



# UDDINGSTON OLD PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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### Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends

It saddens me to say that there is a blanket of evil covering our land at this moment. The acts of wickedness which we witnessed in Manchester break apart families and communities. The rise of intolerance, disunity and distrust is creeping into our society, our communities, our families and even our churches. It is seeping into our words, our actions and our behaviour towards others. If we do not find ways of living with our differences, of listening to each other or engaging in challenging and difficult conversations then evil will continue to visit our land.

Over the last few weeks we have been journeying through Jesus's final discourse before he leaves the disciples to return to his Heavenly Father. His final prayer is a call to unity and reassurance for his disciples as he says *'Keep them safe' he implores, for they have an ongoing task to do - they are to bear witness to his life, to his death, to his resurrection - to the message that God in Christ brings love, forgiveness, healing, peace and hope to all humanity. (John 17:1-11)*

Jesus knew that the world would not receive the message he has entrusted to his disciples with open arms - he knew that they would suffer for Him, but they were to remain in the world, for they had been commissioned with a God-given task to do, to spread the Good News of Christ. Are our churches, our worshipping communities united? Some say yes, others say no.

Once again the General Assembly is still debating the complex issue of human sexuality and the role and treatment of women within the church. Sadly there are still churches within our denomination that do not have women elders, will not let women ministers preach or even be called to a vacant charge .....

Yes, you may be horrified by that fact but let's not forget that six years ago the Old Parish was in a similar situation when the Vacancy Committee called me to preach as sole nominee. Even today I am still reminded about the reaction of some of the Kirk Session on that decision. I'm still reminded about the outcome of the vote and the fact that some people chose to walk away simply because I was a probationer with a young son, who came from the East End and I was also female which some say goes against scriptures. Yet still I am here. I am prepared to walk in the middle of the road with you all as we journey in faith together. When Jesus calls for unity **it must begin at home**, in our communities and within our church. We must find the courage to walk together side by side with open hands not clenched fists.

If Christ calls for unity with open hands, surely then it must become the Church's way. As Jesus says: *keep them safe by the power of your name... so that they may be one just as you and I are one.*

Blessings

Rev Fiona

Reverend Fiona McKibbin

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### Next Issue

Articles to the editors by  
**Thursday 24th August 2017**  
Available  
**Sunday 3rd September 2017**

We are always happy to receive articles for inclusion in your magazine.

Submissions can be sent direct to the editors or placed in the "dookit" in the church

or

by e-mail to

[magazine@uddingstonold.org](mailto:magazine@uddingstonold.org)

or

on paper.

### Church Roll Intimations

#### Baptism



Sunday 28th May 2017

**Kobe Alexander Silcock**  
Son of Alexander & Jacqui (nee Mitchell)  
Date of Birth: 25th August 2014  
Place of Birth: Wishaw General Hospital

#### Marriage



Saturday 29th April 2017

**Diana Aitken & David Wilson**

#### Deaths

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

**Mrs Anne Harper**  
Date of Death: 26th April 2017  
and  
**Mrs Rita Wilson**  
Date of Death: 2nd May 2017

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

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

of  
**Mrs Jacqueline Weir**  
Date of Death: 12th May 2017  
and  
**Mr John Dobbinson**  
Date of Death: 18th May 2017

#### Life and Work Magazine

Can I please thank all those who receive the Life and Work Magazine for their prompt payment of account for this year.

However I must apologise for the poor condition of some of the magazines which we have received via the Church of Scotland in recent months. The outer protection has been badly damaged when received by me, and unfortunately a few of the magazine covers and inner pages were damaged in a number of the magazines in the most recent batch.

I have taken this up directly with the appropriate party in Edinburgh, as this situation has arisen before and quite frankly is not satisfactory.

Thanks for your on-going support, and accept my apologies.  
Ken Storrier

### Duty Roster

Morning Service at 11am & Evening Services at 6.30pm

Front Door teams for the next month:

June	11th	Janette Moore
	18th	Margaret Abercrombie
	25th	Margaret Ballantyne
July	2nd	Billy Ballantyne
	9th	Carol Frame
	16th	Margaret Clark
	23rd	James Caskie
	30th	Mary Fox
August	6th	Walker Lyttle
	13th	Pamela Aitken
	20th	Janette Moore
	27th	Margaret Abercrombie
September	3rd	Margaret Ballantyne

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 Board will serve on 25th June

### After Service Teas

The total raised to date for 'Tourette Scotland' is **£720**  
Thanks to everyone who attends and contributes and enjoys the fellowship after the Morning & Evening Services.



### Sunday School & Pram & Praise



The children enjoyed a happy Sunday Funday on May 7th which had a 'Beach Theme' as Jesus said 'I will make you Fishers of Men'.  
The weather was so beautiful some of the activities were played outside.

On the 14th May there was an All Age Service with The Boys' & Girls' Brigade on Church Parade.

To celebrate Pentecost on our next Funday on Sunday 4th June, we hope everyone will wear red.

The Sunday School Session will finish on Sunday 18th June with our 'Moving On Service' which will be an All Age Service in the Church.

'Back to Church Sunday' will take place on 27th August  
and

The next Sunday Funday will be 3rd September.

### Uddingston Pride Update

We have had two 'Clean Ups' during May, both of which were well supported. Firstly, the local Beaver troop came out for an evening, then some of our volunteers spent a Saturday morning picking up litter and other debris. The latter event was supported by Greggs, who provide some bakery treats which all the volunteers thoroughly enjoyed. The result of these efforts was to have Uddingston looking a whole lot tidier in time for the summer, and in preparation for the judging dates. It's always encouraging to get such good support from the community.

We have had confirmation from Britain in Bloom that their judges will be visiting Uddingston on 10th August, so please all make a note of that date in your diaries, and help us have the Village looking pristine that day. Beautiful Scotland have not advised of their judging date as yet, but we anticipate it will be shortly before the Britain in Bloom one.

During early May, Uddingston was "Craft Bombed" by various groups, who decorated the Village with knitted items, with the theme of "share the love". This was a joint initiative with some of the enthusiastic knitters in Uddingston, and brought some fun and some colour to the Village. The plan was to have Uddingston looking bright and cheerful in the early summer, before the bedding plants arrive. We hope you were able to enjoy the displays.

Please don't forget the Craft Fair we are holding 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. This is a new venture and we are confident it will be a great success, and will be much enjoyed by all who come along. So, please give the Fair your support.

The bedding plants for this year's displays around the streets and the churches are due to be in place by early June. We hope they will be extra colourful this year, when we are in the two competitions, and that they will brighten up the Village, and cheer us all along.

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

S.R.

### MINISTRIES and MISSION

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I write to thank you most sincerely for supporting the worship, mission and service of the church through the money you give in your offerings. It is important that you should know what happens to this money, and this letter intends to explain how your congregation's Ministries and Mission Contribution will be used to enable the work of the Church in 2017.

#### Hamilton: Uddingston Old

Total Contribution to Ministries and Mission for 2017

**£80,435**

#### Ministries (84%)

**£67,565 of your total contribution** will go towards the costs of providing over 1,000 ministers and other parish workers in communities throughout Scotland and in the Presbytery of England. This contribution also assists with the costs of recruitment and training.

The 2017 cost of a parish minister at the top of the stipend scale is **£41,866** (stipend plus employer's national insurance and pension contributions). If your contribution to Ministries is above this figure, then your church is meeting the full cost of your ministry and supporting other congregations. If it is less than £41,866, your congregation (or linked charge) is being supported by other congregations.

#### Mission (16%)

**£12,870 of your total contribution** will be used to support the Church's work in: resourcing congregations for Christian education and outreach; providing social care services in Christ's name to further the caring work of the Church to people in need; accompanying partners around the world on our shared Christian journey; contributing the Church's opinion in public debate and on issues affecting Scotland and the World; providing central day-to-day service work in administrative, financial and legal matters; and in planning the General Assembly and ensuring the Moderator represents the Church.

As you will see, the contributions your church makes ensures a very diverse ministry is maintained and that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is shared in many ways and in many places. Many churches have made additional Ministries and Mission contributions throughout the past year and these have been gratefully received.

Yours in Christ,

Archie McDowall  
Deputy Treasurer - Congregational Finance.

## 1st Uddingston Girls' Brigade



We have had another very busy year with the girls enjoying a variety of activities. The Explorer and Juniors enjoyed a 'Sleep over' at the Aquarium in Loch Lomond, where they got to sleep under the fishes in the viewing tunnel. An amazing experience that they will remember for a long time. The Brigaders had an action packed night at Laser Quest.



Each week the girls worked towards their badges, enjoying crafts, basketball, clubbercise, helping others, recycling rubbish and learning about the GB badge. This session the Brigaders learned all about Forensics, learning how to take fingerprints and shoe prints. Their final assessment was to solve the crime that we had set up in the church hall, and boy did they do well.

As a company we enjoyed the Divisional Fun Day held in Hamilton College in October, where the girls got to take part in activities from Samba Drums to Book Art. Our Junior Section won 'The Word' competition, which was a Divisional competition to design a stained glass window to celebrate 125 years of Girls' Brigade. Well done girls it was a group effort.

We had our annual trip to the Panto to see Aladdin at Christmas. A big thank you to everyone who came along and supported our Christmas Coffee evening, we raised £1,100 and a further £215 for Cancer Research.

At Christmas along with the Teenzone we made up 150 gift parcels for the Lodging House Mission.

We currently have 2 girls working on their Bronze and 3 girls working on their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards. We wish them luck over the summer when they will be out on their expeditions.



Last year to help celebrate 60 years of the Duke of Edinburgh Award, our leaders all took on the Diamond Challenge. They all took on a personal challenge to raise money for the Duke of Edinburgh and other charities, and gain their Diamond awards. Seven leaders walked, ran and swam 52 miles and raised £470 for Duke of Edinburgh and £873 for other charities. Well done to all the leaders for their hard work and achieving their Diamond Awards.

Our session came to a close on the 25<sup>th</sup> May with our annual display. The girls put on an amazing performance for their parents. Three girls received the their Brigader Brooches which is the second highest award in Girls' Brigade. Congratulations to Beth Moore, Amy Crawford, Rebecca O'Neill. The girls were all presented with their badges and service awards, along with

a few awards recognising outstanding work in the sections.

The following girls received awards on the night

- Best Explorer went to Lilly Galloway
- Best Junior P4/P5 went to Eve White
- Best Senior P6/P7 went to Vicki Stewart
- Endeavour award went to Heather Mason
- Leadership award went to Lara Munro
- The Cunningham award went to Evan Gray

Thank you to Fiona and all the members of the congregation for their support this year.

We look forward to a relaxing break over the summer before our new session starts back in August.



**Biblical Word Puzzle**

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



1. R N F I D O F E U D T I B R

Answer: -----

2. K F E G O E T W E N O L E R D

Answer: -----

3. D Y I F V O C D I A T

Answer: -----



4. Y G U K C R N I S

Answer: -----

5. W P F E R O P R E O A Y R

Answer: -----

6. E A G I L E A L K E L

Answer: -----

7. A G A N S R Z I R U I L S A

Answer: -----

8. R H U E T R O C I S E R E T N

Answer: -----

9. C T P I S F H U I T E O C R E S O N I R A N S

Answer: -----

10. L H A H N E V E L E N A D

Answer: -----

11. T S J E M U G A D N T L

Answer: -----

12. Y C F E I P O H I T R S I N A R A D S T

Answer: -----

(Answers in September magazine)

(Thanks to M.K for this)

**Monday Get Together**

After the Outing to Largs on Monday 5th June the Club will be taking a holiday until the beginning of September when it will resume:

**September**

4th Film

15th Bite And Blether

22nd Singalong

29th Holiday



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

If you need transport please call Mary Fox or

Ann McIntyre

**Dates for your Diary**

**Sunday Services** 11am only until October.  
Tea & Coffee after morning service

Last Midweek Service Wednesday 7th June till after the Summer Break.



**Thursday 8th June**  
General Election

**Monday 12th June**  
Board Meets 7.30pm

**Tuesday 20th June**  
Uddingston Grammar School Prize Giving

**Thoughts for Ourselves**

Dust if you must, but wouldn't it be better  
To paint a picture, or write a letter,  
Bake a cake, or plant a seed.  
Ponder the difference between want and need.

Dust if you must, but there is not much time,  
With rivers to swim and mountains to climb!  
Music to hear and books to read,  
Friends to cherish and life to lead.

Dust if you must, but the world's out there  
With the sun in your eyes and the wind in your hair,  
A flutter of snow, a shower of rain,  
This day will not come round again.

Dust if you must, but bear in mind,  
Old age will come and it's not kind,  
And when you go, and go you must,  
You, yourself will make more dust!

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

1. Cave of Machpelah
2. Nebuchadnezzar
3. Jehovah
4. King Cyrus
5. The Septuagint
6. Coptic Christians
7. Emperor Nero
8. Rosetta Stone
9. Holy Grail
10. Execution of Paul
11. Forty Martyrs of Sebaste
12. The Apocrypha

