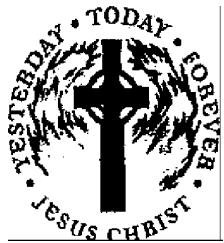
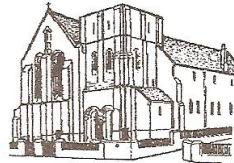


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From the Minister's Desk

“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,

At the time of writing I was just about to go to the General Assembly, where we would be discussing the crisis in recruitment of Ministers, various issues of national and international interest, the crucial work of Crossreach... and a little matter which will be almost all the media want to discuss – Same Sex Marriage.

This year’s debate is not likely to change anything – at least not until several more years have passed – but it still commands the headlines, much to the frustration of Commissioners and the wider Church alike. Such is the modern world’s obsession with sex.

Anyway, next month I will be able to give a fuller report on the discussions and decisions of the Assembly, but one of the many other things occupying my own thoughts has been nothing to do with the Edinburgh gathering.

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June 4 is the Sunday we mark the first Day of Pentecost for the Christian Church, when the Holy Spirit filled the early disciples and enabled them to tell the Good News of Christ crucified and risen to people who had gathered for the feast from all over the Roman world.

It was a day which began with a prayer meeting and ended with the conversion of thousands and the spread of the Gospel to many lands. We too will focus on the power of prayer, as we use that day to share the ‘Try Praying’ initiative.

Through the booklets that everyone at the services will receive, we will encourage others to discover the power of prayer. It will also be a challenge to each one of us to be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit in the task of sharing the Gospel.

Prayer reminds us that the task of mission is not something we undertake in our own strength, but wholly relying on God to work in and through us to reach others. He has given us the message, He has given us His Spirit to guide and teach us, He has given us His Son.

Will you pray for your neighbours and friends, for opportunities to share this booklet with them? Will you pray for others in the Church, that we might all be bold in our sharing? Will you pray?

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

COMMUNION DUTY — SUNDAY JUNE 25

The team on duty for the June Communion is:

Sandra Dow, Allison Edwards, **Alan Ferguson**, Allan Gall, Ann Green, Prudence Milne, Norma Murdoch, Sandy 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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REV DOUGAL EDWARDS

Dougal and Allison Edwards joined Carnoustie Church quite some time ago and Dougal was ordained an Elder in September 1990. Some ten years later he was commissioned as a Reader in the Church of Scotland, and filled a number of different pulpits until he took a long-term appointment assisting the Rev Peter Phillips at Colliston l/w Friockheim Kinnell l/w Inverkeilor & Lunan.

This was work Dougal greatly enjoyed – and his ministry was widely appreciated there. We were glad he was also able to continue as a member of the Kirk Session in Carnoustie, contributing significantly to the work of the Church.

When Ordained Local Ministry was set up as a new ministry in the Kirk, Dougal was one of the first to apply. With his BTh degree from previous years – and TLS training as well – it was a straightforward process for him to complete the necessary work, and we were delighted to host Dougal's ordination as an OLM and appointment to serve Barry l/w Carnoustie in September 2013.

Over the past four years Dougal's ministry here has been widely appreciated in both congregations and in the community – the latter recognised in his appointment as Chaplain to the Royal British Legion. He has also given substantial service to the wider Church, on the World Mission Council for a period – including being part of a delegation to Cuba – and convening the Presbytery World Mission & Ecumenical Relations Group for four years.

This service was recognised in Dougal's appointment as Presbytery Moderator for 2016-17, a task he faced with trepidation but that he carried off with characteristic grace and good humour.

Now Dougal is retiring from the Ordained Local Ministry at the end of June, and we look forward to his final service presiding at a joint Communion service in Carnoustie Church on the 25th June at 11 am, with a soup lunch in the Philip Hall afterwards.

Like most retired ministers, Dougal won't be allowed to remain idle – he is to be appointed as Locum in the vacancy at Carnoustie: Panbride at least until the end of the year.

Speaking personally, I have gained immeasurably from Dougal's sharing in the ministry here in all his different roles, and particularly in his pastoral support and leading of worship in these last four years. May the Lord bless him richly in all that lies ahead!

Mike Goss.

YOUR MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

- Sun June 4** Miss A. Hood and the Flower Fund.
Sun June 11 Mrs S. G. Landburgh and Mrs N. Young.
Sun June 18 Mrs N. Murdoch and Mrs F. Stewart.
Sun June 25 Mrs H. Dorward & Gillian and Mrs P. Murphy.
Sun July 2 Services in Barry Parish Church
Sun July 9 Services in Barry Parish Church.
Sun July 16 Services in Barry Parish Church.
Sun July 23 Mrs D. Blair and Mrs J. Hoar
Sun July 30 Mrs O. Milne and Mrs G. Robb.



JOINT SUMMER SERVICES

During the summer holiday period we will again be holding joint services with Barry Parish Church starting at 10am.

The Services on July 2, July 9 and July 16 will be held in Barry Parish Church and those on July 23, July 30 and August 6 will be held in Carnoustie Church.

CHURCH PICNIC

The annual picnic will be held at Barry Mill again this year, on Sunday June 18 at 1pm.

Bring your own picnic and come along and join in all the fun and games.

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CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

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

Congregational Register New Member by Profession of Faith

"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from death, you will be saved"

March 26 Claire Penman.

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

May 8 Joseph Gove *

May 16 Mrs Linda Stewart

May 22 Miss Mabel Hill *

* denotes a Carnoustie Church member.

ANGUS FOODBANK

For those of us lucky enough to go on holiday this summer, please spare a thought for the people in our community who are struggling to feed their families.

Angus foodbanks, supported by the Trussell Trust, provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and a support network to local people in crisis. The reasons for their distress are many and varied and the volunteers try to point the way to better budgeting, quick and easy menus and – most welcome – a listening ear.

Toilet rolls, teabags, hot dogs, UHT milk, instant potato, Long Life fruit juice, tinned vegetables, pasta sauce, sponge puddings, broth mix and toiletries are on the current list – soup and beans are definitely not needed, thank you.

Many thanks to all who bring something for our box every week. There is also a money box now for welcome donations.

Graham and Kay Landsburgh.

GALA DAY, SATURDAY JULY 1

The churches Of Barry and Carnoustie have decided to enter a stall in the Gala Day on Saturday July 1. The stall will have Christian Literature and some information about what goes on in our congregations.

We require a Gazebo for this event and if any member of either church could supply one, please let Mike know. Also, it would be great to have a rota of members to help man the stall from 12 noon to about 3.30 pm.

We require to have our stall up and running by 11 am and to staff it during the afternoon. Volunteers are required to help both in the preparation of the stall and the staffing of it during the afternoon. Mike will be taking part in both and any further assistance would be required. Please let Mike know if you are able to assist him. *Pat.*

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MARY MacDOUGALL

After a long battle with cancer, Mary passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, on Sunday April 23. From her first diagnosis Mary dealt with her illness with a quiet grace and dignity and often with a smile or a laugh - not wanting to upset or bother anyone.

When I first became Primary Leader in the Sunday School in 1983 both Mary and Johann were already teachers there. Mary had a very strong faith which was very important to her - and she loved working with the children, sharing Bible stories and being involved in the craft activities. Mary often teased me about my first meeting with the teachers when I shocked them all by saying that we were going to make models etc. but she found that she really enjoyed the craft work. That was obvious from the fun and laughter that came from her group. During her illness she missed the children so much and longed to be back with them. Even on my last visit just before she died, she was still interested and wanted to talk about them. She even wanted to know what we had talked about at the Youth and Children team that week.

Most of her life though was spent in the shop where she seemed to know everyone in the town and she was always interested in them and their families. Visitors to the town were warmly welcomed. She often joked that MacDougall's should be the town's tourist information centre as she could tell strangers where to go and what to see - always ready to open a map with directions.

Mary enjoyed life and wanted to live it to the full. She enjoyed being part of the FUN committee for several years and also in helping to organise the Sunday School picnics. Her kind and generous nature shone through even in recent times.

Her passing will be felt by many but our thoughts are with her family and her close circle of friends who supported her so well.

Well done good and faithful servant.

Jean Reid



8 STAMP CORNER



A set of 10 stamps was issued on 4th May featuring Songbirds, which are an uplifting part of our everyday lives, especially in spring. The set consists of 10 stamps, all 1st class, and there are First day covers and Presentation packs available too. The illustrations are simple but with a well-lit sense of spring about them and will be welcomed especially by nature lovers.

Birdsong builds to a peak each year between January and May and is the soundtrack to the spring and early summer in our woodland, parkland and gardens. Some of the featured birds are very familiar and their songs range from simple repeated notes to complex repertoires.

I hadn't realised that the cuckoo is classed as a songbird, but it is one of the birds featured in this issue of stamps. The unmistakable two-syllable song which gave the cuckoo its name is heard much less often than it used to be, as its numbers are in decline in Britain. It's only a short-term visitor anyway, for two months in late spring and early summer.

Other more familiar birds included are the skylark and song thrush but sadly the stamp issue does not include the blackbird. See how many songbirds you can identify in your gardens between now and the end of June. Answers on a p/c to Mike Goss!

Please continue to put your used stamps and unwanted spectacles in the box at the back of the Kirk.

Allan MacLaren

I & M MacDOUGALL NEWSAGENTS & STATIONERS



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PRAYER FOCUS

We offer these thoughts to add to your own prayers:

1. **Try Praying** – Pray for the opportunities to share the booklets with others, and for prayer to open the hearts of many to the love of Christ.
2. **General Election** – Pray for wisdom in the placing of our votes, and for integrity and grace – in the lives of all the candidates.
3. **Rev Dougal Edwards** – Give thanks for Dougal's ministry among us in these past four years, for all his service as a member, an Elder and a Reader over preceding years, and pray for him as Locum at Carnoustie: Panbride.

READERS' ROTA

Sun Jun 4	Norma Murdoch	Sun July 2	Mike Richardson
Sun Jun 11	Kirsten Mann	Sun July 9	Gordon Hampton
Sun Jun 18	Ian Johnston	Sun July 16	Neil Russell
Sun Jun 25	Margaret Ramsay	Sun July 23	Sandra Dow

NEWS FROM CROSSREACH

Issue 2 for 2017 of CROSSREACH news has arrived. Some copies will be at the back of the church. It is a really interesting magazine. The cover story, Building Bridges, is a contribution about befriending-an excellent additional service hoping to be provided to folk in recovery from mental ill-health or addictions, and known to help considerably in preventing relapse.

A big story this issue is that Peter Bailey, Chief Executive is retiring at the end of May, and he's written a fine thank you article in this issue. He is not leaving quietly! He is to abseil down the Forth Rail Bridge, as is the retiring moderator of the General Assembly, the Right Rev Dr Russell Barr and principal clerk, the Very Rev Dr John Chalmers. They are doing this to raise money for CROSSREACH.

I hope to have a little collection box in church to accept contributions for this. It is suggested you might like to put any or all of your old £1 coins in it for CROSSREACH.

The new Chief Executive from June 1st will be Viv Dickenson who has worked at CROSSREACH for 20 years, being the present Director of Children and Family Services. *Sandra Dow.*

DOOR DUTY TEAMS – JUNE

- Sun June 4** Kirsty Mann, Neil Russell, Allan McLaren, Jenny McLaren, Jane Ower, Evelyn Baker and Irene Hoar.
- Sun June 11** Sandy Thornton, David Blair, Audrey Duncan, Audrey Doherty, George Roger, Christine Roger, Mairi Allan and Sandra Armit.
- Sun June 18** Allan Gall, Mike Richardson, Ann Green, Sandra Dow, Jacqui Armstrong, Norma Murdoch and Jean Brown.
- Sun June 25** Alex McGill, Ann Banks, Allison Edwards, Alan Ferguson, Alan Lindsay and Val Russell.
- Sun July 2** Gordon Hampton, Margaret Ramsay, Effie Bruce, Mandy Ferguson, and Sandra McKay.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE

This month we received a very nice letter from The Church of Scotland's Stewardship and Finance Department to thank us for our 2016 contribution to Ministry and Mission.

The contribution from Carnoustie Church was £46,277 and because we are linked with Barry Church their sum of £16,736 is added giving a total for the link of **£63.013**.

We are told that **£52,931** of this will go towards paying ministers and parish workers throughout Scotland. (the ministry bit) and that **£10,082** will be used for resourcing congregations for outreach and social care both in Scotland and throughout the rest of the world. (the mission bit)

Sandra.



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FORTHCOMING DATES

- Sun June 4** 11am: Service in Church. Funday Club leave during the Service.
Meet, Eat and Sing in Carnoustie Church.
2pm: Singers meet.
6.30pm: Evening Service.
- Mon June 5** 12.15-1.00pm: Prayer Group meet in Duthie Room.
- Tues June 6** 7.30pm: Presbytery Communion in Forfar: East & Old Church.
- Thur June 8** Carnoustie High School Annual Awards in Carnoustie Church.
- Sun June 11** 11am: Service in Church. Funday Club leave during the Service.
- Mon June 12** 12.15-1.00pm: Prayer Group meet in Duthie Room.
7.30pm: Worship Team meet in Manse.
- Thur June 15** 3pm: Afternoon Service in Braehill Lodge.
- Sun June 18** 11am: Childrens' Prizegiving Service in Church.
Material Required for July Edition of CONTACT.
1pm: Annual Church Picnic at Barry Mill.
- Mon June 19** 12.15-1.00pm: Prayer Group meet in Duthie Room.
- Sun June 25** 11am: Joint Service (The Lord's Supper) in Church.
Followed by soup lunch in Philip Hall.
2.30pm: Communion Service in Kinloch Care Centre.
- Mon June 26** 12.15-1.00pm: Prayer Group meet in Duthie Room.
7.30pm: Kirk Session Executive meet in Philip Hall.
- Wed Jun 28** 10am: Woodlands End of Term Service in Carnoustie Church.
- Thur June 29** 2pm: Barry Guild Afternoon Tea in Barry Church Hall.
2.30pm: Afternoon Communion in Braehill Lodge.
- Sun July 2** **10am:** Joint Service in Barry Parish Church.

THE NEXT CONTACT

The next edition of CONTACT will appear on Sunday July 2. All items for inclusion should be submitted by Sunday June 18.

Please note that the Service on that day will be in Barry Parish Church so Carnoustie Church will be open from 11.15am to 12 noon so that distributors can collect their Contacts.