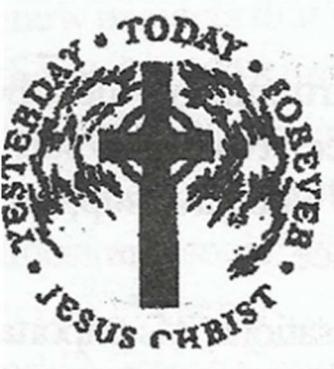


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## From the Minister's Desk

**“Therefore, since we are receiving a Kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our ‘God is a consuming fire’.”**

**Hebrews 12: 28-29**

Dear Friends,

It was a great privilege to be able to conduct the marriage of Rhona's niece in Lanarkshire in October, and Sarah and Tom were so glad that the lifting of restrictions at the time enabled a significant gathering of friends and family for the occasion. Just after Christmas Rhona and I attended another wedding as guests.

Our God-daughter Zoe Strong was married to Hayden McCracken in Aberdeen; unfortunately, not so many were able to be there, but it was still a very special and happy occasion!

It's been another strange Christmas, with the sudden need to cancel the Christingle and move the Watchnight and Christmas Day services online as fresh restrictions were introduced. We were glad that things eased off relatively quickly and we returned to services in our Church buildings at the start of January.

We're not in the clear yet, as infection rates remain stubbornly high. This raises justified concerns for many in our congregations, so we have been broadcasting the morning services in Carnoustie on our Facebook page and will continue this for a while.

In the future we intend to be able to broadcast our services more professionally using dedicated equipment, and we have received some significant grants to enable us to purchase this. Over the next few months we will take professional advice and see what is appropriate for our situation.

Meanwhile we are beginning to look forward to Lent and Easter, in the hope that this year we will be able to share Holy Week services with other congregations in Carnoustie in a similar fashion to pre-pandemic times. More details will follow once we are able to see a clearer way forward.

The uncertainty of the current times has shaken many, and the problems of our political situation hasn't helped. We can be thankful that our confidence and security is found in Christ, and His sure promises.

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. **Food Bank** – Pray for all those who are in need of basic provisions in our local community, even as we gather gifts to share with them.
2. **Local Churches** – Remember our partners in the Gospel in the other congregations in and around Carnoustie, and pray for fresh ways to serve and witness together to our community.
3. **Ukraine** – Pray for the peoples of Ukraine as they face the threat of war and seek a way to freedom and peace.

### **Food Bank**

Since the start of the first lockdown, the Carnoustie Royal British Legion has been running a foodbank in our town, and it is helping to meet the

urgent needs of many. Previously, donations were collected in Carnoustie Church for the Arbroath foodbank, but we now collect for the Legion foodbank here in Carnoustie.

Members are asked to bring dry and tinned foods along with basic household essentials like soaps and toothbrushes and place them in the green tub at the back of the Church. No fresh or perishable foods should be left.

Many thanks to all who continue to support this vital work, and particular thanks to members of the Carnoustie RBL for their organisation and distribution of food and other goods to folk in our community.

## **Congregational Register**

### **Wedding**

Oct 23 **Sarah Izett and Tom Tarling**

### **Funerals**

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

Dec 1 **Mrs Elaine Arthur**

21 **Mrs Alison Moodie** \*

## **Coming Up**

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

Fri 11<sup>th</sup> – Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Feb Minister’s Holiday

Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2 pm Midweek service in Philip Hall

Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 11 am Communion – Carnoustie

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 7.30 pm Carnoustie Kirk Session

Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Mar 11 am Carnoustie Guild Dedication Service

Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Mar 7.30 pm Church Life & Worship Team

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar 10 am Worship Leaders in **Manse**  
Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Mar 7 pm Barry Kirk Session  
Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Mar 7.30 pm Mission & Outreach Team  
Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar 7.30 pm Path of Renewal Team  
Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Mar 7.30 pm Carnoustie Kirk Session tbc  
Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> – Fri 8<sup>th</sup> April Minister's Holiday  
Sun 10<sup>th</sup> April Palm Sunday  
Holy Week Services to be confirmed next Contact

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### **The Guild**

Happy New Year to everyone, although it seems a long time ago since January 1st! I should have been raving about the wonderful lunch enjoyed by all the members of the Guild in the Station Hotel and I'm sure I will be in the months to come but sadly not a Christmas one. It would be rather nice however if we could even have an Easter Lunch. We can but hope!

Some good news to impart was The Guild Scottish Night enjoyed by 26 members and we were especially delighted to welcome Rhona's parents, Bill and Margaret. We opened with a prayer written by Mike but translated into Doric by Liz Pardoe.

We were then entertained by George Gordon from Panbride Church who played 4 tunes for us. Who would have recognised Peter Thornton who told us a rather alarming story of a louse? Kirsty sang a couple of beautiful solos. Annie turned to Liz Lochhead for her offerings.

Thanks to Mike and his expertise in recordings, we enjoyed "Comin thro' the Rye" and "Charlie is ma Darlin". from the choir. Evelyn amazed us with her tale of making a Haggis in the time she spent on the Navajo Indian Reserve.

Closing the first half was Mike who sang “The Lovely Glens of Angus”, a rather gentle song followed by one in complete contrast – “The Wee Kirkcudbright Centipede”. How we laughed at that, especially since he didn't even get tongue tied at all.

Our second half began with a hilarious song from Peter entitled “The Scottish Plumber”. We are considering having his company fix the leak in the Church! A talented Pauline played the Accordion. Had you listened to Allison, you would be very wary at Communion of a drunken little ‘Moosie’ staggering up the aisle.

Rhona, our talented pianist, was next to entertain us with 3 well known tunes. Liz Pardoe was back reciting some of her late sister's poems written in the Doric. Both ladies had/have a wonderful talent. The choir joined us again with “Loch Lomond” and “Ye Banks and Braes”.

“Auld Lang Syne” rounded off the evening. The Vote of Thanks was delivered by Christine Roger and Mike concluded with the Benediction.

Thereafter, everyone braved the cold as they made their way home!!!!  
Thank goodness for Zoom!!

Next week we are to have a committee meeting to discuss the way ahead for speakers etc and whether on Zoom or in person.

*Pru Milne*

May God give thee  
Time for the task,  
Wisdom for the work,  
Grace for the way,  
Love to the last.

*Anon.*

## News of CrossReach

**(Update from CrossReach January 2022)**

The first mailing of this New Year has arrived from CrossReach. Copies of the colourful “CrossReach News” and “Prayer Diary” will be circulating before January ends. I hope that all the cards and calendars, bought before Christmas, brought, and are bringing, joy to the recipients. My thanks to all who purchased these.

Although CrossReach are pleased with the money raised from sales they are even more grateful for our prayers. We are encouraged to give thanks to God to all the staff and volunteers, for the skills he has given them, and to bless them all in their work and home life. We may also pray for the CrossReach board, asking for wisdom and compassion while they make decisions.

The “News“ is full of bright, enthusiastic stories and pictures of the years achievements. This includes many photos of the moderator The Rt. Hon. Lord Wallace of Tankerness, with his wife, Lady Wallace, when they spent time within the services. Such a lot of smiles on show!

A service I hadn't heard of till now is called “Transitions”. This is a place where young people with disabilities can go to after leaving school and enjoy activities tailored to their needs, wishes and aspirations. The staff are provided with regular training and the overall feeling is of love.

Children feature in many of the stories. A new group for under-fives started before lock down and then paused was able to meet weekly again and provide support to parents and their children with special needs. These are the “Little Marvels at the Mallard.”

The service at Perth Prison used digital communication to keep in contact during the lock down by providing laptops or other devices to the families. Scattered throughout this edition are Q-codes giving extra

information to those who have the facility to read them. That's not me I fear!

See me if you want to read either of the publications.

*Sandra Dow.*

### **Scottish Bible Society News**

In Guatemala, one in three families includes a person with a disability. Disability and poverty often go hand in hand – those living with disability are less likely to have access to information, services, health or work or be fully included in society.

Children with learning difficulties do not have a portion of the Bible that they can understand, and the Bible Society of Guatemala is working to publish Biblical material appropriate to the needs of this group.

Specially developed material will also allow churches and schools to be more inclusive in their teaching of the Scriptures. As well as helping this group of children to discover more about the Bible, it will also improve their social and communication skills and grow confidence.

The Bible Society ask us to remember in our prayers this vital project, that it will impact children and adults with disabilities in Guatemala. Pray also that the seed of the Gospel will be sown in their hearts and bear fruit in time.

*Dougal*

### **A long time to reign over us**

By the time you read this our Queen, Elizabeth, will have reigned for seventy years, which is a long time to be in any position. However, she still has a couple of years to go until she serves for as long as Louis XIV of France. He was known also as Louis the Great, or the Sun King. He reigned from 1643 to 1715, a total of seventy-two years. I'm sure our Queen can match that of any French monarch!

## **Guild Fellowship Study Group**

The Guild fellowship and study group begins again on Thursday 10th February, meeting every 2 weeks at 10.00am. The meetings will be by Zoom in the first instance, hopefully changing to face to face when restrictions ease.

The new study is called 'Praying the Psalms', a 9 week study that looks very interesting. If anyone wishes to join us, please let me know as soon as possible so that you can get a study book.

*Irene*

## **Church building project**

The last few weeks have seen some problems with a leaking heating pipe under the pews. The water has been spreading across the floor and the pressure in the system has been dropping as a result. Thanks to a willing team of volunteers, this has not affected church services too much but it was touch and go each week whether our services would be held in a warm building.

The Philip Hall heating was also faulty but our volunteers stepped in and worked their magic to get that going again. We are now in a situation where some of the pipes in the church will have to be replaced which is something we hoped to avoid by getting the renovation project going before now but hopefully things will hold together until the internal work can begin. At least the Philip Hall will be warm if necessary so a huge thanks to the property team who go into the church regularly to check if everything is OK.

These things happening all go to highlight the necessity of our renovation and improvement plans for the church and now that we are into 2022, we are beginning to see some light at the end of a very long tunnel. Plans are progressing for the internal work and the repairs on the West Aisle roof should begin fairly soon.

Funds permitting, all the new facilities should be able to be incorporated inside the church although slightly altered from the original plans.

It has not been easy to get grants over this time of lockdown as many of the companies who do supply these funds are not working as normal but we continue to look at ways to raise the money we require. If anyone can think of ways to fundraise or if you, as a church member would be willing to contribute a little more, everything will help. Just get in touch, I will be happy to hear from you.

*Irene Hoar*

### **Mission – ACORN**

This programme for mission is taking off all over the country and I have been involved for several weeks now. It is enthusiastic and energising and one that I am happy to pass on to everyone for consideration. Please let me know if you would be interested in finding out more.

A - Ask by saying the prayer

C - Call – God will call you in some way

O - Obey – Say to who you have chosen ‘How are you?’

R - Report – up to 6 people meet regularly to share stories

N - Notice God – ask each other ‘what is God doing through these stories?’

Prayer - *Lord, today is there someone you want me to connect with outside the church family?*

Some people will say ‘fine’ – ask how they are really!!

From little Acorns, massive Oak trees grow, it is hoped through this mission, big things might happen.

*Irene*

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