriving Church.

This is not just an event for others – it is for YOU! By hearing from YOU more effective plans can be made for the future mission and ministry of the Church.

Local dates are

Dundee – Wednesday September 21 from 11.00am till 3.00pm in the Steeple Church.

Perth – Wednesday November 9 from 6.30pm till 9.30pm in Letham St Mark's.

I have a list of other dates so please get in touch with me if you need more information, or go to the web site <http://churchofscotland.eventbrite.com> to book your place. *Irene.*

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait before starting to improve the world."
Anne Frank.

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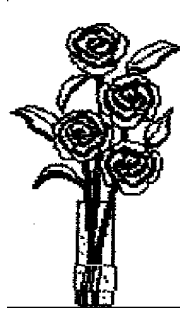
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YOUR MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

Sun Sept 4	Mrs W. Oswald and Mrs A. Thomson.
Sun Sept 11	Mrs S. M. Penman and Mrs M. Ramsay.
Sun Sept 18	Mrs S. Duncan and Mrs N. Stormont.
Sun Sept 25	Harvest Thanksgiving – Flower Fund.
Sun Oct 2	Mrs W.B. Nicoll and Miss J. Reid.
Sun Oct 9	Mrs E. Bruce and Mr C. Haggart.
Sun Oct 16	Mrs A. Hay and Mrs P. Milne.



26 YEARS OF CONTACT

In 1990 David Blair agreed to take on the position as Editor of CONTACT. His first edition was published in the October of that year. Now after exactly 26 years (that is 260 editions of CONTACT) David has decided to retire from that position. So this will be David's final edition as Editor. As well as editing the material David has organised deliveries of CONTACT and other information - such as the Christmas leaflets.

David always carried out his task in a helpful, diligent and remarkably patient manner. The congregation are indebted to David for this long period of service and our best wishes and thanks go to David and of course, to Sheila and Kathleen.

A. G.

TUNING UP

Choir Practices have started again after the summer break. Led by Peter Thornton and Pauline Robertson, our Church's talented songsters met in the Philip Hall on Thursday evening, September 1. There was the usual liting and laughing, not to mention more than a little hard work.

We can look forward to them leading us on the winter Sundays which surely lie ahead, but they would welcome some new members.

Anyone interested in joining the Choir should have a word with Peter Thornton or Pauline Robertson after any Sunday service – or simply go along to the Philip Hall any Thursday at 7.30 pm.

THE GUILD

The Guild does not begin again properly until Wednesday October 5, when Gaynor Scott will bring us up to date with Guild 'doings'. There are plenty copies of the syllabus available so if you want to know more about the rest of the upcoming meetings please ask me for a copy.

However, before then there is the Annual Gathering in the Caird Hall to look forward to on September 3 and Angus Guild Presbyterial Council's annual Dedication and Communion Service is to be held this year in Carnoustie Church on Wednesday September 14 at 7.30 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet up with members from other Guilds and to act as host church is a great honour for us.

The service is open to all so please come along if you possibly can.

The Guild Study and Fellowship Group begins again on Thursday October 13, meeting every second week thereafter. We will continue our study of the Book of Acts. There will be time for tea and chat at 10.00am before we begin properly at 10.30am.

The study, although taken seriously as we all want to learn more about our Bible, is done in a relaxed atmosphere. Many topics are discussed, triggered off by what we read from week to week and highlighting how relevant the Bible is today. Anyone can come along and, if you want to know more, please ask Effie or Irene or just pop along one week and join in.

Irene.

The greatest pleasure of life is love,
The greatest treasure, contentment,
The greatest ease is sleep,
The greatest medicine is a true friend.

Sir William Temple.

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Carnoustie Church F.U.N. Group

TEAM QUIZ NIGHT

to be held in the Philip Hall
on Friday, 23 September 2016
7.15pm for 7.30pm prompt

including light supper and presentation of prizes.

Entry forms to Pat Thornton by Sunday 11 September

Team name

Members

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Contact Phone no.

Cost £2.50 person

ANGUS FOODBANK

Harvest Thanksgiving is on Sunday September 25 this year and we would again be very grateful for any donations to our Angus Foodbank Box at the back of the Church. Last year our congregation's contributions provided a welcome boost to the Foodbank's supplies.

THIS IS HOW A FOODBANK WORKS

Every day in the UK, people, especially those on low incomes, go hungry for reasons ranging from redundancy to receiving unexpected bills.

A simple box of food makes a big difference, preventing housing loss, family breakdown, mental health problems. It even prevents crime on occasion.

Churches, schools, businesses and individuals donate non-perishable, in-date food, toiletries and baby needs to a Foodbank. Volunteers sort and pack the food into boxes, ready for handing out to people in need.

Foodbanks are in partnership with a wide range of care professionals, people such as doctors, health visitors, social workers and police. These people are able to identify folk in crisis and can issue them with Foodbank vouchers.

The receivers of those vouchers can redeem them for three days' emergency food supplies at their local Foodbank. They also meet volunteers and, over a warm drink or a free hot meal, can be signposted to agencies able to solve their longer-term problems.

Last year Angus Foodbank provided 2,699 three-day emergency parcels to local people in crisis, some in Carnoustie.

Graham and Kay Landsburgh.

CHURCH BANKING ARRANGMENTS

The Royal Bank of Scotland, with which we have banked for many years, has closed its local branch, so we have opened a new account with the Bank of Scotland. Our Royal Bank account is still open, but any cheque payments to the Church must now be made out to **CARNOUSTIE CHURCH SUNDAY ACCOUNT.**



MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP

Our year-long partnership with MAF will finish with a special mention at the service on Sunday October 2 but MAF's work continues in Madagascar. You will find below two very different stories of pilots working on the island. They were printed in the recent 'News for Prayer' diary.

STORY 1.

'Exciting news! Madagascar Pilot Becki Dillingham and her husband Matt are expecting their second child – a sibling for four-year-old Bethany! Give thanks that Matt has a job during their extended period of maternity leave in the UK.'

STORY 2.

Pilot Josh Plett and his wife Jocelyn give thanks for their ministry in Madagascar.

'It was a bit overwhelming to ponder the marvel of ten years living, working and raising a family in this far-off country,' says Josh, 'but it has been wonderful, and challenging, and we continue to dig our roots deeper into the red earth of this great island.'

Josh recently flew three medical workers, two doctors and a midwife, to the remote village of Bekodoka. The medics, who work for Philadelphia Aid and Action, spent five days sharing the Gospel and serving the villagers.

"Bekodoka," Josh explains, "continues to be a place of darkness, with only a handful of believers. Although team members have never been physically threatened, they constantly come against the hardships and frustrations of working in this dark environment. When I returned for the team at the end of the week, they told me there had been another break-in. Windows smashed, tools, mattresses and medicines stolen. I marvel at their willingness to invest time, energy and love when people continually try to thwart their work.

"'For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it,' God said. I often think of the story of Abraham pleading for Sodom as I fly in and out of a community that's waiting for spiritual break-through."

Join Josh in praying for a village 'where life will reign instead of death, where there will no longer be fear, but where the people of Christ will support one and all and be a beacon to the surrounding area.'

Pray with him that God will add to their number, that the believers will be encouraged, and that the Holy Spirit will move throughout this dark and inaccessible area.

I hope that everyone will continue to hold MAF and its Madagascar work in their prayers and thank you all for your support this past year.

Irene..

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

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

June 30 Andrew Robertson, Lochend Road.*

July 18 Jessie Gilkison, Braehill Lodge.

Aug 5 Richard Tinley, Condor Court.

* denotes a Carnoustie Church member.

Thanksgiving *"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for of such is the Kingdom of heaven'."*

July 31 Isobel Grace Page, Corbie Drive.

Baptism *"Jesus said, 'Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit'."*

Aug 21 Kayleigh Isla Sawers, Kinloch Street.



FRIDAY COFFEE BREAK



Where has the summer gone? We hope you have had a pleasant time, enjoying the sunny days and even the rainy ones. Meantime the children are back at school; the nights are drawing in.

September is with us now — and that means the Friday Coffee Break was back in the Philip Hall on Friday past, starting a new season of teas, coffees, delicious home baking and friendly chit-chat.

If you missed that meeting, there will be another one in September, on Friday 16, and they will continue on the first and third Friday of each month throughout the winter.

Everyone is welcome to pop in. The cost is just £2.00 per head. The money raised each year goes to a Christian charity and this session we are supporting the Scripture Union movement in Angus and Dundee.

Remember –

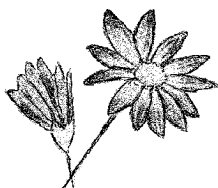
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1ST & 3RD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH
PHILIP HALL – 10.00 — 11.30 am.

Evelyn Baker.

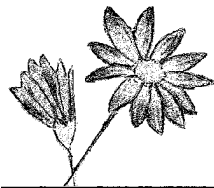
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It's just these little homely things,
The unobtrusive friendly things,
The "Won't you let me help you" things,
That make our pathway light.

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PRAYER FOCUS

We offer these thoughts to add to your own prayers:

1. Italy – Remember those who have suffered or lost loved ones in the terrible earthquake in Amatrice at the end of August, and pray for those providing support and shelter.
2. Rev Brian Dingwall – Pray for the new Minister inducted at the end of August to Arbirlot l/w Carmyllie, and for the congregations he will serve.
3. Boys' Brigade – As a new session begins, pray for officers, leaders and boys as they gain so much from working together in the 1st Carnoustie BBs, and pray for the partnership we enjoy through the Minister as Chaplain and the involvement of staff and families from the congregation.

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STAMP CORNER



A most remarkable piece of postal history survives from the Battle of the Somme, fought 100 years ago in north-eastern France at the height of World War I. It is a fragile message written on flimsy paper in September 1916.

It is historic because it was written by a colonel in the British Army only hours after he had carried out an extraordinary feat of bravery that would see him awarded the Victoria Cross, Britain's highest honour for gallantry.

It is also fascinating and rare, because it was delivered not by the regular field post service but by Pigeon Mail.

The message was written in pencil on a thin tissue-like "Pigeon Service Form", rolled up and inserted in a metal canister and attached to a pigeon trained to fly back to the mobile lofts located 10 miles away from the front line. The message urgently requested supplies of additional trench-building materials.

It is thought up to 90% of World War 1 pigeon messages were delivered safely, but few of these flimsy letters survive. Pigeons were easy to keep and feed, had an amazing homing instinct, and could fly at up to 60 mph. They could be shot down of course, but they were difficult moving targets. When released with a message attached to them they stuck to their task with determination.

Many pigeons earned respect and fame by delivering their vital messages through terrible enemy fire and some were even awarded medals.

Please continue to use the donation box at the back of the Kirk for your contributions of used postage stamps and unwanted spectacles.

Allan MacLaren.

READING FROM THE BIBLE

Sun Sept 4	Ian Johnston	Sun Sept 25	Mike Richardson
Sun Sept 11	BB	Sun Oct 2	Gordon Hampton
Sun Sept 18	Margaret Ramsay	Sun Oct 9	Allison Edwards

DOOR DUTY TEAMS – SEPTEMBER

- Sun Sept 4** Alex McGill, Ann Banks, Allison Edwards, Alan Ferguson, Alan Lindsay, Val Russell and Gavin Allan.
- Sun Sept 11** Gordon Hampton, Margaret Ramsay, Effie Bruce, Mandy Ferguson, Gwen Pyne and Sandra McKay.
- Sun Sept 18** Ian Johnston, Jennifer Craib, Johann Stevenson, Jim Patterson, Kay Landsburgh, Graham Landsburgh, Prue Milne.
- Sun Sept 25** Kirsty Mann, Neil Russell, Allan Maclaren, Jenny Maclaren, Jane Ower, Irene Morrison, Evelyn Baker and Irene Hoar.
- Sun Oct 2** Sandy Thornton, David Blair, Audrey Duncan, Audrey Doherty, George Roger, Christine Roger, Mairi Allan and Sandra Armit.

Drought in Malawi has left around 6.5 million people, a third of the country's population, without access to enough food.

COMMUNION TEAM – SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25

Kirsten Mann, Evelyn Baker, Ann Banks, David Blair, Ian Johnston, Margaret Ramsay, Mike Richardson and Peter 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 Communion table and chairs.

Additional volunteers:

Communion Duties	Audrey Doherty, Susan Turner.
Washing Glasses	Sheila Blair, Jenny Maclaren.

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CONTACT EDITOR

FORTHCOMING DATES

- Sun Sept 4** 11.00am: Morning Service in Carnoustie Church.
Funday Club and Youth Group leave during the service.
- Mon Sept 5** 12.15 – 1.00pm: Prayer Group meets in Duthie Room.
7.30: Meeting in Philip Hall about SU Holiday Clubs.
- Thur Sept 8** 2.30 pm: Afternoon Communion in Brookfield.
- Sat Sept 10** 10 – 11.30 am: BB Coffee Morning in Philip Hall.
- Sun Sept 11** 11.00 am: Boys Brigade Enrolment Service in Church.
Funday Club and Youth Group leave during Service.
- Mon Sept 12** 12.15 – 1.00pm: Prayer Group meets in Duthie Room.
- Tues Sept 13** 7.30 pm: Mission and Discipleship Team meets in Duthie Room.
- Wed Sept 14** 7.30: Angus East Guild Presbyterial Council Dedication Service in Carnoustie Church.
- Fri Sept 16** 10.00 am - 11.30 am: Friday Coffee Break in Philip Hall.
- Sun Sept 18** 11.00 am: Morning Service in Church. Funday Club and Youth Group leave during Service.
Material required for October edition of CONTACT.
2.30 – 4.00 pm: Harvest Messy Church.
- Mon Sept 19** 12.15 – 1.00pm: Prayer Group meets in Duthie Room.
7.00 for 7.30 pm: Joint Kirk Session meeting with Barry in St Stephen's Chapel.
- Wed Sept 21** 11.00 am – 15.00 pm: "On the Road" meeting in Steeple Church, Dundee.
- Fri Sept 23** 7.30 pm: FUN Group Quiz Night in Philip Hall.
- Fri Sept 23 – Mon Sept 26** Minister on holiday.
- Sun Sept 25** 11.00 am: Harvest Thanksgiving and Communion Service in Church.
- Mon Sept 26** 12.15 – 1.00pm: Prayer Group meets in Duthie Room.
- Wed Sept 26** 3.00 pm: Afternoon Service in Braehill Lodge.
- Sun Oct 2** 11.00 am: Morning Service in Church. No Funday Club or Youth Group.
- Mon Oct 3 – Sun Oct 16** Minister on holiday.
- Mon Oct 3** 12.15 – 1.00pm: Prayer Group meets in Duthie Room.
- Wed Oct 5** 7.30 pm: Guild Open Meeting in Philip Hall.
- Fri Oct 7** 10.00 am - 11.30 am: Friday Coffee Break in Philip Hall.