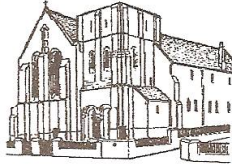


# CONTACT



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## From the Minister's Desk

**“Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain”**

**Psalm 127: 1**

Dear Friends,

The warm, dry days of July which gave Carnoustie such a festive air during the Gala Week and the 2018 Golf Open gave way to cooler showery weather in August. While this was something of a relief for farmers and gardeners, it gave an early start to Autumn for our town.

Meanwhile we enjoyed another good Holiday Club week in the Baptist Church, it was great to have leaders and some of the children together for our joint Holiday Club service in Carnoustie Church. Many members – young and old – spoke about how much they enjoyed the service.

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As we begin our 2018-19 session, we are looking forward to welcoming the Boys' Brigade for their enrolment service on September 9<sup>th</sup>, and then the Guild Dedication service on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. It's great to be able to celebrate these different groups as part of our mission and service within the Church. I hope you will join me in remembering them in our prayers.

During the next few months we will be aiming to continue the work on the Building Project, with a lead Architect now appointed and working on establishing the scope of repairs and renovations that will be required. We don't seem to have moved far in the past year, but substantial work has been done on our behalf by our own team and by a number of other bodies.

Once the work is identified and the costs established the fundraising will be ramped up during the autumn with a view to getting the project on its way as soon as possible. While it sometimes seems as if things are slow to get moving, it is important that all the processes are completed well. Please continue to pray for this vital work for the worship and ministry of our congregation.

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

Mike Goss

## READERS' ROTA

<b>Sun Sept 2</b>	Sandra Dow	<b>Sun Sept 30</b>	Norma Murdoch
<b>Sun Sept 9</b>	Kirsten Reid	<b>Sun Oct 7</b>	Ian Johnston
<b>Sun Sept 16</b>	BB	<b>Sun Oct 14</b>	Prudence Milne
<b>Sun Sept 23</b>	Guild	<b>Sun Oct 21</b>	Allison Edwards

## FUNDAY CLUB

There will be no Funday Club on Sunday September 30 and Sunday October 7.

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## MINISTRIES AND MISSION CONTRIBUTION

Every year each Church is given an allocation of money which we send to the Church of Scotland to cover Worship, Ministry and Service of the Church. This year our allocation is £48,777.

Of this money 83.5% (£40,729) is used to assist in providing over 750 ministries and other parish workers in communities throughout Scotland and further afield. This also assists with costs of recruitment and training. As we meet our allocation we cover the full costs of our ministry and may assist other congregations who may not meet their costs.

The other 16.5% (£8,048) is used in resourcing congregations for Christian Education and outreach, providing social care services to further the caring work of the Church in Scotland and overseas.

A letter of thanks has been received from Archie McDowall, Deputy Treasurer-Congregation Finance who says the contribution from our offerings ensures “a very diverse ministry is maintained and that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is shared in many ways and in many places”.

## QUIRKY QUIZ

Our latest family-friendly quiz is causing quite a stir – who would have thought we’d be asked to dredge up half-remembered nursery rhymes at our age? We’ll be at the back of the church for the next few weeks, making sure that everyone can have some fun. At £1 a go and a prize for the winner, it’s well worth all the brain-searching!

Wearing our other hat, grateful thanks to all for continuing to support the Angus Food Bank, either with food items and household necessities or with welcome donations. Your kindness makes such a difference to local families.

We made an appeal for the Angus Foodbank at last year’s Harvest Thanksgiving, which was very successful and we are asking respectfully for donations again this year on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup>. September.

The Foodbank box is at the back of the church, where there is also a collection tin for donations.

Around 3,000 three-day emergency food parcels have helped local people in crisis in Angus over the past year.

*Graham and Kay Landsburgh.*

## STUDY & FELLOWSHIP GROUP

This Session we will look at the story of Ruth, from Moab, who married an Israelite man. When her husband, his brother and father die, Ruth, her sister-in-law and mother-in-law are all left destitute, with no status and no hope, no widow’s pension, no state benefits. They need a guardian-redeemer. Who will fill that role?

Incidentally, if you look up the genealogy in Matthew 1.5, you will find out that Ruth became an ancestor of Jesus. For that reason alone, it is worthwhile finding out what kind of person she was.

Come along on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> September, to find out!! We meet from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, starting with a cup of tea. We would love to have your company.

*Effie Bruce.*

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### YOUR MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

<b>Sun Sept 2</b>	Mrs W. Oswald and Mrs N. Russell.
<b>Sun Sept 9</b>	Mrs S.M. Penman and Mrs M. Ramsay.
<b>Sun Sept 16</b>	Miss C.L.B. Penman and Mrs N. Stormont.
<b>Sun Sept 23</b>	Mrs J. Brown and Miss J. Reid.
<b>Sun Sept 30</b>	Harvest Thanksgiving - The Flower Fund.
<b>Sun Oct 7</b>	Mrs E. Bruce and Mr C. Haggart.
<b>Sun Oct 14</b>	Mrs A. Hay and Mrs P. Milne.
<b>Sun Oct 21</b>	Mrs D. Muir and Mrs M. Watson.
<b>Sun Oct 28</b>	Mrs J. Craib and Mrs R. Limmack.



### FRIDAY COFFEE BREAK.

I hope everyone has had a very relaxing Summer break enjoying the lovely sunny weather. Our Friday Coffee Break ladies have been busy organising the new coffee break sessions starting Friday September 7th.

We look forward to catching up with old friends and welcoming new ones for a natter over coffee and delicious home bakes all for a donation of £2.50. We meet in the Phillip Hall from 10-11.30am on the first and third Friday of the month.

Once again all the proceeds from the coffee break will be donated to the Church refurbishment fund. Come and support us and we look forward to seeing you on Friday 7th September.

Future dates: September 21st.

October 5th and 19th.

*Evelyn.*

### COMMUNION DUTY - SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23

The team on duty for the Communion Service on Sunday September 23 will be Sandra Dow, Allison Edwards, Rhona Goss, Gordon Hampton, Ian Johnston, **Kirsten Reid**, Sandy 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.

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

### CHURCH LIBRARY

We have in the Church a comprehensive Library. There are biographies and novels but also books which could help us following the series on Christian Discipline – Meditation, Prayer, etc. and Bible knowledge. Whatever your need is, I am sure you will find something to help. If you need any advice, speak to me and I will do my best to point you in the right direction.

*Effie Bruce.*

### PRAYER FOCUS

We offer these thoughts to add to your own prayers:

1. **Kerala** – Remember all those affected by the Monsoon floods in South-West India, praying for those who have lost loved ones, homes and livelihoods, and for all seeking to bring aid and relief.
2. **Holiday Club** – Give thanks for another well-run Holiday Club in partnership with the Baptist Church, and pray for continued work with the children contacted.
3. **Building Project** – Pray for all involved in taking this forward, that we may seek to do all in the strength of the Lord and for His glory and Kingdom.

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## GRAHAM BROWN BAND



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Church's Project Fund  
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### 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.'"*

**Jun 20** Mr Alfred Elder  
**Jun 29** Mr George Robb  
**July 10** Mrs Dorothy Middleton  
**Aug 7** Arran Gall  
**Aug 10** Mrs Sheila Mitchell

**Wedding:** *"Jesus said, 'What God has joined together, let no one pull apart.'"*

**July 23** Ms Kirsten Mann\* and Rev Gordon Reid

\* denotes a Carnoustie Church member.

### DOOR DUTY TEAMS – SEPTEMBER

**Sun Sept 2** Ian Johnston, George Roger, Christine Roger, Kay Landsburgh, Graham Landsburgh, Prue Milne and Effie Bruce.

**Sun Sept 9** Kirsten Reid, Neil Russell, Allan MacLaren, Jenny MacLaren, Jane Ower, Irene Morrison, Evelyn Baker and Irene Hoar.

**Sun Sept 16** Sandy Thornton, David Blair, Audrey Duncan, Audrey Doherty, Robin Limmack, Mairi Allan and Sandra Armit.

**Sun Sept 23** Allan Gall, Mike Richardson, Ann Green, Sandra Dow, Jacqui Armstrong, Norma Murdoch and Jean Brown.

**Sun Sept 30** Alex McGill, Gordon Hampton, Margaret Ramsay, Sandra McKay, Ann Banks, Allison Edwards and Val Russell.

**Sun Oct 7** Ian Johnston, George Roger, Christine Roger, Kay Landsburgh, Graham Landsburgh and Prue Milne and Effie Bruce.

### THE NEXT CONTACT

The next CONTACT will appear on Sunday October 7. All material for inclusion should be in the hands of the Editor by Sunday September 23.

### TRIATHLON AND CHURCH SPRING CLEAN

Dear Friends,

Both these events seem to be a distant memory, as there has been no "Contact" over the summer months. The triathlon's final total was £1,922.38, after tax claimed back by the church treasurer. Many thanks to all who contributed in any way to this wonderful total (well done!).

We have had our annual church spring clean in June, and thanks again to all who helped in this effort. Special thanks go to Euan Turner, one of our younger members, who brought along some of his electrical cleaning equipment, which made the task much lighter.

*Allison Edwards.*

## THE CHURCH BUILDING PROJECT

We are pleased to report that, following a competitive tendering exercise, the Kirk Session has appointed the architectural team who will now lead our scheme through to completion. Based in Broughty Ferry, Nicoll Russell Studios is a well-known award-winning firm, whose previous projects include Dundee's new railway station, work for the universities of Dundee and St Andrews, and the recent restoration of the historic church of St Athernase in Leuchars.

The Property Development Focus Group has had productive initial meetings with Willie Watt, partner in the firm, and Ryan Cathro, conservation architect. A comprehensive condition survey of the building has been carried out, including an external and internal aerial inspection using a state-of-the-art drone to look at areas that would otherwise be inaccessible. We await the formal report, which will include recommendations on action that is necessary to ensure that the structure is sound and that the internal alterations can be carried out successfully.

The remit of the Focus Group is almost complete, and the Kirk Session has now assembled the larger team from Session and Congregation that will work with the architects and other professionals as the project proceeds.

There is still a long way to go before we see any changes made to the church but, while all the planning stages have been going on, a great deal of work has gone into looking at the condition of our building. An early finding has been the presence of a small amount of asbestos in the boiler house, which has been made safe by a specialist contractor at a cost of over £600. This highlights the fact that, no matter what plan is finally decided, the full report is likely to indicate that a lot of money has to be found for updating, repairing and improving our beautiful church as there are many issues needing attention. The heating has to be improved, the leaks in the roof must be repaired and regular attenders will see that the flooring and coverings are not in best condition. It is therefore imperative that fundraising is continued in earnest and everyone who loves our church should be willing to help in any way that they can. Some of the new project group will be working in various ways to raise funds by identifying potential funders and applying for grants while others will be co-ordinating with Nicoll Russell, deciding the best way forward. If you can offer help in any way, please speak to Irene, Sandy or Peter for advice but in the meantime, please continue to support all the fundraising events, buy the quizzes or come up with an idea of your own that could help raise some money.

*Irene and Peter.*

## THE GUILD

The new session of the Guild begins on September 19 when Jane Leitch of Serenity Spa is our guest. There will be some "hands on" treats in store for some lucky ladies (or gents?!)

Our dedication service follows on Sunday September 23 at 11am.

The following meeting is on Wednesday October 3 when Pat Brodie will talk about "Understanding more about Dementia".

All meetings are held in the Philip Hall and begin at 7.30pm.

If you've thought about coming along to the Guild, don't hesitate anymore! A warm welcome always awaits!

*Prudence.*

## CARNOUSTIE MEDICAL TRANSPORT HELPLINE

Just a reminder that in the July CONTACT there was a request from Carnoustie Medical Transport Helpline (formally known as Carnoustie Community Helpline) for volunteer drivers and telephonists.

If you do have any spare time during the week, telephonists only cover one hour per fortnight and drivers can do as many or as few trips as they want, please think about offering your services.

Thank you.

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