

The Lych Gate

The Newsletter of St Machar's Ranfurly Church



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MINISTER'S LETTER

All join in ...

When my kids were small they used to love a hilarious rhyming book by Quentin Blake, called 'All Join In'. One of the rhymes describes how a large extended family do all sorts of things together, including baking a chocolate fudge banana cake – you really need to see the pictures to see how that works out! Suffice to say it is a joy filled, though rather messy affair. You may not readily think of church as a place to join in, or in fact as a joy-filled or messy affair. I can assure you that when you do join in it will turn out to be both joy-filled and messy at times. Although anyone is welcome to just turn up and observe – our services are public and open – there is always the invitation to join in more deeply. The point of

singing and praying together is just that – an act of opening oneself up to God and one another. We are not an 'audience' that have come to listen or be entertained, we are participants in worship. In fact, the Christian story, and the story of the Bible is one of joining in; we're not just asked to listen or agree with some ideas or principles, we're being invited into the story that God is writing throughout history. At Christmas time the surprise we celebrate is that God himself steps into the human story by becoming one of us. Jesus fulfils the many strands of the Old Testament stories and yet sets history on a surprising new course. Jesus opens that story up for the whole world to join in with. It's a story of light shining in the darkness and faith, hope and

love enduring to the end. You are invited to join with this story. Come and find out how it turns out!

Hanneke

P.S. You are invited to join in with our Instant Nativity, dressed up if you fancy!
St Machar's Ranfurly Church,
Sunday 23rd December at
10:30 am.



CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Kevani Macdonald & Pete Kestel on their surprise wedding – which they had managed to keep a complete secret until the ceremony took place in their kitchen during a friends & family barbeque party. Best surprise ever!

Dave & Mary-Anne Macdonald

Front Cover : Marzipan Nativity Scene (Photograph by Francis Hancock)

CHURCHES OF THE WORLD

St. Stephens Basilica, Budapest



Szent István-bazilika, or St. Stephens Basilica, is the largest church in Budapest and the third largest and most important in modern Hungary.

It is named after István or Stephen, the first Christian king of Hungary, who ruled from 1000 until 1038AD. It is said that the mummified remains of the king's right hand are retained in a reliquary on display in one of the side chapels of the church.

Construction of the church began in 1851 to a neo-Classical design. During construction, the original dome collapsed in 1868, causing significant delay to the building; the replacement was built in neo-Renaissance style. The dome is 96 metres (315 feet) high, exactly the same height as the nearby parliament building; this equality was intentional to signal the equal importance of worldly and spiritual thought.. Current regulations prohibit the erection of any structure in Budapest taller than these buildings. The church was completed and



consecrated in 1905. While the interior is richly decorated with stained glass, statues, mosaics and gold, it is less ornate than many Catholic churches. The main altar contains a central marble statue of the king with scenes from his life behind.

Francis Hannock



AND WHEN YOU PRAY....

MATTHEW 6:7A

How do you eat yours?" That was the question in a certain egg-shaped confectionery advert. The implication being that there is no right way to do it, but rather it's about how you best experience the egg. How do you pray? Perhaps you haven't really thought about it too much. Perhaps it's now hard to concentrate because you're thinking about chocolate, but regardless of appetite, past experiences, how we wrap it up or try to explain it, prayer can be rather confusing. It can often be a mystery. It can at times seem like a chore. It can even be a blessed relief. So then, how do you pray? Are you a morning person? Do you greet the sunrise with thanks and praise to our God? Do you utter hopeful words and try and live them throughout the day to come? Are you more spontaneous? Do you respond to life with a 'breath prayer', off the cuff, as life makes you dance to its tune and in each moment you seek the steadying hand of our Creator and Sustainer? Perhaps you find yourself needing space. Like a free-diver coming up for air after

plumbing the depths. Maybe you carve out some time in your day to be still and know the presence of God. You may prefer to reflect on your day in the presence of God, as was the practice of Ignatius of Loyola, who gave us the daily examen – a way of praying that helps us recognise God's presence in the midst of the day just lived. The practice of prayer is part of the lifeblood of our faith. We may find ourselves in the darkest of circumstances, when prayer is the only thing that we can turn to for comfort. We might see prayer as that thing we do together on a Sunday, or as the words said on our behalf by a minister or worship leader. Maybe it is the one thing that keeps us going, those times when we can just let God know how we are feeling. It might even be that thing that happens by accident or that we're unaware of until, looking back on a time of quiet, perhaps with a cup of tea or watching the world go by from our living room window, we realise that in the stillness, God was there the whole time. Whatever your habit or preference may

not really matter. What is important is that we are having the conversation, that we are opening ourselves up to God in whatever moment we can manage, that in some way prayer is part of our life. Prayer may be a constant companion on the journey, or a friend that visits once in a while, to bring comfort and solace. It may be something deeper, more mysterious that is largely left unspoken, something felt, yearned for, grieved over or something long-forgotten brought to mind. How we pray then, is not the most important thing, but rather that the experience of prayer and the encounter with God is recognised. That our faith is tended and our relationship with God is nurtured, in precious moments. No fancy wrapping is needed and it may not always taste sweet but, in the midst of life, listening for and opening our hearts to God is indeed food for the soul.

Resourcing Worship Team,
Mission & Discipleship Council

1 ST BRIDGE OF WEIR BOYS BRIGADE

The 1st Bridge of Weir Company of the Boys Brigade continues to go from strength to strength. We currently have 67 boys enrolled with the Company including 31 in the Company Section aged from 11 to 18. It is many years since we had such a large number of older boys staying on and for three years in a row the numbers in the Company have increased. We have also added to our officers this year and we are very fortunate in having such a great lot of officers and leaders. Even good news has a downside and the large numbers of boys make it difficult to take them all out in officers' cars. Regardless with some help from parents the Company Section has already managed a boat trip on the Clyde and we will round off the year with our annual visit to the pantomime at the Kings Theatre. In March the Juniors and Company Section will be going on a PGL adventure weekend in Perthshire with a coach hired for that trip. The Company

Section also expects to make a return visit to Tayvallich in the early summer. This involves a night under canvas, wet suits in the sea, rides behind a fast boat and a camp fire on the beach. A good time is had by all. Some of the oldest boys also carry all that they need on their backs, hiking by day and camping by night for one or two nights on an expedition as part of nationally recognised awards. We currently have two young men working towards their Queen's Badges (the highest award in BB), four more on course for their President's Badges and three finishing off their Duke of Edinburgh bronze awards. Most recently the colours have been on display in the local churches. The boys took part in the Service of Remembrance at St Machar's Ranfurly and the BB enrolment service at Freeland. On both occasions they turned out in good numbers and acquitted themselves very well. In the Great British Bakeoff at Freeland they

were even adjudged to have beaten the Girl's Brigade making a Victoria sponge cake.



We are very grateful to the local Co-op for sponsoring 1st Bridge of Weir Company for the past twelve months and our year with the Co-op finished at the end of October. The money raised through the Co-op has been very helpful with the refit our storeroom, buying some new kit and taking on more and more adventurous outings.

Paul Birch
Company Captain

GUILD NEWS

The Guild Service was held on Sunday 18th November when President Margaret and members of the Guild led the worship, Three members (Elizabeth Lyle, Jessie McIntyre & Agnes McKechan) were presented with long service awards for their hard work and dedication to the church and the work of the Guild



The hall was full for the Guild Guest night which was a great success with fabulous music, singing and entertainment from Streetwise.. The Guild is open for all. **Why not come along and join in the fun?**

AFTERNOON TEA

The Fundraising Committee would like to thank everyone for their support for the Afternoon Tea held in the Church on Sunday 20th November. Lots of fun was had by all and approximately £500 was raised for Church Funds.



REV ROBERT TURNBULL

In August 2018 Hanneke received a letter from a Richard Elliott in Switzerland advising :-

I was doing some research into our family history and discovered that my Great Great Grandfather, Robert Turnbull was the first minister of your church back in 1878.

I wondered if you had any more information about him? I'm glad to see that the church appears to be thriving. I think when he left Bridge of Weir after six years he became minister at St Francis in the Fields in Bridgeton Cross, Glasgow. In the mid-eighties my father and I visited that church but I was unaware of Rev Turnbull's connection with Bridge of Weir until I saw a photo of him with the name written on the back recently.

I've attached that photo with the information on the reverse for your records.



Emma Christie, wife of our Elder, Bill Christie, is a member of Glasgow & West of Scotland History Society and has for a number of years been researching her own and indeed some friends history. Emma "accepted the challenge."

What follows are extracts from Local and National papers.

Paisley and Renfrewshire Gazette: 12 November 1881.

It may interest the Established Church congregation at Bridge of Weir to learn that the Rev George Mure Smith, who laboured for about 12 months at the commencement of the mission there, and was afterwards appointed to similar missionary work at Gamrie, in Banffshire, has now succeeded to the full

charge of the West Kirk and Parish, Stirling.

Mr Smith left Bridge of Weir in 1876, after filling a station for some time at Gamrie. He was called to Stirling as colleague and successor to the Rev. Wm. Findlay, who was ordained in 1841, and died last week, after a ministry of about 40 years. Mr Smith laboured earnestly in the mission field of Bridge of Weir, and gathered a considerable number of adherents to his ministry, who formed the nucleus of what is now the Established Church congregation in the village, under the charge of Rev Robert Turnbull, who was ordained there in 1878.

Paisley Herald and Renfrewshire Advertiser 23 October 1875.

Bridge of Weir – Steps are being taken to procure subscriptions to build a new parish church at Bridge of Weir.

Paisley Herald Renfrew Advertiser 3 March 1877.

New Parish Church.

Arrangements are in progress to erect a new Parish Church in the village of Bridge of Weir. The arrangements are so far completed that it is contemplated the church will be commenced in about 6 weeks. For sometime a mission station has been established in the district. The new edifice, which is to accommodate about 400 persons is to stand on a site near the railway station, on ground belonging to Mr McPhedran, farmer, Craigmyle. Promise has been made of a grant of £600 from the Baird Trustees, £360 from the Home Mission and £150 from the Ferguson Bequest. These sums are exclusive of £400 already subscribed towards the building of the Church. The buildings, which is to be in the Gothic style of architecture, will have space for the erection at any time of a gallery to hold 100 additional.

Paisley and Renfrewshire Gazette 10 November 1877.

Established Church.

We observe that an Established Church is being erected at Bridge

of Weir under the supervision of Mr Lewis Shanks, architect, Bridge of Weir and Glasgow. The design is in the early English Gothic style and bids fair to be a chaste and neat structure. The building is being erected by a committee of local gentlemen and a donation has been granted by the Baird Trust, besides subscriptions by county gentlemen. There will be accommodation provided for about 500 sitters in the area and provision has been made for a gallery at the west end. The contractors are Messrs. P Woodrow, mason; R & W Houston, wrights; P McKay & Son, plasterers; Wallace, Connell & Co, plumbers; Wm Gillespie & Son, slaters.

Paisley & Renfrewshire Gazette : 8 December 1877

Bridge of Weir Parish Church :

Rev Mr McLaren, Houston, submitted the report of the committee on this church. The Committee recommended that the church should be called a chapel of ease, or a quoad sacra church in connection with The Church of Scotland. The Moderator asked if there were any objections to the erection of the church. None appearing. Mr McLaren proposed "That the Presbytery approve of the report on the draft deed and forward it to the General Assembly." Mr Miller, Neilston, seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed to.

Paisley & Renfrewshire Gazette 9 November 1878.

The Moderator vacated the chair while he reported on this church. It was opened, he said, on the 22 September, when a collection of £104 was lifted without any special arrangements. That, he thought, was a very good collection for a country church (applause). He produced the various contractors' accounts, in order that the Presbytery might pass them to enable the grant from the Home Mission Committee to be realised. The building had cost £2,200, including laying out of grounds.

(cont'd overleaf)

To liquidate that sum three trusts were to contribute, viz – the Baird Trust, the Ferguson Bequest Trust and the Home Mission Trust. The balance of debt on the building was £500. Dr Turner of Hazelbank had contributed that sum out of his own pocket, in order that the contractors' accounts might be met. Rev C C Macdonald and Rev Mr Carruthers were appointed a committee to examine these accounts with their respective vouchers and at a subsequent stage of the proceedings reported that they had found all correct.

Paisley and Renfrewshire Gazette : 1879.

Election of a Minister on Tuesday night. A meeting of members and adherents of the new established church, Bridge of Weir was held for the purpose of selecting a minister from a list of six candidates recommended by a committee. The Rev A McLaren of Houston presided. The meeting was decided by vote to proceed with the election of a minister and on the votes being counted Mr Robert Turnbull assistant to the Rev G Carruthers, Johnston, was found to have a majority of 20 votes. The chairman afterwards intimated that the debt of the church amounting to £500 was about to be cleared by Dr Turner, so that the young minister might feel himself unfettered by encumbrances.

The Southern Reporter August 7th 1879.

Ordination of the Rev Robert Turnbull.

On Friday the Rev. Robert Turnbull, a native of Selkirk, was ordained to the pastoral charge of the newly-erected church at Bridge of Weir. The Church was opened, says the Greenock Telegraph, in September last, and while hearing candidates Mr Turnbull was appointed to preach. At that time he was not a licensed as a minister, but so pleased were the congregation with his sermons that in December last Mr Turnbull was appointed a missionary in connection with the church, and since then he has laboured with much acceptance. He received a call to the church some weeks

ago, just as he had completed his curriculum. The ordination took place in the presence of a large audience, and was followed by a soiree in the evening, at which Mr Turnbull presided. In opening the proceedings he said, when the call was put into his hands he did not accept it without fear and trembling; he considered the nature of the work that would be given him to do, and he came to the conclusion that whoever accepted the charge of the congregation, they were not going into a bed of roses of sweet fragrance with nothing to do. The congregation had built a new church from a small beginning, which was highly creditable to them; the church would accommodate 480 sitters, and whoever undertook the duty of minister would require to enter on the work with enthusiasm, and the congregation would require to do the same if they expected to do good. The church had cost £2,500, but they were not to be frightened because there was still £800 of that sum to make up. That could be successfully done by means of a bazaar, in which all would have their part to play. When the debt was cleared away they could not, however, rest there. They would require to erect it into a parish, getting part of Houston and Kilbarchan into the bounds. That would cost money; but the church would then be in a more satisfactory position than at present. All these matters he had to consider, but the first thing that weighed with him in accepting the call was that it was unanimous. It was signed by 185 – not a large number, but when the circumstances of the case were considered it was highly satisfactory; and when he considered the kindness of the ministers of the adjoining parishes, he resolved to accept the call. He felt quite sure these friends would not let their young brother go astray without giving him counsel and saying, "This far shalt thou go, but no further." He was glad he had made friends with the ministers of other denominations, and whose friendship he would be glad to retain. While he loved the

Church of Scotland better than all others, still he looked on all Christians as forming the great army of Jesus Christ; and while he regarded the Established Church as the regiment he liked best, still he would always be glad to salute his comrades in arms against the common foe. He had wrought among them eight months as a missionary, and during that time he had many misgivings, but the members of the congregation never allowed his heart to fail, and he trusted that now they were bound together the future would prove as enjoyable as the past. He hoped, when the trees planted outside had grown larger, that the Bridge of Weir would be famous as a summer residence, as it deserved to be, and that the church, which he had accepted amidst fear and trembling, would be the sweetest little church in the kingdom. During the evening Mr Turnbull was presented with a handsome pulpit gown, the gift of the ladies of the congregation.

Paisley & Renfrewshire Gazette 13 December 1879.

The Established Church Debt : Efforts are to be made by a bazaar to clear off the debt upon the new Parish church erected at Bridge of Weir. It amounts to £860.

Paisley and Renfrewshire Gazette 24 April 1880.

On Thursday a bazaar to liquidate the debt on Bridge of Weir Established Church was opened in the Abercorn Rooms, Paisley and has proved a great success. The amount aimed at by the promoters is £1,000, although the debt on the church buildings is only £800. But it is proposed to form an endowment fund with the balance. The church in Bridge of Weir was erected about a year and a half ago at a cost of £2,500. Then the membership stood at thirty, now the communicants number nearly 120. Rev Mr Turnbull the first minister placed in charge of the congregation is universally respected and has been fortunate enough to secure the assistance of his neighbours. In the bazaar, there are stalls in connection with Kilbarchan, Houston and Kilmacolm parishes. (cont'd)

As a whole, the collection of articles on Thursday, before serious inroads were made by purchasers, was exceedingly creditable to all concerned. Rare and costly goods were forwarded from India, China and Africa by friends interested in the welfare of the church. Besides the usual stalls generally found at bazaars, there was a dairy stall, where pats of butter and draughts of milk could be obtained. The usual refreshment buffet was also in connection with the display. Amusement was provided for the youthful visitors by a "Punch and Judy" show, manipulated by Mr Jones, Glasgow, who set forth the well known tragedy in those tones we are all accustomed to. There was also an "Art Gallery" provided, to which only those who had contributed the entrance fee was allowed access. A "Gladstone Light" was exhibited, and several pens of poultry. Rather a peculiar present was made to the collection by Mr Harvey, Houston, who forwarded a fine donkey, bedecked with favours. The animal was sold and duly removed; but immediately the place so lately occupied was filled by another donkey, presented by Baillie Sharp, Johnstone. On the opening day upwards of £500 .

The Glasgow Herald also reported on the Bazaar on Friday 23 April 1880 and additionally reported:

Rev Thomas Gentles of The Abby, in opening the bazaar, explained the cause of Colonel Campbell's absence (referred to else where in the paper) and said that the gallant Colonel had sent a subscription of £10 (applause) . He then proceeded to give a summary of the history of Bridge of Weir Established Church, stating that it was opened eighteen months ago by a sermon by Principal Caird; and the cost of the church buildings, hall etc was about £2,000. The wonder was that such an excellent ecclesiastical structure, so well-proportioned and acoustically arranged, could be built for so moderate a sum. The church had fulfilled all the expectations at one time formed regarding it, for the communicants now numbered 117. The

attendance last Lord's Day was 200, and the Sabbath-school was attended by 80 scholars and 13 teachers. (Applause). In every respect the church had fulfilled the expectations of its promoters.

Paisley and Renfrewshire Gazette : Kilbarchan 31 December 1881.

Lecture:

The third of a course of lectures under the auspices of the Kilbarchan Young Men's Christian Association was delivered in the U.P. Church last Friday night by the Rev. Robert Turnbull, Bridge of Weir on "Burns." Robert Wilson Esq. of Manswraes occupied the chair. A choir under the leadership of Mr James Mitchell, rendering during the evening several of Burn's most popular songs which enhanced the enjoyment greatly. The audience was a very large and enthusiastic one.

Rev Robert Turnbull reviewed his production, reading with good effect the gems from his works. The humorous songs of "Rab Roryson's Bonnet" he read in a most amusing manner causing considerable laughter to the audience. In the closing part he, with a gentle hand drew a veil over the tragic and sad end of illustrious song-writer. As a popular lecturer Mr Turnbull has the peculiar knack of treating his subjects so as to make them both humorous and highly interesting and his appearance always means a large audience.

Paisley and Renfrewshire Gazette : 4 February 1882.

Under the ministrations of the Rev Robert Turnbull, this Church has prospered most gratifyingly and the membership has increased fourfold. At a meeting held last week it was stated that the church was now entirely free of debt. In 1879 the church was burdened with a debt of over £1,000. At present the church has a surplus of £70 in the building fund. It is proposed at an early date to take steps to have the church endowed.

Paisley and Renfrewshire Gazette : 8 September 1883.

The Call to the Rev. Mr Robert Turnbull.

On Wednesday at a meeting of the

Presbytery of Glasgow in Barrowfield Church, Queen Mary Street, Glasgow, the Moderator, Rev John Murray stated that he had called the meeting in terms of the regulations of the General Assembly and the settlement of Ministers. Satisfactory evidence was produced that does due notice of the meeting. And the purpose thereof had been given to the congregation. The Clerk produced and read an appointment to the vacant Church and Parish of Barrowfield, Glasgow in favour of the Rev Robert Turnbull, Bridge of Weir (a native of Selkirk), Call was made to Mr Turnbull and a letter of acceptance came from Mr Turnbull on 17th instant. For this purpose the Presbytery will meet at Barrowland on 17th ins, at 7O'clock . Barrowfield Church is an important one in Glasgow; seated for 900; and the population of the Parish is 6000.

Paisley and Renfrewshire Gazette : 29 September 1883.

The translation of Rev Mr Turnbull to Glasgow on Sunday. Rev Turnbull, late of Bridge of Weir Parish Church was introduced to his new congregation in Barrowfield Church in Glasgow. The Church was crowded in every part, the pulpit stairs having to be utilised.



Footnote: The following letter was received by Bill from Richard Elliott:

A sincere thank you from myself and my family for the research carried out by your wife and yourself.

*The articles paint a very vivid picture of Rev Turnbull and confirm my grandmother's stories to my father that Robert was a gifted speaker and a sincere minister. It's my father's 87th birthday in a week and I will present him with all these articles as part of his birthday celebrations . He'll be very pleased! Once again thank you all very much,
Regards,
Richard*

St Machar's Ranfurly Church goes back to school...

On Thursday 22nd November the Church took a stall at the Bridge of Weir Primary School Christmas Fair, We sold Christian children's books and gave away beautiful picture books with the Christmas story. One of our junior church leaders made up a 100 craft bags with invites to Junior Church! Families were also invited to join us for our Instant Nativity on 23rd of December. We had a ball.



On Tuesday 20th November running the Christmas Unwrapped programme for all P6 pupils. We worked with WRYT and volunteers from Freeland Church and Hope Hall. Thanks to everyone who helped.



It's Christmas time at our house and we're putting up a tree
I wish I could find some simple way to remember God's gift to me
Some little sign or symbol to show friends stopping by
The little babe was born one day but really he came to die

Some symbol of his nail-pierced hands the blood he shed for me
What if I hung a nail on my Christmas tree?
I know it was his love for us that held him to a tree
But when I see this simple nail I'll know he died for me

It may seem strange at Christmas time to think of nails and wood
But both were used in Jesus' life to bring us something good
From manger bed, to crown of thorns, to death on Calvary
God used the wood and nails of men to set all people free.

CONGRATULATIONS



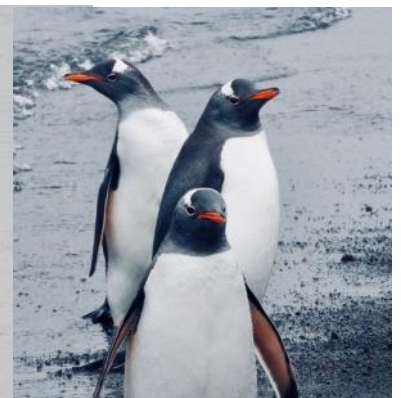
*To Chris and Jim Gourley on
the occasion of their 65th
wedding anniversary;*

Chris and Jim were married
on
25th November, 1953
by
Rev James T Runciman
in
Wellpark Church, Greenock



THE ANTARCTIC

As the season of Advent approaches you may be wondering whether 2018 will give us a White Christmas. I, and my friend Karen (the camerawoman), have just returned from a trip to the Falkland Islands and the Antarctic Peninsula. In Antarctica we experienced their so-called spring. Lots of ice was still floating around the inlets, there was snow everywhere, many beautiful icebergs and wonderful wildlife.



Perhaps you enjoyed the Dynasties programme about Emperor Penguins on TV last Sunday. Our photos are less dramatic but we loved being amongst all the penguins and here are a few pictures of our fun friends the Gentoo, the Kings and the Rockhoppers (thanks to Karen for her photos).

Morven McLeod



NOTICES

Easy Fund Raising

Do you shop online? Do you wish to raise money for our Church, with no effort? Great news – you can raise donations for St Machar's Ranfurly Church every time you shop online, and at no extra cost to you whatsoever, with [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)! With nearly 3,000 retailers to choose from you can raise money on everything from your weekly shop to your annual holiday! All the big name brands like Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, Trainline and Sainsbury's, as well as thousands of others, will give a donation to St Machar's Ranfurly Church to say thank you for shopping with them. It's so easy, and doesn't cost you anything. Simply: go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmacharsranfurly>; sign up for free; get shopping and start raising. You are still shopping from the retailer's own website – no catches, no hidden charges and St Machar's Ranfurly Church will be really grateful for your donations. Get registered and start shopping – Christmas is on the horizon!!!

The Fund Raising Committee

Junior Church

Sunday 2nd December

Sunday 9th December

Sunday 13th January

Sunday 27th January

Sunday 3rd February



Funeral



Jesus said "I am the Resurrection and the Life...."

Lawrence Biggart
26th October 2018

Guild Programme 2018 –2019

Dec. 3rd	Leprosy in Indonesia
Dec. 17th	Holiday in Peru
Jan. 14th	Guild Lunch
Jan. 21st	The Medical Transport Charity
Feb. 4th	Kayaking through the Islands
Feb. 18th	Mother Earth in Bolivia
Mar. 4th	R.S.P.B.
Mar. 18th	Photography & AGM

Pastoral Care

The Future Focus programme concluded that one of our aims is to take church more into the community. There are a number of church members who are unable to attend church because of age, infirmity, mobility or other problems. The Kirk Session would like to include such members by offering home visits to provide support and extend the care of church to these members. The frequency of visits would be determined by mutual agreement between the member and the pastoral care worker. We would like to set up a Pastoral Care Team to provide such support and encourage and empower others. Pastoral Care Volunteers will require PVG clearance and safeguarding training as they may be dealing with vulnerable adults. Volunteers will be given some basic training before commencing visits. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact Hanneke or Fiona for further information including a job description.

Fiona Downie
Email: fdownie13@gmail.com

The Terrace 

Friday 25th January
Friday 22nd February

Homemade Soups,
Sandwiches, Tea/Coffee,
Biscuits £4.00

Last Friday of the month
12 Noon - 1.30pm

Come along and enjoy good
food, good company

**St. Machar's Ranfurly
Church Hall**

Airport Runs: Please note that you can now book a run to the airport or to Johnstone Station by phoning:
Morven McLeod - 07887 771522, or
Jane Stirling - 07580 040186
A donation to Church funds is requested for this service.

DIARY

WORSHIP

EVENTS

<p>December</p> <p>Sunday 2nd 10.30 am Morning Service Junior Church</p> <p>Sunday 9th 10.30 am Morning Service Junior Church</p> <p>Sunday 16th 10.30 am Morning Service of Lessons and Carols</p> <p>Sunday 23rd 10.30 am All Age Pop-up Nativity Service</p> <p>Monday 24th 6.30 pm Family Service for Christmas Eve (<i>Freeland</i>)</p> <p>Monday 24th 11.30 pm Watchnight Service by Candlelight</p> <p>Tuesday 25th 10.30 am Joint Christmas Day Family Service (<i>Freeland</i>)</p> <p>Sunday 30th 10.30 am Morning Service</p>	<p>December</p> <p>Monday 3rd 7.30 pm The Guild - Leprosy in Indonesia Church Hall</p> <p>Monday 17th 7.30 pm The Guild - Holiday in Peru Church Hall</p>
<p>January 2019</p> <p>Sunday 6th 10.30 am Morning Service</p> <p>Sunday 13th 10.30 am Morning Service Junior Church</p> <p>Sunday 20th 10.30 am Morning Service</p> <p>Sunday 27th 10.30 am Morning Service Junior Church</p>	<p>January 2019</p> <p>Monday 14th 12.00 Guild Lunch The River Inn</p> <p>Monday 21st 7.30 pm The Guild - The Medical Transport Charity Church Hall</p> <p>Friday 25th 12.00 The Terrace Church Hall</p>
<p>February</p> <p>Sunday 3rd 10.30 am Morning Service - Communion & Junior Church</p> <p>Sunday 10th 10.30 am Morning Service</p>	<p>February</p> <p>Monday 4th 7.30 pm The Guild - Kayaking through the Islands Church Hall</p>

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

<p>Monday</p> <p>7.30pm Guild 1st and 3rd weeks (October – May)</p> <p>Tuesday</p> <p>6-7pm 1st B.o.W. Rainbows</p> <p>7.30pm 2nd B.o.W. Guides</p> <p>Wednesday</p> <p>6-7pm 2nd B.o.W. Rainbows</p> <p>7.30pm 1st B.o.W. Guides</p>	<p>Thursday</p> <p>6.30 pm Anchor Boys (<i>Freeland Church Hall</i>)</p> <p>6.30-8pm Boys Brigade Junior Section (<i>St Machar's Hall</i>)</p> <p>7.30-10pm Boys Brigade Company Section (<i>Freeland Hall</i>)</p> <p>Sunday</p> <p>10.25am Junior Church (all sections in Hall)</p> <p>8-10pm Gryffe Youth Fellowship (<i>Freeland Church</i>)</p>
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ROTAS

	BEADLE	SOUND	WELCOME	
Dec 16	Jennie Durward	Jim Downie	Bill Robb (T)	Margaret Richardson
23rd	Norma Hancock	Ian Abernethy	Marion Reid (T)	Jamie Speirs
30th	Fiona Downie	Dave Macdonald	Jim Downie (T)	Barrie Shepherd
Jan 6th	Marion Reid	Donna Bryson	Dave Macdonald (T)	Anne Allen
13th	Philip McCulloch	Drew Richardson	Alan Durward (T)	Jennie Durward
20th	Dennis Taylor	Jim Downie	Bill Christie (T)	Coral McLaughlin
27th	Dick Hughes	Ian Abernethy	Bobby Hart (T)	Ann Hart
Feb 3rd	Helen Bullen	Dave Macdonald	Philip McCulloch (T)	Agnes McKechan
10th	Jennie Durward	Donna Bryson	Bill Robb (T)	Margaret Richardson
				Naomi Butterworth
				Shirley Speirs
				Trish Telford
				Jane Stirling
				Sarah McNaught
				Scott McLaughlin
				Elizabeth Lyle
				Morven McLeod
				Naomi Butterworth

	FLOWERS		TRANSPORT		
	DONATION	DELIVERY	CAR 1	CAR 2	
Dec 16	Carole Cairney	Carole Cairney	Francis Hancock	Morven McLeod	
23rd	Norma Hancock	Norma Hancock	Norma Hancock	Drew Richardson	
30th	Naomi Butterworth	Naomi Butterworth	Ann Hart	Bobby Hart	
Jan 6th	Fiona Downie	Fiona Downie	Stewart Little	Philip M ^c Culloch	
13th	Helen Bullen	Helen Bullen	Norma Hancock	Coral McLaughlin	
20th	Mary Taylor	Mary Taylor	Francis Hancock	Morven McLeod	
27th	Lorraine Russell	Lorraine Russell	Stewart Yeaman	Scott McLaughlin	
Feb 3rd	Ann Hart	Ann Hart	Mary Taylor	Drew Richardson	
10th	Liz Campbell	Pamela Wilson	Ann Hart	Bobby Hart	