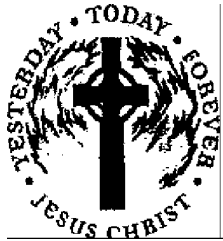
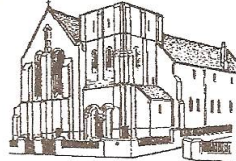


# CONTACT



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## From the Minister's Desk

**“Jesus said, ‘Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come’.”**

**Matthew 24:42**

Dear Friends,

November can often seem like a dreary time of year, with darkening days and dreary weather. It's a month lightened only with fireworks at the start and the glitz of Christmas preparations as it draws to a close and with some reflective themes in it.

Traditionally November began with All Saints Day, following on from All Souls Day at the end of October, and the remembering of loved ones we have lost; a theme that Remembrance Day takes on with its particular reference to those lost in war.

Remembrance has always been an important Christian theme; the valuing of those we have cherished, the sharing of memories, and of course the particular remembering that is at the heart of the Lord's Supper. That remembering helps us to realise that it is not simply a reflection of the past.

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When we remember the Lord Jesus and the gift of His Sacrifice for us, we do not simply remember the noble act of a fallen hero, but His continuing presence with us. We remember that Jesus is in our midst, and that His death – and resurrection – mean that we shall live with Him for ever.

So from the remembering of the past we move to the hope of what is yet to come. November ends with the entry of the great season of Advent: a time not so much 'getting ready for Christmas' but preparing for the arrival of Jesus.

Of course Advent has that element of remembering the preparations for Jesus' first arrival when He was born of Mary. Yet a central theme of Advent has always been to look forward to Jesus' return. It is a preparation for the final arrival of His Kingdom on earth, when all things are made new, death is finally abolished, and the dead in Christ are raised.

It is good to take time to look back and remember. And wonderful to be able to look forward and get ready!

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

Mike Goss

**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 now on sale from any member of the FUN group.

*Pat.*

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## WILLIAM NICOLL

Bill Nicoll was the Session Clerk when I was inducted to Carnoustie in 2003; he had intended retiring at that time but stayed on for a few years to let me settle in, giving me a lot of support and help when I first arrived. We met regularly at the Manse to go over Session agendas and to talk about arrangements for services.

Bill had grown up in Govan Old where his father had been a friend of the late great Rev George McLeod, who had been minister there until he left to lead the Iona Community. Married to Helen in 1957 they celebrated their Diamond Wedding anniversary in March this year, just a month before Helen's death in April.

Bill had worked for ICI for many years and his appointment as Senior Rep for Tayside led to the Nicoll's moving to Carnoustie in 1972, and their involvement in the community and in particular in Carnoustie Church.

They will both be greatly missed and our thoughts and prayers go with their daughter Marjory and son Scott and their families.

*Mike.*

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December

- 11 am Service of Lessons and Carols  
 – offering for Carnoustie Community Helpline  
 7 pm Christmas Musicale  
 – Gleadhraich, Brass bands, Maggie Findlay & Carnoustie Choir

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Eve)

- 10.30 am Joint Family Nativity Service in **Barry** Parish Church  
 11.30 pm Watchnight Service – Retiring Offering for Scottish Bible Society

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Day)

- 10.30 am Family Celebration – Joint service in **Carnoustie** Church

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017

- 10.30 am Family Service – Joint service in **Carnoustie** Church

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018

- 11 am Morning Service – Funday Club and Youth Group resume

## DOOR DUTY TEAMS – NOVEMBER

- Sun Nov 5** Sandy Thornton, David Blair, Audrey Duncan, Audrey Doherty, Robin Limmack, Mairi Allan and Sandra Armit.  
**Sun Nov 12** (Barry Church 10.30am) From Allan Gall, Mike Richardson, Ann Green, Sandra Dow, Jacqui Armstrong, Norma Murdoch and Jean Brown.  
**Sun Nov 19** Alex McGill, Gordon Hampton, Margaret Ramsay, Sandra McKay, Ann Banks, Allison Edwards and Val Russell.  
**Sun Nov 26** Ian Johnston, George Roger, Christine Roger, Kay Landsburgh, Graham Landsburgh, Prue Milne and Effie Bruce.  
**Sun Dec 3** Kirsty Mann, Neil Russell, Allan MacLaren, Jenny MacLaren, Jane Ower, Irene Morrison, Evelyn Baker and Irene Hoar.

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## YOUR MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

<b>Sun Nov 5</b>	Mrs Betty Picken and Mrs Mary Whyte.
<b>Sun Nov 12</b>	Mrs D. Edwards and Mr I. MacDougall.
<b>Sun Nov 19</b>	Mrs G. Haggart, Mrs C McEwan and the Flower Fund.
<b>Sun Nov 26</b>	Mrs A. Lindsay and Mrs M. Stevenson.
<b>Sun Dec 3</b>	Mrs E. Black and Mrs A. Rendall.
<b>Sun Dec 10</b>	Mrs M. Duffus and Mrs N. Phillip.
<b>Sun Dec 17</b>	Mrs A. Gall and Mrs S. Lindsay.
<b>Sun Dec 24</b>	Mrs A. Gruber and Mrs A. M. McFarlane.
<b>Sun Dec 31</b>	Mrs H Dorward & Gillian and The Flower Fund.



## THE GUILD

We enjoyed an interesting talk given by Mike on Wednesday October 18. He told us about 'Care for the Family' - one of the projects the Guild supports.

The last project of our three year period in on November 18, in the Philip Hall at 7.30pm, and is about Haiti.. Since our speaker is coming from Edinburgh a large turn-out would be appreciated. Please come along!

Due to circumstances, our Christmas lunch has been changed from Wednesday December 6 in the Station Hotel to Wednesday December 13 in the Corner Hotel.

Remember too - our fundraising quiz is on sale for £1 and all you have to do in name some Scottish lochs. It might, however, be a bit harder than it sounds. All entries have to be in to Margaret Ramsay by November 30.

## THE NEXT CONTACT

The next edition of CONTACT will appear on Sunday December 3. Please note that this edition will cover the months of December and January. All items for inclusion should be submitted by Sunday November 19.

## PRAYER FOCUS

We offer these thoughts to add to your own prayers:

1. **Prisoners' Week** – Remember the work of Prison Chaplains and pray for all involved in seeking justice and furthering the reform of prisoners, and providing support for their families.
2. **Cycling without Age** – Pray for this new initiative in our town seeking to provide a new outlet in the fresh air for frail elderly people.
3. **Rev Annette Gordon** – Pray for the Minister Elect of Carnoustie: Panbride Parish Church as she prepares for her ordination and induction to the charge.

## FUNDAY CLUB DIARY

<b>Sun Nov 12</b>	No Funday Club (Service in Barry Church).
<b>Sat Dec 16</b>	2.30 - 4.30pm: Funday Club Party in the Philip Hall.
<b>Sun Dec 24</b>	No Funday Club.
<b>Sun Dec 31</b>	No Funday Club.

## 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.'"*

<b>Sep 28</b>	Margaret R Williamson
<b>Oct 13</b>	Norrie J Morrison
<b>Oct 13</b>	Clem Falconer *
<b>Oct 19</b>	Margaret Fairweather
<b>Oct 26</b>	Jack Scorgie
<b>Oct 27</b>	William Nicoll *

\* denotes a Carnoustie Church member.



## Angus Presbytery

### 2017/18 Seminars Opportunities for You

#### Eldership in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century – Forfar, St. Magaret's Church

**Part 1 - Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2017 – 2 – 4pm**

**Part 2 – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup>. January 2018 from 10.00 am – 4.00 pm.

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2018 from 2.00 – 4.00 pm.

**Session 2** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February – times as above

**Session 3** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:fourraes@btinternet.com)

## ANGUS FOOD BANK

A big THANK YOU to all for the welcome donations at the Harvest Festival for the Angus Food Bank.

Grateful thanks, too, for the generous gifts of money that we receive throughout the year. These were especially welcome this month, as there was a shortage of vital food items at the Fisheracre Foodbank. The volunteers were able to buy a sizeable amount of goods – thanks to your generosity.

All tins and packets of food are always welcome (except soup and beans!). Toiletries are always acceptable and some Christmas sweets would help to bring some cheer in the run up to Christmas.

Many thanks to all Graham and Kay Landsburgh.

## DONATION TO TEARFUND

After our recent Harvest Service, Sandra Dow, Acting Treasurer, sent a donation to Tearfund as follows:-

I am pleased to send you this cheque for £109.75 from the congregation of Carnoustie Church.

For our Harvest Service last month our minister preached on “Poverty Steals” using your material. We collected £87.80 and I have added the tax reclaimed under GASD scheme, thus adding £21.95 to it.

With our donation comes our appreciation for the work you do and our prayers that you may long continue to do so.

*Sandra Dow.*



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## STAMP CORNER



In August, a set of four stamps was issued by Tristan da Cunha to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the visit of Prince Alfred, the second son of Queen Victoria, who is credited with being the originator of the Royal Philatelic Collection. The sale of postage stamps abroad is a highly profitable venture for the Islands' economy.

Tristan da Cunha's one and only tiny settlement is called Edinburgh of the Seven Seas, named in Prince Alfred's honour. Tristan's entire population is approximately 275, made up from 80 families with a total of only 7 surnames.

Tristan da Cunha is located in the southern Atlantic Ocean, and comprises the most remote group of islands in the world. The islands were first sighted in 1506 by the Portuguese explorer Tristao da Cunha and they were eventually annexed by the United Kingdom in 1816. This measure was taken to ensure the French would be unable to use the islands as a base for a rescue operation to free Napoleon Bonaparte from his prison on St. Helena some 1500 miles to the north.

In October 1961 a volcanic eruption of St Mary's Peak forced the evacuation of the entire population of 264 individuals. The islanders were given temporary accommodation in the UK and did not return to Tristan da Cunha until 1963.

Please continue to use the box at the back of the Kirk for your contributions of used postage stamps and unwanted spectacles.

*Allan MacLaren.*

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## FRIDAY COFFEE BREAK



Our October coffee breaks were hosted by Margaret Ramsay, Margaret Murphy and their teams of willing helpers. There is always a bustle and buzz in the Phillip Hall as everyone has a good blether over coffee and homebaking. If you haven't managed along yet we meet on the first and third Friday of the month in the Phillip Hall from 10-11.30am. and we would love to see you.

Diary dates:

November 3rd and 17th.

December 8th. Please note this is the 2nd Friday and only one in December. It is our Christmas coffee break with a baking and soft goods stall.

*Evelyn.*

## COMMUNION DUTY — SUNDAY NOVEMBER 26

The team on duty for the November 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.

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## FORTHCOMING DATES

<b>Sun Nov 5</b>	11am: Service in Church. Funday Club leave during the Service.
<b>Mon Nov 6</b>	12.15-1.00pm: Prayer Group meet in Duthie Room. 7.30pm: Worship Team meet in the Manse.
<b>Wed Nov 8</b>	2pm: Afternoon Service in Willowbank. 7.30pm: Youth & Children Team meet in Philip Hall.
<b>Fri Nov 10</b>	7pm: Dodgeball Competition in BB Hall, Maule Street.
<b>Sun Nov 12</b>	<b>10.30am:</b> Joint Remembrance Day Service in Barry Church. No Funday Club. 12.30pm: Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial.
<b>Mon Nov 13</b>	12.15-1.00pm: Prayer Group meet in Duthie Room.
<b>Wed Nov 15</b>	3pm: Afternoon Service in Braehill Lodge. 7.30pm: Guild Meeting in Philip Hall.
<b>Thur Nov 16</b>	7pm: 'On the Road 2' -consultation in Steeple Church, Dundee.
<b>Fri Nov 17</b>	10.00 am - 11.30 am: Friday Coffee Break in Philip Hall.
<b>Sun Nov 19</b>	11am: Joint Service (Souper Sunday) in Carnoustie Church. Funday Club leave during the Service. After the service a 'soup lunch' will be held in the Philip Hall for Church HIV programme.
<b>Mon Nov 20</b>	12.15-1.00pm: Prayer Group meet in Duthie Room.
<b>Thur Nov 23</b>	2.30pm: Afternoon Communion Service in Brookfield.
<b>Sat Nov 25</b>	National Day of Prayer (Details to follow).
<b>Sun Nov 26</b>	11am: Communion Service in Church. Funday Club leave during the Service.
<b>Mon Nov 27</b>	12.15-1.00pm: Prayer Group meet in Duthie Room. 7.30pm: Kirk Session Executive meet in the Duthie Room.
<b>Sun Dec 3</b>	11am: Service in Church. Funday Club leave during the Service.
<b>Mon Dec 4</b>	12.15-1.00pm: Prayer Group meet in Duthie Room.
<b>Fri Dec 8</b>	10.00 am - 11.30 am: Friday Coffee Break in Philip Hall. 7.00-9.30pm: FUN Group 30th Birthday & Christmas Party in Philip Hall. (see page 3)

### READERS' ROTA

<b>Sun Nov 5</b>	Margaret Ramsay	<b>Sun Nov 26</b>	Neil Russell
<b>Sun Nov 12</b>	Mike Richardson	<b>Sun Dec 3</b>	Gordon Hampton
<b>Sun Nov 19</b>	Allison Edwards	<b>Sun Dec 10</b>	Sandra Dow