



Our mail boxes frequently contain items from Christian Aid concerning climate change, mass displacement of innocent citizens in warzones, and their subsequent refugee status, and epidemics of diseases in poverty stricken communities. These are just some of the issues that the Charity addresses.

In our country major campaigns are put in place by several Charities to provide assistance for these less fortunate areas of our troubled world. Fund raising is a major source of providing aid, and it can involve the majority of the more affluent populations of the world.

Locally there are fundraising events, organised by volunteers. One of these has been the annual Art Exhibition and Sale, organised by the Clarkston and District Christian Aid Committee for the last 39 years! This year is no exception, as you will have read in our last issue. It will be held on Saturday March 14 from 10am to 4pm in the Carmichael Hall at Eastwood Park (see poster). A tea room is laid on, as well as craft and baking stalls, raffles, and a fair trade stall.

Please support this 40th anniversary event! You will not regret it!

Christian Aid week this year is 17-24 May, when a concerted effort is made nationally to focus on this charity. Many fundraising events are run by local groups. A door to door collection via gift aided envelopes has traditionally been the mainstay of donation during that week. Some areas will continue with this practice again this year in your area. Thank you for your generosity.

## OUR CHOIR

ANGELA MARSHALL

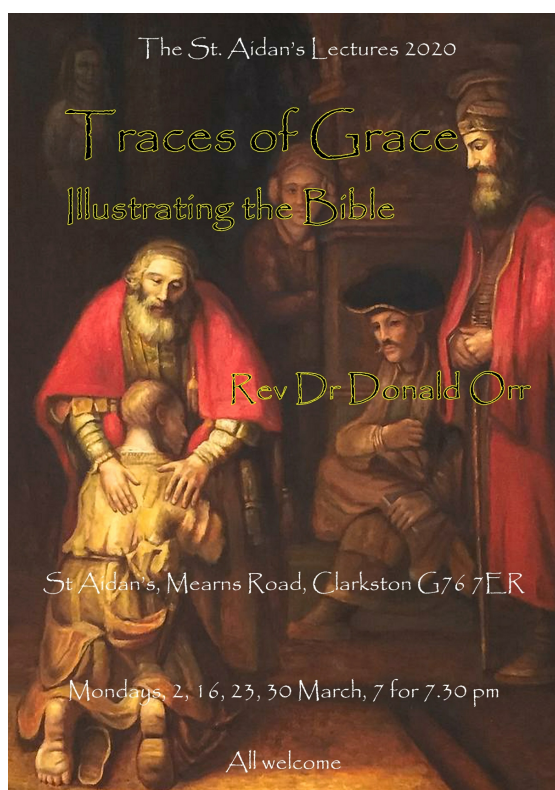
Our choir is working through the year! Already we are preparing for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. It seems like no time since the Christmas concert, when we were delighted to welcome a choir from Busby Primary School to join us.

Every week we have at least two pieces to sing during the Service, they being an introit and an anthem. In addition our Minister regularly asks us to contribute to the prayers in song, or provide a sung Blessing at the end of worship.

Our efforts are directed and accompanied by Rosanne and Allan, with remarkable patience and enthusiasm. We thank them for it as ever!

Of course Allan has his own additional work in accompanying all the singing, and also in providing prelude, interlude, and postlude music every week. The 'exit' music, when the Minister goes to the door to greet the congregation signifies the end of the Service, and that is when we can all relax and chat and go our separate ways.

We trust that the music enhances the Service each time, and not just for the Choir!



## OBITUARIES

### Ronald Bromley McIntosh (18.07.26 - 19.11.19)

Born in South Wales, Ronald McIntosh moved to Scotland aged eight and attended Glasgow Academy. A keen sportsman, he played cricket for the School 1st XI, and also excelled at tennis, badminton and squash.

He was called up for military service during the last year of the second world war, peace coming before he could be posted to Burma to implement the jungle training he had received, though he continued with The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles), retiring in the rank of Major.

A mechanical engineer, Ronald moved into management consultancy and became managing director of a subsidiary company of Royal Dutch Shell.

Long associated with the Church of Scotland, retirement in 1986 allowed Ronald to accept Eldership and Covenant Treasurership of Busby East Parish Church. He was also instrumental in the Union of East and West, in his capacity as Business Convener.

Travelling abroad was a passion and Ronald visited countries and continents far and wide, joined by some of his many friends. Only having two cousins remaining as close family, and they in Cheshire and Cornwall, friends were a constant source of delight to Ronald and, together with the Church he so loved, sustained him through the trials of later life.

A gentleman of the "Old School", he will be remembered as a man of compassion and care for his fellow humans and a source of inspiration to those who were privileged to have known him.

# OBITUARIES cont'd

## Margaret Kennedy (1953 – 2019)

An only child for her parents, Bill and Gwen, Bill a school janitor, Margaret was originally from Rutherglen. First working for Hoover and then for Chunky Chicken in their factories in Cambuslang, Margaret's twenty first year was one of both joys and sorrows as sadly losing her Dad, happily Margaret's first child, John, was born. Gwen then took a job as landlady in the Cartvale Bar in Busby, and it was here that Margaret and Davy first met.

Meeting again, quite soon afterwards at an Orange Dance in Cambuslang, they were married within a year in Rutherglen Old Parish Church, a year later and living in Busby, Elizabeth completing their family of a boy and a girl. Or so they thought. Eighteen years later, however, Amanda coming along as well.

A good Mum, and an excellent cook, Margaret loved her dogs. Very much an animal lover, Margaret used to tune into the *Animal Planet* on television, and was really pleased earlier in 2019 to visit one of her favourite places depicted on that channel – *Monkey World* in Dorset.

A far more monumental outing, however, was probably getting Davy to agree more recently to go to the shops (for the first time in very many years), when everyone had such a great time together – on the day before Margaret then had to go into hospital, for the very last time. Survived by Davy, her three children and six grandchildren, Margaret Kennedy, may she rest in peace, Amen.

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## John Douglas (1923 - 2019)

John Douglas was a member of this congregation since the 1940s, a long serving elder and former session clerk. John lived at Cartsbridge Road for over 70 years. Born in Rutherglen in 1923, the only son of John and Daisy, he spent his early years in Mount Florida, opposite Hampden Park in the days when the gates opened at half time and small boys could nip in to watch the second half for nothing. The family moved to Busby Road in the 1930s, close to Daisy's ironmonger's shop at Sheddens. A few years later Daisy bought a house in Cartsbridge Road, then a quiet cul de sac overlooking Busby golf course. That became John's home for the rest of his life.

John attended Busby School until he was 14, leaving in 1937 to work with a shipbroker in Glasgow. He was 16 when the second world war began in 1939. He joined the Home Guard, where his service included guarding Rudolph Hess when he was held in the Masonic Hall in Busby on the night he landed in Scotland. Later, John volunteered for the navy and 6 June 1944 found him in the engine room of a landing craft off a beach in Normandy. His ship made the crossing to France a further 12 times before hitting a mine and sinking with the loss of some life. John spent some time in hospital before finishing the war on another ship in the far east, traveling as far as Singapore.

Last year John's service at Normandy was recognised by the French government when he was awarded the rank of Chevalier of the Order of the Legion d'Honneur. After the war John returned home, finding a job with the new National Coal Board. In the 1950s Margaret Bain too returned to Glasgow from working in London and the two married in 1958. Andrew was born in 1960 and Susan the following year, completing the family. John was a devoted grandad to his six grandchildren: Claire, Kirsty, Matthew, Euan, Jack and Morven. As a young man John enjoyed cycling, walking and fishing although there's no record of ever catching anything. His bike is still in the garage at Cartsbridge and its weight says a lot about the leg muscles he must once have had. Later, he had his extensive garden to wrestle with and he liked tinkering with the car.

Margaret died in 2017 and John continued on his own in their home. He was a regular sight locally, often taking a taxi to Clarkston for coffee or lunch and he much enjoyed trips further afield with the family. John was well looked after by his neighbours, especially the McAllisters, good neighbours for 60 years, and the Galls. John's family would like to take this opportunity to record their thanks to everyone, both in the congregation and the community who looked out for John and took the time to visit him. His elder was Marilyn Ross who showed great care and concern.

The last word should go to Margaret, John's wife of 59 years. She always said John was a gentleman and a gentle man. She was, as usual, quite right and that's how all of us who knew John should remember him.

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## Donald MacGregor Brown (17.02.32 – 29.10.19)

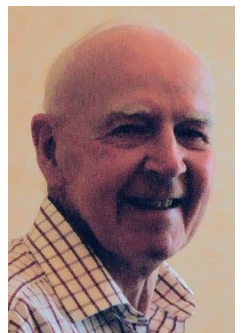
Born and brought up on a farm in Corriecravie on the Isle of Arran, Don attended the local primary school at Slidery, then secondary at Keil School, where he excelled both educationally and sportingly, rugby union being pivotal throughout his life and being passed down to many of his family, not least that of his grand-nephew Fraser who features regularly for Scotland.

Keil was instrumental in shaping Don's future in many ways, not least when it led to his meeting and subsequently marrying Anthea, the sister of his good friend and fellow student, another Donald.

Don's vocation was medicine, which he truly loved. Upon qualification, he thought of becoming a GP, but discovered the world of anaesthetics and altered his career path. A caring and tender person, Don was wonderful at putting patients at their ease in stressful situations. This he carried on as he set up the first Pain Clinic in Scotland, counselling and reassuring people who had chronic pain and applying novel treatments to alleviate their suffering.

His association with Arran continued throughout his life. He was President of the Arran Society of Glasgow and he assisted many islanders with projects and fundraising activities, creating wealth for the island and enriching its community. As well as residence in Busby, a home in Corriecravie, overlooking the Kilbrannan Sound, provided a haven of peace from the rigours of medical life as well as contentment in retirement.

Don is survived by Anthea and by children Margot and Iain; by four grandchildren and many nephews and nieces. His love for his family was paramount and their love for him immense.



# BUSBY GUIDES

This

session we have been working on the new Guide Programme and most of the girls have completed Skill Builder Stage 3 Feel good and have started working on Stage 3 Lead.

We have also completed several unit meeting activities which are part of the new programme too.

The Guides work in patrols of between 5 and 7 girls and often are involved in deciding what activities they would like to do. Every week we play games and the Guides always like making up dances or acting in sketches. We also plan our evenings on the time of year e.g. We make pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and near the 22nd February, which is Thinking Day, we will play some international games

In the better weather the girls take part in activities outside in the grounds of the Church including barbeques and team games.

We had a sleepover in the Church hall on a Saturday night in November and about 14 Brownies joined us. This was before the Youth Service in the Church on the Sunday. All the girls seemed to enjoy the sleepover although I'm sure most of them were exhausted and went to bed early on the Sunday evening.

At present we are thinking about our annual camp and whether we should go back to Blair near Dalry again or not.

We meet every Tuesday between 7pm and 9pm in Busby Church Hall during term time. At present we have about 25 girls who are members, 2 Young Leaders and 3 Leaders.

We were sad that our Assistant Leaders Cami, Morna and Alice are no longer able to help every week due to other commitments. Our former Young Leaders Eilidh and Robyn are both now at university and so can no longer help every Tuesday as well. However, I know that I can still call on them occasionally. I would like to thank them all for their excellent help and support over the last few years.

Please come along and join us. Any girl who is between 10 and 14 years old would be made very welcome. It is a great opportunity to make new friends. We can guarantee that you will spend a lot of your evening laughing, eating, running around and generally having fun. If there are any young adults or adults who would like to come and help we would love to have them join us too.

If you would like more information contact Pamela Mill 644 4452 or at [pamelaemill@hotmail.com](mailto:pamelaemill@hotmail.com)



# BUSBY BROWNIES

The 1<sup>st</sup> Busby Brownies have been very active over the last few months. Several girls have moved up to the Guides and we have a lot of new girls.

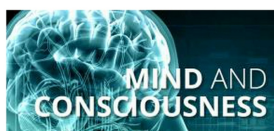
Pearl from the Church has been doing arts & crafts with them and they have loved it. We also had Chris Duke, author of Lucy's Blue Hair Day, come to visit us, read his book to the girls and autograph it for them. The girls also designed postcards with kind words to send to America for people experiencing difficult times through an organisation called Postcards for Kindness.

We have had several parties celebrating Bonfire Night and Christmas. The girls also had a sleepover with Guides.

Overall, the girls are having a fun time and over the next few weeks the new girls will make their promise and there are more badges to be completed.



The Sunday Club get to grips with pancake making for Shrove Tuesday



Clarkston Church Together  
Exploring The God Question  
Science, God and the Search for Truth  
Greenbank Parish Church  
DVD Discussion Series  
on God and Science  
ALL WELCOME

6 Sunday evenings during Lent from 6pm to 7.15 pm  
Starting 1 March 2020

First evening will be introduced by Rev George Lind from Grasping the Nettle

Sign up sheet in Centenary Chapel

Further information [greenbank.office@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:greenbank.office@tiscali.co.uk)