

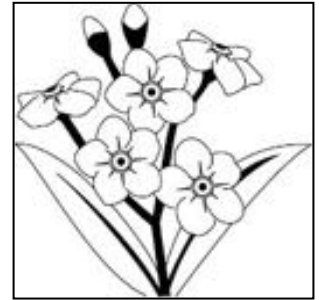
# UDDINGSTON OLD PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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### Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends, a blessed Easter to you all.

As you read this, are you still riding on the wave of excitement that Jesus was raised from the dead? Are you still filled with that Easter excitement or has it been tossed away amongst the wrappers of the chocolate Easter eggs.

Has your journey through Holy Week has been an uncomfortable one, often filled with doubts and unanswered questions, especially when we hear about tragedies like the one that took place Easter morning in Pakistan or during Holy Week in Brussels or the week before in Istanbul or months before in Paris or on every day in between in smaller, less infamous, but none the less tragic ways. But we must ask ourselves what changed after the Resurrection, especially when our world is in such pain and turmoil.

It is a question that has haunted the Church for centuries no matter how hard we try to erase it. Did something change after the Resurrection? I would dare to say 'No' for I believe that something is still changing, not in our time, but in God's time and I believe the Church is changing.

As Christians, we believe that when Jesus walked out of the tomb that first Easter morning everything *began to change*, all things *began to be made new* and the reign of suffering and death was finally beginning to come to an end. But, in believing, we also confess that the Kingdom of God is present but not yet fully realised, and it won't be fully realised until our Lord returns again.

Which is why the question to be asked this Easter season is not what changed *after the Resurrection*, but what has been changing *since the Resurrection*?

The Resurrection *was* a powerful changing moment and the Resurrection *is* a daily reality that transforms the world around us, through us by the power of the Holy Spirit, so that "*Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done*" becomes not just a prayer, but a way of living the resurrected life.

If the Resurrection is a moment that happened and *continues to happen* and *will continue to happen* not just in the life of Jesus, but also in the lives of those of us who call him Lord, then we can begin to see its transforming power in how we respond to the tragedies in our own lives, how we love and console one another, how we work together to keep evil from ruling tomorrow, and how we come together to alleviate the daily suffering that is all around us.

This is what is so incredible about Easter and what makes the Resurrection worth believing in, despite what we see on the nightly news or even in our daily lives.

The Resurrection didn't just happen.

It's happening now and we are part of it:

*"Blessed are those who have not yet seen and yet come to believe" John 20:29*

Happy Easter

*Rev Fiona*

*Reverend Fiona McKibbin*

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Articles to the editors by  
Thursday 21st April 2016  
Available

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We are always 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](mailto:magazine@uddingstonold.org)

or

on paper.

## Church Roll Intimations

### Membership Changes

*We bid farewell to*

**Mr & Mrs J Summers**  
of Hamilton

### Social Committee

Thank you everyone who supported the Coffee Morning on 12th March.

The rolls and sausage were a great success with the added incentive of a tattie scone and an egg.

Sum raised was £561.

Part of this will be used to pay for the equipment required for the new cooker.

Once again many thanks to everyone who came along and those who donated goodies for the event particularly Tom Greenshields our local butcher who donated the sausages.

Ailsa and the Social Committee.

### 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 20th April when we will be discussing

**"The Shed That Fed a Million Children"**

by Magnus MacFarlane Barrow



### Sunday School



The children have been on their Easter journey with a palm branch procession into Church on Palm Sunday, please see Robert's photographs on the notice board outside the large hall. Thank you Robert.

They also made Easter cards to take home and enjoyed being in Church on Easter Day.

Liz Lyttle

### Duty Roster

Front Door teams for the next month:

April	10th	Mary Fox
	17th	Pamela Aitken
	24th	Janette Moore (was Linda Chapman)
May	1st	Margaret Abercrombie
	8th	Margaret 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 Badminton Club will serve on April 24th

### Memo to Door Duty / Counting House Teams:

Can I please remind the teams on duty each Sunday to ensure that the small brown Life and Work envelopes are put into my dookit in the corridor once they have been emptied and the monies banked. That is the only way I have to record who has or has not paid for their magazine.

You will appreciate the embarrassment caused if I was to remind someone they have not paid when in fact they have! 😞

Thanking you for your co-operation. 😊

If any queries, please ask.

Ken Storrier

### After Service Teas

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

**£460**

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

### Thank You

Grateful thanks to everyone who donated the cost of an Easter Egg to help the Lodging House Mission provide meals over the Easter season for those who use the facilities.

The generous sum of **£165** was collected.

### Finance Update

As part of the Local Church Review I have been asked to provide an analysis of the figures in last year's accounts to help members of the congregation understand where the money comes from and where it is spent in a lot simpler format than the Annual Accounts which can be rather difficult to understand

In 2015 we spent a total of £141,634 from the General and Fabric Funds. This represents an average weekly cost of £2,724. A breakdown of the expenditure is as follows:

<u>Type of Expenditure</u>	<u>Annual Cost</u>	<u>Weekly Cost</u>
Central Costs	£78,969	£1,519
Power Costs	£9,781	£188
Other Building Costs	£37,760	£726
Other Costs	£15,124	£348

On the other hand our income for 2015 amounted to £147,805 or an average weekly Income of £2,842. A breakdown of the income is as follows

<u>Source of Income</u>	<u>Annual Total</u>	<u>Weekly Average</u>
Weekly Collection	£37,022	£712
Standing Orders etc.	£68,094	£1,309
Tax Recovery	£24,143	£464
Use of Premises	£8,120	£156
Share of Trust Fund	£7,898	£152
Other	£2,528	£49

This left a total surplus for the year of £6,171 or an average of £119 per week and was used to recover some of last year's deficit of £15,588

If anybody has any questions or would like any further information please ask me any Sunday.

David

### **Uddingston Pride Update**

#### **Crofthead Park**

The park is now open, and is proving to be a great attraction to children of all ages, who are coming to it in their droves, and enjoying all the new equipment. It's wonderful to see so many smiling faces, and hear so much laughter in the park. Parents, too are enjoying watching their children at play, and being able to sit and watch the youngsters having fun. We are planning an entrance feature, to welcome visitors to the park, and some additional seating for people to sit and enjoy a relaxing time there.

We hope to have an official opening of the park in May, details of which are still being finalised. Look out for further information on this event.

#### **Village Clean Up Event**

Our next litter pick will be on Saturday, 16th April. We will meet at Crofthead Park, and spend an hour or so clearing litter from our streets, hopefully returning to the park for a well earned cup of tea. We hope a good number of local people will come out to support us at this event

#### **Beautiful Scotland 2016**

Now that Spring seems to be here at last, we are planning our choice of plants and colours for this year's displays. We hope to have the Village looking at its very best this Summer, ready for the visit of the Beautiful Scotland judges, and would be delighted to see some more people coming out to help us keep up the standard of previous years. Maybe this year we might get a Gold Award once again!

If you feel you would like to help we would be delighted to hear from you.

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## How much do you know about the History of Christianity?



From Ancient Times to Modern Day -

### The History of Christianity - Puzzle 7

1. Which Church of Scotland minister, with the help of Government funds, was instrumental in bringing about the establishment of Universities in Calcutta, Bombay and Madras as he believed that education was 'the panacea for the regeneration of India'?

Answer:

2. Who was the Scot that gave the natives of Bechuanaland in Africa a written language which enabled him to translate the Bible into their own language?

Answer:

3. Who was the Scottish missionary who wrote these words 'The toil of cotton-spinning, to which I was promoted in my nineteenth year, was excessively severe on a loose-jointed lad; but enabled me to support myself while attending Medical & Greek classes in Glasgow'?

Answer:

4. Which Scottish missionary died in Africa in January 1915 in Calabar, Nigeria?

Answer:

5. Why did the Scots become more secular between the 1st & 2nd World Wars?

Answer:

6. In 1956 46% of Scots had a formal Church connection. What was the percentage of Scots having a formal Church connection in 1994?

Answer:

7. What was contained in an Ecumenical Report by the Anglican & Presbyterian churches published in 1957?

Answer:

8. What happened after this report was made public?

Answer:

9. Who was the first Catholic Priest to address the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in 1975?

Answer:

10. In 1982 who was the Catholic Cleric who met the Moderator of the Church of Scotland, under the statue of the great Protestant Reformer John Knox?

Answer:

(Answers in May magazine)

## Answers to March Quiz

1. The European Nations were weary of the Religious Wars of the previous century and wished peace. This led to a period of peace and religious tolerance in the 18th century. It allowed people to ask questions on all all sorts of topics and became known as the Age of Enlightenment.
2. Writer & poet Alexander Pope.
3. In an atmosphere of tolerance and peace, the spirit of debating religious matters revived among the Intellectuals, allowing for diversity in religion and unity in ethics. This was the age of the Atheists, Theists and Deists
4. The Deists were Christians who believed God was the Great Creator of the Celestial Universe and that God was not a God who operated through history and concerned himself continually with the affairs of men.
5. Revivalist movements such as Methodism in England, the Pietist movement in Scandinavia and Germany and the Great Awakening movement in America's New England colonies; all evolved due to Revivals of profoundly deep religious feelings among sectors of the population.
6. It serves to this day, to distinguish the Western Democracies from Totalitarian States, The Age of Enlightenment's slogan 'Liberty, Equality, Fraternity' gave impetus, as did Christian compassion, to the emancipation of slaves and serfs.
7. The Act allowed Lairds & Patrons, not the congregations to choose ministers. This has led to a serious conflict of interest; when the congregation of the West Kirk in Stirling had chosen Ebenezer Erskine as their minister but the local Patron rejected him.
8. They were founded by Norman MacLeod of Assynt in Sutherland.
9. The Disruption. A walkout was led by the Moderator Dr Welsh and several other members of the Assembly. They argued that it was not a free Assembly so they declined to acknowledge it as a Court of the Church.
10. After the Disruption walkout, 470 ministers quit the Kirk, along with Elders, numerous teachers, most of the Kirk's overseas missions and nearly 40% of Scotland's Communicants. On 18th May 1843 the Free Church of Scotland was set up and Thomas Chalmers was elected its first Moderator.

(Thanks to M.K. for this)



## A Few More Clever Church Signs



## United Mens' Fellowship

### Monday 29th February

President Bobby Keys welcomed members and our guest for the evening Mr John Irvine. John is a retired school teacher and taught at Garrion Academy for 32 years and is also Session Clerk at South Wishaw Parish Church. John's subject for the evening was Karaoke Hymns and we opened by singing together "Welcome Everybody."

Demonstrating his versatility John had created a slide show for each song giving not only the words but accompanied by an appropriate background. A wide range of Hymns/Songs were played, some familiar and others less well known but set to tunes which we all knew. Some hilarity was observed with slightly amended words to "Jesus loves me" (Seniors version). Well known Hymns such as Search Me O God, How Great Thou Art, and Here I Am Lord were greatly appreciated and sung by the members. Also included were some more well known songs including The Dark Island, My Love is like a Red, Red Rose, and some of the Wartime songs such as Keep The Home Fires Burning.

An appreciative vote of thanks was given by Ian Maxwell for a most entertaining and well presented subject.

### Monday 7th March

President Bobby Keys welcomed a good turnout of members and introduced our speaker for the evening Heather Willmot accompanied by her husband Peter. As members of the Royal Geographical Society, the John Muir Trust and Kirkintilloch Mountaineering Club, Heather and Peter have travelled widely and her subject 'The Celtic Coasts' demonstrated this.

Accompanied by an amazing series of slides Heather took us on an extensive journey through what are called 'Celtic' areas covering Cornwall, Brittany, Isle of Man, Wales, Ireland and the Western Isles of Scotland. We saw Irish Dancing, Breton Markets, Puffins and Coastal Footpaths and some of the diverse and beautiful slides shown illustrated this fascinating aspect of Celtic Culture. We even had some short videos accompanied by appropriate music giving us a well researched and entertaining presentation.

The vote of thanks was given by Jim Rhind.

### Monday 14th March

President Bobby Keys welcomed members to the Annual Business Meeting and final meeting for this session of the Fellowship.

Members were presented with the Agenda for the evening and copies of the accounts and secretary Craig Mains reported another successful session with a wide variety of speakers and subjects. He also extended warm thanks to Fellowship members who had participated in presenting subjects of their own, to members. Treasurer Bob Read presented the accounts for the session and reported the financial affairs of the Fellowship were in good stead.

After some discussion donations were approved to: Uddingston Old Parish Church, CHAS, PHEW, St Andrew's Hospice and Glasgow City Mission. Honorariums were made to the Secretary and Treasurer.

President Bobby Keys warmly thanked members for their support during the session and congratulated Craig Mains on organising an interesting and entertaining syllabus. Due to other commitments Bobby is unable to continue as President and nominations/volunteers were invited from the members and Ian Maxwell, with the approval of members, agreed to take over as President for the new session with Willie Paul as Vice-President. Craig Mains and Bob Read indicated their willingness to continue as Secretary and Treasurer. Members were reminded of the summer outing to Newtongrange Colliery on the 4th May 2016.

Robert McLaughlan gave a short slide show of various members' outings following which the members retired to the small hall for tea and cakes and other goodies to round off a successful session.

### Someone out there must be "deadly" at Scrabble. (Wait till you see the last one)!

**PRESBYTERIAN:**  
When you rearrange the letters:  
**BEST IN PRAYER**

**ASTRONOMER:**  
When you rearrange the letters:  
**MOON STARER**

**DESPERATION:**  
When you rearrange the letters:  
**A ROPE ENDS IT**

**THE EYES:**  
When you rearrange the letters:  
**THEY SEE**

**GEORGE BUSH:**  
When you rearrange the letters:  
**HE BUGS GORE**

**THE MORSE CODE:**  
When you rearrange the letters:  
**HERE COME DOTS**

**DORMITORY:**  
When you rearrange the letters:  
**DIRTY ROOM**

**SLOT MACHINES:**  
When you rearrange the letters:  
**CASH LOST IN ME**

**ANIMOSITY:**  
When you rearrange the letters:  
**IS NO AMITY**

**ELECTION RESULTS:**  
When you rearrange the letters:  
**LIES - LET'S RECOUNT**

**A DECIMAL POINT:**  
When you rearrange the letters:  
**I'M A DOT IN PLACE**

**THE EARTHQUAKES:**  
When you rearrange the letters:  
**THAT QUEER SHAKE**

**ELEVEN PLUS TWO:**  
When you rearrange the letters:  
**TWELVE PLUS ONE**

**AND FOR THE GRAND FINALE:**

**MOTHER-IN-LAW:**  
When you rearrange the letters:  
**WOMAN HITLER**

## The Guild

### Tuesday 23rd February

Leader Grace Hislop welcomed everyone and introduced our guest speaker, Ross McFarlane, whose subject was Mission International - 'The Haiti Project' which is being supported by the Guild for the next 3 years. Mission International is a Christian charity started by Hugh Henderson in 2006, in the hope that it could act as an ambassador for the poor across the world. Since then it has expanded with a number of projects in Africa and now supporting a local church in Haiti which is hoping to build a new multi purpose facility for the people of Ouananinthe, a community that was badly devastated by the massive earthquake in January 2010. By working with the church partnership they hope to have the new building, incorporating a school and community centre, where programmes will be developed to tackle Adult Literacy, Skills Development and Medical Care among the local population. It also envisages that the new building will become a Church Sanctuary as well as a venue for holding community events.

Ross gave a very comprehensive picture of life for the people of Haiti; their customs and culture and how the infrastructure of the island was totally destroyed by the earthquake. He finished his talk by expressing how grateful Mission International was for the support that the Guild was giving to the Haiti Project for the next 3 years.

Ann Stewart gave the vote of thanks.

### Tuesday 1st March

This was the Guild's Spring Fundraiser, held in the Church with leader Marjory Kirkwood welcoming a large audience and especially the Kirkintilloch Male Voice Choir and their Musical Director Sally McLellan. After the choir entertained us with a varied musical programme which had something for everyone, Muriel McCandlish gave a comprehensive vote of thanks and our minister Fiona followed with some closing words. We then all made our way to the hall where we enjoyed a delicious selection of 'goodies' and a welcome cuppa prepared by the Guild members.

This very successful evening raised £800 for Guild funds and the committee wishes to thank everyone who supported it.

### Tuesday 8th March

Leader Grace Hislop warmly welcomed everyone and especially our Guest Speaker, teacher and dramatic actress Yvonne Waring whose topic was 'Memories of Joyce Grenfell'. Yvonne gave a very enlightening and humorous talk on the life of Joyce from her birth in 1910 to her long lasting marriage of 50 years to Reggie Grenfell and about the versatility of her career.

Joyce was a skilled presenter of monologues, a talented musical performer adept at singing novelty numbers while playing the piano, and she had the ability to develop larger than life characterisations of the roles she played. During the 1940's, 50's and 60's she became an icon of British Radio, TV, Stage and Film shows. Yvonne entertained us by reciting in a manner similar to that of Joyce, many items of the repertoire that made Joyce famous; including the song 'Stately as a Galleon' and the monologues 'Lumpy Latimer' at the school reunion and 'Good Morning Mrs Hingle' as a harassed Primary School Teacher.

Edna Hume gave the vote of thanks.

Are you brave enough to Test & Try out the Scripture Cake Recipe. Solution next month.

### Tuesday 15th March

Leader Marjory Kirkwood welcomed everyone and introduced our guest speaker, Joy Blair who was accompanied by her husband Murray. Joy, a retired Bio-chemist and Guild leader took us on a tour of Orkney, which is a very dear place to her as her father was born and brought up there; and for a while as a child she stayed there and went to a local school.

Joy's husband, a keen fisherman, suggested she go again on holiday there with a friend while he was away on a fishing trip. This resulted in a very interesting holiday for her recorded on slides which gave to those of us who don't know Orkney a very interesting tour. We visited the magnificent red sandstone cathedral of St Magnus in Kirkwall, the Italian Chapel in St Mary's built by Italian prisoners of war, The prehistoric stones at Maeshow and Stenness and the Stone Age village of Skara Brae near Stromness. We saw the Churchill Barriers round Scapa Flow and the small Orcadian houses and villages more reminiscent of Norway than mainland Scotland. Throughout the talk Joy gave us interesting information on all the places visited and interspersed her talk with slides showing how the Churchill Barriers were constructed during the war. She also had slides of the old Ferry boat which used to cross the Pentland Firth being battered with waves and sea spray, contrasting with the slides of the magnificent new car ferry equipped with stabilisers. It was clear to all of us why she loved Orkney.

Ann Stewart gave the vote of thanks.

### Tuesday 22nd March

35 members of the Guild met tonight at Smith's Restaurant to bring the session to a close with their AGM followed by dinner.

The business of the evening was smartly dealt with, after we placed our orders for the meal. There is one change to the Leadership Team with Isobel Read joining it as Marjory Kirkwood stepped down after serving 3 years. Heather Inglis continues as Treasurer and Muriel McCandlish as Secretary. Marjory remains on the committee keeping the numbers as in previous years.

Business completed, everyone enjoyed a delicious meal socialising in a relaxed manner with their table companions. The Guild will resume in October when the Strategy 'Be Bold, Be Strong' continues with the theme being 'Go in Joy'.

### SCRIPTURE CAKE RECIPE CHALLENGE

#### Ingredients:

Four and a half cups	1 <sup>st</sup> Kings, IV, v 22
One and a half cups	Judges, V, v 25
Two cups	Jeremiah, VI, v 20
Two cups	1 <sup>st</sup> Samuel, XXX, v 12
Two cups	Nahum, III, v 12
One cup	Numbers, XVII, v 8
Six of	Jeremiah, XVII, v 11
Half a cup	Judges, IV, v 19
Two teaspoons	1 <sup>st</sup> Samuel, XIV, v 25
Two teaspoons	Amos, IV, v 5
A pinch of	Leviticus, II, v 13
Season to taste with	2 <sup>nd</sup> Chronicles, IX, v 7

Follow Solomon's recipe for making a good boy  
Proverbs, XXIII, v 14

**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

**Fiona on Leave 4th - 17th April**

**Monday 18th April**  
 Congregational Board Meets in Session House

**Wednesday 20th April**  
 Book Club 7.30pm

**Thursday 21st April**  
 Vestry Hour 7.30 - 8.30pm

**Friday 22nd April**  
 A Century of Wedding Dresses (see advert)



**Saturday 23rd April**  
 A Century of Wedding Dresses (see advert)

**Thursday 28th April**  
 Vestry Hour 7.30 - 8.30pm

**Monday Get Together**

The Monday Club meets in the large hall from 2 to 3.30pm. We have various activities on offer as well as refreshments and the all-important chance to meet and chat with friends. The afternoon is open to all. There is no entry fee, however, donations towards the cost of the refreshments are always gratefully received. We look forward to welcoming you.

The coming programme is:

April	11th	Film Show	
	18th	Bite and Blether	
	25th	Sing-a-Long (Songs from the Shows)	
May	2nd	Holiday	
	9th	Film	
	16th	Bite and Blether	
	23rd	Sing-a-Long (Requests)	
	30th	Holiday	
June	5th	Bite and Blether	
	12th	Tea Dance to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday	

**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

**WHAT IS A GRANDPARENT?**

*(Taken from papers written by a class of 8-year-olds)*

Grandparents are a lady and a man who have no little children of their own. They like other people's.

A grandfather is a man, & a grandmother is a lady!

Grandparents don't have to do anything except be there when we come to see them... They are so old they shouldn't play hard or run. It is good if they drive us to the shops and give us money.

When they take us for walks, they slow down past things like pretty leaves and caterpillars.

They show us and talk to us about the colours of the flowers and also why we shouldn't step on 'cracks.'

They don't say, 'Hurry up.'