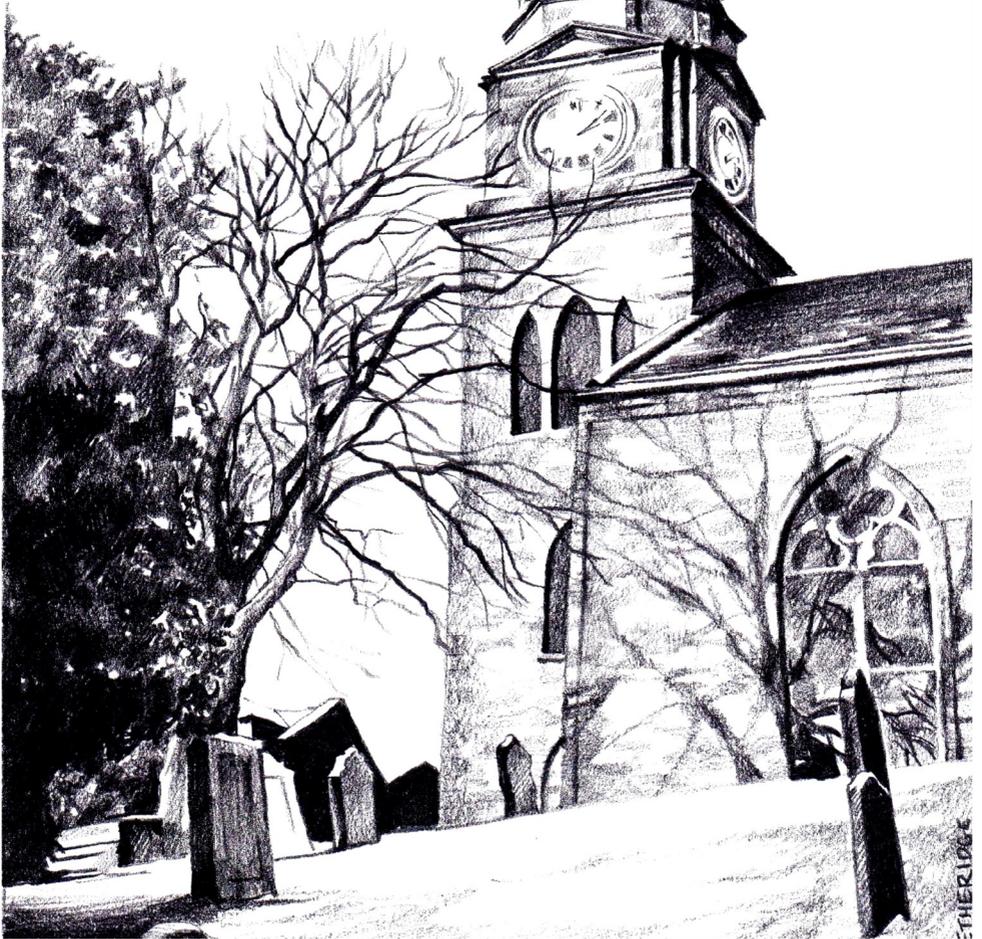


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# LETTER FROM THE MANSE

*Hello everyone!*

*It has been such a long time since I have written a letter for the Steeple Times – well I have actually only missed one edition but it seems such an age ago! I wrote the last letter in mid-November for the December edition of the Steeple Times and as I sit and write this letter it is now mid-March 2021! Can you believe that we are a quarter of the way through 2021 already!*

*Many of you I know have been really fed-up during this lockdown period while others are taking it in their stride well for Billy and I it is a bit of both! I think it is the human contact we are missing, the socialising, meeting for coffee or lunch and for myself well needless to say it is missing being with my family and with you, some of whom I would normally see far more than I do my family! However our family life has been a bit hectic recently! As you know my daughter bought her first flat in December and she gets her keys on 31st March. Billy and I are having an extension built on our house in Houston and it was not supposed to start until April but when the rules of the lockdown changed and builders and workmen could not work indoors if people were in them the builder asked if he could start our extension early. As I write this piece the roof of the extension has just gone on! Then my son and daughter-in-law put their house on the market and it sold in 5 days but the entry date is only 4 weeks ahead. So Joanne moves out of our house during the first few days of April and Scott and his family move into it on 9<sup>th</sup> April while all the time it looks like a building site outside and then they need to start working indoors as there are quite a number of changes there too! Talk about all go!*

*It's all go at the doctors surgeries and the hospitals at this time also with many people now getting their second dose of the vaccine and others receiving their initial dose – is that not great*

news! So many of our members by the time this edition of the Steeple Times reaches you all will have had your second dose and I am so thankful for that. I am thankful to God for the scientists who came up with the vaccine, those who make it, those who took part in the trials, those who deliver it and those who administer the vaccine, the cleaners who clean our surgeries and hospitals, the staff who arrange the appointments, the stewards who direct and guide and each one of you for getting the vaccine. Also let's not forget the people involved in making the bottles, syringes, wipes, gloves etc. So many people working together to help not only our community but our nation and the world! That is a miracle and an act of love – to love your neighbour!

As I write this letter we have been informed that the church can re-open on 28<sup>th</sup> March – Palm Sunday and allowing **50 people at each service**. I really hope the number of Covid-19 cases keeps falling and we will be allowed to re-open. Whether we open or not can I ask you to show your love to others by picking up the phone and calling someone to say hi and ask how they are doing – a simple and easy task to show you care for others? You may be able to offer something else, some shopping a helping hand depending on what the rules and regulations are at that time but hearing a friendly voice and hearing someone else's news can bring so much joy to someone. The church may or may not be open, but most areas of life are still off limits at this time.

Even though the majority of people in our church have had their first vaccine **please remember the FACTS**  
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Every blessing to you all

**Barbara Ann**



## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING ....

**N**eil Campbell's journey – as you know Neil was in his discernment placement with us for 3 months from September to December last year. Neil had his interview with the panel and I am delighted to say that he has been given permission to go to the next stage which is the selection school. This covers a weekend and at the end of this the panel then decides whether you are ready or not to train as a minister or an OLM (Ordained Local Minister). At this stage Neil has chosen to go down the route of OLM. Please keep him in your prayers at this time.



**S**ongs of Praise on Zoom – this event was held in November last year and those who were there enjoyed it. A big thank you to Elizabeth McLeod for playing the music. Due to the lack of numbers attending we will not be doing this again for a little while.

**R**ecording of 12 Days of Christmas – as many of you will be aware during 12 days leading up to Christmas we uploaded onto Facebook every day a number from the twelve days of Christmas starting at one. Each number had different groups from the church. e.g. number 9 was Accord members because there are 9 members of that group. Number 11 were the elders – lots of them, number 6 the Groovy Gryphons and Echo Teens, number 5 Chimes playgroup, number 12 the Baby Blether and number 3 the Wee Blether etc. Thank you to everyone who took time to record their sections and to Matthew Scott for putting it all together.

**R**ecording of Nativity Carols – we knew the Nativity play could not take place live at Christmas even though the church building was open and we were worshipping together at that time so Elizabeth



McLeod recorded the hymns and the recordings were sent to anyone who would like to record themselves singing along to the hymns. Once again many of you rose to the challenge and Matthew Scott edited them and put them together with the film the children

and youths made for the Nativity service – it was brilliant – well done everyone.

**A**dvent Door – each day from 1<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> December the day number and corresponding letter was put up inside the door with activities for the children and a reflection and prayer for the adults and on numerous days, free gifts and crafts for the children. Thank you to Jim Nicol for the numbers and letters, to Doug Robertson and Bill Duthie for putting up the door and to Bill Duthie and Susan Forbes for helping out on Friday's when Barbara Ann and Billy were unavailable.

**Z**uglo Church on Zoom – since the last update in the Steeple Times we have met with members of Zuglo church twice on Zoom and they also joined us at our quiz night. You will read an update from Mihaly later in this edition. We are looking for more members or friends of East and Old who are interested in continuing our growing friendship with Zuglo Church – **is that you?** If so, contact Karen Liddle or myself.

**K**irk Session Working Group – the Kirk Session working group met a few times to discuss reducing the number of people who will serve on the new Kirk Session. They worked diligently and came up with many permutations and ideas and submitted their report to the full Kirk Session meeting in January where it was agreed that as of

the Stated Annual Meeting we would reduce our number of people serving on the Kirk Session to twelve people. Ten members of the new Kirk Session would be made up of minister, session clerk, depute session clerk and conveners of the committees, four current serving elders and two members from the congregation. The initial 'new Kirk Session' members would serve 1, 2 and 3 years so that there is always a revolving number each year – not everybody coming off in one year. There is quite a bit more to it than this, but these are the basic plans. If anyone would like it explained more fully then please contact Lexi Smart, Karen Kelly or the minister.

**D**epute Session Clerk – the Kirk Session are delighted to announce that *Karen Kelly* has taken up this role. We wish her every blessing in this new part of her life of faith.



**zoom**



**S**tated Annual Meeting – this yearly requirement by numerous bodies associated with the church will take place on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 7:00pm on Zoom** and we hope many of you will join us for this brief meeting. If you would like a copy of the accounts then please contact Paula Stewart our treasurer who will send them out to you. The accounts will have previously been looked at and agreed by the Kirk Session however if you have any queries we will get them answered.

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**Quiz Night on Zoom** – even though this event was widely advertised on social media the turnout was pretty poor so we are thankful to our two teams who managed to join us from Hungary! Thank you to the people who attended and I know it is difficult when you are in a team of one but it was good fun! It was a good night and as usual the Watt family were the winners! Congratulations to you all!



**Carol Service on Zoom** – thank you to those who came along to the Christmas carol service where we got the chance to praise God and sing lots of Christmas Carols and hear some reflections.

**Christingle Service** – we knew we could not hold our normal Christingle Service due to restrictions in numbers last year but little did we know the church building would once again close on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December but Christingle gift bags were made up and given out at the church gates on Christmas Eve to anyone passing and to those who came along specially to collect them.



The service was held on Zoom at 6:30pm with all the usual shenanigans that Barbara Ann gets us doing! There was a good turnout with a lot of families joining in.

**Christmas Day Service** – as the church building was closed we did not hold a service on Christmas day but Barbara Ann had got people to record some messages which she put up on Facebook along with a message of hope and love at this time.

**Worship Services** – Barbara Ann continues to put up a reflection every Wednesday and a worship service every Sunday on Facebook, our Webpage, You Tube and on our dedicated phonenumber so there is no excuse not to continue to worship God as we all have access to one of these platforms, **Phonenumber – 01307 490405.**



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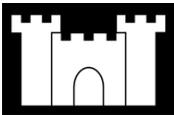
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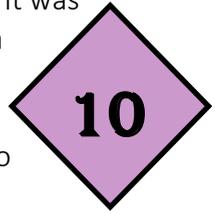
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**B**arbara Ann's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – on the 20<sup>th</sup> January it was Barbara Ann's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary being ordained as a minister and also 10 years with us. We were going to organise a party but as usual the lockdown has ruined many plans for many people. Barbara Ann would like to say thank you for the lovely cards, flowers and gifts she received that day and a big thank you to her husband Billy for organising and keeping the video clips a big secret from her! Barbara Ann said she has loved being minister here in East and Old and feels truly blessed! We will have the party next year she said!



**S**ongs of Praise – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 4:00pm – again a lovely service from Barbara Ann with favourite hymns, tunes and reflections. Thank you Barbara Ann for taking the time to research so many things and keeping us engaged in church life. Another big shout out and thank you to Elizabeth McLeod for the music.

**E**ast and Old Concert – for something a little bit different Barbara Ann asked members and friends of East and Old Church to choose and record some music and/or singing and she also asked Elizabeth to record some hymns on the organ. Barbara Ann then added the words to the screen. To that end, there was enough material to put on two mini concerts on our Facebook and Website, our You Tube channel and our telephone line. The first of these mini concerts went up on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March and **the next mini concert will go up on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April.** Thank you to all the performers!



**Z**oom to the Music – is held every Monday at 2:00pm with a variety of people attending. Some have dementia, some are elderly, some are members and friends who just want a good sing-a-long! A few of the favourite popular songs are Sweet Caroline, Let's Twist Again, Puppet on a String and Mamma Mia! Some of the favourite hymns are Tell me the old, old story, How great thou art, Great is thy faithfulness and Will your anchor hold, to name a few.

**W**ee Blether – a select few have kept up meeting on Zoom for a chat about the world and what we have all been getting up to over the week before, usually everyone says they have not been doing much and then the next minute the hour is up! So much for not doing anything but at least we put the world to rights! A very relaxing and enjoyable hour. Remember you can join us for 10 minutes, 30 minutes the full hour – it is up to you!



**C**are Home Services – these services run every second Tuesday and are open to all care homes in Angus. Some weeks there are more than others and it depends on how busy the staff are at the care homes. Barbara Ann said it has been lovely speaking about God and life in general when she runs these services and the people and staff in the care homes have been great to be alongside.

**Book Club** The Book Club continues to meet once a month and have their books picked in advance which they select from numerous sources. However, it has become noticeable that those books that are prize winning books are usually the ones the group do not particularly like! e.g. it was recommended that the club read *Beloved* by Toni Morrison – no one liked it and only a handful of people finished it! However, at the February meeting the members were discussing two books that they read – ‘*The Day the World Came to Town*’ and ‘*I am Missing.*’ Both books were a huge success with the lowest score out of 10 being 8 for both books and highest being 9.5 out of ten. Very rarely do the members give a book 10 out of 10! Are you a reader? Why not join in with the members of the club and see how you get on. They discuss the characters, the story line, the writing, the book cover, the author, the effects on society if it is a true story etc. Some people miss out books if they are short of time or only read some of it, so it doesn’t matter if you are a quick reader or not! At the end of April, the club are discussing ‘*Defending Jacob*’ and it is supposed to be a really, really good book! Have a word with Barbara Ann if you like a copy of the current list or want to chat about coming along!

**O**fferings and Donations – we continue to be very grateful to our members and friends of the church who pay by standing order and to those members who have been making sure their offerings reach us during this period. Unfortunately, there are still some very large bills that we pay every month with the main one being to 121 and that is excess of £7000 every month. Our shop rent and insurances must also be paid every month and between them that amounts to nearly £2000 month.

Although three of our staff are on furlough, we continue to pay 20% of their salary and also full pay for our treasurer and church hall cleaner (Chimes have not stopped over this period). The elders are more than happy to uplift your offering from you when you feel able to donate them.

**D**onations – Barbara Ann would like to say thank you to a few members who have handed her some money before and after Christmas so that she is able to help people in need who are short of food or have ran out of electricity. Most of us have no idea what that feels like and Barbara Ann assures those receiving the money that it comes with love from East and Old Church.

**Thank You**

**P**resbytery – as you will be aware we are part of Angus Presbytery but as of January next year we will be part of a new joined up presbytery called the Presbytery of Perth. Within the Presbytery of Perth there will be Angus, Dundee, Perth, Dunkeld and Meigle and Stirling. Presbytery will take on a new format and with less meetings (Barbara Ann says she will believe it when she sees it!). Watch this space!



**P**roperty & Renovations Update - The sale of Church Land concluded in January 2021 and has injected funds to the renovations program DIF Fund (Dedicated Improvement Fund).



Since January, the progress of work in the upper floors has been significant. The large activity space has had the main walls constructed, lined, and decorated. A new sports-suspended floor has been installed ready for the final floor covering.

At time of going to press, the new toilet block in the Session House is fully constructed and decorated. Final fittings of toilet furniture will be done after laying of a new floor-covering before the end of March.

The new meeting space above reception has had window protection fitted and new fire-proofed walls constructed at the top of each stairwell. The area is decorated with a first coat of paint.

The lift lobby area is fully constructed and fire-proofed – this work was very intensive and intricate as two layers of fireproof cladding are fitted to the ceilings and fully sealed. This area will be decorated during March.

Electrical fitting has been progressing alongside the construction and the lighting systems and fittings will be completed during March.

New suspended ceiling works have now started, and this will install the support grid for ceiling tiles which allows final fitting of lighting by electricians and the final fitting of the ventilation system ceiling hardware.

New floor coverings have been contracted for and will be the last thing to be done ahead of final completion preparations. Before full completion can be applied for the completion of a Fire Zone will mean that both West and East Stairwells will have a double layer of fireproof boarding fitted to the ceilings of each stairwell. While this is being done, the Main Entrance stairwell will also have some remediation works to the exterior walls. This may mean some ongoing scaffolding and dust / debris will be visible coming through the main entrance of

the church. Please bear with us while we complete that final stage while trying to keep things as clean as possible.

**C**hapel Street Hall - this is now under offer and solicitors are working through the legal and financial details ahead of a first payment due by end of March. This will be followed by two other payments with the deal concluding in September 2021 where ownership will transfer to the buyer.

The new buyer has confirmed that they will begin negotiations with Chimes Playgroup, with a view to continuing their monthly leasing of the property, once a first payment is processed.

**BB Halls** - As our Million Pound Challenge reaches the end, we are now in a position to offer our BB Company full use of our brand new contemporary well equipped and heated rooms. To facilitate this potential move, East & Old Parish Church will require the approval of the congregation to make a change to our basis of Union of 1977 between The Old Church and East Churches of Forfar, agreeing to allow the sale of the BB Halls to proceed. This will be voted on at the stated AGM and if any member of the congregation have objections please make these known before this meeting – or attend the meeting when it is announced. A vote will be taken at the stated AGM.

**B**oys' Brigade - Several face-to-face meetings were held in the run up to Christmas and the Boys were very keen and enthusiastic. During this time we discussed Remembrance Day and drew poppy pictures, learnt some new games, discovered the night sky and stars, had a visit from Shine, the snake, how to read a map properly and did Christmas crafts and activities.



The boys were awarded the badges they earned last year and Ryan Elliott was presented with his President's Badge and promoted to Lance-Corporal. Hopefully we'll be able to meet again soon and would welcome any boys and helpers/leaders as we look forward to celebrating our 75th anniversary in the autumn.

# Groovy Gryphons & Echo Teens



Last lockdown we missed the Groovy Gryphons and Echo Teens when the church was closed so this time round, we decided to hold weekly Zoom meetings to hold our own service for the children and young people on a Sunday morning. Our first meeting was on 17 January and every Sunday thereafter. It took us a while to get into the swing of things with all the technology, but we have learned lots about what can be done online. After a few weeks Barbara Ann asked to come and join us, and it was great to have her along with the other leaders and share stories and explain things. We have had Bible passages, prayers, discussions, lots of games and some brilliant worship songs and hymns. We've really enjoyed some of the more modern hymns and versions of some of the older, traditional hymns.

We taught Barbara Ann how to use the digital quiz game Kahoot and we all tested our knowledge of the Bible and the Transfiguration and Lenten period. We also enjoyed testing the whiteboard facility on Zoom with a hangman game and were really stumped with Joyce's spot the difference picture! Although it has been good to catch up with everyone online and follow the Bible stories every week that the congregation have been hearing we all miss seeing each other in real life and are looking forward to getting back to the church soon.

*Joyce, Frances, Matthew and Karen*

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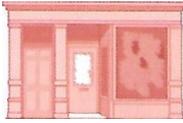
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## Hello everyone – Greetings from Zugló church!

We've been in touch with some of you by Zoom and also with Karen by e-mail and we're delighted to hear the pandemic situation is improving in Scotland as well as in Britain. I was also happy to see the video that the renovation project is continuing on. I'm sure it will be a very new experience for all of us in Forfar, when we finally meet. I have also watched your mini-concert, congratulations to everyone who was involved.



Our church building has been shut since November, but online worshipers are recorded without participants every Saturday and available from each Sunday on all social channels. We also have a Bible study group that meets

every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday on Zoom, but I feel that our church life is very much restricted. In this period of the pandemic we also receive more news of people we know from church who get sick with Covid or even die of it.

We are also praying that your plans reducing the Session's size will be successful.

Currently the board at Zugló church consists of 16 elders. But of course this has been a process of many years.

In 1983, when I first entered Zugló church, there was a board of 32 people, all males. Now we have 7 men and 9 women, almost equal. I think we'll keep this level of elders, as it makes the distribution of tasks even and also allows good co-operation in the group.

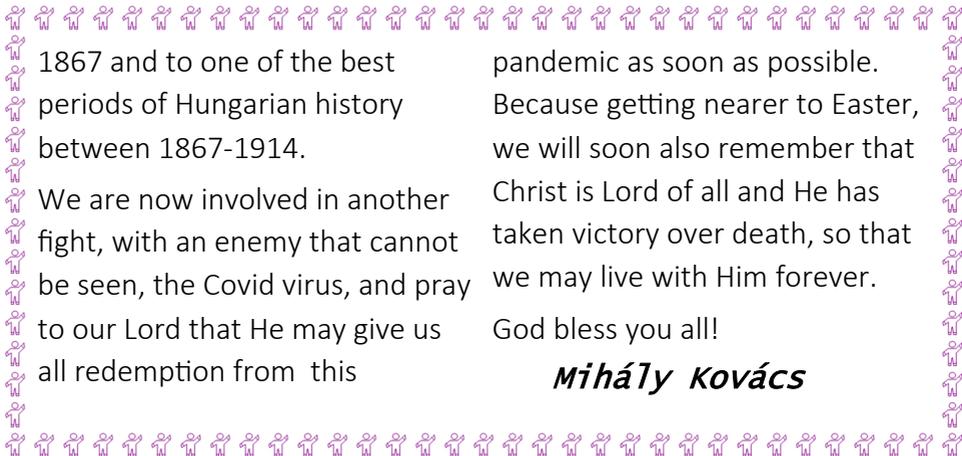
Unfortunately, the pandemic situation is at its worst so far in Hungary (as at mid-March).

The 3<sup>rd</sup> wave of pandemic has hit us much stronger than the 2<sup>nd</sup> one. Currently we get 10,000 new cases per day and

100-150 daily deaths (these figures may seem low to you, however, Hungary's population is only 9.5 million). Many hospitals are full of Covid patients. The government has introduced a stricter lockdown since 8 March. It means that many shops are still closed and primary schools have also been closed for a month at least until Easter. Policies of the milder lockdown since November (cancellation of all public events, curfew from 8:00pm - 5:00am, closure of secondary schools, universities, etc.) have also continued. Vaccination is rolling out in Hungary, better than the EU average, but slower than in the UK. More than 1.3 million people have had at least their first jab already. Five kinds of vaccines are used in Hungary, three Western; one Russian and one Chinese. The latter two have not been approved by the EU pharmaceutical authorities, but the Hungarian authorities have given them

green-light regardless. There aren't enough vaccines yet for people to choose, you can only agree or disagree, if you want to take the one on offer. So far, my parents are my only family members to be vaccinated against Covid and I think Eszter and I may have to wait several more weeks for ours.

As I write this (in mid-March), I also want to remind you that we have had a national holiday on March 15. I think it is one that is closest to people's heart in Hungary, also due to the proximity of Spring. March 15, 1848 was the starting day of one of Hungary's revolutions and wars of independence against Austria and the Hapsburg empire, which was suppressed in 1849 with the help of the Russian tsar. Yet, this war of independence has become a milestone in Hungarian history and a reference point that eventually led to peaceful and settled relations with Austria from



1867 and to one of the best periods of Hungarian history between 1867-1914.

We are now involved in another fight, with an enemy that cannot be seen, the Covid virus, and pray to our Lord that He may give us all redemption from this

pandemic as soon as possible. Because getting nearer to Easter, we will soon also remember that Christ is Lord of all and He has taken victory over death, so that we may live with Him forever. God bless you all!

**Mihály Kovács**

**T**he **Twining Group** continue to communicate with our friends in Zuglo church, Budapest and move our twinning forward. Following the end of our initial 5 year agreement last October, we have been looking at ways to strengthen our links with them. We met with the Zuglo team early in February (virtually of course!) and we invited Glenda Robertson of the Green Group to talk to our Hungarian friends about all the things we do at East and Old to be eco friendly and try to support them to gain their first Eco Church award. A productive meeting was had as we all considered what we already did and what more we could do to help with the climate emergency. We are also looking to re-ignite our e-mail/pen pal chain and hope that more members of the East & Old will join in and write to the members in Zuglo and create more links and friendships between our 2 churches. The people of Zuglo are keen to participate and we have a list of willing pen pals from Zuglo with a short profile so they can be “matched” with someone here. If anyone is interested in writing to someone in Zuglo (in English, no need to learn Hungarian!) either via e-mail or letter, please contact Karen Liddle ( [karenliddle81@aol.com](mailto:karenliddle81@aol.com) ) and we will put you in touch with someone from Zuglo. Our next planned video call with Zuglo is at the end of April when we hope to organise a joint Bible Study which will be based on Caring for God’s Creation, in-keeping with our focus on Eco Church. Anyone interested in joining the Twining group or taking part in this meeting, please get in touch with Karen or Barbara Ann and we will pass on the details.



## The Green Group

On 8 November 2020 an application for funding to *Keep Scotland Beautiful* was submitted. The purpose of this funding was to create a Kids Kitchen Garden and Orchard at the church where we could teach classes in how to grow your own food. These classes will be a great addition to the programmes we already teach about cooking, healthy eating and our café.

We were delighted to hear on 10 December that our Community Asset Fund application had been successful. We then ordered our materials as soon as possible...



... and on arrival, made arrangements for them to be transferred to the church.

The Green Group has been busy building containers and placed them outside to be filled with soil, ready for planting.



The next phase is to prepare the ground where the orchard will go and get the trees in. Once this has been done, we will hold our first outdoor class where the children can help us plant the first crop.

Details of our first class will follow shortly.

# THE GUILD



*We are still holding the Guild meetings on 'Zoom' at present and although it helps to keep our spirits up we do miss the members who cannot be with us on 'Zoom'.*

*We started off the year with a talk by Ron Scrimgeour who chose as his subject the Rev. George Gilfillan, the 19<sup>th</sup> century writer and poet whom the 'Gilfillan Memorial Church' in Dundee is named after. The Rev. Gilfillan fought for rights in employment and the poverty that he saw around him, he also spoke out about slavery in the U.S.A. and is still highly regarded by many.*

*On the 10<sup>th</sup> February Ross Brown spoke to us about his allergies and how he has learned to cope with them. He is now studying to be a physiotherapist and we wish him well in his chosen path.*

*The meeting on 24 February was organised by the Lowson Guild and our speaker was Kevin Simpson telling us about one of the Guild projects 'Malawi fruits'. He explained how the Guild is supporting young farmers and how the money we raised has developed solar powered pumps to irrigate the farms.*

*Caroline Goodfellow spoke to us on 10 March about the Girls Brigade. She certainly made you think about how the world that girls live in today has changed so much and it is good to see that these young girls/women are in good and caring hands.*

*On 24 March we hope to have as our speaker Ivan Cornford the owner of St David's care home and this will be followed by our A.G.M. We do hope that by September we will be able to meet together again and we so look forward to that time.*



## HEAVEN'S GROCERY STORE

I was walking down life's highway a long time ago,  
One day, I saw a sign that read "Heaven's Grocery Store",

As I got a little closer, the door came open wide  
And when I came to myself, I was standing inside.

I saw a host of ANGELS, they were standing everywhere  
One handed me a basket and said;" My child shop with care".

Everything a Christian needed was in the Grocery Store,  
And all you couldn't carry, you could come back  
the next day for more.

First, I got some PATIENCE, LOVE was in the same row,  
Further down was UNDERSTANDING,  
you need that everywhere you go.

I got a box or two of WISDOM, a bag or two of FAITH.  
I wouldn't miss the HOLY GHOST for it was all over the place.

I stopped to get some STRENGTH and COURAGE  
to help me run this race.

By then my basket was getting full,  
but I remembered some GRACE.

I didn't forget SALVATION for SALVATION is free  
So I tried to get enough of that to save both you and me.

Then I started up to the counter to pay my grocery bill,  
For I thought I had everything to do my MASTER'S will  
As I went up the aisle I saw PRAYER and I just had to put that in,  
For I know when I stepped outside, I would run right into sin.

PEACE and JOY were plentiful; they were on the last shelf  
SONG and PRAISES were hanging near so I just helped myself.

Then I said to the Angel, "Now how much do I owe?"  
He just smiled and said "Just take them everywhere you go"

Again, I said "How much do I really owe?"

He smiled again and said

**"MY CHILD, JESUS PAID YOUR BILL A LONG, LONG TIME AGO"**



## CHURCH FLOWERS



For those of you who paid for their flowers in advance for any of the Sundays in 2021 when the church was closed (due to the Coronavirus pandemic), a full refund will be available unless you wish to carry forward the money to an alternative date.

**The Flower Calendar is located in the church foyer and there are still a couple of dates available for this year.**

If Catriona Milne has not already been in touch with you regarding this, she will be shortly.

**We are in need of additional volunteers to join the Flower Team who prepare the flowers for church each Sunday.**

**If this is something you would be able to help with, please speak to either Catriona Milne or Irene Duthie.**

## MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

4 APR	Sheena Benvie	9 MAY	Mr/s D Robertson
11 "	Dave Bowman	16 "	Mr/s J Herron
18 "	Jean Smith	23 "	J Gair & CJ Milne
25 "	Alison McLaren	30 "	Jean McEwan
2 MAY	Bob Beedie	6 JUN	Wilma Pringle

*Please pass your donations to Catriona Milne, Irene Duthie or pop your money in an envelope and hand it in to Jennifer at PRIMA –Thank you*

## CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

### DEATHS

November	18	Margaret Fleming	<i>(parish)</i>
December	5	Edna Forsyth	<i>(member)</i>
	12	Eileen Coutts	<i>(member)</i>
January	15	Alistair Waddell	<i>(member)</i>
	24	Alan Thomson	<i>(member)</i>
	26	Derek Calder	<i>(member)</i>
	27	Charles Smith	<i>(member)</i>
	31	Helen Downie	<i>(member)</i>
February	2	May Balfour	<i>(member)</i>
	12	Rosabelle Fraser	<i>(member)</i>
March	3	Alistair Gordon	<i>(member)</i>
	12	George Shepherd	<i>(member)</i>



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