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JERRY EVE

MESSAGE FROM THE MANSE

The photograph on the cover of this edition of Focus puts me in mind of the 1987 children's book, *Where's Wally*, by Martin Handford, and if you know some of the people in it, it's quite fun to try to spot them. It was taken by Iain McCallum, one of six school chaplains, from the Bridge in Williamwood High School, on Shrove Tuesday this year. As well as the Head Boy and Head Girl, Jack and Grace, along with two of their deputies, four other chaplains can be seen. These are Jeanne Roddick, Scott Blythe, Jan Mathieson and myself. The sixth chaplain, Catherine Beattie, is out of camera shot at this time, and my guess is that she's taken a plate of pancakes to those working in the school office – for them to enjoy.



As we do too. Not that we ever get to eat one of the over 2000 pancakes we've been serving for a number of years now, but the response is always extremely encouraging. Our aim? To mark the start of a season, and a time, in the Church calendar when all people – and not just Christians – can reflect on whether there is more, or indeed less, we could be doing to make the world a better place for us all to live in.

This is something Jesus himself once did during the 40 days and 40 nights he spent in the wilderness following his baptism, and we're always very grateful to the School for allowing us to address the students in assemblies leading up to Lent, to talk about this with them. This year our theme has been 'footprints', sand an exceptionally good medium in which to make an impression.

Now, has anyone seen the maple syrup?
Have a great Easter, Jerry Eve x



ROBIN BULMER

MESSAGE FROM THE SESSION CLERK

A predecessor of mine, Jimmy Deas, served in the role of Session Clerk at Busby Parish Church for 8 years and I always have maintained I don't want to surpass that duration. The agreed term in our Church is 5 years but it's not always easy to pass the baton on; so with my 8 years now served we have decided to take a fresh approach and divide the role between more than one member of the Session. So from this month Iain Jarvie will take on responsibility for recording minutes at Kirk Session meetings and Iain Murray for arranging and officiating quarterly Communion services, with other responsibilities being handed-on as appropriate over the coming months. One of these will be writing this short quarterly item for Focus, which in future may take the form of an editorial with occasional guest contributions to supplement those of our resident editor. I look forward to reading these and continuing to contribute to our church-life in other ways.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BEREAVEMENTS:

December:

John Douglas, Cartsbridge Road
Norma MacMillan, Bankholm Place

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O LORD, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

For What We Are About to Receive

Jan

The New Year starts and we're bereft,
Hungover, broke – no turkey left;
Old clothes and porridge is our fate,
But Burns and haggis compensate . . .

Feb

Quite soon though we all wonder when
The warmer weather will begin.
One sign, and that's: without much cost
There's pancakes. Make sure that they're tossed.

Mar

Lent's then depressing if we don't
Make sure that Sundays **do** not count,
Like that we keep 'for mothers' sake'
And celebrate with cards, flowers – cake.

Apr

The days are getting longer now
There're buds appearing on each bough
For those who've fasted – gone without –
"It's Easter. Chocolate!" they shout.

May

The Maypole's coloured ribbons twine
The sun is up. The weather's fine
There's music, dancing; all is good.
We've picnic hamper's filled with food.

Jun

For those who like their sport above
All else, there's Wimbledon. Deuce! Love!
The best of which – they taste a dream –
Are strawberries with excess cream.

Jul

The summer holidays are here
No work. No school. Sleep in. Three cheers.
When, whether there is any sun
Or not, we've ice cream cones. Yum, yum.

Aug

In Edinburgh there's a crowd
Of arty people. We are proud
To own The Festival. It's grand
But best of all? Concession stands.

Sep

The leaves are turning red, brown, gold
Look out a scarf. Ward off the cold
It's Harvest Festival. Let's pray:
God, thank you for this year's Display.

Oct

It's chilly now but don't be glum
There are some ways we might have fun
Like toffee apples – something sweet.
Come Halloween, there's lots to eat.

Nov

Our patron saints are every hue.
St Andrew's saltire's white and blue;
His day a day for us to cram
Our mouths with shortbread, then a dram.

Dec

And now we're happy – almost there –
The 25th of December.
With mince pies we can have our fill.
Oh no, too many, now we're ill.

BUSBY LITTER PICK 2020

IRENE MORRISON

Our twelfth annual litter pick around Busby village as part of the Keep Scotland Beautiful Spring Clean 2020 has been arranged for Saturday 18th April between 10.00am and 12.00 noon. It will be followed by a soup & sandwich lunch in the Church Hall.

Litter picks and black bags will be provided, but please bring your own gloves as East Renfrewshire is no longer able to supply them in these cost saving times. If anyone would like to take part please let me know (tel: 0141 639 2757) by Friday 10th April.



Holy Week Services



Maundy Thursday Communion Service, 9 April:

7pm Busby Church

Clarkston Churches Together, Good Friday Pilgrimage, 10 April:

8am Carmunnock Church

9am Cartsbridge Evangelical Church

10am Busby Parish (Tea, Coffee and Hot Cross Buns afterwards)

11am Greenbank Church

12noon St Joseph's Catholic Church

1pm St Aidan's Episcopal Church

2pm Williamwood Church

3pm Netherlee and Stamperland Churches (Hot Cross Buns afterwards)

Easter Sunday Services, 12 April:

11am Sunday Worship

6.30pm Bible Study