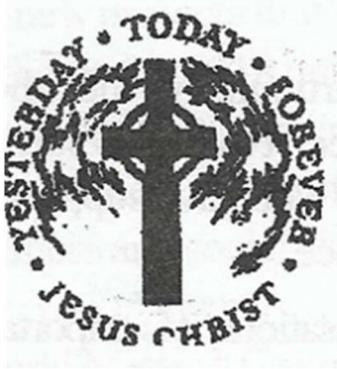


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## From the Minister's Desk

**“Peter asked, ‘What about him?’ – Jesus answered, ‘If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me.’”**

**John 21: 21-22**

Dear Friends,

Our Holy Week and Easter services this year followed a relatively familiar pattern, and it was good to share worship and witness with other local congregations throughout the week. Our reflections focussed on the central convictions of our Christian faith – that Jesus was crucified for our sins, and that He was raised to life on the third day.

This year's services also included additional focus on the world-wide Church to which we belong; first in the fire that devastated the roof and spire of Notre Dame de Paris. We rang bells with churches across Britain in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ on Maundy Thursday, even as we remembered that the Church is people, not buildings.

Then on Easter Sunday itself we woke to the terrible news of the bombings in three churches and three hotels in Sri Lanka, which brought death to well over 200 people, most of whom were Christians gathered for Easter services in their churches. It was devastating news and we joined in prayer for all who had suffered that day.

Here in the UK it is easy to be a Christian, in spite of occasional challenges from an increasingly secular society. This is not the case in

many other parts of the world, such as Pakistan, China, Nigeria and Indonesia, where proclaiming faith in Christ crucified and risen can lead to persecution and even death.

It is difficult to get accurate numbers, but something like 3,000 to 6,000 Christians have been killed because of their faith each year over the past three years. Others have died as civilians caught up in war zones, and many live in dangerous and unstable parts of the world.

Here in Western Europe the Church is in decline – unlike most of the rest of the world, where there are more Christians today than ever before in history.

The Church of Scotland is struggling to adapt to our changing society with the unchangeable Gospel of Jesus. This year's General Assembly meeting later in May will consider a Radical Action Plan to change our patterns of Ministry and institutional life. At the heart of it is the original call of Jesus: 'Follow me'.

This too must be a call we all heed, as we seek to follow Jesus where He leads us into the future.

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. **Christians in Sri Lanka** – Remember all those who were injured and lost loved ones in the terrible bombings on Easter Day, and pray for peace and security in that beautiful island.
2. **General Assembly** – Pray for the Moderator Elect, **Rev Colin Sinclair**, and all Commissioners as they consider the Radical Action Plan and all the Reports and Deliverances before them this May.
3. **Café Church** – Pray for this new venture in the life of our congregation as we find new ways to worship and witness in our local community.

## Readers Rota

<b>Date</b>	<b>Reader</b>
05-05-19	Norma Murdoch
12-05-19	Ian Johnston
19-05-19	Prudence Milne
26-05-19	Allison Edwards
02-06-19	Margaret Ramsay
09-06-19	Kirsten Reid
16-06-19	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.’”*

May 3 **Mrs Jean Forbes** \*

### Coming Up

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

Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Sports and Crosses
1.30 – 3.30 pm	BB Hall, Maule St
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Barry Church Spring Fayre
10 am – 2 pm	Philip Hall
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Sports and Crosses
1.30 – 3.30 pm	BB Hall, Maule St
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Presbytery Big Day Out
10 am – 4.30 pm	Forfar: East & Old Parish Church
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> May	BB End of Session / Awards Service
11 am	Carnoustie Church
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Church Life & Worship Team
7.30 pm	Duthie Room

Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2 pm	Project Planning Group Duthie Room
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2.30 pm	Afternoon Service Willowbank
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> May 7 pm	Café Church Gather Coffee Shop
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May 1.30 – 3.30 pm	Sports and Crosses BB Hall, Maule St
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May 7 pm	BB Display BB Hall, Maule St
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> May 10 am – 3 pm	Organathon Carnoustie Church
18 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Minister at General Assembly
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> May 9.30 am 11 am	Elders' Services Barry Parish Church Carnoustie Church
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> May 1.30 – 3.30 pm	Sports and Crosses BB Hall, Maule St
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> May 11 am	The Lord's Supper Carnoustie Church
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> May 7.30 pm	Kirk Session Duthie Room
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> May 3 pm	Afternoon Service Braehill Lodge
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> May 7.30 pm	Mission & Outreach Team Duthie Room
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> May 7.30 pm	Reps from three Kirk Sessions Newton Panbride Church Halls
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May 1.30 – 3.30 pm	Sports and Crosses BB Hall, Maule St

Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Guild Trip Pitlochry
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 7.30 pm	Path of Renewal Group The Manse
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> June 1.30 – 3.30 pm	Sports and Crosses BB Hall, Maule St
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> June 10 am – 2 pm	Carnoustie Church Table Sale Philip Hall
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> June 7.30 pm	Barry Kirk Session Barry Church Hall
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Putting Challenge and Barbeque

**Carnoustie Church Project**  
**TABLE-TOP SALE**

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**April Friday Coffee Break.**

The last Friday Coffee Break for the session was a very happy gathering of coffee breakers and friends, all enjoying coffee, home bakes and a good old natter. The baking stall and the card display were very well supported by everyone. During the Coffee Break Stella Lindsay handed over a cheque for £2,000 to Robin Limmack our new church treasurer for the church refurbishment fund. A big thank you to all Coffee Breakers and friends for their support and generosity this past session.

I personally wish to thank all the committee and their helpers for their support over the year providing delicious home bakes, goodies for the Christmas and April stalls, individual donations and cards for all occasions and most of all their time to help. Last but not least a big thank you to Colin our hall keeper for all his behind the scene support which is very much appreciated by us all. Have a lovely Summer and see you all in September.

*Evelyn.*

### **Flower list for May**

May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Miss C. Penman
	Mrs. S. M. Penman
12 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs. E. Baker
	Mrs. G. Stirling
19 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs. J. Hoar
	Mr. K. Morrison
26 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs. G. Bennett
	Mrs. P. Simpson
June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mrs. M. Gruber
	Miss A. Hood
9 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs. G. Landsburgh
	Mrs. N. Young
16 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs. N. Murdoch
	Mrs. F. Stewart
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mrs. E. Lyall
	Mrs. P. Murphy
30 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs. D. Blair
	Mrs. O. Milne

## A Letter of Thanks

The following is a letter of thanks from A. McDowall, deputy treasurer, Church of Scotland.

Dear friends, I write to thank you for supporting the worship, mission and service of the Church through your regular financial offerings. It is important that you know what happens to your money and this letter explains how your congregation's Ministry and Mission Contribution will be used to enable the work of the Church in 2019.

301791 Carnoustie	£47,986
301786 Barry	£15,940
Total to Ministries and Mission	£63,926

The contribution is used to provide over 720 ministers and parish workers in communities throughout Scotland and further afield and assists with recruitment and training costs. The 2019 cost of a parish minister at the top of the stipend scale is £42,192. I would invite you to compare this with your congregation's contribution. Many churches gave additional contributions in 2018 and these have been gratefully received.

Your contribution is also used to support work in; resourcing congregations for Christian education and outreach; to further the caring work of the Church to people in need through Crossreach, to accompany partners around the world on our shared Christian journey; to offer the Church's opinion in public debate; to provide administrative, financial and legal advice, plan the General Assembly and ensure the moderator represents the Church. The contribution from your congregation ensures a diverse ministry is maintained, and that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is shared in many ways and in many places.

A New National Stewardship Initiative, "A Narrative of Generosity" will be launched at the Heart and Soul event which is taking place on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019. This modular resource is easily accessible and can be

tailored to respond to the particular needs of your congregation. Should your church require support with this new, or any other Stewardship resource, please contact the National Stewardship Coordinator, David Lynch, at [dlynch@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:dlynch@churchofscotland.org.uk). David's team of consultants are available to work with you without any charge for their time. I myself look forward to assisting you in any way I can.

*Archie McDowall*  
*Deputy treasurer*

### **Food Bank**

In answer to various queries about the Food Bank, Kay has provided a letter of explanation from the Manager of the Food Bank.

Dear Graham & Kay,

Thank you for the questions you dropped off at the foodbank. The replies are as follows :-

1) *How do people qualify for foodbank help?* : They receive a referral voucher from one of our agencies. We have 180 agencies on our books at present. These include, job centres, health centres, social workers, citizens advice bureau, and Mental health teams as examples.

2) *If this is by voucher, can repeat vouchers be honoured and for how long?* : Clients do receive a voucher from the agency. They are entitled to three food parcels in a six month period. This however is only a guideline and depending on clients circumstances we will provide food parcels for as long as a crisis situation continues.

3) *How many people in Carnoustie seek help from the foodbank?* In the past 12 months we have provided 99 people with a three day food parcel.

4) *Do they have to visit personally initially?* No. The food parcel can be collected by someone on their behalf or they can ask for the food parcel to be delivered.

5) *Can deliveries be made to them to avoid transport costs?* Deliveries can be made if they are unable to access one of our foodbank distribution centres.

6) *Are they presently taking advantage of this help?* Yes. Many of our Carnoustie clients get their food parcel taken too them, either by the foodbank or by the referral agency who provided the voucher.

7) *Do you have any liaison with British Legion in Carnoustie?* No

8) *Do you have any liaison with Burnside School in Carnoustie?* Yes. I have given talks at the school about the work of the foodbank and the school has collected food for us. They have a collection point in the reception area into which pupils, parents and staff can place donations. The school (like every other primary and secondary school in Angus) has the ability to issue a referral to the Foodbank for any school family.

9) *Do you have a particular Carnoustie representative?* No

10) *How are cash donations used?* Cash donations are used to buy food products that we are short of and also used for general expenses such as electricity, stationery and running costs for our van.

11) *What do you have a surplus of at the moment?* Cereal and Soup.

12) *What do you have a shortage of at the moment?* Tinned tomatoes, tinned fruit, tinned custard and tinned rice.

Any other questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,  
Norman Brown  
Foodbank Manager

### **Carnoustie Church FUN Group**

Claire reminds us again that the Members of the FUN group are organising a putting competition, to be held on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm. The competition will be followed by a BBQ at the manse (bring your own food) and presentation of prizes.

Applications are invited from all ages and putting abilities! The cost per team of four is £2 or 50p per player. Please fill in an entry form (available from any member of the group) and forward it to the FUN Group, or Claire Penman. Claire can also answer any queries that you may have.

*FUN Group*

## CHAS Coffee Morning

The Funday Club annual Coffee Morning in aid of CHAS (Children's Hospices Across Scotland) will be held on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> May. We would welcome donations of baking, bric-a-brac, books, toys etc. Tickets priced Adults £1.50, Children 60p. Everyone is welcome. Please come and support the important work being done by CHAS.

*Jean Reid*

## A new Idea

Did you know that envelopes can be made from potatoes? Well, **Tearfund** do and use this to send their newsletter. On the wrap is the slogan "**SPUD WE LIKE PLASTIC WE DON'T**" It's lovely to touch and 100% compostable as in your food waste bin. Now, how can we encourage more use of this?

*Sandra Dow*

## The Guild

Sadly, this session of our Guild has come to an end, but, boy did we go out with a bang!! Firstly, on April 3rd, we had the second of our projects for the year- Empowering Teenage Mothers in Zambia. Our speaker that evening was Rev. Barbara-Ann Sweetin from East and Old Church in Forfar. What a most insightful talk she gave outlining what these young mothers and babies have to face.

This project provides support for young mothers teaching them about nutrition, sexual health and parenting skills. These young women are encouraged to complete their education thus allowing them to have a more fulfilling life.

Our final meeting on April 24th incorporated a short Business Meeting, followed by entertainment from our own Church Choir. What a wealth of talent lies therein!! We saw a side to many of the choir never previously seen!

From Peter expounding the virtues of the Glens of Scotland - eg Glenlivet, Glenmorangie!, then the loss of his "Red Yoyo" to Allison reciting some hilarious ditties delivered with panache!, Ian and Peter and their hilarious duet from Gilbert and Sullivan, Kirsty and her "Little Buttercup", not to mention their opening number as a choir of "All in an April Evening", to the men and their theatrical faces and gestures at the back of the choir and of course Pauline at the piano!

If you joined us, you will know exactly what I'm saying, if not, you missed a wonderful evening! If you have considered in the past coming along to a Guild meeting, think seriously about it for next session when I'm sure we will have another full and interesting syllabus for you.

*Prudence*

### **Removal of some pews**

As part of the plans to upgrade the church, the Kirk session agreed at their last meeting to arrange for the removal of the pews beside the East Aisle and this will begin fairly soon. There are 13 pews with a possible 14<sup>th</sup> and it is hoped to sell as many of them as possible so if anyone is interested in purchasing a pew, please contact me in the first instance and a list will be compiled on a first come first serve basis. We could probably arrange delivery but it would be best if you can arrange uplift of your purchase yourself once they are ready to be removed from the church.

*Irene (01241 859405)*

### **Carnoustie Church Project** **"Organathon"**

Saturday, 18th May 2019 from 10a.m. to 4.00p.m. (admission by donation) Our three organists Pauline, Peter and Rhona will be displaying their skills at the organ in a continuous programme of pieces to appeal to everyone's taste in music. Come along at any time during the mentioned times to support them and the Church Project. We look forward to welcoming you. Refreshments will be available.

*Margaret Ramsay*

## **A Larger Choir!**

Some of us were fortunate enough as have the foresight to buy tickets for a wonderful performance of Verdi's Requiem. On Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> April, there were quite a few from Carnoustie Church, and many other congregations around Angus, who attended Angus Choral Society's rendition in Brechin Cathedral. The setting of the Cathedral seemed just right for such a wonderful work by Verdi.

The four soloists, the musicians, the musical director and all the choir members did make the evening a truly memorable occasion indeed. As I sat there on that Saturday evening, I couldn't help but reflect that on any Sunday I've been there in the recent few years, the cathedral has seemed empty. Although regular worship in the cathedral will soon cease, we can but pray that the building can still be used for wonderful occasions such as we experienced that evening. Well done to Margaret and Norma. (I'm glad I bought a ticket!)

*Dougal*

*“Do not have your concert first, and then tune your instrument afterwards. Begin the day with the Word of God and prayer, and get first of all into harmony with Him.”*

*Hudson Taylor, missionary in China*

## **Christian Aid Week 12-18<sup>th</sup> May**

Christian Aid week is upon us once again, and due to a lack of collectors, some districts will not be covered. Envelopes will be left at the back of the church on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>, for those who wish to donate. Amongst

districts not covered are, Kinloch Street, Bruce Drive, Wallace Street, Beechwood and Rose Street.

Any envelopes filled can be handed into the Philip Hall on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> May, between 2pm and 7pm, or at Church on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May.

For more than 60 years Christian Aid week has mobilised many Churches and thousands of individuals in Britain and Ireland every May. On behalf of the Christian Aid committee, thank you for your help each year.

*Allison*

### **The Bible Society**

The story of Bible Society and its founding revolves around three remarkable, yet markedly different, individuals: a determined Welsh girl, a visionary Welsh pastor, and a campaigning MP. In 1800 a 15-year-old Welsh girl named Mary Jones trekked 26 long miles through the rugged terrain of north Wales to buy a Welsh Bible. Mary was so determined to have a Bible of her own, in her own language, that she saved up for six long years before her walk to Bala.

With the help of Revd Thomas Charles of Bala, who arranged lodgings for Mary and sold her three Bibles for the price of one, Mary Jones' determination was rewarded. Her story – and her unswerving desire to get hold of God's written word soon became the talk of the churches in the area.

Captured by the vision of God's word being available for all people of the kingdom and wider world, William Wilberforce and other members of the Clapham Sect decided to do what they do best – they decided to act. They made this vision part of their campaign to 'make goodness fashionable' – in the hope of inspiring people to fall in love with the Bible and a Biblically-inspired lifestyle.

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*Sandra Dow*

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