

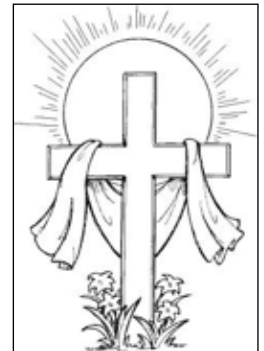
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Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

As you know, Fiona is still on sick leave. She is getting there slowly, and has asked me to thank you all for the cards and good wishes. I know she is gutted at missing Holy Week, but hopefully it won't be too much longer till she is back with us.

We are now well into the season of Lent, thinking ahead to the events of Holy Week. One of the events leading up to this momentous period was the resurrection of Lazarus. As we know, Lazarus and his sisters Martha and Mary were very close to Jesus' heart; but when he received word that Lazarus was ill, and his sisters were pleading for him to come, Jesus deliberately delays his departure so that Lazarus has been dead and buried for four days by the time he arrives in Bethany. Martha says to Jesus, somewhat resentfully,

"Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

Jesus then delivers some of his most significant words, which we often hear at funeral services:

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" he asks Martha.

Well, do we? If we are honest with ourselves, I'm sure that at times of great loss we, like Martha, may have felt like blaming God for the losses in our lives, and questioned our faith as we examine our own mortality.

What is Jesus's reaction? He stands before the tomb and weeps. He feels the loss of his friend just as acutely as any of us would feel for one of our own friends. Jesus places no barriers to his feelings about death, and his is a very human reaction. I often wonder if while weeping over Lazarus he was thinking ahead to his own death, and the impact it would have on those closest to him...

As we look ahead to Holy Week, let's think about these things, and the ultimate sacrifice he was about to make for our salvation.

Speaking of Holy Week, many of you will have heard that Park Church has decided to withdraw from the United Holy Week services. In the absence of any information on what the other churches are planning, our own Kirk Session agreed that we will host Holy Week services here in Uddingston Old, which will be open to all. These are as follows:

Sunday 14th April	Palm Sunday morning 11 am -	Bill Hastings (Reader)
	Palm Sunday evening 6.30 pm -	Rev John Stevenson
Thursday 18th April	Maundy Thursday (Communion) 7 pm -	Rev John Stevenson
Friday 19th April	Good Friday - Church will be open for quiet reflection 12noon - 3 pm	
	Good Friday evening 7 pm -	Rev Roy Tuton
Sunday 21st April	Easter Sunday morning 11am -	Rev Roy Tuton
	(no evening service)	

Blessings

Session Clerk

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Articles to the editors by
Thursday 25th April 2019

Available

Sunday 5th May 2019

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

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by e-mail to

magazine@uddingstonold.org

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on paper.

Church Roll Intimations

Baptisms



Sunday 24th March 2019

Nicole Hamilton
and

Violet Elizabeth Helen Stevenson
Daughter of James Stevenson & Nicole Hamilton

Deaths

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

Mrs Isobel Whyte

Date of Death: 26th February 2019

and

Mr William McCracken Gardner Shanks (Bill)

Date of Death: 9th March 2019

and

Mrs Anne Gould

Date of Death: 24th March 2019

and

Mrs Cathy Orr

Date of Death: 31st March 2019

SNOWDROPS

A mystery gardener brought snowdrops to the church for planting in the last week of March. We put them on the left of the gate from Old Glasgow Road and around the base of three trees at the side of the church.

We hoped to put some beside the HUBB where the Boys Brigade daffodils are providing such colour but we ran out.

If you have any snowdrops to spare that are still green let me know and I will pop them in.

Liz Lyttle



Duty Roster

Morning Service at 11am
Evening Services at 6.30pm
Front Door teams for the coming weeks:

April	7th	Mary Fox
	14th	Pamela Aitken
	21st	Janette Moore
	28th	Margaret Abercrombie

May	5th	Margaret Ballantyne
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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 Badminton Club will serve on
Sunday April 28th

After Service Teas

The total raised to the end of March for
ERSKINE is £515.27

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

LIFE AND WORK MAGAZINE - REMINDER:

With the February 2019 magazine would have been attached a small brown envelope requesting payment for the coming year, Feb 2019 through to Feb 2020. The amount requested was £30.60.

The process for payment is that your payment (cash or cheque) should be placed in your envelope, then the envelope placed in the weekly collection. The monies should then be recorded against Life and Work by those on duty in the Counting House, then the brown envelopes placed in my dookit in the vestry corridor. That allows me to record payment against your name.

Whilst many have settled this account, can I respectfully remind those who have not, that their payment is now due. However, it may also have been that payment has been made, but a few of the brown envelopes were not placed in my pigeon hole, and therefore not recorded? It may be that you wish to contact me to advise, so have provided my telephone number below.

So this is a reminder to those who receive Life and Work that this years payment is due, and to those on duty to record these payments and then provide me with the empty envelopes.

Thanks for your co-operation.....any queries, please ask.

Ken Storrier

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 said 'A good gulp of whisky at bedtime - it's not very scientific but it helps'?

Answer:

2. Who was the engineer who designed the Cantilever Railway Bridge over the River Forth?

Answer:

3. Which magazine was founded in Scotland in 1739 and is still in print?

a) Answer:

4. What is the name of the Law Court set up by James 5th of Scotland which is still a corner stone of the present day Legal System in Scotland ?

Answer:

5. Translate these English words/meanings into the equivalent Scottish words/meanings?

a) spin round b) curling match c) cream cheese
d) young sea trout e) owl f) hopscotch g) scare-crow

Answer:

6. What was discovered hidden in an oak chest in Edinburgh Castle in 1818?

Answer:

7. When & where was the first commercial steam ship in Europe to sail in open water launched, and what was its name?

Answer:

8. Which Scot's writer wrote these words 'marriage is one long conversation, chequered by disputes'?

Answer:

9. He was born in Dunbar in 1838 and emigrated to America with his family where he was largely responsible for creating America's first National Park?

Answer:

10. He set up the first commercial Oil Works in the world at Bathgate in West Lothian and is recognised globally as the man who created the foundations of the Petrochemical Industry. Who was he?

Answer:

11. Between 1894 & 1916 the Westminster UK Government had 5 Prime Ministers including 3 Scots. Who were these 3 Scots?

Answer:

12. Salmon Hash otherwise known as Tweed Kettle was a popular dish in mid-nineteenth century Edinburgh. What are the ingredients found in this dish?

Answer:

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



Answers to All Things Scottish Quiz in March Magazine

1. Sir William Wallace.

2. Wind Power. He built a wind turbine in the garden of his house to produce electricity which he used to power the lights in his garden.

3. Eric Liddell.

4. As Norway was defeated, and it led to Norway surrendering the Inner & Outer Hebridean Islands to Scotland; on the payment of 4000 marks and an agreed annual payment of 100 marks.

5. a) to deafen or weary a person with noise or talk b) to stroll or go for a stroll c) self confident, bold, brash d) to fuss about, to fiddle with, to bungle e) a lane or alley f) very or extremely g) to pick up, collect or take possession of something.

6. Oil.

7. The Orkney & Shetland Islands were ceded to Scotland and the annual payment for the Inner & Outer Hebridean Islands was cancelled. The whole of Scotland was now ruled by a Scottish King.

8. HMS Royal Oak was sunk in Scapa Flow on 14th October 1939.

9. The Piper Alpha Oil Platform situated in Scottish Waters suffered a major explosion in 1988 with the loss of 167 workers.

10. John Napier.

11. Sanford Fleming. Born in Kirkcaldy in 1827 and emigrated to Canada in 1845.

12. William McGonagall.



Wateraid Jars of Change

Lent Appeal 2019

Please remember to return your Jars of Change on Easter Sunday - 21st April 2019 or as soon as possible thereafter.



Jars of Change
Lent Appeal 2019

Uddingston Pride Update

On 15th March we held a very enjoyable Fair Trade Breakfast in the Old Parish Church, with all food being generously provided by Scotmid. Although this was a free event, a number of people very kindly made donations, which were very much appreciated. Our thanks go to Liz Vasey and the ladies of the congregation for all their hard work in making the event a great success. During the breakfast, the little children from the Treehouse Nursery planted sunflower seeds which hopefully will give an exciting display for them in due course.

At Crofthead Park, we have remodelled the entrance area. The original planting had become overgrown and untidy, and has been replaced with turf, with an area left for Uddingston Pride to plant out a more colourful display. We hope this will add to the appeal of the park, as people make their way into the play area. We have placed large boulders on the grass area beside the park entrance to prevent cars gaining access to and from the car park over the grass, which has been getting churned up and unsightly.

The Girls Brigade joined us for a litter pick on Sunday afternoon, 24th March, and a substantial amount of litter was collected, so "well done" to the girls, they did really well.

A number of pupils from Uddingston Grammar School joined us in sowing wild flower seeds at the drainage pond beside Blantyre Farm Road. This should add to the appeal of this Area, and hopefully attract bees and other wildlife.

We have part-funded a miniature hippo for the Village, and this has now been installed on a plinth at the Community Centre on Bellshill Road. We encourage you all to pay a visit there and view it. Perhaps someone will give the hippo a name.

In memory of our first Chairman, David Murdoch, we planted a young tree at Powburn in his honour. His widow, Molly, and some of her family came along on a chilly morning, and assisted with the planting. David was a key member of Uddingston Pride over many years, and it was important to remember his contribution to our development over the period since the year 2000, when the Group was formed.

Sandy Robertson

How Can We Help?

Thinking further about Jim Vasey's words in March's magazine, reminded me *that behind some brilliant, scintillating, publicised character there is someone standing in support.*

During the war one of the most colourful generals was the American General Patton. He swept through Europe like a gale of wind with his pearl-handled revolver and his flair for publicity. Someone once asked him, "How do you do it? Where on earth does the petrol come from to feed your motorised columns?"
"I don't know," said Patton, "I've got a chap who looks after that."

So behind the vivid Patton there was a quiet man, whose name no one knows, but who kept the whole army moving. When you think about that, it is like that in most varied walks of life?

So it's not so much the job that matters, but how we do it? Whatever the task, God needs it and God needs us; the point of life is not the task, *but how that task is done.*

So we should all ask ourselves, how can we help in God's work? It might not be in the forefront, but the unseen work will be seen, and the unrewarded work will be rewarded. Help comes in many forms, and we all have talents, we just need to realise it sometimes?

Ken Storrier

Soupa Sunday

We will be holding our Soupa Sunday lunch once again on 12th May, the start of Christian Aid Week.

Do **please stay on** after church or bring friends and family to enjoy a delicious selection of home made soups and make your donation to this year's Christian Aid Week appeal. Cyclone Idai in Central Africa has focused our attention on natural disasters in such parts of the world and Christian Aid are at the forefront of help in this and other hot spots where massive resources are needed.

The Soupa Sunday lunch is on Sunday 12th May, the start of Christian Aid Week, and the cost is your Christian Aid Week donation.

United Men's Fellowship

Monday 4th March

President John Caldwell welcomed members and returning guest Lorna McCafferty from St. Andrew's Hospice.

Lorna gave us an update on the refurbishment of the Hospice. Originally opened in 1986 the Hospice has now been completely refurbished to modern standards at a Capital Cost of £9m. Accommodation is for 30 inpatients with 21 single and 9 double rooms. Also provided are Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Music Therapy and other services for both inpatients and outpatients. With running costs of £7.3m per annum much of the money is raised by fundraising by the Hospice and volunteers. The Hospice also works closely with GPs, Social Work, Kilbryde Hospice as well as Marie Curie and the Prince & Princess of Wales Hospices. The ethos of the Hospice is well summed up in the phrase:

"Because you care, we can care."

The vote of thanks was given by Jim Rhind.

Monday 11th March

President John Caldwell welcomed members and introduced our guest Andy McArthur from Lanarkshire Cancer Care Trust.

Andy had worked for 40 years as a BT technician and since retiring he has devoted his life to volunteering and fundraising for various charities including Glasgow Children's Hospital and Erskine Hospital as well as LCCT.

Based in Wishaw LCCT is an independent charity providing volunteer drivers to take cancer patients to/from hospital appointments, clinics and daycare facilities. The service is for people who have no other means of getting to their appointments and who could not cope with patient transport. About 85% of funding comes from patients themselves and the general public from donations and special fundraising events. Drivers time is free of charge and they are only refunded for fuel and telephone costs.

Bobby Keys gave a warm vote of thanks.

Monday 18th March

President John Caldwell welcomed members and after Opening Devotions explained that this evening's speaker had called off at short notice. However an alternative had been arranged with Craig Mains and John Caldwell providing the entertainment for the evening. Craig had kindly brought along a slide show entitled "Name That Tune." Similar to TV show "Catchphrase" the slides invited members to "say what you see."

The members divided into two teams and with much hilarity quickly became very competitive with Team A eventually winning. In a similar vein John introduced two verbal clue quizzes entitled "Names of Cars" and "Districts of Glasgow." with once again friendly rivalry taking place and Team B eventually winning both of these rounds.

Andrew McCandlish thanked both Craig and John for a most entertaining evening.



SAVING GRACE

Lord, you are so wonderful
And deserve our love and praise
I cannot express just how I feel
When I think of your saving grace

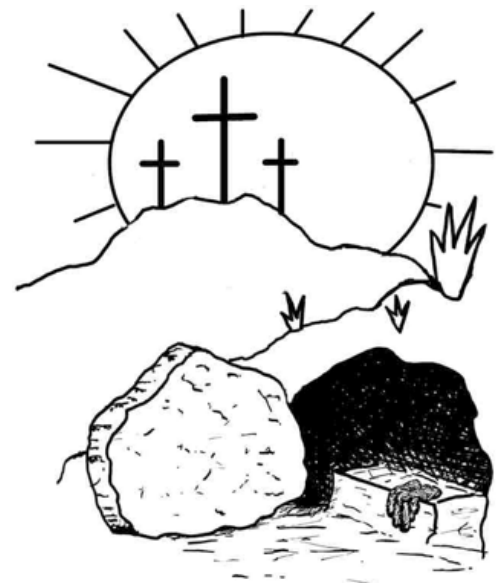
To think of what you went through
That day upon the cross
And in the moments leading up to it
When soldiers spat and scoffed

And beat you with no mercy,
Making sport and having fun
You said not a word in your defence
Even though you were God's son

You bore it all out of your love
For the lost and dying souls,
To give us a hope we can hold on to
For a future yet to unfold

It's such a beautiful description, Lord,
Of what your grace can do,
For no one's exempt from your saving grace,
But it's a gift freely given from you

By M.S.Lowndes





The Guild



Tuesday 26th February

Leader Isobel Read welcomed everyone and introduced Margaret Mowat our speaker for the evening. She had come along to tell us about 'The Free To Live Trust' "Seema's Project" which is being supported by the Guild. The main aim of the project is to build and support a home for abandoned street children in Pune, India. Margaret gave us a synopsis as to how the project started in 2014 after Dr Pam Cairns had met Seema and been told about the plight of the street children. Pune has a population of over 7 million inhabitants, and like like all large cities a well established Red-Light District. The brothels use young girls who are victims of human trafficking and are trapped and forced to become sex slaves. Many of them become pregnant and the resultant children are abandoned and left to roam the streets and fend for themselves. Seema and her husband Rev Shirish Waghmode, members of the minority Christian Community felt that something needed to be done to help these children. In 2014 they were able to secure some accommodation to to be used as a refuge for the children and after much fund raising with the support of Dr Pam Cairns they have managed to establish and build a centre in the village of Bori away from the city. With the help of the Guild over the next three years they are hoping to develop and enlarge the new centre and establish:

- a) A lunch programme for the children of the red-light district
- b) Double the number of children cared for at the Bori Home
- c) Rescue and rehabilitate some of the trafficked sex workers
- d) Provide skills for teenagers when they leave school.

Margaret also gave some harrowing details of modern day slavery and human trafficking which are taking place globally, and which thrive among some of the Nail Bars, Car Washes, Hotels, Restaurants and Brothels in the UK. Human trafficking is estimated to be worth 150 billion dollars and is seen by criminals as low risk, high gain. We were left with much to think about.

Jean Tait gave the vote of thanks.

Tuesday 5th March

This was the Guild's Fund Raiser event and Isobel Read welcomed a large turnout of members and friends who had come along to hear Denise Winton of the 'House of Colour' talk about how to 'Look Good - Feel better'. Denise, a trained image consultant and Colour Analysis expert, explained to us during a colour analysis of one of the audience, that the aim is to find through your natural skin tone, hair and eye colour the 'wow' colours to use in your wardrobe to make the most impact for your personality. By doing this confidence will be created and a feeling of well being and self esteem will help you look good and feel better in yourself.

Denise was thanked by Isobel for a fascinating demonstration and invited everyone to partake of the supper provided by the Guild members.

The Guild want to thank all who contributed to the enjoyable evening at which £616.50 was raised for Guild Funds.

Tuesday 12th March

Leader Isobel Read gave everyone a warm welcome and announced that the expected speaker was unable to attend due to illness. Secretary Muriel McCandlish had brought along a DVD of the 2018 Guild Gathering in the Caird Hall in Dundee last September which she had attended with Margaret Faith.

What an interesting DVD this turned out to be. The Moderator, Rt Reverend Susan Brown gave an inspiring address and had requested that an Agape Meal - Love Feast/Communion be served to all attending (quite an undertaking). There were very comprehensive reports from representatives from the six new projects chosen to be supported over the coming three years by the Guild with the different representatives expressing the outcome they wished to come to fruition in their 3 years of support.

Iain Whyte the General Secretary and Patricia Robertson the new Convenor gave reports and we enjoyed the singing of the chosen hymns. The DVD stimulated a renewed interest in the Gathering amongst the ladies and hopefully some new volunteers will be keen to attend this year's Gathering in September.

Tuesday 19th March

Leader Isobel Read opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the Guild's AGM. Secretary Muriel McCandlish chaired the meeting and the following reports were given:

Isobel Read - Leader's Report
Treasurer's Report - Heather Inglis
Secretary's Report - Muriel McCandlish

Isobel Read having served three years on the Leadership Team is standing down but continues on the committee. Jean Tait has agreed to join Margaret Faith & Marjory Kirkwood on the Leadership Team. Heather Inglis has agreed to continue as Treasurer and Muriel McCandlish as Secretary. Margaret Knox who has been a stalwart member of the committee especially in the kitchen is standing down and Mary Fox has agreed to come onto the committee.

After the business was concluded we all enjoyed a hilarious game of 'Holy Beetle' followed by tea and shortbread and biscuits.

Tuesday 26th March

For our closing evening of this session of the Guild we had an evening out at Angel's Hotel for an enjoyable dinner.

An evening to sit back and relax and enjoy some refreshment and a two course meal, followed by tea and coffee, served by the friendly staff. Everyone enjoyed socialising with each other and found it hard to believe another busy session had drawn to a close.



Dates for your Diary**Sunday Services**

Pram & Praise 10am
Morning Service 11am
New format Evening Services 6.30pm

Tea & Coffee after morning & evening service each week

**Sunday 7th April**

Annual Stated meeting after
11am Morning Service
Evening Service 6.30pm

Monday 8th April

Congregational Board meets 7.30pm

Sunday 14th April (Holy Week begins)

Palm Sunday Service 11am
Evening Service 6.30pm

Thursday 18th April

Maundy Thursday Communion 7pm

Friday 19th April (Good Friday)

Church open 12noon - 3pm for Quiet Reflection
Evening Service 7pm

Sunday 21st April

Easter Sunday Service 11am
(no Evening Service)

Wednesday 25th April

Conversation Cafe 10.30am - 12noon

Sunday 28th April

Morning Service 11am
Provincial Grand Lodge Divine Service 6.30pm

Wednesday 15th May

Book Club - The help by Kathryn Stockett at 7.30pm

Monday Club

Unfortunately our guest entertainers "Piggery Brae" have had to cancel on the 29th April, we hope to have them towards the end of the year. We will now be holding a Tea Dance with music by George Rodger and friends we hope you can join us for this.

The Monday Club meets from 2 to 3.30pm in the Large Hall our programme for the next few weeks is:

April

1st Bite and Blether

8th Film

15th Easter Songs of Praise

22nd HOLIDAY (Easter Monday)

29th Tea Dance (Change of programme)

May

6th Holiday

13th Bite and Blether

20th Singalong

27th Bite and Blether

June

3rd Singalong

10th Largs Trip

17th 'Our Ladies Musical Chorus'

24th Bite & Blether

**Hamilton & District Food Bank Appeal**

During April, we will be collecting for the Foodbank.

A list of urgently required items is given. Unfortunately, stocks are once again dwindling as more people are having to use this service to get by. Please give generously (as always). There will be buckets for the collection at the front of the church.

The items on right are in short supply

No Soup, beans or dried pasta are required at this time as there is ample amounts of these in the warehouse

Any Queries - Please phone Liz Vasey

If you want to see what the Foodbank is all about please visit hamiltondistrict.foodbank.org.uk or their Facebook page.

**ITEMS NEEDED**

UHT Milk, Jam, Biscuits

Tinned Tomatoes, Meat, Tuna,
Potatoes, Spaghetti, Tinned Veg
Macaroni Cheese

Tinned Fruit, Tinned Rice Pudding/
Custard

Jars of Pasta and Curry Sauce

Snacks - Instant Noodles, Savoury
Pasta, Pot Noodles etc

Chocolate, Diluting Juice

Male & Female Toiletries urgently
needed

Soap, Deodorant, Shampoo

Shower Gel, Shaving Foam/gel

Talcum Powder, Toothpaste