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September 2018

Making God's love known through Jesus Christ

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Getting beyond Dante & Ghost, to talking about Heaven & Hell

We concentrate a lot on living well - being fruitful in the here and now, but that shouldn't diminish our awareness of the afterlife! As I've stated in an earlier Magazine, the afterlife is an area of real interest to me. Today I have no doubts about heaven and, being aware that Jesus came from beyond, I've chosen 'From Heaven You Came' as the Advent theme this year and hope to look at glimpses of eternity in the Christmas story.

But what about Hell? That other, little-spoken-of, subject that lurks in the dark corners of our evangelical mindset?

A few years ago, Kevin Miller's film *Hellbound?* made waves within Christian circles by stirring up a debate as to the nature of Hell. The film created a storm with various views opined upon quite heatedly, with often more heat than light!

Of course, it's hard to consider the concept



of Hell without the emotional temperature rising as it is an emotive and provocative subject. But could we bring more light to the subject perhaps over a number of weeks of considered biblical exploration? Would you the reader be interested in engaging with such an endeavour if it were delivered through a series of Sunday evening presentations through October/November?

I personally wouldn't be asking the question if I didn't have a settled, considered, defensible view on what the Bible teaches and the early church believed on the subject. (Some of the best money I ever spent was on a Theology Course grappling with this issue.)

Now, having discussed this with our dependable, thoughtful Session Clerk, John suggested that I present the various alternative views on a weekly basis, keeping my own view until the end as a kind of climatic moment geared to maintaining interest. Great idea and possibly the way to do it, but I fear the storm that *Hellbound?* provoked by leaving all the different opinions up in the air with no clearly-argued view.

Another approach is to invite you on the journey I have been on over a number of years. That way, it's familiar territory to me and I can bring to your attention the key aspects of



what the Bible teaches and the message the early church affirmed. By doing that, we will meet with the various biblical views along the way and cross swords with them one-by-one as we go. I'm grateful to scholars who have done the hard work for me, so let me do a little bit of work for you!

Please let me know if this will be of interest.

Sam Torrens

Congregational roll

Baptism

Isaac David Black

26 August 2018

Marriage

Rebecca Kemp and Philip Thompson

21 July 2018

Death

Dorothy Sisk

24 June 2018



Sing on in harmony

Over the summer, I spent a week commuting to Colinton to attend the NYCoS Kodaly Summer School. This one-week intensive programme focusses on studying musicianship and how to teach using methods that were first developed in Hungary, and have now spread around the world.



One of the things I (re)discovered was a love of rounds and canons. These are usually relatively simple and easy-to-learn melodies which become beautiful and complex music simply by staggering the start. Think Frere Jacques or London's Burning. Singing in one part, everyone together is singing in unison. Once upon a time, this was the only kind of song.

Unison is often what we are exhorted to as Christians. Time and again, we are reminded that God calls us to live in perfect unity with one another. And he does.

But we are also called to live in harmony.

To create harmony, you need more than one note. More than one tune.

Harmony can be simple; a round or canon.

Harmony can be complex; a fifteen part piece with rich, clashing chords.

What allows music to be so incredibly varied and so moving is the interweaving of different melodies together.

So it is in the church.

Christian community is at its best when we are able to play our own God-given tune as part of a rich harmony. Sometimes, our part might feel like our line comes too close and clashes with another, but these unexpected moments can be the most beautiful chords in the music we are making together. At other moments, there is a feeling of perfect resolution as something long in the making comes together.

Even our God sings in three parts: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. If you listen, can you hear the heavenly harmony?

We each bring our own tune to join this celestial song. It won't be quite like anyone else's, but the music won't be the music without it.

Emma Torry

Make your own Olly the Octopus!

Thanks to the hard work of Katharine Ellis, Olly the Octopus was introduced to us in August. Olly's relatives are called Calamari Shanarri and they help children learn about well-being.

If you want to make your own, here is the pattern. Completed Calamari can be donated to Crossreach to help the organisation's work with children and young people.

You will need:

- 5 or 5½ mm needles
- 9 different colours of wool, medium thickness
- Stuffing
- 2 x large buttons for the eyes
- 8 x small buttons to attach the legs
- Tapestry needle

How to make the main body:

- Cast on 40 stitches
- Row 1 (Right Side): Knit across row
- Row 2 (Wrong Side): Purl across row
- Row 3 to 50: Repeat Row 1 and Row 2
- Cast Off: To finish cut yarn leaving a tail

How to make the Legs x 8:

- Cast on 10 stitches
- Row 1 (Right Side): Knit across Row
- Row 2 (Wrong Side): Purl across row
- Row 3 to 40: Repeat Row 1 and Row 2
- Cast Off: To finish cut yarn leaving a tail

How to create the main body with the eyes and mouth:

- Sew on the large buttons for the eyes on to the main body
- Stitch the mouth using colourful wool

- Stitch on the 8 small buttons underneath the mouth
- Turn inside out and sew the sides together
- Leave a small space to insert the stuffing
- Turn it back to show the buttons on the outside
- Fill with appropriate amount of stuffing
- Sew up the remaining side

Stitching the SHANARRI words on to the legs:

- Choose bold colours for the letters
- Using backstitch, embroider the words using capitals
- Create a small button hole at the top of each leg



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Music at Barclay concert

You are warmly invited to Music at Barclay on Friday 7 September at 7.30pm - it will feature Michael Bonaventure (organ), Emma Torry (mezzo-soprano), Stephen Tweedie (tenor), Moray Rumney (violin) and others.

Music includes works by Bach, Vierne, Stuart MacRae (first performance of *Random Acts*



of Kindness, No.5 for organ), Eric Jeffrey (first performance of *Four Songs*), Edward McGuire, Iain Matheson, Hans Christian Dethleffsen (first performance of *Dream Machine* for organ) and Benjamin Britten, along with some traditional Scottish music. There will be an interval with refreshments.

Admission is **free**, with a retiring collection for the Organ Fund.

Michael Bonaventure

Afternoon Fellowship Programme

The Afternoon Fellowship is open to all, and usually meets on the first Tuesday of the month in the Pillar Hall at the church. Activities vary - and include outings, guest speakers and lunches, among other things.

While the programme for the year is still being finalised, here are a few dates for your diary:

- Tuesday 4 September: Summer Outing - Canal Barge Trip and afternoon tea
- Tuesday 2 October: Guest speaker (2pm in the Pillar Hall)
- Tuesday 6 November: Guest speaker - Nikki, on Ordained Local Ministry

For more information please speak to Elaine Hogan or Jean Macaulay

Flower rota

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



	Donated by	Arranged by
2	Moira Bain	June McLeod
9	TBC	Lorna Gentleman
16	Betty Skinner	Lorna Gentleman
23	TBC	Karen Ferguson
30	Lawrence and Irene Hall	Irene Hall

Welcome Nikki

My name is Nikki Kirkland and I'm from Gilmerton. I live in our wee flat with my husband Eck and our dog Tess. We're both from the Falkirk area originally and moved to Edinburgh about 10 years ago. Eck works at King's Buildings and I have my own business in Polmont doing print and embroidery.

Barclay Viewforth Church is my second placement as part of my training for Ordained Local Ministry with the Church of Scotland – and while I'm in placement I'm studying for ministry through Aberdeen University, thankfully via online distance learning. Becoming a minister wasn't something I had thought about until a few years ago, but the first year of my training has really encouraged me to keep going forward and see where this journey leads me. I've really enjoyed learning and studying as part of my training and I'm looking forward to doing more.

My home church is Liberton Kirk and through various events and other meetings, I've had the chance to hear about the church and meet some of your members – so I'm so excited to be at Barclay Viewforth and get to know you all better.

My placement is until Pentecost so please come say hi if you see me.



Nikki Kirkland



Kilt Walk

Some of you may know that Lorraine Whyte, Ann Paterson, Lesley Anderson and myself are taking part in the Kiltwalk 2018 on Sunday 16 September. We have been out on the Meadows for the last few Wednesday afternoons. There are 3 different distances – we are starting this year by doing the 5 mile walk. Lorraine will be using her electric wheelchair and I will be using my powered wheelchair. We are fundraising for Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Scotland. If you would like to sponsor us go to:<https://edinburghkiltwalk2018.everydayhero.com/uk/mairi-4>

Thank you.

Mairi Gordon

Kitchen notes: mixed berry tart

The summer gives me the chance to unwind and enjoy entertaining. This fruit flan is one where I originally read the recipe with a level of scepticism and was then really pleased with the result. You can use any combination of summer soft fruits on the top, and the hint of orange in the pastry makes it a bit more exciting than a normal pastry shell. Having said that, it works just as well with a shop-bought sweet pastry shell and just make the filling. Blind-baking a pastry shell is where you bake the pastry on its own first. You do need to put some greaseproof paper on top of the pastry before pouring in the baking beans. This stops the pastry from puffing up and means you can easily remove the beans. If you don't have baking beans, use the dried marrowfat peas - just don't try to boil them after baking them - they will remain rock-solid.

For the pastry:

- 225g plain flour
- 115g margarine (or butter)
- Finely-grated rind of 1 orange
- Cold water

For the filling:

- 300ml crème fraiche
- 2 tsp icing sugar
- Finely-grated rind of 1 lemon
- 675g mixed summer berries and/or sliced soft fruits



Method

1. Rub the butter into the flour until it resembles breadcrumbs, add the orange rind and enough cold water to make a soft dough. Chill for 30 mins (I don't think I ever remember this bit!)
2. Heat oven to 200C/GM6. Roll the pastry out put into a greased 23cm/9inch flan tin (recipe says loose bottomed, but it works fine in a fixed base dish too), put a piece of greaseproof over the pastry and pour in the baking beans.
3. Bake for 15 mins then remove the baking beans and bake a further 10 mins until pastry is golden. Allow pastry shell to cool
4. Whisk the crème fraiche with the lemon rind and sugar, pour into flan case. Top with the fruit and serve sliced.

Linda Garside

Correction to July/August Kitchen Notes

My apologies - the recipe for the apple, sultana and oat cookies was missing one of the vital ingredients. The recipe should have included 4oz rolled oats which need to be added along with the flour. Linda Garside.

Have you made your will?

It's one of those things that we sometimes put off...and then we forget about it. This September you have the opportunity to not only make your will, but help four Christian charities by doing so.

Will Relief Scotland will run throughout the month and the solicitors involved will waive their fees for a suggested donation which will be split between MAF (Missionary Aviation Fellowship); Blythswood Care; Signpost International and EMMS International, all working with people from some of the world's poorest communities.

There are six solicitors signed up to take part in this from Edinburgh, so why not pay one of them a visit this month.



More information from

www.willreliefsotland.co.uk or by calling 01349 830777

Some leaflets available from the Pillar Hall.

Elaine Hogan

Pathways Bereavement Support Programme

Leaflets about the new programme, Pathways, being run by the church in the community are now available from the Church Office and Pillar Hall. The course will start on Tuesday 23 October at 7pm in the Treehouse Cafe and will run for six weeks. Each session of the programme will begin with tea and coffee and will last for 90 minutes. A resource person familiar with each topic will join us to share discussion and exploration of our theme for their particular session.

The Pathways programme is open to all.

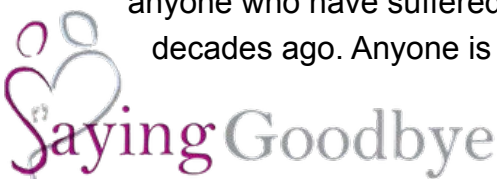
If you know of some who may benefit from the support that the programme offers, please pass a leaflet on to them or contact pathways@barclayviewforth.org.uk



Elaine Hogan

Saying Goodbye service

The Mariposa Trust will be holding a Saying Goodbye service in Glasgow Cathedral on Sat 22 September 2018 at 11am. The Saying Goodbye service is a remembrance service for anyone who have suffered the loss of a baby at any stage, whether recently or decades ago. Anyone is welcome to attend. There is no need to book.



More information at www.sayinggoodbye.org.

Emma Torry

Meet the neighbours: Jane at the Treehouse Cafe

Many of you will know that the Treehouse Cafe often functions as a second office for the BVC office staff. However, you might not have met Jane, the owner. Here, Jane shares a little more about herself and what it means to her to work alongside to our church. The following interview has been lightly edited for clarity.

1. You had balloons outside the cafe recently. Can you tell us about that?

The 10th of August was my first anniversary of taking over the Treehouse Cafe. I wanted to mark the occasion with a small celebration, so I had balloons out and cake for my customers.

2. You've been coming along to the TCP events run for the shopkeepers. What does getting involved mean to you?

I love the idea of belonging to a community and getting to know others around you. Sometimes it can be a little isolating being stuck in your business all day, so to know there are others close by that can offer help and support is reassuring.

3. When you took over the cafe, you agreed to continue the BVC voucher scheme to provide food and drinks for the homeless. Can you say something about this?

Part of the ethos of my business is that "all are welcome". Some homeless people may feel that they are not welcome, but by offering the voucher for food and drinks, it allows them to enter and they are treated with respect and dignity like anyone else.

4. The Treehouse Cafe is going to be hosting the Pathways bereavement course in October. Can you tell us why you are being involved in this initiative?

This is another opportunity to become involved in community events and meeting new people. Having lost my father a few years ago, I know what a hard time this can be so I am happy to be able to offer my place of business as a space to help others. Hopefully, it will allow more people to get to know me and my coffee shop too.

The Treehouse Cafe is open from 8am to 5pm every day, except Sunday, when it opens 9am until 5pm.



Julie Nicholson

What is Sticky Faith?

Sticky Faith is a response to seeing young people drift away from the church, rather than claim faith as their own.

The Fuller Youth Institute conducted research looking at this very question, seeking to understand what it is that makes faith 'sticky' among our children and young people. The FYI identified five areas that have a big impact on the faith of children and young people.

Sticky Gospel

Many young people (and indeed, adults) have received a gospel that is a 'gospel of sin management'. Instead, young people need to hear the gospel of grace, rooted in God's love for all.

Sticky Identity

Youth groups and teenage programmes can be amazing spaces, but they can often be the only place of faith that young people feel they belong. Then, when they step out into the world, the loss of this close group can result in a loss of identity and faith along with it.

The church needs to shift to a model that integrates young people into the wider church as part of a diverse and intergenerational family.

Sticky Conversations

Most parents don't talk about faith with their children. It can be all-too-easy to avoid answering difficult questions, and even more so to be honest about personal doubts. But if young people aren't talking to their Christian parents about issues of faith - who are they talking to?

Children and young people with Sticky Faith are encouraged to think about faith for themselves. The church can support parents and young people in having open conversations about all aspects of faith - even the tricky things.

Sticky Relationships

Children and young people flourish in faith when they have a variety of relationships across different ages. At primary school, we only need one adult to five children, but each teenager needs five positive adult role models.

Sticky Justice

Many young people develop a strong passion for issues of justice. Occasional mission trips are no guarantee of fulfilling this need, and can even be counterproductive for the



communities visited.

Can the church provide opportunities for young people to get involved in long-term, relational everyday service?

To quote the late, great Mike Yaconelli: "Kids are not the church when they get old. They're the church right now!"

If you have any questions about Sticky Faith, or want to know more, please speak to Sam Torrens or any of the Church Elders. More information and ideas can also be found here: <https://fulleryouthinstitute.org/stickyfaith/>. Much of this article was adapted from the Sticky Faith information on the Church of Scotland website.

Emma Torry

Update: Children & Families Development Worker

Some time ago a small Sticky Faith group was set up to consider the spiritual and developmental needs of our children, especially as they reach adolescence and young adulthood. The name Sticky Faith comes from research done by Fuller Youth Institute who now train people in nurturing children and young people towards a 'Sticky or lasting Faith'. These group meetings reported to Session and led to the Elders Conference in June 2017. The Conference focused on this with Suzi Farrant, being an inspiring and able keynote speaker from the Church of Scotland.

A group was then set up to look at Staffing needs of our church and a focus was placed on finding a suitable Children & Families Development Worker who would help us develop the children's ministry on behalf of our families and church. A job description was drawn up and posted in various places where applicants might see it. Out of this, we unsuccessfully interviewed one candidate in July and now - in the absence of others - we are considering the next move.

We have struggled for two reasons, I think. Firstly, it's the Year of Young People. The jobs advertised on the Ministries Council website and on many Presbytery websites and around the various networks have been and continue to be populated with churches and presbyteries looking for Children & Youth Workers. There are simply more jobs than people available.

Secondly, we are not just looking for a worker, we are searching for the appropriate Development Worker who will take us all confidently forward in the nurture of our children and young people. Such a person is hard to find at the moment. But we're not finished yet! The search continues!

Sam Torrens

Sullie Orr

For those of you who may have missed the announcement, our former probationer Seòras and his wife Debbie welcomed the arrival of their son, Sullivan Seòras Orr in July.



Shoebox Appeal 2018

As in previous years, we will be supporting the Blythswood Care shoebox appeal. Blythswood collects and distributes shoeboxes at Christmas to adults and children, mainly in Eastern Europe, who would otherwise not receive gifts.



If you would like to fill a box this year, here is a reminder of the suggested items to include.

Please include the following:

- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Hat, scarf and gloves
- Soap
- Small toy (new, shop-bought)
- Sweets (no chocolate, best before March 2019 or later)

- New make-up
- Sewing equipment
- Household candles
- Screwdriver/pliers
- Kitchen utensils
- Pens/pencils
- Notepads
- Colouring books
- Rulers
- Sharpener
- Rubber
- Clothes

You might also want to include:

- Shampoo
- Face cloth
- Deodorant
- Moisturising cream
- Sanitary products
- Shaving foam/razors
- Underwear
- Socks or tights

Please do not include:

- Used or damaged items
- Anything related to war or violence
- Handmade toys
- Chocolate
- Food other than sweets

Copies of the checklist will be available to pick up from the Pillar Hall shortly. Filled boxes can be brought to church on Shoebox Sunday (date TBC) or in the proceeding weeks.

If you have shoeboxes, but are unable to fill them, please bring them to church for others to use.

Emma Torry

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Celebrate Recovery

Sam Torrens

Connect Plus

Elaine Rumney

Football

Andrew Stephenson, Sam Torrens

Meals for Mums

Linda Garside, Katy Gray

TCP

Elaine Hogan

The Net*

Alison Edmondson, Kirsteen Milne, Andrew Paterson

Toddlers

Katharine Ellis

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Link relies on people like you to fill our pages each month. Please send us articles, pictures, poems, artwork, recommendations, upcoming events and important notices!

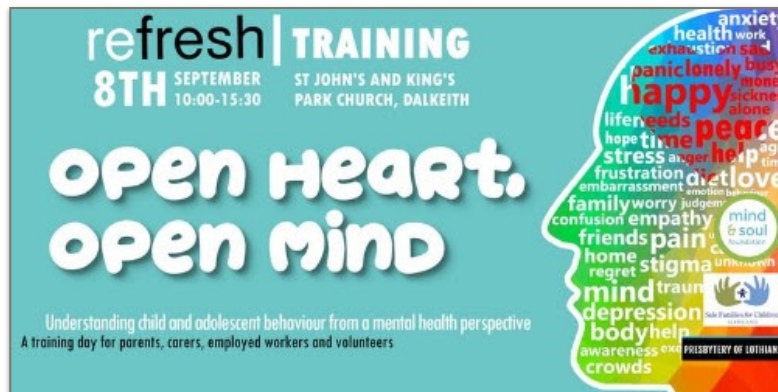
You can submit content by email to magazine@barclayviewforth.org.uk or hand in a hard copy to the editor or the church office. Articles should be 400 words or fewer.

Content for the **October** issue must be submitted by 17:00 on **Tuesday 18 September**.

Emma Torry, Editor



Tues	4	14:00	Afternoon Fellowship: Canal trip	<i>Contact leaders</i>
Tues	4	19:30	Connect Plus	Pillar Hall
Fri	7	19:30	Concert & Organ recital	Sanctuary
Sat	8	10:00	Open Heart, Open Mind training day	Dalkieth
Mon	10	19:30	Meet the Rice Farmers	Greenbank Ch.
Thurs	13	19:30	Choir	Pillar Hall
Tues	18	17:00	Magazine deadline for October issue	
Tues	18	19:30	Connect Plus	Pillar Hall
Wed	19	18:00	TCP Supper	Pillar Hall
Sat	22	11:00	Saying Goodby service	<i>Glasgow Cath.</i>
Sun	23	09:45	Prayer breakfast	Pillar Hall
Mon	24	19:00	Kirk Session	Pillar Hall
Thurs	27	19:30	Choir	Pillar Hall
Sun	30	10:00	Gillespie Crescent service	Gillespie Cres
Sun	30	18:15	Informal communion	Pillar Hall
Sun	30	20:15	Origin Scotland: Symphonic Praise	<i>St Mary's</i>



Red events are BVC events, blue events are CoS and green events are run by other organisations



Tues	2	14:00	Afternoon Fellowship: Guest Speaker [TBC]	Pillar Hall
F-S	5-7		The Net weekend away	Moffat
Fri	5		Hosting Bethany Night Shelter	Halls
Sat	6		Hosting Bethany Night Shelter	Halls
Sun	7	15:00	Pet Blessing Service	Grayfriars Kirk
Sun	7		Hosting Bethany Night Shelter	Halls
Thurs	11	19:30	Choir	Pillar Hall
Sun	21	09:45	Prayer breakfast	Pillar Hall
Thurs	25	19:30	Choir	Pillar Hall
Sat	27		Church of Scotland Autumn Conference	Methodist Ch.
Sun	28	09:45	Gillespie Crescent Communion	Gillespie Cres
Sun	28	11:00	Quarterly Communion	Sanctuary
Sun	28	18:15	Informal Communion	Pillar Hall






Meet the Rice Farmers

WHERE: Greenbank Parish Church, Braidburn Terrace, Edinburgh EH10 6ES

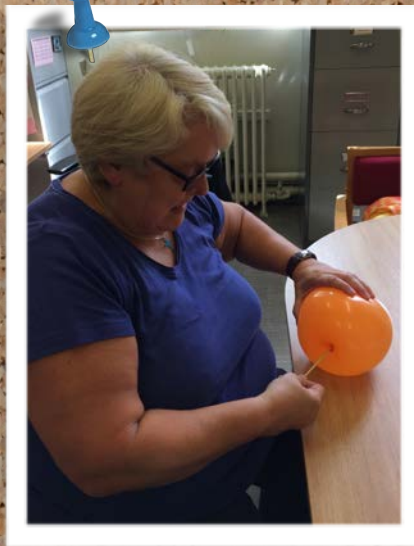
WHEN: Monday 10 September at 7.30PM

WHY: Hear about life as a rice farmer in Malawi and the transformational power of Kilombero Rice.

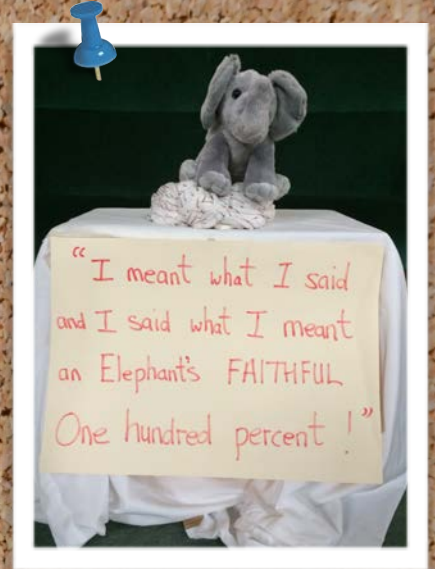
A bag of Rice can change a life



"Kind-er" eggs



Elaine practicing gentleness



Faithfulness of an Elephant



Welcome Isaac!



Learning patience with Herbert



Shalom means peace

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