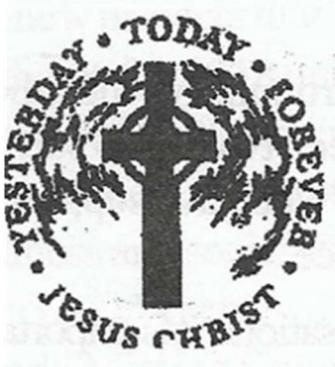


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From the Minister's Desk

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**“We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.”**

**1 Thessalonians 1: 2,3**

Dear Friends,

After the lockdown of the winter, it was great to be back in our Church buildings for Palm Sunday and Easter Day. Clearly restrictions are going to be with us for some time, but it is good to be able to meet together for worship in person, as well as sharing the opportunities for online services.

Many have commented on how much they have enjoyed the praise recordings during the online services these past few months and the more recent in-person services. These were recorded by members of our church choir, led by Peter Thornton and Pauline Robertson, and blended together electronically by Peter. Many thanks to you all for your sterling work on these.

We were pleased to welcome a newcomer with the arrival of Daniel Spencer, who has been attached here as part of his training for Ministry in the Church of Scotland. Daniel comes from the USA, originally from

Denver, Colorado, but has now settled here in Scotland with his wife Sara and two children.

Daniel is currently completing his PhD at St Andrew's University, and this is his second attachment prior to his Probationary year. His last six months were with Carleen Robertson at Eassie, Nevay & Newtyle linked with Glamis Inverarity & Kinnettles, so he has had a good foundation.

May promises to be a busy month – we are told that the Vestry Roof repairs will get started, and we hope the West Aisle Roof will follow shortly afterwards. We are pursuing the sale of the Philip Hall, and there will be a bit of work to do on that; thereafter we hope to be in a better position to take forward an adapted reshaping of the Church for the Worship, Witness, and Life of the Congregation and Community.

May is also the month for the General Assembly, which will be held online again (following the truncated online Assembly last October). The Presbytery Mission Plan Act will be a major work for consideration, along with other proposals to continue the reshaping of our Church nationally and locally. Our Moderator this year is a Church Elder (and former Deputy First Minister): Jim Wallace, now Lord Wallace of Tankerness.

Meeting with the Path of Renewal Group, and with representatives of the other Carnoustie Churches in the Youth Mission group, we are aware of major changes in society and the life of the Church as a result of this past year and what still lies ahead. All of this will naturally reshape Church life and witness in the coming months and years. In all of this we are glad to rest in the unchanging Christ, and the guidance of His Holy Spirit for the way ahead.

Yours in the Grace and Peace of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

Mike Goss

## Prayer Focus

We offer these thoughts to add to your own prayers:

1. **General Assembly** – Remember the Lord High Commissioner, HRH Prince William, the Moderator, Lord Wallace of Tankerness, and all the Commissioners and Officers of the Assembly meeting in May.
2. **India** – Pray for India as the pandemic rages through that land and its multitudes, that they would receive the aid and the vaccines needed.
3. **Community Life** – Give thanks for the progress of the vaccine roll-out locally and nationally, and for the great decline in infections, serious illness and deaths; pray for continued forbearance and care for each other in the coming months.

## Congregational Register Funerals

*“Jesus said, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me shall not perish, but have everlasting life.’”*

Feb 17      **Mrs Betty Mann\*** (\*denotes church member)

## Coming Up

**Sunday Services: 9.30 am at Barry and Carnoustie Churches**  
**10.30 am via Facebook Live**

**Prayer Meetings Mondays 10 - 11 am** via Zoom link

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> May 7.30 pm    Choir rehearsals  
via Zoom link

Sun 9<sup>th</sup> May    9.30 am    Guild Dedication  
during Morning worship at Carnoustie

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> May 7.30 pm    Church Life & Worship Team  
via Zoom link

Tues 11<sup>th</sup> May 7 pm      Barry Kirk Session  
via Zoom link

- Thur 13<sup>th</sup> May 7.30 pm Choir end of session & Social  
via Zoom link
- Mon 17<sup>th</sup> May 7.30 pm Mission & Outreach Team  
via Zoom link
- Wed 19<sup>th</sup> May 7.30 pm Carnoustie Guild: Christine Milne  
via Zoom link
- Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> – Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> May General Assembly (online)
- Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> May 10.30am Online Communion service  
via Facebook Live
- Mon 31<sup>st</sup> May 7.30 pm Carnoustie Kirk Session  
via Zoom link
- Mon 7<sup>th</sup> June 7.30 pm Path of Renewal Group  
via Zoom link
- Wed 16<sup>th</sup> June 7.30 pm Carnoustie Guild: Gaynor Scott  
via Zoom link
- Mon 21<sup>st</sup> June 7.30 pm Carnoustie Churches Youth Mission  
via Zoom link

### **Church Building Project**

This is a quick update on what is happening regards our building project. As you will all be aware, the priority has been to make sure the church is wind and water tight and you will be pleased to know that the roof repairs should begin sometime this month. This has been possible because of the generosity of many of our congregation who have donated so willingly to help pay for this work to be carried out and the minister, elders and project team are so thankful to all who have contributed.

It will be good to see the work on the vestry roof get started and then the repairs to the roof above the organ and west aisle will follow. Letters and

application forms have been sent out to potential funders over many months now with some success. Some grant giving bodies will only contribute to certain projects i.e. some donate for repair work while others give for specific things like installation of new facilities so form filling is not so simple.

However, we have been fortunate to receive £7000 towards installing audio-visual equipment from a government grant called Adapt and Thrive. This will not only help with online services but in future will allow us to show films etc. We received £10,000 from the Postcode Lottery towards the installation of the new kitchen and toilets in the church and was a great boost for the work on the internal project.

Several other smaller amounts have been donated but cannot be accessed until specific parts of the work begin. There is some for the roof fund and some towards the internal work but be assured the finance team have it all in hand. We are still applying but thanks again to those filling out the forms and the funders for considering our project worth supporting.

Thank you all again for your continued support and hopefully fund raising events can begin in earnest again soon, all ideas are welcome.

*Irene Hoar*

### **Guild Projects**

The guild supports 6 projects over a three-year term and the last set of 6 has just finished. The last year has been difficult as fundraising has been a challenge but despite the problems, an amazing over £540,000.00 has been donated.

Since the start of the system of supporting 6 projects almost £7 million pounds has been given to Christian charities all over the world and the guild is looking forward to celebrating when that magic figure of £7 million is reached. Not bad for ladies who ‘make tea and chat!!!’ If only that image could be lost somewhere and the Guild be seen for the powerful force that they are.

Six new projects were launched at the beginning of April and they are just as interesting and exciting as all the ones before. The theme for the next 3 years is Look Forward in Faith and all the projects fulfil that heading. Again they are from different parts of the world with only 2 in the UK this time. The others are based in Uganda, Brazil, Tanzania, and an island in South East Asia.

Over the coming months I will describe each one in turn and I hope you will be interested in the work that the guild is supporting during the next 3 years.

*Irene Hoar*

### **More Guild**

By the time you read this we will be into May and things are looking up. Many of us have had both our vaccinations or at least one. What a feeling of hope for the future this brings! (on the proviso that we still wear our masks and certainly for a while stay socially distanced).

What a wonderful meeting we had on Wednesday 21st when our guest was Liz Pardoe! This lady had us in stitches as she read poems written by her late sister. These were written in the Doric and read so brilliantly by Liz- two very talented ladies!

At our next meeting on May 19th, our speaker will be Christine Milne (no relation!) who will be telling us all about Fostering which she has done for many years. I'm sure this will be a most interesting evening. If you would like to be with us, contact me and I can forward the link to you.

*Pru – 853911 / 07803064715*

### **Welcome Teams**

As restrictions begin to lift again and the church is open for services, it would be great to have more teams to welcome people into the church on a Sunday morning. I know that many of you that were on a 'Door Team'

are still not comfortable attending services and thanks are due to everyone who has helped in the past.

However, more people will be required over the coming months as we begin to be able to open up a bit more. If anyone is willing to help welcome people into the church and guide them to their seats, I will be happy to hear from you.

There are no hymn books or bibles to hand out as yet, no collection to take to the front of the church or count so duties are fairly simple but a few willing people to make up another couple of teams to join the rota would be helpful.

Please feel free to contact me for more details, I will be so happy to hear from you. Thanks,

**Irene 01241 859405 or [hoarjandi12@gmail.com](mailto:hoarjandi12@gmail.com)**

### **Church Treasurers**

Since our last edition of 'Contact' a change has taken place in the "Treasury Dept." Mr. Robin Limmack has handed over the reins to Mrs. Audrey Duncan. We are very grateful to Robin for all the work that he has carried out on our behalf and wish him well for the future.

I wonder if he will find more time to browse car boot sales! He did a sterling job a couple of years ago in the Philip Hall when the place was full of bric-a-brac. Everything unsold was moved on by Robin to 'somewhere' and the hall returned to normal.

Audrey has been well known in Carnoustie Church for many, many years and has been a choir member for as long as most of us can remember. We are grateful to Audrey for taking on the role of treasurer and wish her well in that position. We remember Agnes Limmack too, as she has the responsibility of keeping her husband gainfully employed, and Graham Duncan as he will have to take on some more duties in the home!

*Dougal*

## **West Aisle Roof Fund Appeal**

At the time of writing this article we have received £21072 (excluding Gift Aid) towards the repairs to the roof over the west aisle. A huge thank you to all who have donated. Unfortunately, we still have a shortfall, so the appeal will remain open if you would still like to contribute.

Donations can be made by BACS to the Church bank account (marked 'Building Repairs'), sent to me at 67 Chapman Drive Carnoustie DD7 6DY or handed in at the church on a Sunday morning.

*Audrey Duncan*

(NB Please see insert from Audrey detailing Church accounts)

## **Church Recipe Book**

In December 1971 the Woman's Guild in Carnoustie Church produced a recipe book as their "contribution to this year of special effort to help the Development Fund of the church". Wouldn't it be good, 50 years on, to produce a new version to support the latest developments in our church?

If you have a favourite recipe, or even any household hints or quick tips that we could include, please email them to Rhona Goss at [rhonagoss@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:rhonagoss@blueyonder.co.uk), or pass them on in written form. This past year has been very different with two lockdowns, so if you have had any special meals or recipes that you have discovered, that would add an interesting dimension. Please submit recipes by the end of June, and I will keep you informed of progress!

*Rhona Goss*

## **Church of Scotland World Mission**

The Church of Scotland has many partnerships with churches all across the world. We actively seek to attentively accompany each of our partner churches through sharing stories, supporting a wide range of projects prayerfully and financially, and joining together to actively take part in God's mission in the world.

For news about our partner churches and our work with them please check out our World Mission News page regularly and the WM Magazine, which is also available electronically, and sign up for our weekly Update.

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