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Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends

What do Batman and Robin, Spiderman and Captain America have in common with all of us … the answer is we all wear masks.

At some point in our lives we are called to wear a mask: putting on a brave face, even though the world is falling apart around us, losing a loved one and hiding our tears or wearing a grimacing smile on our face if we are suffering in pain, physically or emotionally. Sadly we wear those masks to hide the true us from society and especially on a Sunday to church. There lies the tragedy of such a situation that the church has an expectation of perfection placed on people whether intentional or not.

Don't we all carry some sense of burden of guilt and/or shame? Yet, instead of finding solidarity, a friend, common ground, grace, we're worried that we'll be "revealed" as a "fraud" and be met with judgement, contempt, and/or condemnation — whether this is deserved or not.

So we play charades. We wear our masks. We put on our Sunday best. We wear that smile to let the world know "all is good." But underneath all that, we're barely hanging on; our world is falling apart; we're lost and broken.

And for whatever reason, we're afraid that someone will find out how we're really doing. Afraid that someone will see through our facade, through the show that we're putting on, or that we'll scare God away with our secrets. That is not what God wants from us, God wants us to be whole again and the first step to wholeness begins by refusing to wear a mask — at the least in front of God. Not only do we have a God who's relentless in pursuit of us, we also have a God who, like a loving parent, waits on the edge of his chair for us to come home so he can embrace us with a big hug and a loving "Welcome back!"

You'd be surprised at how loving and understanding some of the folks at church can be when you stop pretending and start being real. Sure, there are awful stories of people who judge and scoff and turn their nose up. But I have faith in this church here in Uddingston. I believe there are more people who will open their arms and hearts than there are people who'll turn their backs with an air of snobbery, judgement and condemnation. It's not who this church is, and it's not who God is. God loves us just the way we are — scars, flaws, and all and that love urges us toward the path of wholeness

So maybe during our Lent journey we can begin to leave our masks at home and be true to ourselves during Sunday worship and let us be a community that will:

Weep when you are weeping Laugh when you are laughing

Share your joys and sorrows

so that we may journey through together.

Blessings

Rev Fiona

Reverend Fiona McKibbin

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Articles to the editors by Thursday 24th March 2016

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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

or

on paper.

Church Roll Intimations

Death

At this sad time our prayers and condolences are with the family of

Mr Alan Mason
Blantyre
Date of Death: 13th February 2016

Membership Changes

We welcome

Mrs Rita Wilson
by Certificate of Transfer
from Gilmour & Whitehill Church of Scotland, Hamilton

Change of Address

Robert & Gillian Rodger
have moved home within Uddingston

The Congregational Board

The Annual Stated Meeting of the Congregation will take place after morning service on Sunday 20th March.

Nominations will be invited from among members of the Congregation for election to the Congregational Board. The elected members along with the Elders assist in the management of the fabric and finance of the Congregation. The Board meets on 6 occasions throughout the year (with a summer break). In addition elected members of the Board and the Elders are expected to perform door duty and assist in teams with the counting and banking of the collections.

The duties of elected membership are not onerous. Members view service as part of their commitment to their Church and our Lord.

Whether or not you have thought about joining the Board before, ALL are encouraged to give it prayerful consideration.

NEW MEMBERS are REQUIRED and will be made most welcome. This is an exciting time as we look to implement our Development Plan over the coming years to advance Christ's kingdom throughout Uddingston and the wider world.

If you are interested or know of anyone who may be interested please speak to The Clerk to the Congregational Board:

Colin W Pettigrew

Duty Roster

Front Door teams for the next month:

March	13th	Margaret Ballantyne
	20th	Billy Ballantyne
	27th	Carol Frame
April	3rd	James Caskie

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 Boys' Brigade will serve on March 20th

Can You Give a Piano a New Home?

The church has two acoustic pianos and a large electronic organ that require a good home.

If anyone is interested in giving one or more a home can they contact:

Michael Moore on 07900677686

for more information.

Teen Zone

Young people of Secondary School age are invited to join together for an enjoyable evening of games, challenges, discussion. It is also hoped an outing can be arranged for the group.

For further information please speak to our

Minister Fiona, Katie Morton or Mima Herd (813291)

Next Date

13th March - Large Hall from 7pm until 9pm.

After Service Teas

The total raised to date for St Andrew's Hospice is

£348.70

Thanks to everyone who attends and contributes and enjoys the fellowship after the Morning & Evening Services.

Uddingston Pride Update

Crofthead Park

Things are really taking shape in the park, despite the awful weather. Most of the equipment is on site and in place, the new fencing to the toddlers play area and the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) is looking particularly impressive. With just a little break in the weather, the surfacing works can be completed, and the park will be almost ready for use.

Those of you who have looked at the drawings, which are displayed in suitable locations around the Village, will have observed that, in addition to the toddlers area and the MUGA, there are areas for older children to play in, and even an "outdoor gym" which will be suitable for all abilities and ages to take some gentle exercise, and thereby improve their fitness levels. The new Crofthead Park will be a park for **all** to use, from the very young to the "not so young", so, no excuses, go along and make good use of **your** new park, and enjoy it.

We are now planning an entrance feature, and some form of opening ceremony, details of which will be advertised when they have been finalised.

Exciting times at the park, we can hardly wait to see it completed!

Village Clean Up Events

This year, instead of a single main litter pick in late March, we are planning to have a number of picks, at regular intervals, probably monthly. The first of these is programmed for 3rd March, at 11am, and we hope to have a good level of support then, and in future sessions. These will be advertised around the Village, look out for posters in shop windows.

As always, we can't clean up the Village entirely by ourselves, we really appreciate the support we get from local residents, so please come along if you can, and help us clean up our streets.

At The Old Parish

At the Church, we are trying to source suitable replacements for the dead conifers on either side of the "Avenue", leading to the front door. Hopefully, these will be planted in March.

We hope too, that we can brighten up the barrels at the front door of the Church with some Spring colour, to bring a little cheer to all who pass by. This Spring bedding should last until the Summer displays are planted in early June.

We hope to have the Church grounds at their very best this year, so we can impress the judges of Beautiful Scotland when they come to judge our Village in the Summer.

All we need now is some decent weather!

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Book Club

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 next meeting is on Wednesday 16th March when we will be discussing

"The Last Week"

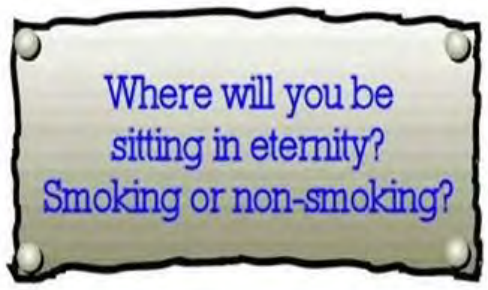
by Marcus Borg & John Dominic Crossan

Sunday School

Pram and Praise and Minizone children have been learning about Friends of God since the beginning of the year - Joseph, Moses, Jonah, Jeremiah and Nehemiah.

The older children have also been looking at stories of the Old Testament and started 'Counting their Blessings' in the first Sunday in Lent. They have also created a collage which they will add to as we journey to Easter.

Liz Lyttle



Some Clever

Church Signs

How much do you know about the History of Christianity?

From Ancient Times to Modern Day -

The History of Christianity - Puzzle 6

1. Why was the 18th century considered the Age of Enlightenment?
Answer:

2. Who said 'Nature and Nature's laws lay hid in night; God said, 'Let Newton be!' and all was light.'?
Answer:

3. Why was the Age of Enlightenment important to Religious faith?
Answer:

4. Who were the Deists ?
Answer:

5. Within the Protestant Churches what Revivalist Movements evolved in opposition to atheists, theists and Deists during the Enlightenment?
Answer:

6. Why was the Enlightenment's Ideal of Nature Law as a universal ethic so important?
Answer:

7.In Scotland, why was the Patronage Act of 1712 so divisive?
Answer:

8. Which Scotsman founded religious Communities in Nova Scotia and New Zealand in the 1800's?
Answer:

9. What event took place at the General Assembly in 1843 ?
Answer:

10. What happened immediately after the event in 1843?
Answer:

(Thanks to M.K. for this)

Answers in April Magazine

Answers to February Quiz

1. Patrick Hamilton. He was condemned to death by the Roman Catholic Archbishop Beaton in 1528.
2. John Knox
3. Mary, Queen of Scots
4. Andrew Melville. He was one of 30 ministers who had begun to formulate "the Second Book of Discipline", which reaffirmed much of what the original generation of Reforms had envisaged.
5. The First Reading of the new Anglican Liturgy from a Revised Prayer Book which had been ordered by King Charles 1 for his Northern Kingdom.

6. It was a document written in 1638 by Alexander Henderson Minister of the Kirk at Leuchars in Fife and Lawyer Johnston of Wariston. It incorporated the Confession of Faith signed by James V1 in 1581 and detailed in the Acts of Parliament that had established the Calvinist Religion and the liberty of the Kirk throughout Scotland. It pledged those who signed it 'to labour by all means lawful to recover the purity and liberty of the Gospel as it was established and professed' and became a great National Movement.

7. No. It led to over 20 years of religious wars in Scotland between Covenanters and Royalists known as 'The Killing Time' leaving the great national movement divided, and with thousands of Scots on both sides losing their lives. It was only in 1689 when Protestant William of Orange and Queen Mary became rulers that the Wars ended. In 1690 the Westminster Confession formulated in 1643 was once again adopted and the Kirk became the established Church of Scotland.

8. The Jesuits were founded by a Spanish nobleman called Ignatius Loyola who gathered a band of like minded people together to form a group known as the Society of Jesus. Its members were called Jesuits.

9. The French Protestants known as The Huguenots.

10. Henry of Navarre. the Edict allowed the French Huguenots freedom to worship in certain cities and they were also granted full rights to Public Office.

FAIRTRADE CHURCH

During February our Church has been awarded FAIRTRADE status, reflecting our commitment to use Fairtrade tea and coffee and other products at our meetings and events and promote them throughout the year.

Thanks to the Guild, Social Committee, Pastoral Care and Bible Study groups and many individuals whose support is greatly appreciated.

Please support Fairtrade Fortnight -

29th February till 13th March

Traidcraft is a founder member of Fairtrade and continues to support them. Traidcraft is also very committed to the small producers who struggle to make a living . Their initiative this year is:

'Let It Grow'

a campaign which is working to help thousands of smallholder farmers lift themselves out of poverty.

Our Traidcraft Stall trades at the end of each month. If you would like to help in any way please speak to me any Sunday.

Mima Herd

United Mens' Fellowship

Monday 1st February
Despite the inclement weather President Bobby Keys welcomed a good turnout of members. The featured speaker was unable to attend as a result of the wild weather and Bobby welcomed Craig Mains as our speaker for this evening.

Craig took us appropriately on a tour of Jamaica in Springtime, with its much warmer climate. Visiting family living and working in Jamaica at the University of the West Indies, accompanied by an excellent series of slides Craig gave us an interesting tour of the island from his base in the capital, Kingston. Colourful pictures of the flora and fauna around the island demonstrated the wide variety of abundant plant and animal life. We saw Flame Trees, Banana Trees, Ibis birds, Butterflies, Gecko lizards, the rich variety was amply shown. Places visited including Kingston, Montego Bay, Limestone Quarries and the Blue Mountains,

A comprehensive vote of thanks was given by Jim Rhind.

Monday 8th February
President Bobby Keys welcomed members and introduced the speaker for the evening Ian Kerr.

Topic for the night was the Demise of the Pub. Ian worked with Bass Charrington Group (Tennent's Lager) for 32 years; he retired as Regional Director responsible for 400 outlets. He gave us an insight to how pubs have changed over the years, as a result of the economics of the country and the changes in our lifestyle.

Trade in the 50's and 60's pub was 99% male and pubs were very busy and profitable as little or no money was being spent on their upkeep or comfort of patrons. Probably the only food available in a limited number of pubs would be a mince pie, occasionally served hot.

Nowadays everyone expects clean, comfortable, family friendly, outlets with a good selection of food available all day. Customer preferences, allied with current economic situation has resulted in many old style pubs closing, on average 30 pubs per week and 300 jobs within the industry are lost.

A sincere vote of thanks was given to Ian by Robert Todd.

Monday 15th February
President Bobby Keys welcomed a large turnout of members to the meeting and a warm welcome to our guest speaker Helen Morrison a Burns' enthusiast and from the introduction a well kent face in Burns circles.

She has held many posts and is a Trustee of the St Petersburg Burns Forum, a member of Allanton Jolly Beggars and a Past President of Wishaw Speakers Club. The St Petersburg Forum supports and encourages the study of Burns in Russia.

This evening she gave a Tribute to Jean Armour by assuming the identity of Jean Armour, and then went on to give a most interesting and sometimes surprising view of Jean's life with the Bard. Born in Mauchline in 1765 Jean first encountered and fell in love with Robert in 1784. Despite her parents and the Kirk's opposition and their subsequent marriages being annulled twice Jean and Robert went on to raise many children during their lifetime. Jean died in 1834 having been a widow for 38 years. Helen's (or Jean's) talk gave a unique insight into not only the life and times of the Poet but also the position of women in the society of that time.

A hearty vote of thanks on behalf of the members was given by Robert Bradshaw.

Monday 22nd February

President Bobby Keys welcomed members and tonight's speaker Gordon McAllan,whose subject was "The Most Successful Car in the World."

The title had members intrigued for a number of weeks and had been subject to all kinds of speculation. Gordon, a retired school teacher and outdoor enthusiast continued the suspense by describing 'The Car's' many virtues in words without disclosing the make. However in due course the make was disclosed as a "Riley." Emigrating from Ireland the Riley family settled in Coventry and in the early 1800's had set up an engineering factory. By the late 1800's early 1900's they started producing initially bicycles and then moving on to motor vehicles. Their vehicles went on to participate in many famous events such at Le Mans, Brooklyn and Monte Carlo. Accompanied by a first class slide show Gordon displayed many of the famous versions such as the Phaeton, Redwing, Monaco, Gamecock and Alpine Tourer to name but a few.

An active member of the Riley Car Club Gordon owns and still drives two of these famous cars and participates regularly in Classic Car Events here in Scotland and abroad. These events attract both entries from Scotland and Riley enthusiasts from overseas.

The vote of thanks was given by Andrew McCandlish.

Programme for United Men's Fellowship

March

7th The Celtic Coasts
- Heather Willimot

14th Annual Business Meeting

"4 Worms In Church"
Four worms and a lesson to be learned !!!!

A minister decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon.
Four worms were placed into four separate jars.
The first worm was put into a container of alcohol.
The second worm was put into a container of cigarette smoke.
The third worm was put into a container of chocolate syrup.
The fourth worm was put into a container of good clean soil.
At the conclusion of the sermon, the Minister reported the following results:
The first worm in alcohol ... Dead .

The second worm in cigarette smoke ... Dead .

Third worm in chocolate syrup ... Dead .

Fourth worm in good clean soil ... Alive…

So the Minister asked the congregation,
"What did you learn from this demonstration?"

Maxine was sitting in the back, quickly raised her hand and said,
"As long as you drink, smoke and eat chocolate, you won't have worms!"

The Guild

Tuesday 2nd February

This was the Guild's Open Night when we welcomed visitors from neighbouring Guilds and other church organisations. Leader Ina Cairns introduced the singing duo 'Harmonise' i.e. Maureen & Jim who entertained us all with a trip down memory lane. They sang songs made popular in the 50's & 60's by such singers as Tommy Steel, Frank Sinatra, Jim Reeves, Doris Day, Andy Williams and groups such as The Seekers. A wonderful buffet was provided by the Guild and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who were there.

The vote of thanks was given by Muriel McCandlish

Tuesday 9th February

Leader Ina Cairns opened the meeting by welcoming us all and reminding us that this was Pancake Tuesday. She introduced our speaker for the evening, Jennifer Stewart, whose told us about 'Dreamflights'. This charity charters a a Boeing 747 each year and takes 192 seriously ill and disabled children, between the ages of 8 - 14 years on a 10 day trip of a lifetime to to the Disney Theme Parks in Florida USA. Jennifer is a trained nurse and has worked with children who have terminal illnesses, and has been involved in 'Dreamflights' for 18 years.

She explained how 'Dreamflights' had been started 30 years ago by two British Airways employees and how it had developed over the years. The children come from all around Britain and to take them on a 9hr flight from London involves massive detailed organisation. Each adult involved has two children to look after and as parents are not allowed to go most of the adult volunteers are either Doctors, Nurses or Physiotherapists. We watched a DVD of a group of the children having a most enjoyable time at the Theme Parks trying out the various attractions and eating ice cream - they were having a ball. At the end of the trip each child was given a DVD to take home as a memento for themselves and their parents. Jennifer concluded her talk by explaining that each trip costs £750,000 i.e. £3,500 per child. British Airways donate the plane and crew for the flight, but all other costs have to be met by the Charity, as it is not eligible for Lottery Funding and receives no Government money as it is considered a holiday and not treatment.

Ann Stewart gave the vote of thanks.

Tuesday 16th February

Leader Grace Hislop welcomed everyone and introduced our guest speaker, the Rev Murdo McLean minister at Kenmuir, Mt Vernon & Carmyle. Murdo is also a part-time member of the Chaplaincy Team at Shotts Prison and it was about his work there that was his theme for the evening. He showed some slides comparing the facilities in the old prison with the new purpose built building in which each cell now has ensuite toilet facilities. In January 2015 there were 7780 prisoners in Scottish jails at an annual cost of £40,000 per prisoner. At Shotts the minimum sentence is 4 years with the average being 12 years and some prisoners had served over 30 years. The aim of the prison is to rehabilitate and reduce offending and the Chaplaincy team play an important part in this endeavour. As Murdo explained, by using a picture of a rough brown uncut diamond, prisoners may look like rough diamonds but underneath all have some value.

Within the prison there are numerous facilities and courses available to the prisoners. It is hoped that some of these programmes will help prisoners to learn to control anger, learn social skills, stop using drugs and help with resettlement when they have served their sentence. Murdo concluded by saying that the main role of the Chaplaincy Team is:

a) to care for the Spiritual and Pastoral needs of prisoners and staff of all faiths or none
b) provide opportunities for prisoners to learn about Faith, maintaining a Christ centred focus and helping to break down barriers
c) Liaise with families after bereavement of their loved one in custody.

Marjory Kirkwood gave the vote of thanks.

The Guild
Programme

March
8th 'Memories of Joyce Grenfell' - Yvonne Waring
15th Visit to Orkney - Joy Blair
22nd AGM & Dinner at 'Smiths"

Important Date For Your Diary

The Social Committee are presenting

A CENTURY OF WEDDING DRESSES AND WEDDING TRADITIONS

Friday 22nd April 2 - 4pm and 6.30 - 8.30pm

Saturday 23rd April 10am - 3pm

Come and view a collection of wedding dresses from the past 100 years

Read about wedding traditions

View floral exhibits

Join friends for tea and cake

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

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

Wednesday Mornings
each week 10am - 12noon
Church Open for Quiet Reflection

Tuesday 8th March
Session Meets 7.30pm

Thursday 10th March
Vestry Hour

Wednesday 16th March
Lenten Bible Study 2pm - 4pm in Session House
Book Club 7.30pm

Thursday 17th March
Vestry Hour 7.30 - 8.30pm

Wednesday 23rd March
Uddingston Grammar School Easter Service

Thursday 24th March
Muiredge School Easter Service

Friday 25th March
Good Friday - Church Open - Noon - 3pm

Sunday 27th March
Easter Day Service 11am

Thursday 31st March
Vestry Hour 7.30 - 8.30pm

Thursday 7th April
Vestry Hour 7.30 - 8.30pm

Joint Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday 20th March

Evening Service Uddingston Old Parish Church 6.30pm

Wednesday 23rd March

St Andrew's Episcopal Church 7.30pm

Maundy Thursday 24th March

Baptist Church - Communion Service 7.30pm

Good Friday 25th March

Uddingston Old Parish Church open 12noon - 3pm

Park Church 7.30pm

Easter Sunday 27th March

Church of the Nazarene - Evening Service 6.30pm

Monday Get Together

The Monday Club hosted a Tea Dance on the 15th February in conjunction with the Uddingston Music Festival. The afternoon went with a swing with music provided by the George Rodger Trio and the home baking provided by the ladies of the church was enjoyed by all.

George has kindly agreed to return to play for us at our Tea Dance on 13th June to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. So why not look out your dancing shoes and join us for what promises to be another great afternoon.

Our Programme for March and April is:

March	7th	Bite and Blether
	14th	Film show
	21st	Cancelled (Holy Week)
	28th	Cancelled (Easter)
April	3rd	Bite and Blether
	10th	Film Show
	17th	Bite and Blether
	24th	Sing-a-Long

If you need transport to any of the events please contact Mary Fox on 822275 or Ann McIntyre on 329239

Social Committee

Coffee Morning

Saturday 12th March

Had a Busy Saturday Morning?

Round it off with a Roll and Square Sausage

on sale in the large church hall

10am - 1pm

In addition to tea & Coffee

…Scones, Meringues, Cakes

and much more

£3 ticket
(Roll & sausage £1 extra on the day)

Profits will go towards buying equipment for the new cooker in the kitchen