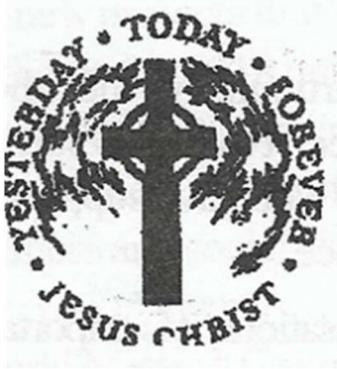


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From the Minister's Desk

“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Hebrews 12: 2

Dear Friends,

Our choices bring consequences. It's true of our shopping choices, as we wonder about buying cheaper products at the cost of child labour or terrible working conditions. It's true of our political choices, as the fall-out from the European Elections works its way through to a new European Parliament.

Choices were also made last month at the General Assembly, with significant decisions about the future structures of the Church. Our 43 Scottish Presbyteries are to be reduced to around 12 over the next five years. This will reshape the regional support structures of the Church.

We also agreed to reduce the central administration costs by 20-30%, which will mean staff cuts as well as efficiency savings. I welcome this, as the centre needs to shrink to reflect the decline in members and Ministers over the past decades. Yet this will bring a personal cost to some very faithful servants of the Church who have given committed work over many years. We need to remember the people involved.

Choices bring consequences, even the choice of not doing things. I was disappointed with the vote against disinvesting in oil and gas companies, which in my view sends the wrong message about our willingness to tackle climate change. I wonder about the consequences for many of our Youth Delegates, who felt that the Church hadn't listened to their concerns and wasn't interested in their future.

But it is good to see the Church facing up to some of the challenges of our times, and I look forward to the reshaping of our structures bringing a greater emphasis and support for the local work and mission of our congregations. For us here in Carnoustie, there will be choices to make about how we worship, how we serve, and how we reach out to the community, in partnership with other congregations and the wider Church.

Where these will take us is yet to be seen, but we have already embarked on fresh adventures with the building project and our involvement with the Path of Renewal. Across our local Presbytery significant changes to congregational partnerships are already taking place, and more may lie ahead.

In all the change and chance of our times the constancy of the Gospel message of a crucified and risen Saviour remains. Our security is not in political leaders or even Church organisation or buildings; it is in the love of God revealed to us in His Son, Jesus Christ. Focussed on His love, His presence, and His Kingdom purposes, we can make our choices prayerfully with confidence in His ultimate triumph.

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. Europe and the Leadership Election – Pray for those elected to the European Parliament, and for the future Prime Minister, that we may be led with integrity and wisdom in these challenging times.

2. Church Offices – As a major down-sizing of the Central Offices of the Church has been instructed by the General Assembly, pray for those

who work for the Church in 121 George Street, facing difficult choices and an uncertain future.

3. Holiday Club – Remember the leaders and helpers as we prepare for the joint Club at the end of the school holidays, and pray for the children who will attend, that we may know and share the love of Jesus in appropriate ways.

Readers' Rota

Date	Reader
02/06/19	Margaret Ramsay
09/06/19	Kirsten Reid
16/06/19	Sandra Dow
23/06/19	Ian Johnston
30/06/19	Irene Hoar
07/07/19	Norma Murdoch
14/07/19	Prudence Milne

Congregational Register

No entries this month

Coming Up

Prayer Meetings Mondays 10 - 11 am in the Duthie Room

Wed 29 th May	Afternoon Service
3 pm	Braehill Lodge
Sat 1 st June	Guild Trip
	Pitlochry
Tues 4 th June	Presbytery Communion
7.30 pm	Kirriemuir: St Andrew's Church
Thurs 6 th June	Carnoustie High School Awards
7 pm	Carnoustie Church
Fri 7 th June	Sports and Crosses
1.30 – 3.30 pm	BB Hall, Maule St

Sat 8th June Carnoustie Church Table Sale
10 am – 2 pm Philip Hall

Mon 10th June Barry Kirk Session
7.30 pm Barry Church Hall

Wed 12th June Path of Renewal Group
7.30 pm The Manse

Thurs 13th June Café Church
7 pm Gather Coffee Shop

Fri 14th June Sports and Crosses
1.30 – 3.30 pm BB Hall, Maule St

Fri 14th June Putting Challenge and Barbeque
6 pm at Putting Green, 7 pm at the Manse

Sun 16th June Funday Club Celebration
11 am Carnoustie Church

Sun 16th June Messy Church
2.15 pm Carnoustie Baptist Church

Sun 23rd June Afternoon Communion
2.30 pm Kinloch Care Centre

Mon 17th June Carnoustie Churches Youth Mission
7.30 pm Duthie Room

Fri 21st June Sports and Crosses
1.30 – 3.30 pm BB Hall, Maule St

Mon 24th June Kirk Session
7.30 pm Duthie Room

Wed 26th June Afternoon Service
3 pm Braehill Lodge

Mon 1st July Church Life & Worship Team
7.30 pm Duthie Room

Carnoustie Church Project

TABLE-TOP SALE

SATURDAY 8th JUNE: 10.00am to 2.30 pm
PHILIP HALL, CARNOUSTIE HIGH STREET
ADMISSION FREE

Goods for sale include: Tools, Toys, Crockery, Books, CDs, LPs and
much more.

Tea, Coffee available.

Charity no. SCO15146

There is also a need for as many volunteers as possible on the afternoon of Friday 7th and on Saturday 8th from 9am to 3.30 pm. The volunteers are required on Friday to take all the goods from church to Philip Hall and set up the tables. On Saturday the requirement is to attend the tables at the sale. Please come along and help. A big "THANK YOU" to all who have contributed/helped so far!

Robin Limmack

Flower list for June

June 2nd - Mrs. M. Gruber

Miss A. Hood

9th - Mrs. G. Landsburgh

Mrs. N. Young

16th - Mrs. N. Murdoch

Mrs. F. Stewart

23rd - Mrs. E. Lyall

Mrs. P. Murphy

30th - Mrs. D. Blair

Mrs. O. Milne

July 7th 14th 21st Joint services in Barry Church

July 28th Mrs. J. Hoar

Mrs. M. Robb

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 14th 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.

CHAS Coffee Morning

The Funday Club would like to thank all who helped them in any way to raise the amazing sum of £525.75 at their CHAS coffee morning. As usual, goods which were not sold will be taken to be sold at the CHAS shops.

Anyone who is interested in finding out more about CHAS will find the latest leaflets on the table at the back of the church. *Jean Reid*

The Guild

By the time you read this, the members of the Guild plus a few friends will have enjoyed their trip to Pitlochry Theatre to see "Summer Holiday" and if last year is anything to go by, everyone will have had a brilliant time, culminating with a delicious afternoon tea!

The Annual Gathering of Guilds from all over Scotland takes place in the Caird Hall on September 7th - always an uplifting occasion. Our own Dedication Service will take place on September 8th in Church with the first meeting of the new session on Wednesday 11th September at 7.30 in the Philip Hall.

Guild week this year is September 30th - October 6th. In previous years this has been held in November, and it was suggested that it should be the week following the Gathering but it was left to each Guild to arrange it to suit themselves.

The committee are busy organising the new syllabus which hopefully will have something to suit everyone throughout the year. Our theme is "Companions on the Road". The projects we will be supporting this year are Crossreach and Malawi Fruits. We will have a speaker from each project come to tell us of the work they do. *Prudence*

Christian Aid Week 12th-18th May

The Christian Aid Week collection raised £2127.88 so far. The money raised will go towards building a Health Clinic in Sierra Leone, one of the worst places to become a Mum. This money will help expectant mothers give birth safely with professional help.

Many thanks to all who supported by donating money, distributing and collecting envelopes. Thanks also to those who helped with the count on the Friday afternoon and evening. We always make a valiant effort. On behalf of the Christian Aid committee, thank you one and all. *Allison*

Organ and organists

What do you think about if someone says to you "Church Organ"! In some cases the answer may be "Lovely, when is the recital?" Or perhaps, "Sorry that's not my scene." Well they certainly hadn't heard about the event in Carnoustie Church on 18 May. This was an event put on by our own organists Pauline, Peter and Rhona who played the organ continuously from 10am to 4pm.

What a chest of memories was opened up. Unfortunately I can't remember all the music to which we were treated but here are some of the titles I do remember -

- Bonnie Mary of Argyle
- Bless this House
- Londonderry Air
- Somewhere My Love

Also, some of the Musicals -

- Les Miserables with the beautiful solo, “Bring Him Home”,
- Phantom of the Opera
- Mary Poppins
- Whiter Shade of Pale Scott Joplin

A toe-tapping medley of Scottish Tunes and familiar hymn tunes with augmented settings. There was so much good music, I am sorry you can't hear the titles I have remembered. Actually, there is one tune I almost forgot, It was one of “our tunes” the title, “Unforgettable” and that sums up the whole afternoon.

When is the next one please?

There was another treat to come on the Sunday, when some of our Elders took the service as Mike was in Edinburgh at the General Assembly. The theme “Follow Me” was used throughout the Service with Hymns, Readings and Sermon blending in extremely well and it was good to hear other voices doing the usual format in our worship. Well done and again,
When is the next one please? *May Duffus*

And again!

Congratulations to Rhona, Pauline and Peter for the magnificent Organathon last Saturday. It was a splendid showcase of their individual talents. The audience was full of praise for the range of music from songs from the shows, Scottish airs, Classical pieces well-known and new and, of course, all the well-loved hymns which are dear to our hearts.

A truly memorable day!

Kay Landsburgh

What goes into a Foodbank Parcel?

Grateful thanks to all who keep our Foodbank box filled up and others who make regular donations.

The Trussell Trust website has information about a typical foodbank parcel – cereal, soup, rice, tinned tomatoes, pasta, lentils, beans, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tea and coffee, tinned fruit, biscuits, UHT milk and fruit juice.

Extras may include deodorant, toilet paper, shower gel, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand wipes, feminine products, laundry powder, washing-up liquid, baby food, baby wipes and nappies.

Thanks for your continued support. *Graham and Kay Landsburgh*

Barry “Summer Songs of Praise”

Monthly songs of praise evenings have been arranged to take place in Barry Church Hall over the summer. The first was held on Sunday, 26th May, and other dates will be June 30th, July 28th and August 25th.

The start time for each is 6.30 pm and those wishing to attend are asked to note that access to the church hall will be by way of the ramped entrance to the rear of the main church building. All are welcome, so come along and bring your friends. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served at the close of service. *G. Suttie*

A Retiral

Colin Roberts, with help from his wife Mary, has been our hall keeper for the Philip Hall for more years than I care to remember. Colin has opened the hall, made sure the heating is on if needed, set out chairs and tables for goodness knows how many coffee mornings or other events as well as keeping the hall clean and tidy and all without a word of complaint.

But now Colin has decided to retire so that he and Mary can relax and take things a bit easier from now on. Colin officially left his post at the end of May and I know there will be many tributes thanking both him and Mary for their hard and dedicated work over many years and a suitable thanksgiving will be made at the church in June.

Things will go on as before at the hall but from 1st June if any bookings are to be made, the first contact person for the time being is Prudence Milne, tel. 01241 853911. This is a temporary arrangement until someone new is appointed and contracts etc. sorted out which hopefully will be fairly soon.

In the meantime a huge thanks to Colin and Mary not only for their unstinting dedication, but for being the friendly and welcoming face at the hall on behalf of our church.

Irene

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