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Pastoral Letter



Dear Friends,

As I write this I am reflecting upon the Ministry Conference that I attended at Crieff Hydro just the other week. The theme of the conference was 'Women in Ministry' and all who attended were ministers, locally ordained ministers and readers who if they were to combine their years of service to God and to the Church of Scotland it would have stretched over a 1000 years.

We were blessed to have a wide variety of speakers for instance Dr Lesley Orr, historian, Dr Elaine Storkey, writer, philosopher & Past President of Tearfund, and Dr Lesley Thomson, Solicitor General for Scotland, to name a few.

We also heard from Parish Ministers giving their accounts of life in their parishes. What became apparent and developed over those intense days was that the women in the ministry need a place to speak openly and safely without persecution.

They need to air their concerns of bullying by elders and congregational members; they need to speak about the inappropriateness of comments and actions made to them because of their gender, and also challenge many of their colleagues who do not believe that women should have a voice in ministry. They need to speak openly about the isolation, the loneliness and of proving their capability to their colleagues, their congregations and themselves.

For some who attended, these revelations were a shock while for others it was common practice and part of the everyday life of being a Parish Minister in today's changing and demanding society.

It may seem that the institutional church is the last place you should find discrimination, bullying, abuse of power, yet for many it's a reality and it's one where those behaviours will not and shall not be tolerated. Women in the Church of Scotland are speaking out against the injustices of the church, our communities and our world and we should walk arm in arm together.

You may feel that when reading this, the conference was full of negativity and yes to a certain extent it was, but there was also hope. The hope was that there would come a time when there would be no need to have separate ministry conferences, that both males and females could openly discuss not only the differences, but also those things that unite us. We know this will take time and that it will only happen if dialogue, honesty and listening are at the heart of our journey. Let us dream that it will happen one day

As it states in Paul's letter to the Galatians:

"For in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek there is no longer slave or free there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise" (Galatians 3:27-29)

Blessings to you all

Rev Fiona

Reverend Fiona McKibbin

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Church Roll Intimations

Baptism



Sunday 25th September 2016

Boyd Robert Howie

Son of Andrew & Jade (nee Hannah)

Change of Address

Mr John Sullivan

from Uddingston
to Shotts
and

Mrs Audrey Platt

within Uddingston

Parish Funerals conducted by Rev. Fiona McKibbin

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

Mrs Margaret Williams

Date of Death: 8th September 2016

Midweek Worship

On the 1st Wednesday of each month beginning on the **5th October** we will be holding a cafe church style evening at 7.30pm, and finishing no later than 9pm. We will be discussing various topics using NOOMA material, a series of short films that explore our world from a perspective of Jesus. NOOMA is an invitation to search, question and join in the discussion. This is open to people of all ages of faith. If you require any more information, please speak with the Minister.

Sunday Worship

On the first Sunday of each month, beginning 2nd October, we are introducing a new style of all age worship in the large hall from 10am till 12 noon. Children, parents/grandparents are welcome to come along and worship together. We will begin with worship, followed by a variety of interactive activities alongside fellowship and hospitality. This is a new adventure we are exploring, so whether you wish to join us or not, please keep this in your prayers.

The normal Morning Service will be held in the church as usual at 11am.

Duty Roster

Morning Service at 11am & Evening Services at 6.30pm

Front Door teams for the next month:

October	9th	Billy Ballantyne
	16th	Carol Frame
	23rd	Margaret Clark
	30th	James Caskie
November	6th	Mary Fox

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 30th



Sunday School & Pram & Praise



Happy fellowship was enjoyed on 4th September at 'Back to Church Sunday'. The weather was sunny and the children were able to play games outside and in, where they bounced, crafted and ate ice cream.

Here is the programme for the next seven weeks:

October

2nd	All Age Worship at 10 am
9th	GB and BB Parade
16th	Baptism
23rd	Games
30th	Halloween Lights (time extended to 12.30)

November

6th	All Age Worship
13th	Service of Remembrance (Uniformed Organisations)

Liz Lyttle

After Service Teas

The total raised to date for St Andrew's Hospice is
£1300

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



Biblical Word Puzzle

Unscramble the letters to find Place Names, Persons, Events or Religious Relics.



1. TYOLOSHGH

Answer: _____

2. NAYMODENOEFAT

Answer: _____

3. USTSPERCIR

Answer: _____

4. FENGREOADNDE

Answer: _____

5. ACEDBANILAN

Answer: _____

6. AYLNOBAIB

Answer: _____

7. VTERFIEHBTLOIE

Answer: _____

8. SPIESLTHINI

Answer: _____

9. TUARMANTROA

Answer: _____

10. LDIGIDHADOTVANA

Answer: _____

11. DILRDEABAY

Answer: _____

12. PIETOBESHJATNTH

Answer: _____

(Answers in November magazine)



Answers to Biblical Word Puzzle in November Magazine

1. Noah and the Flood
 2. Tower of Babel
 3. Moses and the Exodus
 4. Patriachs
 5. Twelve Tribes of Israel
 6. Scribes and Pharisees
 7. Temple of Solomon
 8. Abraham
 9. Ark of the Covenant
 10. Good Samaritan
 11. Walls of Jericho
 12. The Burning Bus
- (Thanks to M.K. for this)

Coffee Morning

There will be a Coffee Morning in aid of **Macmillan Cancer Support** on **Friday 7th October** 10am until 2pm



Hot Rolls will be available.



Please bring along as many friends as you can to support this very worthy cause.

Donations of home baking very much appreciated.

Thank You.
Liz Vasey

FAIRTRADE

Are you thinking ahead for Christmas??

The new Fairtrade Catalogue is now available for perusal for Gifts & Cards.

There are sample cards now on display at the Fairtrade Stall at the After Service Teas each week.

Mima will be happy to help you make a selection.

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 19th October when we will be discussing

"From Whitewashed Stairs to Heaven"

by
Maureen McKenna



The Guild

The new session of the Guild commences on Tuesday 4th October at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

A warm welcome awaits friends old and new.

Programme

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| October | 4th | 'Jeely Piece Night' - At Home |
| | 11th | On the Guild Theme
- Rev. Fiona McKibbin |
| | 18th | Project - 'Let's Stick Together' |
| | | - Speaker from 'Care For The Family' Charity |
| | 25th | 'Some Place Glasgow'
- Tom Marchant |
| November | 1st | A Scottish Woman of 20th Century/
A Daughter Looks Back
- Liz McIntyre Allan |

Uddingston Pride Update

The Award Ceremony for the Beautiful Scotland Competition was held on 14th September, in Aberdeen, and we were delighted when we won the Urban Community Category once more, and were awarded a Gold Certificate, the highest possible level of award.

The comments by the judges were most complimentary, and praised many of the highlights of their tour of the Village, with special mention of all the churches who decorate their gardens for the benefit of the whole community.

After the ceremony, we were able to meet with our chief judge, who went through the marking sheets with us, and made some very useful suggestions as to how we could improve the Village even more. So next year we will try to follow his suggestions and have Uddingston looking at its very best once again.

We in Uddingston Pride are most grateful for all the help we get from so many of the local residents, without their help, we would not be able to achieve such an outstanding result. So, a very big "thank you" to all those who have turned out to support our efforts throughout the year.

The Group met recently with the local Rotary Club, to discuss the planting of some 5000 crocus bulbs, as part of the Rotary "Purple4Polio" campaign. The plan is to plant these bulbs at the mound at Powburn, opposite the Gateway Sign, which should enhance the approach to the Village in the Spring. We will also be working with the Grammar School, planting bulbs there, and there will also be some planted at Crofthead Park. We hope this will all bring a little colour to Uddingston after the winter gloom.

Our Christmas Open Day will be held this year on Sunday, 4th December, with all the usual entertainments, including bands, choirs and dancers, not forgetting a visit from Santa. Full details will be publicised when we have finalised arrangements. We hope you will all come out to support this event, one of the highlights of winter in Uddingston.

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Life And Work

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?

The overall cost for the year is not known yet, but the cover price per copy has been increased to £2.50 for next year. The annual cost will be slightly discounted as per normal.

Alternatively, if you wish to be removed from the list of recipients, then can you please let me know as soon as possible. Either way, I need to know no later than **Sunday 20th November 2016**, or it will be assumed delivery will continue as at present with the payment becoming due for collection in February 2017. Please remember that the payment period is from February to February each year.

Your prompt payment each year is very much appreciated and does make matters easier for me.

However, if anyone has any queries or requires clarification, then please contact me by phone, or leave a message in my pigeon hole which is in the vestry corridor.

Thanks in anticipation
Ken Storrier

UNITED MENS' FELLOWSHIP

<p>October 3rd Opening Evening & Communion - Rev David Hall</p> <p>10th AA Patrolman - Clark Gibb</p> <p>17th Big Band Music - Rhona Hughes</p>	<p>October 24th 'It's a Mystery' - Rev Chris Foxon</p> <p>31st Sand, Sea & Snow - Neil Wightwick</p> <p>November 7th Commonwealth Games Volunteer - Robert Nimmo</p>
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Dates for your Diary

Sunday Services 11am & 6.30pm
Tea & Coffee after morning service



Monday Get Together
each week 2pm - 3.30pm

Monday 3rd October
Mens' Fellowship resumes 7.30pm

Tuesday 4th October
Guild resumes 7.30pm

Wednesday 5th October
Church open 10am - noon
for Quiet Reflection & Communion
also
Cafe Church 7.30 - 9pm

Thursday 6th October
Vestry Hour 7.30 - 8.30pm

Wednesday 12th October
Church open 10am - noon for Quiet Reflection
also
Bible Study Group 7.30pm

Thursday 13th October
Vestry Hour 7.30 - 8.30pm

Monday 17th October
Congregational Board meets 7.30pm

Wednesday 26th October
Church open 10am - noon for Quiet Reflection
also
Bible Study Group 7.30pm

Thursday 27th October
Vestry Hour 7.30 - 8.30pm

Wednesday 2nd November
Church open 10am - noon
for Quiet Reflection & Communion
also
Cafe Church 7.30 - 9pm

Thursday 3rd November
Vestry Hour 7.30 - 8.30pm

More Puns for Educated Minds

I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger.
Then it hit me.

A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab centre said:
'Keep off the Grass.'

The midget fortune-teller who escaped from prison was
a small medium at large.

The soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper
spray is now a seasoned veteran.

A backward poet writes inverse.

In a democracy it's your vote that counts.
In feudalism it's your count that votes.

When cannibals ate a missionary,
they got a taste of religion.

Monday Get Together

The Monday Club is holding a Halloween Tea Dance on Monday the 31st October, from 2pm until 4pm in the large hall. Music will be provided by George Rodger and Friends with refreshments served during the interval. Come as you are or in Halloween costume

Because of this special event the October Sing a Long will be on Monday the 24th October The programme for October & November is:

October

3rd Bite and Blether

10th Film

17th Bite and Blether

24th Sing a long

31st Halloween Tea Dance

**November**

7th November Bite and Blether

14th November Film

21st November Bite and Blether

28th November Singalong

5th December Christmas Tea Dance

**TEEN ZONE**

The Teen Zone has started back - why not come along?

Games, chat, crafts, music and
hot choc!

Open to kids of secondary school age
Every second Sunday, 7 - 9 pm,
in the Church Hall

Dates for this term -

2nd, 16th & 30th October
13th & 27th November

Contacts -
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Katie

