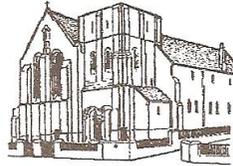


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From the Minister's Desk

“If my people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

2 Chronicles 7:14

Dear Friends,

In November we will join with others across Scotland to share in the second National Day of Prayer called by the General Assembly. Details are still to be finalised for our congregations, but I would hope we can offer a variety of different options – perhaps a prayer breakfast and a prayer walk around the Church or the town.

In past times, National Days of Prayer were called by the Crown or Parliament. These were often called at times of national crisis such as war or famine. Famously, King George V called for 100 days of prayer beginning on August 4th 1918 – a period that ended with the signing of the Armistice on 11th November.

In this centenary year of the Armistice we will certainly be joining many in praying for peace in our world and in our land, and that will form an important thread in our National Day of Prayer. But the crisis that has called the Church to pray is a Spiritual one.

(continued)

The Church of Scotland is dying. We face difficult times ahead with declining finances, membership and ministry, alongside the continued struggle to maintain our huge buildings heritage and adapt it for the future needs of the Church. The crisis is real, and it is upon us today.

Nationally, there are voices being raised suggesting different solutions. There are calls to liberalise our message, to adapt to the changing culture of our day. But I remember the adage: ‘whoever marries the spirit of this age will be widowed in the next’. Culture always changes – the call of the Gospel is to call each age to the transforming love of Christ revealed on the cross.

Our Kirk Sessions have been meeting to discuss the national situation and to begin to consider the way ahead. We have heard of encouragements from the growth of the Church in sub-Saharan Africa, notwithstanding the challenges there. We are already in the midst of the plans to alter our buildings in Carnoustie radically, alongside this we need to explore the changes required in our congregational life

The Path of Renewal is part of a process to help us in those changes. A group of our Elders will be at a conference at the end of October to explore how we move forward in this.

These are challenging times. More than ever we need to seek the Lord in prayer, for His guidance, His strength and renewal in our lives as individuals and as Church. Will you pray?

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

Mike Goss

THANKS FROM THE BRIDE AND GROOM

Kirsten and Gordon Reid would like to thank everyone for the cards, good wishes and gifts which they were given on the occasion of their wedding. Thank you too to those who came along to the church and helped to make the day special.

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YOUR MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

Sun Oct 7	Mrs E. Bruce and Mr C. Haggart.
Sun Oct 14	Mrs A. Hay and Mrs P. Milne.
Sun Oct 21	Mrs D. Muir and Mrs M. Watson.
Sun Oct 28	Mrs J. Craib and Mrs R. Limmack.
Sun Nov 4	Mrs Betty Picken and Mrs Mary Whyte.
Sun Nov 11	Mrs D. Edwards and Mr I. Macdougall.
Sun Nov 18	Mrs G. Haggart, Mrs C. McEwan and Mrs G. Bennett.
Sun Nov 25	Mrs A. Lindsay and Mrs M. Stevenson.



THE GUILD

Our new session began on Wednesday September 19 when everything seemed to conspire against us!!

We had firstly to contend with Storm Ali then our speaker for the evening had to call off due to illness! Nevertheless 13 ladies had an enjoyable evening of fun and relaxation of our own making including a quiz about journeys. One of our new members Annie Hainey won that!

The exciting news is that we enrolled **three** new members (Annie Hainey, Stella Lindsay and Fiona Harris) - a lovely addition to our group.

Several members and friends had a most enjoyable trip to Pitlochry Theatre on Saturday September 15 to see "Chicago". It was an excellent show with superb dancing and singing, often done at the same time! We finished off with a delicious afternoon tea. Thanks must go to Mike for his driving skills.

Our Christmas lunch has had to be changed from Thursday December 13 to Friday December 14 (12.30 for 1pm) at the Station Hotel as they inadvertently double booked for the Thursday.

By the time you read this article our meeting on Wednesday October 3, when Pat Brodie told us us about dementia, will be over.

Our other meetings this month will be on Wednesday October 17 when Stella Lindsay will lead us in 'A Crafty Encounter' and on Wednesday October 31 when Rev Mike Goss will talk on "Seeking the Way".

All meetings are in the Philip Hall at 7.30pm, and everyone is most welcome at any of our meetings whether or not you are a Guild member.

Prudence.

ANGUS FOOD BANK UPDATE

A big thanks to all who have contributed or donated this past month. It has made a big difference to what seems to be a rather empty larder in Arbroath this Autumn. They are mainly short of cleaning materials and essential toiletries. Saving money on these allows clients to devote more of their meagre income to their choice of food.

As Graham is having a hip replacement in early November, our October transfer of food etc. will be our last for the immediate future. The Church, therefore is looking for volunteer[s], permanent or temporary, to do the monthly transfer of the collected items to Arbroath.

Our method has been to transfer items to our garage weekly, then to Arbroath monthly. When on holiday, however we have allowed them to multiply in the church for the three/four weeks, then taken them directly. We daresay this would also work where no storage was available.

Anyone who thinks they can help out can find out more from Kay, Graham, or Irene.

Graham and Kay Landsburgh.

CARD COMMUNIONS

As you all are aware, Carnoustie Church hosts 3 card communions each year, in January, April and October when 2 services have always been held, morning and evening. For several years now, attendance at the evening services has been very low and after serious deliberation and discussion at Kirk Session, it was agreed to stop this service as from October 2018.

There are 6 other communion services held throughout the year, on the 4th Sunday of the months of February, May, June, August, September and November so there is plenty opportunity to take part in the act of communion. If you cannot manage to attend church at all but would like to partake of communion, the minister will be happy to bring the elements to your home where a simple service of worship will be conducted. Please speak to your elder or visitor when they come along or get in touch with the session clerk at any time and arrangements can be made.

The Kirk Session will monitor this change and if it seems appropriate to begin the evening service again, they will discuss changing back and everyone will be notified accordingly.

Irene Hoar, Session clerk.

DOOR DUTY TEAMS – OCTOBER

- Sun Oct 7** Ian Johnston, George Roger, Christine Roger, Kay Landsburgh, Graham Landsburgh, Prue Milne and Effie Bruce.
- Sun Oct 14** Kirsten Reid, Neil Russell, Allan MacLaren, Jenny MacLaren, Jane Ower, Irene Morrison, Evelyn Baker and Irene Hoar.
- Sun Oct 21** Sandy Thornton, David Blair, Audrey Duncan, Audrey Doherty, Robin Limmack, Mairi Allan and Sandra Armit.
- Sun Oct 28** Allan Gall, Mike Richardson, Ann Green, Sandra Dow, Jacqui Armstrong, Norma Murdoch and Jean Brown.
- Sun Nov 4** Alex McGill, Gordon Hampton, Margaret Ramsay, Sandra McKay, Ann Banks, Allison Edwards and Val Russell.

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

Following advice from the Church of Scotland Law Dept, we are no longer printing addresses in the Newsletter.

Ordination of Elders: We welcome three new Elders ordained and admitted to office in the Kirk Session.

September 16: Robin Limmack
Prudence Milne
Jean Brown

'Young and Free' Art Exhibition in Barry Church and Hall

Wednesday October 24	10am - 4pm
Thursday October 25	10am - 4pm
Friday October 26	2pm - 8pm
Saturday October 27	10am - 4pm

NEWS FROM CROSSREACH

Are you thinking about Christmas? Maybe not, but CrossReach is! I have a sample of the 2019 calendar and am ready and willing to take orders for those –again only £5 each.

I have also been sent some sample Christmas cards so you may feel the quality before ordering. At £3.50 or £4 per pack of ten, not cheap but really nice and appropriate.

On the poster and in the catalogue there are also Easter cards and an appointments calendar for £4.50. The same 12 beautiful Scottish views are on both calendars.

I have also received our prayer letters and CROSSREACH NEWS. This edition has been written and edited by children and has 5 pages of great stories from children, as well as the usual features and illustrations of the Christmas cards and calendars.

Take, read the copy from the back of the church, and bring it back again please.

Such a lot is going on at CrossReach, please remember to include the staff there and those they support, in your prayers.

Phone Sandra on 852823 or find her in church for more information or to order.

Sandra.

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FRIDAY COFFEE BREAK



May Duffus and Effie Bruce along with their helpers welcomed everyone to the September Coffee Breaks. It was good to see all the coffee breakers and some newcomers once more and soon everyone was catching up with all the Summer news over coffee and delicious home bakes.

We meet on the first and third Friday of the month in the Phillip Hall from 10.00 - 11.30 am and extend a warm welcome to everyone to come along.

Evelyn

Diary dates:

Friday October 5th and 19th. Friday Coffee Break.

Friday November 2nd. Friday Coffee Break.

PRAYER FOCUS

We offer these thoughts to add to your own prayers:

1. **Prayer** – Remember the National Day of Prayer and the need for us all to nurture our individual and corporate prayer life.
2. **Remembrance** – Pray for peace in our divided world as we remember with thanks the ending of the first world war 100 years ago, and all those who gave their lives and suffered in that and many other conflicts.
3. **Brexit** – Continue to pray for a way to heal the divisions that this process has brought, and for wisdom to establish a just and fair outcome for all peoples in our land.

Sunday November 11 Remembrance Sunday - Centenary Year

9.30 am	Joint Service in Carnoustie Church
10.30 am	Parade departs Royal British Legion
10.45 pm	Remembrance at War Memorial
7.05 pm	National Bell Ringing

READER'S ROTA

Sun Oct 7	Ian Johnston	Sun Oct 28	Margaret Ramsay
Sun Oct 14	Prudence Milne	Sun Nov 4	Gordon Hampton
Sun Oct 21	Allison Edwards	Sun Nov 11	Kirsten Reid

CONTACT

For 25 years now, Allan Gall has played a major role in preparing and ensuring that your copy of Contact arrives on your doorstep 10 times every year. During the past several months, Allan has seen to the editing, copying and sorting out distribution of the magazine and we appreciate all his hard work but he is now ready to hand the reins over to someone else. Allan's final Contact will be the December/January edition and we will need replacement person/persons ready willing and able to take over duties for the February 2019 issue. If you feel you can help with this in any way, now would be a good time to get in touch as Allan will be able to show you the ropes for the next 2 issues. Please think about helping as this magazine is the main way of reaching all congregation members and passing on the news and we would hate to see it stop for the lack of willing volunteers. You can get more information from Allan Gall or Irene Hoar and both will be happy to hear from you.

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CARNOUSTIE CHURCH PROJECT – FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES.

1. Games and Curry Evening: Friday 22 November 7.30 in Philip Hall

- An evening of fun and board games for all ages accompanied by Curry (chicken or vegetarian) and Rice supper.
- Spot prizes and novelty quiz questions
- Tickets will be on sale at a cost of £5 (adults) and £2 (accompanied children)
- All proceeds will go towards the Project Fund.

2. ADVANCE NOTICE:

“TABLE SALE” to be held in 2019.

We intend to hold a sale of goods in 2019, with all items sold on behalf of Project Fund.

To this end we are asking for donations of goods for resale, including bric-a-brac, collectibles, CD's, books, old tools, and small items of furniture, but not clothing.

Why not use this opportunity to clear out those ‘old treasures’ from your loft? So that ‘*someone else can enjoy them.*’

Donated items may be gift-aided so please indicate if you are a UK taxpayer and wish for the project to benefit from a tax refund.

Donations of goods for resale can either be taken directly to the church on a Sunday for storage or be collected by one of the church visitors or elders.

For any other collection of items please contact Robin Limmack (01241 858 654)

THE NEXT CONTACT

The next CONTACT will appear on Sunday November 4. All material for inclusion **must be in the hands of the Editor** by Sunday October 28.



CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES



We are working again with Blythswood this year to provide filled shoeboxes as gifts for those less fortunate. There should be a leaflet enclosed with your copy of this Contact giving details of what can and cannot be included in the box but there will also be some spare leaflets in the church if you require them.

Decorated and filled boxes, including the monetary donation, should be left in the church by Sunday 4th November as they will be passed on to Blythswood on 7th November. If anyone can help with the transportation of the boxes to Arbroath on 7th November, please let Irene know as soon as possible.

Thanks for all the support given over the years and hopefully we will send off some great gifts for the people who really need and appreciate them.

Irene.

LIFE & WORK

The form is in for ordering Life & Work for 2019, when each issue will cost £2.80, a small increase.

This is a reminder that the 2018 Life & Work magazines have to be paid. £30 for the year to the treasurer as soon as possible please. Also let me know if you wish to continue subscribing next year.

Sandra.

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FORTHCOMING DATES

Fri September 29 - Sun October 14 - Minister on Holiday.

Sun Oct 7	11am: Service (led by Rev Dougal Edwards) in Carnoustie Church. No Funday Club.
Mon Oct 8	10am - 11am: Prayer Group meet in Duthie Room.
Thur Oct 11	10.00am – 12.30pm: Study and Fellowship Group meets in Duthie Room.
Sun Oct 14	11am: Service (led by Rev Dougal Edwards) in Carnoustie Church. Funday Club leave during the service.
Mon Oct 15	10am - 11am: Prayer Group meet in Duthie Room.
Wed Oct 17	2.30pm: Presbyterian Guild Service in Barry Parish Church. 7.30pm: Guild meets in the Philip Hall.
Fri Oct 19	10.00 am - 11.30 am: Friday Coffee Break in Philip Hall. 1.45pm: Sports & Crosses in BB Hall, Maule Street.
Sun Oct 21	11am: Service in Carnoustie Church. Funday Club leave during the service..
Mon Oct 22	10am - 11am: Prayer Group meet in Duthie Room. 7.30pm: Kirk Session meet in Duthie Room.
Wed Oct 24	3pm: Afternoon Service in Braehill Lodge.
Thur Oct 25	10.00am – 12.30pm: Study and Fellowship Group meets in Duthie Room.
Fri Oct 26	7pm: Dodgeball Tournament (+ Pizza) in BB Hall, Maule St.
Sun Oct 28	11am: The Lord's Supper in Carnoustie Church. Funday Club leave during the service.
Mon Oct 29	10am - 11am: Prayer Group meet in Duthie Room. 7.30pm: Church Life & Worship group meet in Duthie Room.
Wed Oct 31	7.30pm: Guild meets in the Philip Hall.
Fri Nov 2	10.00 am - 11.30 am: Friday Coffee Break in Philip Hall. 1.45pm: Sports & Crosses in BB Hall, Maule Street.
Sat Nov 3	National Day of Prayer - Details in Orders of Service.
Sun Nov 4	11am: Service in Carnoustie Church. Funday Club leave during the service.
Mon Nov 5	10am - 11am: Prayer Group meet in Duthie Room. 7.30pm: Mission & Outreach Group meet in Duthie Room.
Sun Nov 11	Remembrance Sunday (see page 7).