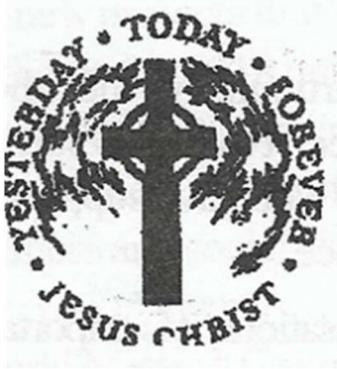


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From the Minister's Desk

“The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it, for He founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.”

Psalm 24: 1-2

Dear Friends,

The work of Ministry has continued with many challenges since the summer. A number of funerals have marked the losses of members of Church and community during this period, and that continued as we mourned the death of our own Sheila Blair on September 28th. Meanwhile, church activities restarting and conferences taking place have also filled up the diary.

The last full week in September felt like a month in itself. There was Supreme Court verdict that Parliament had not been lawfully prorogued followed by the return to rowdy scenes in the House of Commons once business resumed. Claims and counterclaims have left many of us weary and heartsick over the state of politics in our country today.

As I think I have said before, it is difficult to know how to address these issues as a Parish Minister, or even as an ordinary Christian. Yet we do need to seek to speak truth to power. Regardless of party political

viewpoints, we should not lose sight of the demand for honest and fair discourse, for truth and integrity in our debates, and for raising up the value of those who have been left behind in our society today.

That week began with the UN climate summit, and a powerful address from teenage Swedish activist, Greta Thunberg. Following on from the EarthStrike events in the news, we were given a timely reminder of the compelling need to take the reality of climate change seriously. Long after Brexit, we and our descendants will be living with the impact of the damage we have done to the environment.

As churches, as individuals, and as a part of society as a whole, caring for creation must become a more important part of our thinking and our action. God loves all that He has made, and must weep at our carelessness and destruction of His 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 and Government** – It feels hard to keep praying for these things, but the need for prayer continues, as we seek a peaceful resolution of the trials we face in our nation today.
2. **Climate Change** – Pray for our governments to keep their focus on the need for significant action, even as many competing demands are made on them.
3. **Day of Prayer and Thanksgiving** – Remember to join with us at home and in Church to pray and to give for the work and witness of our congregations.

Readers' Rota

Date	Reader
06/10/19	Prudence Milne
13/10/19	Allison Edwards
20/10/19	Margaret Ramsay
27/10/19	Kirsten Reid
03/11/19	Sandra Dow
10/11/19	Irene Hoar

Congregational Register

Funerals

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

Aug 28	David M Caird
Sep 6	Angus C Adam
9	Garry J Milne
11	Mrs Marilyn H Adam
16	Mrs Helen Dunn

Coming Up

Prayer Meetings Mondays 10 - 11 am in the Duthie Room

Fri 4 th Oct	Friday Coffee Break
10-11.30 am	Philip Hall
Mon 7 th – Wed 16 th Oct	Minister's Holiday
Mon 14 th Oct	Finance Team / Project Finance
7 pm/ 8pm	Church
Thurs 17 th Oct	Afternoon Service
3 pm	Braehill Lodge

Fri 18 th Oct 10-11.30 am	Friday Coffee Break Philip Hall
Mon 21 st Oct 7.30 pm	Church Life & Worship Team Philip Hall
Fri 25 th Oct 1.30 pm	Youth Café starts Carnoustie Baptist Church
Sat 26 th Oct 10 am – 3 pm	Gift and Prayer Day Carnoustie Church
Sun 27 th Oct 9.30 am 11 am followed by	The Lord's Supper Barry Parish Church Carnoustie Church Church Project Presentation
Mon 28 th Oct 7.30 pm	Kirk Session Duthie Room
Wed 30 th Oct 7.30 pm	Mission & Outreach Team Philip Hall
Fri 1 st Nov 10.15 am	Duncan Trust Thorntons Arbroath
Fri 1 st Nov 10-11.30 am	Friday Coffee Break Philip Hall
Mon 4 th Nov 7.30 pm	Path of Renewal Group Manse
Fri 8 th Nov 3 pm 7 pm	Church Project Open Exhibition Carnoustie Church Carnoustie Church
Sun 10 th Nov 10.30 am 10.30 am 12.30 pm	Remembrance Services Barry Parish Church Carnoustie Church War Memorial

As the General Assembly this year agreed a Radical Action Plan for change, they also asked for a Season of Prayer and Preparation across the

Church to be held from September to December this year. The Moderator, Rt Rev Colin Sinclair, has written this prayer to mark the start of the Season. You may want to use it as part of your own prayers.

Jesus Christ

You call us all to follow You
in the adventure of faith.

As we begin the process of change
guided by Your spirit,
help us to trust You.

Help us to willingly let go
of all “the ways we have always done things”,
when it feels safer to shrink from changes that deeply affect us,
back into what we have known.

Inspire us
to take risks,
to creatively and courageously
be Your church today:
looking to You in worship,
reaching into our communities
venturing out in service.

Bless the Church of Scotland
as we seek to build Your Kingdom.

Bless the Assembly Trustees in their tasks,
bless the new Chief Officer when they take up their post
and help us all to see what we can do, together,
to bring into being the Radical Action Plan.

Let us renew our commitment to follow You
as we step out in glad obedience.

For Your name’s sake

Amen

Flower list

Oct 6 th	Mrs. E. Bruce Mr. C. Haggart
Oct 13 th	Mrs. A. Hay Mrs. P. Milne
Oct 20 th	Mrs. D. Muir Mrs. M. Watson
Oct 27 th	Mrs. J. Craib Mrs. R. Limmack
Nov 3 rd	Mrs. B. Picken Mrs. M. Whyte
Nov 10 th	Mrs. D. Edwards Mr. I. MacDougall
Nov 17 th	Mrs. G. Haggart Mrs. C. McEwan & Mrs. G. Bennett
Nov 24 th	Mrs. A. Lindsay Mrs. M. Stevenson

Carnoustie Church Project - Table Top sale fundraising etc.

We held the final table top sale/car wash on Saturday 31 August, with the additional help of volunteers from “1st Carnoustie Company Boys’ Brigade & Girls’ Association.” Although the weather wasn't all that great, we managed to have a good time and raised over £270 on the day. This was shared with the BB & GA. Any goods remaining unsold were then transferred to those Carnoustie charity shops which had capacity to take them, to the Dundee Food Bank pop-up shop, and to “Auchtermuchty Auctions” for further sale. In total we have raised over

£3500 with more still to come when the auction proceeds are received. Thanks to all who contributed in any way, either through gift of goods for sale, purchase of goods, or help with the sales.

Although we are unlikely to repeat a sale for some time we do intend to continue with further fund raising activities over the next six months which are also designed to be 'fun nights', including a quiz night and a board games evening. Both of these will be accompanied by supper and you are cordially invited to attend. Further details will follow.

Robin Limmack

An Opportunity to Help

We are currently forecasting that the church will incur a **financial deficit** in the current year (and likely for future years as well). In recent years, considerable effort has gone into controlling expenditures and so the only realistic way of covering the deficit is by asking for an increase in giving. Hence this letter in which we are asking members to consider whether it is possible to increase their financial giving both for the current and potentially for future years.

We realise that there are many commitments on members' funds and do not wish to place an unnecessary burden on those who have limited resources. In particular, we value all the other ways in which members and friends contribute to church life, not least by attendance, help and prayer support.

Nevertheless, if after careful consideration and prayer, you are able to give more financially we would value your assistance. If you are able to help financially we have provided a special envelope for a one-off gift towards the projected deficit for the current year. A gift and prayer day has been set aside for Saturday 26th October.

Any offer of a future increase in giving will also be appreciated.

Yours sincerely, M Goss (Minister) and R Limmack, (Treasurer).

The Guild

On Saturday 7th September, eight members of the Guild spent a wonderful day in the Caird Hall at the Annual Conference. With inspirational speakers and singing to raise the roof of the hall, not to mention lunch in the Square with a photo opportunity with the Moderator, it was a memorable day!

Unfortunately, I was unable to be at our meeting on Wednesday, when our speaker was from Dr Graham's Homes. The nine members who were able to attend found it most interesting and enlightening. It's always good to have information about a charity which we have supported for some time.

There are a few changes to our syllabus. The minister has managed to arrange an evening with Michael Harvey on November 20th. Michael is the author of the book, "Creating a culture of Invitation in your Church" and I'm sure will give us much food for thought. The only thing is, the 20th is a Guild night, so our speaker for that night will come on November 6th instead. We are all invited to attend Michael's talk which will most likely be held in the Church rather than the hall.

Jean Brown who was to tell us all about Befriending on the 6th will do this on January 22nd. We are cancelling our speaker on Malawi Fruits that evening as we will have learned all about that project in Church on September 29th. I do hope that all makes sense but if you need any clarification just ask me or any committee member!

Pru Milne

Friday Coffee Break news and dates

May Duffus, Stella Lindsay and their helpers welcomed old friends and some new ones to the September Coffee Breaks in the Philip Hall. Everyone enjoyed the delicious home baking and coffee with a chance to catch up with all the news of the Summer break.

We meet in the Philip Hall on the first and third Friday of the month from 10 - 11.30am. If you are in the town and fancy some home baking, coffee and chat come and join the Coffee Breakers. We would love to see you.

As I mentioned in the previous Contact all proceeds from the Coffee Break this Session will be donated to the charity, “Chance for Childhood.” This organisation work in Africa to support the most vulnerable children, such as street children in Ghana and Kenya.

It enables them to have access to food, safety and education. In a poor country like Rwanda a brand new school has been built to help deaf children and their parents learn ways to better understand and communicate with their disabled child. *Evelyn.*

Forthcoming Coffee Break dates –

October	4th and 18th
November	1st and 15th
December	6th
January	17th
February	7th and 21st
March	6th and 20th
April	3rd and 17th

Some useful advice from Scripture.

“But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these; anger, rage, malice, slander and filthy language from your lips”.

Colossians 3:8

It would be wonderful to see the Apostle Paul march into Westminster these days and issue an instruction such as those words he wrote to the church in Colossae.

A Word of Thanks

Marion, Shona and Jean would like to thank members of the congregation for the beautiful flowers we received when we left the Funday Club. We have many happy memories of our time with the children and congregation – the picnics, Christmas parties and nativity plays, as well as our normal Sunday mornings together.

We were always delighted when the children were to take part in the Flower Festivals. We will miss the friendships we had within the congregation but hope to meet you all from time to time in the future. Once again, thank you for your support and your gift of flowers.

Marion, Shona and Jean

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A few quotes from a Christian perspective

- *Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks.*
- *Be patient and understanding. Life is too short to be vengeful or malicious.*
- *Character may be manifested in the great moments, but it is made in the small ones.*

STUDY & FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Last session we were keeping company with the disciples of Jesus and learning from their failures and successes. This session we are starting a new series on “ANGELS.”

In the unseen world of God’s universe powerful and wonderful beings dwell. They move with the speed of light to carry out their Master’s will. They are involved in the political affairs of nations and in the smallest concern of children. They may stand guard over your life and protect you in countless ways. They watch what goes on in the church where we worship and they engage in cosmic battles of which we are unaware. These fantastic beings are called “Angels”.

There are dozens of books on angels in bookshops but the Fellowship Group is going to the Bible to see what it says about these marvellous beings. Thirty-four of the Bible’s sixty-six books speak about angels and Jesus Himself referred to angels as real beings who were involved in every area of human activity.

So come along and join us every other Thursday at 10 a.m. to 12 noon for a cup of tea and fellowship and to learn what the Bible says about “Angels”.

The dates for the first part of this session are –

October 3rd, 17th, 31st

November 14th, 28th

December 12th.

We look forward to seeing you.

Effie Bruce

ANGUS FOOD BANK

A hearty vote of thanks to Jean Reid, Allan Gall and Alex McGill for keeping the Angus Foodbank stocked with goodies -as well as all the other things they do to keep our church ticking. Monthly deliveries are working well.

The Food Bank box is at the back of the church and there is also a can for contributions. With children back at school, with new shoes or clothes to buy, it must be very hard for parents to balance the budget. That's when the Food Bank can help – with a collection of cereal, hot dogs, beans, macaroni, toilet rolls and shampoo. Even a small amount like this can be a godsend.

Graham and Kay Landsburgh

SHE WAS A CHILD

*She was a child before we were born
Now she is helpless, old and forlorn.
She was a bride long years ago
Walking in beauty, cheeks all aglow.
She was a mother – babes at her breast
Caring for others, giving her best.
She is a woman – salute her for this
Now she is withered and harder to kiss.
Speak to her gently, nurse her with pride
Now as she waits to sail with the tide.
Ours are the last hands she'll ever hold
Let her know love again, now she is old.*

(Written by an unknown Dundee Nurse many years ago but still so relevant in today's world.)

Kay

Blythswood Shoeboxes

It is that time of year again when gifts are collected and handed out to both children and adults in places and conditions we just cannot imagine. It is just some shoeboxes filled with small seemingly unimportant items and yet it brings joy to the people who receive them. Thanks to everyone who takes the time and effort to fill a box (or maybe 2), all of them are greatly appreciated.

There are leaflets in the church detailing lists of suggested items with an envelope for donations attached and they will be available until the end of October. All filled shoeboxes should be delivered to the church by Sunday 3rd November to make sure they are ready for taking to the collection point that week. If anyone needs their box collected, please contact me and I will ensure it is delivered to the church on time.

Irene (859405)

A Reminder

Sunday 27th October at 12.15pm and Friday 8th November at 7.00pm

Just in case you have forgotten, please try to attend one of the above meetings to find out more about the planned building project for our church and how you can help.

Maybe you think these changes do not apply to you, maybe you don't attend church as often nowadays, maybe you think it is all something that will go away if you ignore it. The thing is, our church is running out of time, it is getting older and things are not working as well as they used to. It might be that the heating will break down again and this time it proves to be irreparable and we cannot replace it.

Maybe one of the beautiful stained glass windows will be broken during some of the winter storms we have been having recently and we have to patch it with plastic sheeting as we cannot afford to repair it properly.

The carpet in the church is now faded and worn and yet we cannot replace it especially on the many wonky floorboards that are getting worse. The list goes on and regular maintenance is just not enough.

These are only a sample of the many reasons why we have begun to prepare for the future of the building and tried to find a way of ensuring that it will still be a useful, comfortable and warm building for everyone to enjoy, not only on a Sunday but during the week as well. This is the time for all members of the church, whether regular users or not, to realise that we have a lovely church and, to make sure it is still there not only for our use but for the generations that follow, we have to carry out the proposed work NOW.

To find out more and to ask the questions that have been bothering you, come along to the above meetings and speak to the people who have been working so hard to get this project moving.

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