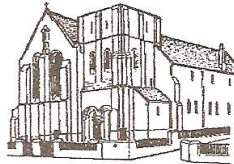


# CONTACT



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## From the Minister's Desk

**“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”**

**1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18**

Dear Friends,

This, as I am often reminded, is the ‘busy time’ for Ministers – although in reality it is simply a different type of busy-ness, as other less visible work gives way to the round of additional public services and events that take place during Advent and Christmas, with the celebrations of the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

It does take a substantial bit of planning, taking account of much-loved traditions while trying to keep the message fresh and to ‘ring the changes’ with the pattern of carols, hymns and readings. But I love the opportunities of reaching members of the community who might not (yet) be regular church-goers.

(continued)

The basic story is of course so familiar to us all. Each one of us should open our ears to allow God to speak to us in a new way even through the message we know so well. When we do so, we may be surprised at what He has in store for us.

Another year is ending, and already the planning is beginning for what happens in the New Year. Rev Jane Blackley is retiring from Brechin: Gardner Memorial l/w Farnell in January, and that will mean a few extra meetings for me as the Interim Moderator for the vacancy. These tasks are becoming more frequent for all Parish Ministers with the rising number of Ministry vacancies throughout Scotland.

Back in September I mentioned the Kirk Sessions’ application to the ‘Path of Renewal’ with the hope that this would help provide a new impetus to the mission and ministry of our congregations. I’m delighted to be able to tell you that we have been successful.

Barry and Carnoustie will therefore be enrolled in the Path of Renewal from January 2018, the first step being a conference that I will attend early in the New Year. I expect it to be challenging, but also greatly rewarding. May I encourage you to pray regularly for this new step for us all.

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

Mike Goss

## THE FUNDAY CLUB

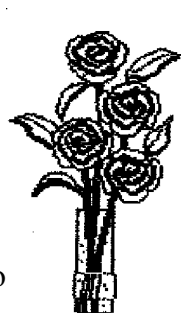
After the morning service on Sunday, December 17 the Funday Club members will be singing ‘Carols round the Manger’ in the Philip Hall. All are welcome to join the children at this event.

We hope to hold a Coffee Morning in the Philip Hall in March in aid of CHAS (Childrens’ Hospices Across Scotland). Any unwanted gifts, books or toys will be gratefully received. As usual, any unsold items will be taken to Kinross to be sold in the CHAS shops. We hope members of the congregation will support us and in doing so will help children and young people with life-shortening illnesses.

*Jean.*

### YOUR MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

<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 G. Bennett and The Flower Fund.
<b>Sun Jan 7</b>	Mrs L. Banks and Mrs E. Fallows.
<b>Sun Jan 14</b>	Mr & Mrs A. McGill and Miss K. Mann.
<b>Sun Jan 21</b>	Mrs S. M. Penman and Mrs B. Picken.
<b>Sun Jan 28</b>	Mrs A.D. MacLaren and Mrs A.D. Thornto
<b>Sun Feb 4</b>	Mrs S.M. Penman and The Flower Fund.
<b>Sun Feb 11</b>	Mrs M. Barrington and Mrs A. Green.
<b>Sun Feb 18</b>	Mrs A. Doherty and Mrs R. Ower.
<b>Sun Feb 25</b>	Mrs E. Andrew and Mrs G. Roger.



As Christmas approaches once more, this seems an appropriate time to thank all of you who have provided the flowers that have helped to decorate the church during the year that has nearly passed.

Anyone wishing to mark a special date by placing flowers in the church has only to ring me (phone 852204) and I will be happy to make the necessary arrangements.

Meanwhile, on behalf of the Flower Committee, may I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and I hope that 2018 will be a good year for you all.  
*Sandra Penman.*

### BOYS' BRIGADE AND SCOUT POST

The Boys' Brigade will deliver to addresses in Barry and Carnoustie. Collection boxes will be in the usual local shops from December 1 until December 21. There will also be a box in the Church until Sunday December 17.

Minimum donation remains at 20p per card..

The Scouts will deliver to Carnoustie, Barry, Monifieth, Broughty Ferry (DD5 postcode), Wellbank, Kellas, Monikie, Newbigging and Arbroath (town only). Collection boxes will be within shops around Carnoustie until December 15.

Minimum donation remains 25p per card.

### A SPECIAL THANKS

Every year our church is beautifully decorated by a small team of volunteers with the focal points being the 2 lovely illuminated trees brightening the sanctuary. Over many years the trees had been donated by Olive and Stewart Duncan and we give thanks for their generous contribution. This year we have cause again to be grateful, this time to Linda Wallace, the new owner of Olive's flower shop, who kindly offered to donate the trees and we look forward to enjoying another Christmas season of worship with friends while surrounded by the trees, flowers, greenery and decorations we have come to love so much.

The trees are being delivered on Wed 6<sup>th</sup> December so if you can help decorate them or the church can you please let me know which day after that suits you best and we will get the team together. *Irene.*

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## PRAYER FOCUS

We offer these thoughts to add to your own prayers:

1. **New Ministers** – Pray for Erskine UF and Holy Rood as they get closer to appointing a new Minister for their respective congregations, and for Rev Annette Gordon as she settles in at Carnoustie: Panbride.
2. **Christmas Services and Events** – Pray for those who will join us for these special occasions that they will find welcome and blessing among us.
3. **China** – After news of an industrial accident in Ningpo, pray for a change to the terrible record of safety lapses in the country.

### 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>Nov 2</b>	Billy Bange
<b>Nov 11</b>	Miss Margaret R Matthew *
<b>Nov 14</b>	Graeme I. Bell
<b>Nov 23</b>	Mrs Helen A. Dorward *
<b>Nov 24</b>	William McNicoll *

\* denotes a Carnoustie Church member.

### NEW SCOTTISH HYMNS BAND

Carnoustie Church will be hosting a concert being given by this band on Sunday January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. They write new hymns for the Church and perform as a 5-piece band. Tickets are priced at £8 to cover the costs, and any surplus will be donated to RNLI.

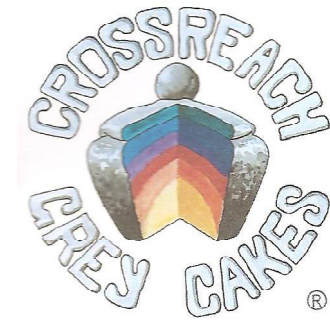
## GREY CAKE BAKE COFFEE MORNING

The FUN Group along with Sandra Dow are organising a coffee morning for Crossreach on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2018 from 10am to 11.30am – tickets Adults £2 and children £1.

We will have the usual stalls including cake and candy, bric a brac and £1 parcels. We are looking for donations for all three stalls and the idea of grey cakes is that when you cut the cake the inside is bright (see picture opposite).

We also would like all the parcels to be wrapped in dark paper e.g. newspaper as this will reflect the ‘grey cake’ theme

*Pat.*



### SOUPER SUNDAY LUNCH

The Souper Sunday Lunch, which was held after the joint morning service on Sunday November 18, realised the sum of £229 (£194 from donations and £35 from gift-aid) for the Church of Scotland HIV program. At least 40 folk took lunch and 22 envelopes were filled. Thanks are due to those who attended the lunch, served the lunch or prepared the lunch.



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## DECEMBER NEWS

I have received an interesting letter from TearFund acknowledging and thanking Carnoustie Church congregation for the donation we sent last month.

Crossreach is the recipient this month. I've sent, on your behalf, the collection of old £1 coins and the retiring offering taken at the October Communion, augmented by the reclaimed tax. So that came to £155. Thanks for supporting CrossReach.

Our order for calendars and cards came to over £300 this year. Since it came very swiftly the goods are already delivered and the money squared up.

This is the end of the year for Life & Work, therefore if you get this magazine and have not paid for 2017, please hand £30 to Acting Treasurer, Sandra Dow, very soon.

May you have peace love and joy this Christmas, and pray that peace comes to those in trouble.

*Sandra.*

**P. S.** A thank you letter has arrived from CrossReach appreciating our generous contribution. The letter finishes with the words "It means the world to us."

## Carnoustie Church F.U.N. Group

### Christmas/30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party

Why not come with Santa, Elfie and the FUN Group to celebrate our birthday and Christmas party on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm.

Tickets Adults £5 children free. Price includes light supper and a gift from Santa!

## FUNDRAISING THE PAINLESS WAY

As everyone is aware, a great deal of work is needing to be done in our church building over the coming months. Making sure there is enough money to carry out any work whether it be improvements or essential repairs, is always a challenge so whatever happens in the future, we need to make sure we have enough funds to keep us going. Using this idea should help a little.

Carnoustie Church is now registered with an online fundraising body that gives back cash when folk shop online. The registered name is CARNOUSTIE CHURCH BUILDING and anyone who shops online at any time can contribute.

How can you do this?

1. Go to the easyfundraising site and register as a supporter of Carnoustie Church Building.
2. When shopping, log on to easyfundraising/carnoustiechurchbuilding before you choose which retailer you want to shop with.
3. Shop for whatever you need, the donation is passed on automatically.
4. Encourage friends and relatives to do the same.
5. That's all there is to it, once you have logged on, our cause will receive a donation. There are over 3200 well known retailers including insurance companies, holiday firms and large stores so the chances of getting a donation are quite high. There is no catch, the goods cost just the same and they do not take any of your personal financial information. The money raised is paid directly into the church's bank account every 3 months.

I have been using the site for a couple of weeks now doing grocery shopping as well as some Christmas shopping and have already raised over £5 so, if 100 members of the church did the same, we could raise £500 each month.

Anyone who is interested and is unsure of what to do, just get in touch and I will be happy to help. I can also send out the link to people if you give me your email address.

Let's get shopping,

*Irene.*

**FORTHCOMING DATES**

- Sun Dec 3** 11am: Service in Church. Funday Club & Youth Group leave during the Service.
- Mon Dec 4** 12.15-1.00pm: Prayer Group meet in Duthie Room.
- Thur Dec 7** Guild Christmas Lunch in the Corner Hotel.
- Fri Dec 8** 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.
- Sun Dec 10** 11am: Service in Church. Funday Club & Youth Group leave during the Service.
- Mon Dec 11** 12.15-1.00pm: Prayer Group meet in Duthie Room.
- Thur Dec 14** 10.00am – 12.30pm: Study and Fellowship Group meets in Duthie Room.
- Sat Dec 16** 2.30 - 4.30pm: Funday Club Party in the Philip Hall.
- Sun Dec 17** 11am: Lessons & Carols Service in Church. Funday Club & Youth Group leave during the Service.  
(Offering for Carnoustie Community Helpline).  
12noon: Funday Club sing “Carols round the Manger” in the Philip Hall. All welcome.  
7.00pm: Carnoustie Musicale in Church.
- Mon Dec 18** 12.15-1.00pm: Prayer Group meet in Duthie Room.
- Wed Dec 20** 10am: Woodlans P. S.End of Term Service in Carnoustie Church (weather permitting).
- Sun Dec 24** 3pm: Afternoon Christmas Service in Braehill Lodge.  
**Christmas Eve.**  
**10.30am:** Joint Family Nativity Service in Barry Parish Church. No Funday Club.  
6.30pm: Christingle Service in Barry Parish Church.  
(offering for Community Resuscitation Equipment).  
11.30pm: Watchnight Service in Carnoustie Church.  
(Offering for the Scottish Bible Society).
- Mon Dec 25** **Christmas Day.**  
**10.30am:** Joint Family Service in Carnoustie Church.
- Sun Dec 31** **10.30am:** Joint Family Service (led by Rev Dougal Edwards) in Church. No Funday Club or Youth Group.
- Sat Dec 30– Sat Jan 6** **Minister’s Holiday**

**2018**

- Sun Jan 7** 11am: Service in Church. Funday Club & Youth Group resume.
- Mon Jan 8** 12.15-1.00pm: Prayer Group meet in Duthie Room.  
7.30pm: Worship Team meet in the Manse.
- Thur Jan 11** 10.00am – 12.30pm: Study and Fellowship Group meets in Duthie Room.
- Sun Jan 14** 11am: Service in Church. Funday Club leave during the Service.  
Kirk Session meets after worship in St Stephen’s Chapel.  
7pm: New Scottish Hymn Band in Carnoustie Church (see page 5).
- Mon Jan 15** 12.15-1.00pm: Prayer Group meet in Duthie Room.  
7.30pm: Mission & Discipleship Team meet in the Duthie Room.
- Wed Jan 17** 7.30pm: Guild Meeting in the Philip Hall.
- Thur Jan 18** 2pm: Property Focus Group meet in the Philip Hall.
- Fri Jan 19** 10.00 am - 11.30 am: Friday Coffee Break in Philip Hall.
- Sun Jan 21** 11am: Service in Church. Funday Club leave during the Service.
- Mon Jan 22** 12.15-1.00pm: Prayer Group meet in Duthie Room.  
7.30pm: Kirk Session meet in Duthie Room.
- Thur Jan 25** 10.00am – 12.30pm: Study and Fellowship Group meets in Duthie Room.
- Sat Jan 27** 10am - 11.30am: Crossreach Coffee Morning in the Philip Hall (see page 6)
- Sun Jan 28** 11am: Service in Church. Funday Club leave during the Service.
- Mon Jan 29** 12.15-1.00pm: Prayer Group meet in Duthie Room.
- Fri Feb 2** 10.00 am - 11.30 am: Friday Coffee Break in Philip Hall.
- Sun Feb 4** 11am: Service in Church. Funday Club leave during the Service.
- Mon Feb 5** 12.15-1.00pm: Prayer Group meet in Duthie Room.  
7.30pm: Youth & Children Team meet in the Duthie Room.



### CHAS DONATION

This month we celebrate the birth of Jesus and as a token of our love we give one another presents.

I was asked to write this article to let the congregation know about one of our Funday Club members, Andrew Turner. He had a party to celebrate his birthday in September. Instead of presents from his friends he asked for donations to CHAS (Children's Hospices Across Scotland), a charity supported by our Funday Club. £270 was raised!

Andrew and his family visited Rachel House, Kinross, where he handed over his donation and the family were given a tour of the building and the facilities it offers. Despite the sad and difficult reasons families use the hospice, it is a well-designed, caring, welcoming, homely place with dedicated and thoughtful staff and volunteers. It was an uplifting visit and Andrew's donation was gratefully received. *S.T.*

The above picture shows Andrew handing over the cheque to Hannah Gell who is a Community Fundraiser for CHAS.

### THE NEXT CONTACT

The next CONTACT will appear on Sunday February 4, 2018. All items for inclusion should be submitted by Sunday January 21.

### DOOR DUTY TEAMS – DECEMBER & JANUARY

- Dec 3** Kirsty Mann, Neil Russell, Allan MacLaren, Jenny MacLaren, Jane Ower, Irene Morrison, Evelyn Baker and Irene Hoar.
- Dec 10** Sandy Thornton, David Blair, Audrey Duncan, Audrey Doherty, Robin Limmack, Mairi Allan and Sandra Armit.
- Dec 17** Allan Gall, Mike Richardson, Ann Green, Sandra Dow, Jacqui Armstrong, Norma Murdoch and Jean Brown.
- Dec 24** Alex McGill, Gordon Hampton, Margaret Ramsay, Sandra McKay, Ann Banks, Allison Edwards and Val Russell.
- Dec 31** Ian Johnston, George Roger, Christine Roger, Kay Landsburgh, Graham Landsburgh and Prue Milne.
- Jan 7** Kirsty Mann, Neil Russell, Allan MacLaren, Jenny MacLaren, Jane Ower, Irene Morrison, Evelyn Baker and Irene Hoar.
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## STAMP CORNER



### 2017 CHRISTMAS STAMP ISSUE

This year we are welcoming in the festive season with two distinct themes for Royal Mail's 2017 stamp issue. There are 12 new stamps, eight of which feature charming portrayals of the Madonna and Child, and four stamps which show the two winning designs from Royal Mail's Children's Design Competition.

One stamp, designed by 10 year old Ted Lewis, features Santa Claus riding across a moon-lit and star-studded night sky on his sleigh carrying a sack of presents. The sleigh is being pulled by only one reindeer - maybe Rudolph, but we cannot be sure.

Reindeer can be found in both the Arctic and sub-Arctic regions of the planet, and they like to move around a lot and rarely stay in any one place for very long. They move in huge herds, and have been known to cover 3,000 miles in a year ..... that's roughly the distance from Carnoustie to Toronto in Canada.

Reindeer are vegetarian and eat lichens, mosses and leaves. Their eyesight and hearing aren't brilliant, but they have a keenly developed sense of smell. They are also very fast runners and have been recorded at speeds of up to 48mph. That is quite amazing considering the fastest man on the planet, Usain Bolt, can run at 27mph. How fast can you run? Answers to Mike Goss please before 25<sup>th</sup> December.

The first written account of reindeer in association with Santa Claus occurred in a booklet called "A New Year's Present" published in 1821. I expect to find a lot of Christmas stamps in the Kirk box in January, but any others will be welcome too.

A happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas to everyone from Stamp Corner.

*Allan MacLaren.*

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## FRIDAY COFFEE BREAK



Stella Lindsay and Margaret Gruber welcomed coffee the November coffee mornings where everyone met up with friends for a blether while sampling the delicious homebaking on offer.

Please note there will only be one coffee break in December and that will be the Christmas Coffee Break on the 8th December. There will be a baking and soft goods stall as well as our famed homebaking and coffee! We meet in the Phillip Hall from 10-11.30am and everyone is welcome.

On behalf of all the Friday helpers we wish all the Friday coffee breakers a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Diary dates:

January 19th 2018 is the first coffee break of the year followed by February 2nd and 16th.

*Evelyn.*

### READERS' ROTA

<b>Sun Dec 3</b>	Neil Russell	<b>Sun Jan 14</b>	Mike Richardson
<b>Sun Dec 10</b>	Sandra Dow	<b>Sun Jan 21</b>	Allison Edwards
<b>Sun Dec 17</b>	Norma Murdoch	<b>Sun Jan 28</b>	Gordon Hampton
<b>Watchnight</b>	Irene Hoar	<b>Sun Feb 4</b>	Neil Russell
<b>Christmas Day</b>	Kirsten Mann	<b>Sun Feb 11</b>	Sandra Dow
<b>Sun Dec 31</b>	Ian Johnston	<b>Sun Feb 18</b>	Norma Murdoch
<b>Sun Jan 7</b>	Margaret Ramsay		

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## 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  
6.30pm Christingle 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

### FORTHCOMING DATES

Will be found on pages 9 & 10.

**We wish all readers and contributors**

**HAPPINESS AND PEACE**

**AT CHRISTMAS**

**AND**

**THROUGHOUT 2018**

