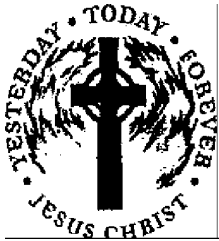
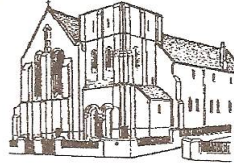


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CARNOUSTIE CHURCH



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From the Minister's Desk

**“For we are fellow workers in God’s service; you are
God’s field, God’s building.”** **1 Corinthians 3: 9**

Dear Friends,

As we are going to press, we hear news of the sad deaths of Tom Scott, formerly an Elder in Carnoustie Church, and Lindsay Martin of Selwood Funeral Directors. This has continued what has been a year of significant losses to our town and to our churches, following on from the deaths of folk like Ron Campbell from Barry and Eric Duffus from Carnoustie, and of Provost Helen Oswald and Florist Olive Duncan.

I think 2016 saw the largest loss of members from both churches in my time here and it has been a great, but sore, privilege to share with the families of folk we know and love. We seem to have lost many folk who made a significant input both to the life of our town and to the leadership of our congregations.

This past year also saw us welcome new members to Carnoustie Church and a new batch are just beginning Christianity Explored, and we hope to see some join both congregations. (continued)

With many older members we see the decline of those we have known and loved, some moving into residential accommodation, others facing long periods of illness or frailty. But we are also seeing new folk joining, children being brought in through Baptism or Thanksgiving, and being nurtured through Funday Club and Youth Group, Messy Church, and Summer Holiday Clubs.

We shouldn't be despondent, because there are new signs of growth in our midst. Of course, we long to see more joining the Church, and we are exploring a partnership with the other Carnoustie churches to work with Scripture Union in the schools and in the congregations

The Church has always been one generation away from extinction, which is why we need to keep passing the message on to the next – young and old. Some of those who have joined us in recent years have already been part of other congregations, and in our own neighbourhoods we can find folk who might be interested in learning about faith for the first time – or renewing a faith grown cold.

Ultimately, we don't simply want to see more people filling the pews. The driving goal of mission is not to keep the doors of the church open, but to help others discover the glory of the Gospel. After all, the Church exists to reach the world with the Good News.

Perhaps we can all take the opportunity to ask someone else to join us!

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

Mike Goss

CARNOUSTIE CHURCH ANNUAL STATED MEETING

SUNDAY MARCH 12
after the morning service

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GUILD

By the time you read this we will hopefully have raised a good amount of money to donate to our projects after our Silent Auction. We are also over half way through this session but we still have a few interesting meetings ahead.

On **8th February at 7.30pm**, a representative from the Prospects project is coming along to tell us all about the work they are doing to help people with learning disabilities feel more comfortable in the church environment.

On **Wed 15th February at 2.00pm** we are holding a Valentine Drive at the afternoon fellowship meeting, you have to come along to find out more.

On **Wednesday 22nd February at 7.30pm**, the topic is 'Working towards Fulfilment' and should involve some interesting discussion. The guild will be playing an active part in the **World Day of Prayer** service which Carnoustie Church is hosting this year on **Friday 3rd March at 7.30pm**. The programme has been prepared by Christian Women of The Philippines and is titled 'Am I being unfair to you?' Look out for more details later this month.

Please come along to any of the meetings mentioned, guild members are very good at welcoming people into their meetings and the fellowship is second to none.

Irene.

FUNDAY CLUB - COFFEE MORNING

The Funday Club will be holding their annual Coffee Morning in aid of CHAS (The Childrens' Hospice Association Scotland) on Saturday, March 4, from 10.00-11.30am in the Philip Hall. There will be the usual stalls and donations will be gratefully received.

At present approximately 460 children and their families are being supported by CHAS. Running costs are high to provide the care and support required at the two hospices and 'CHAS at home' on the most difficult of journeys some families have to make. So please come along and help us to raise some money to help CHAS in their work.

Carnoustie Church F.U.N. Group

STEEPLE DRIVE & STOVIE SUPPER

Friday February 24 in the Philip Hall

7.15pm for 7.30pm start

Tickets Adults £2 Children £1

PANNAHATTI NURSE

The retiring offering after the Communion Service on January 22 raised £191.40 for the Nurse Clinic at Pannahatti. I'll reclaim tax on the GASDS so soon about £40 will be added before I send it to Presbytery.

Sandra.

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.

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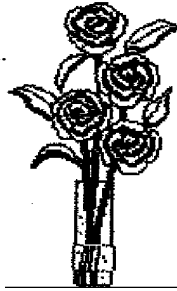
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YOUR MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

Sun Feb 5	Miss M. Matthew and Mrs S. M. Penman.
Sun Feb 12	Mrs M. Barrington and Mrs A. Green.
Sun Feb 19	Mrs A. Doherty and Mrs R. Ower.
Sun Feb 26	Mrs E. Andrew and Mrs G. Roger.
Sun Mar 5	Mrs Y. Eaton and Mrs N. Murdoch.
Su Mar 12	Mrs I. R. Johnston and Mrs N. Watson.
Sun Mar 19	Mrs D. Armstrong and Mrs A. Gall.
Sun Mar 26	Mrs E. Mann and The Flower Fund.



The Flower Committee would like to thank everyone who assisted in the dismantling of the Church Christmas trees and decorations on Thursday January 5.

THE NEXT CONTACT

The next edition of CONTACT will appear on Sunday March 5. All items for inclusion should be submitted by Sunday February 19.



FRIDAY COFFEE BREAK



Since the last Contact Magazine we have had quite a few Coffee Breaks. Away back in December was our Christmas Coffee Break and Stall which raised £539 for our charity, Scripture Union. A big thank you to Margaret Ramsay and her team for the mouthwatering homebakes and to everyone who supported the Stall and worked so hard on the day. After a welcome break over the festive season we were glad to meet up with friends in January over a coffee and homebakes.

By the time this reaches you the first February Coffee Break will have passed so put the next dates in your diaries - February 17th and March 3rd and 17th - and come along to the Philip Hall and join us for a blether over coffee and delicious home bakes.

We meet on the first and third Friday of the month in the Philip Hall from 10 - 11.30am.

Evelyn Baker.

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

Following advice from the Church of Scotland Law Dept, we are no longer printing addresses in the Newsletter.

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

Dec 9	Olive J Duncan *
Dec 21	W Eric Duffus *
Jan 6	Brian McCready *
Jan 9	Elizabeth Connelly *

* denotes a Carnoustie Church member.

New Members: *“Jesus said, “Go and make disciples of all nations ...”*

Jan 15	Jemma Stone Stuart Richard
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I & M MacDOUGALL

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CARNOUSTIE ORGANISTS TO PLAY IN MARATHON EVENT

Our two principal regular organists, Pauline Robertson and Peter Thornton, will be taking part in a "Sponsored Organathon" in the Caird Hall, Dundee on Saturday 25th February. Pauline and Peter are both closely involved with the work of The Friends of the Caird Hall Organ, the charity that supports and promotes Dundee's magnificent instrument, hailed as "the finest concert organ in Scotland". Many members of our Guild will have heard its glorious sound at their National Gathering, held in the Hall each year. The Sponsored Organathon is raising funds to help secure the instrument's future for the enjoyment of future generations. On 25th February between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. you will be able to hear a wonderful variety of music from seventeen different players, plus choirs and instrumental groups accompanied by the organ. Peter will be playing at 10.20 a.m. and Pauline at 12.40, and the day will be rounded off at 3.20 p.m. by the Dundee-born internationally-known concert organist, Gordon Stewart. Entry is free but donations will be welcomed, as will sponsorship for either or both Carnoustie players – just speak to Pauline or Peter.

CAN YOU HELP?

We in Carnoustie Church like to keep in touch with all our members but often when someone moves, they forget to inform their elder or minister of their new address. The membership roll is continually being updated and recently we discovered that Douglas and Lynne Pullar have moved, can anyone help us find them?

The church magazine, CONTACT, should be delivered to everyone on the roll but at the moment there are a few districts that are without a volunteer to deliver the magazines. We try to keep the districts as small as possible and all the addresses are within walking distance. If you can help in any way or want more details, please contact Irene Hoar (859405) as soon as possible. Newton Crescent, Arbroath Road, Ireland Street, and McKenzie Street areas are all districts that need a volunteer so please get in touch if you can help at all.

Thanks, *Irene*.

DOOR DUTY TEAMS – FEBRUARY

- Sun Feb 5** Sandy Thornton, David Blair, Audrey Duncan, Audrey Doherty, George Roger, Christine Roger, Mairi Allan and Sandra Armit.
- Sun Feb 12** Allan Gall, Mike Richardson, Ann Green, Sandra Dow, Jacqui Armstrong, Norma Murdoch and Jean Brown.
- Sun Feb 19** Alex McGill, Ann Banks, Allison Edwards, Alan Ferguson, Alan Lindsay and Val Russell.
- Sun Feb 26** Gordon Hampton, Margaret Ramsay, Effie Bruce, Mandy Ferguson, and Sandra McKay.
- Sun Mar 5** Ian Johnston, Jennifer Craib, Jim Patterson, Kay Landsburgh, Graham Landsburgh and Prue Milne.

FREEWILL OFFERING ENVELOPES

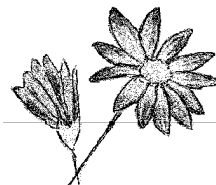
Changes within the congregation meant it was time to review the envelope numbers. So almost everyone who gives their offering this way will have found that their number has changed. Envelopes from 2016 are still valid and will be attributed to the correct person. Teams counting the collection have a list showing the number changes. No names are there so confidentiality is maintained.

The Finance team thank everyone for their patience during the change over.

**God has given us two hands, one to receive
with and the other to give with.**

Billy Graham.

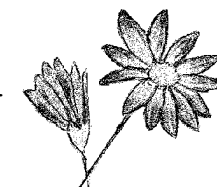
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STAMP CORNER



January normally produces a large volume of used stamps from Christmas mail and there is already a healthy start to another batch to be sent to the Kirk's collection centre – probably in April. The World Mission Council reports the 2016/17 total to date from stamp sales is £2728 and is still hopeful of achieving the target of £4000 by the end of March.

This week Royal Mail has issued a set of eight stamps featuring Ancient Britain in se-tenant pairs with evocative illustrations of sites including Maiden Castle, Grime's Graves and Avebury as well as artefacts such as the dazzling Mold Cape.

Carnoustie too is back in the news this week with reports of planned continued excavation of the archaeological dig near the High School where evidence of a Bronze Age Round House is in process of being uncovered. In addition flint tools and a quern and rubbing stones for flour production have been found which pre-date the site to the late Iron Age. An exciting find is a Bronze Age sword adorned with gold and who knows what else may be uncovered as the exploration continues in the coming weeks.

Please continue to use the box at the back of the Kirk for your contributions of used stamps and unwanted spectacles. Thank you to all who trim their stamps leaving an all round margin of about 0.5 cm and a special thank you to Stella Lindsay who saves me much trimming time!

Allan MacLaren

COMMUNION DUTY — SUNDAY FEBRUARY 26

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

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.

PRAYER FOCUS

We offer these thoughts to add to your own prayers:

1. **Church Family** – Pray that the Lord would continue to strengthen our sense of fellowship and commitment to each other as we reach out to the community around us.
2. **Brexit** – As invoking Article 50 is due to be voted on in March, pray for all involved in the negotiations and decision-making processes, that Godly wisdom and grace would characterise them.
3. **Brazil** – After the violent rioting in many prisons, pray for prison reform to provide appropriate facilities for justice and rehabilitation.

READERS' ROTA

Feb 5 Mike Richardson
Feb 12 Gordon Hampton
Feb 19 Neil Russell
Feb 26 Allison Edwards

Mar 5 Sandra Dow
Mar 12 Alan Ferguson
Mar 19 Norma Murdoch

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