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Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

Just the other week at our informal book group we were reflecting upon the novel *The Second Coming* by John Niven.... Now if you choose to read this be aware that some of the language may offend you. Anyway, the gist of the novel is that God goes on a fishing trip and leaves Jesus in charge and on his return he discovers that the world has completely changed and not for the better. God then decides that Jesus must go back to present day times and sort things out.

What was interesting for me was the fact that the writer seemed to challenge the institutional church, especially its behaviour towards the homeless, prostitutes, homosexuals etc. Throughout most of the novel those who were the persecutors defined themselves as Christians. Against that type of attitude we witness Jesus, trying to encourage others to simply be nice and be kind to one another.

It's that very attitude that can be found in In Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus as he writes:

"lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace." Ephesians 4 vv1-3

To be honest how simple life would be, how wonderful our world would be if that was the case. Yes, it may be simple to be nice, to be kind, but it doesn't mean it's easy to achieve. There are so many factors that are involved which can hinder the process. Let's agree that this is a wonderful idea, that true kindness is a good thing and through the spirit of discernment we can achieve it, if we ask for help through the loving kindness of God.

And if we can, in the weeks ahead, be kind to one another, we will surely bring the light of Christ to this sad and difficult world in which we live. It doesn't have to be difficult. In any given situation our presence may just be enough. A simple hand upon the shoulder, a hug when times are tough, a kind word instead of a criticism ... can make a difference to those who are tired and weary, those who are struggling.

We also need to respect those times when those we love and care for need to step away to find a place of rest and spend time in prayer.

Jesus understood that, because he has lived our life, walked where we walk and can understand our need and match it with his grace. He knows the heart of a weary man or woman and we need not be ashamed of our tiredness or feel that we have failed because we find ourselves weary and exhausted with life. We can come to him just as we are ... weary, worn and sad and find in him a resting place

Over the coming weeks may we all find our own resting place with Jesus.

Blessings to you all

Rev Fiona

Reverend Fiona McKibbin

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Church Roll Intimations

Baptism



Sunday 29th May 2016

Emma Sarah Moore

Daughter of Stuart & Eirwen (nee Kilpatrick)



Sunday School



Pram and Praise

Welcome to Emma Moore and her Dad Stuart who have been joining with us over the last couple of months. Hello also to Joshua and his parents Valerie and Scott who have started coming along more recently.

Arrangements for June

5th June: Pram and Praise 10am as usual. If any parents wish to attend our Communion Service in Church children will be looked after in the small or large hall depending on age.

12th June: Pram and Praise 10am as usual. Songs of Praise Service in Church for The Queen's Birthday at 11am. Children will be celebrating all things royal in the halls during the Service.

19th June: No Pram and Praise. Instead, everyone in Church at 11am for the Moving On Service.

Children will receive awards from Lynette Jardine who has kindly agreed to present them this year. The children will then go to large hall for fun and games. After the Service there will be ice cream for all in the large hall. This Service marks the end of the Sunday School Session with all departments resuming on 4th September with Back to Church Sunday.

Liz Lyttle

Duty Roster

Please note there will be no Evening Services after Communion on 5th June till they recommence on Sunday 2nd October.

Front Door teams for the next 3 months:

June	12th	James Caskie
	19th	Mary Fox
	26th	Pamela Aitken
July	3rd	Janette Moore
	10th	Margaret Abercrombie
	17th	Margaret Ballantyne
	24th	Billy Ballantyne
	31st	Carol Frame
August	7th	Walker Lyttle
	14th	Margaret Clark
	21st	James Caskie
	28th	Mary Fox
Sept.	4th	Pamela Aitken

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 Board will serve on June 26th

After Service Teas

The total raised to date for St Andrew's Hospice is **£805**
Thanks to everyone who attends and contributes and enjoys the fellowship after the Morning & Evening

Thank You

To everyone who contributed to the Retiring Offering collection after the Youth Organisations paraded on Sunday 15th May, to support the 'Build a Home' Appeal for the Disaster Relief in Nepal, which the Sunday School has been supporting this past year.

The amazing sum of £1000 was raised.

Home milk deliveries still happen in some areas we have been told, but the 'older brigade' will no doubt recall both milk and bread had regular home deliveries.

Here is a collection of notes left in milk bottles...



Dear milkman: I've just had a baby, please leave another one.

Please leave an extra pint of paralysed milk.

Cancel one pint after the day after today.

Please don't leave any more milk. All they do is drink it.



Milkman, please close the gate behind you because the birds keep pecking the tops off the milk.

Uddingston Pride Update

The official opening of the newly refurbished Crofthead Park on Saturday, 14th May was a great success. On a beautiful sunny day, Boyd Tunnock gave an entertaining talk on the history of the park, then cut the tape to declare Crofthead Park well and truly open. The Provost then gave a vote of thanks, and all were then invited into the David Milne Centre for tea and nibbles, generously provided by Tesco.

The pipe band entertained us before and after the ceremony, the young dancers performed for us all, much to the delight of all the mums and dads, grannies and grandpas. The children were then entertained by a balloon artist, and were able to have their faces painted. Prizes were awarded for the best dressed "bugs", and the fun and games continued in the park, with all the new equipment being put to good use.

A day to remember, and we were delighted by the large number who turned out to support us, and to enjoy the day.

At the opening day of the new Marks and Spencer store, we were invited to help with bag packing at the checkouts. Customers kindly donated enough change to buy a new ornamental litter bin for the War Memorial area, which will be installed shortly. We are most grateful for their generosity.

We will shortly be planting out the containers and beds on the Main Street and around the Village. This will bring some colour to our streets, and, with some decent weather, Uddingston will look at its best once again this year, and perhaps impress the Beautiful Scotland judges when they visit us in early August.

We are planning a number of Village tidy-ups during the Summer period, to have the Village looking attractive, clean and tidy, just as we all would like. If you feel able to help, why not come along and join us. Details of dates and times will be shown on our website, and our Facebook page. We hope to have a good level of support this year, maybe we can get a "Gold" award once more.

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Biblical Landmarks Quiz



1. Where was the site of King Solomon's Temple?
Answer:
2. Who was the elderly shepherd living at Haran in North West Mesopotamia?
Answer:
3. Who was led by whom into the Desert of Shur?
Answer:
4. Who fled for his life and went to Beersheba in Judah ?
Answer:
5. Which river did Elijah part to allow passage over dry land?
Answer:
6. Where was Lazarus' tomb?
Answer:
7. Whose water supply was purified by Elisha and how did he do it?
Answer:
8. Who was banished by the Roman Authorities to the Island of Patmos?
Answer:
9. Where did Moses receive the Laws and Commands for the Jews from God?
Answer:
10. On what island was Paul shipwrecked?
Answer:
11. What was found in the caves at Qumran?
Answer:
12. Why is the Church of the Holy Sepulchre so important to Christians?
Answer:

(Answers in September magazine)

Souper Sunday

A big thank you to all of those who supported and organised our Souper Sunday lunch on 8th May and collected a massive £830 towards this year's Christian Aid Week appeal.

All the delicious soups were made and served by members of the Social Committee and once again our annual Souper Sunday proved to be a very successful event on the church calendar.

If anyone missed an opportunity to donate to Christian Aid Week for 2016 there are some gift envelopes in the church vestibule which can be left in the collection plates or handed to any of the church office bearers.

Bob Read



MINISTRIES and MISSION

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I write to thank you most sincerely for supporting the worship, mission and service of the church through the money you give in your offerings. It is important that you should know what happens to this money, and this letter intends to explain how your congregation's Ministries and Mission Contribution will be used to enable the work of the Church in 2016.

Hamilton: Uddingston Old

Total Contribution to Ministries and Mission for 2016
£77,623

Ministries (85.3%)

£66,212 of your total contribution will go towards the costs of providing over 1,000 ministers and other parish workers in communities throughout Scotland and in the Presbytery of England. This contribution also assists with the costs of recruitment and training.

The 2016 cost of a parish minister at the top of the stipend scale is **£41,507** (stipend plus employer's national insurance and pension contributions). If your contribution to Ministries is above this figure, then your church is meeting the full cost of your ministry and supporting other congregations. If it is less than **£41,507**, your congregation (or linked charge) is being supported by other congregations.

Mission (14.7%)

£11,411 of your total contribution will be used to support the Church's work in: resourcing congregations for Christian education and outreach; providing social care services in Christ's name to further the caring work of the Church to people in need; accompanying partners around the world on our shared Christian journey; contributing the Church's opinion in public debate and on issues affecting Scotland and the World; providing central day-to-day service work in administrative, financial and legal matters; and in planning the General Assembly and ensuring the Moderator represents the Church.

As you will see, the contributions your church makes ensures a very diverse ministry is maintained and that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is shared in many ways and in many places. Many churches have made additional Ministries and Mission contributions throughout the past year and these have been gratefully received.

Yours in Christ,

Archie McDowall
Deputy Treasurer - Congregational Finance.

Born a Baptist

Each Friday night after work, Bubba would fire up his outdoor grill and cook a venison steak. But, all of Bubba's neighbours were Catholic....and since it was Lent, they were forbidden from eating meat on Friday. The delicious aroma from the grilled venison steaks was causing such a problem for the Catholic faithful that they finally talked to their priest.

The Priest came to visit Bubba, and suggested that he become a Catholic. After several classes and much study, Bubba attended Mass.....and as the priest sprinkled holy water over him, he said, 'You were born a Baptist, and raised a Baptist, but now you are a Catholic.'



Bubba's neighbours were greatly relieved, until Friday night arrived, and the wonderful aroma of grilled venison again filled the neighbourhood. The Priest was called immediately by the neighbours, and as he rushed into Bubba's yard, clutching a rosary and prepared to scold him, he stopped and watched in amazement. There stood Bubba, clutching a small bottle of holy water which he carefully sprinkled over the grilling meat and chanted: 'You wuz born a deer, you wuz raised a deer, but now you is a catfish.'

Dates for your Diary**Summer Programme**

Sunday Morning Service 11am
Tea & Coffee after service



Monday Get Together
each week 2pm - 3.30pm
(till 20th June)

Wednesday 8th June
Church open 10am - noon for Quiet Reflection

Thursday 9th June
Vestry Hour 7.30 - 8.30pm

Sunday 12th June
Songs of Praise Service
11am

Tuesday 14th June
Uddingston Grammar Prize Giving

Wednesday 15th June
Church open 10am - noon for Quiet Reflection

Thursday 16th June
No Vestry Hour

Sunday 19th June
Sunday School Moving on Service 11am

Monday 20th June
Congregational Board meets 7.30pm

Wednesday 22nd June
Muiredge End of Term Service

Wednesday 29th June
Church open 10am - noon for Quiet Reflection

Monday Get Together

The Monday Club is holding a Tea dance on the 6th June to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. Music will be provided by George Rodger and friends and afternoon tea will be served during the interval. The afternoon is being sponsored by local businesses.

The session will end on 20th June with a film show and recommence on the 29th August with a Singalong with the theme "Songs from the Shows"

Programme**June**

6th Tea Dance 2 - 4pm

13th Bite and Blether

20th Film Show

Start back

August

29th Singalong "Songs from the Shows"

September

5th Film Show

12th Bite and Blether

19th Singalong

**More (Did I Read That Sign Right?)**

Notice in health food shop window:
CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS

Spotted in a safari park:(I sure hope so)
ELEPHANTS PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR

Seen during a conference:
FOR ANYONE WHO HAS CHILDREN AND DOESN'T
KNOW IT,
THERE IS A DAY CARE ON THE 1ST FLOOR

Notice in a farmer's field:
THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO CROSS THE FIELD
FOR FREE,
BUT THE BULL CHARGES.

Message on a leaflet:
IF YOU CANNOT READ, THIS LEAFLET WILL TELL YOU
HOW TO GET LESSONS

On a repair shop door:
WE CAN REPAIR ANYTHING.
(PLEASE KNOCK HARD - THE BELL DOESN'T WORK)

**Proofreading is a dying art,
wouldn't you say?**

Man Kills Self Before Shooting Wife and Daughter

This one I caught in the SGV Tribune the other day
and called the Editorial Room and asked who wrote
this.

It took two or three readings before the editor
realised that what he was reading was
impossible!!!

They put in a correction the next day.

Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says.
Really? Ya think?

Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers.
Now that's taking things a bit far!

Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over.
What a guy!

Miners Refuse to Work after Death.
Good-for-nothing' lazy so-and-so's!

Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant.
See if that works any better than a fair trial!

War Dims Hope for Peace.
I can see where it might have that effect!

If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile.
You think?!