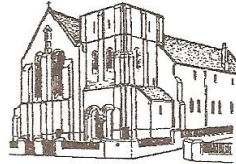


CONTACT



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From the Minister's Desk

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.”

Ephesians 6:18

Dear Friends,

In Scotland today religion is being steadily privatised. There are organisations trying to push religion out of schools under the guise of inclusion, when what they are seeking is exclusion. Using terms like ‘indoctrination’ they give the impression of the Church wielding great power over children's minds.

Of course, if that was really the case we would have large numbers of children attending our church services, but declining and closing Sunday Schools all over Scotland tell a different story. Instead of trying to ‘brainwash’ children, school chaplains attempt to encourage them to explore faith and morals as part of the wider school curriculum.

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I remain deeply grateful for the opportunities that I have to go into Woodlands and Burnside Primary Schools and Carnoustie High, and am keen to explore what more we might do in partnership with folk from other local churches. But it is important that we continue the pressure to be further squeezed out of the public sphere by secularists and others.

That ‘privatisation’ of faith is a pressure many of us feel as adults. There is an embarrassment that some experience with the very idea of talking about our Christian motives and practices. We have become shy of the very things that matter most to us!

Yet we are only believers today because others in the past were bold to proclaim the faith. The Christian Church began in the Middle East, and was an import to our own land – though many centuries ago now. And each generation has needed to pass the message on to the succeeding age.

Some of that embarrassment is seen in the matter of corporate prayer. Of course, no-one wants to be like the hypocrite that Jesus complains of, praying on the street corners to get attention. But praying together is a precious gift to Christians and a vital part of the life of the Church.

So publicly led prayer is naturally a part of every Christian service. Yet there is so much more that we can do together. A few of us meet regularly in the Duthie Room on Monday lunchtimes for a short time of prayer, with folk being able to pray from the heart for people and issues of common and personal concern.

Not everyone who comes along prays out loud, and no-one is made to do so, but simple prayers from the heart are a blessing to us all. Why not join us some day?

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

Mike Goss

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GUILD

GO IN JOY is the theme and this has been demonstrated both at the annual gathering in the Caird Hall, Dundee on September 3 and at the Angus East Presbyterial Council dedication service in Carnoustie Church on September 14. People left both of these meetings with smiles on their faces after being uplifted and encouraged to 'Go in Joy'.

We hope to do the same with our meetings in the Philip Hall over the next few months as we get together to worship, inform and entertain.

The projects we are supporting at the moment are doing really well. Since starting in 2015, a total of £248,031.17p has been raised for the 6 projects. Surprised? The guild is not what you might think so come along, if you can, to any of the meetings, everyone is welcome and you might even learn something!

- Wed 5th Oct at 7.30pm – Gaynor Scott, 'The Guild'
- Sun 16th Oct at 11.00 – Dedication of the guild in Church
- Wed 19th Oct at 7.30pm – A Joyful Evening
- Wed 26th Oct at 2.00pm – An afternoon of poetry, games, fellowship and tea.
- Wed 2nd Nov at 7.30pm – Christian Aid project in Bolivia

The Fellowship and Study group begins on Thursday 13th October and again on Thursday 27th October starting at 10.00am with a cup of tea before starting to 'work' at 10.30am.

Irene

PRAYER FOCUS

We offer these thoughts to add to your own prayers:

1. **Montrose: South & Ferryden** – Pray for Rev Geoff Redmayne, as he is inducted as the new minister of this charge on October 20.
2. **Presidential Elections** – Remember the people of the USA as they vote for their new President in November.
3. **Mission Aviation Fellowship** – Keep MAF in your prayers now that our year of partnership is drawing to an end – the work goes on.

COMMUNION TEAM – SUNDAY 23rd OCTOBER Card Communion with retiring collection for EMMS

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 chairs and Communion Table.

EMMS INTERNATIONAL

In 1841, a group of doctors formed the Edinburgh Association for Sending Medical Aid to Foreign Countries to "circulate information on medical mission; help other institutions engaged in the same work and assist as many Missionary stations as their funds would permit."

The name was changed in 1843 to The Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society – a name which lasted until 2002 when it was split into two separate Charities - EMMS International and The Nazareth Trust.

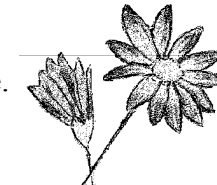
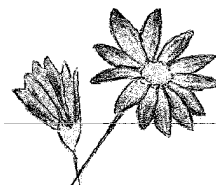
EMMS International is a Christian healthcare charity that works with partners in India, Malawi and Nepal to improve health and healthcare, and facilitates respite for people in Scotland with serious illnesses. The retiring collection from communion on 23rd October will be donated to this charity to help them continue their work.

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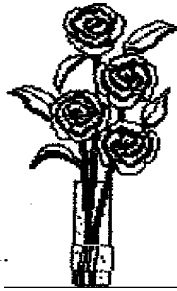
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YOUR MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

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.
Sun Oct 23	Mrs D. Muir and Mrs M. Watson.
Sun Oct 30	Mrs J. Craib and the Flower Fund.
Sun Nov 6	Mrs Betty Picken and Mrs Mary Whyte.
Sun Nov 13	Mrs D. Edwards and Mrs M. MacDougall.
Sun Nov 20	Mrs G. Haggart, Mrs C. McEwan and the Flower Fund.
Sun Nov 27	Mrs A. Lindsay and Mrs M. Stevenson.



The Flower committee have a few Sundays in the year that need donations of flowers to decorate the church. If anyone would like to give flowers please contact Mrs Sandra Penman, flower convenor, at church or call Carnoustie 852204

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 Irene know.

FUN GROUP

By the time you read this we will have held our Quiz Night in the Philip Hall. We are planning for 2017 already with a 'Steeple drive and stovie supper' in February. We will reinstate the Putting Competition in May/June. Later next year would anyone be interested in attending either the Proms or a Shakespeare Night at Glamis Castle in August? We would plan to organise car transport for the Glamis event and think the total cost would be approximately £20 and you bring your own supper. Our finale in December 2017 is a Christmas Party for all ages.

Pat Thornton



CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES



It is the time of year once again that many people start to think about Christmas gifts. Of course there are many children around the world who have never known what it is to receive a present at Christmas. To ensure that many children from poor communities do receive a gift, Christians from around Scotland join together in filling shoe boxes and donating them to Blythswood Christian Care.

The shoeboxes that we filled last year joined 117000 others and were sent to places such as Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Moldova, Pakistan, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine. Nevertheless, it isn't only in Scotland that shoeboxes are donated. In 2015 Blythswood Romania collected over 2700 shoeboxes in Cluj, Bucharest, Targu Mures and Jimbolia. These were then distributed to those in need throughout those regions, creating hope and smiles and a happier Christmas to the young and elderly in need in schools, hospitals and less fortunate communities throughout the country.

This year, Blythswood has received boxes from the Romanian Police department, Ernst & Young, Ecolor, Paprika Radio and the Tokozi Reformed Church in Cluj, Bunge Romania and the Cambridge School of Bucharest amongst many more. It is good to know that Barry and Carnoustie are once again joining in the international Christian work of bringing the love of Jesus into the lives of the poor around the world.

Please use the leaflet contained in this month's Contact as guidance for filling a box.

D. Edwards

P.S. On Friday September 9 a few of us wrapped 19 empty shoeboxes and they are now ready to be filled. If you find it difficult to wrap the box but would like to fill one, please help yourself to a wrapped one, they can be found in the front pew of the east aisle and when filled, it can be put into the back pew of the east aisle.

THE NEXT CONTACT

The next edition of CONTACT will appear on Sunday November 7. All items for inclusion must be handed in by Sunday October 23.



FRIDAY COFFEE BREAK



September saw the first two meetings of this session's Friday Coffee Break and those attending enjoyed lovely home baking and catching up with friends. Another two will take place in October on 7th and 21st so come along and support the people doing the baking but also contributing towards the work of Scripture Union. £2 each for as much coffee/tea as you can manage as well as delicious home baking not to mention chatting to friends.

See you at the Philip Hall from 10.00 till 11.30 on first and third Friday of each month.

READERS' ROTA

Oct 2	Gordon Hampton	Oct 30	Alan Ferguson
Oct 9	Allison Edwards	Nov 6	Irene Hoar
Oct 16	Guild	Nov 13	Gwen Pyne
Oct 23	Sandra Dow		

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

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

Sept 2	Kerr Douglas, Ravensby Rd
Sept 5	Irvine W Murison*, Wallace St
Sept 16	Sheana C Huscroft*, Queen St
Sept 19	Sheila E Swinton*, Brookfield (formerly Spencer Cres)

* denotes a Carnoustie Church member.

New Members: *"If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved"*

August 28 Lysay S Sawers, 12 Kinloch St
Gordon P Sawers, 12 Kinloch St
George Roger, 11 Manor Gdns

DOOR DUTY TEAMS – OCTOBER

- Sun Oct 2** Sandy Thornton, David Bair, Audrey Duncan, Audrey Doherty, George Roger, Christine Roger, Mairi Allan and Sandra Armit.
- Sun Oct 9** Allan Gall, Mike Richardson, Ann Green, Sandra Dow, Jacqui Armstrong, Norma Murdoch and Jean Brown.
- Sun Oct 16** Alex McGill, Ann Banks, Allison Edwards, Alan Ferguson, Alan Lindsay, Val Russell and Gavin Allan.
- Sun Oct 23** Gordon Hampton, Margaret Ramsay, Effie Bruce, Mandy Ferguson, Gwen Pyne and Sandra McKay.
- Sun Oct 30** Ian Johnston, Jennifer Craib, Johann Stevenson, Jim Paterson, Kay Landsburgh, Graham Landsburgh and Prue Milne.
- Sun Nov 6** Kirsty Mann, Neil Russell, Allan Maclaren, Jenny Maclaren, Jane Ower, Irene Morrison, Evelyn Baker and Irene Hoar.

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MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP

October sees the end of our yearlong partnership with MAF in Madagascar and I hope everyone has learnt something of that far off land as well as the about the work of MAF. MAF has been working with the Mercy Ships charity since the beginning of 2016 with the planes taking staff to clinics inland and patients to and from the ship, Africa Mercy, on a regular basis. They are leaving the area now but the number of people that have been helped this year is amazing.

There is one story in the autumn edition of the MAF magazine about a baby girl and the treatment she received for a cleft palate. The mother had carried the baby, walking for 2 days to get to the screening clinic and luckily she was chosen to be flown back to the ship on the next MAF flight. The mother knew that she would be away from her home for several months so word had to be taken back to her village to let the family know. Haingo, the baby, was the 1,459th cleft palate patient to be helped since the beginning of 2016 and everything went well for her so that she returned to her village much stronger and healthier and the photos of a beautiful smiling little girl are uplifting.

Malnutrition affects almost 50% of children in Madagascar with 38.000 children dying before their 5th birthday. I look at my grandchildren and feel blessed that they are healthy and well fed but we must remember children in other countries and the work that goes on by MAF and Mercy Ships along with the other aid agencies all over the world. Without our support, they could not continue to do their work so thanks to everyone who has supported MAF this past 12 months with recycled postcards, buying resources and praying for the pilots and engineers. All your donations have gone directly to Madagascar and have been much appreciated. If anyone is still interested in finding out more about MAF, just let me know and I will gladly pass on details.

Thank you all again,

Irene.

NEWS FROM CROSSREACH

Once again September brought a big mailing from CROSSREACH. 10 copies of the excellent, informative CROSSREACH NEWS - some with guildsfolk and one at the back of the church. The theme of this third issue for 2016 is "Good is not good enough". It is full of examples of advances and innovations throughout the services of CROSSREACH despite the inevitable restraints on finances.

A few copies of the prayer diary arrived too, as did a poster, some Christmas catalogues and a sample calendar for 2017. Yes! It really is that time of year again and I'll be available to take orders for calendars and cards from now on. The collection date for Dundee is October 20 so I need your order really soon.

CROSSREACH is doing well but always asks for our prayers to sustain them while they strive "In Christ's name to retain and regain the highest quality of life which each individual is capable of experiencing at any given time."

See Sandra Dow at church or telephone on 852823 to order your calendar.

FUNDAY CLUB DATES

The Funday Club will be on holiday on Sundays October 2 and October 9, resuming on Sunday October 16. There will be no Funday Club on Sunday November 27.

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