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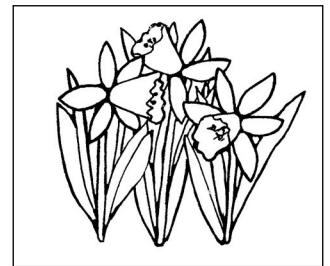
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Pastoral Letter



As you read this we will have entered the season of Lent, the period of preparation as we journey with Christ towards the cross. It is an opportunity to spend time with God in a special way, a time to pray, a time to fast, and thus to follow Him on your way to Jerusalem, to Golgotha and to the final victory over death...

For some this season is about giving up something such as chocolate. For others, it is becoming disciplined in spending time reading the bible, reconnecting with God through silence or prayer. For some its taking long walks, connecting with nature and the outside world and being able to disconnect from the busyness of our lives. Ultimately for me it's spending time in all the above to strengthen my relationship with God over this season. As Desmond Tutu puts it, *each one of us is meant to have the space inside where we can hear God's voice because God is available to all of us*. During Lent we are invited to seek communion with God and also communion with others.

I plan to follow the biblical programme of reading the bible in 90 days, I plan to walk more and if my diary allows to walk around Uddingston and Bothwell on a Tuesday morning to start with and then progress further afield aiming to climb a Corbett or a Munro by next year in aid of charity. If any of you are interested, then get in touch and maybe we could do this as a small group.

Lent is a time to review our lifestyle, and the Gospel encourages us to share freely while setting everything in the simple beauty of creation.

Whatever your plans are over the season of Lent remember that those forty days are an opportunity to prepare ourselves as we rediscover the little springtimes in our lives.

So, let me leave you this Lenten prayer adapted from the prayer of St Ambrose:

This Lent

Let your door stand open to receive Christ

Unlock your soul to him

Offer him a welcome in your mind

And then you will see the riches of simplicity

The treasures of peace

And the joy of Grace.

Amen

Blessings to you all

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Church Roll Intimations

Death

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

Mr Daniel Sutherland

Date of Death: 15th February 2017

Parish Funerals conducted by Rev. Fiona McKibbin

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

Mrs Margaret Cossar

Date of Death: 14th February 2017

and

Mrs Eileen Scott

Date of Death: 18th February 2017

After Service Teas

The total raised to date for 'Tourette Scotland' is **£370**

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

Social Committee

The Social Committee are hosting a

CURRY & QUIZ NIGHT

on
SATURDAY 18TH MARCH
at 7.30pm

Do come and join us.

Duty Roster

Morning Service at 11am & Evening Services at 6.30pm
Front Door teams for the next month:

March	12th	Margaret Clark
	19th	James Caskie
	26th	Mary Fox

April	2nd	Janette Moore
	9th	Margaret Abercrombie
	16th	Margaret Ballantyne
	23rd	Billy Ballantyne
	30th	Carol Frame

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 Boys' Brigade will serve on 26th March



Sunday School & Pram & Praise



Over the next few weeks the programme for the Sunday School is as follows:

March	12th	A 'MAKE' week
	19th	Games
	26th	Build

April	2nd	Sunday Fun Day
		Theme - Easter

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



Lent Study Group

We will be beginning our weekly Lent Study group at 2pm on Wednesday 1st March in the vestry and once again we will be focusing on God through the movies.

This year for 5 weeks only we will be discussing the book '*Not a Tame Lion*'

Each session's theme references the Bible material and the relevant words of Jesus through extracts from 'The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe', 'Prince Caspian' and the biopic of the author C S Lewis 'Shadowlands'.

If you are interested please let Rev Fiona know and come along and join us.
The cost of the book is £5.35.

Biblical Word Puzzle

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



1. NAERISTERNEADMAE

Answer: -----

2. SLASDLSEDEOERC

Answer: -----

3. IPEMSTOMAOA

Answer: -----

4. HEOAQEFSUBEN

Answer: -----

5. LHOICRENC S

Answer: -----

6. AHSTPLESM

Answer: -----

7. ZKEIELE

Answer: -----

8. AETUTAESRNIRTIFD

Answer: -----

9. PEHOHESTETLS

Answer: -----

10. TPINASELS

Answer: -----

11. NTEOERVHAONOLE

Answer: -----

12. KEWNWOIAGALNRT

Answer: -----

(Answers in April magazine)

(Thanks to M.K for this)

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

1. Mount of Olives
2. Festival of Hanukkah
3. The Sabbath
4. Land of Milk and Honey
5. Temptation of Jesus
6. Caiaphas
7. Sower scattering seed
8. The Transfiguration
9. Sermon on the Mount
10. Conversion of Paul
11. Judas Iscariot
12. Timothy and Titus

The Guild**Tuesday 24th January**

This was the Guild's Film Night which has become an annual event due to popular demand. Once again Muriel our secretary had organised the evening. Leader Isobel Read welcomed everyone and passed the meeting over to Muriel who then presented the well known Musical 'Calamity Jane' starring Doris Day and Howard Keel. At the interval we enjoyed a selection of 'Choc Ices' and throughout the film, tins of sweets were circulated. The film brought back many happy memories with its famous songs such as 'The Dead Wood Stage, The Black Hills of Dakota and Secret Love' all triggering responses from the audience

The vote of thanks was given by Isobel Read.

Tuesday 31st January

After a warm welcome Leader Isobel Read introduced our guest for the evening, Mr John Irvine with his 'Karaoke Hymns'. John has visited the Guild on two previous occasions and was well known to us all. He introduced his selection with a lovely slide of Uddingston Old Parish Church along with the words 'Welcome everybody, it is good to see you gathered in this place'. All of John's hymns and songs were accompanied by spectacular slides of the countryside along with the words on screen. He had put a considerable amount of thought into these accompanying slides which complemented the hymns and songs he had chosen. His programme was varied and with sections of hymns, Sunday School choruses, Max Bygrave favourites and his final selection of three songs from the shows well known to us all "I Believe, Climb Every Mountain and You'll Never Walk Alone" we had a most enjoyable evening.

Heather Inglis gave the vote of thanks.

Tuesday 7th February

This was the Guild's Guest/Open Night to which Leaders Isobel Read & Grace Hislop greeted over a hundred guests from around the area. As Isobel our leader for the evening was suffering from loss of voice Marjorie Kirkwood stood in to open and conduct the meeting. We welcomed guests from the following churches, Park United Free, Viewpark, Burnhead, St John's, St Columba's, Church of the Nazarene, Bothwell Parish, Kenmuir Mt Vernon, Bellshill West and Bellshill Central. We were entertained by Guest Singers 'Joyce's Voices' from Hamilton. Unfortunately Joyce was unable to attend as she was recovering from surgery but her friend Margaret stood in for her and items were introduced by the gentleman friend they had brought along as compere. Their selection of songs included "Wonderful World, Singing in the Rain, and Penny Arcade". In between the songs we were told funny stories and poems by individual members of the group. The evening finished with the Guild members and their guests enjoying a cup of tea and a superb selection of home baking provided by the Guild Members. A retiring offering was taken for Women's Aid

The vote of thanks was given by Muriel McCandlish

**The Guild Programme**

March

- 14th 'A World in Miniature' - Marjory Robertson
- 21st 'At Home Surprise' after AGM
- 28th Closing Dinner at Smith's Restaurant

United Men's Fellowship

Monday 30th January

President Ian Maxwell welcomed members and offered a special welcome to Heather Willimot and her husband Peter. Appropriately for such a cold and dreich night Heather was about to take us on a slide show tour of Spain and Portugal.

Starting in Spain at the city of Granada we were treated to a visual feast of the sights and sounds of this city, particularly the "Alhambra." Built as a home for the Moorish Sultans and dating to the 14/15th century it is surrounded by beautiful gardens and the interior contains magnificent cedar wood furnishings and mosaic floors.

In complete contrast we were whisked of to the Sierra Nevada mountain range where the landscape was enthralling with 5000ft high mountains with many deep fertile little valleys. Very suitable for walking, the region is famous for it's cured "Jambon" hams. Our next destination was the city of Seville again with a very strong Moorish influence. Of particular interest was the "Golden Tower" built by the Moors in the 17th century which displays the "Lion of Seville" the city's emblem.

Finally Heather and Peter travelled by car on an 8 hour drive to the Algarve, where they had visited Cape St Vincent, the most westerly point in Europe. Also visited was the Port of Sagraves which Henry the Navigator used as a base and established the first school of navigation in 1418. A series of slides illustrated the dramatic and spectacular coastline of this area.

A hearty Vote of Thanks was given by Jim Rhind.

Monday 6th February

President Ian Maxwell welcomed members and introduced the speaker for the evening Grant Campbell, Chief Executive of Glasgow City Mission.

The first City Mission in the world was established by David Nasmith in 1826 in Glasgow and has continued to provide Christian care to vulnerable adults and children by fighting against poverty and disadvantage in Glasgow and from this model, the City Mission movement spread around the world.

Grant explained some of the work carried out by staff and volunteers, and also the joint work carried out with other agencies. Many activities take place at their City Centre project which is based on the corner of Crimea and Brown Streets opposite the MOD, and is open from 10am to 10pm Monday to Friday.

They offer an Evening drop-in service, feed people who are hungry and will serve an average of 130 men and women. Further evening support and advice including prayer and help with finding accommodation and food parcels is offered. Daytime activities are also available, building relationships with individuals through a programme of clubs, activities and one-to-one support, earning their trust, and helping them to develop by making choices that can start them on the road to a new type of life. At the Winter Night Shelter, rough sleepers and people with nowhere else to sleep are welcome to use the shelter. The team ensure their guests can connect to Glasgow City Council's homelessness case team, healthcare workers and other appropriate services which are available.

The Child and Family Centre based in Govan since 1986 provides nursery provision, parent/toddler groups, parenting classes covering a wide range of topics chosen by parents according to their needs.

A sincere vote of thanks was given by William Paul.

Monday 13th February

President Ian Maxwell welcomed members and the speaker this evening, David Carson from Clydebank whose theme was "About Time". As a retired engineer and Chairman of Clydebank Local History Association, David spoke on the story of Clocks and Clock making. Accompanied by an excellent slide show he took us on a fascinating journey through the history of keeping time.

Developed some 6000 years ago in Egypt the "Sun Clock" or "Shadow Clock" originally was divided into a 10 "hour" period between dawn and dusk. The Babylonians developed the "60 minutes to an hour" system we still use today. Water Clocks, Candle Clocks and Hour Glasses were in use for many centuries but the first mechanical clock was developed in 1088 by a Chinese scholar, Su Sing. The first British mechanical clock was in Dunstable in 1283, and strangely had no face but rang the hours on a bell. In Britain John Harrison a carpenter began in early 1700's to develop a clock which could be used at sea to establish Longitude. Through many developments he finally at the age of 80 in 1772 had his design accepted by the Government and won a prize of £22,000. Standard Time was finally established in 1884 by 22 countries although British Mean Time had been set in 1847 with the setting of the Greenwich Meridian. Many other developments were well illustrated by David from German Cuckoo Clocks, Electric Clocks and nowadays Digital Clocks, many of which are radio controlled by central Atomic clocks in Britain and other leading industrialised countries.

John Caldwell gave a comprehensive Vote of Thanks.

Monday 20th February

President Ian Maxwell welcomed members and introduced the speaker, Mr David Wisdich who had travelled from Largs and went on to give an excellent presentation concerning the life and work of the RNLI.

He illustrated his talk with slides and video clips that exemplified this work. The RNLI was founded in 1824 and provided some 238 lifeboats providing cover for all of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland, all of which are manned by volunteers aged between 17 and upwards. State of the art training, which is rigorous and demanding, is delivered at their specialised training unit in the South of England. One of the key elements of the organisation is on accident prevention and to that end they talk to clubs, sailors of all grades of abilities, about the skills of sailing their boats and about health & safety issues including water safety.

He pointed out that last year alone, there had been 139 life - shattering 'tomb stoning' accidents involving young people jumping from high cliff ledges into the sea and that there had also been an increase in the number of accidents involving rock fishermen and fishing from small craft.

He concluded his presentation by saying that 70% of RNLI income was donated and that all lifeboat call-outs were free of charge despite the fact that each launch costs in the region of £3000 and added that the RNLI worked with all Agencies, especially the Coastguard who are the main co-ordinators in all rescue missions.

After question time, a sincere vote of thanks was given by Mr James Rhind.

March Programme

13th	Whitelee Windfarm
20th	Glasgow Airport Development
27th	Annual Business Meeting

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



Wednesday 8th March
Lent Study 2pm - Vestry

Tuesday 14th March
Session Meets 7.30pm

Wednesday 15th March
Lent Study 2pm - Vestry
Book Club Group 7.30pm
(Discussing 'The Reader on 6.27' by Jean Paul Didierlaurent)

Saturday 18th March
Curry & Quiz Night 7.30pm

Wednesday 22nd March
Lent Study 2pm - Vestry

Sunday 2nd April
Annual Stated meeting after 11am Service

9th - 14th April
Holy Week

Monday 24th April
Board Meets 7.30pm

Monday Get Together

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 coming programme is

March

13th Film – "State Fair"

20th Bite and Blether

27th Singalong

"Songs you think you know Part 2"

April

3rd Bite and Blether

10th Easter "Songs of Praise"

17th Holiday

24th Singalong

"Favourite Songs"



Many thanks to everyone who supported the Tea
Dance we held as part of Uddingston Musicfest.

It was lovely to see so many people there.

Thank you for all the donations of home baking
and help on the day.

The sum raised, for the charities being supported by
Uddingston Musicfest, was £161.

Join us at the Big Bethany SleepOut in Glasgow!

For the past 15 years the Big Bethany SleepOut has seen 2,000 participants in various locations raise over £350,000 to fight homelessness. Will you join us this year to help support the most vulnerable in Glasgow and raise awareness for homelessness?

It is incredibly encouraging to see the Church of Scotland moderator, Rt Rev Dr Russell Barr, using his year as moderator to highlight the plight of those who are homeless. At Bethany Christian Trust we go where homelessness exists and our work in Glasgow focuses on deprived areas, helping the most vulnerable people. We work directly on the streets, support families through a crisis, address employability issues, hold drop-ins for those who are isolated, and mentor people leaving prison.

There is a huge need for our services in Glasgow, and we would encourage you to take part in our annual SleepOut on March 17th at Glasgow City Chambers to help support the most vulnerable in Glasgow.

David from Mossspark Baptist Church took part last year and said:

Fundamentally, I took part because I wanted to raise awareness of homelessness and raise money for Bethany at the same time. I spend large amounts of my day job working on policy, including homelessness. Important though that is, I wanted to do more to help and the SleepOut was an excellent way of doing that.

In the run up to the event, I had kind of put the SleepOut itself to the back of my mind, so I could focus on the fundraising.

On the night itself, I was just about holding it together until I stepped off the train at Glasgow Central and started to make

my way to the meeting point. In the short walk from the train station to the meeting point, I passed five or six folk who were sleeping rough - not for awareness raising, and not for Bethany, but because circumstances meant they had to - every night. Knowing that they wouldn't be doing this for one night only and returning to their families the following day really reminded me how serious rough sleeping is and also how lonely it must be.

The SleepOut itself was OK. Knowing that we were in a relatively safe area was a worry off my mind but the sheer practical considerations like how much cardboard I would need to sleep on top of, whether it might rain or not and how many layers I would need to wear, all hammered home the very practical challenges rough sleepers face.

Reflecting on the event now, I just hope and pray that more can be done to end rough sleeping in Scotland. As I made my way home on Saturday morning to the warmth of my house and my loving family, I couldn't help but feel a heavy burden and sincere hope that my son's generation never have to worry about rough sleeping.

For David, the SleepOut really hit home how scary and isolating being homeless is. We don't want people to have nowhere to go or no one to turn to other than the streets. We want to see homelessness end and those at risk of it being supported long before that crisis. You can help make that possible.

If you would like to take part in this year's Sleep Out please go to the link www.bigsleepout.co.uk and register.