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### Pastoral Letter



Dear Friends

I came upon this song the other day:

*We're busy doin' nothin', Workin' the whole day through  
Tryin' to find lots of things not to do,  
We're busy goin' nowhere, Isn't it just a crime,  
We'd like to be unhappy, But We never do have the time.*

These lyrics are a reminder of how our lives are filled with such busyness that it often overtakes and controls our lives. During this season in Lent one of my own personal challenges was to take time to stop and breathe. Spend time with Christ in the wilderness, whether it be a time of walking, praying or reading. Anyway one of the books I had chosen to read was "The Screwtape Letters" by CS Lewis.

If you haven't read this let me explain: Satan and his helpers meet up to discuss ways to side-track various Christians who might be a danger to God's kingdom. They do this by offering temptations that feed on our weaknesses, knowing that they will distract us and keep us too busy to turn to the Lord for help. In the book it discusses various distractions: Too busy for family time, to eat properly, too busy to pray, and so on. It's a gentle reminder that we are all guilty of allowing busyness to become the cross that we cling to. We can be easily distracted, by the demands of society, our diaries, our families, our employers and it especially becomes a problem when the busyness detracts from our relationship and quality time spent in prayer, reading the scriptures and in the presence of God.

There is an interesting piece of writing which is aptly named, 'Satan Called a Convention' - Author unknown. Satan called a worldwide convention of demons and in his opening address he said,

*"We can't keep Christians from going to church."*

*"We can't keep them from reading their Bibles and knowing the truth."*

*"We can't even keep them from forming an intimate relationship with their saviour."*

*"Once they gain that connection with Jesus, our power over them is broken."*

*"So let them go to their churches; let them have their covered dish dinners,  
BUT steal their time, so they don't have time to develop a relationship with  
Jesus Christ."*

*"How shall we do this?" his demons shouted,*

*"Keep them busy in the nonessentials of life and invent innumerable schemes to occupy  
their minds," he answered.*

*He goes on to write: "Keep them busy, busy, busy!"*

Like Jesus and his time spent in the wilderness, we too are faced with the temptations, ours being the temptation of busyness. Are we willing to take the steps to change that, to refocus our attention on what Christ wants us to do, or are we going to submit to these temptations and remain forever in the wilderness rather than journey to that cross to witness the death and the Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour:

The choice is yours:-

either busy doing everything or busy doing nothing and spending time with God

Easter blessings to you all

*Rev Fiona*

*Reverend Fiona McKibbin*

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### Next Issue

Articles to the editors by  
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Please note earlier date.

Editor will be on holiday later  
that week.

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or

on paper.

### Church Roll Intimations

#### Death

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

***Mrs Cathie Dykes***

Date of Death: 26th February 2017  
and

***Mrs Isobel Pritchard***

Date of Death: 2nd March 2017

#### Membership Changes

Admitted by Resolution of The Kirk Session

***We welcome***

***Mrs Deborah Tochel***

and

***Mr Donald & Mrs Fiona McCallum***

#### Change of Address

***Mrs Mary Morrison***

is now in Highgate Care Home

### Duty Roster

Morning Service at 11am & Evening Services at 6.30pm

Front Door teams for the next month:

April	2nd	Janette Moore
	9th	Margaret Abercrombie
	16th	Margaret Ballantyne
	23rd	Billy Ballantyne
	30th	Carol Frame
May	7th	Pamela Aitken

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 Badminton Club will serve on 30th April

### Parish Funerals conducted by Rev. Fiona McKibbin

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

of

***Mrs Isabella Cleland***

Date of Death: 11th March 2017

### Midweek Service

A trip that you would be well advised to try is to come along to the Communion Service held in the side Sanctuary in church on the first Wednesday of every month at 11:30am.

The welcome is friendly. The talks, readings and prayers are well prepared and there are some responses spoken by all together.

There is often a recorded song or music or short video clip to enhance the worship.

Having attended some services I can vouch for the sense of calm with which you leave.

Truly an 'Oasis of Peace' in a busy week.

### Easter Songs of Praise

There will be an Easter Songs of Praise at 2pm, on Monday 10th April, in the Church.

Tea and coffee will be served afterwards, in the large hall, by the Pastoral Care Team.  
All are welcome



### Sunday School & Pram & Praise



On 5th March, while most of you were getting ready to come to church for Holy Communion, the large hall was full of happy and excited people, not just the children, worshipping together at our Lent Sunday Fun Day. It can only be with God's help that Fiona is able to lead three very different Church Services in one day. It is wonderful to see three generations joining together in praise, alongside others helping with crafts or some just enjoying the vibe.

We are so happy to see the under fives at Pram and Praise each week, they just love it. If you like to rise early and enjoy a workout, help to set up for the children arriving, it would be greatly appreciated.

We had a good response to our appeal for adult leaders for the Sunday School during the 11 am service. Our aim is to offer activities and crafts which the children can enjoy in a relaxed and safe environment, in the weeks between Lent and the Easter Fun Day on 2nd April, and throughout the Easter school holidays, to the celebration of Easter Day right to the end of the school Session in June. So if you can bring any time, talents or ideas to the Team even on an occasional basis, please volunteer.

Agnes, Caron, Liz and Robert

### After Service Teas

The total raised to date for 'Tourette Scotland' is  
**£460**

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

### Finance Update

The Annual Stated Meeting has been and gone with the full statutory accounts presented to the congregation. They are a complicated document so below I have extracted and summarised the income and expenditure for the combined General and Fabric Fund.

In 2016 we spent a total of £139,698 from the General and Fabric Funds. This represents an average weekly cost of £2,687. A breakdown of the expenditure is as follows:

Type of Expenditure	Annual Cost	Weekly Cost
Central Costs	£79,236	£1,524
Power Costs	£10,504	£202
Other Building Costs	£36,303	£698
Other costs	£13,655	£263

On the other hand, our income for 2016 amounted to £152,951 or an average weekly Income of £2,942. A breakdown of the income is as follows

Source of Income	Annual Total	Weekly Average
Weekly Collection	£37,120	£714
Standing Orders Etc	£73,951	£1,422
Tax Recovery	£23,896	£460
Use Of Premises	£5,700	£110
Share of Trust Fund	£10,100	£194
Other	£2,184	£42

This left a total surplus for the year of £13,253 or an average of £255 per week and was used to recover some of previous year's deficits.

If anybody has any questions or would like any further information, please ask me any Sunday.

David



### **Curry & Quiz Night**

Everyone who attended the Curry and Quiz Night on 18th March had a most enjoyable time. The quiz was certainly geared to our brain power and the fact that only 10 points separated the Teams was a big encouragement to most of us.

There was lots of laughter and a great selection of food provided, even catering for those who were not curry fans.

Several attendees wanted to know when the next one would be.

£355 was raised from the effort as well.

Well done organisers!!

**Biblical Word Puzzle**

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



1. W R T E S B E H E H

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

2. B V O S P R E R

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

3. I P E H R I H T S G

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

4. H I J E F A O A P O S E R T A M H

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

5. S A V L T S E N I G E

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

6. U A P O T S I P L T E I N

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

7. Y E I H S P T S C O L P T G E O N S

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

8. C U S A F S R I J M E S E O L

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

9. N E Y D E A M R G A M A L

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

10. S I E P J S E R E T U N D E S E

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

11. A H E G T E N S E M

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

12. U T W O E K T M S M A E L A H

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

(Answers in May magazine)

(Thanks to M.K for this)

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

1. Mediterranean Sea
2. Dead Sea Scrolls
3. Mesopotamia
4. Queen of Sheba
5. Chronicles
6. The Psalms
7. Ezekiel
8. A Tree and its Fruit
9. The Lost Sheep
10. Palestine
11. Love One Another
12. Walking on Water

**Social Committee**

The Social Committee's event on Saturday 4th March raised a great total of £569.70 - many thanks to everyone who turned out for hot rolls and baking washed down with a cup of tea or coffee. Businesses from near and far supported us too with the generous donation of produce for the morning. Mr Greenshields - our local butcher very kindly gave us the sliced sausage and another family from a wee bit further afield - Rodda's from Cornwall, gave us the clotted cream for the scones. Many, many thanks to them for their generosity, and, of course, to folk from the congregation and friends who handed in baking. A good time was had by all - a one stop shop for Saturday breakfast and lunch and a treat to take home for the afternoon.



We have been a busy wee team the past month. A Curry and Quiz night was held on 18th March and was very well attended - raising £355 - which will be given to Pastoral Care to organise an outing for the Monday group. This was the first event of this kind and already folk are asking what the next theme might be. Our Session Clerk, Jim, prepared the quiz and was quizmaster for the evening. Questions were challenging and fun and the food was spicy and plentiful. We were very fortunate to secure a fabulous donation of Indian starters and breads from a restaurant in Shawlands called "The Indian" and the culinary skills of our own folk, who provided the food, would match any professional chef's. For whatever way you supported this inaugural event, congratulations - it was a great night - so from the Social Committee and Pastoral Care a well-deserved thank you.



Ailsa

**Souper Sunday Lunch**

Our main fundraiser for this year's Christian Aid Week will be the ever popular 'Souper Sunday' lunch to be held after the morning service on Sunday 7th May.

Christian Aid Week has come a long way since its inception in 1957 when £26,000 was raised. The 2016 event raised more than £10m and together with churches throughout the country we will try to raise even more in 2017.

So, come along with a plate and spoon and enjoy a bowl of home made soup prepared and served by the Social Committee and support Christian Aid in its work for some of the world's poorest communities.

Bob Read



## United Men's Fellowship

### Monday 27th February

President Ian Maxwell welcomed members this evening and gave a warm welcome to William Paul, Vice President of the Fellowship. With his interest in transport William showed a DVD of road transport from the 1950's. This proved to be extremely interesting showing a wide range of heavy goods being transported by road.

"Dodging the Column" from 1952 featured the transportation of a 137ft long Distillation Tower from Greenwich to the new chemical works at Grangemouth. A remarkable journey told by the driver, full of humour and ingenuity negotiating the narrow roads and obstacles en route, long before the days of the modern motorways.

"Take the High Road" showcased construction of the Giorra Dam, north of Killin in 1959/60. Four BRS drivers working together for 2 years, transported over 20,000 tons of cement required to build the dam. A hazardous journey in all kinds of Scottish weather, over craggy narrow mountain roads, the skill of the drivers in these conditions was quite remarkable.

"Journey to the Sea" from 1952 followed the journey of an Atkinson Lorry carrying a large propeller for a trawler from Preston to Wales. Again a remarkable journey through spectacular Welsh scenery on narrow (and almost deserted) roads before the days of modern motorways and bypasses.

The Vote of Thanks was extended by Andrew McCandlish

### Monday 6th March

President Ian Maxwell gave a warm welcome to members and to Yvonne Waring, this evening's speaker who has been performing in amateur dramatics for 18 years and also teaches in various Lanarkshire schools.

This evening Yvonne featured the life and times of Joyce Grenfell, Film Star, Comedienne and Actress. Born in 1910 Joyce reached the peak of her career in the 1950's and acted in many well known films of the era. She was also well known for her one woman shows in the theatre. A very talented actress, with a wide range of vocal skills Yvonne showcased many of the monologues used by Joyce in her performances. Among those featured were "Lumpy Latimer", "Golden Wedding" and "Friends to Tea." All of a humorous nature and the range of vocal talents displayed by Yvonne in bringing Joyce's ability to life was quite remarkable.

The Vote of Thanks was expressed by Bill Shanks for a most entertaining presentation.

### Monday 13th March

President Ian Maxwell welcomed members this evening and gave a special thanks to Secretary Craig Mains for standing in at short notice.

Following opening devotions Craig introduced the theme "Glasgow Then and Now" a short film about bygone days of Glasgow, produced by the Glasgow Heritage Group. This nostalgic look at Glasgow's past covered a wide range of subjects - from Albion Motors, Clippies and Working Women during World War II among many other fascinating aspects of Glasgow's long history. Albion Motors of Scotstoun dating from 1899 exported their vehicles world wide to India, Africa, Australia, USA and many other places in between. During the late 19th century working women were employed in nursing, weaving, as clippies then gradually expanding into former male preserves especially during World War II as Munitions Workers.

Many other interesting aspects of Glaswegian history were depicted including Cinemas, Dance Halls, the "Barras" market. All these various aspects of the city and her people were vividly displayed in a fascinating and enjoyable way. The members thoroughly enjoyed this glimpse into the past and a warm Vote of Thanks was given by Andrew McCandlish.

### Monday 20th March

President Ian Maxwell gave a warm welcome to members and introduced Ian McKellar from Bothwell Historical Society, our speaker for the evening. Ian gave a brief introduction to the history of Bothwell and the ongoing work to record all aspects of this fascinating subject.

Accompanied by an excellent slide show containing historical evidence Ian ably illustrated the sites and people associated with the village. Especially of note was James S Dixon a mining engineer who had attended Hamilton Academy. He is remembered in the Dixon Gates on Main Street, which are currently the subject of restoration. The recently completed works to the nave of Bothwell Parish Church were well illustrated and HRH Princess Anne attended the rededication ceremony on 22nd March. Ian touched on many aspects of Bothwell History including the relationship to Bothwellhaugh Village and the "Palais" mine, Fairleigh House and the Covenanters' Memorial.

The Vote of Thanks was given by Craig Mains.





## The Guild



### Tuesday 14th February

Leader Ina Cairns welcomed everyone and introduced Jean Tait one of our own members as our speaker for the evening. Jean along with her friend Betty, who was also in attendance had embarked on a Holiday of a Lifetime - a cruise round the Northern half of Australia. Starting off with the long flight to Perth in Western Australia, they had spent the first few days visiting Betty's pen pal Zoe there before travelling to Freemantle to board the Royal Caribbean Cruise Ship 'The Radiance of the Seas'. Jean described this ship as a floating Casino with a selection of Restaurants and Bars, providing vast amounts of food & drink along with gambling for those who wished to enjoy these facilities. Jean & Betty were more interested in getting off the ship and exploring and taking photographs at the various ports of call. From Freemantle, the ship cruised north to Darwin, then eastwards round the tip of Cape York Peninsula, then south towards the Great Barrier Reef, Brisbane and finally Sydney after 16 days on board. We saw slides and heard descriptions of all the interesting places visited. Their trip ended with an official guided climb of the famous Sydney Harbour Bridge.

The vote of thanks was given by Ray Anderson.

### Tuesday 21st February

After a warm welcome Leader Grace Hislop introduced our guest for the evening, retired minister Rev Stewart Smith who had come along to speak on the Guild Project being run for Christian Aid 'Caring for Mother Earth in Bolivia'. Stewart gave us some background information on the work of Christian Aid and its work with partner organisations. This work is focused on three areas 1) Long term development projects 2) Humanitarian Assistance 3) Advocacy & Campaigning. Christian Aid is about challenging the status quo and is trying to change attitudes especially towards women and concerning Global Warming. The Bolivian Project is involved in 12 projects, trying to encourage people to stay in their own communities rather than migrate to live in shanty towns on the outskirts of larger towns. The people are being trained in how to farm differently, making them more aware of and resilient to climate change. Teaching them to make use of Solar powered ovens for cooking to prevent deforestation which in turn helps prevent flooding and the washing away of fertile soil. To date the Guild has provided 150 of these ovens and raised £44,000 for the project. Where these have been installed women's health has improved and their time is being freed up allowing them to attend meetings to discuss issues affecting their villages and in other cases allowing them to start up little businesses. Stewart finished his talk by reminding us all that 'Poverty is a thing that robs people of fullness of life'

Muriel McCandlish gave the vote of thanks.

### Tuesday 28th February

Leader Grace Hislop introduced Janet from Women's Aid South Lanarkshire as our speaker. She told us that one in four women in Scotland suffer from some form of Domestic Abuse. In the UK as a whole, on average 2 women per week are killed by a partner or ex partner, and in some cultures women are victims of 'honour killings'. Violence and abuse against women has been perpetuated and well documented for centuries in evidence from the 1600's on. One third of children who experience domestic abuse also experience another form of abuse. Because of this impact on children a new course called CEDAR (Children experiencing domestic abuse recovery) has been instigated for children aged 4 - 16 years and runs for 10 weeks.

This course encourages children to know it is all right to speak about what has happened to them, by the use of cartoons and 'worry' bears in a safe and secure environment. The course is expensive to run but has just been awarded a £400,000 Lottery Grant.

South Lanarkshire Council has 26 Women's Refuge Centres and it is estimated that Domestic Abuse is costing the Scottish Government £4million pounds a year. Women's prisons have a high number of inmates who have been subjected to Domestic Abuse and it has recently been proven that unborn babies can be affected by an abused mother's stress. Janet closed her talk on a more positive note by saying that in the Centres women share their stories and their journey; and that for the majority of them, they do recover as do their children, and they can go on and start new lives.

The vote of thanks was given by Jean Tait.

### Tuesday 7th March

This was the Guild's Spring Concert Fund Raiser to which Leader Ina Cairns welcomed the 'Our Lady's Musical Association Concert Party' under the leadership of Rebecca Keay and accompanied by Carol. The audience were entertained by a fine selection of music from the choir, soloists and duetists. Everyone performed with excellence and enthusiasm and items were introduced by Margaret Morrison, their compere, whose entertaining remarks between items was much appreciated.

The Guild were indebted to John Jardine, the Church Officer, and Andrew McCandlish for setting out the chairs in the hall and church in the afternoon to help us set up for the concert and tea afterwards which was thoroughly appreciated by everyone after the concert. We also wish to thank everyone who supported our event and made for a most enjoyable evening and to the willing helpers who cleared up at the end of the evening.

The vote of thanks was given by Muriel McCandlish.

### Tuesday 14th March

Tonight Grace Hislop welcomed Marjory Robertson from Bothwell for a return visit to the Guild to give her talk on 'A World in Miniature'. Her subject covered the History and Art of making Doll's Houses. We learned that this is a highly specialised and skilful craft, as each item is a detailed miniature replica to a scale of 1 inch to 12 inches (1 in 12 scale); and is practised by both men and women. Her talk was well illustrated by slides and she gave a potted history, illustrated by slides of the various houses, about the development of Doll's Houses from the 17th century to the present day. Due to the very accurate depiction in many of these houses that are on public display, we are given an accurate insight into what life was like in the grander houses of long ago. They are living pictures of Social History throughout the centuries.

We saw pictures of the world famous Doll's House created for Queen Mary wife of George 5th between the two World Wars and which is on view at Windsor Castle. Each room is an accurate miniature in every detail. In the laundry room, there are miniature baskets of towels, napkins and other items of linen all embroidered with the Royal Monogram. It took one Irish seamstress 1500 hours to complete this task. The men and women who enjoy this craft spend hours making these delicate items. Some miniatures are only two and a half inches high and many others much smaller. A most interesting subject.

Ina Cairns gave the vote of thanks.

**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  
unless otherwise intimated.



**Sunday 9th April**  
Teen Zone meets 7pm - Large hall

**9th - 14th April**  
Holy Week

**Sunday 9th April**  
Palm Sunday All Age Service 11am  
Evening Service - Church of the Nazarene 6.30pm

**Wednesday 12th April**  
Service in St Andrew's Episcopal Church 7pm

**Thursday 13th April**  
Maundy Thursday Service & Communion - Old Parish 7pm

**Friday 14th April**  
Good Friday - Church Open 12noon - 3pm  
Evening Service Park Church 7pm

**Sunday 16th April**  
Easter Day Service 11am  
No Evening Service

**Wednesday 19th April**  
Book Club Group 7.30pm  
(Discussing 'Silence' by Shusaku Endo)

**Sunday 23rd April**  
Teen Zone meets 7pm - Large hall

**Monday 24th April**  
Board Meets 7.30pm

**Sunday 7th May**  
Souper Sunday Lunch for Christian Aid 12.15pm  
Teen Zone meets 7pm - Large hall

**Tuesday 9th May**  
Session 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  
or Ann McIntyre

The coming programme is:

**April**

- 3rd Bite & Blether
- 10th Easter 'Songs of Praise'
- 17th Holiday
- 24th Singalong - 'Songs From Around the World'

**May**

- 1st Holiday
- 8th Bite & Blether
- 15th Film
- 22nd Singalong - 'Favourite Songs'

**The Tree of Knowledge**

The Bible contains 3,566,840 letters, 810,697 words, 312,757 verses, 1,187 chapters and 66 Books. The longest chapter is the 119th Psalm, the shortest and middle chapter the 117th Psalm. The middle verse is the 8th of the 118th Psalm. The longest name is in the 8th chapter of Isaiah. The word "and" occurs 46,627 times. The word "Lord" 1855 times. The 37th chapter of Isaiah, and the 19th chapter of the Second Book of Kings are alike. The longest verse is the 9th of the 8th chapter of Esther. The shortest verse is the 35th of the 11th chapter of John. In the 21st verse of the 7th chapter of Ezra is the Alphabet. The finest piece of reading is the 26th chapter of Acts.

The name of God is not mentioned in the Book of Esther. It contains Knowledge, Love, Holiness, Wisdom

Taken from the scrapbook of Rev. Robert Paterson, who copied it from an old Sampler and printed in the Sunday Mail in December 1958.

Some things never go out of date.