

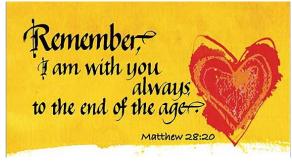
February / March 2020

From the Manse

What is the world coming to?

Fires in Australia...Floods in Asia... Corona Virus in China... Melting Ice Caps... Global Warming... Christians Persecuted (even in the UK!) Church in Decline...Godlessness (and so Crime) on the Increase...!!!

It is easy enough to be disheartened by these and other terrible events around the world, but the Bible tells us such things will happen. The Bible calls these 'signs'. They are signs that we are getting ever close to the 'Close of the Age'. This is when Jesus will return and history will draw to its conclusion.



The first Christians thought that this time would be soon after Jesus' resurrection. Obviously, as the years have gone past, Christians have lost their sense of urgency and with it much of the perceived need for mission. 'Why tell people about Jesus when

there is lots of time for them to find out for themselves?'. That would be the position many now hold. However, the Bible makes it clear that there is a time coming when Jesus will come back, and although there will be 'signs' it will come when people least expect.

One thing is clear, we are closer to the end than ever before. Surely, if we care for those around us and those further afield, then we will endeavour to tell them of their need to turn and Him will be saved for all eternity. This is worth people knowing.

At this time in Kilsyth Anderson Church we are looking for men and women

who have a deep desire to serve on our Mission Task Force. This group will soon be putting together a mission strategy for our area and leading the congregation in fulfilment of that strategy. If you feel God is prompting you to give some of your time and gifts for this important endeavour then please speak to the minister or the session clerk. We need people who are passionate about mission – is this you?



Of course, even if you are unable to be on the group you can still do your bit; firstly, pray for our outreach activities- there are many youth and adult groups, as well as special events happening in the congregation. Secondly, find someone to tell about your faith in Jesus – this is what mission is at its most basic (and most powerful).

Blessings to you all in Christ's name.

Allan

The Circle Complete

While the celebration of Christmas is now behind us, the great truth that it represents continues to light our way. God has, by a miracle come into our world, taking on human flesh, with all its weakness and in doing so has brought back together humanity and God. He does this by



dealing with the rebellion of our sin which is the cause of our alienation. Finally, after living a sinless life of love, service and humility he submits to the pain and sacrifice of the cross as he bears the cost of our sin. Thus, he opens the door to forgiveness, and a new life as His children. This is something totally new. This is the Good News of the Gospel. There is one step more and it is a vital and wonderful one. After suffering death on the cross Jesus is raised to life again and ascends to the Father where he makes intercession for us and confirms that, for those who have accepted his offer of a new life, there is the promise of eternal life with Him in Heaven. This is the Christian Hope. So lets select as memory verses words that express neatly these great truths in a story that begins with a miracle (Christmas) and ends with a miracle (Easter).

FEBRUARY

Paul, writing to the Corinthian Church, picks up this interpretation of the work Christ has done, for he speaks of God being in Christ and reconciling the world to himself. In other words, the relationship that was broken back in the garden when Adam sinned is now being restored by the coming of Christ as a man.

2 Corinthians Ch 5 Vs 18 & 19

"All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry if reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them"

MARCH

Jesus not only took human flesh but also demonstrated how humanity should live. He lived the ideal life that pleased God and fulfilled all that God had planned for us from the beginning. In his life, Christ showed what it was to obey God and to show that this would be costly. Costly because it meant removing ourselves from the throne of our lives and putting God there and then, through him, putting others next. For example – it meant being willing to



surrender our own wants to the greater need of others and being willing to give rather than always claiming everything for ourselves. Christ demonstrated this in the everyday and not least toward the very end of his life when just before his arrest he actually takes the humble part of a servant and washes the feet of his disciples as

an example of how they ought to behave and how things should be in his new community, the Church.

John Ch 13 Vs 14 & 15

"Now, that I, your Lord and Teacher have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you".

APRIL

So in the end, Christ pays the full price of our sin and it is costly indeed. As his life comes towards an end it becomes ever clearer that it cannot end in anything but his death. All the forces of the society of his day are against him. He is seen as a danger to traditional Jewish belief and as a danger to the governance of the Roman province of Judea. His death seems to provide an easy way out for them. When he goes then the problem is solved. So, Christ dies on the cross. Looked at from a human point of view it appears the hostile forces have achieved their end. That, however, is to mis-read the situation totally. Looked at from Christ's side it is a sacrificial death; a death on behalf of

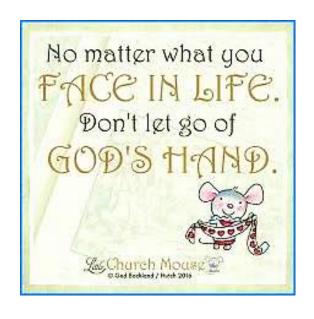


humanity and a paying of the full price of our sin. It is a substitutionary death too. Christ is taking our punishment and giving his life for us. However just three days later the whole picture is clarified when it is announced that Christ has risen. They have not got rid of him nor have they ended his work among them. God had triumphed and Christ

has claimed the victory. The story that began with a miracle at his birth has ended with a miracle at his rising. Indeed, not only is Christ alive, but he has sent his Holy Spirit to guide and sustain us and he has opened up the way to life beyond death – eternal life. As Christ now lives, so too shall we.

Mark Ch16 Vs 6

"Don't be alarmed" he said, "You are looking for Jesus, the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him".



Finance

At this time of year, the church treasurers, Helen Shaw and Ann Barrons, are very busy assembling the accounts in advance of the stated annual meeting which has to take place by the end of March. The Board of Managers was shown an advance draft of the accounts which made much better reading that this time last year as it appears we are back in the black! As members will know we publish the weekly giving against budget in the intimations



each week and there's been a clear increase over the weeks as members have reviewed their giving, which is great news – thanks to everyone who has done this. Please do consider if your weekly giving is a "fitting proportion of your time, talents and money" and think about increasing what you put in the collection if you have not done so thus far. Another factor in the health of the accounts has been both some ad hoc events such as the table top sale and the regular drawdown of gift aid from HMRC on a quarterly basis. We've been able to do this by changing the way we count and record the offerings each week and having a gift aid co-ordinator who makes the claim. If anyone who pays tax still just puts money into the collection plate, we would urge you to sign up for an envelope and sign a gift aid declaration which allows us to claim gift aid on your donations. We are not resting on our laurels though, a Gift Day is planned for this spring, around about May and we would ask everyone to pray about this. Everyone with a connection to the church will be asked to take part and we are encouraged to give generously not out of a sense of obligation, but out of love. More information will be given leading up to the Gift Day but you may wish to start saving up for it by putting a little away each week between now and then. Please continue to remember the office bearers in your prayers during this time.



Church Cleaning

An appeal was made during Sunday service looking for new volunteers for the cleaning rota, especially for a Thursday morning. If you can spare and hour or so, please speak to Margaret Waddell

The Drop-In

The ladies of the Drop-In café disbursed their funds at the end of the year. Although not a profit-making concern, £3,500.00 was raised during 2019 and was donated to the following:

Boys Brigade: £200.00 Girls Brigade: £200.00

Church Fabric Fund: £1,800.00

Church Heating & Lighting: £800.00

Strathcarron Hospice: £500.00

Thanks to those who supported the Drop-In during the year and to the ladies who provide the baking and serve the tables.

If you have not been to the Drop-In why not come along on a Friday between 10.00am and 12.00 noon and enjoy some tea or coffee, home baking and a wee chat.

Weekly Donation Envelopes

If you wish to start using envelopes for your weekly offering, please contact Helen Shaw or if you don't want the hassle of envelopes you can donate through direct debit, standing order from your bank, ask Helen for bank details.

If you are a taxpayer, the church can claim a percentage of your offering as long as you complete a gift aid form. Contact Helen or Christine Johnston for the form.



Long Service awards



On Sunday 17th November,

Mr Hugh Smith received a certificate to recognise his being an Elder for 30 years My apologies to Hugh as I got his name wrong in the last issue. Helen x

Over 70's Dinner

The Over 70's dinner is on Saturday, 29th February, 2.30pm for 3.00pm. Our entertainment for the afternoon is the Burns & Old choir. If you have reached that special age, or have not received you invite, will you please let William Shaw know.



Daffodil Lunch

Please support

The Girls Brigade are holding a Daffodil lunch after Church on Sunday, 1st March 2020. Come along and join us for soup & a roll and some sweet treats. Donations of home baking would be very much appreciated. There is a sheet on the vestibule table, please add your name to it so we can get an idea for catering numbers. No tickets, just a donation for company funds.



Christmas Eve Service

A collection for Lodging House Mission was taken at our Christmas Eve service, pleased to say that a cheque for £366 has been sent to them for their continuing work providing care and support to the homeless, vulnerable and socially excluded people.







27th January: Mrs Anna Taylor, Balmalloch Road

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted, he rescues those whose spirits are crushed Psalm 34:18

With Thanks

We would like to thank the Church for the lovely flowers we received when ill. Thanks also to Mollie and Andrew for delivering them

Christine & Jack Roberts

Many thanks for the beautiful flowers I recently received from the church and a special thankyou to Mollie & Andrew for delivering them

Margaret Hughes

A big thank you for the beautiful flowers I received on Sun 22nd Dec following my recent stay in Glasgow Royal Infirmary. Many thanks to Jan Bateman who donated the flowers for the church and to Mollie and Andrew who made them up into smaller bouquets .This is now 26th Dec and they are still as fresh as when I received them and are a reminder of how kind everyone at Anderson Church are. I send my best wishes to everyone for a happy and healthy 2020. love

Jane Barclay

Thanks very much for the lovely flowers and for thinking about me recently. Thanks to Margaret Brown for delivering them. Sorry this is a bit late. I really appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness.

Moira Hutchinson

Many thanks for all your kind wishes and for the gift of church flowers over this past wee while when I've been under the weather. It has been much appreciated!

Lynne Vint

Ellie and I would like to thank you for the beautiful flowers which the church sent on the birth of Jacob. And also a huge thank you to everyone for all their congratulations and best wishes. They were all very much appreciated.

Scott & Ellie Anderson

We very much appreciate all the "Get Well" wishes for us both while we were in the hospital and in recovery, also visits to the hospital by Allan Vint and others, the church flowers brightened up the day. Finally thank you for all the prayers. So good to be part of a church family at these times

Bill & Catrina Clark

The Story behind the Hymn...

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus: Helen H Lemmel

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" has become a familiar hymn, that has been widely used in Christian circles to challenge believers musically, with the necessity of making Christ the paramount priority in their lives, and then living each day with eternity's values in view. The author and composer of this hymn, Helen H. Lemmel, relates that one day, in 1918, a missionary friend gave her a tract entitled "Focused." The pamphlet contained these words: "So then, turn your eyes upon Him, look full into His face and you will find that the things of earth will acquire a strange new dimness. "These words made a deep impression upon Helen Lemmel. She could not dismiss them from her mind. She recalls this



experience following the reading of that tract:
"Suddenly, as if commanded to stop and listen, I stood still, and singing in my soul and spirit was the chorus, with not one conscious moment of putting word to word to make rhyme, or note to note to make melody. The verses were written the same week, after the usual manner of composition, but none the less dictated by the Holy Spirit."

The hymn was first published, in 1918, in the form of a pamphlet in London, England. Four years later, it was included in a collection titled, Glad Songs, a book containing sixty-seven songs by Mrs. Lemmel. This hymn became especially popular that same year at the Keswick Bible Conference in northern England, where it was first introduced. It first appeared in the United States, in 1924, in a song collection called, Gospel Truth in Song, published by Harry Clarke in Chicago, Illinois. Since that time, the song has been included in most evangelical hymnals and has been translated into many languages around the world. Helen Howarth Lemmel was born on November 14, 1864, in Wardle, England. She was the daughter of a Wesleyan Methodist pastor, and she went to America with her family at the age of twelve. Helen lived briefly in Mississippi before settling in

Wisconsin. Soon she developed a reputation as a brilliant singer, even studying private voice in Germany for four years. She travelled widely throughout the Midwest during the early 1900's, giving concerts in many churches. Later, Mrs. Lemmel taught voice at the Moody Bible Institute and then at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. In 1961, Helen Lemmel settled in Seattle, Washington, where she remained active with Christian activities, as a member of the Ballard Baptist Church of that city, during the last days of her life.

In addition to being known as a brilliant singer and musician, Mrs. Lemmel was also widely recognized as a woman with remarkable literary ability. She wrote more than 500 hymns and poems. Mrs. Lemmel also authored a very successful book for children entitled, Story of the Bible and composed many children's musical pieces. She remained active for God in her musical and literary pursuits, until her home-going at the age of ninety-seven.

How easy it becomes even for those of us who profess to be faithful followers of Christ to get caught up in the "things of earth," so that our heavenly vision and values become blurred and dull. This often happens even when we are active in our Christian activities, we become so involved in merely doing things for God that we miss the real blessing of enjoying the personal fellowship of Christ Himself in our daily lives.

BIBLE QUIZ

- 1. What is the common name given to the first four books of the New Testament?
- 2. Who wrote most of the books in the New Testament?
- 3. Who wrote the Acts of the Apostles?
- 4. Which book comes last in the New Testament?
- 5. What does the word Gospel mean?
- 6. Who was the King of Judea at the time of Jesus' birth?
- 7. Which gospel records the fewest of the miracles performed by Jesus?
- 8. In what water was Jesus baptized?
- 9. What miracle did Jesus perform at the marriage in Cana?
- 10. Who was the tax collector that climbed up the tree so he could see Jesus?
- 11. Which two Old Testament characters appeared with Jesus at the transfiguration?
- 12. How did Jesus reveal the one who would betray him?
- 13. Where was Jesus crucified?
- 14. For how many days did Jesus appear to his disciples after his resurrection?
- 15. Who went with Paul on his first missionary journey?
- 16. Paul and Silas were imprisoned during the second missionary journey, but in what city did this happen?
- 17. During Pauls third missionary journey, roughly for how long did he minister in the school of Tyrannus at Ephesus?
- 18. On what Island was Paul shipwrecked as he made his way to Rome?
- 19. How many churches of Asia Minor were there?
- 20. On what Island was John when he had the vision in Revelation?
- 21. In New Jerusalem, described in Revelation, what are the twelve gates made of?
- 22. Where was Jesus born?
- 23. Why did Joseph take Mary and baby Jesus to Egypt?
- 24. Where did Jesus grow up after returning from Egypt?
- 25. What was Jesus' first miracle?
- 26. As Jesus and His disciples were crossing the Sea of Galilee in a boat, a big storm arose. Jesus rebuked the wind and waves and the storm disappeared. What was Jesus doing when the storm arose?
- 27. Jesus miraculously broke just a few loaves of bread and fishes and fed 5000 men, along with women and children. How many loaves and fishes did he start with?
- 28. How did Judas identify Jesus as the one to be arrested?
- 29. On Good Friday, Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate for trial. Why did Pontius Pilate condemn Jesus to death?
- 30. What language was most of the New Testament originally written in?
- 31. In which Gospel did Jesus say and quote: "Everything is possible for one who believes"?



- 32. What is John the baptizer's father's name?
- 33. What is the first book of the New testament?
- 34. What was the name of the first Christian who was stoned to death?
- 35. For how many days and nights did Jesus fast in the wilderness?
- 36. What type of wood was used by Noah to build the Ark?

Girls Brigade

We've had a busy time from when we started the Session. We have



14 enthusiastic explorers who are learning all about people who help us. We've had visits from Hazel, Ena and Olivia when we were learning about all types of people who help us at the hospital. We've also been learning about Firefighters and the Police as well as plenty of crafts and games.

The Juniors, we now have '5', have been playing Minecraft as part of their badgework as well as learning First Aid along with the Brigaders. Just last week we made Minecraft "Creeper" pizzas. Their favourite game at the moment is beach ball volleyball, the beach balls are massive!!! At Hallowe'en we carved out pumpkins and dried and coloured the seed to

Our Brigaders are full of energy and we are channelling that into starting their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh, Jean has taken on this task and they are working through the course work with her. As part



make bracelets.

of their Physical badge work, Jean has volunteered to take them walking around Kilsyth, this will also boost their fitness for their expedition later in the year. We have also been learning about the Suffragette Movement and are preparing a piece for Parents Night. The girls made poppies to display in church along with taking part in the Remembrance Service.

At the start of December, we took the girls to the Kings Theatre to see "Jack and the Beanstalk", which they thoroughly enjoyed.

We are holding a **Daffodil Lunch** for Company funds, on **Sunday**, 1st **March** straight after the morning service and we hope that you will come and support us.



Boys Brigade

The Boys' have been busy since coming back after a well-deserved Christmas break. All sections have been straight into Badge work, with a lot still to be completed before the end of the session for the Boys to gain their badges.



Since we have come back, we have had Birds of Prey in to speak to the Junior and Company Section. The session was very well received, with a talk and 4 birds on show and all the Boys got their picture taken holding one of the birds. All pictures are on the Facebook page...

We also have an American Footballer coming into the Company Section to speak to the Boys about his experiences on the lead up to the Superbowl this weekend. (2nd Feb)

Similar to recent years, all sections have a night out coming up over the school break with both the Anchors and Junior Section going to Adventure Planet and the Company Section going to Inoflate in Cumbernauld... I am sure they will have lots of fun!

7 Senior Boys attended their Queens Badge Course on the 25th of January. This is the first compulsory course the Boys must complete as they now work hard towards achieving their Queens Badge.

A further 6 Boys will be attending their Queens Badge Completion Course next month with the aim of obtaining their badge by the end of the session. Good Luck and Enjoy Boys!



Diary





Contact for urgent Pastoral Care

Minister: Rev Dr Allan Vint

Session Clerk: Mrs Elizabeth Strang

Dates For Your Diary

Tues 25th Feb: Joint meeting of Kirk Session 7.00pm

& Board of Managers

Sat 29^{th} Feb: Over 70's Dinner 2.30pm Sun 1^{st} Mar: GB Daffodil Lunch after Church service Sun 15^{th} Mar: Communion 11.00am

Flower list

2 nd Feb	HILDA DODDS
9 th Feb	ANNE McCALLUM
16 th Feb	CLEM BRYDEN
23 rd Feb	JEAN WEIR
1 st Mar	MOLLIE MUIRHEAD
8 th Mar	DOROTHY BARROWMAN
15 th Mar	JANE BARCLAY
22 nd Mar	JEAN ROBERTSON
29 th Mar	ANNE STRANG

DATE	DOOR DUTY	INTIMATIONS
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9 [™] FEB	MRS M BROWN, MR H SMITH, MR C STURROCK	MRS D BARROWMAN
16 [™] FEB	MRS A BARRONS, MISS C JOHNSTON, MRS B KENNEDY	MRS M BROWN
23 RD FEB	MRS A MITCHELL, MRS H PROVAN, MRS A McCALLUM	MISS O BRITTIAN
1 ST MAR	MRS D BARROWMAN, MRS M COWIE, MRS L GRANT	MR B SMITH
8 TH MAR	MRS L ANDERSON, MR D ANDERSON, MRS E MILLAR	MR J WEIR
15 [™] MAR	MISS R DAWSON, MISS A STEVENSON, MR J GORDON	MISS C JOHNSTON
22 ND MAR	MR A STRANG, MISS A STRANG, MRS P KERR	MRS D BARROWMAN
29 [™] MAR	MR I ROSS, MRS H GORDON, MRS J GILMOUR	MRD M BROWN



David & Goliath Anagram







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The Creation

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What did Yahweh call dry land?	98
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the day?	5.
On what day did He create swimming	6. ea
creatures?	7.
On which day did Yahweh rest?	8. (S
How did Yahweh water the earth? (Gen 2:6)	9.
How did Yahweh create a man? (Gen 2:7)	10 11
How did Yahweh create a woman? (Gen 2:21)	
In what image did Yahweh create men and won	nen?

- 1. Sun
- 2. Earth
- From dust of the earth, and then breathed life into him
- 4. Eden
- 5. His own image
- 6. A mist rose from the earth
- 7. Heaven
- 8. Seventh day (Sabbath)
- 9. Fifth day
- 10. From Adam's rib
- 11. Day

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____ What was the name of the garden where Adam and Eve lived?

Places to find us

FACEBOOK/TWITTER

www.facebook.com/kilsythanderson

Twitter@ Kilsyth Anderson

WEBSITE/INTERNET

www.kilsythandersonchurch.org

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 22nd March 2020

If I have forgotten an item you gave me, please accept my apologies and let me know for inclusion in the next magazine. Helen x

- 1. The Gospels. 2. Paul. 3. Luke. 4. Revelation. 5. Good News. 6. Herod the Great.
- 7. Matthew. 8. River Jordan. 9. Turning water into wine. 10. Zacchaeus. 11. Elijah and Moses. 12. Dipped a piece of bread and passed it to him. 13. Golgotha. 14. 40.
- 15. Barnabas. 16. Philippi. 17. 2 years. 18. Malta. 19. Seven. 20. Patmos. 21. Pearl.
- 22. Bethlehem. 23. To escape from King Herod, who wanted to kill Jesus. 24. Nazareth.
- 25. Turning water into wine. 26. Sleeping. 27. 5 loaves and 2 fishes. 28. He kissed Jesus.
- 29. The chief priests had persuaded the crowd to demand his execution.
- 30. Greek. 31. Mark. 32. Zechariah. 33. Matthew. 34. Stephen. 35. 40. 36. Gopher wood