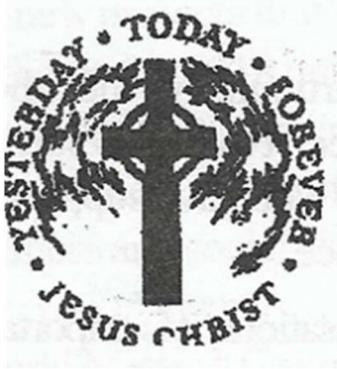


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## From the Minister's Desk

**“Jesus answered, ‘It is written: “Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.”””**

**Matthew 4: 4 (see Deuteronomy 8:3)**

Dear Friends,

March sees the arrival of the season of Lent, a time of reflection and repentance in the lead up to Holy Week and Easter. Traditionally a 40-day period based on Jesus' time in the Wilderness at the start of His Ministry, it has been a time of fasting in many Christian traditions.

This year we will be taking the words of Jesus spoken on the cross as our theme for this month, as we explore their impact for faith and life in each one of us individually, and in the life of the Church as a whole. This is an opportunity for us all to explore our faith and hope through this Testament given as our Saviour died for us.

The Lent services will give us the opportunity to share in worship in some new ways, as we allow God's Word to challenge our thoughts, words and deeds. We will be able to take advantage of the shape of our services in the Philip Hall to do things a little differently, and to let God speak to us freshly.

As Lent draws into Holy Week we will turn our focus outward using the Try Praying materials. These will give us the opportunity to invite

friends, family and neighbours to consider the possibilities of prayer. Through the Lent preparation period we will encourage each other in our outreach and our own prayer life.

This is all part of the Path of Renewal process, as we try new things to see what might help the life and witness of our congregation to flourish. At the heart of it is the desire to let Jesus lead us and renew us as part of His Church. Let us open our hearts and minds to His purpose and for His glory as we share in worship and grow in grace together.

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. **Climate Change** – Give thanks for the seriousness with which our young folk are addressing this issue, and pray for all of us to play our part in caring for God’s creation.
2. **Arbroath West** – Pray for this new union with Arbroath: Knox’s Church, as their Minister, Rev Alasdair Graham, retires shortly.
3. **Lent worship** – Pray for God to speak in and through us as we meet for worship over the period of Lent, using fresh means to open our thoughts and understanding to His purposes.

### **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<sup>th</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>. We are grateful for the help and support of so many in arranging the Halls before and after the services.

## **Readers' Rota**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Reader</b>
<b>03/03/19</b>	Sandra Dow
<b>10/03/19</b>	Norma Murdoch
<b>17/03/19</b>	Ian Johnston
<b>24/03/19</b>	Prudence Milne
<b>31/03/19</b>	Allison Edwards
<b>07/04/19</b>	Margaret Ramsay
<b>14/04/19</b>	Kirsten Reid
<b>21/04/19</b>	Sandra Dow

## **Congregational Register**

### **Funerals**

*“Jesus said, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me shall not perish, but have everlasting life.’”*

**Feb 15 Mr Lawrence Adam**

**Mar 4 Mrs Marjory Barrington**

## **14<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> April Holy Week and Easter Services**

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**Maundy Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April:**

**Agape Supper 7 pm - Carnoustie Baptist Church**

**Good Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April:**

**Quiet hour 12am - Holyrood Church**

**Walk of Witness 2 pm - From Church St Memorial Garden**

**Good Friday Service 7 pm - Carnoustie Church**

## **Easter Day 21<sup>st</sup> April:**

Sunrise Service                      5.45 am - Leisure Centre Car Park  
(Followed by breakfast in Philip Hall)

Morning Service                      9.30 am    Barry Parish Church

Morning Service                      11 am              Carnoustie Church

## **Carnoustie Church Project** **“Table Sale” Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

“A wee reminder!” – “Please remember the table sale when you are  
spring cleaning”

First of all, thanks to all who have already given items for our “table sale”. We are still looking for donations of goods for resale including bric-a-brac, collectibles, CDs, books, old tools, small items of furniture and electrical goods (which will be checked and tested prior to the sale), all are acceptable.

Again we say, “ Why not take this opportunity to clear out attic, garage, cupboard etc?” By letting someone else enjoy YOUR treasures, the CHURCH project will benefit.

We are storing the items in the church. Donations of goods for resale can be handed into the church on any Sunday, or given to your elder, or you can contact Robin Limmack on 01241 858654 and he wil arrange for collection of any items.

## **February Friday Coffee Break.**

May Duffus, Margaret Gruber and their merry band of helpers welcomed a good turnout of regular Coffee Breakers. And we also welcomed those who were experiencing their first Friday Coffee Break. We hope you will make this a regular date in your calendar on the first and third Friday of the month in the Phillip Hall from 10 – 11.30 am.

It was really great to see everyone enjoying a good blether while enjoying coffee with delicious home bakes.

Coffee break diary dates -

March 1st and 15<sup>th</sup>, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Please note as the third Friday is Good Friday the last Coffee Break will be on April 26th.

*Evelyn.*

### **Flower list for March**

March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Mrs. N. Watson and Mrs. N. Murdoch

10<sup>th</sup> - Mrs. I. Johnston and Mrs. Y. Eaton

17<sup>th</sup> - Mrs. D. Armstrong and Mrs. A. Gall

24<sup>th</sup> - Mrs. G. Bennet and Mrs. E. Mann

31<sup>st</sup> - Flower Fund

April 7<sup>th</sup> - Mrs. S. Dow and Mrs. M. Duffus

14<sup>th</sup> - Mrs. A. Fenton and Mrs. S. Lindsay

21<sup>st</sup> - Mrs. J. Brown and Mrs. P. Thornton

28<sup>th</sup> - Mrs. D. Taylor and Mrs. A. Thornton

Mrs. Sandra Penman would like to thank all her friends in Carnoustie Church for the many cards she received after her accident.

**“Carnoustie Churches”**  
**Christian Aid Coffee Morning**

The important date for your diaries is - Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> March.

Venue is as normal - Philip Hall 10-11.30am

Good company, good chat and tasty coffee, well worth the price of -  
Adults £2, Children £1

Donations for the stalls; c/candy, bric-a-brac, £1 stall (parcels wrapped), will be most welcome. Please try to support this twice yearly event for the important work of Christian Aid.

**Reminder of the work by Christian Aid**

We are a partnership of people, churches and local organisations committed to ending poverty worldwide. For more than seventy years we have provided practical support to our global neighbours. We work in some of the world's most vulnerable countries, such as Africa, Asia, lands of the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean.

We carry out ground-breaking work in key areas, such as gender, health and resilience, to support people in poor communities to improve their lives. We have programmes in 37 countries, working with 475 local, national and international developments.

This year we highlight that Sierra Leone is now believed to be the most dangerous place in the world to give birth. And so we pray that you will join with us this year during Christian Aid Week, in order that we may continue our aim of making childbirth safe for all Mums and babies.

*Thank you, Allison*

**Fairtrade Fortnight**

This year Fairtrade Fortnight begins on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February and ends on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March so hopefully by the time you read this you will have managed to support some of the events going on in Carnoustie. If

not, you can still support the work of Fairtrade throughout the year by looking for the Fairtrade logo (as shown) on goods and consider buying them first.



This mark has been seen on goods in the UK for 25 years now and appears on a wide range of goods from chocolate and coffee to tee shirts and gardening gloves. Bananas, coffee or tea are what people most associate Fairtrade with but you can enjoy wine, biscuits and even furnish your home with fairly traded items.

Every time you buy a Fairtrade item, you are helping the person who produces it to improve their life in some way. They can afford to send their children to school, or perhaps buy more land on which to grow their crops, or improve their living accommodation or water supply.

Carnoustie is a Fairtrade Town and we should be proud of that so please show your support and think Fairtrade when shopping.

*Irene*

## **Mission Aviation Fellowship**

### **Miraculous Medevac Milestone**

Every day, our 27 programmes around the globe receive calls to carry out urgent life-saving medical flights. These are known as medevacs — and in Timor-Leste we have carried out more than 1,800 medical evacuation flights since our programme started there in 2007.

On average we carry out over 250 emergency airlifts each year from remote regions to the country's main hospital in the capital Dili. In the last 6 months of 2018, our aircraft transported over 300 patients from 8 different areas.

Back in 2013, our team in Timor-Leste received an urgent call to help 23-year-old Elizita Cardoso, a young mother who had developed life-threatening pregnancy complications. Elizita was looking forward to the

arrival of twins but her feelings of joy had turned to fear when she began to show signs of pre-eclampsia close to the end of her pregnancy. The speedy delivery of both babies was vital, but neither were lying in the correct position.

Living in the rural town of Suai, Elizita faced a nine-hour journey on poor quality roads to reach the medical treatment she desperately needed in Dili. The risk was that neither she nor the unborn twins would survive. Fortunately, within 90 minutes, MAF's GA8 Airvan had left Dili, collected Elizita, a nurse and two family members, and brought them back to the capital for an emergency caesarean operation.

The outcome? Two beautiful, healthy babies, delighted parents, and a new family able to return home to Suai a week later. One MAF plane made the difference between life and death.

Our teams rarely hear anything further from the patients they fly, but in October 2018, Pilot Jonathan Lowe had the happy opportunity to return to Suai and catch up with Elizita and her twin sons, Forino and Farino. The 5½-year-old boys have flourished over the years since their difficult birth and got a chance to climb in the plane and see what it's like to be a pilot, checking out the controls and listening in to the radio.

For Jonathan, it was an amazing experience to see the joyous result of just one of the many medical evacuation flights he has flown as an MAF pilot. He said, "I had some time while waiting for my passengers in Suai so I thought I would go to the nearby village to see if I could find the twins. It was wonderful to see they are doing so well and growing up strong and healthy, with the excitement of school ahead of them next year."

*Irene*

### **Philip Hall Services**

The Sunday service being held in the Philip Hall for the winter months is in such a warm and welcoming place. We sit close together as we chat

before and after the service. This is so different from being in in the church building where we spread ourselves across the large place and often sit in the same seat each visit.

Last week I had to collect some papers from the church. It was dull, miserable day as I pushed open the door. I walked into the church and stopped to let my eyes adjust to the gloom. It was cold, quiet and there was little light coming in the windows.

I stood at the back for some time and I felt as if I was intruding on someone in their slumber. I walked slowly down to the front, collected the papers and returned to stand at the back for a while before returning for coffee in the buzz of the Philip Hall.

It is said that people are the church, not a building. That day I was very aware of this. I look forward to returning in April for services as our magnificent church building awakes and we take the warm, welcoming closeness we have shared in the Philip Hall with us.

*Jean Brown*

### **The Guild**

Since the last issue of Contact we have enjoyed two wonderful meetings of the Guild!

Firstly on February 6th, Evelyn Baker entertained us with an amazing insight into her year living on an Indian Reservation. She took us on an incredible journey from Scotland to America.

It was great to see the artefacts which she collected whilst there, from rugs woven by the Indians to dolls dressed in their costumes. All this was delivered with Evelyn's lovely sense of fun and humour.

Wednesday 20th February brought Mrs Kay Husband, a Boys' Brigade Training Officer, to talk to us about one of the projects the Guild is supporting this session- "The Boys' Brigade - Faith in Young People".

Not only did Kay join us but also several members of the 1st Monifieth and 1st Carnoustie Boys. What a wealth of information was shared about how the movement began in 1883 to the present day.

The Boys did themselves proud both in their appearance, their delivery of their parts in the proceedings and in the way they interacted with us oldies! A thoroughly enjoyable evening - thank you boys!!

This is what you miss by not coming along to the Guild meetings- don't be shy - come along on March 6th to hear our good friend Dougal telling us about one of his "Unexpected Journeys". A cup of tea and cake and fellowship also awaits you.

*Prudence*

### **Thank you for offerings**

At the Christmas services we had a collection for Carnoustie Medical transport Helpline which amounted to £173.86. I have received a letter asking me to pass on their thanks to everyone who contributed.

We also took an offering for the Scottish Bible Society at the carol service. I was able to add tax reclaimed of £31.78 to the £127.10 in the plate and have a lovely letter of thanks along with The Scottish Bible Society receipt for the £158.88.

The amount donated after January Communion was £133.00 and so with £33.25 of reclaimed tax, I was able to send a cheque for £166.25 to Angus Presbytery for supporting the Nurse Clinic in Pannahatti, Bangladesh. Well done everyone.

*Sandra Dow*

**“The experience was pretty unforgettable!”**

So says a lady from the Church of Scotland's Crossreach.

2019 has begun and we have some wonderfully weird and exciting opportunities for you to get involved with, make some unforgettable memories and make a difference to people in your local communities.

Doing something brave and challenging is a great way to stretch yourself, and an abseil off the Forth Rail Bridge, over the Forth and 150 feet in the air, is a wonderful way to do just that!

This year, the famous abseil takes place on the 7<sup>th</sup> July at South Queensferry. To take part, you only need to pay a £30 registration fee and commit to raising a minimum of £150 for CrossReach. Everything you raise will directly impact the people you see every day; like those struggling with dementia, depression or loneliness. (Unfortunately I have a family wedding in Wales that weekend – otherwise!!?)

Read Caroline's story about why she'd recommend the abseil for CrossReach to anyone!

“The descent itself was incredible! 150 feet up in the air oddly seemed safe and after a few moments of getting used to the wind and new sounds I was able to concentrate on the amazing view! The experience was pretty unforgettable, and I especially loved seeing the other abseilers doing it at

the same time as me. It gave it a really wonderful sense of togetherness in something that was so unique and fun!”

*(From the “Learn Team,  
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## Training News

There is an opportunity to take part in the upcoming “**Elders Conference 2019**”, scheduled on **Friday 7 – Sunday 9 June 2019** in Tulliallan, Fife.

This *Learn* conference, with the theme of ‘Creating and Deepening Discipleship’, will seek to enthuse and inspire the current and future elders in the Church of Scotland. It is to give a fresh vision and understanding of the characteristics of discipleship, and to equip them to explore their role as elders in creating and deepening a culture of discipleship.

This will be a great learning and development opportunity for you and others in your congregation to be connected, resourced and inspired. We'd really appreciate it if you were able to forward the details on to others in your presbytery who might be interested.

We would encourage churches to be paying for their volunteers to attend as part of their ongoing training and development, and there is an option as part of the booking for us to invoice church treasurers. If you have any questions about this conference, please contact Catriona Munro ([cmunro@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:cmunro@churchofscotland.org.uk)), Development Support. Many thanks and with all best wishes, The *Learn* Team.

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### Coming Up

**Prayer Meetings Mondays 10 - 11 am** in the Duthie Room

**Sports & Crosses Fridays 1.45 – 3.30pm** usually in the BB Hall

**Sunday Services in the Philip Hall** until 7<sup>th</sup> April

Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> March 10-11.30 am	Friday Coffee Break Philip Hall
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> March 7 pm	World Day of Prayer Barry Parish Church
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 9.45 am – 3 pm	Path of Renewal – Regional Conference Dundee: St Andrew's Church
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Carnoustie Church Annual Meeting After morning worship in the Philip Hall
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> March 7.30 pm	Church Life & Worship Team Duthie Room
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> March 10-11.30 am	Friday Coffee Break Philip Hall
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Barry Parish Church Annual Meeting After morning worship in Barry Church
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> March	The Lord's Supper

11 am	Carnoustie Church
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Carnoustie Kirk Session
7.30 pm	Philip Hall
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Mission & Outreach Team
7.30 pm	Duthie Room
6 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Minister's Holiday

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“Life is wasted if we do not grasp the glory of the cross, cherish it for the treasure that it is, and cleave to it as the highest price of every pleasure and the deepest comfort in every pain. What was once foolishness to us— a crucified God—must become our wisdom and our power and our only boast in this world.”

*John Piper*