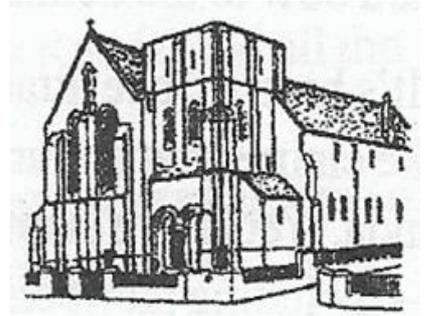


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From the Minister's Desk

“Jesus said, ‘Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age’”

Matthew 28: 19-20

Dear Friends,

This seems to be a long winter with the shutdowns and restrictions. Some have had it hard with illness and other conditions to contend with in their own lives or the lives of their families and friends. Many others are simply struggling with the continued isolation and our inability to meet together for fellowship and worship.

I've been glad of the opportunity to meet with friends and colleagues through online meeting platforms, but it would be great to be able to give and receive a hug or a handshake. Signs of hope are here as the vaccine programme rolls out, and it's been great to hear that many of our older members have already had their jags.

This phase of the lockdown has been particularly challenging as it has come in the depths of winter, with the short days and the cold or wet weather. Yet spring is on its way, and we can begin to look forward to a more open summer than last year.

I've been grateful to Elders who have kept an eye on the Philip Hall and the Church, arranging for necessary repairs and ensuring that everything will be ready for the reopening. Even while our church buildings have been closed the Kirk Session continues to work through our priorities and plans for the long-term.

Other discussions are continuing in the wider Church that will impact the shape of ministry across the whole country. Many Ministers are expected to retire in the next few years, and recruitment will not be able to get near replacing them. It will be vital, therefore, that new and better partnerships between congregations are established, to enable us to share a smaller number of Ministers across the communities that make up our land.

At the heart of it all will be the essential requirement to refocus the life of our congregations on the witness and service we give to the community. Nationally and locally we will need to ask how we fulfil what are now being called the ‘Five Marks of Mission’:

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
3. To respond to human need by loving service
4. To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

This is not a ‘pick and mix’ menu, but a description of what it means for us as congregations of the Christian Church to follow our Saviour Jesus Christ. So much of our energies get swallowed up in buildings, finance and administration: all good things themselves, they must be seen as tools in the service of this Mission – God’s mission to the world.

Many members will receive their ‘Contact’ via email this month, while others will receive theirs by post. This is because the ‘Church of Scotland’ does not want any church members putting themselves at risk of contracting Covid, or inadvertently spreading the virus. In the meantime, if any member would prefer in the future to receive the church magazine by email, please give name and email address to the me.

Yours in the Grace and Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, born for our Salvation.
Mike Goss

Prayer Focus

We offer these thoughts to add to your own prayers:

1. One another – Pray for each other in our congregations: some struggling with severe illness or frailty; others with loneliness and isolation.

2. Easter Services – As we look towards Holy Week, pray for the congregations across Carnoustie, that we may find fresh ways to share services and events with the wider community together and proclaim the Good News of Christ crucified and risen.

3. Myanmar/Burma – Pray for this troubled country after the military coup which removed the elected government and jailed its leaders.

Congregational Register

Funerals

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

Feb 8 Mrs Sheila Gibb*

10 Mrs Helen Thomson

Coming Up

For all Zoom links contact the Minister

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

Choir rehearsals Thursdays 7.15 for **7.30 pm** via Zoom link

Mon 8th Feb 7.30 pm Path of Renewal Team
via Zoom link

Tue 9th Feb 7 pm Barry Kirk Session
via Zoom link

Fri 12th – Mon 15thFeb Minister’s Holiday

Sun 28th Feb 10.30 am Facebook Live Communion service

Mon 8th Mar	7.30 pm	Church Life & Worship Team via Zoom link
Mon 15th Mar	7.30 pm	Mission & Outreach Team via Zoom link
Mon 22nd Mar	7.30 pm	Carnoustie Kirk Session via Zoom link
Sun 28th Mar	10.30 am	Palm Sunday service via Facebook Live

Holy Week and Easter services to be confirmed

FLOWERS

May I, through the Contact, thank Sandra, her flower ladies and the church on behalf of all the recipients of flowers throughout the years delivered to them, a welcome surprise on the day, knowing that you are thought of. Totally unexpected was the Christmas bulbs with all that is going on in the world. A nice surprise to come when they bloom. May I wish you all the best for the Festive season and a much nicer 2021. Regards,

Sheila Strachan.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

As Audrey Duncan has now left the Mission and Outreach Team and taken on the role of Church Treasurer, there is now a requirement for another team member. The team consists of six members, plus Mike. Any church member that would be interested in joining this worthwhile team, please contact Alex McGill. Thanks,

Alex.

As a congregation we thank Audrey for her enthusiasm and commitment to Mission and Outreach over the years. We also give grateful thanks to Robin Limmack for the tremendous amount of work that he has done on our behalf. It has been a particularly difficult time for the work of a Church Treasurer.

Dougal

CROSSREACH UPDATE – JAN 2021

Our pack of 10 newsletters arrived from CrossReach this week and I have not worked out how to share them about. Here, however, is a summary from the up-beat hopeful edition.

Page1 has the story of how and why the original Board of Social Responsibility gave way to the Social Care Council, which has now been disbanded, and given rise to the 12 person governing body CrossReach Board. This Board, meeting virtually, have already started focussing on the future strategy for CrossReach services.

Page2 tells us how work has continued despite the pandemic with many innovations to make it possible.

Page3 concentrates on mental health where studies and conversations have happened in a podcast. Though not a cure this is a great help.

Page4 has a good news story from a young man, hospitalised as a result of a drug habit, rescued and recovered under the guidance of the Cyrenians, then given a place in Cunningham House, where the love and support are very special to him, regained contact with his family, so his outlook is good and positive.

Page5 commends and congratulates Helen Somerville on retiring after 29 years of exemplary service in Care Homes, and also recognises the invaluable service that volunteer counsellors have given for the 35 years of this CrossReach service.

Page6 explains that the service is conscious of the consequences to staff working during the pandemic, and have set up Project 2020 to look into protective measures and how they compare to national ones, and a Wellbeing Project Group to ensure staff can access help.

Then there is a lovely 2 page spread about the virtual visit undertaken by the Moderator Rt. Rev. Dr. Martin Fair. Such up-lifting reading and fine photographs. Also electronic references that may be scanned by someone who knows how to. When you see a copy please let me know how to do this. Remember to keep praying for all folk involved with CrossReach and that the necessary funds reach them too so that the great work done in Christ's name may continue.

Sandra Dow

The Guild

Happy New Year from the Guild!

It would be nice to think that, certainly by this time next January, we will be able to meet in person, and meetings on Zoom will become a distant memory! However, in 2021, we are still reliant on technology, and very grateful for it so that we, as a Guild can "meet up", share fellowship, and even invite speakers!

On Wednesday 27th Jan. we held a Scottish Concert to celebrate Burn's Night. What a joyful night it was! The meeting opened with a moving prayer from Sandra.

It was so nice to be able to welcome Jan from Barry to share the many talents displayed. We had songs from Margaret, Annie, Allison; poems from Pru, Norma, Annie and Evelyn. What a talented family we have in Mike and Rhona! We saw a different side to Mike as he flapped his wings during his rendering of "The Three Crows" and of course, Rhona delighted us with her playing. We even had a visit from Holly! (the manse dog)

Following this, there are a couple of tweaks to our previous calendar.

February 24th	– speaker from the Sailors' Society.
March 24th	- Quiz Night
April 24th	- Beetle Drive
May 19th	- Foster caring

I hope many of you will be able to join one or all of these meetings because please remember you don't have to be a Guild member to share the fun, fellowship and friendly welcome available! If you would like to be with us, contact me and I can forward the link to you. My contact details – 853911 / 07803064715.

Pru

A Competition for those with a keen eye for detail

To mark the start of Lent on Wednesday 17 February, Rt Rev Dr Martin Fair, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, is launching a photo competition, entitled 'Hidden in Plain Sight'. He has invited both children and adults alike to send in their photographs showing the Cross in our everyday surroundings. The winner in each category will be awarded a gift to the charity of their choice.

"As we head towards Easter, the Cross will come ever more into view, the central symbol of the Christian faith," Rev Martin Fair said.

Generally speaking, we find Crosses set within church buildings or worn as jewellery. But, when we open our eyes to the possibility, we can begin to see images of the Cross all around us - in both nature and the built environment.

Your challenge, should you choose to accept it - find a Cross that is 'hidden in plain sight' and using your camera, or your phone, take a photograph of it.

Perhaps it will be two branches on a tree which form a Cross shape. Perhaps you'll see a Cross in a section of wrought-iron fencing. Maybe you'll see it in a set of road markings or in a random piece of graffiti?

"The only limit is your imagination", says Rev Martin. "Open your eyes and you'll see that the Cross is all around you."

So, when out for your daily exercise take your phone or camera with you!

World Day of Prayer Scotland – Friday 5th March 2021

Scottish Charity No. SC020446

Build on a Strong Foundation
Written by the women of Vanuatu

10 Days of Prayer – Starting on Tuesday 23rd February World Day of Prayer Scotland are planning '10 days of Prayer' which will be posted on the WDPS Facebook Page and on their website. The national leaders of ten denominations have been invited to share a Thought for the Day focussing on Vanuatu, and one of the Scottish Committee will end with a prayer.

An easy access Zoom service – with internet and telephone links:

The Scottish Committee is inviting us all to join them in a live Zoom service at **2 pm on Friday 5th March**. It is being hosted by Augustine United Church in Edinburgh with participants from across Scotland.

Join the meeting from your Internet browser by typing zoom.us/join and use the following meeting details:

Meeting ID: 895 9398 3883

Passcode: 901656

If you don't have internet, you can join using any phone by dialling 0131 4601196, and dialling in the Meeting ID and Passcode above when you are prompted. Calls will be charged at standard call rates – often included in your phone package for calls up to one hour.

Website and Facebook

The service will also be posted on the WDPS website: www.wdpscotland.org.uk and on the WDPS Facebook page afterwards for those not able to join through Zoom.

Local Service

At the time of going to print, we are not quite sure what will be happening locally, but we anticipate having something linked from the Carnoustie Church Facebook page and Website.

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