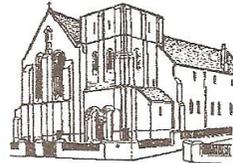


CONTACT



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CARNOUSTIE CHURCH



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From the Minister's Desk

“Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives among you? ...God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple”

1 Corinthians 3: 14,17b

Dear Friends,

In my first few years here I used to be able to take a class from the Primary School around the old Barry cemetery and the old West Church ruins. It was a good opportunity to connect young folk with the history of the community.

The ruins were also a reminder of the fact there were once two congregations in Barry, not so very long ago. Now, the primary school has also gone, and it is too far to bring pupils from Burnside, though sometimes I show them a photograph or two on their whiteboards.

Most communities have buildings that mark the passing of former institutions like schools and congregations. Here in Carnoustie there are few traces left of the former Carnoustie Old and St Stephen's Church buildings - and sometimes we must wonder if our current Carnoustie Church will go the same way, left as an abandoned building of what used to be.

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Which is where the Path of Renewal programme comes in. The Church of Scotland Panel of Review and Reform set up the Path of Renewal two years ago in response to the story of decline common to many congregations, and to the denomination as a whole.

It is still a new programme, but already the first forty pilot congregations have seen encouragement to embark on change and renewal. Now the next group of congregations is being sought, and the Kirk Sessions of Barry and Carnoustie have agreed to make a joint application.

Seeing the signs of the times and the state of the congregations, the challenge is there for us all. Are we prepared to face the challenges of change and renewal that can lead to new life and a future for our congregation?

Later in this magazine you will hear more about the launch of our campaign for the redevelopment of Carnoustie Church, with flexible seating, proper heating, and better facilities. I believe that this will be an essential part of the future for the congregation here, and it has been exciting to see this vision being brought forward through the work of the Kirk Session and its Development Group.

To bring Gospel ministry and service to our community will require changes to the buildings that we have to make them fit for the flexible needs of the Church in the 21st Century. But the buildings alone are not sufficient: we too need to change in how we live and serve as God's Church in this town.

None of this will happen simply by will-power. Above all, we require to seek prayerfully for God's Spirit to move among us and direct our paths. But we too must be open to His work, and to the new things He might do among us.

May this be the start of a great new adventure for our congregation and parish!

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

Mike Goss

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS!

Dear all, due to holiday (and absentmindedness) I missed the last issue of Contact. I was completely overcome by the generosity of the congregations of Barry l/w Carnoustie on Sunday 25th June. You gave me the most wonderful gift of a computer, and I can't tell you how much easier my life has become. We live with items that are long past their useful life and hardly notice it.

The very fact that Allison had difficulty even working my old computer should have told me that it was no longer fit for purpose. And so life is much easier in the Edwards household now, with no more frustrations in preparing, printing or storing documents. Allison no longer has to keep shouting on me to get the thing going again!

But the greatest gift you showed me, in the four very fast years that I was with you, was your acceptance of my participation in worship. I also very much appreciated the warmth that you all greeted me with when I had occasion to visit you, at home or in hospital. And I also enjoyed the gathering in the Philip Hall after worship on my last Sunday.

My retirement didn't come to much as I am currently helping out at Panbride, until the happy day they call another minister. However, I do look forward to the day when I will take my place in a pew once again and join you in worship.

May God bless you in the journey that Carnoustie Church is about to embark on, as the building is made fit for this present age; and once again thank you for all your friendship and generosity.

Dougal.

CHOIR PRACTICES

Regular weekly Choir Practices resume on Thursday 7th September at 7.30 p.m. in the Philip Hall. An invitation to join us at these sessions is given to anyone who would like to come and sing with us, or even just to have a taster to find out what it's like, without any commitment. There's no audition, all who enjoy singing are welcome!

Peter.

FAIRTRADE

The Carnoustie Fairtrade Group is doing its best to keep Fairtrade uppermost in people's thoughts but for various reasons the group is down to only 2 or 3 members at the moment. We only meet about 3 times a year and try to just hold up to three events each year if we can, especially during Fairtrade Fortnight, so if you can help in any way, we will be glad to hear from you. We need more ideas on how to advertise and encourage the use of Fairtrade products as well as folk to help at events and I have to emphasise, we are not a fundraising group. No-one is asked to do anything they cannot do, but even if you are willing to wash some dishes at an occasional coffee morning, that would be great.

Please think about it and if you want more details, get in touch with me and I will help in any way I can. *Irene.*

THE GUILD

The new session of the Guild begins on Wednesday September 20 at 7.30pm in the Philip Hall, with the Dedication Service in Church at 11am on Sunday September 17.

As always, a very warm welcome awaits both old and hopefully, new members.

Our meetings are held monthly in the Philip Hall with a varied programme of speakers providing an interesting year ahead. If anyone would like to find out what's on offer, please ask for a syllabus or go onto the Church website.

Prudence.



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PASTORAL VISITING

On Saturday 30th September, the Angus Presbyterial Training Team have generously agreed to come along to the Philip Hall and give some up to date training regarding Pastoral Visiting. Now I know many of you have been visiting folk at home for many years so don't think you need to learn any more but it is always good to hear about new ideas and chat to others doing the same thing.

As we are the host venue, (people from surrounding churches have been invited as well), it will be great if as many of you as possible can support this event. It does not matter if you are involved on a visiting team at the moment or not, everyone is welcome. I have some names already but there is plenty of room for more. If you are interested please contact me as soon as possible so that I can ensure you have a place. If you are unable to commit until nearer the time, don't worry, there are plenty chairs in the Philip Hall, and more than enough cups for the all-important tea and coffee which will be available during the morning.

Philip Hall, Saturday 30th September from 9.30am until 12.30pm – mark it in your diaries now.

Irene.

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.’”*

July 14 Stewart Halliburton.

Aug 18 Irene Nicol*.

* denotes a Carnoustie Church member.



MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP

I cannot believe it is September already, I hope you have all had a good summer. I am sure some of you will have received postcards from friends and relatives visiting places both here in the UK and further afield. MAF collects postcards and sells them to raise funds for their work abroad. They take used or unused cards, old and new, views and people even those seaside joke ones! I will be sending a parcel to the Glasgow office before the end of the month so if you have any lying about please bring them along to church and pop them into the postcard box on the MAF table at the back of the church. I can also collect them if necessary so just get in touch.

MAF thanks you for your support,

Irene.

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PRAYER FOCUS

We offer these thoughts to add to your own prayers:

1. **Path of Renewal** – Pray for God’s purpose through this movement and through our own responses to seek His renewal in our congregations.
2. **Mudslides** – Pray for the families of all those who lost their lives, and for all injured or who lost homes and possessions in the mudslides in Sierra Leone and the Democratic Republic of Congo.
3. **Youth Work** – Remember the work of the Funday Club and Youth Group, and the Messy Church event in September, praying for children and their families and all those who work with them.

CROSSREACH

I’ve had an invitation from CROSSREACH to a reception in Edinburgh to thank Carnoustie Church for their support. It is for Thursday October 26 for two guests, whose names are required by September 4.

I am on holiday then and so am sad that I cannot be one of the guests to meet some of the staff and some of those they’ve been helping. Contact Sandra Dow (tel 01241852823) if you wish to represent Carnoustie Church on that day.

Our present support for CROSSREACH is a little collecting box at the back of the church for old £1 coins. It’ll be available this year until those are no longer valid currency.

Sandra Dow.

READERS’ ROTA

Sun Sept 3	Mike Richardson	Sun Oct 1	Sandra Dow
Sun Sept 10	Boys’ Brigade	Sun Oct 8	Elders
Sun Sept 17	Guild	Sun Oct 15	Norma Murdoch
Sun Sep 24	Gordon Hampton		

STUDY & FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Summer is almost over and it is time once again to meet around God’s Word as a Group. We have been reading and studying alone over the last few months of course, but there is a special blessing as we meet in fellowship to hear God speak to us as part of His people in Carnoustie.

We will start where we left off last session – in the book of Acts. There we see the Church reaching out to their communities with God’s love, teaching new believers and using their gifts to further the Kingdom. Is that what we have to do today – in our neighbourhood - in our town? How do we carry out this task? Come along to the Group and find out.

The first meeting of the new session is on Thursday, 21st September, at 10 a.m. and every fortnight thereafter. We start with a cup of tea and chat and we look forward to your company. Do come along.

Effie Bruce.

COMMUNION DUTY — SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24

The team on duty for the September Communion is:
Evelyn Baker, Ann Banks, David Blair, Ian Johnston, **Kirsten Mann**, 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.

CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING

Saturday September 23
(10am - 11.30am)

in Philip Hall

Adults £2

Children £1

Usual Stalls (Cake & Candy, Gift, Bric-a-Brac)

REPORT OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 20

Approximately 60 people attended the congregational meeting to consider pursuing and funding a major Church project.

Peter Thornton welcomed everyone and gave a short outline of the reasons behind the project and described the stage at which we are now.

Why?

- Our church building is too large for our current congregation and is empty for all but 1 hour each week
- The Philip Hall is used daily most weeks but it means we have 2 buildings that require constant upkeep, the cost of which is now too much for us to finance.

What do we need?

- A flexible space
- Efficient heating
- Meeting spaces to suit needs
- Suitable kitchen space
- Adequate toilet facilities

Peter then went on to describe how we had reached this point saying the original and very ambitious plans would have cost approx. £2 million pounds. After asking advice from the Church of Scotland's General Trustees, the option finally agreed is to be a more cost efficient project but will fulfil all the needs listed above. The Kirk Session agreed to take this option forward and some visited other churches in the area that have already undergone major changes to their buildings.

Mr Goss continued the presentation by saying that there were several things in the church that required replacing including the heating system, the audio visual equipment and carpeting which are some of the more visible problems. Having a kitchen within the church building would also allow us to use china cups instead of plastic making serving teas etc. a bit more welcoming. He highlighted that the building should be fit for purpose for the mission and service of the church and this project would help take us forward to achieve our goals.

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Ian Johnston, leader of the finance group that will co-ordinate the fundraising, told the meeting that the cost of the project will be around £700,000. This money will have to be found by the congregation through sale of assets, grant applications and continued support from all members of the congregation through their giving. The members of the Kirk Session have already pledged and given over £70,000 - including tax redeemable through Gift Aid - which is a great first step and it is hoped the congregation will be similarly moved to pledge and give money over the coming 2 -3 years.

The meeting was then opened to questions and comments most of which were answered to the questioners' satisfaction.

Comments included what had already been said earlier, that a great deal of money will have to be spent on the fabric of the church and it would be better to improve rather than patch. Also, as Christians, we should put our trust in God that the resources will be found if it is His will.

Timescale for the project: start depends on how quickly donations and pledges are made and how rapidly fundraising yields results; actual time for the works themselves is thought likely to be between six and twelve months.

The meeting was then asked if they were in favour of taking the next step and the majority agreed. Mr Goss thanked everyone for attending and asked for their continued support before closing the meeting with the Benediction.

Irene.

THE NEXT CONTACT

The next edition of CONTACT will appear on Sunday October 1. **As an experiment** all items for inclusion should be submitted by Sunday September 24. This is only 7 days before CONTACT is due, but if all contributors can meet this deadline then it should be possible to produce CONTACT on time.

Most months there are spaces to be filled up, so if any member of the Congregation would like to submit an article for inclusion this would be very much appreciated.

YOUR MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

Sun Sept 3	Mrs W. Oswald and Mrs A. Thomson.
Sun Sept 10	Mrs S. M. Penman and Mrs M. Ramsay.
Sun Sept 17	Mrs N. Stormont and The Flower Fund.
Sun Sep 24	Mrs J. Brown and Miss J. Reid.
Sun Oct 1	Harvest Thanksgiving - The Flower Fund.
Sun Oct 8	Mrs E. Bruce and Mr C. Haggart.
Sun Oct 15	Mrs A. Hay and Mrs P. Milne.
Sun Oct 22	Mrs D. Muir and Mrs M. Watson.
Sun Oct 29	Mrs J. Craib and Mrs R. Limmack.



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FRIDAY COFFEE BREAK



Friday 8th September is an important diary date - the Friday Coffee Break starts once again in the Philip Hall from 10 - 11.30am. The Committee and helpers have been busy organising rotas and getting their baking bowls ready for a new session.

We meet on the first and third Friday of every month from September to April. Everyone is welcome to pop in for a coffee, home baking and a blether all for £2.50! .

The money we raise this session will be donated to Carnoustie Church renovation fund.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the 8th September.

Coffee Break diary dates for the next two months are:

September 8th and 22nd.

October 6th and 20th.

Evelyn.

DOOR DUTY TEAMS – SEPTEMBER

Sun Sept 3	Allan Gall, Mike Richardson, Ann Green, Sandra Dow, Jacqui Armstrong, Norma Murdoch and Jean Brown.
Sun Sept 10	Alex McGill, Gordon Hampton, Margaret Ramsay, Effie Bruce, Sandra McKay, Ann Banks, Allison Edwards and Val Russell.
Sun Sept 17	Ian Johnston, Jennifer Craib, Jim Patterson, Kay Landsburgh, Graham Landsburgh and Prue Milne.
Sun Sept 24	Kirsty Mann, Neil Russell, Allan MacLaren, Jenny MacLaren, Jane Ower, Evelyn Baker and Irene Hoar.
Sun Oct 1	Sandy Thornton, David Blair, Audrey Duncan, Audrey Doherty, George Roger, Christine Roger, Mairi Allan and Sandra Armit.

CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING

WE are once again at the time of year when the local Churches come together to raise some much needed revenue for the Christian Aid Projects.

A Coffee Morning will take place in the Philip Hall on Saturday September 23 from 10am – 11.30am

Donations for the Cake/Candy stall, Gift stall & Bric a Brac would be greatly appreciated.

We hope you will come along and lend your support.

Allison Edwards.

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Human ambition always outpaces technology, and never more so than in the history of aviation. The very first aeroplane flight by the American brothers Wilbur and Orville Wright covered a distance of just 852 ft over a beach near Kitty Hawk in North Carolina in December 1903.

The aircraft was extremely rudimentary. Constructed in box-kite fashion, and propelled by a low-horsepower petrol engine, it flew uncertainly and erratically, at low altitude. Remarkably, though, within a few short years the next generation of aviators were planning air travel of international, even oceanic proportions.

Lord Northcliffe, proprietor of Britain's Daily Mail newspaper famously declared that Britain was no longer an island and offered £1,000 to the first aeronaut who could fly across the English Channel. The prize was won by the Frenchman Louis Bleriot with his self-built monoplane in July 1909.

During the next decade there were several failed attempts by aviators to fly non-stop across the Atlantic and meanwhile the offered prize fund for the achievement grew larger. On the afternoon of June 14, 1914 Captain John Alcock from Manchester and his navigator Lieutenant Arthur Whitton Brown took off from St John's Newfoundland to make the first non-stop flight across the Atlantic and carried the first successful transatlantic airmail.

The attempt was far from comfortable. They had take-off difficulties and in-flight mechanical problems left them with no radio contact or heating. They also ran into fog and sleet, hindering navigation. Despite all this, the crew crossed the Irish coast on the morning of June 15 and crash-landed in a bog! The flight had been achieved in the remarkable time of 16 hours and 12 minutes.

Alcock and Brown were presented with the Daily Mail prize by Winston Churchill, the Secretary of State for Air, and were awarded knighthoods for their achievement by the King.

The next time you post an item by airmail, just pause for a moment and think of the early aviators who made this facility possible.

Thank you for your recent contributions of used postage stamps and unwanted spectacles. They are always welcome.

AN ORGAN RECITAL WITH A DIFFERENCE!

On the evening of Tuesday 26th September at 7.30 p.m. Tayside Organists' Society will be holding their "Members' Recital" night in the church and there's an opportunity for you to hear our organ played by FIVE different players (no, not all at the same time, that would be a Guinness Book of Records attempt). In the past few years events like this have become a popular feature of the Society's programme, giving volunteers from the membership the chance to play "away from home" and allowing local audiences to hear players from elsewhere.

Joining our own Pauline Robertson and Peter Thornton (playing some pieces that are a bit different from their usual Sunday fare!) will be George Bell, who usually plays at Dunbarney and Forgandenny Parish Church, Robert Duguid, organist of St John the Baptist and St Martin's Episcopal Church, Dundee, and Ian McLagan of Cupar St John's and Dairsie United Parish Church.

The meeting is open to all; admission is free; donations are welcome. *Peter.*

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