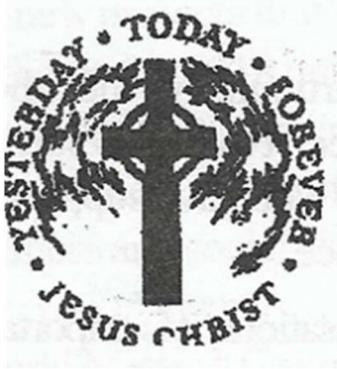


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From the Minister's Desk

“Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labour in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.”

Psalm 127:1

Dear Friends,

Back in June I reported on the General Assembly in Contact, and noted the challenging choices that were made on Presbytery Reform and central administration budgets. In addition, the Assembly also decided to streamline the central committees of the Church.

In place of the Ministries Council and the Mission & Discipleship Council one new Forum (working title Faith Nurture) began at the start of 2020. Similarly, the World Mission and Church & Society Councils have been disbanded to form a second new Forum with the working name of Faith Impact.

Both these new Forums are far smaller than the constituent Councils, with only 13 Ministers and Elders appointed to each of them, in addition to Convener and Vice-Convener. They will face huge challenges in bringing the previous work together and ensuring that the work of the wider Church continues to support local Church ministries and mission.

Nearer to hand we face our own challenges with our Building Project for Carnoustie Church. It seems to be a long time since we began this process, and yet progress has been made. There is an important message from the Treasurer further on in this issue of Contact, but we also desperately need the prayer support of our members, in addition to the financial commitment that you make.

As the Psalmist reminds us, our labours are worthless unless it is God who guides us, for it is He alone who can build His Church, and He alone who promises to do just that. We have a fine building in Carnoustie, and a hopeful plan for its future, but it is the people who most need to be built together for God's Church to thrive, and it is the work of His Spirit upon which we must rely for all our plans.

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. **China** – Pray for all struggling with the impact of the Coronavirus outbreak, and remember also the Uighur people in North-West China, as more than a million of them are in forced detention camps for 're-education'.
2. **Faith Nurture and Faith Impact Forums** – Pray for these two new bodies which have just taken the place of four major Councils of the Church of Scotland, asking that God would grant wisdom and insight into the new way forward for these bodies
3. **Residential Homes** – Remember our members and other residents being cared for in the autumn of their lives, and pray that the services led by ourselves and other churches would bring comfort and hope to them all.

Readers' Rota

Date	Reader
02/02/2020	Rhona Goss
09/02/2020	Margaret Ramsay
16/02/2020	Kirsten Reid
23/02/2020	Sandra Dow
01/03/2020	Irene Hoar
08/03/2020	Ian Johnston
15/03/2020	Norma Murdoch
22/03/2020	Prudence Milne
29/03/2020	Allison Edwards
05/04/2020	Rhona Goss
12/04/2020	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.’”

Jan 9	Mrs Mary Nicoll *
20	Margaret Waddell
24	Mrs Isobel Omand

Coming Up

Prayer Meetings Mondays 10 - 11 am in the Duthie Room

Sunday services in Carnoustie take place at 11 am in the Philip Hall and return to the Church on Palm Sunday 5th April

Mon 3 rd Feb	Carnoustie Churches Youth Mission
7.30 pm	Philip Hall
Fri 7 th Feb	Friday Coffee Break
10-11.30 am	Philip Hall
Sun 9 th Feb	Messy Church

2.30 pm	Carnoustie Baptist Church
Mon 10 th Feb	Kirk Session – Accounts meeting
7 pm	Philip Hall
Mon 10 th Feb	Mission & Outreach Team
7.30 pm	Philip Hall
<u>The Minister is on holiday 14th-16th Feb inclusive</u>	
Wed 19 th Feb	Afternoon Service
3 pm	Braehill Lodge
Thurs 20 th Feb	Workplace Chaplaincy Scotland, Chaplains meeting
10 am	St Stephen's Chapel
Fri 21 st Feb	Friday Coffee Break
10-11.30 am	Philip Hall
Sat 22 nd Feb	Barry Guild Coffee Morning
10-11.30 am	Philip Hall
Sun 23 rd Feb	
11 am	The Lord's Supper
2.30 pm	Afternoon Communion in Kinloch Care Centre
7 pm	Service of Baptism in Carnoustie Baptist Church
Sun 1 st Mar	Carnoustie Church Annual Meeting follows:
11 am	Morning Service
Mon 2 nd Mar	Church Life & Worship Team
7.30 pm	Philip Hall
Fri 6 th Mar	Friday Coffee Break
10-11.30 am	Philip Hall
Mon 16 th Mar	Path of Renewal Group
7.30 pm	Manse
Wed 18 th Mar	Afternoon Service
3 pm	Braehill Lodge
Fri 20 th Mar	Friday Coffee Break
10-11.30 am	Philip Hall
Mon 23 rd Mar	Kirk Session
7.30 pm	Philip Hall
Wed 1 st April	Woodlands end of term Service
10 am	Carnoustie Church

Holy Week and Easter Day

Holy week begins with Palm Sunday on April 5th this year, and we anticipate sharing services most days with the local churches, concluding with a shared sunrise service on Easter Day at 6 am down between the Leisure Centre and the sea wall, followed by bacon rolls in the Philip Hall before our normal Easter Services in Barry and Carnoustie churches.

Details will be printed in the Order of Service sheets and online at carnoustiechurch.org.uk.

FLOWER LIST

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

Mar 1st Mrs. N. Murdoch

Mrs. N. Watson

Mar 8th Mrs. Y. Eaton

Mrs. I. R. Johnston

Mar 15th Mrs. D. Armstrong

Mrs. A. Gall

Mar 22nd Mrs. G. Bennett

Mrs. E. Mann

Ma 29th Flower Fund

Thanks

Mrs. Sandra Penman would like to thank the flower ladies and everyone who assisted in decorating the church and the Christmas trees on Friday 6th and Saturday 7th December. She also adds her thanks to all those who dismantled the trees and decorations on Friday 3rd and Monday 6th January.

Please help the “Flower Power People”

The ladies of the Flower Committee are urgently looking for reinforcements. They are desperately needing help in arranging the church flowers and also distributing them after Sunday morning services. We would be delighted to hear from anyone in the congregation who is willing and able to help. Please contact Sandra, our convenor, on 852204.

Sandra Penman

The Guild

Eighteen ladies celebrated Burn’s day with a Scottish night on Wednesday 22nd. What an enjoyable evening it was with our Guild choir (5 members), solos from Alison S. and Margaret, duet with Allison and Stella, poems from Annie, Margaret and Allison.

All of this accompanied by Rhona on the piano. Afterwards we enjoyed some Scottish fayre of Cloutie Dumpling made by Sandra Dow, oatcakes and cheese and shortbread.

If you missed this evening perhaps one of our future meetings might interest you- remember everyone is welcome to join us – you don’t have to be a Guild member.

Feb. 5 th	George McKenzie - telling us about therapies.
Feb 19 th	Ashbrook Nurseries- caring for plants
Mar 4 th	Marta Mitchell- crafts
Mar 18 th	Trussel Trust – Foodbank
April 1 st	Christine Milne – Fostering
April 15 th	Games and discussion night
April 29 th	George Gordon (Annette’s husband) – the history of Bagpiping

Something for everyone, so do come along- all meetings at 7.30pm

Pru Milne

Friday Coffee Break news and dates

Stella Lindsay and her team welcomed Coffee breakers to the first Coffee Break of 2020. Soon everyone was catching up with their news while enjoying a welcome cup of coffee and mouth-watering home-baking.

We meet in the Philip Hall on the first and third Friday of the month from 10-11.30am. If you are down in the town come and join us and sample the homebakes, coffee and blether all for a donation of £2.50!!

All proceeds this session 2019/20 will be donated to the charity Chance for Childhood.

Diary dates.

February 7th and 21st

March 6th and 20th

April 3rd and 17th.

Evelyn

Services in the Care Homes.

In January our minister Mike conducted services in Willowbank and Braehill Lodge. If anyone coming in to visit had headed to see where all the singing was they would have had a very pleasant surprise.

People were either singing, clapping along or nodding in time to well-known hymns. As one lady next to me said, "I've been singing them since I was a bairn!" Everyone was happy and relaxed with a few contributing to the message.

Let us remember all our members in the Homes in our prayers and thoughts and it is humbling how much a visit is appreciated.

Evelyn

Study & Fellowship Group

This Group continues to meet every second Thursday to have fellowship over a cup of tea and to study God's Word for us to-day.

Since last September we have been looking at the ministry of Angels and have seen how Angels were involved in the life of the Lord Jesus and how they are also involved in our lives.

Do come along and join us in this exciting Study. We meet in the Duthie Room at 10 a.m. on every second Thursday and the dates for the next two months are – 13th and 27th February, 12th and 26th March. We look forward to seeing YOU.

Effie Bruce

A Baptism

There is to be an evening service held for a baptism on Sunday 23rd February at 7.00pm. David Duncan, who has been attending the church now for several months, would like to be baptised by full immersion and so the service is being held in the Baptist Church. However, we hope to encourage as many of our congregation to attend as possible.

Irene

Special offerings at Christmas

- Scottish Bible Society offering £175 plus tax recovery of £43.75, making a total of £218.75
- Community Helpline £281.98 plus tax recovery of £70.50, making a total of £352.48
- Also Christmas Card sales in aid of MAF £61

Robin

Sunday 29th March

An important date for our diaries is Sunday, 29th March. That is the date that the next issue of Contact (April/May) is due. Also, it is the beginning of British Summer time!

Pilgrimage Walk

On Palm Sunday, April 5th, it is hoped to have a pilgrimage walk between Barry and Panbride. There are already walks within the Presbytery, round Forfar Loch and Colliston to St. Vigean. Hopefully, the weather will be a bit better by that time. Please come and join us, it isn't a hard walk and you'll enjoy the company.

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News from Crossreach

Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone who bought calendars and cards before Christmas. CROSSREACH were delighted with the order from Carnoustie Church which amounted to £337.50. I have also heard that at least 2 of the folk who received a calendar as a present were really pleased.

The first 2020 edition of CROSSREACH NEWS has arrived and is once again an interesting glossy magazine full of encouraging stories of how the services provided by CROSSREACH have been doing.

Many celebrated the 150 years of Social services provision. I encourage you to read it for yourself from one of the copies laid out on the Philip Hall stage on Sunday. Guild members are sharing their copies too.

I enjoyed reading some marvellous words. I.e. Resilience, reflection, regeneration and reward. These are attributes that help the Social care business run smoothly.

News is included too, of the moderator, Rt. Rev. Colin Sinclair and his wife Ruth as they spent 4 concentrated days touring CROSSREACH services in October. You can watch videos of their time with CROSSREACH (2019) on [bit.ly/CR Week](https://bit.ly/CRWeek).

Little snippets of reports about successful fundraising and ideas for more fundraisers fill up odd corners. We are all encouraged to pray for the work, the people who fill the posts and the dear folk who receive their care. The new prayer letter is for the whole year. I have a spare copy for someone. Is it you?

Sandra Dow

Financial Update: Good news and not-so-good.

First the good news. Thanks to the generous response to the Prayer and Gift Day appeal Carnoustie Church was able to receive sufficient donations to cover its expenditures. It is an unfortunate, but necessary, truth that the church in Carnoustie will only be able survive because of your giving.

Now the not-so-good. As we all know from our household expenditures, costs continue to rise year after year. The same is also true of the church. Unfortunately giving has not kept pace with rising costs and we are constantly in the situation in which it is necessary to ask members and

friends to consider increasing individual giving, both to cover expenditures and provide for essential repairs.

We have estimated that, in order to cover the above, **average** giving will need to increase by around 7.5% in 2020. This average can only be achieved if those who are able to do so give a little more to compensate for those who are less able to do so. We would therefore ask that you prayerfully consider your level of giving and whether you are able to increase this in 2020.

One way also that costs could be reduced is if those who contribute through the weekly or monthly envelope scheme move instead to giving by standing order. If you would like to consider such a change, please do not hesitate to contact either your elder or myself.

Robin Limmack, Church Treasurer

Carnoustie Medical Transport Helpline **Can You Help?**

Carnoustie Medical Transport Helpline was founded in 1981 by Dr Sandy McKendrick and Canon Douglas MacKay and has been well supported by volunteers and donations since then. Every day people are transported to some medical appointment or other be it the optician, dentist, doctor or hospital by volunteer drivers who give of their time to help others. However, the number of available drivers is diminishing and some new people are needed to swell the ranks.

If you have a car and are willing to drive folk to their medical appointments, please get in touch at one of the contacts below and someone will get back to you with more details.

The telephonists man the phones for just one hour per day between 12.30pm and 1.30pm Monday to Friday so if you feel this could be your chance to help, again, please get in touch at one of the contacts below and someone will get back to you with more details.

It will be such a shame to have to reduce this service because of a lack of volunteers so please consider helping if you can. If you'd like to help, please leave a message on our answering service on **01241 854886**. Or email info@carnoustiehelpline.org.uk

Fairtrade

Fairtrade Fortnight will be celebrated this year from Monday 24th February until Sunday 8th March. The focus this year is Chocolate so it should not be too difficult for everyone to support Fairtrade by purchasing a bar of Fairtrade Chocolate! It is also a great opportunity to get children involved by baking something chocolaty as they do love to get in a sticky mess but the end result is (nearly) always edible.

Carnoustie Fairtrade Group is hoping to get involved with the schools in the town and arrange some sort of competition to raise awareness of Fairtrade and how it helps to improve the lives of so many people so watch out for posters or details about what is going on during the fortnight.

Barry Church will be hosting their Good Neighbours Café on Wed 26th February at 10.00am and a Fairtrade Stall will be included. Carnoustie Church's Friday Coffee Break on 6th March will also be raising awareness with a stall available there as well.

With Easter coming up maybe this would be a good time to buy all your Easter Eggs with Fairtrade ones of all sizes available in most supermarkets but especially our local Co-op.

Fairtrade goods are available at all times of the year of course, groceries, fashion and household items can all be found so keep a lookout and try to think Fairtrade First.

World Day of Prayer

This year St Anne's is the host for Carnoustie's World Day of Prayer on Friday 6th March. The theme is 'Rise, take your mat and walk' and it has been written by the Christian women of Zimbabwe. It is a call to act in love for peace and reconciliation, a time for change. Everyone will be made very welcome to what is usually a relaxed service which will begin at 7.00pm. with a chance to enjoy refreshments and fellowship afterwards.

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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 this information about a typical foodbank parcel – cereal, rice, tinned tomatoes, pasta, lentils, beans, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tea and coffee, tinned fruit, biscuits, UHT milk, fruit juice and some sweeties for the bairns.

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

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