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Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

On Sunday evening at the Teen Zone we had a great discussion on the games we played as children such as 'Kick the Can', marbles, ropes, 'Red Rover', to name just a few. What was interesting for us as adults looking back was recalling the freedom we had. The street lights or our hungry tummies were our clock reminding us to get back home. We were always able to find things to do. It's interesting when we reminisce that most of the things we remember have changed dramatically. Life at the moment is constantly changing at a quite dramatic pace (or it feels like that to many of us) and this brings issues when the church is moving in a new direction.

There is no denying that we are creatures of habit we enjoy the stability of our life, we enjoy church life the way it has always been, yet we must be prepared to ask the question, "Does our church need a serious upgrade?"

Can I be clear however when I say an upgrade. I do not mean on the essential Biblical commands. Those never change, for church must always help us to worship, to learn and grow in our faith in Jesus. But let's be honest we can make these basic purposes harder than they need to be. Many who come into contact with the Christian Church can find it a challenging experience. We hide the truth inside secret code words and behaviours. We talk at, not with people. We make difficult questions almost impossible to ask and as a consequence, we make the important truths harder to find. All of us have a part to play in making our church more accessible. Look around at our building and our grounds. Are there any notices, for example, that tell the outside world what we are about; what is happening in the worship in our building, apart from on our notice boards inside our building. The outside world has no idea. This is not a criticism, but you know yourself that the longer we have been in the church, the harder it can be to see what needs to be updated

One of the many characteristics that attracted irreligious people to Jesus was his accessibility. He went where they were, talked in language they understood and made deep truths simple without watering them down. We need to seriously look at how we share the message of Jesus so that it can get through to people who have never experienced it before. The Good News of Jesus is too important to keep hidden behind a structure that only works for people who know how to crack the code.

That's why, after Jesus told them a simple story about the difference between building a house on a foundation of sand or a rock, "*the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.*" (Matthew 7:28-29)

Blessings to you all

Rev Fiona

Reverend Fiona McKibbin

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Sunday 4th December 2016
We are always happy to receive
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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

Baptism



Sunday 16th October 2016

Abbie McGregor

Daughter of John & Jan (nee Logan)
Date of Birth: 31st May 2016
Place of Birth: Princess Royal Maternity

Marriage



Sunday 3rd October 2016

Susan Patterson & Jon Cunningham

Deaths

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

Mr Doula McHenry

Date of Death: 28th September 2016
and

Dr William Thomson

Date of Death: 6th October 2016
and

Mr Jim McIntosh

Date of Death: 13th October 2016

Change of Address

Mrs C Dykes

from Simpson Court, Uddingston
to Kirkton Care Home
and

Mrs Bunty Jack

from Bothwell Grange, Uddingston
to Croftbank House,
and

Miss Laura McMahon

within Uddingston
and

Miss Nicola McMahon

within Uddingston

Membership Changes

We bid farewell to

Mrs Susanne Anderson

Duty Roster

Morning Service at 11am & Evening Services at 6.30pm

Front Door teams for the next month:

November	13th	Pamela Aitken
	20th	Janette Moore
	27th	Margaret Abercrombie

December	4th	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 Guild will serve on November 20th



Sunday School & Pram & Praise



The Children's Magazine for November/December has been distributed with all the important future dates displayed.

The All Age Service held in the large hall on 2nd October was a happy occasion. Thanks to all who joined in. Special thanks go to the Teen Zone and snack ladies, we couldn't have done it without you. Thanks to all who provided us with feedback on the comments board. This information will be put to good use as we plan our next 'All Age Service' on Sunday 6th November.

We look forward to seeing you all back then, together with those who couldn't make it in October, when we will explore another familiar Bible story.

Liz Lyttle

After Service Teas

The total raised to date for St Andrew's Hospice is **£1490**
Thanks to everyone who attends and contributes and enjoys the fellowship after the Morning & Evening Services.

Parish Funerals conducted by Rev. Fiona McKibbin

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

Miss Elsie Ballantyne

Date of Death: 5th October 2016
and

Miss Anne McEwan

Date of Death: 11th October 2016

Biblical Word Puzzle

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



1. HCATMNESDENOMETNMT

Answer: -----

2. MLUSEJRAE

Answer: -----



3. CEHDTILWPSEVIETELS

Answer: -----

4. NFIWESOGAS

Answer: -----

5. POEGEMUTURSURAS

Answer: -----

6. JYMOPASDRAHEN

Answer: -----

7. RGAFRIDYNOKSLCAHMENDNREN

Answer: -----

8. EASDADE

Answer: -----

9. TFAPHOTSAHECOLTESTSE

Answer: -----

10. REAECASA

Answer: -----

11. HSFTBAMHOLERETE

Answer: -----

12. FINAOSAMLOPSDT

Answer: -----

(Answers in December magazine)

(Thanks to M.K for this)

Final Puns for the Moment

If you jumped off the bridge in Paris, you'd be in Seine.

A vulture carrying two dead raccoons boards an airplane. The stewardess looks at him and says, 'I'm sorry, only one carrion allowed per passenger.'

Two fish swim into a concrete wall. One turns to the other and says, 'Dam!'

Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.

Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, 'I've lost my electron.' The other says, 'Are you sure?' The first replies, 'Yes, I'm positive.'

Answers to Biblical Word Puzzle in October Magazine

1. Holy Ghost
2. Day of Atonement
3. Scriptures
4. Garden of Eden
5. Cain and Abel
6. Babylonia
7. The Tribe of Levi
8. Philistines
9. Mount Ararat
10. David and Goliath
11. Daily Bread
12. John the Baptist

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.

Thank You

Sheila and Ronald Rattray wish to thank our minister, Fiona, and the congregation of the Old Parish Church for the charming card they sent congratulating us on our 65th wedding anniversary.

Sheila would also like to add her personal thanks for the delightful card sent to celebrate her 90th birthday.

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 16th November when we will be discussing

“From Whitewashed Stairs to Heaven”

by

Maureen McKenna

Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root-canal treatment?

His goal: transcend dental medication.

There was the person who sent ten puns to friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did.

CHRISTMAS GIFT SERVICE

This year our service will take place on Sunday 18th of December and is in aid of "Quarriers" a Charity who help older children and those who, through no fault, find themselves homeless, this struck a chord with the Kirk Session.

Gifts of **new toys and books for younger children** are also needed but the teenagers are the most difficult group to buy for.

If I could ask you to label the gifts for child / teenager / male / female and an age range.

Toiletries: Shower gel Gloves Pyjamas Slipper Socks Perfume Aftershave Hat Scarf

Food items - packets of biscuits, tins of soup, packets of pasta or rice mix, packets of noodles, hot chocolate, teabags, coffee.

Fleecy blanket Gift vouchers from Primark Or anything else you think would be enjoyed.

If you wanted to give a financial gift this will be used to take the children out for the day and have fun. Cash or cheques [QUARRIERS] will be very well received.

As I am aware this is a busy time for everyone and I am very grateful to you for taking the time to buy and wrap your gifts. This service only works if we all do a little to help someone we don't know.



Thank you all for making this such a good service.



Grace McKirdy

Social Committee

The Macmillan Coffee Morning was held on 7th October. It was very well supported by the congregation and others from the community - not only by attending but also being on board to help and provide home baking. Hot rolls were offered and were very well received - possibly to the detriment of the home baking, but leftovers were sold on the Friday and also the following Sunday morning. Total raised was £880. Please convey our sincere thanks to all your family and friends who supported this. A special word of thanks to Tom Greenshields for his generous donation of the Lorne sausage. The certificate from Macmillan will be displayed on the notice board once we receive it.

The trip to Billy Elliot in Edinburgh took place on Saturday 22nd October. It was a fabulous show and everything went smoothly - no-one got lost or missed the coach home.

Looking forward, there will be another 'Souper Sunday' after the morning service on Sunday 27th November - proceeds from which will be given to St Andrew's Hospice. This will be organised by the Social Committee and helpers so please make a note in your diaries for that (own bowl or mug and spoon required).

Finally, the church 'Open Doors Weekend' takes place on Saturday 10th December - when the Social Committee will welcome everyone into the church to view the decorated windows and open the hall for mince pies and shortbread.

Ailsa Wilkie

Christmas Collection for The Lodging House Mission

Normally at Christmas we, as a congregation, collect foodstuffs for the Lodging House Mission. When we contacted the Mission this year they asked if we can give things that can be given directly to their users as Christmas gifts.

There is a list of suitable items on the attached list.

The Teen Zone and the Girls Brigade are going to make up gift packages so please don't wrap anything up. The usual bins will be at the church entrance for the following 4 Sundays. If you have any questions please see Liz Vasey.

ITEMS FOR LODGING HOUSE MISSION USERS CHRISTMAS

DISPOSABLE RAZORS SHAVING GEL/FOAM

SHAMPOO SHOWERGEL

TOOTHPASTE & TOOTHBRUSH DEODORANT

SWEETS/CHOCOLATE

UNDERWEAR (MALE/FEMALE)

SOCKS GLOVES SCARF

Thank You. Your help will be greatly appreciated.



United Men's Fellowship

Monday 3rd October

President Ian Maxwell warmly welcomed members to the first meeting of the new session and thanked Secretary, Craig Mains, for once again producing an interesting and varied syllabus. Following opening praise, Ian introduced the speaker this evening, Rev David Hall, a retired Methodist minister.

Originally from Tyneside, David trained as a joiner and subsequently trained for the ministry at Queen's College, Birmingham. He served in various parts of the country including Manchester, Gourrock and Girvan.

He also spent time in St Brelade's Jersey where he met his wife Eleanor, who hails from Tannochside. David, an accomplished guitarist and singer entertained us with some of his own compositions as well as some well known hymns and choruses. The evening concluded with David conducting a short but meaningful Communion Service for the members.

A hearty vote of thanks was given by Craig Mains on behalf of the members.

Monday 10th October

President Ian Maxwell warmly welcomed members and introduced the speaker Mr Clark Gibb whose talk tonight was AA Patrolman.

The AA was Founded in 1905 and Clark gave a most interesting potted history of the service and its development. Clark joined the AA in 1970 and spent the next 35 years mostly in Scotland, particularly covering from Glasgow to Beattock. He entertained us with some of the more amusing incidents he'd had to attend as well as admitting that not all incidents had happy outcomes.

Craig Mains gave a hearty vote of thanks on behalf of the members.

Monday 17th October

President Ian Maxwell welcomed members and introduced our substitute speaker for the evening, our own member Mr Craig Mains with his talk "A Tour of Glasgow University" as Mrs Rhona Hughes was unable to attend due to a family crisis.

We learned that the man credited with founding Glasgow University was Bishop William Turnbull who was bishop at Glasgow Cathedral 1447-1454; it is thought the first classes were held in the Lower Chapterhouse of the Cathedral. The first university buildings were on High Street dating from 1450, when it relocated to Gilmorehill. In 1870 some parts of the building were taken apart brick by brick and rebuilt on the new site. An example of this is the Lion and Unicorn Stairway which was incorporated into the new building albeit its direction changed from right to left! The landmark tower was added in 1929, and as a student Craig was able to abseil down it.

There are a number of halls and rooms of great interest among them being Bute Hall used for graduation ceremonies; its construction was funded by John Patrick Crichton-Stuart, 3rd Marquess of Bute. The Old Philosophy Room still has original furniture and boards dating from around 1870. Craig also advised that the grounds are wonderful to explore and that some of the tea rooms and restaurants are open to the public.

There have been innumerable famous people at the university, one such was Lord Kelvin (William Thomson) who attended university classes from the age of 10. He wrote his first scientific paper, under the pseudonym 'PQR', aged only 16. In 1846, aged only 22 he became Professor of Natural Philosophy remaining in this post for 53 years, and establishing what became the first university physics laboratory.

A vote of thanks along with an appreciation for standing in at short notice was given by Mr Bill Shanks

Monday 24th October

President Ian Maxwell welcomed members and introduced the Reverend Chris Foxon, a retired Methodist minister, and a well known teacher, lecturer and speaker in the West of Scotland. His voice is probably best recognised from his many talks given on the BBC radio programme 'Thought for the Day'. He wittingly referred to these appearances as the few days in the year in which he had to be up early!

Before becoming minister at Partick and Woodlands Methodist churches in Glasgow, Chris had been a lecturer in Religious Education at Jordanhill College in Glasgow. He had been brought up in Kilsyth, the son of a minister, and recalled that after graduation he had returned to teach religious studies in Kilsyth, famously condemning the use of the King James version of the bible in favour of the New English version. This gave him and his pupils a much easier interpretation with which to work. Amongst Chris's extremely well structured stories, he recalled a student who emphatically disagreed with him as having a far better understanding, than a counterpart who was prepared to accept him without question.

Chris considered himself to be privileged to have been in the position of preaching the gospel on Sundays and lecturing on 'How to Teach' to Jordanhill students on weekdays.

Jim Rhind gave the vote of thanks.

UNITED MENS' FELLOWSHIP Programme

November

- 14th Malta & Gozo
- Bob Copeland
- 21st Scottish Lenningrad Albums
- Helen Morrison
- 28th Kumchatka
- Catherine Cartwright

December

- 5th M74 Development Project
- Graeme Reid
- 12th Christmas Dinner

Meetings resume Monday 9th January 2017

SACRIFICE
TRIBUTE SOLDIERS
REMEMBRANCE
POPPY DAY
VETERANS BRAVERY
RESPECT HEROES
LEST WE FORGET



The Guild

Tuesday 4th October

Leader Ina Cairns opened the meeting, by warmly welcoming us all to this new start of our Guild session and thanking Gelda McCulloch for volunteering to play the piano at our meetings.

Ina introduced our secretary, Muriel McCandlish, who had organised our Opening Night as 'A Jeely Piece Evening'. A wide selection of brown & white breads, along with a very varied and enjoyable selection of homemade jams & jellies had been laid out on the tables; all of which were thoroughly enjoyed along with copious amounts of freshly brewed tea. Muriel showed a film of 'The Butchart Gardens' in Vancouver Island as well as having organised a quiz on 'Summer Fruits'

The vote of thanks was given by Ann Stewart

Tuesday 11th October

Leader Ina Cairns opened the meeting by welcoming our own minister the Reverend Fiona McKibbin, who gave us a talk on the Guild's theme 'Go In Joy'. Fiona showed us a film clip of comedian Ricky Fulton portraying the minister Rev I M Jolly: a minister who does not live up to his name, but always looks glum and moans about all the things that keep happening to him. Fiona was using this video to make the point that many people view the Church, especially the Church of Scotland, as an organisation that is lacking in joy. Many people still view the Church to be serious in outlook, and frowning and disapproving of anything that is joyous. Fiona thought, that as congregations, we should all be more joyous in portraying our Christianity; and she saw nothing wrong, if members of a congregation wished to clap their hands or carry out hand actions when singing joyous hymns. Fiona concluded her talk by saying she thought the Guild Theme 'Go in Joy' was a Theme we should all emulate. Fiona's talk was evocative and gave us all much to think about.

Jean Tait gave the vote of thanks.

Tuesday 18th October

Leader Ina Cairns opened the meeting by welcoming our speaker, Mrs Sheena Whiteford, who gave us a very interesting and illuminating talk on our Guild home project for this year "Let's Stick Together".

Sheena gave us a brief synopsis about the 'Care For The Family Charity' founded by Welshman, Rob Parsons in 1998, because he thought family life mattered. The 'Let's Stick Together' project is aimed at young parents who have had a baby, especially for the first time, experiencing the stresses and strains that this can cause to young parents. These stresses and strains can often cause a breakdown in the parents relationship and it is an acknowledged fact that 50% of parents separate within 3 years of a baby's birth; and that these family breakdowns are causing the UK taxpayer £46 billion pounds. The 'Let's Stick Together' project runs 1 hour long courses and helps new parents refocus on each other, strengthen their relationship and keep their family together. The 1 hour course is free and can be held in Early Years settings and it teaches 3 Key Principles: 1) Stop bad habits 2) Start to learn & use good habits 3) Keep Dad involved. Parents learn to avoid scoring points of each other, how to identify their partner's Love Language and how to keep Dad involved. Sheena gave examples of how this could be achieved and encouraged us as the Guild to support the project by praying and raising awareness.

Morag Peters gave the vote of thanks.



The Guild

The Guild meets weekly on Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

A warm welcome awaits friends old and new.

Coming Programme

November	8th	Sing-a-long with Peter - Peter McLean
	12th	SATURDAY COFFEE MORNING - Fund Raiser
	15th	Powder & Paint - Wendy Sandiford
	22nd	Sites & Sights of Glasgow - Margaret Anderson
	29th	'Burns & Jean Armour' - Helen Morrison
December	6th	At Home for Christmas

UDDINGSTON OLD PARISH
CHURCH of SCOTLAND



THE GUILD
is holding a
COFFEE MORNING
on
Saturday 12th November

10AM -12NOON



There will be
GIFTS & CAKE & CANDY STALLS

Tea Ticket—£3.50

Please Come along and Support Our
Fund Raising Effort


Remembrance Day



Dates for your Diary

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



Monday Get Together
each week 2pm - 3.30pm

Tuesday 8th November
Kirk Session Meets 7.30pm

Wednesday 9th November
Church open 10am - noon
for Quiet Reflection
also
Bible Study Group 7.30pm

Thursday 10th November
Vestry Hour 7.30 - 8.30pm

Saturday 12th November
Guild Coffee Morning 10am - 12 noon

Wednesday 16th November
Church open 10am - noon for Quiet Reflection
also
Book Study Group 7.30pm

Thursday 17th November
Vestry Hour 7.30 - 8.30pm

Wednesday 23rd November
Church open 10am - noon for Quiet Reflection
also
Advent Bible Study Group 2 - 4pm
also
Bible Study Group 7.30pm

Thursday 24th November
Vestry Hour 7.30 - 8.30pm

Wednesday 30th November
Church open 10am - noon
for Quiet Reflection & Communion
also
Advent Bible Study Group 2 - 4pm
also
Bible Study Group 7.30pm

Thursday 1st December
Vestry Hour 7.30 - 8.30pm

Saturday 3rd December
Boys Brigade Coffee Morning 10am - 12 noon

Sunday 4th December
Communion Service 11am & 6.30pm

Monday 5th December
Congregational Board meets 7.30pm

Monday Get Together

It has been lovely to welcome new and familiar faces to our Monday Club. We meet in the large hall from 2pm until 3.30pm each week.

If you need transport please call Mary Fox on 822275 or Ann McIntyre on 329239

The programme until Christmas is

November

7th Bite and Blether

14th Film

21st Bite and Blether

28th Singalong

December

5th Christmas Tea Dance

**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

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 -

13th & 27th November

Contacts -
Rev Fiona
Mima or
Katie

Remembrance Day

Lest We Forget

The 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month