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Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

Once again the issue of immigration and the refugee crisis has hit the headlines, this time it is being used as part of the political rhetoric for the European Referendum. It saddens me that these issues are used as pawns in the debates.

We may not know the answers or the solutions for this crisis but these people are human beings and what saddens me are the comments that I hear politicians make : 'I'm a Christian but I don't want these people here.'

Christ says, "when I was hungry you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

Surely at the core of our faith is the radical act of welcoming the other, even at the risk of one's self. It's a faith defined by a God who gives life to the radical other, makes them His neighbours, and risks living among them in order to save them even though they could – and eventually would – kill Him.

Without this divine act of love and risk there is nothing.

Without this sort of radical love and risk taking there is no Christian Faith and without it being continually re-enacted in our own lives, there is, according to Christ himself, no hope for salvation.

We must never forget that we have the gospel because a family of refugees found safe haven in a foreign land. Had a foreign country not welcomed this refugee family, Jesus would have been killed before he could even take his first step, before he could ever carry his cross up the hill of Golgotha. Without the actions of that foreign country there would be no Christian Faith to believe in, no gospel to preach, no Jesus to follow.

I recognise that many of us are fearful of what will happen to our way of life should all "these people arrive on our shores" and yes **Fear** is an incredibly powerful force. It can cause us to abandon even our core principles in the idealistic pursuit of perfect safety.

But God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. As Christians, in moments like this our calling is clear.

We must allow God's perfect love to cast out our fear and take the risk demanded of us as followers of Jesus to defend the oppressed and care for the least of these whenever and wherever they may be. If we don't do that, if we cower in fear at what might happen instead of daring to love those in need, then we will have utterly abandoned the way of Jesus.

And surely then we will have no right to call ourselves his disciples.

Blessings to you all

Rev Fiona

Reverend Fiona McKibbin

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Articles to the editors by
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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

or

on paper.

Church Roll Intimations

Death

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

Mrs Anna Scott

Uddingston

Date of Death: 31st March 2016

Change of Address

Mr William (Bill) Huggins

is now in a Nursing Home
and

Mrs Elaine Wilson

has moved home within Uddingston

Membership Changes

We bid farewell to

Mr Alan & Mrs Jemma Henderson

of Motherwell

who have transferred out of our congregation
to join a congregation in Motherwell

Congratulations To The Social Committee

I am sure everyone who visited the Exhibition 'A Century of Wedding Dresses & Traditions' would wish to extend a very 'BIG THANK YOU' to everyone in the Social Committee for the exceptional amount of hard work and effort put into the very successful display in the church on the 22nd & 23rd of April.

The dresses & flowers were shown off to great effect and all the photographs & memorabilia were, I am sure, thoroughly enjoyed. It was great to see the hall decked out as if for a Wedding Reception, and I am sure we could do well if we wanted to cater for future receptions!!

Here is an excerpt from an email I received from a friend to whom I sold a ticket:

'Just back from the Bridal exhibition at the church, and had to tell you what a lovely time I had. The dresses, photos and flowers were a great tribute to all the ladies involved...it looks like all the flower arrangements are sold!

Such a lovely friendly atmosphere in the church, everyone so welcoming. I love stained glass and was blown away by the beautiful windows. An elderly gentleman called Robert took me on a tour around all of them and filled in the history...he was lovely!

I had my iPad and took some photos, both of the exhibits and the windows, which was a bonus. Topped it all off with a trip to the hall, and a lovely tea and cake.

Thank you for letting me know about the exhibition, otherwise I would have missed a very special treat!

The Editor

Duty Roster

Front Door teams for the next month:

May	8th	Margaret Ballantyne
	15th	Billy Ballantyne
	22nd	Carol Frame
	29th	Margaret Clark

June	5th	Walker Lyttle (Communion)
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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 Choir will serve on May 29th



Sunday School



Pram and Praise group have been meeting throughout the holidays as usual at 10am. We are delighted that two new families have started to come along on a regular basis so look out for Adam and his sister Hailey and Matthew.

Janice produces a Magazine for children, monthly, September to June, which is distributed to 57 children in the Sunday School.

It is a great read and the May issue is now available. To sneak a peek ask one of the youngsters and if you know of any young person we have missed please let me know.

Liz Lyttle

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 18th May when we will be discussing

"The Second Coming"

by John Niven

After Service Teas

The total raised to date for St Andrew's Hospice is
£607
Thanks to everyone who attends and contributes and enjoys the fellowship after the Morning & Evening Services.

Uddingston Pride Update

Crofthead Park

The official opening of the park is being arranged for Saturday, 14th May, and it promises to be a memorable event. Mr Boyd Tunnock has kindly agreed to perform the ceremonial cutting of the tape at 11.00 am, and that will start the day off in style. Thereafter there will be bands playing and face painting and other fun events for children during the afternoon. Further arrangements for the event are still being finalised, but it promises to be a special day for Uddingston. We hope the whole community, young and old, will turn out to support us, and to enjoy the day. Additional seating round the park, and an entrance gateway, has been ordered, and hopefully will all be in place before the opening.

We hope you will all come along and join in the fun.

Village Clean Up Event

We had a most successful Clean up on Saturday, 16th April, with a large number of volunteers coming out to help us remove a good many bags of rubbish from our streets. We hope to have another clean up during the next few weeks, look out for further notices, and come along and help if you can. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

At the Old Parish

The Church garden is always a highlight of the Beautiful Scotland Judges tour, so we will have to work extra hard to have it looking at its best in the summer. In addition to the permanent planting put into the beds last year, we will be planting lots of brightly coloured bedding plants to provide a real splash of colour. A bit of sunshine this year would make such a difference - we can but hope.

Any member wishing to help out this year please contact us at 813539.

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Christian Aid

After many years of house to house collecting in Christian Aid Week by the churches in Uddingston, the organisers have decided that we should look at some alternative ways of supporting the charity. It has become more difficult in recent years to recruit enough collectors to cover the village and our teams have had mixed responses to the house to house collections. However, it is very easy to give to Christian Aid by using the links given in the media or simply by going to www.christianaid.org

Souper Sunday Lunch

On Sunday 8th May the Social Committee will be helping Christian Aid by putting on our ever popular 'Souper Sunday' lunch. This is a great way to donate to Christian Aid and to enjoy a bowl of homemade soup served by the members of our Social Committee.

Watch the notice board in the hall corridor for other ways of supporting Christian Aid in our local area.

Bob Read

Holy Week Services

Collections at the various churches during Holy Week raised the substantial amount of £960 which will go to the Scripture Union to fund places for two boys and two girls to attend Scripture Union Camps later this year.

Thank you to everyone who attended the ecumenical services in the various churches and contributed to this worthwhile cause.

Scripture Cake Ingredients

Four and a half cups (1.5lbs / 675g)	Flour
One and a half cups (9ozs / 250g)	Butter
Two cups (12ozs / 350g)	Sugar
Two cups (12ozs / 350g)	Raisins
Two cups (12ozs / 350g)	Figs
One cup (6ozs / 175g)	Almonds
Six of (medium sized)	Eggs
Half a cup (1/4 pint / 150ml)	Water
Two teaspoons	Honey
Two teaspoons	Yeast
A pinch of	Salt

Season to taste with

Wisdom

Follow Solomon's recipe for making a good boy Beat

Method:

Beat all well together then turn into a greased 6" or 20cm cake tin and bake for 2.5 - 3hrs or until a knife comes out cleanly and the top is golden.

If the cake browns too much during cooking, cover the top with double greaseproof or baking parchment.

Notes:

It may be preferable (in today's world) to add two teaspoons of baking powder and a pinch of salt to the flour initially, rather than adding the yeast and salt later.

Dates may be substituted for figs.
Almonds should be blanched and slivered.
Liquid honey is easiest to work with.

Any quantity of Wisdom may be added at any time during the process.

Taste & try and hopefully enjoy.

Anne Leighton



How much do you know about the History of Christianity?



A Few More Clever Church Signs

Answers to April Quiz

1. Alexander Duff a minister from Perthshire in Scotland was sent to India in 1829 by the Church of Scotland.
2. Robert Moffat, father-in-law to David Livingstone.
3. Dr David Livingstone.
4. Mary Slessor died in Calabar in January 1915
5. Malnutrition & Poverty during the Depression took their toll on children and adults and Presbyterianism was seen to offer little to the hungry & unemployed..
6. The number of Scots with a formal church connection had fallen to 27%.
7. This Report contained a proposal which recommended that the Church of Scotland should adopt a form of Episcopacy in the interest of unity, and that each Presbytery would have a Bishop elected from its membership.
8. It provoked fierce opposition in Scotland and became known as the 'Bishops in the Kirk' controversy, leading to widespread and vitriolic condemnation in the Press.
9. Archbishop Winning addressed the General Assembly in 1975.
10. Pope John Paul the Second met the Moderator of the Church of Scotland.

(Thanks to M.K. for this)



Food Bank Request

There will be another collection for foodstuff etc for the local Food Bank during the month of May

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 - 817828



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

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

Sunday 8th May

Souper Sunday for Christian Aid
 After Morning Service

Tuesday 10th May

Kirk Session Meets 7.30pm

Thursday 12th May

Vestry Hour 7.30 - 8.30pm

Sunday 15th May

Boys' Brigade & Girls' Brigade on Parade
 11am Service

Wednesday 18th May

Book Club 7.30pm

Thursday 19th May

Vestry Hour 7.30 - 8.30pm

Thursday 26th May

Girls' Brigade Display

Thursday 2nd June

Vestry Hour 7.30 - 8.30pm

Sunday 5th June

Communion 11am & 6.30pm

Monday Get Together

The Monday Club will be holding a Tea Dance to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday on Monday 6th June, tickets are available from members of the Pastoral Care group. Music will be provided by George Rodger and friends, who provided the music for our very successful Tea Dance in February. Afternoon tea will be served during the interval. We do hope you are able to join us.

The coming programme is:

May 9th Film (101 Dalmations) 

16th Bite and Blether

23rd Sing-a-Long (Requests)

30th Holiday 

June 6th Tea Dance to celebrate the
 Queen's 90th Birthday

My Inconclusive Travel Plans For 2016

I have been in many places, but I've never been in **Cahoots**.

Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in **Cahoots** with someone. I've also never been in **Cognito**. I hear no one recognises you there. I have, however, been in **Sane**. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there.

I have made several trips there, thanks to my friends, family and work. I would like to go to **Conclusions**, but you have to jump, and I'm not too good on physical activity anymore. I have also been in **Doubt**. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often. I've been in **Flexible**, but only when it was very important to stand firm. Sometimes I'm in **Capable**, and I go there more often as I'm getting older. One of my favourite places to be is in **Suspense!** It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart!

At my age I need all the stimuli I can get! And, sometimes I think I am in **Vincible** but life shows me I am not. People keep telling me I'm in **Denial** but I'm positive I've never been there before! I may have been in **Continent**, but I don't remember what country I was in. It's an age thing. They tell me it is very wet and damp there.

Did I Read That Sign Right?

TOILET OUT OF ORDER. PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW

In a Laundromat:
 AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE REMOVE
 ALL YOUR CLOTHES
 WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT

In a London department store:
 BARGAIN BASEMENT UPSTAIRS

In an office:
 WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE STEP LADDER
 YESTERDAY
 PLEASE BRING IT BACK OR FURTHER STEPS
 WILL BE TAKEN

In an Office:

AFTER TEA BREAK STAFF SHOULD EMPTY THE TEAPOT
 AND STAND UPSIDE DOWN ON THE DRAINING BOARD

Outside a second hand shop:

WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING - BICYCLES,
 WASHING MACHINES, ETC.
 WHY NOT BRING YOUR WIFE ALONG AND GET A
 WONDERFUL BARGAIN?