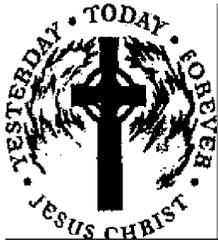
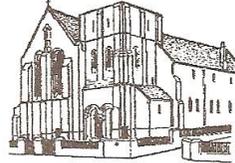


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From the Minister's Desk

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work”

2 Timothy 3: 16-17

Dear Friends,

Apparently a recent poll in the UK discovered that most people thought that Martin Luther was a black civil rights leader in the US. Of course, that was Martin Luther King, who is rightly celebrated for his work in the 1950s and 60s until he was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee on April 4th, 1968,

King was named after the German reformer Martin Luther, who famously nailed his 95 theses to the Church door in Wittenberg on October 31st 1517, 500 years ago this month. From a scholarly dispute about indulgences a spark was lit that transformed the Christian Church in Europe and helped shape the continent for half a millennium.

(continued)

The Church of Scotland was founded according to the Presbyterian principles of John Calvin, whose main work in Geneva followed two decades later, but who also owed a great deal to Luther's earlier ministry. Through both their writings and the works of a number of others across the continent the Reformation shook the world.

Many of the debates seem consigned to history today. Wandering friars no longer try to sell pieces of paper promising to release souls from purgatory in order to raise funds for Church work – the indulgences Luther railed against. Archbishoprics are no longer bought and sold for political power and influence.

Yet still the importance of the central doctrines of the Reformation help us understand what it means to belong to the Christian Church today. A faith founded on Christ alone, trusting in His death and resurrection as the only grounds for our hope of eternal life. Teaching centred on the Bible as the Word of God revealed for all time, rather than the changing fashions of human philosophy.

This is the faith passed onto us today, to a Church that must always keep reforming its practice for new generations, always in accordance with God's Word. Some of our Scottish predecessors, like Patrick Hamilton and George Wishart, were burnt at the stake for these principles, just across the water in St Andrew's. A faith worth dying for is a faith worth living for, as many have since discovered for themselves.

May we find renewed confidence in what God has revealed through His Word of the work of His Son, crucified and risen, for us this day and for eternity.

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

Mike Goss

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STAMP CORNER



Broadford's Bottle Mail

The summer issue of the Scottish Post features an article about an envelope with a Broadford (Isle of Skye) postmark of 30 October 1895. The envelope is rather wrinkled and time-worn, but perhaps its condition is understandable. After all, it spent some time floating in the sea!

The sender, Dr Hasselmann, was travelling on the SS Russia, a ship of the Hamburg-Amerika Linie, en route from Hamburg, North Germany, to Mexico. His destination was to be El Promontorio, the location of a silver mine near Durango, in west-central Mexico. He had used one of the company's printed envelopes to send a letter back to Hamburg, affixing two 10pf German stamps of 1889 as postage.

At some unknown point of his sea-journey Dr Hasselman had "posted" the letter by putting it into a bottle which was then thrown overboard. He had added a note on the front, in German, requesting the finder to forward the letter. A manuscript note on the reverse indicates, "found in a bottle on the shore near Elgoll Post Office, J. McInnes, Postmaster Broadford 30.10.95.

The envelope reached Hamburg in November 1895 where a Hamburg Burgfelde date-stamp was struck on the reverse as a receiving mark. There are collectors of paqebot and ships' mail, but this Bottle Mail perhaps deserves a separate category!

There is something undeniably romantic about tossing a message into the ocean and seeing to whom fate, abetted by the currents and the wind, might deliver the marine missive.

Messages in bottles have been shipped on mysterious voyages at least since 310 BC when Greek philosopher Theophrastus employed the tactic to test his theory that the Atlantic flows into the Mediterranean Sea. In fact, so-called drift bottles are still employed as a means of charting ocean currents.

Thank you for recent contributions of used postage stamps and unwanted spectacles. They're always welcome. *Allan MacLaren.*



CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES



Yes it is that time of year again. We hope to collect all the shoeboxes in the church by **Sunday November 5** so that they can be transported to the Blythswood van later that week. You will find all the details of what can be included in the box on the leaflet sent along with this month's Contact and please note that the donation towards handling costs is now a minimum of £3.

If you need someone to collect your box, please contact your elder or visitor or, if necessary, Irene on 859405.

Have fun filling your box and remember, it can be for an adult or a child, just mark which on the form.

Irene.

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2017/18 Seminars Opportunities for You

Eldership in the 21st Century – Forfar, St. Magaret's Church

Part 1 - Sunday 29th October 2017 – 2 – 4pm

Part 2 – Sunday 12th November 2017 – 2 – 4pm

This is an opportunity for a review of the role of the elder for those who are considering the eldership, those new to the role and those who are experienced but want to refresh themselves and share their experience with the others.

Introduction to Leading Worship as part of a Team –

Arbroath, Old & Abbey Church

Sunday 26th November 2017 – 2 – 4pm

For those who might like to be part of a worship team, working with their minister and helping to take services when the minister is absent.

This seminar is a brief look at what is involved in being part of a worship team and those who wish to take the commitment further will enrol for the Leading Worship series of seminars.

Leading Worship as part of a Team – Carnoustie, Panbride Church

Session 1 Saturday 27th. January 2018 from 10.00 am – 4.00 pm.

Sunday 28th January 2018 from 2.00 – 4.00 pm.

Session 2 Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th February – times as above

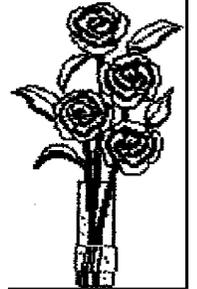
Session 3 Saturday 17th. March from 10.00 am – 4.00 pm

This seminar follows on from the Introductory course and is for those who wish to work with their minister in conducting worship. It will offer an understanding of the purpose of worship and look at techniques and the range of resources which are available. As part of the seminar there will be an exercise to prepare and deliver a short act of worship.

If you would like to attend any or all of the above seminars please email Alex Rae on the following email address:-
fourraes@btinternet.com

YOUR MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

- 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.
Sun Nov 5 Mrs Betty Picken and Mrs Mary Whyte.
Sun Nov 12 Mrs D. Edwards and Mr I. MacDougall.
Sun Nov 19 Mrs G. Haggart, Mrs C McEwan and the Flower Fund.
Sun Nov 26 Mrs A. Lindsay and Mrs M. Stevenson.



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.’”*

Sep 6 John M Hart

* denotes a Carnoustie Church member.

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Carnoustie Church F.U.N. Group

KEEP FRIDAY 8th DECEMBER FREE!!

The Fun Group are holding a Christmas/30th Birthday Party in the Philip Hall that evening. There will be entertainment, party games and Santa will be there too with his sack of presents. A light supper will be provided and the tickets will cost £5 for adults and children go free! Tickets will be on sale shortly. *Pat.*

COMMUNION DUTY — SUNDAY OCTOBER 22

The team on duty for the October 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.

THE GUILD

Despite the miserable weather, the new session got off to a good start!

Margaret and Marianna from The House of Memories, Monifieth, entertained us with the history of smuggling in our local area.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday October 18 when Mike will be talking to us about one of the Guild projects “Care for the Family”.

Don't forget our fundraising quiz, “Scottish Lochs” compiled by Margaret Ramsay, is on sale for £1. Entries should be submitted by November 30. £10 will be awarded to the winning entry. *Prudence.*

PRAYER FOCUS

We offer these thoughts to add to your own prayers:

1. **Storm and Earthquake** – Pray for all those devastated by the late summer hurricanes, typhoon and earthquakes in Texas, the Caribbean, Vietnam and Mexico.
2. **Brechin: Gardner Memorial I/w Farnell** – Remember these congregations as they look for a new minister in 2018 and pray for Mike as he acts as Interim Moderator in the vacancy.
3. **Carnoustie Churches** – Pray for three local congregations seeking a new minister at this time: Carnoustie: Panbride, Erskine UF and the Church of the Holy Rood.

READERS' ROTA

Sun Oct 1	Sandra Dow	Sun Oct 29	Ian Johnston
Sun Oct 8	Elders	Sun Nov 5	Margaret Ramsay
Sun Oct 15	Norma Murdoch	Sun Nov 12	Mike Richardson
Sun Oct 22	Kirsten Mann		

DOOR DUTY TEAMS – OCTOBER

As further changes are to be made to the duty list, it is not possible to include the rota in this month's edition of CONTACT.



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NEWS FROM CROSSREACH

A lot of mail has come from CROSSREACH this month. The Calendar for 2018 and a catalogue of Christmas cards and other goods means I am taking orders **now**.

See me in Church or phone 852823 to order. You'll find a catalogue on the table at the back of the church.

Our quarterly supply of newsletters and prayer letters came too, so a copy of each is also on the table and some copies are with guild members for sharing.

This newsletter, another fine glossy production, focusses on the services for children. There is an excellent report from Ballinkirrain School which caters for children who've had trauma, chaos and disrupted education. Staff there focus on each individual child, first finding some ability and building on that to slowly integrate and develop a happier person. Read about Bobby in the magazine.

Staff and clients at Simpson House and the Sunflower Garden were honoured by a visit from the Lord High Commissioner, Princess Anne, during the General Assembly in May. Now I quote from the staff manager at Simpson House.

"We have observed that our adult clients, **without exception**, have had traumatic childhoods and use substances to self-medicate. Through the therapeutic process the course of their future can be changed and that is what drives us all. Equally, supporting children at Sunflower Garden means emotional healing can be encouraged early on. This early intervention can be a form of prevention: so the cycle of addiction in families can be interrupted, and the child's future mental health, relationships and school attainment can be influenced positively"

Now the Retiring Offering at our October Communion is to benefit CROSSREACH. Please be generous so that CROSSREACH may continue to provide such valuable services. Do also pray that all their staff will be encouraged and those clients be empowered to be the best that they can be.

Sandra Dow.



FRIDAY COFFEE BREAK



May Duffus, Effie Bruce and their helpers welcomed Coffee Breakers and friends to the September Coffee Break. Everyone was busy catching up with their summer news over a welcome coffee and mouth-watering home baking.

If you haven't managed along yet, we meet on the first and third Friday of the month in the Philip Hall from 10 - 11.30am. Everyone is welcome.

Coffee Break diary dates for the next two months are:

October 6th and 20th

November 3rd and 17th.

Evelyn.

THE NEXT CONTACT

The next edition of CONTACT will appear on Sunday November 5. Unfortunately last month's experiment of delaying the closing date, when material was required until the Sunday before publishing, has proved to be unsuccessful. Therefore any contributions for inclusion must be in the hands of the editor by Sunday October 22.

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