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Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends

Can I thank you for your support on 'Bring a Bag to Church Sunday' held on the 27th September through which we supported the appeal from 'Glasgow the Caring City' to help clothe the refugees caught up in this international crisis. When reflecting upon this situation I kept looking at the print of the Rublev Icon which is on the wall at my desk. This icon was created in the 15th century by the Russian iconographer Andrei Rublev.

The icon depicts the three visitors who came to Abraham when he was camped under the tree at Mamre,(Genesis 18). Abraham greets the strangers with generosity and warm hospitality. The writer to the Hebrews makes reference to this story when encouraging faithfulness in the community to which he was writing:

Let mutual love continue. Do not hesitate to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. (Heb 13:1-2)

Because of this, the icon has been interpreted as a representation of the Holy Trinity and has spoken to people in many church traditions over the centuries.

We who belong to the Christian community are reminded that our faith is concerned with the welfare of all God's creation. We are called into being a community of people, and through our actions God is made visible for the entire world to see. We are called to share in the mission of God in the world, not least among those who are most marginalised and to challenge everything in our world that is dehumanising, everything that cheapens life and makes it expendable. Therefore, when it comes to the refugee crisis, the Christian Church has no option. The example we are given time and time again is one set by a generous God who deals graciously with our flawed humanity in such a way that we who belong to the community of the Church are invited to share that same spirit of compassionate reaching out,

recognising the stranger in need,
offering hope and hospitality as we are able,

recognising the humanity we share with them as the same humanity Jesus shared and conscious that in these desperate people we see nothing less than the face of Christ, crucified and risen. The Christ who invites us to join him round the table where death and all that is life-denying and degrading is transformed by new life in the offer of hope, friendship and a home, a community where all are welcome and no-one is denied *(excerpt from Church of Scotland)*

So, my friends, let us continue to be that church in which we remember those in need who are indeed our brothers and sisters in Christ... that we all sleep under the same sky.

Blessings *Fiona* *Reverend Fiona McKibbin*

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Next Issue

Articles to the editors by Thursday 22nd October 2015

Available Sunday 1st November 2015

We are alway happy to receive articles for inclusion in your magazine. Submissions can be sent direct to the editors or placed in the "dookit" in the church

or

by e-mail to magazine@uddingstonold.org.uk

or

on paper.

Church Roll Intimations

Change of Address

Mr Kent Richmond
from 11 Kirkhill Road, Uddingston
to Castle Court, Bothwell

Membership Changes

We bid farewell to

Mr David & Mrs Laura Duncan
by Certificate of Transfer
moving to Southend on Sea

Monday Get Together

The Monday Get Together is now in full swing and the programme planned for October is as follows:-

5th	Film Show
	(Annie Get Your Gun or Scotland The What)
12th	Games and Crafts
19th	Quiz
26th	Sing a Long
	(Songs You Think You Know - Part 2)

The afternoon runs from 2pm until 3.30pm in the large hall, the Film Show may run a bit later,

and of course there is always a cuppa and cake on offer to refresh you.

Duty Roster

Front Door teams for the next month:

October	11th	Linda Chapman
	18th	Margaret Abercrombie
	25th	Margaret Ballantyne
November	1st	Billy Ballantyne

If you are in one of the above teams, please bear in mind that you should try to arrange for a substitute if you can't make it.

Tea & Coffee is served every week in the Large Hall after the Morning Service
The Bible Study Group will serve on October 25th.

Proceeds of £620 was raised this past year and has been sent on to Mary's Meals.

During the coming year we will be supporting CHAS nominated by the Kirk Session

Come and Find The Quiet Centre

In the crowded life we have, are there times when life is so noisy, stressful and hectic that you wish you could stop for 5 mins, rest and still your mind?

Find time in

The Church Sanctuary

The sanctuary will be opened midweek from 10-12am (Wednesdays) for silent prayer and reflection.

There will also be a short monthly communion service beginning on Wednesday 7th October in the side sanctuary at 12noon

All are welcome.

Introducing our Book Club and sending out a warm invitation to you all.

If you are interested in reviewing and discussing various fiction and non-fiction books on a variety of topics which also have a spiritual context, then you'll love our monthly Wednesday Book Club!

Join us as we explore books of all kinds over a cup of coffee or tea in the session house

7:30 - 9pm.

Our first meeting is on Wednesday 21st October where we will be discussing

"The Alchemist" by Paulo Coello.

Book Club Dates:

21st October
25th November
16th December
20th January 2016
17th February 2016
16th March 2016
20th April 2016
18th May
15th June 2016

If you are interested contact
Rev. Fiona on 01698 814757

How much do you know about the History of Christianity?

From ancient times to modern day - The History of Christianity - Puzzle 2

1. Why did Paul's letters help the spread and growth of the early Christian Church?
Answer:

2. Who was the Roman Emperor who condemned Paul to death; and how was he executed?
Answer:

3. Who was the first Roman Emperor to convert to Christianity?
Answer:

4. What was the Christian Doctrine followed by the Christian Party known as the Nicenes ?
Answer:

5. Why is the Roman Emperor Theodosius 1 important in the development of the Christian Church?
Answer:

6. What was the name of the early Egyptian Christians?
Answer:

7. Who sacked Rome in 410 A.D.?
Answer:

8. Why are the writings of St Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, important to the Western Christian Church?
Answer:

9. What northern barbarian land was the first to be effectively converted to orthodox Western Christianity and who was responsible for this conversion?
Answer:

10. What is the name of the artist who single-handed illuminated texts in the Lindisfarne Gospels?
Answer:

Answers to September Quiz

1. The birth of jesus was the event.(Luke 2 vv 10-11) The categories were the chronological recording of history. Once Christianity was established, the years prior to the birth of Christ are recorded in descending order as B.C; those after in ascending order as A.D.
2. It was to ensure the regularity of tax collection and to register them for the Roman Army.
3. King Herod had given the order that all male children under the age of 2 years who were living in the Region of Bethlehem were to be killed.
4. Jesus was 12 years old. Those who heard him were amazed at his intelligent answers. (Luke 2 vv 42-47)
5. John the Baptist
6. 40 days (Acts 1 v3)
7. The Pharisees were a Jewish religious party who adhered to the Laws and Regulations of the Torah. Jesus exposed their hypocrisy and inadequacies, and when reprimanded by them for healing the sick on the Sabbath and letting followers gather grain on the Sabbath, Jesus replied 'The Sabbath was made for the good of human beings; they were were not made for the Sabbath' (Mark 2 vv 23-28 & Mark3 vv1-6)
8. Stephen a Greek speaking Jew was stoned to death about 35A.D.. He was a highly visible Christian who became involved in religious arguments. He was condemned to death when he accused his accusers as the ones who were disobedient to God's Law (Acts 7 v52)
9. The Roman Empire had established a single political regime stretching from Britain to the deserts east of the Holy Land, which meant a citizen needed no permits to travel across the Empire. The Romans also built a vast number of roads and were the dominant sea power ensuring safe shipping routes. The Romans also created a large trading network whose commercial language was Greek. This made it easy for any Christian missionary who spoke Greek to be understood in most parts of the Empire. These facts helped the rapid spread of Christianity.
10. When Paul, Peter, James and the other early Christian missionaries no longer imposed Jewish Ritual Regulations and Circumcision on the Gentiles who converted to Christianity.

(Thanks to M.K. for this)

The Guild

The new session of the Guild commences on Tuesday 6th October at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

Our Theme for the next three years is
"Be Bold, Be Strong"
In our 1st year we are thinking about:
"Go in Peace"

A warm welcome awaits friends old and new.

Programme

2015

October	6th	'Scrumptious Summer'
	13th	50th Anniversary of The Sound of Music - 'The Miracle Movie' - Jim Vasey
	20th	Sampling Sardinia & Sicily - Mrs Heather Willimot
	27th	'On The Theme' - Rev Fiona McKibbin
November	3rd	Bothwell Scarecrow Festival - Marjory Robertson

United Men's Fellowship meets Monday Evenings at 7.30pm

Upcoming Programme

October	5th	Opening Evening & Communion - Rev Jim Allardice
	12th	The Covenanters - David Bryce
	19th	North Sea Helicopters - Frank McLauchlan
	26th	The Demise of the Pub - John Kerr
November	2nd	Musical Memories - Naida Meek

Life and Work Magazine 2016

Can I ask for the names of anyone wishing to be added to the list of those receiving a monthly copy of the Life and Work magazine next year?

Although the overall cost will vary slightly from this year, the yearly cost will still be discounted but rise to £22.75 per year for the 12 monthly issues.

Alternatively, if you wish to be removed from the list of the present recipients, then can you please let me know as soon as possible.

In either case, I need to know no later than **Sunday 15th November 2015**, or it will be assumed delivery will continue as at present with the payment becoming due for collection in February 2016.
Please remember that the payment period is from February to February.

I appreciate the prompt payment from everyone this year which does make my task a lot easier. However if anyone has any queries or requires clarification, then please contact me by phone or leave a message in my pigeon hole in the vestry corridor.

Thanking you all again.
Ken Storrier

Where is God?

Two little boys, Tom and Danny, are excessively mischievous.
They are always getting into trouble and their Mom knows if any mischief occurs in their town, the two boys are probably involved.
The boys' mother heard that a preacher in town had been successful in disciplining children, so she asked if he would speak with her boys.
The preacher agreed, but he asked to see them individually.
The mother sent Danny in the morning, with the older boy to see the preacher in the afternoon.
The preacher, a huge man with a deep booming voice, sat the younger boy down and asked him sternly,
"Do you know where God is, son?"
The boy's mouth dropped open, but he made no response, sitting there wide-eyed with his mouth hanging open.
So the preacher repeated the question in an even sterner tone,
"Where is God?!
Again, the boy made no attempt to answer.
The preacher raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face and bellowed,

"WHERE IS GOD?!"
The boy screamed & bolted from the room, ran directly home & dived into his cupboard, slamming the door behind him.
When his older brother found him in the cupboard, he asked, "What happened?"
The younger brother, gasping for breath, replied,

"We are in BIG trouble this time!"

"GOD is missing, and they think WE did it!"

Aphorisms

1. The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow.

2. Money will buy a fine dog but only kindness will make him wag his tail.

3. If you don't have a sense of humour you probably don't have any sense at all.

4. Seat belts are not as confining as wheelchairs.

5. A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water.

6. How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?

7. Business conventions are important because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without.

8. Why is it that at class reunions you feel younger than everyone else looks?

9. Stroke a cat and you will have a permanent job.

10. No one has more driving ambition than the teenage boy who wants to buy a car.

11. There are no new sins; the old ones just get more publicity.

12. There are worse things than getting a call for a wrong number at 4 a.m. - for example, it could be the right number.

13. No one ever says "It's only a game" when their team is winning.

14. I've reached the age where 'happy hour' is a nap.

Dates for your Diary

Every Sunday
Pram & Praise Service - Large Hall 10-10.30am
Morning Service & Sunday School 11am
Tea & Coffee after service
Evening Service 6.30pm

Sunday 4th October
Communion 11am & 6.30pm

Monday 5th October
United Mens' Fellowship resumes 7.30pm

Monday Get Together
each week 2pm - 3.30pm
(See page 3 for details)

Tuesday 6th October
Guild resumes 7.30pm

Thursday evenings
Vestry Hour 7.30 - 8.30pm
(except 15th - School Holiday Week)

Monday 26th October
Singalong-a-Monday in Church Hall
2pm - 3.30pm

Saturday 14th November
Guild Coffee Morning in Church Hall
10am - 12noon

Saturday 5th December
Social Committee Quiz Night in Church Hall
7.30pm

Sunday 20th December
Sunday School Nativity & Gift Service

Is Your Eyesight Failing?

Are You Having Trouble Reading the Magazine

If it would benefit you, we can provide the magazine in **LARGE TYPE** or as a **recording on CD format.**

If you would like to avail yourself of either of these ways to receive the magazine please contact Muriel (your editor)

Food Bank Request

We will continue our collection for foodstuff etc for the local Food Bank during October.

Unfortunately more families are relying on Food Banks.
This means that our local Food Bank at Blantyre would really appreciate donations.

Opposite is a list of the items most urgently required as stock is low.

Any questions please see or contact Liz Vasey

Requested Foods

Fruit Juice
Instant mash potato
Tinned Tomatoes
Biscuits or snack bar
Sugar
Fruit
Jam
Pasta Sauces
Curry Sauce
Tinned fish
Pot Noodle Type Snacks
Chocolate
Milk (UHT or powdered)
Toiletries
Shaving Foam
Soap Powder