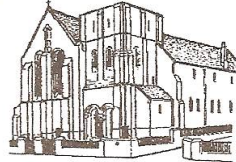


CONTACT



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From the Minister's Desk

**“I was a stranger and you invited me in, I
needed clothes and you clothed me...”**

Matthew 25: 35-36

Dear Friends,

We've been a bit more conscious of the advance of winter as the Manse boiler broke down in November. Thankfully we were able to get it replaced a week later, but the cold Manse reminded us of how much we take ordinary things for granted.

Following a number of other events, the Social Bite Sleep in the Park on December 8th will raise the profile of the problem of homelessness through thousands of people sleeping out that night. People will be sponsored to spend the night in the open air in Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen, and funds raised will provide mainstream property and support for 800 people living rough in these cities.

(continued)

It's an event that some may want to join; others will know people who can be sponsored. All of us need to play our part in providing support for those left homeless, and campaign to end this blight on our society. I often feel frustrated about how little I can do for people in sleeping bags in the street – giving money is often the wrong response. Social Bite is providing homes and helping people to live in them – a long-term solution rather than sticking-plaster for the problems.

The Christmas message of the God who became one of us, of Jesus Christ born as a vulnerable infant and laid in an animal's feeding trough, is the reminder that God is involved in our human mess. It challenges us to play our part in taking the love of Christ into our communities, getting involved in the needs of others and seeking change in this world through the advance of the Kingdom of God.

The ultimate hope for the world is in Jesus Christ, born for us, crucified in our place, and risen again. This Good News begins with the birth of a Child; but it continues with the message of Jesus, Who walked among us and spent time with the poor and broken. This same Jesus is the Saviour and King we proclaim to the world, offering hope for this life and the life to come.

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

Mike Goss.

WHERE DOES THAT COME FROM?

Throughout this magazine 'two lines' will appear in Italics. These 'two lines' are taken from a Christmas Carol or a Christmas Song.

You have to discover the name (or the first line) of the carol or song they are taken from. The first 'two lines' is below.

The answers will be posted on the church noticeboard before the service on Sunday December 16.

A

*He was little weak and helpless
Tears and smiles like us he knew*

THE GUILD

On Wednesday 14th we were “entertained” by Gail and Linda from Santander, Arbroath. You may think that a strange word for the subject of “Stopping Scammers” but these ladies gave us excellent advice and information delivered with panache and humour. Quite a few of our regular ladies were unable to join us for various reasons but it was so good to welcome three gentlemen to our meeting !

Wednesday 28th brought the Rev. Annette Gordon from Panbride Church who told us about her very interesting journey from west to east.

A ukulele band from Dundee will be entertaining us on December 5th.

Our Christmas lunch is on December 14th at the Station Hotel.

Into 2019 and on:

January 9th- we have our own Rhona Goss and Bethany from Gather telling us about Fairtrade and why we should all support this.

January 23rd - we are going to try our hand at flower arranging ably assisted by the ladies from Olive’s.

Remember folks everyone , young or old, is welcome to join in with any of these activities - you don’t have to be a Guild member!

Prudence.

B *She thought I was tucked up
In my bedroom fast asleep.*

SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE PHILIP HALL

With our concerns about the reliability and effectiveness of the heating system in the Church, the Kirk Session has agreed to hold the Sunday morning services in the Philip Hall from January 6 to March 31.

C *So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven*

CARNOUSTIE CHURCH BUILDING PROJECT

As reported in the September edition of Contact, a great deal of work has been going on by the appointed architect along with other professionals. The new project team has also been meeting, trying to put together a plan of action to take the project forward but they have been waiting for results of surveys and also an idea of costs to make the building ready for the internal work to proceed. Some of these costs are now available along with an idea of what repairs and improvements are urgent or not so urgent so we are almost ready to look at applying for external funding to take this project to the next stage. Before the team can go ahead, congregational support and approval is necessary as is presbytery’s agreement along with the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland. With this in mind, it has been decided that a meeting of the congregation should take place as soon as possible and the date agreed is Sunday 16th December after morning service. It is hoped that as many of our members as possible will attend that meeting to find out what the plans are and how best we are to proceed.

So, please note the date: **Sunday 16th December,**

the time: **After morning service, around 12 noon**

the place? : **In our beautiful church**

Please remember, if you are not there, you cannot take part in the decision making or any vote that takes place.

It is up to you as a member of Carnoustie Church, to support what the Kirk Session and others are trying to do to make our church a pleasant place to worship as well as inviting for others to use on a regular basis. We also would love to extend our mission to spread the Word to others and improving our base for worship will hopefully help in this endeavour.

Irene.

D *And the heavens themselves had never heard
A gladder choir till then.*

DOOR DUTY TEAMS – DECEMBER & JANUARY

- Sun Dec 2** Alex McGill, Gordon Hampton, Margaret Ramsay, Sandra McKay, Allison Edwards, Val Russell and Annie Hainey.
- Sun Dec 9** Kirsten Reid, Neil Russell, Allan MacLaren, Jenny MacLaren, Jane Ower, Irene Morrison, Evelyn Baker and Irene Hoar.
- Sun Dec 16** Sandy Thornton, David Blair, Audrey Duncan, Audrey Doherty, Robin Limmack, Mairi Allan and Sandra Armit.
- Sun Dec 23** Ian Johnston, George Roger, Christine Roger, Kay Landsburgh, Graham Landsburgh, Prue Milne and Effie Bruce.
- Sun Dec 30** Joint Service in Barry Parish Church.
- Sun Jan 6** Alex McGill, Gordon Hampton, Margaret Ramsay, Sandra McKay, Allison Edwards, Val Russell and Annie Hainey.
- Sun Jan 13** Ian Johnston, George Roger, Christine Roger, Kay Landsburgh, Graham Landsburgh, Prue Milne and Effie Bruce.
- Sun Jan 20** Kirsten Reid, Neil Russell, Allan MacLaren, Jenny MacLaren, Jane Ower, Irene Morrison, Evelyn Baker and Irene Hoar.
- Sun Jan 27** Sandy Thornton, David Blair, Audrey Duncan, Audrey Doherty, Robin Limmack, Mairi Allan and Sandra Armit.
- Sun Feb 3** Allan Gall, Mike Richardson, Ann Green, Sandra Dow, Jacqui Armstrong, Norma Murdoch and Jean Brown.

E

*So down to the village
with a broomstick in his hand.*

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HAPPY NEWS FOR CROSSREACH

A sincere thank you to everyone who ordered Calendars and/or Christmas Cards from CrossReach. Our combined order came to £353.95. 45 Calendars were ordered so I bought a few extra and these have sold too. There were more orders for cards than ever before mostly due to CrossReach sending me some samples.

I'll let you know later what is to happen to the samples.

This is a good result for CrossReach sales so you can be pleased for the organisation that does so much good with vulnerable people in our society. Do keep including the staff and the recipients of CrossReach care in your prayers.

Since the retiring offering was taken in church at the last communion service, I have been able to claim tax of £39.86, and being added to the offering being sent, makes the new total of £199.30. Well done all.

Sandra Dow.

CURRY AND GAMES

On November 23, thirty members gathered in the Philip Hall for a 'Curry and Games' Night. Rotating tables of four played Board Games including Scrabble, Frustration, Yahtze, Curly Dominoes and Bananagrams and there was a break for a vegetable or chicken curry.

In today's world of fancy and expensive computer games it's great to report that the real success of the evening was the people present. Those taking part with so much enthusiasm and enjoyment, those who planned the evening and those who cooked and served the food. Well done to one and all.

A total of £250 was raised for the church project. Our MC for the evening, Robin Limmack, reminds members of the 'Table Sale' to take place next year. Goods for sale are already coming in but there's room for plenty more. Check out your attics and garages.

F

*But His mother only
In her maiden bliss.*

FORTHCOMING DATES - DECEMBER 2018

- Sun Dec 2** 11am: First Sunday in Advent -Service in Carnoustie Church. Funday Club leave during the service.
- Mon Dec 3** 10am - 11am: Prayer Group meet in Duthie Room.
- Wed Dec 5** 7pm: Carnoustie High School Achievers in Carnoustie Church.
7.30pm: Guild meets in the Philip Hall. (Ukelele Band).
- Thur Dec 6** 10.00am – 12.30pm: Study and Fellowship Group meets in Duthie Room.
- Fri Dec 7** 10.00 am - 11.30 am: Christmas Coffee Break in Philip Hall.
- Sun Dec 9** 11am: Service in Carnoustie Church. Funday Club leave during the service.
- Mon Dec 10** 10am - 11am: Prayer Group meet in Duthie Room.
- Fri Dec 14** 12.30pm: Guild Christmas Lunch in Station Hotel.
1.45pm: Sports & Crosses in BB Hall, Maule Street.
2.30-4.30pm- Funday Club Party in Philip Hall.
- Sat Dec 15**
- Sun Dec 16** 11am: Service in Carnoustie Church. Funday Club leave during the service.
12noon: Congregational Meeting (see Page 4)
2.30pm: Christmas Service in Kinloch Care Centre.
7pm: Christmas Musical in Carnoustie Church with Gleadhraich, Brass Band, Maggie Findlay and the Carnoustie Choir.
- Mon Dec 17** 10am - 11am: Prayer Group meet in Duthie Room.
- Wed Dec 19** 10am: Woodlands End of Term Service in Woodlands P.S.
- Sun Dec 23** 11am: Service of Lessons and Carols in Carnoustie Church. No Funday Club -Offering for Carnoustie Medical Transport Helpline.
10am - 11am: Prayer Group meet in Duthie Room.
- Mon Dec 24** **Christmas Eve.**
6.30pm : Christingle Service in Barry Parish Church - Offering for Radio Lollipop Ninewells.
11.30pm: Watchnight Service in Carnoustie Church - Retiring Offering for Scottish Bible Society.
- Tues Dec 25** **Christmas Day**
10.30am Family Celebration - Joint Service in Carnoustie Church.

- Sun Dec 30** **10.30 am:** Joint Family Service in Barry Parish Church. No Funday Club.

FORTHCOMING DATES - JANUARY 2019

- Sun Jan 6** 11am: Service in the Philip Hall. Funday Club leaves during the service.
Kirk Session meets in Duthie Room after the service.
- Mon Jan 7** 10am - 11am: Prayer Group meet in Duthie Room.
- Wed Jan 9** 7.30pm: Guild meets in the Philip Hall.
- Fri Jan 11** 1.45pm: Sports & Crosses in BB Hall, Maule Street.
- Sun Jan 13** 11am: Service in the Philip Hall. Funday Club leaves during the service.
- Mon Jan 14** 10am - 11am: Prayer Group meet in Duthie Room.
- Wed Jan 16** 7.30pm: Mission & Outreach Group meet in Duthie Room.
- Thur Jan 17** 10.00am – 12.30pm: Study and Fellowship Group meets in Duthie Room.
- Fri Jan 18** 10.00 am - 11.30 am: Coffee Break in Philip Hall.
- Sun Jan 20** 11am: Service in the Philip Hall. Funday Club leaves during the service.
- Mon Jan 21** 10am - 11am: Prayer Group meet in Duthie Room.
7.30pm: Church Life & Worship Group meet in Duthie Room.
- Wed Jan 23** 7.30pm: Guild meets in the Philip Hall.
- Fri Jan 25** 1.45pm: Sports & Crosses in BB Hall, Maule Street.
- Sun Jan 27** 11am: The Lord's Supper in the Philip Hall. Funday Club leaves during the service.
- Mon Jan 28** 10am - 11am: Prayer Group meet in Duthie Room.
7.30pm: Kirk Session meet in Philip Hall.
- Thur Jan 31** 10.00am – 12.30pm: Study and Fellowship Group meets in Duthie Room.
- Fri Feb 1** 10.00 am - 11.30 am: Coffee Break in Philip Hall.
7pm: BB Burns Supper in BB Hall, Maule Street.
- Sun Feb 3** 11am: Service in the Philip Hall. Funday Club leaves during the service.
- Mon Feb 4** 10am - 11am: Prayer Group meet in Duthie Room.
- Wed Feb 6** 7.30pm: Guild meets in the Philip Hall.

PRAYER FOCUS

We offer these thoughts to add to your own prayers:

1. **Sleep in the Park** – Pray for all those involved in this venture, that they may have safety and fun as they raise awareness and funds for those without homes.
2. **California Fires** – Remember all those who have lost homes and livelihoods in the recent fires, and especially pray for those who have lost families and friends.
3. **Advent and Christmas Services** – Pray for people to be invited and encouraged to join us for the special services in the coming weeks.

CHRISTMAS MUSICALS

On Sunday December 16, the Carnoustie Rotary Club are, once again, putting on a 'Christmas Musicals' in Carnoustie Church at 7pm.

Performers include the local Brass Band, Maggie Findlay, the Carnoustie Choir and, this year, a new young group called Sisterhood.

If the performances in previous years are anything to go by, it will prove to be a very enjoyable and entertaining evening.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Following the project fundraising team meeting, we are looking for an amateur photographer to take pictures inside the church, so that we might sell postcards and/or lettercards etc. to boost the project funds.

We also want to remind everyone to use the easyfundraising site when buying anything on-line.

Look out for the Quiz in January too.

Donations have started to come in for the Table Sale in June 2019. Please let Robin know if you have something to contribute. What might **you** find during your Christmas cleaning or Spring-cleaning that fits the bill?

Sandra.

BOYS' BRIGADE AND SCOUT POST

The Boys' Brigade will deliver to addresses in Carnoustie, Barry, Easthaven and Muirdrum. Collection boxes will be in the usual local shops from December 2 until December 20. There will also be a box in the Church until Sunday December 16.

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 21 - but Monifieth, Broughty Ferry and Arbroath will only be uplifted after December 15.

Minimum donation remains 25p per card.

CHRISTIAN AID QUIZ

The winner of the Christian Aid Quiz was A. Lain of Ravensby Road.

G

*Now the frosty paw appears
And they've frozen up my ears*

**Remember the Congregational Meeting after the
Service on Sunday December 16!**

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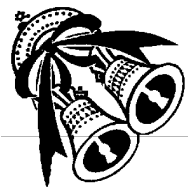
TWELVE CAROLS OR SONGS OF CHRISTMAS

But like 'Pointless' they are in anagrammatic form. How many can you unscramble?

The answers will be posted on the church notice board at the back of the church before the service on Sunday December 16.

1. DEL TINKLE TOY
2. SOLID BY MY CHAR
3. A YAWNING ARMAE
4. SHE SHALL RAGE THINK DANGER
5. IT NESTLE IN MEADOW
6. WANT FROM THY NOSES
7. SHES WHITE PARIS
8. FOLIO WHEN T BOTTLE MELT
9. WINK GLASS CODE GONE
10. THIN TINGLES
11. VALIDITY IS CONED CRAYON
12. FOREST WITH NELL

We wish all readers and contributors



**PEACE AND HAPPINI
AT CHRISTMAS
AND**



THROUGHOUT 2019

YOUR MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

Sun Dec 2	Mrs E. Black and Mrs A. Hainey.
Sun Dec 9	Mrs M. Duffus and Mrs N. Philip.
Sun Dec 16	Mrs A. Gall and Mrs S. Lindsay.
Sun Dec 23	Mrs A. Gruber and Mrs A. McFarlane.
Sun Dec 30	The Flower Fund.
Sun Jan 6	Mrs L. Banks and Mrs E. Fallows.
Sun Jan 13	Mr & Mrs A. McGill and Mrs K. Reid.
Sun Jan 20	Mrs S.M. Penman and Mrs B. Picken.
Sun Jan 27	Mrs A.D. MacLaren and Mrs A.D. Thornton.
Sun Feb 3	Miss C.L.B. Penman and Mrs S.M. Penman.
Sun Feb 10	Mrs M. Barrington and Mrs A. Green.
Sun Feb 17	Mrs A. Doherty and Mrs R. Ower.
Sun Feb 24	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 hope that 2019 will be a good year for you all.

Sandra.

READERS' ROTA

Sun Dec 2	Norma Murdoch	Sun Dec 30	Kirsten Reid
Sun Dec 9	Ian Johnston	Sun Jan 6	Sandra Dow
Sun Dec 16	Prudence Milne	Sun Jan 13	Irene Hoar
Sun Dec 23	Allison Edwards	Sun Jan 20	Norma Murdoch
Mon Dec 24	Margaret Ramsay	Sun Jan 27	Ian Johnston
Tues Dec 25	Gordon Hampton	Sun Feb 3	Prudence Milne

H

*He hath oped the heavenly door
And man is blessed for evermore.*



FRIDAY COFFEE BREAK



The November Coffee Breaks were hosted by Stella Lindsay, Margaret Gruber and their helpers. Everyone enjoyed a welcome cuppa with delicious homebakes and a chance to have a good blether.

We extend a warm welcome to anyone who hasn't experienced the Coffee Break and would like to join us. We meet on the first and third Friday of the month in the Phillip Hall from 10 - 11.30am.

The next Coffee Break is on December 7th and will be the last one for 2018. This is our Christmas Coffee Break and we shall be having a Stall with Christmas goodies and crafts on sale. All our proceeds go towards the Church refurbishment fund so come along and support us.

I wish all our Coffee Breakers, hostesses and helpers a very Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year 2019.

Coffee break diary dates:

January 18th

February 1st and 15th.

Evelyn.

I

*Bring us pudding
And a cup of good cheer*

THE NEXT CONTACT

The next CONTACT will appear on Sunday February 3. As this will be Dougal's first CONTACT it would be appreciated if **ALL** items for inclusion were in his hands by Sunday January 20.

COMMUNION DUTY - SUNDAY JANUARY 27

The team on duty for the Communion Service, in the Philip Hall, on Sunday January 27 will be :

Evelyn Baker, Allison Edwards, Gordon Hampton, Ian Johnston, Robin Limmack, Prudence Milne, Alex McGill and **Kirsten Reid**.

The team will be responsible for getting the Hall 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.

J

*Fails my heart, I know not how,
I can go no longer.*

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FORTHCOMING DATES

This month these will be found on the centre pages.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN BARRY AND CARNOUSTIE

Sunday December 9

9.30am: Toy Service in Barry Parish Church.

11am: Morning Service in Carnoustie Church.

Sunday December 16

9.30am: Service in Barry Parish Church.

11am: Service in Carnoustie Church.

2.30pm: Kinloch Care Home Christmas Service.

7 pm: Christmas Musicale

– Sisterhood, Brass Band, Maggie Findlay & Carnoustie Choir.

Sunday December 23

9.30am: Service of Lessons and Carols in Barry Parish Church -
Offering for Carnoustie Medical Transport Helpline.

11am: Service of Lessons and Carols in Carnoustie Church - Offering
for Carnoustie Medical Transport Helpline.

Monday December 24 - Christmas Eve

6.30pm: Christingle Service in Barry Parish Church - Offering
for Radio Lollipop, Ninewells.

11.30 pm: Watchnight Service in Carnoustie Church– Retiring
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Tuesday December 25 -Christmas Day

10.30 am Family Celebration – Joint service in **Carnoustie Church.**

Sunday December 30

10.30 am Family Service – Joint Family Service in **Barry Parish
Church.**