



UDDINGSTON OLD PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

If I were to ask you to describe our congregation and church community I wonder what your response would be. I guess the way we see our church is determined by what it means to us. If we see it as unfriendly and boring it will become so. If we see it in a positive light, it will be a completely different picture. Life is like a Hall of Mirrors and it will often reflect the expression and attitude of what we bring to it.

There is a story that my probationary supervisor would often use and it goes like this. A traveller arrived one day at the gates of the city. He asked the watchman, *“What’s the name of this city, and what are the people like here?”* The watchman replied: *“Where are you from?”* The traveller names his own town. *“And what are the people like in your home town?”* *“Well,”* said the traveller, *“they are not very friendly, they are rude and selfish and unwelcoming.”* In that case, said the watchman, *“I think you will find people here are very much like they are where you live.”* So the traveller went on his way, not wanting to stay in that town. A second traveller arrived at the gate and asked the watchman. *“What town is this, and what are the people like here?”* And again the watchman asked *“Where are you from?”* The visitor named the same town as the first traveller. The watchman asked, *“What are the people like where you come from.”* The traveller replied: *“They are very kind, always willing to help and ready with a friendly word for a stranger.”* The watchman smiled back and said, *“I think you will find people here are very much like the folk in your own home town.”* And the traveller went into the city and stayed there.

Same city, different eyes

Same church, different eyes.

When we describe our church community to strangers or those who are looking for a place to belong to and worship in, I wonder what impression we give with our reply. If you haven’t even thought about it, take the time to do so. For how you describe your church is important. For **you** are the church. The people who gather are the church. That is why first impressions of our church depend on your response and reaction.

I hope and pray that you will always catch glimpses of the divine light shining through our worship, our hospitality, our community, for we are all called to look anew with fresh eyes and new vision at our church. This is our Holy City. Our Holy City that is alive with the sacred mystery and if we open our hearts and minds we will explore the beauty of the people that we call church, for it is through them and our openness to others that we will change the world for the better.

Blessings

Rev Fiona

Reverend Fiona McKibbin

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Articles to the editors by
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Available
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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

or

on paper.

Church Roll Intimations Baptisms



Sunday 10th September 2017

Isla Grace Lyons

Daughter of Jonathan & Emily (nee Rowan)

Date of Birth: 7th April 2017

Place of Birth: Glasgow
and

Alexander Ivan Moore

Son of Iain & Elena (nee Shimina)

Date of Birth: 27th May 2016

Place of Birth: Wishaw General Hospital
and

Ollie Alexander James McDermott

Son of Euan McDermott & Jillian Spiers

Date of Birth: 25th October 2016

Place of Birth: Wishaw General Hospital

Deaths

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

Mr Ian Duff

Date of Death: 5th September 2017

Duty Roster

Morning Service at 11am & Evening Services at
6.30pm

Front Door teams for the next month:

October	8th	James Caskie
	15th	Mary Fox
	22nd	Pamela Aitken
	29th	Janette Moore

November	5th	Margaret Abercrombie
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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 Teen Zone will serve on 29th October

After Service Teas

The total raised to date for 'Tourette Scotland' is
£1130

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

MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT

The Social Committee is holding a
MACMILLAN Coffee Morning
on

Friday 6th October

10am till 1pm

in the Large Hall.

Donations of Home Baking will be gratefully
received for this worthy cause.

Hot Rolls will also be available



Paraprosdokians

are figures of speech in which the latter part of a
sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected;
frequently humorous.

(Winston Churchill loved them.)

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you.
But it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people
appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up, we only learn how to act
in public.
6. War does not determine who is right -
only who is left.
7. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit.
Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
8. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism.
To steal from many is research.
9. I didn't say it was your fault,
I said I was blaming you.
10. In filling out an application, where it says,
'In case of emergency, Notify:' I put 'DOCTOR'.

Walk & Roll Group

Every Thursday morning 10am - 12 noon
(Meet at church)

A new initiative for those interested in some
outdoor activity.

Please wear suitable attire and bring something to
eat with you

Uddingston Pride Update

The Award Ceremony for the Beautiful Scotland Competition was held on 7th September, in Dunfermline, and we were delighted when we were awarded a Gold Certificate, the highest possible level of award. We were just pipped for first prize in the Urban Community category by Dyce, who gained their first ever gold, and were just a couple of points ahead of us. So, it's "Well done Dyce" and "here's to next year".

We will learn the result of our entry into Britain in Bloom at the end of October, and we are hoping for another good result then.

The comments by the judges in both competitions were most complimentary, and praised many of the highlights of their tour of the Village, with special mention of the station, and all the churches who decorate their gardens for the benefit of the whole community. Crofthead Park and the Main Street were also singled out for special praise.

After the Award Ceremony, we were able to meet up again with our judges, who went through the marking sheets with us, and made some very useful suggestions as to how we could improve the Village even more. So next year we will try to follow their suggestions and have Uddingston as category winners once again.

We in Uddingston Pride are most grateful for all the help we get from so many of the local residents. Without their help, we would not be able to achieve such an outstanding result. So, a very big "thank you" to all those who have turned out to support our efforts throughout the year.

In early October, we will be helping the children of Uddingston Grammar School, Muiredge and St John's Primary Schools, to plant several thousand daffodil and crocuses bulbs, nearby their schools, and we hope the children will enjoy the displays they produce in the Spring.

Our Christmas Open Day will be held this year on Sunday 3rd December, with all the usual entertainments, including bands, choirs and dancers, not forgetting a visit from Santa. Full details will be publicised when we have finalised arrangements. We hope you will all come out to support this event, one of the highlights of winter in Uddingston.

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Sleep in the Park - a mass sleep-out to end homelessness in Scotland. For Good.

Saturday 9th December 2017

Social Bite, a proactive charity working around Scotland with and for homeless people, is organising the world's largest ever sleep-out and are hoping to attract 9,000 people to Edinburgh's Princes Street Gardens. The charity hopes that by raising funds and working together, the people of Scotland will create such an impetus that homelessness will be eradicated over a five-year period. The aim is not only to find provision for housing, but also to provide rehabilitation, job opportunities and support that will help people get back on their feet and find their place within society. The hope is that the many charities who work in these areas might also link up to provide ongoing support and care.

The vision is to make Scotland an example for the whole world to follow. We know we are a small country, but we are also a nation of innovators, explorers, and philanthropists. We are a small country with a big and generous heart.

At Christmas time there are many legitimate calls upon our time and our generosity. There are so many worthwhile charities and causes to support. But there is for Christians something compelling about the reality of homelessness that lies near the heart of the Christmas story. The homeless Christ-child, the refugee Holy Family.

Social Bite have gathered together a range of amazing people to the sleep-out. John Cleese, Deacon Blue, Rob Brydon, Sir Bob Geldof, Liam Gallagher and Amy Macdonald who will be present on the night.

You might not be able to take part yourself, a cold winter night in a park in December won't be possible for everyone. But you might know someone in your Church or workplace, a child or grandchild, a student friend or someone in a uniformed organisation, school, or a company who might be able to get involved individually or as a group. The challenge is for each individual to raise a minimum of £100 towards the cause. 2,000 people have already signed up. There's still some way to go to reach 9,000 people.

Find out more at www.SleepInThePark.co.uk

All Things Scottish Quiz

How well do you know Scotland - it's History, Culture and People? Test your Knowledge with this Quiz which is based on Scottish Place Names Famous People, History, Food, Inventions, Words & Phrases.

1. Who was the last Covenanter to be executed?

Answer:

2. It can be a pudding or a drink and consists of whisky, honey, oatmeal and sometimes cream or double cream can be added to the mixture. What is it?

Answer:

3. This dwelling place is the place to be when inclement weather is forecast.



Answer:

4. What Scots word describes a person who has a superficially charming manner but is in reality sly and untrustworthy?

Answer:

5. She was born in 1874 in Aberdeen and caused a sensation when she sang the lead role from Gustave Charpentier's Opera, *Louis*, in the Opera - Comique in Paris in 1900. Who was she?

Answer:

6. Which song composed by Robert Burns in 1793 was banned for being seditious?

Answer:

7. Who was the Scot who became one of the Directors of the Bank of England in 1694?

Answer:

8. What is a curlie - doddie?



Answer:

9. Who was the Glasgow Barrister who was sentenced to 14 years transportation to Botany Bay for making seditious speeches and circulating Thomas Paine's 'The Rights of Man'?

Answer:

10. Who was the Scot from Inverkeithing who is considered to be the Father of the Russian Navy?

Answer:

11. Which Scottish king said on his death bed "It cam wi' a lass and it'll pass wi' a lass"?

Answer:

12. He was born in Dysart in Fife in 1815, attended Edinburgh University and qualified as a Civil Engineer. He led many expeditions into the unknown territory of Australia. Who was he?

Answer:

(Answers in November magazine)
(Thanks to MK for this)



Answers to All Things Scottish in September Magazine

1. A nippy sweetie
2. The Ayrshire village of Moscow
3. The Picts
4. Cadzow Castle
5. Mons Graupius. It was fought in the Highlands round about 84AD.
6. King Eadwinesburgh of Northumbria conquered the Lothians in the early 7th century and renamed the captured Lothian settlement Eadwinesburgh. For a short time it was also called Dun-Edin, but the name Eadwinesburgh continued to be used and today is known as Edinburgh.
7. Shilpit
8. Cranachan
9. The Missionary Mary Slessor.
10. Robert Louis Stevenson
11. 470 (Four hundred & seventy)
12. Sir Henry Raeburn

LIFE & WORK MAGAZINE 2018

Can I ask for the names of anyone wishing to be added to the list of those receiving a monthly copy of the Life and Work Magazine next year?

The cover price per copy will remain at £2.50 for next year, and the annual amount will be slightly discounted as per normal (precise payment amount will be confirmed).

Alternatively, if you wish to be removed from the list of recipients, then can you please let me know as soon as possible. Either way, I need to know no later than **Sunday 12th November 2017**, or it will be assumed delivery will continue as at present with the payment becoming due for collection in February 2018. Please remember that the payment period is from February to February each year.

Your prompt payment each year is very much appreciated and does make matters easier for me.

However, if anyone has any queries or requires clarification, then please contact me by phone, or leave a message in my pigeon hole which is in the vestry corridor.

Thanks in anticipation

Ken Storrier

Teen Zone

**Games, Fun, Activities, Chat
Hot Choc & Snacks**

Large Hall Sundays 7 - 9pm

1st, 8th & 22nd October : 5th & 19th November
& 5th December

Dates for your Diary**Sunday Services during October**

Pram & Praise 10am
 Morning Service 11am
 Evening Service 6.30pm
 Tea & Coffee after morning service each week



Every Wednesday Church open 10am - noon
 for Quiet Reflection & Short Service at 11.30am

Minister's Vestry Hour each Thursday at 7.30pm
 unless otherwise intimated.

Sunday 1st October

Sunday School Fun Day 10am
 Communion 11am & 6.30pm

Monday 2nd October

Mens' Fellowship resumes 7.30pm

Tuesday 3rd October

Guild resumes 7.30pm

Sunday 8th October

Youth Organisations on Parade &
 Harvest Thanksgiving 11am service

Wednesday 11th October

Bible Study Group meets 7.30pm

Wednesday 18th October

Book Club Group 7.30pm
 Discussing 'Beneath The Cassock'
 by Joy Carroll

Monday 23rd October

Board Meets 7.30pm

Wednesday 25th October

Bible Study Group meets 7.30pm

The Guild

The new session of the Guild commences on Tuesday 3rd
 October at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

Continuing our Theme "Be Bold, Be Strong"
 In this 3rd year we are thinking about:
 "Go in Love"

A warm welcome awaits friends old and new.

The new syllabus has been distributed during the month
 of September to all who have attended before.

If you wish to receive a syllabus please contact
 Muriel McCandlish

October programme:

3rd 'Jeely Piece Night' - At Home
 10th On the Guild Theme - Rev. Fiona McKibbin
 17th Travel DVD
 24th 'My Lamp Has Gone Out' - Mrs Anna Gray
 31st 'Tales From The Court' - Stewart Houston

**United Mens' Fellowship**

We resume our meetings on Monday 2nd October
 at 7.30pm in The Session Room. A warm invitation
 is extended to old friends and new.

Programme:**October**

2nd Opening Meeting - Communion
 Rev.Drew Goodwin
 9th History of Kilwinning Abbey
 Willie Robertson
 16th Lord Kelvin - Maritime Connections
 Alex.Anderson
 23rd U-boat Warfare on the Clyde
 Alistair Alexander
 30th Uddingston Masonic Hall Plaque
 Stuart Jack

November

1st Australian Adventure
 Jean Tait

Monday Get Together

The Monday club will be holding a Tea Dance on
 the 30th October, fancy dress is optional.

Music will be provided by George Rodger and
 friends.

If you require transport to any of the Monday
 Club events or assistance when attending
 Church or hospital please contact Mary Fox or
 Anne McIntyre

The coming programme is:

October

2nd Bite & Blether
 9th Film
 16th Bite & Blether
 23rd Singalong - 'Songs You Think You Know'
 30th Tea Dance

**November**

6th Bite & Blether
 13th Film
 20th Bite & Blether
 27th Scottish Singalong

