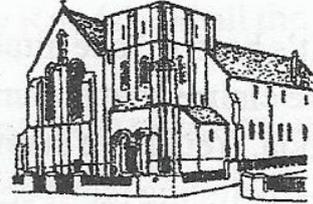


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From the Minister's Desk

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well”

Matthew 6: 33

Dear Friends,

I haven't really wanted to major on the topic of Brexit in the magazine, not least because I suspect that most of us are fed up hearing warring opinions and prognostications about what might happen. The domination of the issue has made many sick fed up with the entire debate.

I'm certainly not going to use this forum to tell people what should have been done, or what should happen next – or even to guess at what might happen next. That's not least because I'd probably be proven wrong on the latter by the time you opened the magazine.

And yet it would be wrong to think that Christians as individuals or the Church in general has nothing to say about this major issue of our times. We may well have

different views – the Bible is entirely silent on the matter of membership of the EU – but we should have much to say about how we conduct the debate and the reasons for our views.

One of the worst things about the entire matter has been the polarisation of viewpoints. It seems that there has been a growing intolerance of different beliefs on this (and some others too); an unwillingness to engage with people with whom we disagree, to seek to persuade while being open to persuasion ourselves.

This is what we need to model. Not silence for the sake of peace, but showing a peaceful, gracious approach to debate and discussion. The pulpit doesn't lend itself to that kind of debate, so it is hard to bring in to our services outwith prayers for the nation.

Yet in our homes, among friends and neighbours, we shouldn't shy away from the topic, but be ready to share views – and quick to listen to what others are saying. This will be particularly important if another referendum is called.

And over it all, perhaps as the foundation for our approach, should be the central Christian faith that we serve another Kingdom, and our central priorities are not with nation states or trading partners – instead we seek the supremacy of the Kingdom of God to transform our lives, our nation, and our world.

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

Mike Goss

Prayer Focus

We offer these thoughts to add to your own prayers:

1. **Brexit Uncertainty** – Pray for all those who are struggling to plan for their future in these uncertain times, particularly with regard to their homes and livelihoods.
2. **Ministries Council** – Remember the work of this central committee of the Church, as we seek to train and equip people for various Ministries and to plan for the posts we require for the future.
3. **Residential Care** – Continue to pray for the homes in our Parishes, particularly for our members in them and for members in distant homes, and for those who provide the care.

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 6th to March 31st. These have got off to a good start in January, and people are enjoying the warmth and the singing in the Hall.

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.”*

Dec 03 rd	Colin Strachan
Dec 16 th	Mrs. Jessie Robertson *
Dec 18 th	Mrs. Helen Thomson *
Jan 04 th	Mrs. Elizabeth Bell
Jan 16 th	Mrs. Marion Ewart
Jan 17 th	Mrs. Ann Bell
Jan 25 th	Miss Doreen Kattenhorn

*Denotes a church member

Coming up

Prayer meetings	Mondays 10 -11am in the Duthie Room
Sports & Crosses	Fridays 1.45 – 3.30pm usually in BB Hall
Fri 1 st Feb	Sports & Crosses
1.45pm	The Manse

Readers' Rota

Date	Reader
03/02/19	Prudence Milne
10/02/19	Allison Edwards
17/02/19	Margaret Ramsay
24/02/19	Kirsten Reid
03/03/19	Sandra Dow
10/03/19	Norma Murdoch

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Communion Rota

Kirsten Reid

Evelyn Baker

Allison Edwards

Gordon Hampton

Ian Johnston

Robin Limmack

Prudence Milne

Alex McGill

Christmas Tree and Decorations

As this is the first edition of Contact since Christmas, mention must be made of the beautiful Christmas tree, which was donated by “Olive’s Flower Shop.” The tree was delivered by Kerry and her family on 7th December and it still looked beautiful by the time it sadly had to be removed in early January. The tree was

magnificent and was tall, full and straight. It was much admired by those who saw it, so a big thank you to the ladies in Olive's for their generosity.

We are grateful too for all those who decorated the tree and subsequently removed it and tidied up all the usual debris. It is hard to visualise a church at Christmas without a tree nowadays. It brightens a building up during the dark days of winter and perhaps brightens up a few worshippers also! Thanks again.

Sandy and Dougal

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YOUR MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

Sunday Feb 3	Mrs. S. Penman and Miss CLB Penman
Sunday Feb 10	Mrs. M. Barrington and Mrs. A. Green
Sunday Feb 17	Mrs. A Doherty and Mrs. R. Ower
Sunday Feb 24	Mrs. E Andrew and Mrs. G. Roger
Sunday Mar 3	Mrs. N. Watson and Mrs. N. Murdoch
Sunday Mar 10	Mrs. I. R. Johnston and Mrs. Y. Eaton
Sunday Mar 17	Mrs. D. Armstrong and Mrs. A. Gall
Sunday Mar 24	Mrs. E. Mann and Mrs. G. Bennett
Sunday Mar 31	Flower Fund

Sandra Penman would like to take this opportunity also to thank the Flower Ladies for their work during the past year; and also everyone who assisted in decorating the church and the Christmas trees on Friday, December 7th and Saturday, December 8th. She also adds her thanks to all those who dismantled trees and decorations on Thursday, January 3rd.

Sandra and Claire Penman

The Guild

We began our 2019 session on January 9th when sixteen ladies learned about Fairtrade from Rhona Goss and Bethany Bowles from Gather. Our guests explained the many reasons why we should buy Fairtrade goods when at all possible – that includes clothes and other goods, rather than food items.

January 23rd will bring again the ladies from Olive's who will give us a demonstration on a Scottish theme to celebrate "*Burns Night*"

Please remember that you don't have to be a Guild member in order to enjoy any of our meetings. Everyone will be welcome - refreshments and a cosy chat always on offer at the end of the evening.

Prudence

Friday Coffee Break.

Stella Lindsay and her helpers welcomed everyone to the first Coffee Break of 2019. The Hall was soon busy with Coffee Breakers catching up with all the festive news while enjoying a welcome coffee with delicious home bakes.

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

On behalf of the committee I would like to thank everyone who donated and supported our Christmas Coffee Break. The sum of £872.00 was raised for the Church Refurbishment Fund. Well done Coffee Breakers and friends.

Coffee break diary dates:

February 1st and 15th

March 1st and 15th.

Evelyn.

Angus Foodbank

Christmas seems a long way away already, but we haven't yet recognised the splendid collection, both in donations and foodstuff for the Angus Foodbank, over

the Festive Season. Sweets and chocolates were in good supply for the children too.

Special mention of the effort of The Guild, who decided to give up their usual exchange of Secret Santas and instead donated the splendid sum of £100 to the Angus Foodbank.

We are also very grateful to the trusty volunteers who have happily agreed to take over the delivery of the Foodbank goods to the Fisheracre depot in Arbroath meantime. Many thanks,

Graham and Kay Landsburgh

Church Project Fundraising **a Fashion Show**

The committee together with the FUN Group are having a Fashion Show on Wednesday 3rd April in the Boys Brigade Hall in Maule Street. Sunrise in Brechin are supplying the clothes and we have to supply the models!! All volunteers are welcome. The Fashion show is being run in conjunction with Fair Trade. There will be an opportunity to buy clothes etc. from Sunrise and Fair Trade as they will both have stalls. The cost of the tickets is £7 and this will include complimentary glass of wine.

b Table Sale

When your elder has visited you with the Communion Cards they should have given you a leaflet about the Table Sale on 8 June. Please keep the Project in mind when you are spring cleaning to *Let someone else enjoy your 'treasures' and the Church Project will benefit!*

Pat Thornton

c Famous Scots – Alive or Dead

Yes, it's that time again when I try to bamboozle everybody with another little quiz to raise some more money for the church building project. The last one raised £170 – so we're getting there!

Guessing the names will be reasonably simple, but I'm hoping to catch you out with my cunning Anagrams. The price is £1 per sheet and there is a special price of £5 for 5. The closing date is Monday, 3rd. March, 2019

Entries to Kay Landsburgh, 21 Burnside Street, Carnoustie DD7 7ET

Kay Landsburgh

A Word of Thanks -

Just a quick word of thanks to the ladies who week by week, month by month, year by year supply and serve tea and coffee after Sunday morning worship services. Some of them have been doing this for over twenty years – and even over thirty years!

The money collected last year, which goes towards the fabric fund in the church, came to £633.65. Thank you, all who join us for tea or coffee after the service each week.

Norma Murdoch

Funday Club

In December, the Funday Club sent a cheque for £155 to Christian Aid. This is to help with their Harvest Appeal which works with communities in Malawi. A cheque was also sent to CHAS in response to their appeal. The Funday Club received a letter of thanks from CHAS. At the time of the letter the staff at CHAS were busy with making sure that everything was perfect for the families over the festive period.

The families that rely on CHAS not only have the organising of Christmas time to concern them but also the added worry of looking after a seriously ill child. Often Christmas Day can become just another day for all the dedicated Mums, Dads, Grandparents, brothers and sisters. This past year the staff were determined to do whatever it took to change that.

And so the gift from Carnoustie Funday Club went a long way to make Christmas special for the children. Thanks to all who contributed. N.B. The Funday Club will not meet on 24th February (mid-term).

Jean Reid

Presbytery & Angus Show

The Angus Show is a big event in the calendar of country folk and the people of Angus each year. Over the years it has been in many different venues. First time I was there it was in Camperdown Park, Dundee. More recently it was held at Arbroath but now it has a permanent place at Brechin Castle.

There are many interesting stalls showing the produce of Angus. For those interested in cars, vans, motorcycles etc. of a bygone era, there are always many entries submitted for judging. Entertainment is provided during the day by different bands and there are always displays by dancing groups.

But the highlight of course is the stand of the Presbytery of Angus! This year the theme is to be “The Lost Sheep”. We will have on the stand plenty of items for children and adults alike. Such as -

- A shepherd and sheep painted flat with cutouts for heads to poke through in the appropriate places. Families will be encouraged to take photographs and upload them to a dedicated “Presbytery of Angus Show” Facebook page (but with more appropriate branding). The picture with the most likes at the end of June will win a prize of gift voucher to an Angus attraction - Charleston Farm suggested. The Facebook page can then be used to highlight family orientated activities taking place in Angus churches.
- A “mug decorating” table - a simple activity encouraging children to decorate a white mug with porcelain pens.
- A prayer tree for people to hang their prayer requests on.
- A bag of blessing for folk to take away comprising, the story of the lost sheep, a tea bag (encouraging them to take some time to themselves), a few celebration chocolates, a directory of Messy Churches, Holiday Clubs and family fun days in Angus for June, July and August.

On Saturday, 8th June, make Brechin Castle grounds and the Angus Show a day out to be remembered! In the meantime, ladies (or gents) who would like to knit a few small sheep can get the pattern from Dougal

A few intimations from other churches

1. The Rev. Merriweather spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audience.
2. Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Nelson's sermons.
3. Let us join David and Lisa in the celebration of their wedding and bring their happiness to a conclusion.

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Sunday Services in the Philip Hall until 7th April

Fri 1 st Feb 10-11.30 am	Friday Coffee Break Philip Hall
Fri 1 st Feb 7 pm	BB Burns Supper BB Hall, Maule St
Mon 4 th Feb 7.30 pm	Carnoustie Churches Youth Outreach Duthie Room
Thurs 7 th Feb 3.30 pm	The Lord's Supper Brookfield
Mon 11 th Feb 7.30 pm	Barry Kirk Session Barry Church Hall
Fri 15 th Feb 10-11.30 am	Friday Coffee Break Philip Hall
Sat 23 rd Feb 10-11.30 am	Barry Guild Coffee Morning Philip Hall
Sun 24 th Feb 11 am	The Lord's Supper Carnoustie Church
Mon 25 th Feb	Kirk Session

7.30 pm	Philip Hall
Thurs 28 th Feb	Sports Quiz Night
7.30 pm	Station Hotel
Fri 1 st March	Friday Coffee Break
10-11.30 am	Philip Hall
Fri 1 st March	World Day of Prayer
7 pm	Barry Parish Church
Sat 2 nd March	Path of Renewal – Regional Conference
9.45 am–3 pm	Dundee: St Andrew’s Church

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