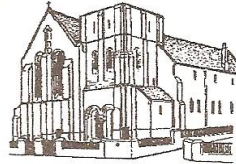


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From the Minister's Desk

“I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.”

Matthew 25:36

Dear Friends,

November sees the return of the annual Remembrance Sunday services, this year with the centenaries of the Battle of Jutland and the Battle of the Somme as a major part of our focus. Such terrible loss of life and the horrors of industrial warfare rightly need to be remembered.

Less well known is that the following week takes us into Prisoners' Week in Scotland. It might seem to be a strange focus for our thoughts, as we often regard prisoners as those rightly judged for the crimes they have committed. Yet perhaps society can be judged by how we treat those who break the law.

I'm not going to dwell on sentencing policy and such matters. It is important for us to think about the purpose of sending people to prison.

(continued)

The well-known problem of the 'revolving door', where our justice system seems to see the same folk in and out of jail repeatedly, illustrates the need for a better focus on prison as a place for rehabilitation, not just for punishment. All of society loses when prisoners don't get the chance to return to a better and more honest way of living.

Some of that rehabilitation can come through the work of Prison Chaplaincy, such as that undertaken by my friend the Rev Anne Stewart in nearby HMP Castle Huntly. Treating prisoners as people, challenging them with the Gospel and showing them Christian love are all part of her day's work.

Alongside the prisoners we remember the victims. Those who have been assaulted, robbed or wronged by those subsequently put in prison need help and Victim Support Scotland provides a massive amount of practical care in our communities.

But they are not the only victims. Spouses and children of prisoners often end up suffering greatly as a result of someone being imprisoned. How does a young child cope with the absence of a father – or a mother – for long periods of time? What about the loss of income from those who were the main breadwinner (with a job as well as a crime in their past)? Perth Prison's Visitor Centre has received funding from the Guild and has support from Crossreach staff to help with family links.

Often Christians rightly remember the plight of those imprisoned for their faith throughout the world. The danger is that we regard them as 'deserving' of support, in contrast to those who have committed real crimes. Our Lord's words of comfort to the thief being crucified beside Him remind us that our focus, like His, should be open to all.

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

Mike Goss.

READERS' ROTA

Sun Nov 6	Irene Hoar	Sun Nov 27	Margaret Ramsay
Sun Nov 13	Kirsten Mann	Sun Dec 4	Mike Richardson
Sun Nov 20	Ian Johnston	Sun Dec 11	Gordon Hampton

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YOUR MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

- 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.
Sun Dec 4 Mrs E. Black and Mrs A. Rendall.
Sun Dec 11 Mrs N. Phillip and Mrs G. Pyne.
Sun Dec 18 Mrs A. Gall and Mrs S. Lindsay.
Sun Dec 25 Mrs A. Gruber and Mrs A. M. McFarlane.



LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

In May of this year, a team from presbytery visited both Barry Church and Carnoustie Church to review both congregations. The focus was on the challenges we face and to find positive ways to help with those challenges. One of the outcomes of the review was that the visiting team *'encouraged the linked charges of Carnoustie and Barry to reconsider the nature of their relationship and whether or not a formal union might be to their mutual financial benefit and facilitate future development'*.

The 2 churches linked 13 years ago and over those years we have shared joint services, hosted various events together and got to know each other better. A joint meeting of the Kirk sessions was held in September and as a result of that meeting, some representatives from both sessions will get together to discuss the possibility of forming a union in the future. We are a long way from a final decision and many meetings and discussions will have to take place before we can even consider taking the proposal forward but it is felt that members of the congregation might like to contribute to the discussions. The members of the Carnoustie team are Sandy Thornton, Mandy Ferguson, Alex McGill and Irene Hoar so if you have any comments or suggestions that might help in discussion, please feel free to approach any one of them to offer your ideas.

REMEMBERING JOHANN

Johann Stevenson died on Wednesday 12th October in Ninewells Hospital after battling with ill-health for some time.

She was a quiet and private person, but as a Sunday school teacher for about 37 years, Johann found a special place in the hearts of the children. She loved working with children, listening to their news as they worked with their craft activities and enjoying the challenge of new projects. Johann delighted in each child's work and shared that enjoyment with them.

Over the years Johann served Carnoustie Church as a member of the Board then moved on to the Youth and Children team. She was part of the FUN committee and delivered 'Contact' for many years.

Many will remember Johann as the person who, for many years, faithfully brought Mr and Mrs Taylor to church, appreciating the container of home-made soup sometimes given to her by Mrs Taylor as Johann did not make soup herself.

Throughout her life, Johann hated letting people down, sometimes turning up at work or church when not feeling too well herself. She was always keen to help in any way she could and I know Johann will be missed by many.

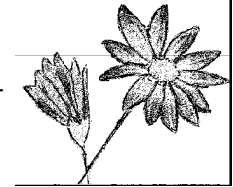
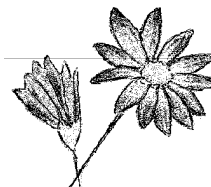
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GUILD

By the time you read this, the first meeting in November will be past. Our speaker was Mary Mulligan from Guild Office in Edinburgh who will have told us all about the Christian Aid project we are supporting this year.

The project is called 'Caring for Mother Earth in Bolivia' and the idea is to provide solar ovens for four indigenous communities in the Amazon Rainforest. I have been fortunate enough to see one of these ovens and they are of an amazing yet simple design and the trial period has been very successful. Using the ovens has meant that the women of the chosen communities have been given the gift of more time and they have organised this time to make more of a positive impact on their communities. The total raised for this project alone so far is over £30,000 with a year and half still to go.

Meetings coming up:

- Wed 16th November at 7.30pm in the Philip Hall– Fiddling Friends will be entertaining.
- Wed 23rd November at 2.00pm in the Philip Hall – Afternoon fellowship meeting
- Wed 30th November at 7.30pm in the Philip hall – A film show from Toucan Films.

The meetings are open to everyone so come along if you can.

We have two events in December and again, anyone can join us but I do need numbers please.

On Tuesday 6th December a group of guild members will be going to the Pantomime (Sleeping Beauty) in the High School at 7.00pm. If you want to go with us please let Norma Murdoch know as soon as possible.

On Wednesday 7th December we are having our Christmas Lunch in the restaurant at Barry Downs at noon. For more details or to come along and join with us please get in touch with Irene as soon as possible.

Irene.

DOOR DUTY TEAMS – NOVEMBER

- Sun Nov 6** Kirsty Mann, Neil Russell, Allan Maclaren, Jenny Maclaren, Jane Ower, Irene Morrison, Evelyn Baker and Irene Hoar.
- Sun Nov 13** Sandy Thornton, David Blair, Audrey Duncan, Audrey Doherty, George Roger, Christine Roger, Mairi Allan and Sandra Armit.
- Sun Nov 20** Allan Gall, Mike Richardson, Ann Green, Sandra Dow, Jacqui Armstrong, Norma Murdoch and Jean Brown.
- Sun Nov 27** Alex McGill, Ann Banks, Allison Edwards, Alan Ferguson, Alan Lindsay, Val Russell and Gavin Allan.
- Sun Dec 4** Gordon Hampton, Margaret Ramsay, Effie Bruce, Mandy Ferguson, Gwen Pyne and Sandra McKay.

PRAYER FOCUS

We offer these thoughts to add to your own prayers:

1. **TEAR Fund** – pray for their work providing emergency aid and long-term development support across the world.
2. **Italian earthquakes** – remember those who have lost homes or businesses, in an area already trying to recover from the earthquake earlier in the year.
3. **Residential homes** – give thanks for the care and support given to our members and many other folk from the community in our local homes, and pray for the services we seek to provide, joining with the other churches in Carnoustie.

CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAPPING

On Wednesday November 23, the Fellowship meeting in the Philip Hall at 2.00pm will offer the opportunity to get some of your Christmas gifts wrapped. If you find a problem wrapping gifts and would not mind donating to MAF, bring them along, with paper if you can, and enjoy a cup of tea and a chat while someone carefully wraps your presents.

FUNDAY CLUB DATES

There will be no Funday Club on Sunday 27th November.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

As we turn to leave the church after each service, how often do we raise our gaze to our striking War Memorial windows, or pause to remember those named on the tablet below?

The Memorial Windows were designed by Miss Margaret Chilton, R.W.A, A.R.C.A., of London and Miss Marjorie Kemp of Edinburgh. Unveiled by the Countess of Airlie and dedicated on 26th August 1923, they had cost £500 (equivalent to £25,650 today), subscribed entirely by the Congregation. The description that appeared on the service sheet on the occasion of the dedication is displayed beneath the windows. Take a moment to read it and you will appreciate the significance of the texts and the detailed imagery in the stained glass.

The names of the twenty three men of the Parish who gave their lives for their country in the First World War, and fifteen who fell in the Second, are inscribed on the memorial tablet below the windows.

The youngest of those who died in the Great War, Private William Mortimer of the Gordon Highlanders, son of Charles and Jessie Mortimer, 23 Kinloch Street, was just eighteen when he died on 11th September 1918. His grave is in St Sever Cemetery in the city of Rouen in Normandy, France.

7th November this year marks exactly one hundred years since the death of twenty six year old Acting Bombardier James A. Morrison, son of Mr & Mrs Andrew Morrison, husband of Mrs J A Morrison of 137 Kinloch Street. His grave is in Heilly Station Cemetery, Mericourt-L'Abbé, about ten miles north east of Amiens in the Somme department in Picardie in northern France.

The centenary of the First World War has been an opportunity to search official and other records for information about the men whose names appear on our Memorial, and the details that have been obtained are now displayed at the back of the Church. It has not been possible to find personal information about them all, so if you can help to fill in the gaps, please let us know.

On Remembrance Sunday 13th November, as we stand before the War Memorial Windows and pray for healing for the nations,

We Will Remember Them.

In this year of the 100th. Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme we pay homage to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in both World Wars and whose names are inscribed on the War Memorial at the back of our church. We will remember them.

IN GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE WHO
WERE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH

JAMES ALEXANDER	WILLIAM C LAMB
RICHARD BELL	SIDNEY A LAMB
G MURRAY DICKSON	JAMES MARR
ROBERT C DICKSON	JAMES A MORRISON
ALEXANDER DUTHIE	JOHN W MORRISON
WILLIAM DUTHIE	WILLIAM MORTIMER
ROBERT HARDIE	WILLIAM M McARTHUR
ALEXANDER M HEBENTON	DONALD McCALLUM
ALISTER HENDRY	PERCY NICOLL
ALEXANDER H HENDRY	VALLENTINE SCROGGIE
DAVID S HOGG	ALFRED VANNET
DAVID M WILSON	
_____1914_____	_____1918_____

SO THEY PASSED OVER AND ALL THE TRUMPETS
SOUNDED FOR THEM ON THE OTHER SIDE

JOHN S BRAND	JAMES LINDSAY
ROBERT CLARK	KENNETH MARSHALL
WINIFRED CUNNINGHAM	IAN R C McCROW
FREDERICK J CUTHILL	JOHN C B OLSEN
WILLIAM T GRAHAM	NORMAN SHEPHERD
GILVARY K HAMILTON	GEORGE THORNTON
GEORGE J INGLIS	ALEXANDER L TYNDALL
WILLIAM WALKER	
_____1939_____	_____1945_____

TO THE GLORY OF GOD
THEIR NAME LIVETH FOR EVER

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

The Kirk Session has been looking at ways to encourage more people to participate in church and community activities. This is not for fund raising or to get new people into church on a Sunday, just ways to encourage communication and fellowship with the people of Carnoustie. We know that more advertising is required to let folk know what is going on in the town and especially the things that are organised by church organisations. We also know that if there were more people helping, more events could be run over the course of the year. Several ideas came out of the discussions and below are listed some things that you might be interested in becoming part of or helping out with. No special skills are required, just a keenness to help and a willingness to be part of something useful and interesting.

- A Men's club
- Knit and Natter sessions (or some other hobby class i.e. scrapbooking or card making)
- Music or art sessions for dementia sufferers and their carers.
- Starting a praise band to help with worship on a Sunday morning (and maybe other times)
- Could you help to organise or take part in a transport service provided for those unable to get to church easily?
- Could you do a reading, prayer or children's address during services?
- Be part of a publicity team
- Help with production and/or delivery of CONTACT.

Of course there are organisations already running within the church that could do with more members or helpers such as: FUN club, Flower Group, Guild, Tea Bar in church, Cleaning team, Prayer Group as well as Finance, Worship, Mission and Discipleship, Youth and Children, and Property teams.

Please contact either Mike, Irene or any of the elders to find out more or to offer ideas of your own: we would love to hear from you.

SERVICES FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Sunday November 27 (1st Sunday in Advent)

- 11 am: Joint Communion Service in Carnoustie Church
– Souper Sunday for HIV/AIDS project

Sunday December 4

- 9.30 am: Morning Service in Barry Church
11 am: Morning Service in Carnoustie Church

Sunday December 11

- 9.30 am: Toy Gift Service in Barry Church
- gifts for Angus Women's Aid
11 am: Morning Service in Carnoustie Church

Sunday December 18

- 9.30 am: Family Service of Lessons and Carols - Barry Church
11 am: Family Service of Lessons and Carols - Carnoustie Church
– offering for Carnoustie Community Helpline
7 pm: Christmas Musicales: Gleadhraich, Brass Bands, Maggie Findlay & Carnoustie Choir - Carnoustie Church

Saturday December 24 (Christmas Eve)

- 6.30 pm: Christingle Service (Barry Church)
11.30 pm: Watchnight Service (Carnoustie Church)
– offering for Scottish Bible Society

Sunday December 25 (Christmas Day)

- 10.30 am: Joint Family Celebration in Carnoustie Church

Sunday January 1, 2017 (New Year's Day)

- 10.30 am: Joint Family Celebration in Barry Parish Church

Sunday January 8, 2017

- 9.30 am: Morning Service in Barry Church
11 am: Morning Service in Carnoustie Church



FRIDAY COFFEE BREAK



The October Friday Coffee Breaks saw Effie Bruce and helpers welcoming everyone with coffee and delicious home baking and a chance to catch up with friends.

If you haven't had a chance to manage along this session so far come along to the November Coffee Breaks on 4th and 18th and sample the home baking while having a good chat with the Coffee Breakers.

See you at the Philip Hall from 10 - 11.30 am on the first and third Friday of the month.

A date for your diaries: Friday December 2 - Christmas Coffee Break and Stall.

Evelyn.

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

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

- Oct 10** George Greenhill * , Holyrood Street.
- Oct 18** Johann H L Stevenson * , Victoria Street.
- Oct 21** Mrs Helen Oswald * , Ireland Street.
- Oct 28** Mrs Catherine MacDonald * , Lousen Park.

* denotes a Carnoustie Church member.

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 Allan Gall know.

ANGUS FOODBANK

Many thanks to all for the generous donations to the Angus Foodbank, firstly from the Boys' Brigade on 11th. September and then at the Harvest Festival on the 28th. We had a carload to take to the Fisheracre, Arbroath premises when we returned from holiday.

There is a thank you card from the Foodbank on the notice board at the back of the church. *Graham and Kay Landsburgh.*

COMMUNION TEAM – SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27

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.

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UP-DATE FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

Along with the accounts at the end of last year we drew up a budget for 2016 which showed an alarming deficit of £10,000.

We had to do something to address this and I'm happy to report that, due to two things happening over the summer, we anticipate that our deficit will be down to nearer £2500. This is still a deficit so we must look for more ideas.

The first good thing was a grant from Carnoustie Golf Links Management, enough to cover the full cost of repairing the organ. So we are saved the cost of budgeting this over 2016 and 2017.

Secondly our Stewardship campaign produced donations of £1300 and many promises of increased regular giving. The first of these have begun and over the three months to September about £1000 more is recorded than the same time last year.

This is definitely a step in the right direction and we can all rejoice and give thanks for those increases.

A substantial number of promises are yet to be implemented. We've had summer holidays, a bank closing and other distractions so I ask if you are one of those waiting for the right time to make the change in your offering, have another think, take the form you asked for to your bank and get the standing order going. If you already have a standing order contact your bank to make the upward change.

A reminder too to those who give by a cheque to make it payable to **Carnoustie Church Sunday Account**. Since the Carnoustie branch of RBS closed we have this account with the Bank of Scotland as well as our account with RBS.

Sandra Dow (acting treasurer).

THE NEXT CONTACT

The next CONTACT will appear on Sunday December 4 and will cover the months of December and January. Will contributors please note that any material for inclusion **MUST BE IN** by Sunday November 20 as the period from November 25 to November 28 is not available for preparation.

LIFE AND WORK

Next year 2017, the magazine Life and Work is going up in price. Each issue will cost £2.50, so the year's subscription will be £30 exactly.

Since L&W has to be ordered in November, please will existing customers let Sandra Dow know whether you wish to continue and any new customers put your order in to Sandra, who is taking over this role from David Blair.

Sandra Dow.

TEARFUND CHRISTMAS TOUR

This Advent season, join four of Scotland's finest Christian singer-songwriters and musicians at the Tearfund Scotland Christmas Tour. Share an evening of beautiful carols and original Christmas songs. There are events all over Scotland but the one in Dundee is on Saturday December 10 at 7.30pm in Downfield Mains Church. Tickets are £6.00 each.

Details can be found at: www.christmas-tour2016.eventbrite.co.uk

or www.tearfund.org/christmastour2016

or Tel 01413323621

or Contact Irene who will be happy to help.

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FORTHCOMING DATES

- Sun Nov 6** 11.00am: TEARFUND Service in Carnoustie Church.
Funday Club leave during the service.
- Mon Nov 7** 12.15 – 1.00pm: Prayer Group meets in Duthie Room.
7pm: High School Achievements Ceremony in
Carnoustie Church.
7.30pm: Worship Team meet in the Duthie Room.
- Thur Nov 10** 10.00am – 12.30pm: Study and Fellowship Group meets
in Duthie Room.
- Sun Nov 13** **10.30am:** Remembrance Service in Carnoustie Church.
Funday Club leave during the service.
12.30 pm: Remembrance Service at War Memorial.
- Mon Nov 14** 12.15 – 1.00pm: Prayer Group meets in Duthie Room.
7.30pm: Mission & Discipleship Group meet in Duthie
Room.
- Wed Nov 16** 7.30pm: Guild meets in the Philip Hall – ‘Fiddling
Freends’.
Youth and Children team at 7.30pm in the Duthie Room.
- Fri Nov 18** Friday Coffee Break 10 – 11.30 am Philip Hall.
- Sun Nov 20** 11.00am: Morning service in Carnoustie Church.
Funday Club leave during the service.
**Articles for DEC/JAN copy of Contact should be
submitted.**
- Mon Nov 21** 12.15 – 1.00 pm: Prayer Group meet in Duthie Room.
- Wed Nov 23** 2.00pm :Afternoon Fellowship meeting in the Philip
Hall.
- Thur Nov 24** 10.00am - 12.30pm: Fellowship and Study group meets
in Duthie Room.
- Sun Nov 27** 11.00am: SOUPER SUNDAY joint service in Carnoustie
Church. No Funday Club.
- Mon Nov 28** 12.15 – 1.00 pm: Prayer Group meet in Duthie Room.
Kirk Session Executive at 7.30pm in the Duthie Room.
- Wed Nov 30** 7.30pm: Guild meets in the Philip Hall – Film Show
from Toucan Films.
- Thur Dec 1** 2.30pm: Communion in Brookfield R H.
- Fri Dec 2** 10.00 - 11.30 am: Friday Coffee Break in the Philip Hall.
- Sun Dec 4** 11.00am: Morning service in Carnoustie Church.
Funday Club leave during the service.