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Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends

Spring has finally arrived or so we are led to believe... the daffodils, snowdrops and crocuses are bringing colour to many gardens despite the rain, hail and sleet..

Springtime is a season of new beginnings, especially as we continue to celebrate new life following Easter.

But in many ways, Spring is also about endings. In the manse we are preparing for Adam to sit his final exams at Uddingston Grammar as his sixth year comes to an end, just like so many of our young people who are also preparing to begin the next step of their journey of life and we all wish them well. What I recognise is that sometimes endings to various situations or events can weigh us down. It can feel like the end of an era or that a familiar routine is changing. Sometimes it is hard to remain focused, to find your inspiration or the motivation that makes you feel like the next project or task is worth completing or studying for. Sometimes we need a gentle reminder that we all have what it takes to be the best person that we are called to be.

When we have moments like that, we can turn to the Scriptures, for it is full of people who have lost their way, are beginning a new journey or feel uninspired. It is filled with the story of God's faithfulness to all of humanity.

The Scriptures have continued to inspire people like you and me throughout the years. So what can you do if you feel like you have lost your way, or find your way of life changing for whatever reason? Work at finding your 'happy place': a place that brings comfort, a place of sanctuary. Enjoy a meal with a trusted friend to whom you can speak openly. Come and spend time in church, take time to pray and read the scriptures. And never forget that God will find a way to bring you back into the fold. Most of all believe that you were created by God to do good things, and then through that belief go and do those things.

Remember Easter is a the time of new life, new beginnings

And today is the first day of a new way of being.

Blessings

Rev Fiona

Reverend Fiona McKibbin

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to the editors or placed in the
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or

by e-mail to

magazine@uddingstonold.org

or

on paper.

Church Roll Intimations

Deaths

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

Mrs Helen Lindsay

Date of Death: 11th April 2017
and

Mr Henry Cairns

Date of Death: 14th April 2017
and

Mr Alexander Hamilton

Date of Death: 22nd April 2017

Membership Changes

We bid farewell to

Mr Stephen Queen

Who has transferred out to
Inverallan Church of Scotland, Grantown on Spey

Duty Roster

Morning Service at 11am & Evening Services at 6.30pm

Front Door teams for the next month:

May	14th	James Caskie
	21st	Mary Fox
	28th	Margaret Clark
June	4th	Walker Lyttle (Communion)

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 Choir will serve on 21st May

After Service Teas

The total raised to date for 'Tourette Scotland' is
£590

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

Head for Heights

Those of us who saw these steeplejacks working on the church steeple and bell tower in recent weeks probably wondered why people choose jobs like this when there is plenty of employment at ground level!

Balmore Contracts Ltd. from Glasgow were engaged by the Congregational Board to carry out necessary masonry repairs, refurbishment of the church's lightning conductors and work to the clock faces. Luckily the weather in March was favourable for the work to be completed within the two week period set aside and Balmore were able to seal various areas of stonework that have been causing leakage in the bell tower.

Assistance for the funding has been given by Viridor Credits Environmental Company. This Company assists community and church organisations to fund projects such as ours from the tax liability paid by Landfill Operators who operate in our area.

The Property Team



Uddingston Pride Update

Those of you who have travelled from Uddingston by train may well have noticed the model train we have installed beside the Glasgow-bound platform. It has been planted out with attractive plants, and has greatly enhanced the appearance of the area beside the cycle shelter. If you haven't seen it, it's well worth the walk to the station to admire the train, and to see the ongoing work at the adjacent banking, which is being cleared of weeds and rocks, and is being planted with shrubs and herbaceous plants. Hopefully this work will give the area a splash of colour in the summer for years to come.

We are planning a major community clean up of Uddingston on Saturday, 20th May. We will meet at Crofthead Park at 10am, and then spread out around the Village, clearing away litter and other unwanted debris, to hopefully leave the community looking a lot smarter, in preparation for the summer period, when we will be judged for 'Beautiful Scotland' and 'Britain in Bloom'. If you are able to come along and help, we would be delighted to see you then. Safety tabards and litter pickers will be available, and we hope to have a good turnout on the day, the more helpers that turn up, the more we can clean up the Village.

During early May, Uddingston is to be "Craft Bombed" by various groups, who will be decorating the Village with knitted items, with the theme of "share the love". Our group will be "bombing" the station, so, another reason to take a walk there. The plan is to have Uddingston looking bright and cheerful in the early summer, before the bedding plants arrive.

Don't forget the Craft Fair we are running in Park Church from 7th to 10th June, when local craft workers will be displaying and hopefully selling their creations. Entrance to the Fair will be free and there will be teas and coffees available. There are still a few tables available, so if you wish to show off your expertise, contact us by email at uddingstonpride@hotmail.co.uk and we will try to accommodate you.

We are always looking for volunteer helpers, so if you are able and willing, feel free to get in contact. S.R.

Attention all Knitters

We are continuing to send knitted goods to Malawi through the Dundee based Raven Trust.

All contributions of children's cardigans, jumpers, hats etc will be very gratefully received. The only request is if possible can the garments have sleeves. More babies are now surviving due to better access to medical care and this means that the babies now don't go home to die but to live. This means they need to be warmer and sleeves help.

Below are 2 patterns - one for the original Fish and Chip jumper with sleeves and the second one just for the sleeves (good way to use up small amounts of wool). The separate sleeves will be sewn into short sleeved jumpers we already have. There are no wrong colours just whatever you have or like.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Many thanks
Liz Vasey



FISH AND CHIP LONG SLEEVED JUMPER

100grams Double knitting wool, 3.25mm and 4.00mm needles

With 4mm needles cast on 46 stitches

Row 1 *(k2p2) repeat from * to last 2 stitches k2

Row 2 *(p2k2) repeat from * to last 2 stitches p2

Work further 16 rows as above

Work 30 rows in stocking stitch

Place a marker at both ends of last row for sleeve placement

Work 24 rows as 2x2 ribs(as Rows 1 & 2)



Neck opening row *(k2p2) twice, k2 cast off 26sts ribwise, work in 2x2 rib to end

Next row *(p2k2) twice p2, cast on 26sts, work in 2x2 rib to end

Work 24 rows in 2x2 rib as for rows 1 & 2

Place marker at both ends of the last row for sleeve placement

Start with knit row and work 30 rows in stocking stitch

Row 1A *(p2 k2) repeat from * to last 2 stitches p2

Row 2A *(k2 p2) repeat from * to last 2 stitches k2

Work another 16 rows as 1A & 2A

Cast off in 2x2 rib



SLEEVES

Using 3.25mm needle cast on 48 stitches. Alternatively you can with the right side facing pick up and knit the 48 stitches from the row ends of the ribbed upper half between the markers.

Work 8 rows in k2 p2 rib

Row 9 **Decrease row** - *(k2tog,p2) repeat from * to end = 36sts

Row 10 - 29 start with knit row work in stocking stitch (finishing with wrong side row)

Change to 3.25mm needles

Rows 30 - 39 *(k2 p2) repeat from * to end

Cast off in rib pattern

Sew sleeves between markers and then up sides and sleeve seams.

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

1. H V O H C E A C E M A F L A P

Answer: -----

2. Z C A N U A Z E D H E R N B

Answer: -----

3. V A J O H E H

Answer: -----

4. Y G U K C R N I S

Answer: -----

5. T U P H T I S E G N A T E

Answer: -----

6. H R C T I C I P I S C A T O S N

Answer: -----

7. O N R M O R E P E R E

Answer: -----

8. T R O E O T E S A T S N

Answer: -----

9. Y I G O R L A H L

Answer: -----

10. N X F E T E P U O C I U L O A

Answer: -----

11. B Y O R M F S Y T O E R F S A T A S E T R

Answer: -----

12. P T O P R H Y A H E A C

Answer: -----

(Answers in June magazine)

(Thanks to M.K for this)

**WATERAID**

Most of the money for this year's appeal has now been received and I am delighted to advise you that the total gathered in so far is £1500. A big thank-you to all of you who supported this year's appeal and also to the volunteers who counted the money on Easter Sunday.

The UN General Assembly has set a Global Goal of 2030 for the end to extreme poverty including a dedicated goal for water and hygiene. Wateraid believes it is possible to end extreme poverty by 2030 and ensure sustainable development only by achieving universal access to water, sanitation and hygiene. The money we have collected during Lent will be contributing to this Global Goal.

David Lang

**Sunday School & Pram & Praise**

The children have enjoyed a happy Eastertide with the Sunday Funday on April 2nd when all ages worshipped together.

Through the school holidays on Palm Sunday and Easter Day the children took part in the celebrations both in the church and the large hall. Pram and Praise resumed on 23rd April at 10am and Sunday School returned to its usual format during the 11am Service with focus on Doubting Thomas, a make week.

It is now possible to access the Old Parish Kids Facebook page via our website, www.uddingstonold.org

Jill posts photographs regularly and will highlight Sunday School events and any changes to meeting times which will be very helpful to parents. Many thanks Jill.

The Team
Agnes, Caron, Liz and Robert

Answers to Biblical Word Puzzle in April Magazine

1. The Hebrews
2. Proverbs
3. High Priest
4. Joseph of Arimathea
5. Evangelists
6. Pontius Pilate
7. The Synoptic Gospels
8. Miracles of Jesus
9. Mary Magdalene
10. Peter denies Jesus
11. Gethsemane
12. The walk to Emmaus

SLEEVES FOR FISH AND CHIP JUMPERS

Double knitting wool, 3.25mm and 4.00mm needles

Using 3.25mm needles cast on 48 stitches

Knit 10 rows in k2,p2 rib

K2tog p2 repeat to end 36 stitches

Change to 4.00mm needles

Knit 4ins in stocking stitch ending with wrong side row.

Change to 3.25mm needles and knit 10 rows in k2, p2 rib ending with wrong side row

Cast off loosely and leave a tail. (Use any colour)



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.



Tuesday 9th May
session Meets 7.30pm

Wednesday 17th May
Book Club Group 7.30pm

Discussing 'All Fun & Games Until Someone Loses an Eye'
by Christopher Brookmyre

Sunday 21st May
Teen Zone meets 7pm - Large hall

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:

May

- 8th Bite & Blether
- 15th Film
- 22nd Singalong - 'Around the World' part 2
- 29th Holiday

June

- 5th Outing to Largs

The Monday Club is running a Coach Trip to Largs on the
5th June, leaving the church at 10am prompt and
returning from Largs at 3pm. The cost of the trip
including lunch at Nardini's is £15. There are a few seats
remaining, if you wish to book a place please contact
Mary Fox or Anne McIntyre.

All monies to be paid by Monday 22nd May.



The Penitent

Oh! I was guid that Sunday,
(I weel recall the date),
I was up afore ma claes were on
At twenty - five past eight.
I scrubbed and buttered at my knees
Where baith o them were tarred,
And ma face was red and shiny
For I'd scrubbed it really hard

Oh! I was guid that Sunday
When I went tae Kirk wi you
And I didnae drop my penny
Tae roll beneath the pew.
I dinae sniff or tap ma feet,
But tried hard tae pretend
I was listenin tae a sermon
That nane could comprehend.

Oh! I was guid that Sunday
When we called on Uncle Hugh,
And when speaking I spoke only
When I was spoken to:
It's true ye caught me whistlin
When I ken that whistlin's wrang,
But the tune was 'Jesus Loves Me',
And that's a holy sang!

Oh! I was guid that Sunday
Every hoor o that lang day
When I didna spit, or kick a stane,
Or tumble in the hay;
I didna get ma feet weel
Or guddle in the burn,
And I didna look for peesers' eggs
Or aince speak oot o turn.

Oh! I was guid that Sunday
When I knelt beside ma bed
And wi a worried look
Ye put yer hand upon ma head;
And then I prayed devoutly,
Asked the Lord ma soul to keep,
And wi a sigh and saintly smile
I drifted aff tae sleep.

Ah ken ye must be wonderin
What wrocht the change in me,
How sic a devil could proclaim
Sic high morality.

If then it's got ye puzzled
And ye're lookin for a clue,
It was on the Monday mornin
That ma skull report was due!

Bob Bell

