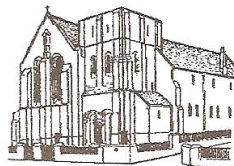


CONTACT



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From the Minister's Desk

**“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous.
Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD
your God will be with you wherever you go.”**

Joshua 1:9

Dear Friends,

Writing this on the train back to another General Assembly, I am deeply conscious of the scale of the problems faced by the Church of Scotland today. Debates on Same Sex Marriage rumble on interminably, always with something new to confront, never reaching any sense of consensus but simply highlighting serious divisions in the Church.

These debates soak up so much energy without being able to deal with some of the foundational problems of the Church. While there is broad agreement on the need for Mission, there are huge differences in understanding what Mission actually means. There are clear contradictions in what people hold onto as the core of the Gospel itself.

As a rumbling sub-text to it all, membership and attendance at churches continues to decline; giving to the Church is no longer holding up, and the number of Ministers available to parishes is expected to fall to just over 600 within five years – for the 950 parishes we are planning to serve.

While the Assembly offers few solutions for the national Church, the Path of Renewal offers a beacon of hope for local congregations. At our May conference Tod and Beth Bolsinger spent some valuable time speaking about Leadership in a time of change, and we reflected further on the processes of change before us.

We live today in a disruptive time. The information age with data everywhere; the ‘screen’ age which isolates people from their surroundings and immediate family even as we are connected across continents; technology, transport and communications develop at an enormous rate. Everything is changing, and we struggle to keep up.

One temptation is to see the Church as the one stable place where we can catch our breath – when in fact we require to change ourselves to be able to meet the challenges of this uncertain future.

When we can see where we are going, making the transition to this new future is relatively straightforward. But the future is not clear, and nor is the shape of the Church to meet that future. So we require to develop a process of Adaptive Change. Starting new things without a clear vision of where it will take us.

Our structures will need to change. The way we worship will need to change – not necessarily altogether or all at the same time. Our priorities will need to change. The Good News of God – the Gospel of Jesus Christ our crucified and risen Saviour – this does not change, and forms the bedrock to which we remain anchored.

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

Mike Goss

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BUILDING PROJECT FUNDRAISERS AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Easyfundraising Over £260 has been raised so far by our members buying online and registering with <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/panel/>. This is an easy way to raise money for the Project

Afternoon teas Inviting people to organise afternoon teas in their own garden is being encouraged but is being left to individuals to organise during the summer.

Quizzes Nearly £200 has been raised so far and the second quiz on names of sweets is now being sold.

Triathlon will have taken place by the time you read this.

Graham Brown Band We are hoping they will be able to hold a concert in the Church towards the end of September.

Supper and Quiz Evening A Supper and Quiz evening will take place in November 2018, the cost of the which will be £5 each.

Car boot/table sale It is proposed to hold a car boot/ table sale in May 2019. This is a chance to clear out your garage or attic. Surplus bric a brac, toys, CD's, games etc will be gathered over the next few months and stored until the sale.

Organathon Pauline, Peter and Rhona have agreed to play for an Organathon in Summer 2019.

2019 Golf Tournament This is being organised by Claire Penman. More details later.

THE NEXT CONTACT

The next contact will cover the months of July and August. It is due to appear on Sunday July 1, when the joint service will be in Barry Parish Church. However, if ALL contributors can have their items into the Editor by noon on Sunday June 17, it should be possible to have the CONTACT ready for distribution on Sunday June 24 when there is a service in Carnoustie Church.

PRAYER FOCUS

We offer these thoughts to add to your own prayers:

1. **Youth Mission** – Give thanks for the various ventures the Churches are promoting to reach young people in the town, and continue to pray for their development.
2. **Presbytery Planning** – Pray for wisdom and courage to support new forms of Ministry and Mission throughout Scotland.
3. **Cuba** – Pray for this island, particularly after the plane crash in May, but also in the light of the distribution of a million Bibles in recent years.

BOYS' BRIGADE

The amount raised at the collection taken up during the BB End of Session Service on Sunday May 13 was £232.46.

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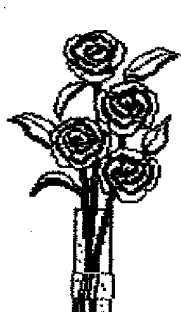
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YOUR MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

Sun Jun 3	Miss A. Hood and The Flower Fund.
Sun Jun 10	Mrs G. Landsburgh and Mrs N. Young.
Sun Jun 17	Mrs N. Murdoch and Mrs F. Stewart.
Sun Jun 24	Mrs E. Lyall and Mrs P. Murphy.
Sun Jul 1	Services in Barry Parish Church.
Sun Jul 8	Services in Barry Parish Church.
Sun Jul 15	Services in Barry Parish Church.
Sun Jul 22	Mrs D. Blair and Mrs J. Hoar.
Sun Jul 29	Mrs O. Milne and Mrs G. Robb.

**Film Night – Wings of Eagles**

Friday June 15 in Philip Hall at 7pm

“Wings of Eagles” is a recent film following up the story of Eric Liddell after his remarkable win at the 1924 Paris Olympics, immortalised in the earlier film “Chariots of Fire”. This film tells of his journey as a missionary to China, and his suffering in the internment camps during the 2nd World War.

BARRY CHURCH SUMMER FAYRE

IN THE PHILIP HALL

SATURDAY 9TH JUNE 10am - 2pm

Craft Stalls Cake & Candy Entertainment
Plants Games BBQ Teas & Coffees

Adults £1 Children 50p

All welcome

FUN GROUP BUS TRIP

The Fun Group have organised a bus trip to Banchory [on Saturday 25th August 2018](#).

We will leave Carnoustie [at 10.30 am](#) and visit the Raemoir Garden Centre then head to Crathes Castle, and explore the famous garden and enjoy a walk through the wider estate. We are planning to eat at Crathes Castle and expect to arrive back in Carnoustie by [4.30 pm](#).

The cost for the trip will be £22.00 per person and this includes your travel and entry to Crathes Castle.

If you would like to join us then please speak to Claire Penman or Valerie Russell.

Come along and join us for a Fun Day Out.

Claire Penman.

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.’”*

May 2 Mr Scott Robertson
May 25 Mrs Margaret Morrison *

* denotes a Carnoustie Church member.

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A LETTER FROM TEARFUND

Sandip lives in a village in Nepal that has always been known for its monsoon flooding. However, nothing could have prepared him for the fateful days, a few years ago.....

The floods destroyed his childhood home, along with the houses of 3,000 others. Tragically, the waters also swept away something more precious: his father. I can't begin to imagine how he must have felt that day. Yet, nearly four years on, Sandip has big dreams. When he grows up, he wants to be a doctor and help people like those affected by the floods. Your gift could help people like Sandip in whatever circumstances they face.

Thankfully, God hasn't let go of Sandip or his family. Following the floods, Tearfund's partner in the area collaborated with a local church. Church members gave up their time and pooled their own resources to build a new house for the family.

Meanwhile, the pastor also took them under his wing. Leading an afternoon tuition club he helps children, like Sandip, achieve the best possible grades so that they can fulfill their dreams when they grow up.

Can I ask you to pray for Sandip and others like him in Nepal - people whose lives were almost destroyed by the recent floods - that they can rebuild their lives and dreams for the future. And please would you also remember anyone who works tirelessly with our seven partner organisations in Nepal.

The camera crews may move on, but as God's love remains here, so will we. Thank you for all you do to make our work possible.

*Douwe Dijkstra,
Tearfund Country Director for Nepal.*

SUMMER SERVICES

As has become the practice over the last few years, there will be joint services for Barry and Carnoustie Churches (starting at 10am) over the 'summer' period.

The services on July 1, July 8 and July 15 will be held in Barry Parish Church.

The services on July 22, July 29 and August 5 will be held in Carnoustie Church.

DOOR DUTY TEAMS – MAY

- Sun June 3** Sandy Thornton, David Blair, Audrey Duncan, Audrey Doherty, Robin Limmack, Mairi Allan and Sandra Armit.
- Sun June 10** Allan Gall, Mike Richardson, Ann Green, Sandra Dow, Jacqui Armstrong, Norma Murdoch and Jean Brown.
- Sun June 17** Alex McGill, Gordon Hampton, Margaret Ramsay, Sandra McKay, Ann Banks, Allison Edwards and Val Russell.
- Sun June 24** Ian Johnston, George Roger, Christine Roger, Kay Landsburgh, Graham Landsburgh, Prue Milne and Effie Bruce.
- Sun July 1** In Barry Parish Church: Kirsty Mann, Neil Russell, Allan MacLaren, Jenny MacLaren, Jane Ower, Irene Morrison, Evelyn Baker and Irene Hoar.

READERS' ROTA

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| Sun Jun 3 | Margaret Ramsay | Sun Jun 24 | Sandra Dow |
| Sun Jun 10 | Gordon Hampton | Sun Jul 1 | Norma Murdoch |
| Sun Jun 17 | Neil Russell | Sun Jul 8 | Irene Hoar |

GOOD NEIGHBOURS DROP-IN CAFE

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Carnoustie Church F.U.N. Group
Treasure Hunt

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

The Treasure Hunt will commence at the Philip Hall starting at 6pm

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

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2018

This is just a brief note in the immediate aftermath of this year's Assembly. The stormiest debate took place on Monday afternoon as the Council of Assembly presented a draft Strategic Plan to the Commissioners for their approval. However, it was soon clear that the Commissioners did not approve. In the light of falling membership, lack of ministers, crumbling buildings and now increasing financial concerns, the Assembly voted against the Plan and in favour of a motion requiring a far more radical plan to be prepared for next year's Assembly.

The challenges have been laid out, but a major support towards this was seen in the report of the Christianity in Sub-Saharan Africa Group. Giving thanks for the Christian witness of the Church in Africa, in particular its commitment to life-transforming evangelism, this report encouraged congregations and the wider Church to learn from our African brothers and sisters.

Both of these conclusions fit in with the Path of Renewal's emphasis on a requirement of transformative change for local congregations to become far more Missional. I'll have more to say about this year's Assembly in next month's Contact.

Mike Goss.

CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTION

The total raised for Christian Aid from the door-to-door collection was £2492.43 plus a further £60 from the Barry big breakie drop in cafe.

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FORTHCOMING DATES

- Sun Jun 3** 11am: Service in Church' conducted by Rev Malcolm Rooney (Minister on Interim Moderator duties). Funday Club leave during the Service.
- Mon June 4** 10am - 11am: Prayer Group meet in Duthie Room.
- Thur June 7** 7pm: Carnoustie High School Awards Evening in Carnoustie Church.
- Fri June 8** 1.45pm: Sports & Crosses in BB Hall, Maule Street.
- Sat June 9** 10am - 2pm: Barry Church Summer Fayre in Philip Hall(see page 5).
- Sun Jun 10** 11am: Service in Church. Funday Club leave during the Service.
- Mon June 11** 10am - 11am: Prayer Group meet in Duthie Room.
- Wed June 13** 10am: Good Neighbours Drop-in Cafe in Barry Church Hall (see page 8).
2.30pm: Afternoon Service in Willowbank.
7.30pm: Carnoustie Churches Youth Mission in Philip Hall.
- Fri June 15** 7pm: Film Night (Wings of Eagles) in Philip Hall. (see page 5)
- Sun Jun 17** 11am: Service in Church. Funday Club leave during the Service.
- Mon June 18** 10am - 11am: Prayer Group meet in Duthie Room.
- Fri June 22** 1.45pm: Sports & Crosses in BB Hall, Maule Street.
6.00pm: Treasure Hunt and Manse Barbeque starting at Philip Hall (see page 9).
- Sun Jun 24** 11am: Funday Club Prizegiving Service in Church.
12.30pm: Church Picnic at Barry Mill.
2.30pm: Kinloch Care Service.
- Mon June 25** 10am - 11am: Prayer Group meet in Duthie Room.
7.30pm: Kirk Session meets in the Philip Hall.
- Wed June 27** 10am : Woodlands P.S. End of Term Service in Carnoustie Church.
3pm: Afternoon Service in Braehill Lodge.
- Thur June 28** 2pm-4pm: Barry Guild Afternoon Teas in Barry Church Hall.
- Sun July 1** 10am: Joint Communion Service in Barry Parish Church.
- Mon July 2** 10am - 11am: Prayer Group meet in Duthie Room.
- Mon July 2 - Sat July 21 Minister's Holiday.**