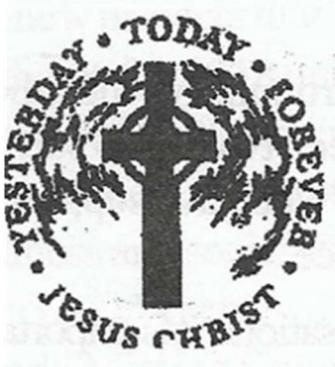


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From the Minister's Desk

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**“I rejoiced with those who said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord’”**

**Psalm 122: 1**

Dear Friends,

Summer is almost over, with the threatening forecasts of storms at the start of September, but it has been lovely to be able to enjoy some warmth and even sunshine over the past few months. It has meant getting out and about, and, with the lifting of restrictions, the freedom to meet up with friends and enjoy a blether together.

We certainly benefited from getting a decent break in July. Rhona, Holly and I enjoyed a short Campervan trip to the Moray coast, and then a week away to Skye where we caught up with family. Space to breathe seems to have been in short supply, and I came back feeling quite refreshed.

Of course, we're straight into new and renewed challenges. The Kirk Sessions have been working hard at adapting to the lifting of restrictions, trying to keep pace with rapid changes and at the same time providing safe places for our worship and prayer life. Now even the Guilds are returning to meeting in person, and the choir has begun to meet for rehearsals in Carnoustie Church.

I've begun a new task for the Presbytery as Interim Moderator for the vacancy at Arbroath: Old and Abbey, with the translation of Rev Dolly

Purnell to Edinburgh: Wardie in July. That's a congregation and Kirk Session already facing the new realities of the Presbytery Mission Plan process, and they will be glad of your prayers.

Rumbling in the background is the knowledge that 'it' isn't over yet. Even in our own communities some of our young folk have tested positive for Covid, with the disruption and the concerns that has brought to families. Others we know locally have been battling with the aftereffects – Long Covid – for weeks and months.

And yet we are looking forward to a return to something of what we have known of corporate worship and the life of our congregation together. To that end, the Kirk Sessions are particularly keen to hear your views on the proposal to revert to services at 9.30 am (Barry) and 11 am (Carnoustie) from October 17<sup>th</sup>, with our regular online services moving to Sunday evenings at 7 pm from the Manse.

Let us prayerfully consider the changes that we will continue to need to make as we look forward to a new future for the churches here in Carnoustie and throughout the Church of Scotland.

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. **Arbroath: Old & Abbey** – Pray for this congregation in their vacancy, remembering Rev Norman Nicoll their Locum, and the Kirk Session as they explore their future.
2. **Daniel Spencer** – As Daniel prepares to move to his final placement at Menzieshill in October, pray for all that he has learned and shared to help him following God's call into Ministry.
3. **COP 26 in Glasgow** – Pray for all who gather to plan for the changes needed to tackle Climate Change, especially after the fires and storms of this past summer.

## Congregational Register

### Funerals

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

Aug 25            **Elizabeth Ross**            \*

### Coming Up

**Prayer Meetings Mondays 10 - 11 am in Church** or via Zoom link

Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	7 pm	Choir rehearsals resume in the Church
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	7.30 pm	Path of Renewal Team
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	7 pm	Barry Kirk Session
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2 pm	Midweek service in Philip Hall
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.30 am	Harvest Thanksgiving – Barry
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10 am	Harvest and Communion – Carnoustie
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	7 pm	Joint Kirk Sessions meeting
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	7.30 pm	Carnoustie Kirk Session
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct		Minister’s Holiday
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	7.30 pm	Church Life & Worship Team
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct		<b>New Service times</b>
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	7.30 pm	Mission & Outreach Team
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct		Minister’s Holiday
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct		<b>The Lord’s Supper – both churches</b>
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	7.30 pm	Carnoustie Kirk Session
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.30 am	Remembrance Services

### Services from October 17<sup>th</sup>

As Covid restrictions continue to ease, a proposal is being offered to revert to the former times of 9.30 am at Barry Parish Church and 11 am at Carnoustie Church for in-person services, while developing online services from the Manse to be broadcast Live on Facebook at 7 pm.

**We need to hear from you.** Please email the Minister on [MGoss@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:MGoss@churchofscotland.org.uk) or drop a note in at the Manse with your views about these service times – do they sound sensible? Have you other suggestions? A final decision will be taken at the joint meeting of Sessions on 27<sup>th</sup> September

## **The Guild**

How things have moved on in recent weeks- we can even now choose where we want to sit in Church as long as we sit next to the markers!

Soon the Guild members will be able to meet in person, when appropriate, and dependant on what is on the syllabus. For example, on September 8th we are having another walk/coffee (details to be announced shortly). In October our speaker is from our project “Home for Good”. She may prefer to be via Zoom, However, details will be forthcoming in plenty of time.

For November we will certainly hope (and expect!) to be "in-person" and with sharp minds for our next quiz- there may even be prizes!!!

Of course, December brings another chance to savour the delights of Christmas lunch in the Station Hotel on 15th at 12.30 for 1pm. This is always a happy occasion and one not to be missed.

2022 will begin with what is becoming a tradition.... a Scottish night displaying the many and varied talents of Guild and Church members. This will be on January 12th so make a note in your diaries.

Meanwhile, don't let's become too complacent about the easing of restrictions. While it's wonderful to get back to some form of normality, we must remember the virus is still out there, so please take care and continue to stay safe!

*Pru Milne*

## **Advertisements**

As you are already aware, we do have a page for advertisements. Our treasurer, Audrey, reminds readers of 'Contact' that if they, or anyone they know, wish to place an ad in the magazine to please contact Audrey or Dougal.

*Thanks*

## **Freewill Offering Envelopes**

As restrictions start to lift and we are able to return to church with more freedom, I thought I would take this opportunity to highlight that Freewill Offering Envelopes can now be brought to church. There is no longer a requirement to leave envelopes for 48 hours before opening them. I look forward to seeing more "weel kent" faces at Sunday services in the weeks to come.

*Audrey Duncan*

## **Burial records**

I'm sure that most people will either want to trace details of family tree, or assist someone from another country to find details of a family member. There are obviously many places to begin a search. However, this is something that the Church of Scotland can sometimes provide information on.

Historically, the Church of Scotland, in the form of kirk sessions and heritors in each parish, was responsible for the maintenance of burial grounds within churchyards and kept records of burials. In 1925 responsibility for the maintenance of Church graveyards was transferred to local authorities (or councils) in Scotland and from then on burial records were no longer the responsibility of the Church.

The location of burial records is not as clear cut as that for baptismal and marriage records, but in most cases any surviving burial registers up to 1854 can be accessed via ScotlandsPeople. Any burial records among the

kirk session records will be accessible through the National Records of Scotland.

Over the last 20 years the inscriptions on gravestones and monuments in many Scottish burial grounds, or at least those which are legible, have been surveyed and indexed by local history, family history and antiquarian societies, and the results published. Usually these can be consulted at local libraries and archive services of the relevant local authorities in Scotland.

### **Dr. Graham's Homes in Kalimpong, India.**

Doctor Graham's Homes are situated in Kalimpong, India. This is a charity that our Church Guild has supported for many years. The regular newsletters that we receive from the U.K. committee keep us up to date with their work and events.

The U.K. committee pays for the education, board and lodgings of about 250 children at the homes in Kalimpong, This children's village in the Himalayas was founded by a Scottish missionary Dr. Graham more than 100 years ago and still faithfully fulfils the original vision to give a future to impoverished children from greater Calcutta.

The committee are holding fund raising events throughout Britain and one event in Dundee may interest not only guild members, but members of the congregation also. Francis and John Dent will be opening their garden under Scotland's Garden scheme and in aid of Dr. Graham's Homes. Live music, children's activities and plant stall on both days. Please check [scotlandsgarden.org](http://scotlandsgarden.org) for any last minute alterations.

Garden Opening in Dundee on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th October 4 -8 pm. The Admission is £5. Light refreshments available. 12 Glamis Drive, Dundee DD2 1QL.

*Evelyn Baker*

*(For a holiday with a difference, McCabe's Travel organise pilgrimages to that wonderful place. I understand that the company sponsor two children also. D.E.)*

## **Calendars**

Sandra Dow is once again the “person to go to” for your Crossreach calendar. She does apologise that it seems early in the year to be thinking of such a thing. Nevertheless, the autumn is upon us already, so if you want a 2022 calendar, don't delay in speaking to Sandra!

## **Church repair work**

The vestry roof repair work has now been completed. However, the area is not quite ready to use. There is a carpet still to be re-laid. Also there is some fairly extensive cleaning to be done in the area prior to being put back into use.

The next part of the project is the “west aisle” roof. Unfortunately, that is held up at the moment as we are having some difficulty in procuring materials. All the slates have to be removed, the roof inspected, and new roofing felt put in place prior to the slates being replaced.

Associated with church building repairs is the Philip Hall. It is ultimately due to be sold, but some legalities still have to be finalised before it is officially “on the market”.

## **Church of Scotland members will have joined with other Christian groups from across the UK.**

Although too late now to join with other Christians in Glasgow on Sunday Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, it is not too late to watch the proceedings on TV. Glasgow will host the UN COP26 meeting. It is a chance for churches to come together in prayer and worship, celebrate what other churches and organisations are doing to combat the climate crisis and commit to further action.

The event, has been organised in partnership with Glasgow Churches Together and Churches Together Britain and Ireland. Around 1,600 churches in Scotland, England, Ireland, Northern Ireland, and Wales are also holding Climate Sunday services in their local parishes.

Lord Wallace, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, will attend and will read a passage from the NIV Bible translation: Colossians 1:15-20.

### **Thoughts On A Yellow Flower**

For much of my adult life I have spent a few hours each summer waging war on the humble dandelion. I discovered quite quickly that they don't give up easily and when my back is turned, they sneakily pop into view once again.

When we moved to Carnoustie dandelions seemed to be as common a weed as any other. Situated next to Pitskelly Park at the time, the dandelions seemed to prefer our garden. They vied for space alongside carefully sown beds of vegetables.

However, I gradually began to see the humble dandelion in a different way. We notice in the spring time each year that the Kingsway in Dundee is beautiful with all the yellow daffodils. They last for a few weeks and then they finally fade until only leaves are left. Eventually even those leaves disappear, and the daffodils rest until next spring.

But then, after the daffodils, comes another yellow blaze of colour on country verges. It is my old adversary, the dandelion, brightening up the grass verges until the flowers change to the seed heads to be carried on the wind.

I've learned a valuable lesson from the humble dandelion. It is part of God's great design. For a few weeks each year the roadside in some places is bright with the yellow flowers of the dandelion. How dreary would life be when driving or walking on a country road without the dandelion.

And, a final thought to pass on about the dandelion is, even though you can't see it doesn't mean it's not there. It is like our Christian faith, our faith is in the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things unseen. The dandelion springs forth with new life when exposed to the morning sun, just as our faith comes alive when we're exposed to the "Son."

*editor*

### **Haining Park Unveiled**

A new street has been named in honour of a Church of Scotland missionary who died in Auschwitz-Birkenau.

Haining Park near Loanhead in Midlothian recognises the courage and sacrifice of Jane Haining who refused to abandon Jewish girls in her care during the Holocaust.

Very Rev Dr Susan Brown, convener of the Faith Impact Forum of the Church of Scotland, said: "We are delighted that Haining Park in Loanhead has been named after Jane Haining who showed tremendous courage in the face of intolerable evil during a dark period of history."

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