

KILSYTH
ANDERSON
NEWS



APRIL/MAY
2018

FROM THE MANSE.....



It's Easter! It's a time of new things, a new season, new beginnings and of course New Life. What wonderful Good News we have as Christian men and women to proclaim that Jesus died and rose again and that faith in him brings with it a whole new life (remember he said 'You must be born again'). I hope your faith has given you that deep sense of joy and peace that can only come with the knowledge that Jesus is your Lord and your Saviour.

As a congregation, we have, in recent months, been celebrating the heritage of our past. We have had opportunities to rejoice in the existence of the church, now called 'Anderson Memorial', back over 250 years. At the same time, we have likewise noted that the church building itself is now 125 years old. Over such a span of years so many things have changed and will continue to do so.

The Kirk Session recently has been encouraged through the Presbytery Local Church Review Process to put together plans for the church and congregation over the next 5 years. If you were part of the church conference in the autumn of 2017, then you will have contributed your ideas towards the plans now under consideration.

Even at this early stage, I want to highlight four significant strands which the Kirk Session, in various committees and groups, will be working on over the forthcoming months

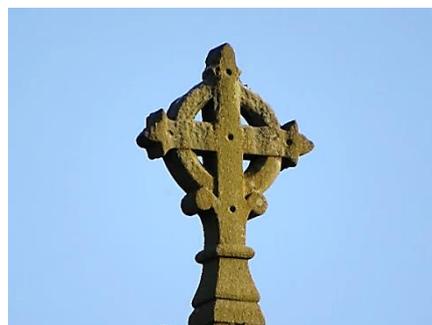
Firstly, one of our great desires is that beyond the church service itself we want men and women to engage more actively with the Bible and with prayer. To that end, we think there may be potential to increase the number of opportunities for small group fellowship, discussion and prayer through a system of house groups. The idea is that groups of 6 or more could gather in a home at regular intervals, weekly, monthly or perhaps for a defined period. Details are still being worked out, but if you were willing to provide accommodation, then it would be good to know.

Secondly, we think the time may be right to give consideration to using the church building itself in new, diverse and creative ways. The sanctuary of the church might be able to be adapted to provide a flexible and accessible area where, along with Sunday worship, a range of other midweek activities could take place. This would involve substantial work, and so naturally, there is much prayer, planning and consideration already underway to determine what that might be like.

The third strand within our plans is in regard to mission and communication. We have a great Gospel to share with our community. The challenge is to find avenues through which we can engage in that task respectively, helpfully and effectively.

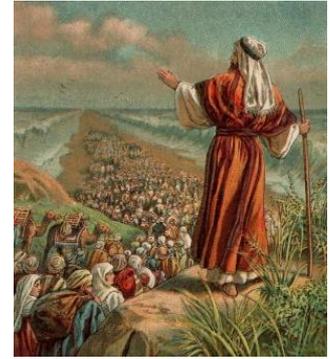
Finally, the Kirk Session is conscious of the need to both support and expand our Christian activities with children and young people. The challenge of reaching the next generation with the life-transforming message of Jesus is one which the church takes very seriously but one which will require considerable effort and enterprise.

What I have briefly outlined above needs your active support. Kilsyth Anderson Church has been a strong Christian witness in this town and I believe we can together build on that past now towards a healthy future.



Easter Blessing to you.
Allan

Bible Quiz: Moses in Egypt



1. Why did the king of Egypt put the children of Israel into bondage? (Exodus 1:9-10)

- He wanted to keep them from multiplying; he feared that they could overtake the Egyptians
- He wanted to show the children of Israel that his gods were more powerful than the God of Israel
- He was slothful and wanted other people to do his work
- He hated Jacob and all of his family

2. Which line of Israel's family bore Moses? (Exodus 2:1)

- Levi Joseph Benjamin Judah

3. Who adopted Moses? (Exodus 2:10)

- Shiphrah Zipporah The daughter of Pharaoh Moses' sister

4. Why did Moses kill the Egyptian? (Exodus 2:11-12)

- The Egyptian was escaping Pharaoh's palace with stolen goods
- The Egyptian wanted to assassinate Pharaoh
- The Egyptian was beating a Hebrew The Egyptian hated Moses

5. To where did Moses flee from being punished for killing the Egyptian? (Exodus 2:15)

- The home of his Hebrew birth mother The wilderness
- The land of Canaan The land of Midian

6. Who was Moses' wife? (Exodus 2:21)

- Puah Pharaoh's daughter Shiphrah Zipporah

7. What did God tell Moses to do before approaching the burning bush? (Exodus 3:5)

- Cover the crown of his head Take off his shoes
- Set aside his staff Wash his hands

8. What was Moses' concern about his ability to lead the children of Israel? (Exodus 4:10)

- He was crippled He was slow of speech
- He was wicked He was too young for such a great task

9. Who was to be Moses' spokesperson? (Exodus 4:14-16)

- Zipporah Jethro His brother, Aaron His Hebrew mother

10. What did Aaron turn his rod into? (Exodus 7:10)

- A sword A hoe A serpent A whip

11. Each of these creatures plagued Egypt EXCEPT: (Exodus 8)

- Frogs Locusts Flies Serpents Lice

12. Which of these plagues did the Lord NOT inflict on the Egyptians? (Exodus 7)

- Three days of darkness The transformation of water into blood
- Raining down of hail and fire Boils breaking out on the skin of the people
- Food turning into stones All cattle die

13. What did the children of Israel do to protect their firstborn sons from being killed in the Lord's last plague on Egypt? (Exodus 12:7,13)

- Carve a cross into the door of their home Smear lamb's blood around the door frame
- Hang a talisman in every window of their homes Keep the fireplace burning all night long

14. Which of these food items was NOT included in the Passover feast? (Exodus 12:8)

- Bitter herbs Lamb Unleavened bread Olives

15. True or False?: The children of Israel had to suffer from all of the same plagues as the Egyptians did. (Exodus 11:7)

- True; the Lord wanted to test the faith and loyalty of the children of Israel
- False; the Lord put a difference between the Egyptians and the children of Israel

16. The Lord showed the children of Israel which way to travel in the wilderness by using: (Exodus 13:21-22)

- the sun (by day) and the moon and stars (by night) the direction of the wind
- a white ox a pillar of cloud (by day) and of fire (by night)

17. Through which body of water did the children of Israel pass safely? (Exodus 13:18)

- The Sea of Galilee The Red Sea The Nile River The Dead Sea

Answers on back page



The Anderson Parish Church Guild's 70th Anniversary

As we celebrate 70 years of our Guild we thank God for the love that he has shown us and for his guidance since its first meeting on February 23rd, 1948. We give thanks for the Guild members who served him over these 70 years and for the ladies who have faithfully led the guild as it has evolved. Now we have male members too. We had a lovely evening of celebrations on February 26th when we welcomed as guests the Rev. James Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McNally, Mrs. Catherine McKinnon, Mrs. Lynne Vint and from Glasgow North Presbyterial Council Mrs. Elspeth McLeod and Mrs. Jan McMeeking.



Greetings were brought to the Guild by the Rev. James Ross and then by Mrs. Vint on behalf of the Rev. Vint who was unwell. Mrs. Helen Provan read out a letter from the session. Mrs. McLeod not only brought greetings from Glasgow North Presbyterial Council but she also presented Long Service Certificates to 13 Guild members who between them have accumulated 410 years of service to the Guild.

Mrs. Nan Kinvig as the longest serving member of the Guild and Mrs. Annabel Smith as longest serving member of the committee cut the beautiful cake made by Mr. William Shaw. Indeed we cannot thank William enough because not only did he make the special cake he also prepared, with the help of Helen, the wonderful buffet which was much enjoyed by all. The entertainment for the evening was provided by an excellent singing quartet, Willow Moon whose programme was varied and suitably uplifting. I would like to thank the committee for all their hard work in preparing for the evening and for decorating the hall so beautifully.

The psalmist tells us the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever so we can be confident that he will continue to love us as we go forth in joy and love into the future always being challenged to remember the Guild motto – **“Whose we are and whom we serve”**.

If you are not a Guild member yet why not join us in October when our new session begins and give the Guild a go. You can be sure of a warm welcome.

Margaret Brown, Convener.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the thirteen ladies who received Long Service Certificates at the Guild's 70th Anniversary Celebrations on February 26th. They were Mrs. Nan Kinvig (50 years), Mrs. Margaret Mitchell (45 years), Mrs. Cathie McIlwain (45 years), Mrs. Jean Weir (35 years), Mrs. Berta Kennedy (35 years), Mrs. Isabelle Tennant (30 years), Mrs. Elizabeth Anderson (30 years), Mrs. Annabel Smith (30 years), Mrs. Ann McCallum (25 years),

Mrs. Clem Bryden (25 years), Mrs.

Elizabeth McLachlan (20 years), Mrs. Barbara Smith (20 years) and Mrs. Aileen Weldon (20 years). A huge thank you to the ladies who between them have given 410 years of service to the Anderson Parish Church Guild.



Brighten Each Day
with God's Word!

 BIBLE



The Continuing Story

Over the last few issues of the Magazine, we have been thinking about the Gospel of Luke, reminding ourselves that Luke is unique in being the only Gentile writer of any books of the New Testament.

In the Gospel he concentrates, inevitably, on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Here we see the mighty acts of God bringing us salvation and reconciliation between humanity and God. But the next question for any thinking person has to be “Well what happened next?” Was Jesus remembered or did his memory die out. Did his followers continue to believe after he had gone? “Did the message spread, and if so, how and by whom?” Luke seems to anticipate all these questions and he answers them in the second volume of his writings which we have in our Bibles as the “Book of Acts” and an exciting story it is. Below we have some Memory Verses from the end of the Gospel and from Acts. They pick out high points in the early story of the Church.

April: Luke 23 Vs 34

We start with the closing act of the Gospel – Christ on the cross and about to die. This comprises one of the seven “words” from the cross recorded in the Gospels and is addressed to the Father on behalf of those who were involved in his condemnation and death

“Jesus said “Father forgive them, for they know not what they are doing” and they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

May: Luke 24 Vs 30&31

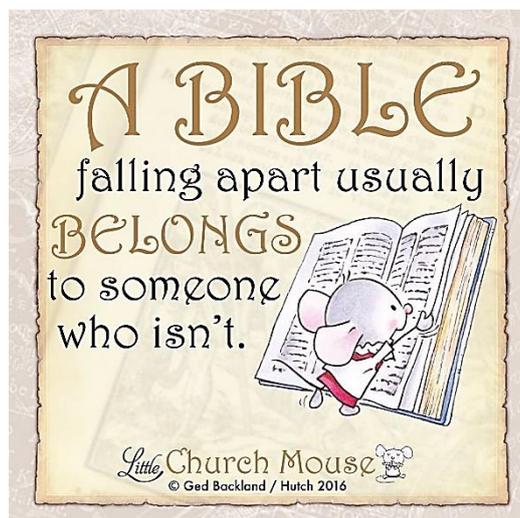
The disciples make the discovery that Jesus is alive as he shares a journey with them as they prepare to leave Jerusalem. Sharing a meal with them on the way they suddenly realise from his actions that this is the risen Christ. So it is proved true. He has risen

“When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks and broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him and he disappeared from their sight.”

June: Acts 2 Vs 3&4

The Church really gets launched on the Day of Pentecost (fifty days after Easter) when the Holy Spirit came on them, enabling them to proclaim the Truth of Christ with boldness and without fear. Here was the inspiration they needed. From now on nothing would hold the Church back

“They saw what seemed to be to tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the spirit enabled them “



The Power Of Prayer

Not surprisingly we are keen to encourage prayer within our congregation, for it is such a precious and powerful gift that God has given us. We attempt to do this in several ways

First of all we have the regular “Topics for Prayer” that Anne puts up on slides each Sunday. These attempt to pick out significant current events either on a global scale or more locally. The final theme usually centres around some events in the life of our own congregation. Take a few moments before the service to think on these themes and get tuned in ready for sharing in worship.

WE also provide cards for people to write out specific “Prayer Requests” These can be placed in the box by the door on the “Coachman” side of the Church. These can be totally anonymous if you so wish. These requests will be taken up both at the “Pause for Prayer” on Friday mornings and at the prayer time at the Midweek Fellowship on Thursday evenings. It might surprise you to know that we have a regular prayer list of over a dozen names. The cards for writing your requests are on top of the “Prayer Request” box.

Each Sunday morning at the end of the service there is an opportunity to pray in the “Prayer Corner”. You will be joined there by whoever is on duty providing this service. Here you can share the most personal requests in total confidentiality – these can be asking for healing, for guidance, for the solution to some problem, for the relief in the midst of some grief, or to give us thanks for some answer to prayer that you have received or any other topic that is concerning you. Now we haven’t made too much use of this to date, but it is available and we encourage you to use it.

We also receive quite a number of “Prayer Diaries” from various Christian organisations such as S.U., Mission Aviation Fellowship, The Bible Society and “Care”. If you would like to make use of any of these to help you develop a regular structured prayer life, please ask Alex Fleming for them.

It seems a shame that God has given us such a resource and promised to hear and answer our prayers, but we don’t care enough to make regular use of this gift



Over 70's Dinner

The over 70's Dinner took place on Saturday 24th March.

A company of around 70 people enjoyed a beautiful meal prepared by Mr William Shaw. Special guests were the Rev James Ross, Rev Allan & Mrs Lynne Vint and Mrs Jan Bateman who represented the Kirk Session

The afternoon concluded with entertainment by the Church Praise Group led by Mrs Jan Bateman.

Special thanks go to Mrs Cathie McIlwain for organising the dinner



Our Family



Birthdays

Mrs Lily McFarlane, of Glen Garrell Place, who celebrated her 90th Birthday on the 29th March

Rev James Ross, of Turnberry Gardens, Cumbernauld, who will celebrate his 85th Birthday on the 26th April

Anniversaries

Elizabeth & David Anderson of Craigends Court &
Clem & John Bryden of Livingstone Park

Congratulations to both couples who recently celebrated the Diamond Wedding Anniversaries

Deaths

Psalm 23:4 *Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,*

Mrs Betty McDonald, Bankview Nursing Home on the 24th January

Mr John Adam, Weavers Court on the 10th March

Mrs Betty Gordon, Charles Street on the 31st March

Congratulations

To Amanda Morris who recently graduated from Glasgow University with an MSc with Distinction in Medical Genetics and Genomics.

(Amanda is the daughter of Sandra and Alan Morris)



Many Thanks

'Thank you' to Mr Vint and all my friends in Church on the many, many flowers and cards received on the death of John. It meant such a lot knowing so many people cared for us.

Eileen Adam

The family of Ethel Docherty would like to say a very special thank you to Rev Allan Vint and the members of Anderson Parish Church for cards flowers and expressions of sympathy and support on the death of Ethel. Also Walter Jarvie for his recording /filming, enabling our family in Canada and Australia to join us at the service. We would also like to take the opportunity to thank friends/members who visited Ethel at home bringing pastoral care, fellowship, church magazines, news, recordings of church services and flowers, It was always very much appreciated. Also thank you to the ladies and gents at the drop in, for their companionship and chat, the lovely home baking and making all the family feel so welcome. We also appreciated it very much.

Marilyn Provan

To The Congregation And Community Of The Anderson Church

On behalf of our mother, Mrs Betty Gordon and my brothers Peter and John, we would all like to express our sincere thanks for all the kind wishes and solicitations received for Betty. Mum is in hospital again and is feeling very frail, poorly and not herself, however she always gains strength from the numerous enquiries after her health and the prayers offered on her behalf. The Anderson Church community have been exceptional in their consideration for our Mother and for this we are grateful. Hopefully Betty will be out of hospital soon. Her life has changed irrevocably, but every day we are thankful that we can still talk to her, care for her and we are so thankful for the years we have had with her and hopefully will have in the future. Our warm thanks to you all

Elsa Gordon

(I was sorry to hear of the death of Mrs Betty Gordon, But Elsa had given me this thank you beforehand and I thought it was fitting for Betty's memory to leave it in. Helen x)

Thank you very much for the beautiful flower arrangement we received on the occasion of our Diamond Anniversary. Also to Molly for delivering the Church flowers. Many thanks to all.

Elizabeth & David Anderson

I would like to thank my Anderson Family for the flowers I received recently. I am grateful that I am still in your thoughts although I don't manage to Church very often. Thank you

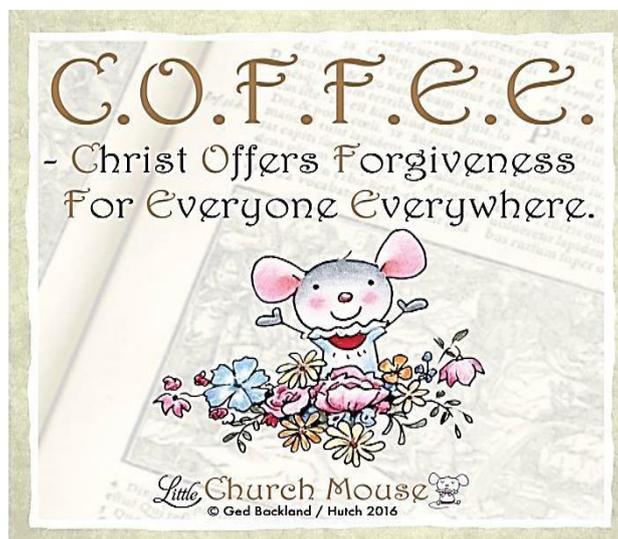
Jessie Cleland

We would like to thank our 'extended family' for the many messages of sympathy and support following the death of Allan's mum. These messages have brought encouragement and reminders of the love shared here and of God's compassion, who holds us all in his hands. Much love

Allan & Lynne Vint

Flower List

- 8th April: Nan Kinvig
- 15th April: Elizabeth McNiven
- 22nd April: Sandra Allen
- 29th April: Anne Leishman
- 6th May: Liz Grant
- 13th May: Anne Johnston
- 20th May: Rita McKerron
- 27th May: The Abercrombie Family
- 3rd June: Betty Goodwin



The Story Behind The Hymn

Lead Kindly Light

In 1833, the young theologian and Anglican vicar John Henry Newman (1801-90) was traveling in the Mediterranean when he was struck down by a fever that nearly killed him. 'My servant thought I was dying and begged for my last directions,' he recalled in his autobiography. 'I gave them as he wished, but I said, "I shall not die, for I have not sinned against light."'

Newman recovered slowly, but felt desperately homesick. On the way back to England, he took an orange boat from Palermo to Marseilles which was becalmed in the Straits of Bonifacio. Thus stranded, in an exhausted and emotional state, Newman was impelled to write this verse as a meditative poem called 'The Pillar of the Cloud', expressive of his longing for consoling Christian certainties in an age of mounting doubt.

There has been much puzzlement over the nature of the 'kindly light' and the identity of the lost 'angel faces' in the last line. When challenged on these points, Newman replied crisply, 'I am not bound to remember my own meaning.'

He was displeased when the poem was turned into a hymn in 1845 – by which time he had converted to Catholicism, where congregational hymn-singing formed no part of divine service.

To no avail: his words embodied the maudlin spirit of the age, to the point at which Queen Victoria asked it to be read to her as she lay dying. It was also the last hymn to be sung on the Titanic – not, as is sometimes said, as the liner was actually sinking, but at the final service given on board by the chaplain on the afternoon before the disaster.

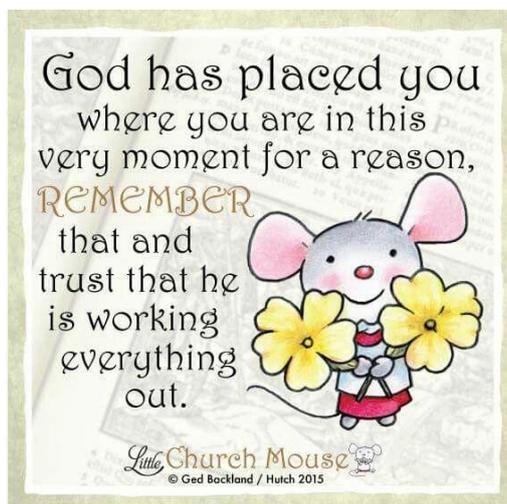


KILSYTH COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

We are still accepting non-perishable donations especially meat that could be used for dinners and have a box out in the vestibule or goods can be handed in at the drop-in on a Friday or put in the box in the vestibule on a Sunday morning.



"Helping to alleviate hunger in our town"



Best Wishes to All from 2nd Kilsyth Girls' Brigade Company

We have been working hard since we came back from the Christmas break and at the moment are putting together our plans for our annual parents' Evening which will take place on Tuesday 24th

April at 7pm. The small but faithful group of girls is working hard to present their learning over the session. All are welcome to attend this event. Some home baking would be appreciated.

The leaders and girls recognise and are grateful for the sustained support of the Church community and the Kirk Session.



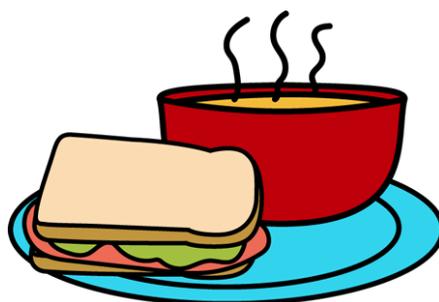
Calling all ex- Captains, Leaders and Girls.

We are holding a Soup & Sandwich Event on Sunday 17th June immediately after the morning service to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of Girls Brigade. This is also a fund-raiser for this year's chosen charities,

Bliss and Water-Aid.

We would love to see everyone there.

If you know of anyone from 1st Kilsyth (Congregational Church) or any other Company, please invite them along too. Let me know using my details on the back of the magazine.



BB NEWS



I can't believe that we are almost at the end of another session. The Boys have been working hard for their badges which will be presented on Parents' Night. The Anchor Boys and Junior Section will have a joint Parents' and Friends night on Wednesday 9th May at 7pm. The Company Section evening will be held on Monday 14th May, again at 7pm. We look forward to your support for the Boys.

The Junior Section is looking forward to their camp at Ardeonaig at the end of May. Thanks to John Paterson, Ellie and Scott Anderson for leading this activity.

Aileen Mitchell, Lynne Rodgers and I will represent the Junior Section at a Civic Reception provided by North Lanarkshire Council in the Coachman Hotel on Saturday 14th April. This reception is to mark the Centenary of the BB Junior Section.

The day of our departure for Malawi, 7th June, is racing towards us. Arrangements are going well - flights are booked, passports all in order, getting there with jabs etc., permission has been given and a contract signed for our work of building classrooms (just got to pay the £25 500 for that), our itinerary has almost been agreed and we have started to look at travel uniforms. Special thanks go to Lee and Ewan Moody who are going to drive our excess baggage to London and meet us at the airport. Enquiries have been made about getting our money changed to US dollars. We are quite well organised, but still a few things to sort out.

Biscuit wrappers have brought in £97 so far with more to be collected from friends. We should be able to get a couple of bikes from that money.

Fund raising to cover our costs is still ongoing. The McFarlane's have organised a Disco in the Masonic Hall on Saturday 14th April - £5 per ticket if anyone wants to go. The postponed (because of the heavy snow) Ceilidh has been rearranged for Saturday 21st April in Queenzieburn Community hall - £10 per ticket (ask Douglas if you'd like a ticket) Buffet supper will be provided at both functions.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone who has supported us in any way this year - we always get a lot of support from you. Thanks for the cable, cans, biscuit wrappers and, of course, your monetary donations in support of our work in Malawi. It is appreciated, not just by us, but by the children whom we strive to help. God bless you all.



Church Diary

Sunday:	<u>Morning worship</u>	11.00am
	<u>Evening worship</u>	6.30pm
	(fellowship after both services)	
	Time for prayer Wyper Hall	6.00pm
Monday:	<u>Ladies Bowling</u>	10.30am
	<u>The Guild</u>	7.30pm
Tuesday:	<u>Girls Brigade:</u>	
	Explorers (P1-P3)	6.00pm
	Juniors & Brigaders (P4 +)	7.00pm
Wednesday:	<u>Praise Group</u>	7.30pm
	<u>Boys Brigade:</u>	
	Anchor Boys (P1 -P3)	5.45pm
	Junior Section (P4 -P6)	6.30pm
	Company Section (P7 +Secondary)	7.30pm
Thursday:	<u>Mid-week Fellowship</u>	
	Wyper Hall	7.00pm
Friday:	<u>'Drop in Café</u>	
	Wyper Hall	10.00am - noon

Dates for your Diary



Wednesday 11 th April:	Joint Kirk Session & Board of Managers	7:30pm
Tuesday 17 th April:	Kirk Session, Wyper Hall	7:30pm
Monday 23 rd April:	Senior Citizens concert organised by The Rotary Club	
Tuesday 24 th April:	Girls Brigade Parents Night	7:00pm
Tuesday 8 th May:	Board of Managers, Wyper Hall	7:00pm
Wednesday 9 th May:	BB Parents Night Anchor Boys Junior Section	7:00pm
Monday 14 th May:	BB Parents Night Company Section	7:00pm

Christian Aid Week begins

Sunday 13th May



DATE	DOOR DUTY	INTIMATIONS
8 TH APRIL	MRS M WADDELL/MR C WADDELL/MRS H DODDS	MRS C McILWAIN
15 TH APRIL	MRS C McILWAIN/MR W McILWAIN/ MRS B KENNEDY	MR B SMITH
22 ND APRIL	MRS M BROWN/MRS H PROVAN/MRS A SMITH	MR W SHAW
29 TH APRIL	MRS I TENNANT/MR B SMITH/MRS P KERR	MRS M WADDELL
6 TH MAY	MISS C JOHNSTON/MR H SMITH/ MRS A McCALLUM	MR J WEIR
13 TH MAY	MRS A MITCHELL/MR J WEIR/MRS B BEAVER	MRS D BARROWMAN
20 TH MAY	MRS D BARROWMAN/MRS M COWIE/MR J GORDON	MRS M BROWN
27 TH MAY	MISS A STRANG/MR A STRANG, MRS A SNEDDON	MISS C JOHNSTON
3 RD JUNE	MISS R DAWSON/MRS H GORDON/MRS L GRANT	MR D ANDERSON

Please let me know if I have forgotten to include your article in this edition and I will sort it for the next one.
Helen x

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If you wish to listen to the morning service again,
it can be found on the church website

CD MINISTRY

A copy of the morning service can be provided.

**Please speak to your Pastoral Care visitor
who can arrange for a copy**

**Items of news, special occasions, etc. for the next
Newsletter should be given to
Helen Shaw by Sunday 27th May 2018**

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