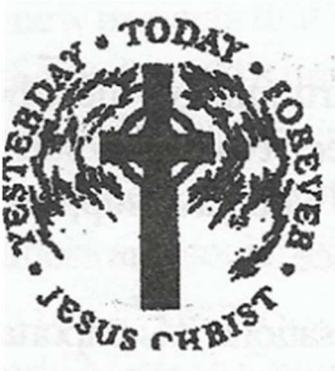


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For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given and the government will be on his shoulders. (*Isaiah 9:6*)

From the Minister's Desk

“Therefore hear the word of the LORD, you scoffers who rule this people in Jerusalem. You boast, “We have entered into a covenant with death, with the realm of the dead we have made an agreement. When an overwhelming scourge sweeps by, it cannot touch us, for we have made a lie our refuge and falsehood our hiding place.”

Isaiah 28: 14-15

Dear Friends,

As another year draws to a close, we wonder what the future holds: sadly, we don't have 2020 vision (sorry, I couldn't resist the pun!). Yet even December will see challenge and change for our nation, with the General Election taking place on the 12th of this month.

It is not my place to comment here on the relative merits of the policies of the various parties. I am frustrated, however, by the low level to which political discourse seems to have sunk. The old joke, “How can you tell when a politician is lying – when their lips are moving” no longer seems funny.

We must remember that there are many candidates for all the parties who do so out of honest conviction and the deep desire to seek what is best for the nation. Many also who are women and men of integrity, seeking to speak with truth and honesty at all times.

Sadly, this has been undermined by some of the central figures in some of our parties having an extremely loose association with the truth. Creating false images and branding, saying things that are demonstrably untrue feeds the narrative that all politicians are corrupt and that we cannot expect honesty in elections.

That is corrosive for trust in our governments. It is important that Christians make a stand for truth in the nation. We need to demonstrate that honesty and integrity are values worth pursuing; we need to hold those who seek high office in the land to account.

All these matters are in our consideration as we enter the season of Advent and Christmas, with our hopes pinned on the Prince of Peace, the One who said ‘I am the Way, the Truth and the Life’. It is this Jesus, more than any politicians, in Whom we place our trust. It is He who can direct our paths and offer real hope and a lasting vision for our nation, and for His Church.

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. **Flood and Fire** – Pray for all those who have suffered in the fires in Australia, and the floods in England and other places, that shelter, help and comfort would be given them; remember also the emergency services in their vital work in these situations.
2. **Advent and Christmas Services** – Pray for people to take advantage of the opportunities to invite family, friends and neighbours to the special services this season, and for visitors to find welcome and to receive the Good News of a Saviour born for them.
3. **People on their own** – Remember all those who live on their own, especially those without family at Christmas; pray and act for a friendly presence in their lives.

Readers’ Rota

Date	Reader
01/12/19	Prudence Milne
08/12/19	Allison Edwards
15/12/19	Rhona Goss
22/12/19	Margaret Ramsay
24/12/19	Kirsten Reid
25/12/19	Sandra Dow
29/12/19	Irene Hoar
05/01/20	Ian Johnston
12/01/20	Norma Murdoch
19/01/20	Prudence Milne

26/01/20 Allison Edwards
02/02/20 Rhona Goss
09/02/20 Margaret Ramsay

Congregational Register
Funerals

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

Nov 4 **David Duke**
 25 **Jim Nicoll**

Coming Up

Prayer Meetings Mondays 10 - 11 am in the Duthie Room

Thurs 5th Dec Barry Guild Christmas Afternoon Teas
 2 – 4pm Barry Church Hall

Fri 6th Dec Christmas Coffee Break
 10-11.30 am Philip Hall

Mon 9th Dec Mission & Outreach Team Open Meeting
 7.30 pm Philip Hall

Wed 11th Dec Guid Neighbours Drop-in Café
 10-11.30 am Barry Church Hall

Thurs 12th Dec Afternoon Service
 3 pm Braehill Lodge

Sat 28th – Sat 4th Jan Minister’s Holiday

Sunday services in Carnoustie will take place at 11 am in the Philip Hall from January to March inclusive

Mon 13 th Jan 7.30 pm	Church Life & Worship Team Philip Hall
Wed 15 th Jan 2.30 pm	Afternoon Service Willowbank
Wed 15 th Jan <u>7 pm</u>	Project Planning Group Philip Hall
Fri 17 th Jan 10-11.30 am	Friday Coffee Break Philip Hall
Fri 17 th Jan 7.30 pm	Games / Soup & Pudding Night Philip Hall
Mon 20 th Jan 7.30 pm	Path of Renewal Group Manse
Sun 26 th Jan 9.30 am 11 am	The Lord's Supper Barry Parish Church Carnoustie Church
Mon 27 th Jan 7.30 pm	Kirk Session Philip Hall
Wed 29 th Jan 3.30 pm	Afternoon Communion Brookfield RH
Fri 7 th Feb 10-11.30 am	Friday Coffee Break Philip Hall
Mon 10 th Feb 7.30 pm	Mission & Outreach Team Philip Hall

Advent and Christmas Services in Barry and Carnoustie

Sunday 8th December

- 9.30 am Toy Gift Service for **Angus Women's Aid**
Barry Parish Church
- 11 am Morning Service
Carnoustie Church

Sunday 15th December

- 9.30 am Service of Lessons and Carols
Barry Parish Church
- 11 am Service of Lessons and Carols
Carnoustie Church
- 7 pm **Christmas Musicale** – Carnoustie Church

Sunday 22nd December

- 9.30 am Family Nativity Service – Barry Parish Church
– offering for **Carnoustie Medical Transport Helpline**
- 11 am Family Nativity Service – Carnoustie Church
– offering for **Carnoustie Medical Transport Helpline**

Tuesday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

- 6.30 pm Christingle Service – Barry Parish Church
– offering for Cycling Without Age Carnoustie
- 11.30 pm Watchnight Service – Carnoustie Church
– Retiring Offering for Scottish Bible Society

Wednesday 25th December (Christmas Day)

- 10.30 am Family Celebration – Joint service in **Carnoustie Church**

Sunday 29th December 2019

- 10.30 am Family Service – Joint service in **Barry Parish Church**

Sunday 5th January 2020

- 9.30 am Morning Service in Barry Parish Church
- 11 am Morning Service in the **Philip Hall**

FLOWER LIST

Dec 8th Mrs. M. Duffus
The Robertson Family

Dec 15th Mrs. A. Gall
Mrs. S. Lindsay

Dec 22nd Mrs. A. Gruber
Mrs. A. McFarlane

Dec 29th The Flower Fund

Jan 5th Mrs. L. Banks
Mrs. E. Fallows

Jan 12th Mr. & Mrs. A. McGill
Mrs. K. Reid

Jan 19th Mrs. S. M. Penman
Mrs. B. Picken

Jan 26th Mrs. A. D. Maclaren
Mrs. A. D. Thornton

Feb 2nd Miss C.L.B. Penman
Mrs. S. M. Penman

Feb 9th Mrs. A. Green
The Flower Fund

Feb 16th Mrs. A. Doherty
Mrs. R. Ower

Feb 23rd Mrs. E. Andrew
Mrs. G. Roger

March 1st Mrs. N. Murdoch
 Mrs. N. Watson

March 8th Mrs. Y. Eaton
 Mrs. I. R. Johnston

As Christmas approaches once more, this seems an appropriate time to thank all of you who have provided the flowers that have helped to decorate the church during the year that has nearly passed.

Anyone wishing to mark a special date by placing flowers in the church has only to ring me (ph. 852204) and I will be happy to make the necessary arrangements. Meanwhile, on behalf of the flower committee, may I wish everyone a merry Christmas and hope that 2020 will be a good year for you all.

Sandra P.

The Guild

I can't believe we have had our last official Guild meeting for 2019! However, we still have a visit to the Pantomime on December 4th- "Oh yes we have!" Followed 2 weeks later with our Christmas Lunch on December 18th in the Station Hotel (12.30 for 1pm), which is always enjoyed by all!

On Wednesday 20th November, members of the Guild were invited to the evening with Michael Harvey, author of A Culture of Invitation. What an inspirational speaker he was! Certainly gave us many points to ponder!

Thank you to all our members for their hard work and enthusiasm over the session and to our interesting speakers who have covered many varied topics. To all the congregation and friends, the Guild wish you a very Happy Christmas and look forward to a successful year in 2020! Remember! Everyone is very welcome at any of our meetings. If you

would like a copy of our syllabus, just ask! Have a wonderful Festive Season, one and all!

Pru Milne

Friday Coffee Break news and dates

Please note there will be only one Coffee Break in December and that is our Christmas one. There will be a Christmas stall with lots of goodies on sale.

Forthcoming Coffee Break dates –

December	6 th
January	17 th
February	7 th and 21 st
March	6 th and 20 th
April	3 rd and 17 th

Evelyn

STUDY & FELLOWSHIP GROUP

A reminder that you can 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 –

December 12th.

We look forward to seeing you.

Effie Bruce

FOODBANK IN THE COLDER WEATHER

As ever, many thanks for your continued support for Angus Foodbank.

May we suggest instant porridge, broth mix, cuppa soups, chicken or ham cubes and tinned sponge puddings would be welcome additions to the usual fare.

With Christmas just around the corner, small selection boxes, packets of sweets, chocolate Santas, crisps and nibbles would add a touch of festive cheer.

Kay Landsburgh

QUIZ ALERT!

Don't know how it happened, but No.19 of the "So This is Christmas" has an error. It should read AIWFCIMTFT.

Apologies from Kay

Thanks for Church fundraising Activities

We would like to thank all those who were involved recently in the various fund-raising activities for Carnoustie Church.

The **Gift and Prayer Day** raised a magnificent total of £3751.25 including tax recovery, which was a very encouraging response to the identified needs.

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The **Quiz and Stovies** night was enjoyed by all who attended, especially the victorious choir singers, and raised a further £283 for the Church Project, while the **Swimathon** raised a further £622 before any tax reclaim.

In addition, we have received further amounts from those who pledged money for the **Project Fund** and hope to acknowledge their gifts shortly. An update on Project Funding will be provided in the New Year.

It is difficult to be on both ends of fund raising i.e. the ‘asking’ and the ‘giving’ and, in an ideal situation, we would rather not be so involved but at the very least it brings out the generosity of those who give of their time and resources. As mentioned at the start please accept the grateful thanks of the church to all involved in any way for the above.

Robin Limmack

FUN GROUP

The FUN Group will be running a Games and Soup and Pudding Night to raise funds for the Carnoustie Church Project. This Fun evening will be held on Friday 17th January 2020 from 7.30 pm at the Philip Hall.

We are sure there will be a game from your childhood to bring back happy memories along with a spot of competitiveness on the evening.

Tickets will be £5.00 for Adults and £1.00 for Children. Kind regards,

Claire

A WEE NOTE OF THANKS

Allison and Dougal would like to thank all of you for the kindness shown to us on our Golden Wedding anniversary. We were overwhelmed by the cards, gifts and the many ‘cuddles’ we received from so many church friends. Thank you for that occasion and for friendship throughout each and every year.

A&D Edwards

Church Christmas Decorations

Christmas will soon be upon us and the Christmas trees are to be delivered to the church for Friday 6th December when we hope to get them decorated. If you can manage along about 6.30pm that evening to help it would be greatly appreciated and we can get the church ready for all the services and events arranged for the rest of the month. The church always looks fabulous over the festive season so a huge thanks in advance to all the volunteers who willingly give up their time to help with this task. Thanks also to the people who have again willingly donated the trees this year, it is very much appreciated.

Irene

Plastic aware

At one of the Café Church events held over the summer, looking after our planet and the resources that God gave us all was one of the topics covered. Each person at the meeting had already tried to change what they use at home to save waste, especially single use plastics. Using solid soaps, shampoos, conditioners and toothpaste were some of the more personal changes.

Ensuring our recycling is done properly, i.e. washing items and removing labels. Trying not to waste food by cooking from scratch instead of buying ready prepared things. Being more economical with fuel and water, walking instead of taking the car if possible. It was heartening to know that many of our congregation are very aware that each person making small changes in their lives makes a big difference in the world.

In Carnoustie church we are trying to make those changes as well. After services, over at the coffee bar, no plastic single use cups now, mugs are in use. Recycled toilet paper wrapped in recycled paper is now in use in the Philip Hall and the church with 50% of the profits from the sale of each roll of paper being used to build toilets in third world countries.

There is still a lot we can do so if anyone has any ideas that can be used in the church or at home, please send them to be printed in Contact so that everyone can 'do their bit'. We have been asked by God to look after this world so let us show that we are trying.

Thanks

Communion Wine

A new delivery of the Fairtrade wine we use for communion has just been opened and in it was their 10th anniversary newsletter. The Stellar winery buys the wine from Fairtrade producers in South Africa and the profits go toward various community projects in the local areas. The newsletter tells of a holiday feeding programme as often children of the workers families, during school holidays, do not get proper meals.

This new initiative feeds between 40 and 120 children daily at the local school. Some of the profits are also going towards building a new classroom in the school to teach life and practical skills to children with learning difficulties. Something to remember as we share communion together.

Irene

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Next issue of 'Contact' is February/March. All items to myself by 26th January please.

Dougal

CHRISTMAS LEAFLET

By the time you read this magazine you should all have received a leaflet from the three Church of Scotland congregations in the town. Much work has gone into ensuring that each household within the parishes receives a leaflet. We thank all the distributors who have braved the dreich, dismal conditions and David Taylor for his administrative work.

We are also extremely grateful to Kathleen Blair for her design expertise and layout skills. Many thanks to all who were involved in this mammoth excersise!

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