

# CONTACT



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## **From the Minister's Desk**

“Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful”

**Hebrews 10: 22-23**

Dear Friends,

Christmas seems to have passed quickly, but it was great to be able to celebrate the services in Barry and Carnoustie without restrictions this year. Woodlands Primary School returned to Carnoustie Church for their end of term Christmas Service, and the Christmas Musicale played to a packed Church for the first time in three years.

We have also seen a few new faces in both our congregations, and it's been good to begin planning for future events in partnership with local churches once more. We are looking forward to a full pattern of Holy Week and Easter services this year, and details can be found further on in this edition of Contact.

With the start of 2023 has come the new Presbytery of Perth, and a wider vision for our congregations. I have been appointed Convener of the new

Presbytery's Safeguarding Committee, which has immediately launched me into a host of new work.

Meanwhile, we were sorry to hear that the Rev Fiona Reynolds, Minister at Monifieth and Monikie/Newbigging/Murroes/Tealing has announced her intention to demit the charge at the end of the month. This will no doubt accelerate the need to work out the new partnership between those churches and our own congregations here in Carnoustie.

Just before Contact went to press we were sorry to hear of the death of Alan Lindsay, a long-standing and faithful Elder in Carnoustie Church. Our prayers continue with Alan's wife Margaret and their family, with grateful thanks to God for Alan's quiet but committed service over the years.

Sometimes it seems as if we barely get the opportunity to draw breath before yet more challenges and changes are upon us. In all that face, in all that lies ahead of good times to come or of many challenges, it is vital that we remember the promises of God.

He is faithful to us. He has given us His Son Jesus Christ – such is His love for us. In the light of our crucified and risen Saviour, we have a sure guarantee of the unfailing love of our heavenly Father. This we can hold on to, today and tomorrow and forever.

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. **South Sudan** – Pray for reconciliation and an end to conflict in this very new, but very divided country; give thanks for the visit of Christian leaders at the start of February.

2. **Ukraine** – After the first anniversary of the full-scale Russian invasion, pray for the people of Ukraine, asking that a way to establish a just peace with security for that war-torn land might be found.
  
3. **Local Congregations** – With the demission of Rev Fiona Reynolds announced, pray for Monifieth and MNMT parishes as they go into vacancy, along with the exploration of their future partnership with the Carnoustie churches.

## Congregational Register

### Funerals

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

Jan 18 **Joe Gourlay**

### Coming Up

**Prayer Meetings Mondays 10 - 11 am** in the Manse

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2 pm Service in Braehill Lodge (Mike)

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2 pm Service in Willowbank (Annette)

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 6.30 pm **Barry Community Workshops**

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2 pm Midweek service

Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 10 am Carnoustie Union discussions

Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 11 am **The Lord’s Supper** in Carnoustie

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 7.30 pm Carnoustie Kirk Session

Thur 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar 2 pm Service in Brookfield (Annette)

Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Mar 10 am Perth Presbytery in Bankfoot

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Mar 7.30 pm Church Life & Worship Team

Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Mar 2 pm Service in Kinloch Care (Mike)  
 Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Mar 7 pm Barry Kirk Session  
 Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Mar 7.30 pm Mission & Outreach Team - Manse  
 Tue 21<sup>st</sup> Mar 7 pm Carnoustie Choir Concert  
 Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> – Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Mar **Minister's Holiday**  
 Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Mar 10 am Woodlands end of term service  
 Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Mar 2 pm Midweek service

**2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> April Holy Week and Easter Services**

**Palm Sunday** 2<sup>nd</sup> April 7 pm St Anne's, Thomas Street  
**Monday – Friday Reflections** 10.15 am Panbride Church Hall  
**Evening Services** 7 pm  
 Mon Barry Parish Church  
 Tuesday Erskine UF Church  
 Wed Carnoustie Church

**Maundy Thursday** 6<sup>th</sup> April:

Agape 7 pm Holy Rood Church

**Good Friday** 7<sup>th</sup> April:

Walk of Witness 11 am From Newton Panbride Church  
 Shared Service 12 pm Holy Rood Church  
 Service 7 pm Carnoustie Baptist Church

## **Easter Day 9<sup>th</sup> April:**

Sunrise Service      6.15 am    Behind Beach Hall

(Sunrise is due 6.21 am)

Followed by breakfast (to be confirmed)

Morning Service      9.30 am    Barry West Garden

Morning Service      11 am      All Churches

## **Upcoming Church Project Fundraising Events**

Here are some dates for your diaries:-

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> April – a fashion show to be held in the church. We have still to firm up details on who will be taking part and on which of the 2 dates it will be held but these details will be confirmed in the next Contact and on the website so keep your eyes open.

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Big Coffee Pop Up Pop In. For this event we will be looking for articles for the various stalls. These will include: cake & candy, books, bric-a-brac and vintage clothes. More may be added. So keep any unwanted Christmas presents, books you've read and loved (or not) and any pre-loved clothes cluttering up your wardrobe.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February – our next Coffee & Chat. Come along to the church any time from 10am to 12 noon and enjoy a mug of coffee or tea (with free refills), a cake and some excellent company. All for the fantastic price of a minimum £2.00 donation. Now that's value for money. These will continue to be run on the last Monday of the month until the work on the church begins.

*Audrey*

## **MAF**

We are asking that you pray for Ryan Koher, a pilot for Mission Aviation Fellowship, who is in a high security prison in Mozambique. On November 4, he met two South Africans at an airport in southern Mozambique for a routine flight.

They were bringing supplies for orphanages in the northern part of the country and it was a flight MAF, known as Ambassador Aviation Ltd. in Mozambique, had flown many times in the past. Before the airplane was loaded, police conducted a normal scan of the goods and had concerns about some vitamins, over-the-counter medications, and food preservative supplies that were going to staff at the orphanages.

Ryan and the two South Africans were detained that day on an accusation that quickly escalated to “supporting terrorism.” It has now been over 60 days of incarceration for Ryan and the two South Africans without any written charges and an investigation that is ongoing.

### **UPDATE AS OF JANUARY 13, 2023**

Thank you for your faithfulness in praying for Ryan and Annabel. Annabel received a letter from Ryan in which he describes his situation. He confirms that his faith remains strong and says he seems to be an encouragement to those around him.

An official from the embassy was able to meet with Ryan last Friday and they reported to Annabel on his safety and health. There are no issues related to his personal treatment in prison but he does have some minor medical issues related to bug bites.

Ryan’s attorney continues to press authorities to allow him to be released.

### **UPDATE AS OF FEBRUARY 3, 2023**

It is anticipated that a judge will rule on the bail request for Ryan next week. Please pray for God’s intervention to allow this request to be granted. Ryan was allowed a call to his wife in which he thanked

everyone for their prayers and he also asks for prayers for the two South African men and everyone's health. Please continue to pray for Ryan and Annabel as his detention reaches three months on February 4.

When we read or hear about MAF, the above is not something that we expect to find out but we should realise how tenuous the lives of the pilots and other workers are in some countries. Please pray for Ryan and his family as well as all the other detainees across the world who have been imprisoned because of the work they do in Christ's name. You can read any updates on the MAF web site.

*Irene*

### **ACORN**

**There are many great stories arising from the ACORN movement but this particular report from the ACORN group I attend is one I have been following for months. I am looking forward to watching this interview and know that it will be both informative and inspiring.**

Paul, National Director for Acorn in Scotland, will be interviewing Brian in Inverness about his remarkable, yet simple, journey into faith as a direct result of Acorn practice. Brian has now joined an Acorn group. Brian's powerful story will be helpful to many. If you, or even a group you are in, would like to be inspired, you are welcome to connect.

The recording will be available afterwards and might be suitable for a group discussion, a conversation with some Christian friends about what Acorn is, or even for some people God is getting you to connect with as they may be seeking too.

**Acorn Helped Me Find God Interview.** Wednesday 15 February at 7.30pm on YouTube live:

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8yFz5RN1V9A>**

*Irene*

## Project Updates

I am pleased to be able at last to report some progress regarding our church project. As many of you will have noticed, the Philip Hall is now up for sale and there has been interest with some offers submitted. The closing date has been set and once the Kirk session has had time to look over the offers and accepted one, the sale will go ahead.

There are still lots of things in the hall so clearing is to begin on 7<sup>th</sup> February with a skip coming the following week to take away things that are not required or cannot be used. If you think there is anything in the hall that is yours or you would like, now is the time to let either the minister or an elder know.

The stained glass windows on the east aisle have been cleaned and the protection outside renewed.

A representative from the general trustees has visited the church and met with the architect and some members of the project team. The result of the meeting is permission to go ahead with the project as long as some conditions are met. We are now working on fulfilling these conditions. Fund raising has begun again in earnest so watch out for details of events in Contact.

When you come into church, feel free to have a look at the photos giving an indication of what the inside of the church will look like. They are on display and if you have any questions, please ask to be directed to the person who can hopefully answer and queries.

*Irene*



## Guild News

Our year began in a very positive way with a full syllabus from January to June!

Our first speaker was Rhona Goss who spoke most eloquently about a project "Pearl International"-(Peace, Education, Access, Rescue, Liberty) which is run by friends of theirs.

Now for February we have a slight change of plan- we are having Rev Brian Oxburgh and his subject is still in the pipeline!! This will be at 2.30pm in the Chapel.

March will bring a "surprise" meeting and if you know anything about our Guild you will know this can mean "anything goes" but one thing is certain a good time will be had by all!

We have decided to have refreshments at the beginning of the meeting so afternoon meetings will begin at 2pm for coffee and chat with the meeting "proper" at 2.30pm.

Hopefully by the summer, everyone will have enjoyed our meetings and will maybe bring a friend along to a meeting.

Blessings to one and all as our weather hopefully will improve and the gardens will again be full of colour and hope.

*Pru Milne*

### **A letter (to Allison) from Evelyn adds –**

With Sandra away sailing and Annie's resignation and Ann and Allison indisposed, we were down to Pru, Christine and myself, and so Margaret Ramsay and Alison Scott have been co-opted onto the committee to help out until the end of the session (maybe longer !!!) I hope you approve of the decision taken. We are grateful to have the experience and Guild knowledge of Margaret and Alison and thank them for stepping into the breach.

The meetings from January to June have been discussed and Pru is busy contacting and organising speakers. Once she has replies a list of events and dates will be circulated to you all. Please remember to bring your own cup!

It was suggested, subject to your approval, to revert to having monthly meetings from September to June and have a break July/August. The Study Group resumes on Thursday 12th January at 10am in May's house. Look forward to seeing you all soon and take care. Every blessing Evelyn.

### **Flower List**

#### **19th February**

Mrs A Green  
Mrs R Ower  
Mrs G Roger

#### **19th March**

Mrs A Gall  
Mrs I R Johnston  
Mrs N Murdoch

*Kind regards, Sandra and Claire*

*Something for the young and old!*

# Easter Word Search

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