



# UDDINGSTON OLD PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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### Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

Can I first of all wish you a blessed New Year.

It only seems like yesterday we were in the Christmas spirit and now with the blink of an eye the world has been turned upside down. Not only are we coming to terms with Brexit and finding common ground between all parties to make this transition as smooth as it can be, we are now faced with the arrival of a new president of the United States Donald J Trump. For many of us it feels that the world is even more fearful and that darkness is becoming a heavy shroud wrapping around humanity.

Sadly our political process has become more like a political battlefield. Try as we might to deny it, we live in a divided country, that sees the world in drastically different ways and sometimes it appears as though not even the higher order of faith can overcome this divide. What's worse is we allow these divisions to define how we represent (or perhaps misrepresent) Christ and practice our professed faith.

Yet if we define ourselves as people of faith then our actions must be visible in a world that has lost sight. We are called to be people who hold on to hope, whether this be a season of lament or a season of rejoicing.

For some, hope will be in words of collective resistance and images of a time to come when things will not be as they are now. For others, more joyful about the present political order, they will find hope in words of affirmation and anticipation about the prosperity and positive change they see on the horizon for our country.

But whatever the hope we hold, be it rooted in resistance or anticipation, we must fiercely hold to it because that is the only thing that will keep us from being irreparably torn apart by cynicism, despair, and hate.

It is our responsibility, in the midst of the many voices calling us, to know the person of God so well, that we are able to discern which voices are consistent with the God who created us in His own image, redeemed us through His only Son, and sustains us by His Spirit in and through the body of Christ.

So I urge all of you to pray reverently against the injustices of this world.

I pray that you will find the voice to speak out and be heard and to hold those who have the power accountable for their actions.

May that day come when we can all sleep soundly knowing that the light of Jesus through our actions continues to shine brightly in this darkness.

As the apostle Paul wrote in 1st Timothy 2:1-3:

***I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour....”***

Blessings to you all

*Rev Fiona*

*Reverend Fiona McKibbin*

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Sunday 5th March 2017  
We are always happy to receive  
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to the editors or placed in the  
“dookit” in the church  
or  
by e-mail to  
[magazine@uddingstonold.org](mailto:magazine@uddingstonold.org)  
or

### Church Roll Intimations

#### Death

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

**Mrs Jenette Griffen**

Date of Death: 17th January 2017

#### Parish Funeral conducted by Rev. Fiona McKibbin

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

**Mrs Margaret Storrier**

Date of Death: 21st January 2017

#### After Service Teas

The total raised in **2016** for St Andrew's Hospice is  
**£1690**

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

In **2017** the Girls' Brigade have nominated

**'Tourette Scotland'**

as their Charity of choice to receive the donations from

**The After Service Teas**

#### Request For Help To Our Knitters

The Raven Trust, based in Dundee, is a Christian charity which 2-3 times a year sends a container lorry of items to Malawi. The next shipment goes out in March, and they are looking for knitted jumpers or cardigans for babies up to teenagers. If any knitters out there could help, please contact Liz Vasey. If you are not a knitter but have spare wool at home, donations would be gratefully received.

If you would like further information on the Raven Trust there are leaflets available from Liz. She also has some basic patterns for the aforementioned items.



**All items to be in by 1<sup>st</sup> March.** It would be good if this could become an ongoing process.

### Duty Roster

Morning Service at 11am & Evening Services at 6.30pm

Front Door teams for the next month:

February	12th	Margaret Ballantyne
	19th	Billy Ballantyne
	26th	Carol Frame

March	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 Girls' Brigade will serve on 26th February



### Sunday School & Pram & Praise



The new Christian year has begun and it has been great to welcome the children back to Pram and Praise and Sunday School.

In Pram and Praise, Fiona, Janice and Liz continue to provide worship for our youngest church members at 10 am. During the morning service school age children meet in the large hall with Agnes, Caron, Robert, Rebecca and on occasion Liz. It is great to see so many children in church at the beginning of the 11am Service.

We are delighted that our volunteer helpers Alyson and Olivia were joined in December by Kimberley. These girls are a great asset to the Sunday School as will hopefully become apparent in the coming months. If there are any young lads working towards a service award we could use your help too.

**We URGENTLY need adult leaders, on a rota basis, to cover the next few months due to a variety of reasons if you feel you can help please contact:**

Agnes, Caron, Liz or Robert

### Congratulations

to

**Sam and Anne Thurley**

who celebrated

their 65th (Sapphire) Wedding Anniversary  
on Thursday 26th January.



**Biblical Word Puzzle****Unscramble the letters to find Place Names, Persons, Events or Religious Relics.**

1. OSVTMFIUOENO

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

2. KLFANKSHFEUHIVAOTA

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

3. BESHBHATAT

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

4. YHFAILODEOANKDLNMN

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

5. UATMJFTOTSOENISEP

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

6. APICAHSA

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

7. RSTOETEDCWESGRAINES

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

8. HFSATEUOINTGITARNR

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

9. OTSHOUERNMTONEMN

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

10. RUFVONIPCOSANELO

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

11. DIRJOTCSAISUA

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

12. DTATONTUTSHIYMI

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

(Answers in March magazine)

(Thanks to M.K for this)

**Answers to Biblical Word Puzzle in December Magazine**

1. Prophecy of Zechariah
2. The Magnificat
3. Quirinius
4. Angel Gabriel
5. Shepherds in the fields
6. An Angel of the Lord
7. Nazareth in Galilee
8. Simeon
9. Three Wise men
10. Laid in a manger
11. Holy Spirit
12. Birth of Jesus

**Christian Aid Collection**

The amount collected at our Christmas Eve Watch Night service was £222.15 which has been forwarded to Christian Aid for its work

throughout the world.

Many thanks to all of those who contributed generously to this collection.

Bob Read

**CHRISTMAS GIFT SERVICE**

Every year I worry if there will be gifts for our chosen charity and every year it is unfounded. Yet again you all took time to buy and wrap gifts for Quarrier's and bring them to church. Shona Ferguson and her mother thought their car would be big enough to take all the gifts but were astounded by your generosity. After the service a merry band of packers filled the bags and Shona's boot, and had as much again to pack. Thank you here to John and Doreen Caldwell who loaded their car and went to Quarrier's that afternoon. Not only were there parcels but monetary gifts made up of £390 in cash and £175 in gift cards totalling £565 which considering all the other charities we have helped over Christmas is wonderful. This is our church showing that we do care for those who are less fortunate than ourselves and I am so very grateful to each and every one of you who made it a success no matter what you did.

If you have any suggestions to a charity we may help, please let me know, by putting a note in my pigeon hole. Thank you. Grace McKirdy

Finally please pass on my thanks to the gentleman who helped Shona to transport the gifts to Quarriers, this was incredibly kind and saved her another journey. May I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

With grateful thanks and best regards

Fiona (Fiona Scott)  
Head of Business Development & Fundraising  
Department at Quarriers

**Thank You from Quarriers**

Dear Grace,

Further to our conversation, on behalf of everyone at Quarriers, and in particular the Business Development and Fundraising team, I'd like to thank you and the congregation of Uddingston Old Parish Church for the amazing generosity shown to the people we support.

I am always overwhelmed by the kindness of people who want to help those they don't know to have a happier time especially at this time of year, but this is quite extraordinary. Our office looks like Santa's grotto! The Operations Managers will visit later today and decide on the distribution of the gifts based on age appropriateness etc to ensure the right gift goes to the right person.

We really can't thank you enough but please know that your kindness will bring much joy to many children, young people and adults supported by Quarriers. I was glad to hear you say that those who have donated gifts also got pleasure from the experience of buying which is what the festive season is really about.

### Gifts to Lodging House Mission Users

The Teen Zone had decided for Christmas to adapt the Reverse Advent Calendar idea to benefit the users of the Lodging House Mission.



They contacted the Mission to find out if this was suitable for them and also which items they required. The teenagers then thought they would expand it to include the church congregation and then the Girls Brigade to maximise the number of gifts that could be donated. As always everyone was extremely generous and a huge number of toiletries, clothing and sweets was handed in.



The Teen Zone and the Girls Brigade then had the task of sorting and wrapping these items as gift packs. That took 2 nights to complete and at the end of it there were over 150 parcels to go to the Mission.

### TEEN ZONE

The Teen Zone continues - 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 - 12th & 26th February  
12th & 26th March & 9th & 23rd April

Contacts -  
Rev Fiona, Mima or Katie

### Our Wheelchair Curler

Once again Russell has been competing in his wheelchair curling.

His first game was at Perth Ice Rink on September 23rd 2016 when he was asked to play lead in a team of mixed wheelchair curlers against able bodied curlers.

The above able bodied curlers mixed in both gender and country known as 'Friends of the World' came from Canada, USA, Scotland, England, Norway, Sweden, Czech Republic, Belgium and Germany and all meet in each other's countries to play 'The Roaring Game'.

One of the organisers of this game is a wheelchair curler who was asked to enter a mixed team, so off to Perth we went. 60 able bodied and 4 wheelchair curlers on the ice.

The wheelchair curlers played a team of mixed curlers.  
The skip - Canadian 3<sup>rd</sup> - Belgian, 2<sup>nd</sup> - American and Lead - a Scot.



At the end of the game when scores were totalled up the wheelchair curlers had the highest score.



"Well done the wheelchair curlers".

Russell's own club South Lanarkshire started on 19th September 2016 with the first competition being 'The Bells Triples', 8 teams taking part and playing over 5 weeks. Russell's team did well again finishing up with a Silver medal.

He is now into league games. His rink is in the lower half of the competition but Russell is happy as ever meeting and playing with his wheelchair curling friends.

## United Men's Fellowship

### Monday 9th January

President Ian Maxwell gave a warm welcome to members for the first meeting of 2017 and wished everyone a "Happy New Year."

Following the Opening Service of Praise, Ian gave a special welcome to our "Speaker" this evening, a well kent face and one of our own members, Bill Keir who was presenting his "Me and My Music" to the Fellowship.

As on previous occasions Bill's eclectic taste of music provided us with a wide variety of musical genres and interests, appropriately starting off with "Welcome to My World" and finishing off with "Auld Lang Syne." In between we heard Scottish Music from Jim McLeod, some Mozart, Handel, Aly Bain and the Stonehouse Male Voice Choir to name but a few of the lively and wide ranging numbers selected by Bill for our appreciation and entertainment.

A hearty Vote of Thanks was given by Clark McMehan on behalf of the members.

### Monday 16th January

President Ian Maxwell welcomed members and following the opening Service expressed his pleasure in yet again introducing one of our own members as the speaker for this evening, another well kent face, Secretary, Craig Mains.

Craig's subject for this evening was "Pirates of the Caribbean" and subtitle of "Port Royal" based in and around the island of Jamaica.

Port Royal is the 7th largest natural harbour in the world and from around 1550 to 1800 peaking around 1720-1750 became the base for a large number of "Pirates" or "Privateers." Some well known names feature during this period from Blackbeard (Edward Leech), Henry Morgan and Calico Jack (executed in London). There were also female pirates such as Anne Boney and Mary Reid.

Accompanied by an excellent slide show Craig illustrated many of these aspects of Jamaica in the early days before some 2/3 of the area of Port Royal was devastated by earthquakes and flooding and is no longer visible.

The Vote of Thanks was given by Ian Maxwell on behalf of the members.

### The Man With The Consecrated Car

"He couldn't speak before a crowd;  
He couldn't teach a class;  
But when he came to Sunday Church,  
He brought the folk 'en masse'.  
He couldn't sing to save his life;  
In public, couldn't pray;  
But always his 'jalopy' was  
Just crammed on each Lord's Day.



And though he couldn't sing or teach,  
Nor even lead in prayer,  
He listened well; he had a smile  
And he was always there.  
With all the others whom he brought,  
Who lived both near and far  
And God's work was greatly prospered  
For he had a consecrated car."

### Monday 23rd January

President Ian Maxwell gave a warm welcome to members and introduced Lorna McCafferty, our speaker for the evening and expressed our great interest in hearing of the work of St Andrew's Hospice in Airdrie.

Formerly in the legal profession Lorna has been working at the Hospice for about 2 and a half years mainly in an administrative role, but already feels totally involved in the dedicated "family" of carers at the Hospice. Serving a wide area from Airdrie to Abington, and East Kilbride to Forth a population of some 65000 are able to access the services on offer.

The Hospice provides Emotional Support, Palliative Care, Bereavement Counselling, Out-Patient Care and a Children's Drop-in Service among many other vital services. All this takes some £7.3m per annum with some £4.6m coming from public funding. Now in it's 30th year the Hospice has just commenced on a £9m refurbishment of the patient facilities (of which some £4.6m has been raised so far). The patients are currently being cared for at Wester Moffat Hospital. The refurbishment is expected to be completed within a 12/15 month period and will make the facilities fit for the 21st century. Lorna also paid tribute to the many members of the public who do an amazing job raising funds for this wonderful facility for the patients. A moving short video was shown giving an insight into one family's experience of the care and dedication of everyone involved at the Hospice in the care of patients.

A comprehensive and heartfelt Vote of Thanks was given by Bob Read.

### UNITED MENS' FELLOWSHIP Programme

#### February

- 6th Speaker to be confirmed
- 13th 'About Time'  
- David Carson
- 20th RNLI - Ring of Safety  
- Walter Lee
- 27th Cruachan Dam Construction  
- William Paul

#### March

- 6th Memories of Joyce Grenfell  
- Yvonne Waring

## The Guild

### Tuesday 22nd November

Leader Grace Hislop opened the meeting, and introduced our speaker for the evening Mrs Margaret Anderson whose talk was entitled 'Sites & Sights of Glasgow Part 1'. Her talk concentrated on the first 1000 years of Glasgow's development; from its beginning as a small fishing village near a ford on the River Clyde into a developing town as shown on a map of Glasgow drawn in 1768. Her talk, well illustrated with slides showed how the Medieval Cathedral, the Bishop's Castle and University, whose original site was near the cathedral, were all essential to Glasgow's development. Her interesting talk was full of historical facts and interesting anecdotes about the people and the events that took place in Glasgow during this period.

The vote of thanks was given by Pamela Aitken.

### Tuesday 29th November

After a warm welcome Leader Grace Hislop introduced our speaker, Helen Morrison whose subject was 'Jean Armour & Robert Burns'. Helen delivered her talk dressed as Jean Armour, as she wanted us all to believe that Jean Armour herself was telling us about her life with Burns. She told how she met him, how her father disapproved of him and had her first marriage to him declared null and void. Eventually, they were allowed to marry, and we heard how she and Robert had a very loving relationship and a large family. Jean knew about her husband's love affairs and the other illegitimate children; but he always returned to her and his family, as he did love them all deeply and would never abandon them. Helen had fully researched her subject and was able to portray Jean as a warm, loving and forgiving woman. From Jean's letters, we were given an insight into another side of Robert Burns, and from them it can be seen that he loved her and his family deeply and that they were indeed an anchor in his life. Jean told us about Jean's life an after Robert died in 1796 just aged 37. She lived for another 38 years dying in 1834 after suffering a series of strokes.

Marjory Kirkwood gave the vote of thanks.

### Tuesday 6th December

This was the Guild's last meeting before the Christmas break and the theme for the evening was 'At Home For Christmas'. There was a party atmosphere with tables laid out in a festive manner with plates of Mince Pies, Christmas cake and Shortbread. Leader Grace Hislop gave us all a very warm welcome and introduced Guild Secretary Muriel McCandlish who had volunteered to help with the evening's entertainment. Muriel & Grace read poems and stories that had a festive flavour and we all took part in a Musical Quiz that related to Christmas. Great fun was had by all as it was a very enjoyable evening.

The vote of thanks was given by Edna Hume.

### Tuesday 17th January

Leader Isobel Read opened the meeting and introduced Kevin Smith as the speaker for the evening. Kevin's subject was 'Nostalgia'. In a trip down Memory Lane from 1940 to 2000, Kevin entertained us with a vibrant slide show that encompassed - Shops on the High Street from way back - Guess the Famous People - Saturday Night at the Movies - Posters illustrating Blockbuster Films - Photographs of Celebrities Then & Now - Everyday items from that period e.g. a carpet beater, frozen windows, twin tub washing machine etc. etc and finally - Children's toys and comics of that era.

Kevin had dozens of slides and examples from each category which kept us fully engrossed and gave us all a great laugh. He concluded his talk by showing slides of celebrities - men and women who had all died from some form of cancer at a young age; and he explained that his own son had also died from Bowel Cancer at the age of 28. His son had been very keen on football and before he died he set up a Facebook Blog called [thegrambler.com](http://thegrambler.com) which raises money for the Bobby Moore Fund which sponsors Bowel Cancer Research. At his son's request Kevin has continued to organise this after he died and to date the Blog has raised £34000 for the Bobby Moore Fund and any money Kevin raises from his talk is also donated to the fund.

Agnes Forrester gave the vote of thanks.



### The Guild Programme

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

A warm welcome awaits friends old and new.

#### February

- 14th 'Australian Adventure' - Jean Tait
- 21st Project Night - Christian Aid
  - Caring for Mother Earth - Bolivia
  - Rev Stewart Smith
- 28th SLC Women's Aid

#### March

- 7th Fund Raiser - Ticket Night Entertainment & Tea
- 'Our Lady's Musical Society Concert Party'

### Food Bank Request

During February, we will be collecting for the Hamilton and District Foodbank.

They had a lot of food donated prior to Christmas but February to March are quiet months for donations and their stocks get low, they would really appreciate some assistance at this time.

A list of suitable items is given.

Many thanks.

Any questions please see or contact  
Liz Vasey - 817828



### Requested Foods

- Diluting Juice
- Instant mash potato
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Biscuits or snack bar
- Chocolate
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Rice Pudding / Custard
- Tinned Sponge Pudding
- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Fish
- Pasta / Rice
- Coffee / Tea
- Milk (UHT or powdered)
- Toiletries
- Shaving Foam

### Uddingston Pride Update

Our annual Christmas Open Day was a great success, as usual. The weather was kind, and all the performers were excellent. Particular mention must be made of the two primary school choirs who delighted their audience in Park Church, and of course the young dancers who braved the cold to perform on Bellshill Road. And we must not forget Santa, who magically appeared with his usual armful of sweets for the children.

Our grateful thanks go to all those who performed, and all the folk of Uddingston who came out to support the Group. We made a significant amount for Group funds, but that as always is incidental, as the main purpose of the day is for everyone to get together, socialise, and enjoy the afternoon.

As another year starts, we have a fresh challenge to face, and what a challenge! In 2017, Uddingston has been entered into both Beautiful Scotland, and Britain in Bloom. We must be gluttons for punishment!

However, having achieved a Gold Award in Beautiful Scotland last year, we are confident we can match that standard, and maintain it for long enough to impress the judges in both these prestigious competitions. If anyone would care to come along and help us in our efforts in 2017, we would be delighted to welcome them. We are a small group, and some extra hands would come in very handy, and be greatly appreciated.

You will I'm sure, be pleased to hear that our inspirational Chair, Liz Wilson has been awarded a Certificate of Merit from the Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society. This is a fully merited award for an exceptional leader, whose inspiration and endless enthusiasm spurs us all on, and she can justly be given much of the credit for the success of Uddingston Pride over recent years.

Well done, Liz!

SR

#### Dates for your Diary

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

Every Wednesday Church open 10am - noon  
for Quiet Reflection & Communion

**Minister's Vestry Hour** each Thursday at 7.30pm

**Monday 6th February**  
Local Church Review 7.30pm

**Saturday 11th February**  
Musicfest Event 7 for 7.30pm  
(Ring Up The Curtain)



**Monday 13th February**  
Monday Club Tea Dance 2pm  
(in conjunction with Musicfest)

**Saturday 18th February**  
Musicfest Event 7 for 7.30pm  
(Grand Finale)

**Wednesday 15th February**  
Book Club Group 7.30pm  
(Discussing Riven by Jerry B Jenkins)

**Monday 20th February**  
Board Meets 7.30pm

**Saturday 4th March**  
Social Committee Coffee Morning 10am - 1pm

**Sunday 5th March**  
Communion 11am & 6.30pm

**Tuesday 7th March**  
Guild Fund Raiser 7.30pm Ticket Event  
Entertainment by  
Our Lady's Musical Society Concert Party

#### **Monday Get Together**

We meet in the large hall from 2pm until 3.30pm  
each week.

If you need transport please call Mary Fox  
or Ann McIntyre

The coming programme is

#### February

- 6th Bite and Blether
- 13th Tea Dance with George Rodger Trio
- 20th Film "Scotch and Wry"
- 27th Singalong "Songs from the Shows"



#### March

- 6th Bite and Blether
- 13th Film "State Fair"
- 20th Bite and Blether
- 27th Singalong  
"Songs you think you know Part 2"



#### **The Monday Club**

The Monday Club is holding a Tea Dance on Monday the 13th February from 2 to 4pm, in conjunction with Uddingston Musicfest 2017. Music will be provided by George Rodger and friends.

This is a charity event with proceeds going to support the homeless and Dementia UK.