



# UDDINGSTON OLD PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

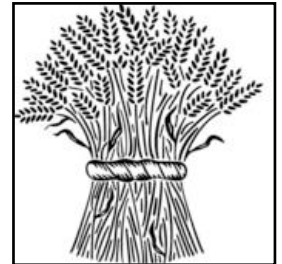
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### Pastoral Letter



Dear Friends,

As I write this, the sunlight is shining through the study window, which is indeed a blessing in its own right. Wherever you have been during this summer break I hope the weather has been kind to you.

The Manse family had a lovely break in Skye and if you have ever been in Skye you know that the weather can be unpredictable, so therefore when packing you must be mindful of that. Nobody here cares what you wear whether it be waterproofs or shorts and walking boots. We, in this country, are blessed with the freedom to wear whatever we like and this must be protected for the sake of our children and future generations.

Yet I was surprised on reading news items, that in France it's a completely different story. Fifteen towns in France have outlawed women wearing full body swimsuits on the beach, citing 'security risks'. It was sad to see armed police officers forcing a woman to remove clothes on a public beach simply because some people who *claim to share* her religious tradition have killed people in France.

I understand that the people of France are afraid. Terrorism is horrible and very unsettling. When no place is safe from threats of violence, it can make you feel better to think you're doing something to fix the problem. I understand that France is a more secular country than we are in Britain as this is not the first time France has limited public religious expression.

However, terrorising and ostracising women, will not fix the problem. Placing children in a situation where they have to witness the humiliation and fear of their female relations while others cheer and yell "go home"... is certainly not a great example. Surely we can cope with what women wear without dictating otherwise. Just imagine if that was your mother, daughter or granddaughter who was in that situation.

Yet if you watched the Rio Olympics, you would have seen Egyptian beach volleyball player, Doaa Elghobashy, aged 19, wearing a hijab, long sleeves and black leggings to her ankles and German Kira Walkenhorst, 25, wearing a dark blue bikini as they competed. This image illustrates how women can wear whatever they wish and still successfully play volleyball, swim at a beach, run for leadership of our country, be a minister, or just go to school.

Life is too short for us to take part in the body shaming of ourselves or of others. Life is too precious to pretend that by policing women's clothing on the beach that we are somehow building a safer society.

Let's do better. Wear whatever we want to wear.

Friends, love yourself as you are.

Allow others to love themselves too, even if it involves different choices to those you might make.

As it is written in the book of Ephesians 5 vv 1-2:

*Since you are God's dear children, you must try to be like him. Your life must be controlled by love, just as Christ loved us and gave his life for us.*

Blessings to you all

*Rev Fiona*

*Reverend Fiona McKibbin*

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Thursday 22nd Sept. 2016  
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We are always happy to  
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by e-mail to  
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or  
on paper.

## Church Roll Intimations

### Baptism



Sunday 26th June 2016

**Joshua William Donald McCallum**  
Son of Scott & Valerie (nee Linn)

### Deaths

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

#### **Mr William Huggins**

Date of Death: 30th June 2016  
and

#### **Mr Andrew Waddington**

Date of Death: 16th August 2016

### Change of Address

#### **Mrs Heather Gibson**

from Bothwell  
to Uddingston

### Membership Changes

#### **We bid farewell to**

#### **Mrs Mhairi Duigan**

by Certificate of Transfer to  
Trinity Church, Jesmond, Newcastle Upon Tyne

### Duty Roster

Please note there will be no Evening Services during September they recommence on Sunday 2nd October.  
Front Door teams for the next month:

Sept.	11th	Janette Moore
	18th	Margaret Abercrombie
	25th	Margaret Ballantyne

October	2nd	Walker Lyttle
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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 Sunday School will serve on September 18th



### Sunday School & Pram & Praise



The Sunday School and Pram and Praise will resume on Sunday 4th September at 11am in the church.

This will be a 'Back to Church' celebration. After the children's address the young people will go to the hall to play on a bouncy castle, or with giant games and refresh themselves with snacks and ice cream

Pram and Praise will return to its normal time of 10 to 10.30am on 11th September

Liz Lyttle

### Congratulations

to

#### **Alison & Spence Macauslane**

who celebrated their Golden Wedding

and to

#### **Robert & Jean McLaughlin**

Who celebrated their Diamond Wedding

in June

### Midweek Worship

Beginning on the **7th September** the church will be open for quiet reflection from 10am - 12 noon. If you want to speak with the minister come along and have a coffee or tea and a chat. If you need some time to still your mind and heart come along and just be with God.

If you wish please also join us for a short service of worship in the side sanctuary from 11.30am. This will now take place on a weekly basis and we begin with a service of Holy Communion.

All are welcome in God's house.

### After Service Teas

The total raised to date for St Andrew's Hospice is  
**£1090**

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



**Biblical Word Puzzle**

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



1. HFODNOATLDHEANO

Answer: -----

2. WBOLETFBOEAR

Answer: -----

3. SDXMNUEASOHD OETES

Answer: -----

4. CTHIRPASRA

Answer: -----

5. ITASIVBTLFEOERLEWSR

Answer: -----

6. BRCSEAREHERSISDNAIS

Answer: -----

7. NOTFMOPLMSEOELO

Answer: -----

8. HBAMARA

Answer: -----

9. TAVCEFONTKERONAH

Answer: -----

10. DIASAGIMORNTA

Answer: -----

11. LOIJFLCOWEARHS

Answer: -----

12. STEBGNUHBRNUHI

Answer: -----

(Answers in October magazine)

**Answers to June's Quiz**

1. Mount Moriah (2nd Chronicles 3 v 1)
2. Abram, later to be known as Abraham. (Genesis 12 v 4 & Gen, 17 vv 1-5)
3. The Israelites under the leadership of Moses (Exodus 15 v 22)
4. Elijah (1st Kings 19 vv 2-3)
5. River Jordan (2nd Kings 2 v 8)
6. In the town of Bethany (John 11 vv 17-18)
7. The city of Jericho and he purified it by adding salt. (2nd Kings 2 vv 19-20)
8. John (Revelations 1 v 9)
9. Mount Sinai. (Malachi 4 v 4)
10. Malta (Acts 28 v 1)
11. Valuable ancient manuscripts of the Hebrew Bible known as the 'Dead Sea Scrolls'.
12. It is considered to mark the traditional site of Jesus' tomb

**Christian Aid**

Our 'Souper Sunday' lunch on 8th May raised £1265 for Christian Aid Week and we were able to forward £2275 from the whole village this year. Many thanks to all of those who helped out and contributed in any way.

Our Annual Harvest Appeal will once again be for Christian Aid and the envelope enclosed with this magazine should be returned at the Harvest Thanksgiving service to be held on 18th September. If applicable please complete the 'Gift Aid' section of the envelope so that Christian Aid can reclaim the tax.

Bob Read

**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

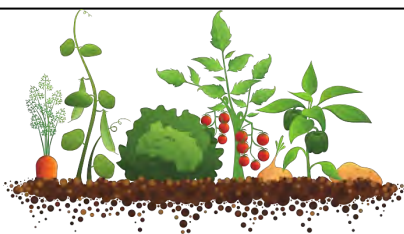
**FAIRTRADE**

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 glad to help you make a selection.





## Thank You

Dear Jim,

On behalf of Hamilton District Foodbank, may we express our sincere thanks for the kind donation of goods weighing 147.15kg plus cash of £20 donated by your congregation recently. Any cash donated is well used in purchasing goods which are either out of stock or low in stock.

These donations have been gratefully received by all the members of the committee as we endeavour to keep the Foodbank up and running and will be a great contribution in our efforts to help those suffering hardship in these difficult times.

Since opening at the beginning of December 2013, we have been able to provide food for over 5319 persons, 1618 of this number being children and we are so grateful for your continued support as, no doubt, with the introduction of the Universal Credit, these numbers are likely to rise.

Please pass our thanks to the members of your congregation for their thoughtfulness and generosity.

With our blessing and many thanks once again.

Kind regards,  
Elsie Balneaves (Secretary)

## **Uddingston Pride Update**

We were very pleased to welcome the Beautiful Scotland judges to Uddingston on Thursday, 11th August, and we think they were impressed with what they were shown, although we will not know the result of the competition until the Award Ceremony in Aberdeen on 14th September. The whole Village was looking really well, and the weather was reasonable on the day, at least it didn't rain! The judges were taken on a tour, calling in at the usual high spots in the Village - the Station, the Library, the Cross and the Main Street, and, of course, the churches. But this year we had our "new" park to show them, which was really the star of the show, and the judges were most interested in how we managed to raise the funds, and organise the refurbishment, and they were impressed with the numbers of children enjoying themselves on the new equipment. So we are very hopeful that we will be marked highly this year, and are looking forward to travelling to Aberdeen to hear the result.

You may have noticed that, since the official opening of the "new" Crofthead Park, a number of additional features have been installed - more ornamental seating and litter bins, and some picnic tables. These additional items have been made possible due to a very competitive tender bid by the Contractor, and donations from local businesses. We hope that the people of Uddingston will appreciate the park even more, now that the work has finally been completed. It has been a major challenge to the Group to have our local park refurbished, but we hope you will agree, it has been worth it in the end.

During the Autumn, we will be carrying out a number of bulb planting exercises, most notably working with Rotary in their "Purple4Polio" campaign, when some 5,000 purple crocuses will be planted at Powburn. We will also be working with the Grammar School, planting bulbs there, and there will also be some planted at Crofthead Park. We hope all these bulbs will bring a welcome show of colour next Spring.

Look out for details of our annual Christmas Open Day, which this year will be held on Sunday, 4th December, and is always a highlight of the winter in Uddingston.

SR

The new session of the Guild commences on Tuesday  
6th October at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

Continuing our Theme "Be Bold, Be Strong"  
In our 2nd year we are thinking about:  
"Go in Joy"

We meet on a weekly basis and the Leaders and members of the Guild are always delighted to welcome along anyone interested, either on a regular basis or on selective evenings as the interest takes you.



A warm welcome awaits friends old and new.

The new syllabus will be distributed during the month of September to all who have attended before.

If you wish to receive a syllabus please contact  
Muriel McCandlish

The winter programme kicks off on:

October 4th with a 'Jeely Piece Night' - At Home

**Dates for your Diary**

Sunday Morning Service 11am  
Tea & Coffee after service



**Monday Get Together**  
each week 2pm - 3.30pm

**Wednesday 7th September**  
Church open 10am - noon  
for Quiet Reflection & Communion

**Thursday 8th September**  
Girls' Brigade resumes

**Monday 13th September**  
Congregational Board meets followed by Session  
7.30pm

**Wednesday 14th September**  
Church open 10am - noon for Quiet Reflection

**Wednesday 21st September**  
Church open 10am - noon for Quiet Reflection

Book Study Group 7.30pm

**Wednesday 28th September**  
Church open 10am - noon for Quiet Reflection

Bible Study Group 7.30pm

**Sunday 2nd October**  
Communion celebrated at 11am & 6.30pm

**Wednesday 5th October**  
Church open 10am - noon  
for Quiet Reflection & Communion

**Monday Get Together**

Our Monday Club meets in the large hall from 2pm until 3.30pm.

Each week we have a different activity and of course the all-important tea, coffee and cake. We look forward to welcoming new members and all our regulars. There is no charge, although a small donation towards the tea and coffee is always welcome.

The programme for September and October is:

**September**

5th Film

12th Bite and Blether

19th Sing a Long

26th Holiday

**October**

3rd Bite and Blether

10th Film

17th Film

24th Bite and Blether

31st Sing a long

**Puns for Educated Minds**

The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was  
Sir Cumference.

He acquired his size from too much pi.

I thought I saw an eye-doctor on an Alaskan island,  
but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.

She was only a whisky-maker, but he loved her still.

A rubber-band pistol was confiscated from an algebra  
class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.

No matter how much you push the envelope,  
it'll still be stationery.

A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was  
cited for littering.

Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.

A hole has been found in the nudist-camp wall.  
The police are looking into it.

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

Atheism is a non-prophet organisation.

Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway.  
One hat said to the other:  
'You stay here; I'll go on a head.'

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

Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures!  
Who would have thought!

Enfield (London) Couple Slain;  
Police Suspect Homicide  
They may be on to something!

Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges!  
You mean there's something stronger than duct tape?

Man Struck By Lightning Faces Battery Charge!  
He probably IS the battery charge!

New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group!  
Weren't they fat enough?!

Astronaut Takes Blame for Gas in Spacecraft!  
That's what he gets for eating those beans!

Kids Make Nutritious Snacks!  
Do they taste like chicken?

Local High School Drop-outs Cut in Half!  
Chainsaw Massacre all over again!

Hospitals are Sued by 7 Foot Doctors!  
Boy, are they tall!

And the winner is....  
Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead!  
Did I read that right?