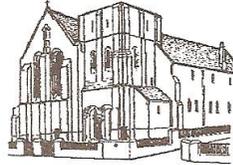


CONTACT



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From the Minister's Desk

**“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute
you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you
because of me.”**

Matthew 5: 11

Dear Friends,

After all the joy of celebrating Holy Week and Easter, it was great to get away with Rhona and Aileen to the North York Moors for a holiday. The weather was varied – as we expected – but we had plenty to do together and a lovely cottage for our refuge.

Coming home was not so good, as we arrived straight into urgent questions from a Courier reporter, eager to get my view on a petition being publicized on social media by a local councillor trying to have me removed from School Chaplaincy. Worse still, the petition made serious and potentially libellous accusations about my views and actions.

The matter had arisen out of my public involvement in General Assembly debates regarding Same Sex Marriage in May 2016 and 2017. While the Assembly had rejected the arguments I and others had raised from a Biblical standpoint, more than a third of the commissioners had supported this view, and the Assembly recognised it as consistent with the Church's continuing teaching on marriage and not homophobic.

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The matter was given extensive coverage in the Courier for several days, and I received support (some public) from the other clergy in the town and many others across the community and from the wider Church. By week's end it seemed to have faded from view without any suggestion that the schools would bow to the demands of the petition.

It's hard to face attacks in the press and online, particularly when they make claims that are untrue or use words that have been twisted to suit an agenda. Yet I have been greatly encouraged by people who have supported me – including numbers who don't agree with my stance.

While seeking to defend ourselves from wrongful accusations, it is important to stand up for what is right and true. And it is vital to attempt to do so with graciousness and Christian love.

But the struggle we have faced is nothing compared to the hardship and persecution that Christians in other parts of the world must suffer. News reports tell us of those who are physically abused, imprisoned, falsely accused and even put to death simply for following the Saviour we confess. Our prayers and support must be with them.

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

Mike Goss

READERS' ROTA

Sun May 6	Irene Hoar	Sun May 27	Kirsten Mann
Sun May 13	Ian Johnston	Sun Jun 3	Margaret Ramsay
Sun May 20	Allison Edwards	Sun Jun 10	Mike Richardson

SWEETIES QUIZ

The next quiz - a 'Sweeties Quiz' is now ready and will be available from 'all the usual outlets'.

Entries are due in by Sunday June 3 and should be sent to Ann Green at 24 Millar Street.

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NEW GUILD PROJECTS

As Guild project co-ordinator for Angus East, I was fortunate to be able to go along to Edinburgh at the beginning of April and hear all about the 6 new projects that the guild will be supporting for the next 3 years. The theme for 2018 until 2021 is 'One Journey, Many Roads' and all the projects reflect that theme.

Crossreach's project is '**Join Up the Dots**' looking at the problems of loneliness and social isolation in Scotland. Do you remember the recent 'Grey Cake' event?

World Mission Council's 'Journeying Together' is '**Empowering Teenage mothers in Zambia**', offering mentoring and support for young mothers, teaching them parenting skills.

The Sailor's Society's project is called '**A Chaplain for our Ports**' and they are hoping to transform more lives through bringing hope and comfort to seafarers arriving in our ports.

The Free to Live Trust is asking the guild to support '**Seema's Project**'. They rescue abandoned children from the red-light district of the city of Pune, India.

Malawi Fruits '**Growing the Future**' is committed to supporting young farmers in the north of Malawi by teaching more up to date irrigation methods and crop processing.

The Boy's Brigade's project is called '**Faith in Young People**'. This will focus on Growth in Faith, Growth in community partnerships and Growth in Young People.

Just a taste of the new projects and if you would like to know more, all the projects will be represented at a Project Rally to be held in Forfar's East and Old Church on Saturday 26th May. It is an open day for anyone interested in hearing about the projects, *you do not have to be a Guild member*, and it will start at 11.00am prompt finishing about 3.00pm. Tea and coffee will be available but bring a packed lunch with you.

Get in touch with me if you want any more details.

Irene.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS "TRIATHLON" (In aid of the Church refurbishment project)

The Church Family and friends Triathlon event will take place on the following dates:-

Friday June 1st Swimming-evening

Saturday June 2nd Cycling- morning

Sunday June 3rd Walking -afternoon

Sponsor Sheets will be available at the back of the Church.

You can take a part in any or all of these elements if you wish.

For those of you who feel no longer able to take part please remember it is equally important to support the effort of those who can.

Many Thanks

Allison Edwards.

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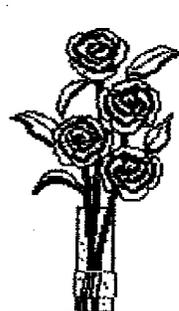
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YOUR MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

Sun May 6	Mrs S.M. Penman and Miss C. Penman.
Sun May 13	Mrs E. Baker and Mrs G. Stirling.
Sun May 20	Mrs J. Hoar and Mrs K. Morrison.
Sun May 27	Mrs G. Bennett and Mrs P. Simpson.
Sun Jun 3	Miss A. Hood and The Flower Fund.
Sun Jun 10	Mrs G. Lasndsburgh and Mrs N. Young.
Sun Jun 17	Mrs N. Murdoch and Mrs F. Stewart.
Sun Jun 24	Mrs E. Lyall and Mrs P. Murphy.



FUN GROUP SUGGESTED BUS TRIP

In the last CONTACT , the F.U.N. Group said that they were looking into running a bus trip in August - either to Banchory (visiting Crathes Castle) or to Falkirk (visiting the Kelpies).

Members were asked to indicate if they were interested and to do so by completing a small option sheet. Recent enquiries have shown that very few members have indicated which option (if either) they would prefer. The FUN committee will meet in the middle of May and will obviously hope to be in a position to make a decision on the proposal.

The option sheet is printed below and if you are interested fill it in and either give it to Claire Penman or hand it in at the church door as soon as possible.

BANCHORY		Name(s)
FALKIRK		
EITHER		

RETIRING COLLECTION

The retiring collection after the Communion Service on April 22 came to £144.10 which will, along with any tax reclaimed, be donated to the Organ Fund.

COMMUNION DUTY - SUNDAY MAY 27

The team on duty for the Communion on Sunday May 27 is Evelyn Baker, Allan Gall, Ann Green, **Irene Hoar**, Alex McGill, Norma Murdoch, Margaret Ramsay, Mike Richardson.

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.

If you arrange a swap please let your team leader (in bold) know as soon as possible.

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.’”*

Apr 3 Mrs Ann Thomson *

Apr 25 Mrs Sheila Bowles

* denotes a Carnoustie Church member.

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Treasure Hunt

The Treasure Hunt, confined to the centre of Carnoustie, is to be held on Friday evening 22nd June 2018 commencing at 6.15pm.

Details later of where the Treasure Hunt will commence

The Barbeque which follows will commence in the Manse Garden around 7pm.

To ensure your dietary requirements are catered for it's a 'bring your own food and own cold refreshments' night.

To allow the 'chef' to get organised during the Treasure Hunt, please hand in your food to the Manse prior to going on Treasure Hunt.

Entry forms to Pat Thornton, 9 Collier Street by 9 June

Team name

Number in team

Contact Phone no.

Entry £2 per team

PROPERTY FOCUS GROUP

Since we last reported in Contact the Property Development Focus Group has been having discussions with representatives of several firms that may be invited to tender to be the professional lead for the project. There has also been a visit from members of the Church of Scotland's Committee on Church Art & Architecture ("CARTA"), who were able to give us a general indication that our proposals are likely to be acceptable to the Committee.

Apart from our plans to make changes to the church interior, the Kirk Session has also agreed to instruct a comprehensive condition survey of the church building to identify potential shortcomings of the external fabric and receive recommendations for the necessary remedial works and/or exposure and investigative works if that proves necessary. Don't be surprised if, in the coming weeks, you see a cherry picker and people with hard hats examining our church—this is not the start of the project, merely another step on the way.

The sub group tasked with sourcing financial assistance from outside bodies is working on a document summarising our aims and objectives and this will soon be getting sent to potential funders in an attempt to ascertain the level of likely support. Work is continuing to identify public bodies, institutions, charitable trusts, local businesses and individuals etc who may be willing to provide assistance.

Peter, Irene & Ian.

PRAYER FOCUS

We offer these thoughts to add to your own prayers:

1. **Councillors and council officials** – Remember their work as they seek to manage the important local things we take for granted, like education, cleansing, social work and planning.
2. **General Assembly** – Pray for the Rev Susan Brown, Moderator Designate, and all who are to be Commissioners this year, that they would seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the leading of the Church.
3. **Migration** – Pray for people working and living in Scotland from other countries, wondering about their future, and especially remember all who have fled persecution and trouble in their homelands.

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

HEART AND SOUL

SUN MAY 20, 2018

PRINCESS STREET GARDENS, EDINBURGH

I would like to invite you and members of your congregation to Heart and Soul 2018, taking place on Sunday 20 May from 12:30 - 6pm. We hope and pray that this eighth annual event will again be a true celebration of the Church within the centre of our capital city. For the first time, as part of the Year of Young People, we are also hosting a free youth event in the Gardens on Saturday 19 May from 7-9pm.

Visitors will notice significant changes to the event in 2018. As well as reflections and ideas from organisations and congregations of the Kirk on the theme of 'Peace be with you!', those who attend will experience a change to the layout of the park. Instead of tents lining the avenues, several meandering paths into new villages have been created to draw visitors into the tents, away from the avenues. Great care has been taken to ensure that all of the villages are accessible for those with mobility issues.

We would like to encourage you to invite Sunday Schools and families to join us at our new Family Stage where we will be hosting a giant picnic with Fischy music, games, stories and lots of fun from 12:30 – 3pm. As the theme of the event is 'Peace be with you!' we are encouraging everyone to ... 'Bring Your Piece' and join us at the picnic.

The youth event on Saturday evening will be something very special. We are working in collaboration with Powerpoint Scotland and have invited the Christian EDM group LZ7, to play for an event which aims to attract up to 1,000 young people for a mix of live music, enthusiastic & exciting worship and fellowship.

In another 'first' for this year's event we are hosting the "In Conversation" tent. It will feature a timetable of interesting talks with contributions from Sally Magnusson; Very Rev Dr Lorna Hood OBE with Louise MacDonald (Young Scot); Ross Greer MSP with Very Rev Dr Derek Browning and Robin Downie; Anna Magnusson with Rev Dr Margaret Forrester; and Scots in Great War London Group. Church Elder and BBC's Hugh Pym will host "In Conversation".

Add in to all of that over 60 congregation and exhibitors sharing their work and ministry, a packed Main Stage programme of bands and drama, Peace @ St. Cuthbert's Church, a massed worship service at 5pm in the Ross Bandstand and thousands of people to meet and talk to we hope and pray that there is truly something for everyone at Heart and Soul.

I would invite you to share this information with your congregation, children's leaders, youth leaders and any others you feel might be interested. If you feel able, it would be wonderful if you were able to share some of the information of the event in your weekly sheets, or congregational emails.

For more information I would encourage you to visit our website www.heartandsoul.org.uk and three posters for sharing with your congregation advertising different parts of Heart and Soul are attached to this email.

I look forward to being able to welcome you to Heart and Soul next month.

Rev Bryan Kerr
Minister, Greyfriars Parish Church, Lanark

'Flyers' advertising the various events on the day and giving more details of each can be seen on the Notice Board at the back of the church.

Members who have attended previous 'Heart and Soul' days speak very highly of both the presentation and the general atmosphere of the Event.

Maybe it's worthwhile to go along and see what it's all about.



MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP

I am sure many of you will have noticed the display board opposite the door as you come into the church. It has the MAF insignia and pictures of planes and people along with some information about the work MAF does. Sometimes, though, things become part of the décor and folk stop seeing what is there so this is just a reminder to maybe go over and have another look at this display board. There is a new poster and postcards with details of the families from Scotland who are currently working abroad for MAF. Take down the cards and read the back where there is information telling you how to find out more about them and their work if you are interested.

I have also put a sheet up with details of some of the merchandise available, books, key rings etc. so if you would like to order anything, just get in touch with me and I will be happy to help.

There is also a fairly large box to collect postcards. Over the last few years, thousands of pounds has been raised just by people donating postcards so if you have any lying about the house, or indeed if you are on holiday and send some to friends and family, encourage them to put them into the box. I do check the box regularly and send a package away at least once a year.

‘See a plane, pray for MAF’ is a good way to remember to say a short prayer for the pilots and engineers and thanks, as always, for all the support given to MAF, it is gratefully received. *Irene.*

SCOTTISH QUIZ

We are delighted to announce that the winner of the Scottish Quiz Grand Hamper is CHRISTINE ROGER. Very well done, Christine and congratulations!

Thanks too to all the quizzers who raised £156 for the Church Building Project.

Special thanks to ‘The Haven’ and ‘For Carnoustie’ Charity shops and also ‘Belle’s Gift Shop’ for their help in selling the quiz sheets.

Kay Landsburgh.

DOOR DUTY TEAMS – MAY

- Sun May 6** Allan Gall, Mike Richardson, Ann Green, Sandra Dow, Jacqui Armstrong, Norma Murdoch and Jean Brown.
- Sun May 13** Alex McGill, Gordon Hampton, Margaret Ramsay, Sandra McKay, Ann Banks, Allison Edwards and Val Russell.
- Sun May 20** Ian Johnston, George Roger, Christine Roger, Kay Landsburgh, Graham Landsburgh, Prue Milne and Effie Bruce.
- Sun May 27** Kirsty Mann, Neil Russell, Allan MacLaren, Jenny MacLaren, Jane Ower, Irene Morrison, Evelyn Baker and Irene Hoar.
- Sun Jun 3** Sandy Thornton, David Blair, Audrey Duncan, Audrey Doherty, Robin Limmack, Mairi Allan and Sandra Armit.

THE GUILD

Our last meeting of the session on Wednesday April 18 was advertised as an evening of musical entertainment, and those 24 ladies who attended were certainly not disappointed. It was good to welcome ladies from Barry Guild and the Baptist Church.

Singers Evelyn Fordyce and Shona Kemp were accompanied at the piano by Helen Addison, who also recited some very funny poems. A most enjoyable evening to end this session!

Our new session begins on Wednesday September 19. The syllabus is full already - we look forward to an exciting and varied programme to take us into 2019!!

If you’ve never been to the Guild you should give it a go next session.

Prudence.

CHURCH WHEELCHAIR

I would like, on behalf of the congregation, to thank Sandra Dow for donating her late husband’s wheelchair for use in the Church.

If someone is taken ill in the church it will be so easy to take them into a quiet place as we all know that taking ill in a public place is so embarrassing.

Jean B.

“OVER THE MOON”

I am writing this article to ask for your sponsorship for a challenge I am doing called “over the moon”

The moonwalk is a chance for me to raise money for a cancer charity. In doing so remembering all the friends and family who have battled against cancer with dignity. Some lost the battle but others have come out the other side and are living healthy lives. After registering for the event, I discovered that this year may be even more personal as a close family member has to go for a mammogram after finding lumps. He hasn't been to the hospital yet, but it brings home that breast cancer can be found in men and women and can happen at any time in life.

2017 was my first moonwalk (aka my first marathon albeit walking as opposed to running). It was fantastic in every way; the friends I made, the fitness levels gained, the brilliant support I received from friends and family (both monetary for the charity and encouragement). This year I thought I would really push myself and register for “over the moon” ie back to back marathons, once through the night and the other in daylight. **52.4 miles!!!!** It starts around midnight (hence the reference to “moon”) and must be completed in 14 hours, so powerwalking required and a recommended pace of 4 miles per hour or 15 minute miles.

The moonwalk is organised by a charity called Walk the Walk. It is a grant giving charity and aims to grant 75% of its funds to vital breast cancer causes. It is dedicated to also raise awareness of breast cancer and is passionate about encouraging both men and women to get fitter, healthier and take care of their own wellbeing.

I am the independent examiner of Trinity Church in Dundee, as well, and the past 3 years they have both donated as a church and put sponsor forms out as a “thank you” for the work I put into their accounts. The charity is not always the same but both last year and this it is “Walk the Walk”. When “volunteering” to be our church’s examiner, I asked if I could do something similar so I could raise even more money for the charity. The answer was yes.

Sponsor forms will be at the back of the church and I'll put a box there to collect the monies donated. Please fill in the form if you are donating especially if you can tick the gift aid box.

Lesley Stirling.



FRIDAY COFFEE BREAK



In early April, May Duffus with Stella Lindsay and helpers welcomed coffee breakers with delicious homebaking and a welcome coffee. A glorious sunny morning greeted everyone as they gathered for the last coffee break of the session. The committee had been busy baking and soon the hall was buzzing with chat and coffee and a visit to the laden stall found everyone was spoiled for choice.

At the Church service on Sunday 22nd April a cheque for £2,400 was presented to Dr. Peter Thornton for the Church Building Project which the Coffee Breakers had been supporting during the session.

Many thanks to all the ladies who have worked so hard over the year baking, serving, organising sales tables and card sales. Your support is much appreciated. Thanks to Colin Roberts our hall keeper for all his work and support throughout the year and last, but by no means least, all the coffee breakers for their loyal support. Enjoy the summer months and we look forward to meeting again in September for coffee and chat.

Evelyn .

THE NEXT CONTACT

The next edition of CONTACT will appear on Sunday June 3. All items for inclusion **must** be with the Editor by Sunday May 20.

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