



Kilsyth
Anderson
News

February/March
2019

From the Manse... Happy New Year!! I say that because this is the first magazine of 2019, even though we are now into February. Actually, the passing of time has been a feature of my thinking in recent times. Last year, we were celebrating the 125th anniversary of our church building. These past few months, the Kirk Session and I have been having meetings with presbytery representatives because, you may remember, I was appointed for a 5-year reviewable tenure and that 5-year period has now past. In due course, the Presbytery will consider its plan for the future ministry here. My hope is that things will remain largely unchanged. However, while together we ponder and celebrate the past, it is right that we should also actively consider what the future might hold for the Anderson Church.



It was back in the April 2018 edition of the magazine that I first alerted the congregation to conversations and planning which had begun concerning changes to the church sanctuary. The basic idea was that, as a congregation, we needed to make the best use of our facilities in ways which would enhance our mission as a church. Mission is always a priority for us, but it surely has a heightened prominence at this time of numerical decline. The sanctuary area has been a focus for our efforts since the need for enhanced disabled facilities; new lighting and redecoration has already been identified within the sanctuary area. We further see the opportunity to create a more flexible space for Sunday worship and for wider community engagement.

The Kirk Session has set up a Sanctuary development group which have been actively looking at what other congregations have done to make their sanctuary more mission focused. The group has engaged a number of advisory groups including those from the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland, Glasgow Presbytery, the Church of Scotland heating advisor, lighting consultants and engineers. We have also now appointed an architect who has been engaged to draw up plans for a suitable scheme here. At a recent meeting of the Kirk Session, the church elders were happy to receive the plans submitted by the architect, along with ideas of the costs involved. The next step is to bring the plans to the congregation, which will form part of our Annual Stated Meeting. The year the ASM will be on Monday the 25th of March at 7pm. In addition to the usual business, there will be a presentation of the proposals for the suggested Sanctuary development. It would be great to see you for that meeting which will also afford us a chance to gather your thoughts and views.

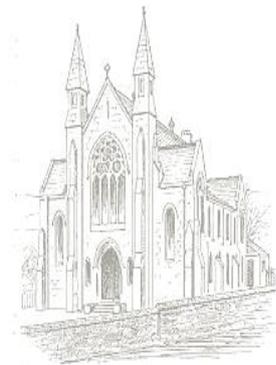
Making changes to the sanctuary area in a church is always a daunting prospect. We all enjoy these current beautiful surroundings which we know and value, and so the

idea of transitioning to something different can create unease, uncertainty and trepidation. I imagine those were the kind of feelings which the congregation had when they decided to build a new church on the Kingston Road after 125 years in their previous building. Their journey of faith is what we have inherited today. I hope that we will, in our generation, continue the journey to discover the next step that God wants us to take.

A new year comes with new opportunities to worship, witness and serve our Lord. May God bless us as we discern together his call upon us as individuals and as a congregation.

Yours in His service. **Allan**

Our Church



As readers will know, the congregation is currently facing a financial challenge because our income (ie our giving) does not meet the minimum required to pay all our regular bills, far less allow us to carry out any improvement or repair works on fabric and furnishings. Sunday worshippers will have seen the stark reality of the numbers in the weekly intimations sheet.

This is a matter that should concern every single person who uses the church premises for any purpose on any day of the week. And the good news is there are some things you can do straight away to help!

- Everyone was asked you to pray about this matter – please keep doing this.
- You were also asked to review your giving to see if it is a ‘fitting proportion’ of your current income. If you have not done anything about this yet please consider increasing what you give.
- If you currently put cash in the open plate, please consider getting a set of WFO envelopes instead – and if you are a tax payer, sign a gift aid form so that we can claim back up to 25p per £1 back from HMRC. Helen Shaw the treasurer can give you the form which only takes a moment to fill out.
- Have you considered setting up a Direct Debit mandate? If for some reason you are unable to attend church, you are still contributing to the upkeep of the church. (ask Helen Shaw for bank details.)

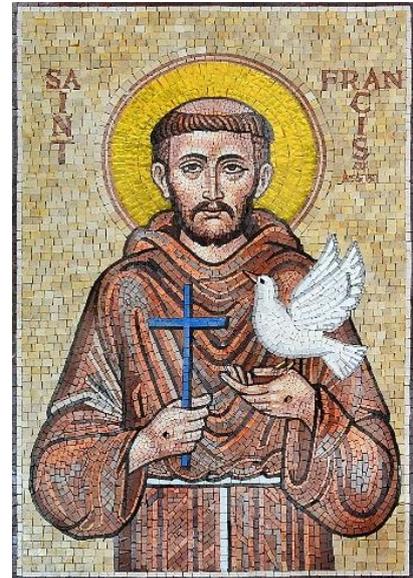
The Board of Managers will be putting a fundraising campaign into action over the coming months. The congregation is full of talented people and we know how brilliant everyone is at volunteering - so board members will soon be looking for people to put their skills to good use and join in a variety of fundraising challenges and events. This campaign will include things you can do in your own house, online or in person. Leading, following, in groups or on your own, as part of your routine or as a special one off – there’ll be something for everyone.

So please keep an eye open for opportunities and be ready to give of your time and talents as well as your money.

tory behind the Hymn.....

Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace

The anonymous text that is usually called the Prayer of Saint Francis (or Peace Prayer, or Simple Prayer for Peace, or Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace) is a widely known Christian prayer for peace. Often associated with the Italian Saint Francis of Assisi (c. 1182 – 1226), but entirely absent from his writings, the prayer in its present form has not been traced back further than 1912. Its first known occurrence was in French, in a small spiritual magazine called *La Clochette* (The Little Bell), published by a Catholic Church organization in Paris named *La Ligue de la Sainte-Messe* (The League of the Holy Mass). The author's name was not given, although it may have been the founder of *La Ligue*, Father Esther Bouquerel. The prayer was heavily publicized during both World War I and World War II. It has been frequently set to music by notable songwriters and quoted by prominent leaders, and its broadly inclusive language has found appeal with diverse faiths encouraging service to others.

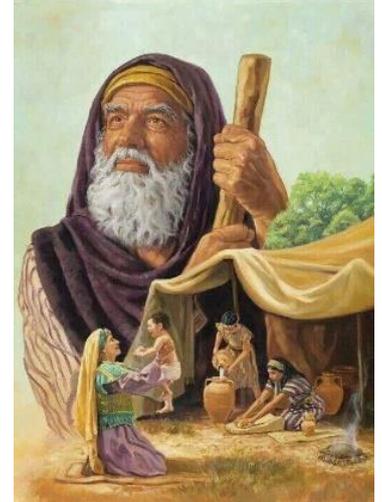


The most-prominent hymn version of the prayer is "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace", or simply "Prayer of St. Francis", adapted and set to a chant-like melody in 1967 by South African songwriter **Sebastian Temple** (Johann Sebastian von Tempelhoff, 1928–1997), who had become a third order Franciscan. The hymn is an anthem of the Royal British Legion and is usually sung at its annual Festival of Remembrance. In 1997 it was part of the Funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales. In 1986, Pope John Paul II recited the prayer in bidding farewell to the global religious leaders he hosted for the first "World Day of Prayer for Peace", in Assisi at the Basilica of St. Francis name as a tribute to St. Francis, "the man who gives us this spirit of peace".

Mother Teresa of Calcutta made it part of the morning prayers of the Roman Catholic religious institute she founded, the Missionaries of Charity. She attributed importance to the prayer when receiving the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo in 1979. It became the anthem of many Christian schools in Kolkata. South Africa's Anglican archbishop Desmond Tutu, winner of the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize for his non-violent leadership against apartheid, declared that the prayer was "an integral part" of his devotions.

The prayer is referenced in the Alcoholics Anonymous book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* (1953), and is often known to AA members as the "Step Eleven Prayer".

BIBLE QUIZ: Abram



1. Abram was a descendant of which of Noah's three sons? (*Genesis 11:10-26*)

Shem Ham Japheth Peleg

2. Who did Abram marry? (*Genesis 11:29*)

Sarai Milcah Esther Rebekah

3. What health condition did Abram's wife have?
(*Genesis 11:30*)

Infertility Palsy Blindness Lameness

4. The Lord commanded Abram to: (*Genesis 12:1-3*)

Lead a militia to destroy the Tower of Babel

Prepare his family for a 10-year famine

Leave his home country for a different land

Preach the gospel to the Canaanites

5. The Lord promises that if Abram would obey His commandment (Question 4), Abram would: (*Genesis 12:1-3*)

Become the greatest prophet of all time

Become the leader of a great nation

Be taken up to heaven to live with God

Live for hundreds of years

6. Abram and his family went to Egypt to escape: (*Genesis 12:10*)

The Canaanite politicians

The Babylonian army

Famine

Robbers

7. Why did Abram think that he would be killed in Egypt?

(*Genesis 12:11-13*)

The Egyptian men would want his wife

The Egyptians would want to steal his riches

The Egyptians would be afraid that he would gain too much power

The Egyptians would hate him for preaching about the true God

8. In order to avoid being killed by the Egyptians, what did Abram tell his wife to do? (*Genesis 12:11-13*)

Bury his gold Tell the Egyptians that he was insane

Hide him under the cot in their tent Pretend she was his sister

9. Why did the Lord plague the Pharaoh's house? (*Genesis 12:15,17*)

Because Pharaoh tried to have Abram killed

Because Pharaoh wouldn't listen to Abram's warnings

Because Pharaoh stole Abram's property

Because Pharaoh took Abram's wife in as his own wife

10. Throughout his travels in the wilderness, what did Abram do to show his respect for the Lord? (*Genesis 12:7-8*)

Wrote psalms to praise Him

Built altars and made sacrifices

Covered his head with a special cap

Carved statues of Him

11. Who was Lot? (Genesis 11:27)

- Abram's nephew
- Abram's son
- Abram's brother-in-law
- Abram's brother

12. Why did Abram and Lot part? (Genesis 13:5-6)

- Lot killed one of Abram's herdsman
- There was not enough room for both of their families to live together
- They hated each other
- Lot's family slowed Abram's family down too much

13. What did the Lord promise Abram after he and Lot parted? (Genesis 13:16)

- Abram would never die if he remained faithful
- Abram's family would always be protected from Lot's family
- Abram's offerings would always be accepted by the Lord
- Abram's seed would be as numerous as the dust of the earth

14. When Abram heard that Lot was captured in the battle of the kinds: (Genesis 14:14-16)

- He rescued Lot and his family
- He traveled to Lot's camp and plundered it
- He rent his clothes and mourned
- He praised the Lord

15. Which king blessed Abram? (Genesis 14:18-20)

- The king of Sodom
- King Melchizedek
- The king of Elam
- King David

16. When the king of Sodom offered Abram the spoils of the war: (Genesis 14:21-24)

- He took a third of it
- He wouldn't take any of it
- He took half of it
- He took all of it

17. What did Abram ask of the Lord? (Genesis 15:1-5)

- Posterity
- Wisdom
- Protection
- Longevity

18. Why did Abram's wife tell him to marry her handmaid, Hagar? (Genesis 16:2)

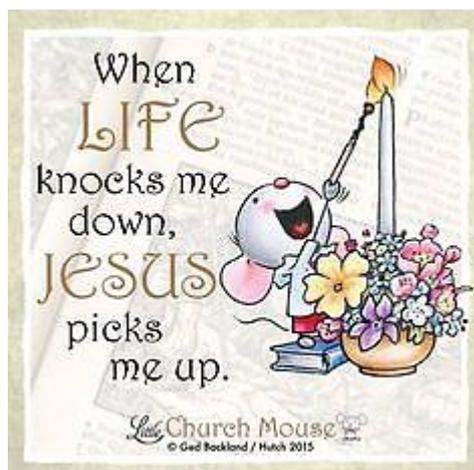
- Because she no longer loved Abram
- Because Abram convinced her to let him
- Because the Lord told her to tell Abram this
- Because they could obtain children through Hagar

19. What was the name of the son of Abram and Hagar? (Genesis 16:11)

- Icarus
- Israel
- Ishmael
- Isaac

20. The Lord commanded Abram, "...walk before me, and be thou _____." (Genesis 17:1)

- Clean
- perfect
- humble
- comforted



Cause For Thanks

It did our hearts good to be at the “Prayer

Afternoon” on Sunday 13th January. WHY?

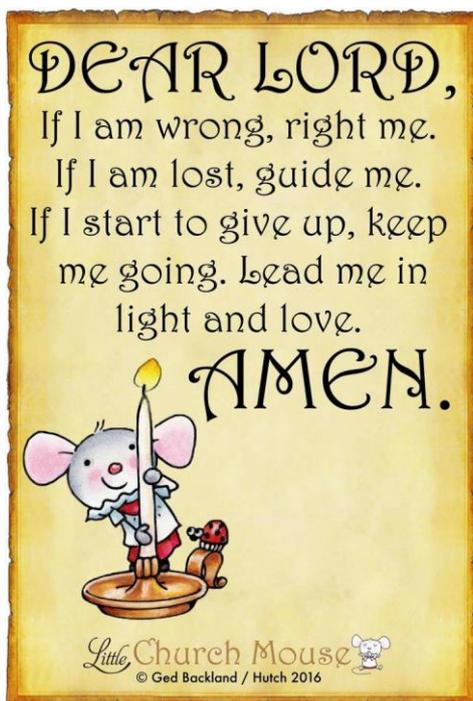
First of all because of the numbers attending.

Over the whole afternoon we had twenty-nine

present for at least part of the time. We started small, with not many numbers coming through to the Wyper hall for soup, but by the time prayers began, we were into double figures. In the middle of the afternoon we were up to around twenty although this fell back to nine for the last part of the afternoon. It was a very worthwhile effort and the turnout the same as in previous years.

Secondly, what was most encouraging was the presence of two boys from the JAM Club who had come to share prayers they had prepared themselves. Both Calum & Lewis took part and Betty & Hazel read little prayers written by other members of the JAM Club who were not able to be there. It was very moving.

The third encouraging feature was the sheer number of those who were willing to pray out loud. We had a lovely variety of voices each offering simple, sincere



and heartfelt prayers that had been prepared and then expressed beautifully what those praying wished to say to God. Add to all that the amount of silent prayer that was undoubtedly going on and you get the picture of an afternoon well spent and in a phrase used several times it was a time that was “God honouring”. I am sure it was and will be blessed.

Well done everyone, and thanks.

What An Amazing Time



When we read the Gospels we can clearly see that there were several big “turning points” in Jesus life and ministry.

We have just passed through Christmas and that, of course, represents one of the really major turning points. His life and work begins with a miracle and don't lets shy away from saying that. It is truly incredible that God should come to us in human flesh.

We find that the next point of note was when he was at the start of his teenage years and was in Jerusalem with Mary and Joseph. They lost him and only after a search do they find him back in

the Temple where he is astonishing the scholars and theologians by the way he is asking and answering questions. His parents ask why he has behaved as he has done and he replies in the words of our memory verse. Clearly he is already deeply aware of his divine origins and his ultimate destiny.

February: Luke Ch 2 Vs 49 & 50

“Why are you searching for me?” he asked. “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?” but they didn’t understand what he was saying to them.

Luke now goes on to the next turning point and the preparation for the actual start of the Public ministry. He tells of Jesus baptism by John in the Jordan. This is remarkable for John's baptism is a baptism of repentance – but Jesus was without sin and had no need to repent. True- but this is Jesus identifying with John's ministry of preparing the way and of calling people to a total change of life by repenting and turning around.

March: Luke Ch 3 Vs 21 & 22

When all the people were being baptised, Jesus was baptised too. And the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased”.

Luke now goes on to tell of Jesus temptations immediately following his baptism. That was a turning point. However the next memory verse follows this for it is the beginning of Jesus ministry. It concerns his first ‘sermon’ in the synagogue of his home town in Nazareth. In the sermon he draws directly from Old Testament prophesy by quoting Isaiah. Here he is then setting out his manifesto – telling of his work and the different sort of message he has come to proclaim.

April: Luke Ch 4 Vs 18 & 19

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”



GIRLS BRIGADE

Happy New Year From Everyone At The Girls Brigade! The Brigaders have had a very busy time! In November they took charge of the stall at the Christmas Fair- they did very well in their market skills, selling crafts that they made on a Tuesday night. This included candles, cake plates and decorations. December started off with the special Gift Service. They tuned their acting skills and presented a play about Jesus' birthday. However, the twist in the play was that none of the presents were for Jesus and he ended up giving presents to all of us- presents that would last forever, including 'everlasting life', 'knowing that God is there', and that He is the answer to all our prayers. They then enjoyed a Christmas party, with lots of games.

The Juniors have had a great time in December! They have been learning all about how to reduce, re-use and recycle. As well as this the Juniors have been learning all about bumblebees, they also had a chance to try honey and put on a bee-keeper suit. And the girls had a great fun-filled Christmas party, which included; selections of biscuits and ice cream. After the delicious treats the Juniors played lots of fun games with the parachute. The girls are currently working on their dance skills and they are learning about old Scottish stories as well as continuing their research on bees.

The Explorers have been rounding off their Scottish topic and have loved hearing stories about Katie Morag. They have been learning all about St Andrew and what the Scottish flag means. We asked them to bring their unicorns as they are currently having fun learning about the unicorn on the Scottish flag.



We are looking forward to all the things we have planned, including preparing for our Parents' Night later in the year.

(Article written by Erin McFarlane, Brigader)

Mugdock Country Park

On Sunday, 3rd February after the church parade, the Brigaders went through to the Wyper hall for lunch, this was the start of a great day, we were going to



Mugdock Country park, where we would meet Alastair, who had planned an exciting afternoon for us. We made sure we were wrapped up for the conditions, given our equipment, maps, instructions and a list of activities. Our first team challenge was a navigation task, we split into two teams, one to navigate and one giving directions. Our reward for completing this challenge was

MARSHMALLOWS! Up next was “midnight wood challenge” One

of us wore dark sun glasses while the other three were blindfolded. There was rope tied in a zig zag pattern around some trees, we had to hold onto the rope with one hand and the shoulder of the person in front of us with the other. The leader then had to navigate through the trees explaining



to the others any obstacles, tree roots, etc that were underfoot. Successfully

completing this challenge, our reward was HOT CHOCOLATE! Our next challenge was to build our own shelter/camp with branches and tarpaulin. Our last challenge was to build a fire,(no lighter or matches allowed) using flints and dry sticks, grass and leaves, we all managed this challenge. Once we got a proper fire



going we used a Kelly Kettle to boil the water for our hot chocolate while we toasted our marshmallows from the fire. Finishing off a great afternoon, we retreated to the manse and to watch The Greatest Showman and devour some Dominos pizza!

(Article written by Emma More)

BOYS BRIGADE

The BB's are back in full swing after the Christmas break with badge work in all sections ongoing. We had a very special visitor with us in January, the Deputy First Minister for Scotland, John Swinney. Mr Swinney gave the Junior and Company section a talk on his BB career and how it helped define his career in Politics. He discussed the fun times he had, including BB camps and competitions he took part in as well as the morals which the Boys Brigade installed in him. This was followed by a Q&A session with the Boys – With some...Very Interesting Questions asked! Mr Swinney took part in a company picture and also had a cup of coffee with the staff.



The Anchors and Juniors are heading Adventure Planet next Wednesday (13th of February) on their annual outing. Over the next few months the Boys will be working to finalise their Badge work prior to Parents Night which will be upon us before we know it before we know it.



David Bauld will be going through his Youth Leader Training this weekend at Carronvale – Good Luck David.

Flower List

3 rd February	Anne McCallum
10 th February	Clem Bryden
17 th February	Mollie Muirhead
24 th February	Jean Weir
3 rd March	Anne Johnstone
10 th March	Jan Bateman
17 th March	Jane Barclay (Communion)
24 th March	May Hamilton
31 st March	Jean Robertson



Acknowledgments



Please pass on our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all the congregation for their most kind and generous donations of Christmas gifts for the people and families of the Preshal Trust.
May Nicholson

It was a real surprise to receive the call from the Church and we were delighted to receive the gifts and monetary donations. 95% of the gifts have already been handed out with a few held back for emergencies

Blessings

Major Gillian Jackson



Our Family

Births

Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him

Psalm 127:3

Congratulations to Ruth & Liam Cox on the birth of their son, Sam on the 8th January, a little brother for Farren & Charlie



Special Birthdays

Congratulations to Annie McGinnes who recently celebrated her 90th Birthday on the 17th January

Best Wishes to Margaret Sturrock who celebrated her 80th Birthday on the 24th November

Congratulations to Babs Burns who turned a sprightly 89 on the 25th November

Congratulations to Jessie Cleland who celebrated her 90th birthday on Boxing Day

Deaths

So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice and no-one will take away your joy.
John Ch 16 v 22 (NIV)



17th December: Mrs Joyce McManus, Craig-en-Goyne Nursing Home

December 2018: Mrs Florence Whyte, Bankview Nursing Home

3rd February: Miss May Erskine, High Barrwood, Kilsyth

11th February: Mr David Dodds, Balmalloch Road, Kilsyth

With Thanks

Many thanks for the lovely flowers I received recently. Much appreciated
Babs Taggart

Thank you for the beautiful flowers I received from the Church. I would also like to thank Molly for delivering them, your kindness is much appreciated

Betty Beaver

I would like to thank the Anderson Church minister and the congregation for all the beautiful flowers and cards I received for my 90th Birthday, also for the church flowers, kindly delivered by Molly. I would also like to thank the Guild for the lovely cake and for inviting my family to join me at the Guild to help me celebrate. This has been a very emotional time for me and I appreciate your kindness so much.

Annie McGinnes

The Cox family would like to thank everyone for kind wishes on the birth of baby Sam it was a lovely surprise to receive the church flowers the week he was born. He is settling in well and being totally spoiled by Farren and Charlie. I'm sure he will be a regular face at jam club once we are in a better routine...
thanks again

Ruth & Liam

Thank you for the flowers, cards and prayers while John was in hospital, much appreciated

Clem Bryden

How nice to receive the Church flowers early December after Bill being hospitalised in Edinburgh. Bill is much better now and we also thank you all for prayers during this time, Blessings

Bill & Catriona Clark



I would like to thank you for the lovely flowers that I received on the Sunday between Christmas and New Year. They were very gratefully received but just to be in your thoughts was much appreciated

Eva Erskine

I would like to thank the minister and everyone for the beautiful flowers and cards I received recently. I hope everyone had a good Christmas and New Year

Cathy Pinkerton

Many thanks for the flowers I received recently from the Church, they fairly brightened up my day. I am glad to know that I am still in your thoughts although I am not able to be with you

Margaret Hughes

This should have been included in the last magazine and under the circumstances I felt that I should include it. Thoughts and prayers are with the family.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in our Anderson Church family for their thoughts, prayers, cards and flowers over the last year. Praying all will have a lovely Christmas and best wishes for the New Year

Hilda & David Dodds

"IN *Happy*
MOMENTS,
PRAISE GOD.
IN DIFFICULT MOMENTS,
SEEK *God.*
IN QUIET
MOMENTS,
trust GOD.
IN EVERY MOMENT,
THANK *God.*"

Church Diary

Sunday:	<u>Morning worship</u>	11.00am
	<u>Evening worship</u>	6.30pm
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>Bible & Blether</u>	2.00pm
	<u>Praise Group</u>	7.30pm
	<u>Manse Discussion 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

Contact for urgent Pastoral Care

Minister: Rev Dr Allan Vint

Session Clerk: Mrs Elizabeth Strang

Dates For Your Diary



Sun 3 rd Feb	Family Service	
	Service at Craig-en-Goyne	3.15pm
	Praise Service	6.30pm
Tues 5 th Feb	Parish Grouping Meeting	7.30pm
Wed 6 th Feb	Bible & Blether resumes	2.00pm
	Manse Discussion Group	7.30pm
Thurs 7 th Feb	Midweek Fellowship resumes	7.30pm
Wed 13 th Feb	Praise Group	7.30pm
Sun 17 th Feb	Prayer evening	6.30pm
Tues 19 th Feb	Session Meeting	7.00pm
Sat 23 rd Feb	Over 70's Dinner	2.30pm
Tues 26 th Feb	Finance Group meeting	7.30pm
Sun 3 rd Mar	Family Service	11.00am
Sun 17 th Mar	Communion	11.00am & 6.30pm
Tues 19 th Mar	Joint Managers/Session meeting	7.00pm
Mon 25 th Mar	Annual Stated Meeting	7.00pm

DATE	DOOR DUTY	INTIMATIONS
3 RD FEB	MRS A MITCHELL/MR J WEIR/MRS J WEIR	MRS M WADDELL
10 TH FEB	MRS H PROVAN/MRS M COWIE/MRS P KERR	MR J WEIR
17 TH FEB	MISS R DAWSON/MRS H GORDON/MR C STURROCK	MRS D BARROWMAN
24 TH FEB	MRS L ANDERSON/MR D ANDERSON/MRS B KENNEDY	MRS M BROWN
3 RD MAR	MRS H SHAW/MR W SHAW/MRS A McCALLUM	MISS O BRITTIAN
10 TH MAR	MR A STRANG/MISS A STRANG/MRS B BEAVER	MISS C JOHNSTON
17 TH MAR	MISS A STEVENSON/MRS I TENNANT/MRS L GRANT	MRS C McILWAIN
24 TH MAR	MISS E GRAHAM/MISS O BRITTIAN/MRS E MILLER	MR W SHAW
31 ST MAR	MRS A ANDERSON/MR T ANDERSON/ MR J GORDON	MRS M WADDELL





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it can
be found on the church website](#)

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**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
magazine should be given to
Helen Shaw by Sunday 23rd March 2019**

Quiz answers

1.Shem 2.Sarai 3.Infertility 4.Leave his home country for a different land 5.Become the leader of a great nation 6.Famine 7.The Egyptian men would want his wife 8.Pretend she was his sister 9.Because Pharaoh took Abram's wife in as his own wife 10.Built altars and made sacrifices 11.Abram's nephew 12.There was not enough room for both of their families to live together 13.Abram's seed would be as numerous as the dust of the earth 14.He rescued Lot and his family 15.King Melchizedek 16.He wouldn't take any of it 17.Posterity 18.Because they could obtain children through Hagar 19.Ishmael 20.perfect