

Making God's love known through Jesus Christ

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Pastoral Letter

At Barclay Viewforth Church we have much to give thanks to God for as we look forward to in the year ahead. The vacancy period has been one when a number of the church family have taken on additional responsibilities in the absence of a full-time minister.

We have done our best to bring uplifting and relevant services of worship, not least with the Christmas services. We have had the opportunity to hear the Word of God preached from a number of worship leaders of different styles but all with commitment and love. We have also enjoyed a variety of modern hymns and songs of praise played and sung by our dedicated organists, music leaders, instrumentalists, solo singers and choir.

We have continued with all the pastoral and mission initiatives throughout the vacancy and many people are grateful to all the on-going pastoral work overseen by Elaine, Flowers provided by the dedicated flower team often lift the spirits of those



people far from well. The monthly prayer breakfast meetings have continued to be an encouragement to all who attend, as indeed has the evening services where people can sense a real presence of God.

Likewise, the children’s groups go from strength to strength under the enthusiastic leadership of Stefanie and the other leaders. No service is complete without the children adding to the love that we sense within our church family during times of worship.

We have recently been blessed with 4 new members to BVC and other people have enquired about the Christian Faith in recent weeks. The Christian Faith meetings in the autumn and the current Bible Study meetings, held fortnightly on Thursdays, have encouraged understanding of scripture and fellowship for many.

Property, finance and administration, not least by our conscientious administrator Julie, has ensured that day to day activities have run as smoothly as possible. We have even found time to enjoy some social occasions and we have a pancake party to look forward to on Friday 20th February. All are welcome.

We also have an expectation that we will be blessed with a new minister and new elders soon, which will bring a sense of new life to the church family and encourage new members. We have indeed been blessed by the discernment of the Nominating Committee and the work of the Kirk Session in bringing this time of anticipation and hope about.

Hence, we need to pause and give thanks to God for one another, and for everyone who have led and supported all the on-going ministries at BVC. It has been my privilege and joy to serve as locum and to participate in the life of this church family during the vacancy. I will continue to pray for you, long after my time here as drawn to a close. My prayer is that you will continue to grow your church family and remain a welcoming church where people of all backgrounds are welcome into God’s house to feel they belong and are loved by Christ.

Martin Pearce

Congregational roll

Death

Maisie Trainer 14 November 2019

Birth

Joseph Baird Dixon 5 December 2019

New members

Jospeh Anderson, Liz Barclay, John Wilson 8 December 2019

Robert Queen 26 January 2020



Vacancy News

The Barclay Viewforth Nominating Committee were pleased to share with the congregation that they have identified a sole nominee. At time of writing, the Nominating Committee are not yet able to release their name for publication, but it will be made known to the congregation in due course via announcements in the service etc.

The sole nominee has been invited to preach on Sunday 23 February at the 11:00 service, and the vote will follow directly after.



New elders

During January Rev Ian MacDonald and Elaine Hogan preached about the role of elders and their calling and responsibilities.

Over the next few weeks Session will be considering the appointment of new elders. When we last ordained elders, over 10 years ago now, the congregation was asked for nominations and I expect we will adopt a similar approach this time. I will let you know the arrangements, and would encourage you, as Ian and Elaine suggested, to continue reflection and prayerful consideration of who in the congregation could serve in this way. If nominations are made please do this in confidence, without approaching the person - that would come at a later stage.

We have a number of senior elders who have retired from active service on Session, but the current elders serving actively are (in alphabetical order):

- Stewart Anderson
- Ed Bain
- John Coull
- Alison Edmondson
- Mike Ellis
- Bill Gentleman
- Jean Gordon
- Mairi Gordon
- Lawrence Hall
- Chris Hogan
- Elaine Hogan
- Norman Jamieson
- Jean MacAulay
- Helen Miller
- Robert Miller
- Kirsteen Milne
- Andrew Paterson
- John Ritchie
- Moray Rumney
- Stephen Tweedie

John Ritchie

Issues facing Christians today - Depression

In the autumn, after a mini series on Habakkuk at the evening service, I asked people to write down some of the issues they felt that Christians were facing today. Unsurprisingly the list was long. Some of the topics on that list will be the subject of some of our evening services in the coming months.

In January we looked at depression - something which will affect most of us, through personal suffering or supporting family/friends who live with it. As I write this social media has been informing me that today is "Blue Monday" officially the most depressing day of the year. Hopefully, by the time you read this, you will all be feeling much brighter. However, people living with depression are very good at concealing their true feelings. C.S. Lewis wrote, **"Mental pain is less dramatic than physical pain, but it is more common and also more hard to bear. The frequent attempt to conceal mental pain increases the burden: it is easier to say 'My tooth is aching' than to say 'My heart is broken'.** Even the Psalmist asks, "Where does my help come from?" before he answers his own question... "My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth."

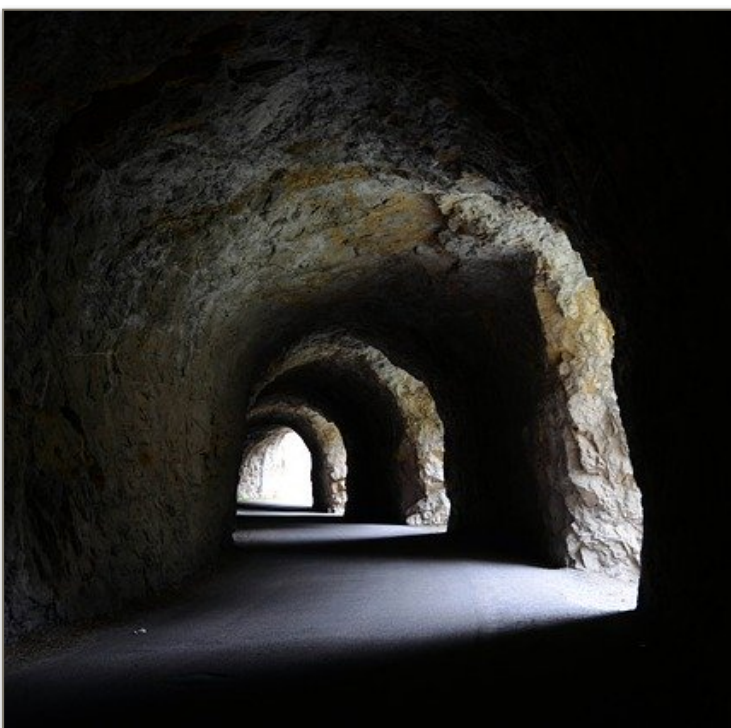
There are numerous people in scripture who lived through dark days of depression, but one significant one is Elijah (read 1 Kings chapters 18 & 19).

Elijah had faced many battles - one of the most significant is retold in chapter 18 - against Ahab on the mountain - you may remember the challenge that Elijah issued to the prophets of Baal - to call on Baal to set fire to their altar. Nothing happened. But when Elijah called on God to send the fire to the Lord's altar which was doused in gallons of water, He answered with tongues of fire. Then the people fell prostrate and cried, "The Lord, He is God."

Elijah must have felt great. However Queen Jezebel was not too happy and sent a messenger to Elijah threatening to take his life. He knows that she's already disposed of all

the other prophets who stood up for the Lord and so Elijah is understandably frightened for his life. But he is also a man with great faith in God, who has had the courage to act on God's promptings. But all of that faith and courage seems to desert him when he needs it most - a place that some of us will have been in on some occasions, I'm sure.

What does Elijah do? He runs away. He runs as far away from Jezebel as he can get, from the north to Beersheba in the far south... a distance of about 120 miles. This will have taken him several days - it's no



wonder he was completely exhausted when he got there.

Having seen Elijah celebrate a great victory with God - who would ever have thought that such a turnaround would happen to such a man. Sadly, that can be the way with depression. To the world we can look as if we're coping every day, some of us on cloud 9....and then suddenly....we find that we're no longer able to cope. Life gets too much, and like Elijah, we want to run away.

Feeling utterly useless, Elijah prays for God to take his life. Then he lay down under a bush, perhaps expecting that God would answer his prayer.

God has other plans and sends his angel, or messenger, to see to Elijah's needs. The angel ministers to Elijah providing food and water to help him recover and help strengthen him for what lay ahead.

Maybe there's a lesson for us there - when we come alongside someone who is feeling depressed, perhaps our initial ministry should be in providing food. If we can meet the person's immediate needs then they might feel more like talking when we provide a supportive and listening ear.

Elijah may have thought that his usefulness had expired but God had other plans for him. As part of that process God had to remind Elijah of who He was and what He had done - Elijah is in such a bad place that he can only see the doom and gloom, forgetting all about the mighty works that God has done in his life... He felt a failure. But God comes back at him with a new plan...one which he would be very much part of. He was still going to be useful in serving God and in anointing his successors. It's a powerful thing to be needed.

For me Elijah's story is a clear example of how God not only uses people of power and influence but he also uses broken people to further his Kingdom here on earth. If God can do that with Elijah, why wouldn't he use you or you or me to do likewise?

If you are living with depression - please know that you are loved. God loves you more than you know and he will provide angels or messengers to minister to you.

In finishing, can I just add that I am on the end of a phone if you need someone to talk to. Call the office and we can set up a meeting time. I don't have all the answers but I can

listen. I can pray with you. I can also journey with you if you need some professional help. Please just don't carry this on your own.

Elaine Hogan



Heroes of the Faith: Jane Haining

I recently finished a fantastic book all about inspirational Scottish women with the eyebrow-raising title of “Warriors, Witches and Damn Rebel Bitches” by Mairi Kidd. I loved so many of the stories, but one in particular stood out to me: Jane Haining.

Jane grew up in Dunscore, and, to quote the book, “became a fervent evangelist”. At the age of 35, she was called into missionary work. She travelled to Hungary to work in a Church of Scotland Mission School in Budapest. The school mostly taught Jewish children. Jane was Matron of the school when war broke out in 1939. In 1940, the Church of Scotland told her to return home. Jane refused, and remained at the school even though Hungary was part of the Axis alliance.

In 1944, the Germans invaded Hungary and began to persecute and deport Jewish people. Jane was once again asked to leave. Once again, she refused. It cost her her life. She was arrested in April 1944, and was eventually transferred to Auschwitz. She died there in August 1944.

Jane’s story is new to me, but I was profoundly moved by the dedication of this Christian missionary to remain with the pupils she cared for through terrible circumstances, even though they did not share her faith. Ultimately, she laid down her her life in the name of Christ for those who (as far as we know) did not know Him.

So often, we think of our call to mission in the world as one that is all about conversion. The

end goal is how many souls saved? Jane stands against this focus on numbers - her story is a profound reminder that our greatest mission is that of love. We are to go out into all the world and to love others as Christ has loved us. “By this all men will know that you are my disciples: if you have love for one another.” Whether the people we are reaching ever come to know Christ in this life is, ultimately, between them and God. Whether they know they are loved? Well, that’s something we can do something about.

If you would like to know more about some of the great heroes of our faith, like Jane, you can pick up a biography or autobiography from the Books4U stand in the Pillar Hall.

Emma Torry



May Morris - Her Art and Life

Recently I went to an inspirational exhibition. It was of May Morris, the embroidery artist. It explores her life and work. She was the youngest daughter of William Morris and was one of the most significant artists of the British Arts and Crafts movement in the 19th Century. It is a large exhibition, with small embroidered pictures as well as large embroidered panels. Her subject matter is Nature in all its detail, pattern and beauty.



May was born in the late 19th century when so much was done by hand. She embroidered plants and flowers and birds, Tulips honey suckle and lotus flower and more all composed with stems and leaves. The colours were delicately blended together. It was like going for a walk in a garden.

May created many designs for the Movement, She also taught her craft and developed a social conscience for the world around.

The exhibition is well worth a visit It is at the Dovecot Studios, Infirmary St. until the 14 March. It is a paying exhibition.

Lee Gates

Ash Wednesday

For the first time this year, Barclay Viewforth will be marking the start of Lent with an Ash Wednesday service at 19:00 on Wed 26 February.

The Ash Wednesday service will be a quiet, reflective space to reflect on our relationship with God in light of our humanity and consider actions we might take during Lent to draw closer to Christ. All are welcome, whether you have previously attended an Ash Wednesday service elsewhere or have never been to one before.



Emma Torry

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Family Bible Study

The new Bible Study group started on 16 January with 15 people attending. This allowed us to split into 2 groups to allow everyone a chance to join in the discussions. It is very much an opportunity to learn together.

Each meeting is led by a different member of BVC and lasts just an hour. However, there are refreshments before the meeting and an informal chat afterwards in the Golf Tavern!

Meetings are fortnightly on Thursdays 19:30 to 20:30 in the Pillar Hall.

All are most welcome. Each evening is a stand-alone discussion so you do not have to attend all the meetings. The opportunity to share in fellowship and to study scripture together.

Martin Pearce

Coffee donations - toilet twinning

This year, any leftover money from the donations made towards the cost of providing tea and coffee will be put towards twinning our church toilets. The toilet twinning scheme provides access to safe, sanitary facilities for people who would not otherwise have them. At the end of the year, we will receive a certificate showing the toilets we have helped to pay for which we can display in our church toilets.

Around the world, many people lack access to proper toilet facilities. A lack of toilet facilities not only leads to the spread of disease. Access to safe toilet facilities also improves safety for women and helps young girls stay in education.

By twinning our toilets, we also have an opportunity to publicly demonstrate our concern for the wider world to all those who use our buildings and to raise awareness about this important issue.

Emma Torry

Children and Families update

Before the experiences and adventures of the previous year escape our minds, let us take a moment to review what has happened in the last year and what might be ahead of us in 2020. To children and families - ministry has been blessed through all of you. We would not have been able to strive for as much as we did if there would not have been words of encouragement, open hearts welcoming the children's involvement, and willing hands that got involved practically and faithfully. Two simple words: Thank you!

2019

In the past year the leaders of all groups grew closer together into one team. Regular meetings encouraged us all and helped us to perceive an overview of what is actually happening in every group. We grew in the sense that we are on this journey together, not just with the children but with one another as well. Our journey took us through series of topics: Easter, the parables of Jesus, Acts and Paul, and very recently of course, Christmas. The art could be seen in our little dark-light picture gallery, window and Advent branch displays or live in performance during our Kingdom Kids 'Guardians of the Galaxy' – service and the Nativity Play.

Our Kingdom Kids services kicked off well in late spring and through Artemis, our intern in October, our Kingdom Kids services could improve by including new ideas. It is encouraging to see how the kids celebrate their own service in fellowship with one another, growing closer as a group.

Throughout the summer break a lot of people worked quietly in the background. Cupboards were rearranged in every room used by our ministry, the Kids Corner in the Pillar Hall was rearranged and last but by no means least, the Prayer Room has been made fit for NEXT to move in.

2020

In this year we will resume our leaders meeting and continue our joint walk on this ministry-path, brainstorming projects through which the children and teens may grow with their families. Kingdom Kids will continue meeting on every third Sunday of the month and NEXT will move into their new room. As we engage with this year, I ask for your support in faithful prayer for the leaders of our groups

Creche, Mini Quest, Quest and NEXT, so they feel carried by Christ through you.

'Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations.' (Eph. 4:20)

Stefanie Conradt



BVC Creative Group

'I'm not very creative' is something a lot of people say but we know it's just not true...

Everyone is creative in one way or another and we decided to get people together to enjoy some creative activities and conversation, whether you are a self proclaimed artist or you just like visiting exhibitions, everyone is welcome.

We will be meeting once a month, and every meet-up will have a different activity/theme, so you can dip in and out as your schedule allows. The first meet-up will be a 'Show and Tell' where everyone can bring along a hand crafted item with them. It doesn't need to be something that you have created, it could be something someone else has created for you, an heirloom, or an image that you find inspirational. We can all find out what other people are interested in. The first meeting will be on Tuesday 18th February, at 7.30 pm in the Pillar Hall.

If that doesn't pique your interest don't worry, we will keep everyone updated with the next activity via the notice board and service sheets. If you would like any more information please speak to Anne McCulloch or Katelynne Kirk after one of the services.

Katelynne Kirk



Cakes for Blythswood

I organised and did a bake sale at church on Sunday 19th January. It was for my JASS which stands for Junior Award Scheme for Scotland. As part of the 'Me and my world' section you need to help the community or help a charity. I chose to raise money for Blythswood Care because they do the shoe boxes at Christmas. I also found out that they help people learn new skills and help children to go to school. Their work is in Eastern Europe.

The cake sale was a great success! I raised £135 and then my grandad gave me £10 so the total was £145!

Thank you to all the people who bought cakes and a special thank you to the people who baked something (Lesley Anderson, Helen Wolpert, Linda Garside, Sarah Gotts, Katharine Ellis and Maryanne and Rory). Also thank you to Ben for helping me at the stall.

John Gray



Flower rota

Thank you to those who have donated and arranged the flowers for the sanctuary for February.



	Donated by	Arranged by
2	Sylvia Gardiner	Lorna Gentleman
9	Peggy Jones	Isobel Anderson
16		Lindsey
23	Janet Darling	Janet Darling

Kitchen notes: lemon curd

This month's kitchen ponderings comes following a request for my lemon curd recipe. I enjoy making lemon curd and often use it as an excuse to make Swiss rolls. This recipe will make two jars, it needs to be stored in the fridge and has a fairly short shelf life (1 month unopened, 1 week opened). The method I use has developed over the years, I no longer follow the recipe but go with what has been successful! You can't rush lemon curd, it will curdle and be horrible if you do. Therefore I find it a good recipe to do when I need to slow down and take a bit of time out. If you have some small jars it make lovely gifts and tastes so much better than the shop bought variety.

- 115g butter
- 3 eggs
- Grated rind and juice of 3 lemons
- 225g white sugar

1. Set a heatproof mixing bowl over a pan of simmering water (I use a large pirex bowl) and add the butter to melt.
2. Beat the eggs with the fruit juices and rinds.
3. Add the liquid and the sugar to the melted butter and stir constantly until it thickens making sure to scrape the sides and base of the bowl.
4. Pour into sterilised jars and seal.



Linda Garside

Feasting and Fasting

My relationship to food is complicated. I think about food. As a society we think about food. TV is full of food programmes, whether baking and cooking or diet and health. As a congregation often what we do revolves around food, or food is certainly always around, even if it's just the biscuits and cakes after the services. Words associated



with food are diverse and often contradictory—fast, slow, convenience, organic, traditional, exotic, Fair trade, comfort, healthy, bad.

This quote resonated with me ‘foods become part of us physically, politically and spiritually’ (Professor Deane W Curtin). He also says ‘we now see foods in the broader contexts of health, the environment, our relationships to non-humans and social justice’. This sums up a lot of my thinking. This is a vast topic, and there are better qualified people in the congregation who might want to take one of these issues forward for a future article. Cassian, a Desert Father (AD 360-435) advocated ‘moderate fasting’, which he saw as a way to control our thoughts. Eat only at mealtimes and eat moderately. In this way, the rest of the time your thoughts can be on God, not what you are going to eat for your next meal or snack. I guess that mealtimes in the desert in those times were a lot more straightforward than how things are for us now. Meal-planning (which I absolutely can't do), shopping (and where to shop), cooking, whether to eat out or get takeaways, there is so much we can think about.

During advent I was confronted with the idea that it was a traditionally a time of fasting and preparation, similar to Lent. We are so far away from that now, where advent is a time of excess food and celebrations. During Lent we are often more prepared to be restrained and give something up after the excesses of December.

So as we enter Lent this year what are we giving up, or what are we going to think about? How can this be a spiritual practise? Each person will have their own things that are priorities, or maybe this is all irrelevant to you.

For me, I want think about:

How can I eat locally, and seasonally

How can I reduce or eliminate plastic from my shopping

How can I avoid palm oil

How can I support Fair Trade producers

How can I avoid exploiting other people through my food choices

How can I help those in need, who don't have choices

How can I be sustainable in my eating habits, and go beyond that

The Northumbria Community says 'In seeking God, we ask how to sing the Lord's song in a strange land? and in doing so are faced with the question of how then shall we live? How then shall we live? How then shall I live? I want to be grateful to God for all he has given me, but not be complacent. I need to share that blessing with others, both locally and further afield. My eating and shopping choices affect other people's lives whether I am aware of it or not.

Maybe you want to do a simple act of kindness during Lent. Save the money you would have spent on chocolate, or cake or alcohol, or whatever your vice is, and use that money to buy something for the food bank. Maybe you want to buy your children or yourself a Fair Trade, ethical easter egg and avoid supporting multinational companies who often are the ones exploiting land, animals and people. Maybe you want to use Lent as a traditional time of prayer and fasting. Whatever you do, do it as a way to get closer to God, 'Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Julie Nicholson

Heather Tweedie

As many of you will know Heather is on a YWAM Discipleship Training School based in New Zealand this year. Her team (pictured) have been travelling to do outreach work since before Christmas. They have spent time in Laos and India, and are now on their final leg in Thailand. Heather has sent two letters filled with stories of God's love and transformative power - too many to fit into this modest magazine!

Heather will return to visit after her DTS is finished and then plans to take a further three months of Bible study training in New Zealand before starting university in September. For those who would like to read more, please speak to Fiona or Stephen Tweedie for a copy of Heather's latest newsletter.



The 'Wonky' Donkey

This is a true story about a donkey and it began about 20 years ago. This donkey lived most of the time in a cupboard in a church not very far from here. He was made of cardboard and every year at Christmas he was brought out of the cupboard to join the Nativity scene, standing proudly beside the manger at the front of the church.

As he was made of cardboard his legs became wobbly and weaker with every year that past and eventually he required the support of two wee chairs, just like the ones we have here in Barclay Viewforth Church. He affectionately became known as the 'Wonky' donkey.

However, a Dad, of one of the Sunday Club Leaders, came to his rescue after seeing how difficult it was for the donkey to stand and he made him into a wooden donkey. He now lives in a cupboard at Barclay Viewforth Church and he can be seen every Christmas standing beside the manger in the Nativity scene at the front of the Church.



Former Viewforth Sunday Club Leaders



Pancake Party

Friday 21 February 19:00-21:00, in the Pillar Hall.

All are welcome including children with parents. Tasty pancakes, freshly cooked by our own chefs! Games and fun for all the church family, Wine and refreshments for those who need to wind down after a busy week. All are welcome.

Martin Pearce

Prayer 2020 is an invitation to pray for 20 minutes at 8.20pm (20:20) on the 20th of each month in 2020. We are all invited to join in!

It is an initiative of HOPE Together, an umbrella movement of many denominations and ministries in England who are working together planning mission outreaches throughout the year under the title **Advance 2020**.





Football News

Barclay Viewforth's first two matches of the new decade were played in directly contrasting climatic conditions.

Against Ladywell Baptists at James Young High School I suspect I wasn't the only person who rather wished a geographically distant plastic pitch hadn't materialised to safeguard the game going ahead. Only the floodlights, on even before the 10am kick off and illuminating relentless sheets of swirling rain, mildly countered the impression of January football at its stereotypically most grey.

Potentially the conditions were a leveller in that the home side had come off appreciatively worse in the previous league meeting between the sides last October. Three months on Barclay Viewforth failed to put away several very good first chances and Robert struck the woodwork with a long range effort.

Going in goalless at the break it was Ladywell who broke the deadlock early in the second period. In the context of Barclay trying to find an illusive equaliser a second was added in a slick counter attacking move. There was the strong sense of 'a six pointer' having been ceded to our opponents as we trudged back to the changing rooms. Two smiling former Barclay Viewforth players, Tom and Lawrie, had ironically made their first Ladywell appearances of the season to assist in thwarting us.

One week on in crisp winter sunshine at Silverknowes, Barclay Viewforth faced one of the league's form teams, St Columba's Free Church. For the opening 20 minutes the away side were as crisp as the climate and took a deserved lead through Craig playing on the left wing.

The half ended with our white clad opponents acquiring the ascendancy but more swift interplay from Chris at right back through midfield put a speeding Mark through one on one on the St Cols keeper and bang, 2:0! The cushion was thereafter swiftly halved and for half an hour our opponents generated a lot of pressure and a well drilled BV defence creaked but held not least thanks to some impressive instinctive saves from keeper Kev. Fifteen minutes from time the equaliser came and triggered several close shaves at either end before the final whistle.

Manager Dean McBride, in the hot seat since Chris Whelan's departure in November, had achieved his best result to date although only I suspect only three points would have fully exorcised the memories of that Livingston rain.

Andrew Stephenson

TCP News

Just prior to Christmas TCP went out to our local community bearing gifts of novelty Christmas puddings. The gift bearing is an annual tradition much appreciated by the local shopkeepers. It is a time of sharing and this year also included an invitation via our boarding pass to join us on our advent journey.



The shopkeepers were delighted to discover a sweet treat under cover of their knitted Christmas pudding. These treats were received with much hilarity and pleasure when folk discovered that they were in fact receiving more than just a knitted Christmas pudding. This is a busy time for the shopkeepers but it was with joy that we could wish them all a blessed Christmas and a time of well deserved rest and enjoyment with their families.

Bags of Hope

These past few months have seen a growing and ongoing need in our community for these bags. At present we are replenishing stocks so that as the bags are needed we are assured that they will be ready. The folk who have received them have been so amazed and appreciative of the contents and the care taken in preparing the bags. They really are gifts of love.

Any contributions will be gratefully received. The particular items needed at present are men's scarves (The knitting group are kindly onto that) Shampoo, body lotion talcum powder and hand cream but please feel free to give as you are led. Contributions can be handed into the office. Thank you.

Charity Beetle Drive Wed 12 February 19:00-21:00

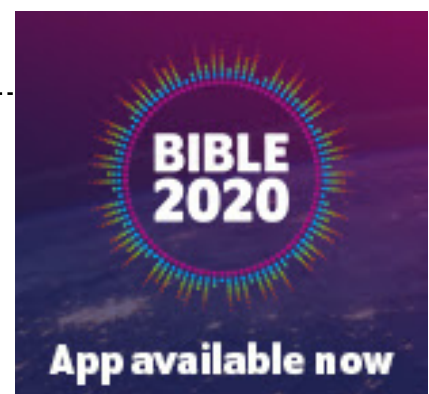
The next charity beetle drive will be in aid of the St John's First Aid group. They ran the defibrillator training for us in November and may run another training evening in the spring. Tickets cost £5.00 (£3.00 for children) which includes refreshments and nibbles. Tickets available from the TCP team.

TCP Team

Bible 2020

The Bible 2020 smartphone app challenges us as Christians to speak our daily devotional words of Scriptures out loud in work, on the bus or with our friends and family - in the hope that everyone, everywhere will be transformed.

The app and the 2020 reading plan are available to download on both Android and iOS.



Useful information

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[Vacant as of 18 May 2019 - please contact the office in the first instance]

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Organist	Michael Bonaventure
Worship Band Leader	Anna Nicholson

Missional communities(*), groups and teams

Afternoon Fellowship	Jean Macaulay
Blessing*	<i>Contact the church office</i>
Connect Plus*	Elaine Rumney, Chris Hogan
Creative Group	Anne McCulloch
Flowers	Isobel Anderson
Football	Andrew Stephenson
Meals for Mums	Linda Garside, Katy Gray
TCP*	Elaine Hogan, Helen Wolpert
The Net*	Alison Edmondson, Kirsteen Milne, Andrew Paterson
Toddlers	Katharine Ellis

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Emma Torry, Editor



Sat	1	09:30	Learning Community	Pillar Hall
Sun	2	12:15	Church Lunch	Pillar Hall
Tues	4	14:00	Afternoon Fellowship: Linten Adie Singers	Pillar Hall
Thur	6	19:30	Choir	Pillar Hall
Mon	10	10:00	TCP	Pillar Hall
Wed	12	19:00	TCP Charity Beetle Drive	Pillar Hall
Wed	12	19:30	Knit2Together	Lauriston Room
Thur	13	19:30	Bible study group	Pillar Hall
Sun	16	09:30	Prayer Breakfast	Pillar Hall
Sun	16	11:00	Kingdom Kids	Halls
Tues	18	17:00	March Magazine Deadline	
Tues	18	19:30	Creative Group: "Show and Tell"	Pillar Hall
Thur	20	10:30	Knit2Together	Pillar Hall
Thur	20	19:30	Choir	Pillar Hall
Fri	21	19:00	Pancake Party	Pillar Hall
Sun	23	10:00	Gillespie Crescent Service	Gillespie Cres
Sun	23	11:00	Sole Nominee to preach followed by vote	Sanctuary
Mon	24	10:00	TCP	Pillar Hall
Mon	24	10:30	Pathways	Pillar Hall
Wed	26	19:00	Ash Wednesday service	Sanctuary
Thur	27	19:30	Bible study group	Pillar Hall
Sat	29	11:00	Roofbreakers Conference	Pillar Hall

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Sun	1	12:15	Church Lunch	Pillar Hall
Sun	1	13:00	Church walk	TBC
Mon	2	10:30	Pathways	Pillar Hall
Mon	2	19:00	Pastoral Team Meeting	Pillar Hall
Tues	3	14:00	Afternoon Fellowship: Holy Land Tales	Pillar Hall
Wed	4	19:30	Knit2Together	Pillar Hall
Thur	5	19:30	Choir	Pillar Hall
Mon	9	10:00	TCP	Pillar Hall
Mon	9	10:30	Pathways	Pillar Hall
Thur	12	19:30	Bible study group	Pillar Hall
Sun	15	09:30	Prayer Breakfast	Pillar Hall
Sun	15	11:00	Kingdom Kids	Pillar Hall
Mon	16	10:30	Pathways	Pillar Hall
Tues	17	17:00	April Magazine Deadline	
Thur	19	10:30	Knit2Together	Pillar Hall
Thur	19	19:30	Choir	Pillar Hall
Mon	23	10:00	TCP	Pillar Hall
Mon	23	10:30	Pathways	Pillar Hall
Mon	23	19:00	Kirk Session	Pillar Hall
Thur	26	19:30	Bible study group	Pillar Hall
Sun	29	01:00	CLOCKS GO FORWARD	
Sun	29	09:45	Gillespie Crescent communion service	Gillespie Cres
Sun	29	11:00	Communion Sunday	Sanctuary
Mon	30	10:30	Pathways	Pillar Hall

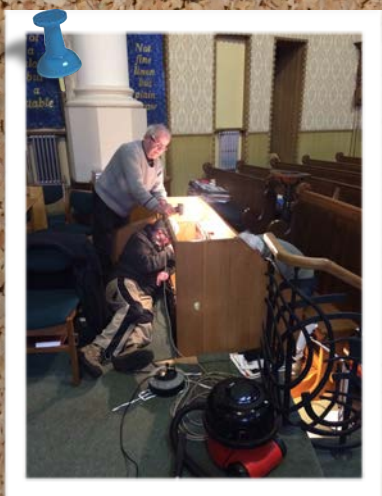
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The Afternoon Fellowship enjoy a good meal, at Christmas (below) and for Burns' night (above/right)



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