

# Reflections

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The *Sagrada Familia*, designed by Antonio Gaudi is a symbol of Barcelona. Two million visitors pass through its doors every year, some people visiting Spain for the sole reason of seeing it. The construction started in 1882 and it is currently predicted to be completed in 2030. It entered the final phase of construction in 2015. I visited more than 10 years ago, by this time you are reading this article I will have made a return visit at the end of January. I am very much looking forward to seeing what progress has been made, changes and new features, also what is still the same.

The phrase 'a work in progress' certainly can be applied to Antonio Gaudi's masterpiece. But it is a phrase that is true for us too. We are not the same people we were this time last year, yesterday or tomorrow.



Paul established a church in Philippi on his second missionary journey which we read about in Acts chapter 16: 6-40. He wrote a letter to the church some ten or twelve years afterwards. In Philippians chapter 1 he writes:

*<sup>3</sup>I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup>In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup>being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*

The good news is that God is at work in our lives, the bad news.. none of us are the finished article, yet. We need to be patient with ourselves and with others. We choose to follow Jesus Christ every day as we awake and each day brings

opportunities to grow in faith, to stay still or take steps backwards.

As part of the church family we are there to accompany one another as we walk in faith. More than that we are chosen and called by God to bring the Good News of Jesus to others, by the people we are and the way we live but also by finding our voice to share the story of what faith in God means to us.

I hope you enjoy reading this edition of 'Reflections' and find your own faith encouraged and challenged as you do. Strength for today and hope for tomorrow,

Rev Fiona

## KAY PARK PARISH CHURCH WELCOMES ... LUCKENBOOTH!



**Christine** on vocals, cello, whistle and percussion

**Mhairi** on fiddle, viola and vocals

**Alex** on guitar, mandolin, whistles and flute

The band is well-known around Scotland's central belt at Clubs and Festivals. Their repertoire is a mix of traditional and contemporary but the band tailors the set to suit the audience.

Luckenbooth like to get their audiences singing along and their choice of material reflects that.

Two of Luckenbooth come from classically trained background and the musical influences of the band include Ewan McColl, Joan Baez, Bob Dylan, Gordon Two Lightfoot, Ossian, Jez Lowe and The Incredible String Band.

**SAVE THE DATE.....**

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**FRIDAY 15 MARCH ....7.30 PM ... KAY PARK CHURCH .... LUCKENBOOTH CHARITY CONCERT**

*(Proceeds supporting Bethany Christian Trust and Breast Cancer Care)*

# YOUNG CHURCH PAGE



Over the last year the oldest group have been enjoying going to COSTA once a month, where we chat about world issues and how as Christians we can help. Quite a few of the other children said



that they would also like to go to COSTA but we all agree that that would be expensive, so our leaders are investigating if we can buy a hot chocolate machine that can be used in Young Church

every week. Watch out in the next issue to see if it has happened.

During the festive period we enjoyed doing some fun things to get us into the Christmas spirit. For our Christmas party we headed over to The Garage bowling for a game on ten pin bowling and burger. Then for our nativity "Christmas Wrapped Up" the congregation even got to participate in, by helping to unwrap presents that related to the Christmas story.

## Prayer for the month

*Thank you, dear God, for all the good things with which you have blessed us.*

*Thank you for your love in good times: thank you for your unfailing love in difficult times.*

*Thank you for your promise to be with us always.  
Amen.*

**Our young church listens to what we say!** At the start of 2019 our leaders asked what we like and don't like about Young Church. Our younger children said they liked to sing at the start and we, "older" young people said that we didn't enjoy the singing, so our leaders have agreed that the two younger groups will meet in the creche and start off with a song and the two older groups will go straight to their activities, which is great because it gives us more time to spend on the task.

Also, after listening to what we like, starting from the 3<sup>rd</sup> February we will be having a **Movie week on the first Sunday of every month** in the choir room.

Arrangements are being made for a large screen to go up and we will enjoy watching the "Friends and Heroes" series of cartoons, whilst sharing some popcorn. It is a fun way to learn about stories from the Bible.



Over the past few months we have done a lot of fundraising for Charities such as Christian Aid and Cancer Research. We sold cupcakes and biscuits that we made and donated the money to Christian Aid to help



people who have suffered because of the Indonesian Tsunami, we also made bags of M&Ms and sold them during the period of advent with the money being donated to our chosen charity - Cancer Research.



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## DATES

### FOR THE YC DIARY

- February 3 - CINEMA SUNDAY
- 10 - YC holiday
- 17 - YC holiday
- March 3 - CINEMA SUNDAY
- April 7 - YC holiday
- 21 - EASTER SUNDAY

*Our Fiona Kendall is working in Italy with Mediterranean Hope, as European and Legal Affairs Advisor, on behalf of the Church of Scotland and Methodist Church in Britain. Here she shares a little about the situation of asylum seekers in Italy.*

## **BREAKING NEWS .....**

### **FCEI (The Federation of Protestant Churches in Italy) contributes to ending the Mediterranean deadlock**

You may recall that for almost three weeks over the Christmas period 49 migrants were trapped in the Mediterranean following their rescue by NGO boats during the course of December. The deadlock was finally broken on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019, thanks in no small part to the efforts of the FCEI, to which the Mediterranean Hope Project belongs.



The FCEI has long spoken out against the EU's failure to agree a coherent policy to be activated whenever any rescue is carried out. In solidarity with those trapped at sea, and determined to see conditions for herself, FCEI vice-President Christiane Groeben went aboard one of the trapped vessels on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> January. On the same day, FCEI President Luca Maria Negro reiterated the FCEI's offer, in tandem with the Waldensian Diaconate, to host migrants brought ashore to Italy. The FCEI has built up a wealth of experience in this area and, once again, saw fit to offer radical hospitality in line with the Gospel message.

During the night of 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> January, after days of wrangling and negotiation, the call came to confirm that the offer would be accepted by the Italian government. Malta has permitted the boats to disembark on the basis that eight EU member states, including Italy, will host the migrants. The Italian government has agreed to this on the basis that the FCEI, through Mediterranean Hope and the Waldensian Diaconate, will in fact take responsibility for those brought to Italy, at no cost to the Italian state. It will be for the FCEI to find the right accommodation and provide ongoing support for these people, all of which will be funded by the 8/1000 tax allocation of the Waldensian Church and our other donors.

Mediterranean Hope's commitment to ongoing SAR operations in the Mediterranean Sea was formalised last

spring when the FCEI entered into partnership with Spanish NGO Proactiva Open Arms, and further strengthened by its subsequent collaborations with German NGO Sea-Watch and French NGO Pilotes Volontaires. Financial support aside, Mediterranean Hope team members have participated in several missions during which hundreds of migrants have been rescued from the sea. For the FCEI to offer direct support to those rescued, as it has done for many years now, is entirely in keeping with that ethos.

*"The FCEI remains willing to test the boundaries of what it means to welcome the stranger. However, EU member states cannot continue to turn a blind eye to the plight of those who continue to attempt to cross the sea. In our view, safe passage via Europe-wide humanitarian corridors is best way forward. Meantime, the need for a coherent SAR policy could not be more urgent."*

Paolo Naso, Co-ordinator, Mediterranean Hope, 10th January 2019

Every Blessing

Fiona @fionakmedhope

The retiring offerings of £230.93 from the Christmas Eve services were sent to Mediterranean Hope to help this wonderful project. We received very grateful thanks from Luca Maria Negro - FCEI President .

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# The Guild

Every three years the Guild has a three year strategy and for 2018 – 2021 it is – ‘ONE JOURNEY, MANY ROADS’ In 2018 the theme was: ‘Seeking the Way’ and this year it is ‘Companions on the Road’.

There are six projects, two per year, and we have been supporting The Boys’ Brigade– Faith in Young People. Today, the Boys’ Brigade faces the challenge of being more visible in outreach and engagement with the wider community. The new partnership with the Guild focuses on growing The Boys’ Brigade across Scotland. The project was launched in 2018 – **Scotland’s** ‘year of young people’ with a particular focus on:

- **Growth in Faith**
- **Growth in Community Partnerships**
- **Growth in Young People**

The second project we are supporting is through the World Mission Council – ‘Journeying together – Empowering Teenage Mothers in Zambia.

**“I want to finish my exams; I would like my son to grow up to be a good man” Michelle aged 18 years with a 10 month old son.**

In Kanyana, a high density area of Lusaka, Zambia; life can be difficult and young girls are very vulnerable. Many become pregnant and drop out of sight –

dropping out of school, making employment hard to come by; continuing the vicious cycle of poverty.

**Journeying Together** seeks to change this. The project provides mentoring and support for young mothers as they learn about nutrition, sexual and reproductive health and parenting skills. The young mothers are encouraged and supported to complete their education or to take the option of vocational training. The project will help teenage mums in Kanyana to build a life of promise for themselves and their children.

Other projects which we will be supporting are:

- **CROSSREACH**
- **SAILORS’ SOCIETY**
- **MALAWI FRUITS**
- **THE FREE TO LIVE TRUST**

I will explain these as they come up over the next two years.

I hope you find this article of interest and it has made you aware some of the work the Guild does within the church. It would be lovely to see you at any of our meetings.



*The family of the late Mrs Elizabeth Pollock would like to express their gratitude for the kindness shown to their mother and to them during the years of her illness. She was a devoted member of this congregation and it was heartening for them to know how much she was loved by her fellow members. They are also grateful for the cards,*

*I just want to say Thank You to all my Church family for all the support given to me in my recent bereavement. Your kindness, thoughts, prayers, cards, flowers and gifts all sustained me during a very difficult time - and will give me strength for the future. God bless you all.*

*Olive Gow*

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# Kay Park Church Family Focus

## Rev Fiona A Maxwell - Our Minister



We are now embarking on a new and exciting era in our church. After several successful ministries in our past, we can now look forward to another period of growth and renewal under the ministry of Fiona.

Fiona belongs to East Kilbride, and was brought up in the Baptist Church. Her parents had actually met at church in Lanarkshire and moved to East Kilbride when it was designated as one of the New Towns. In her younger days Fiona was always very much involved in the youth organisations - from Sunday School and Christian Endeavour to the Scripture Union, where she was a regular volunteer at their summer camps. It was during her early teenage years that she came to realise that the Christian path was the one that she must follow.

After leaving Duncanrig High School, she continued her studies at Caledonian University, where she took a degree in Social Sciences, followed by a post-grad teaching diploma at Moray House in Edinburgh. While in Edinburgh as a student, she attended Holyrood Abbey Church of Scotland, and was also part of the Christian Union movement.

On completion of her qualification, Fiona returned to Glasgow, where she had obtained a post at Williamwood High School as a teacher of R.E. However, after three years, she moved to Hamilton College, where she set up an R.E. department, and shortly afterwards was promoted to head of years 1 and 2 acting in a more pastoral role. At that time she was still in her twenties and was very much enjoying teaching. During this time she had been attending Flowerhill Church in Airdrie, where she became a member and was also ordained an elder, still in her early twenties. Fiona was greatly influenced by the minister, the Reverend David Clark and his wife, who encouraged her to consider studying for the Ministry. By this time she had bought her own flat and was now worshipping at Maxwell Mearns Church in Glasgow, where she became involved in children's holiday clubs and was also a part of a prison visiting team, visiting Low Moss in Lanarkshire and also Kilmarnock prison - which, she told me has been her only previous connection to our town, along with regular visits to McDonalds at the Bellfield roundabout!!

Fiona is inspired by being part of a team, and on her career path she has been greatly influenced by and mentored by many different people, including the ministers she has encountered. After some soul searching, she decided in the year 2000, to apply to enrol for the Bachelor of Divinity degree at Trinity College in Glasgow. Her placements after graduation were in the

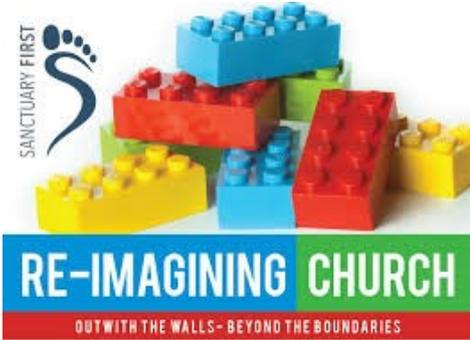
Glasgow area, and included being part of the chaplaincy team at the former Southern General Hospital. She spent her probationary period at Dalziel St. Andrews Church in Motherwell. In 2004 she was inducted to her first charge at Dalmuir Barclay Church in Clydebank, where she remained until 2012, when she took over the charge at Neilston Parish Church, before accepting the call to Kay Park in 2018. While at Neilston, Fiona was honoured to be asked to become a Deputy Lieutenant for Renfrewshire, and was also asked to dedicate the new War Memorial in the village. This was extremely significant, since it was the first War Memorial Neilston had ever had. One of the basic tenets of her ministry is to make strong connections in the community. She is especially interested in working with young people, who are, after all our future in the church. In the short time she has been our minister, I feel she has already made an impression on our Young Church.

While at Neilston, Fiona led a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and at Clydebank, she took a group to Romania to work with a Christian social agency and Christian hospice. She also encouraged a local school to become involved, with the result that they raised £10,000 towards the project, and are still continuing with their fund-raising. Fiona has also been with the Vine Trust to Peru.

In her frequently limited free time, she enjoys walking in the Lake District and Norfolk. Croatia is another favourite destination and she loved going on the cruise from Vancouver to Alaska. Also, as an escape for much needed R & R, Fiona has a caravan nearer home. As a consequence of her wide range of activities and interests, she has a large group of friends which is very important to her.

Fiona greatly appreciates the warmth of welcome she has received at Kay Park, and she told me she felt instantly at home here. Since her Induction she has been extremely busy, but one of her priorities is in helping us to grow in our love for God in the wider community. The Ministry of Word and Sacrament is a true vocation for Fiona Maxwell, and it will be our privilege to share with her the journey that lies ahead. We cannot help but be inspired by her enthusiasm and commitment, and we are most fortunate in having her as our minister.

Shiona Thomson



Two of our Elders, Bill Caldwell and Jeff Davies, attended a conference on our behalf in January. The Conference was convened as a result of a vote taken at the 2018 General Assembly which invited every congregation to look to the future shape of the church and come back with their visions for their own congregations. Bill and Jeff brought back their impressions from the conference and the Kirk Session held a special conference to hear their reports and to try to find their visions for the future of Kay Park Church.

## TULLIALLAN 1

The conference which Jeff and I attended at Tulliallan Police College dealt with the challenges facing the Church of Scotland today.

- the continuing rapid decline in numbers attending church

- the similar decline in numbers of new ministers in training

- the need to rethink the way we DO church, so as to reach those with little or no church connection, who don't know Christ at all – for whom the church is an irrelevance.

One phrase which was used a number of times was – “If we continue to do what we've always done, we'll continue to get what we've always got.” Decline!

If Jesus were to come to Kay Park Parish Church today, NOW, and carry out an audit, what do you think His findings would be? What kind of report would we get? What about our congregation – its size, its profile, its energy? What are we doing well? What could we do better? What are we not doing at all, that we should be doing?

Our task as a church is not simply to “be” but to “become” – things need to change – WE need to change, and that's not always easy, not always comfortable – BUT it can be exciting and rewarding! If we, and I mean ALL of us, do not meet the challenge and each play our part, the church may not be here in 40-50 years. That will be our legacy. We may not be here, but what of our children and grandchildren – with no church and all that it stands for. If there was no church in your life, how different would your life be?

The weekend conference had a number of speakers and a selection of workshops from which we could choose four, and these covered a wide range of areas and approaches.

For example - bearing in mind all the NEW TECHNOLOGY that is around today – Online services and 24 hour access to prayers and readings was very much highlighted. Think of the opportunities to connect with -

young people, the “silver surfers”, the housebound, the shift workers, people abroad with work or on holiday, people facing all sorts of situations in life. It has amazing possibilities which as yet, we may never have considered.

Another fairly obvious, simple, approach was to identify individual member's talents before constructing teams/committees so as to make them much more effective, rather than just allocate a number of people to a particular group. For example, some people are much better at greeting/welcoming/speaking to, people, so would be great in a “Welcome team” – and they need not be elders as we generally have at present. People identified in this way would feel much more confident in what they were doing and would be much more effective.

Which skills/talents do WE have which could be put to good use – we've all got something! And age or disability need not be a barrier. One delegate at the conference was blind, but was there to find out what he could/should be doing!

Almost 20 years ago, the publication Church Without Walls came out and seemed to be put on the shelf immediately. We were invited to look at it again and saw that it was still relevant today. One minister told how he led a group of 20 church folk into a deprived, or as he put it, “no go”, area in Paisley. They were unsure what to do and decided to start playing a game of rounders. Within an hour, he said, there were about 60 people playing, including youngsters who had been abused or had addiction problems or had mental illness issues or were just bored – people who just wanted to be included, who wanted to talk, to be listened to, to be told that they were loved – by God.

The conference was wide ranging and quite tiring ( we had morning prayers at 7.30 am, a full day of activities and evening devotions at 9.30pm ).

But the whole conference could be summed up simply in two words, and they are for us all - “Follow me”.

Bill Caldwell

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## TULLIALLAN 2

At the start of the Conference it was emphasised that the Church of Scotland is in a time of flux and transition and while we cannot rejoice in the decline of Sunday attendances, there are many fascinating cultural and technological developments at work that give us new opportunities to re-think what it is that marks us out as the Body of Christ in the World today. This becomes more interesting when we discover that there are more committed Christians who profess faith outside of church buildings on a Sunday than inside them.

On that basis, Sanctuary First, a Group within the Church of Scotland, are proposing a Re-Imagining of the Church – not a re-imagining. This is so that we can discover what it means to be open to the Holy Spirit, to be reformed and re-forming. The Conference was an opportunity to network with others as we begin to re-imagine how we can become the Body of Christ in a culture that has been rapidly transformed by technology.

In a series of fascinating Workshops it became clear that we need to look at our Churches from an Outsiders point of view to understand what we need to do to make our church relevant to them in today's society. We have achieved a lot in recent years in remodelling our own Church in Kilmarnock which will partly address this need. However, we now must take the extra step to communicate with the Community to display our social consciousness. This will involve the need to embrace new technology to embrace the Christians professing their faith outside the Church.

What became clear was the real need to involve Christ in our prayerful thinking and that only through him will we become more relevant to Society. It was also very obvious that the Church is in good hands and we all must help re-imagine our Church to ensure our Children have a future in Christ.

Jeff Davies

### YOUR ELDERS HAD THEIR SAY ...

A good turnout of elders met to look at the feedback from the conference. The context was falling numbers, falling enthusiasm, fewer ministers, fewer children ... and we were encouraged by our enthusiastic Rev Fiona to look at all the SWOTs facing our congregation. So we did. We looked at the **S**trengths, **W**eaknesses, **O**pportunities and **T**hreats and we were encouraged to throw caution to the winds and just come out with exactly what our views were on each of these topics. We were in small groups and had some lively discussions but we just wrote down our own responses on little Post-It notes and stuck them on to huge flipchart sheets, which were posted on the walls and at the end of the evening we just wandered around looking at what the other people had posted. Many of the responses were predictable, but the really exciting ones were the unpredictable and unexpected responses, especially to the **O**pportunities. There seems to be an old Chinese word for Crisis (Alison Clark can check this out in Shanghai) which is made up of two words Change/Opportunity. This opportunity for change is what we must seize to save the church for the future

In a few weeks we will be able to see the results of the discussions, when all the Post-Its have been collated, but the results are already there to be seen in the excited and motivated reactions of the elders at the end of the evening. Far from being discouraged, the elders were inspired and still talking about it days later!

### NOW IT'S YOUR TURN ...

The future of the church, **our** church, lies in **our** hands. Over the coming weeks and months we, the members, will be asked to give our responses to the same SWOT questions which were put to the elders?

What are our **S**trengths? What, here in Kay Park Parish Church, do we do really well?

What are our **W**eaknesses? What could we be doing a bit better? What could we be doing that we haven't even tackled?

What **O**pportunities are there here in our congregation? In the community all around us? In the wider world where so much help is needed?

What are the **T**hreats to the survival of Kay Park Parish Church? Of the Church of Scotland? Of the Church of Jesus Christ?

There won't be big discussions where only a few hold the floor. You will be offered the POST-IT notes to write your views on.

Rev Fiona would like to have meetings with the members, over a cup of tea and a bite to eat, to listen and read YOUR views

**SO PLEASE, DON'T SHY AWAY WHEN ASKED TO COME ALONG. DON'T MAKE EXCUSES. COME AND SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS, WHICH ARE EVERY BIT AS VALUABLE AND VALUED AS ANY OTHER. THIS IS A TIME OF CRISIS, BUT IT'S ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY WHICH COMES ONCE IN A LIFETIME TO CHANGE FOR THE BETTER.**

## KAY PARK Strollers & Striders

A healthy turnout of 24 Strollers defied a forecast of severe gales and squally showers to venture to a new destination, Pollok Country Park. Assembling in their car park during an aforesaid squally shower, we headed off on a 21/2 mile circular walk through tree lined parkland. The shower soon passed as we continued our walk, passing the Burrell

Collection (still closed for refurbishment), before crossing past Poloc Cricket Club, to follow a gravel path along the White Cart river. This led us back into the grounds of Pollock House, where a few minutes were spent exploring the "Hobbit Village" created by the resident gardeners. On through the gardens brought us back to Pollock House, where we took up our reserved tables for refreshments, before the journey home.

A lingering chest infection prevented my attendance at December's striders, so their efforts must, at present, go unreported.

In January, a healthy turnout of Strollers returned to Alloway for a gentle walk from the Burns Centre, through a woodland path into Belleisle Estate. On past the former hotel and over Belleisle golf course to join Monument Road, we headed into Alloway past Burns Cottage. Our one hour walk concluded back at the Burns' Centre, where again refreshments were on offer.

Our most recent Striders outing also followed a route tested previously. Views of a snow-capped Arran, across the Firth from Portencross, were soon left behind as we headed from there, past the castle and small harbour, towards Hunterston. These were replaced by views of both Little and Great Cumbrae, with a different perspective of Millport showing just how it stretches around the bay. A brief stop to regroup at Hunterston power station allowed us to watch a large flock of geese feeding in an adjacent field. What sounded like the station's daily alarm checks soon sent many of them back into flight. Onwards onto the main A78 for a short distance before turning right towards Thirdpart Holdings to walk on minor roads taking us back to Portencross. Alas our attempts at gaining refreshments at the Rowan Tree garden centre on the outskirts of Ardrossan were thwarted, due to refurbishment.

David Miller

### Next Strollers Dates

<b>Tuesday</b>	5th February
<b>Wednesday</b>	6th March
<b>Thursday</b>	11th April
<b>Friday</b>	10th May
<b>Saturday</b>	8th June

### Next Striders Dates

<b>Tuesday</b>	26th February
<b>Wednesday</b>	20th March
<b>Thursday</b>	25th April
<b>Friday</b>	17th May
<b>Saturday</b>	15th June



### The Giant Christmas Card

This Christmas we were invited to put our names and greetings on a Giant Christmas Card and place a donation in a box at the side. The contributions over three Sundays came to an amazing £250.20 which was sent on to Christian Aid.

Thanks to all who contributed.



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## KAY PARK SNOOKER



Some of us at KPPC are also members at The Club in Kilmarnock where among other activities we also play snooker. At the end of last year we met several times with some members of KPPC to play a few frames of snooker. This is now continuing in 2019. We normally play a couple of times a month on a Monday and/or a Thursday starting at 7pm. The next dates are Monday 25th and Thursday 28th February and then Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 21st March.

If you would like to join us in the knowledge that none of us are very good at playing snooker but the banter is great, you would be very welcome!

For more information, please contact Colin Wilde, Bill Caldwell or Ronnie Hamilton.

Regards

Colin Wilde

## Friendship Club

Our new year began on a very sad note when we lost Betty Anderson, who passed away on the 8th. January. Betty had been a long-standing member of our committee, and, along with her sister-in-law Moira Neil, organised the "kitchen" side of things. She had been unwell for some months, but she was determined to lead our meeting in November, even though she was feeling below par. We will all miss her greatly, but especially Moira Neil, who was more like a sister than a sister-in-law.

We ended 2018 with our usual Christmas entertainment under the leadership of the multi-talented Aileen Sansum. Everyone joined into the spirit of the afternoon and got Christmas well under way. We were also delighted to welcome Fiona, our minister, to the party.

At the first meeting in January, Fiona Mackenzie of Centrestage brought along "The Unlikely Lads" - a group of retired gentlemen, who have come together to make a fantastic choir, singing songs from all eras and suited to all tastes. It was an excellent afternoon. One of our members, Liz Smith, entertained us at our second January meeting with an illustrated talk on the marvellous round the world cruise which she and her husband undertook last year. It was an unforgettable trip covering several continents and oceans. Before the final meeting in March we still have a varied programme to look forward to, before ending the session on Thursday 21st March with our very own Marilyn Malcolm, who will sing for us.

Please come along and join us. You will be made very welcome.

May I wish you all, on behalf of everyone in The Friendship Club a belated happy and healthy 2019.

Shiona Thomson.

## Lunch Break



continues on Thursday 17 January  
and fortnightly afterwards at  
12.15pm

Please come along with your friends and  
enjoy a leisurely meal with a delicious  
selection of homemade soups & desserts  
with tea / coffee and biscuits  
for only £3.00.

Our friendly staff look forward to  
welcoming you on every alternate  
Thursday until Easter.



## SCRIPTURE READERS IN CHURCH

### FEBRUARY

10 Rena Larmour  
17 Bill Neilson  
24 Maureen Miller

### MARCH

3 Alex Ferguson  
10 Olive Caldwell  
17 Andrew Raeside  
24 Elizabeth Templeton  
31 Allan Hamilton



# Prayer Page

## FAITH



Christmas is over, all the decorations are packed away in their boxes, stowed in cupboards and forgotten about till needed again.

IS JESUS PACKED AWAY IN YOUR LIFE ALONG WITH THE NATIVITY SCENE?

He does not pack you or me away in a box but shares our lives day and daily, loving and guiding us UNSEEN.

**Matthew 21--22** *"If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."*

## HOPE

The real winter now begins and brings along all the trials that go with bad weather; dark nights, gloomy moods and cold frosty mornings. SPRING is just around the corner, look out for the snowdrops, peeking up in odd corners surviving all hardships that winter throws at them. If they can survive, so can we.

FAITH, HOPE and the LOVE OF JESUS

**John 1--5** *"The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has NOT overcome it."*



LENT begins on Ash Wednesday and follows through weeks of sacrifice, when we could/should give up something we feel we could not do or live without in our busy modern lives.

We cannot live without the LOVE OF JESUS, in the lead up to EASTER and his ULTIMATE SACRIFICE for us all.

**John 4--8** *"Anyone who does not have love, does not know GOD because GOD IS LOVE."*

Corinthians 13--13 *"And now these three remain : FAITH, HOPE and LOVE. But THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE."*

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Prayer  
Request

*If you want to request that the Prayer Chain prays for you or someone you love, please complete one of the Prayer Request Forms available at the front door or at the bottom of the stairs at the back door. All requests are handled in confidence.*

*If you cannot find a form or it is in the middle of the week, phone Rene Larmour or Olive Gow with your request.*

# NOTICES

## *Church Flowers*

Sincere thanks to the following people who have donated to the Flower Fund in December 2018 - January 2019 :



Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Mackenzie, Mrs Anderson, Mrs Noakes, Mrs Lindsay, Mrs Donachy, Mrs Hume, Mrs Templeton, Mrs McCreadie, Mrs Thomson, Mrs Millar, Mrs Nisbet.

Donations can be placed, in an envelope marked 'Flower Fund', on the Offering Plate, or given to Moira Neil or Aileen Sansum. Cheques should be made payable to Kay Park Church Flower Fund.

*We need more people to deliver the flowers on a Sunday. It doesn't take long, but means such a lot to those who receive them.*

## FUNERALS

*"In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you"*

18.12.18

Mrs Elizabeth Pollock, 9 Scott Road D29

31.12.18

Mrs Rena Lamberton, 3 Larch Place D 25

07.01.18

Mrs Eileen Johnston, 8, De Walden Terrace D44

11.01.18

Mrs Margaret McKelvie, 6 Thorn Terrace

18.01.18

Mrs Julie Quinn, 25 MacNaughton Drive D16

25.01.19

Mrs Betty Anderson, 3 South Dean Road. D32

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- 3 11.00 am Celebration of Holy Communion - Uncarded
- 5 2.00 pm Planning Group Meeting
- 7 2.00 pm Friendship Club -The Very Rev Bill Hewitt
- 10 11.00 am Morning Worship
- 12 2.00 pm Guild - The Silk Road - Dr June Neilson
- 13 7.30 pm KIRK SESSION MEETING
- 14 12.15 pm Lunch Break - come and enjoy a delicious lunch for £3!
- 17 11.00 am Morning Worship  
7.00 pm Christian Aid Festival of Praise
- 21 2.00 pm Friendship Club -"That's the Question" Music and Song
- 24 11.00 am Morning Worship
- 26 2.00 pm Planning Group Meeting  
2.00 pm Guild - Empowering Teenage Mothers in Zambia
- 28 12.15 pm Lunch Break - come and enjoy a delicious lunch for £3!

**In Charge: ALLAN HAMILTON****Beadle: JOHN NISBET**Margo Raeside  
Olive GowJess Barry  
Doreen Walkinshaw

Ian Bremner

Michael Lacy

**MARCH** - Sunday worship will be conducted at 11.00 am by the Rev Fiona Maxwell unless otherwise stated

- 3 11.00 am Morning Worship
- 6 ASH WEDNESDAY - THE START OF LENT
- 7 2.00 pm Friendship Club - "The Uganda Fundraiser"
- 10 11.00 am Morning Worship
- 12 2.00 pm Guild -The Ukelele Clan with Jim Scullion
- 13 7.30 pm KIRK SESSION MEETING
- 14 12.15 pm Lunch Break - come and enjoy a delicious lunch for £3!
- 17 11.00 am Morning Worship
- 21 2.00 pm Friendship Club - Marilyn Malcolm and Friends
- 24 11.00 am Morning Worship
- 26 2.00 pm Guild - Fabulous Tapestries with Dena Ward
- 28 12.15 pm Lunch Break - come and enjoy a delicious lunch for £3!
- 30 2.00 pm Guild
- 31 11.00 am Morning Worship

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