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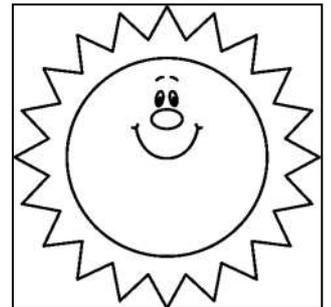
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Pastoral Letter



Dear Friends

How you holding up? I've lost track of the weeks, but I think we are just leaving week 12 which means it's closer to the lock down being lifted. Well done everyone!

I don't know about you but I've struggled this week, it feels as if I have hit a wall. I've struggled with fatigue, with doubts, with uncertainty and too many unanswered questions e.g. what will our worshipping community look like when we return. How can we continue to minister to people when we don't see them and can't be with them in their time of need? Are the virtual worship vlogs reaching people? What else should we as a worshipping community be doing to connect with each other. There are so many unanswered questions and yet all I can do is trust in the Holy Spirit who is nudging me in a new direction.

Don't get me wrong I am in many ways in a hurry to get back into the church building and yet hesitant as I don't want us to go back to the old ways. I want everyone to be safe on their return. I want our focus to be on discipleship and fellowship. I want our church to be a hub of activity 7 days a week with Christ at the forefront. However, I truly want this season to be a season of rest for all of us, to step back from the hustle and bustle of church community and reflect honestly and openly upon our own personal relationship with Christ. What part do each of us play in forming our worshipping community? What gifts can we offer to strengthen our worshipping community?

I recognise that these moments of doubts, of struggle, of fears, of joy, of unanswered questions are part of what makes us human beings and should be embraced not be feared. They are part of the adventure of discipleship for Jesus says:

If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. (Luke 9:23)

I am reminded of what Bear Grylls the British adventurer says about following Jesus.

'When we pursue an adventurous path through life, inevitably we are going to have moments of hardship, doubt, struggle and pain. Its goes with the territory. But for me, my simple faith has so often brought light to a dark path, joy to a cold mountain and strength to a failing body. It has taken a while in my life to understand that faith is a journey, and as we trust and lean on Him, He leads us to the light.'

That call for an active adventurous disciple of Jesus is as urgent as ever and this will only happen if we allow the Holy Spirit to awaken us from the comfort of our slumber. Our challenge in this season is to rediscover a healthy sense of passion and adventure in responding to the call of Jesus to follow him.

Be strong my friends.

Rev Fiona xxx

Reverend Fiona McKibbin

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We are considering putting out a short Newsletter in July to keep everyone up to date with changing arrangements

Articles for the September magazine to the editors by
Thursday 27th August 2020

Available

Sunday 6th September 2020

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

Submissions can be sent direct to the editors 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 family of

Miss Susan Morrison (Anne)
Date of Death: 13th May 2020

Parish Funerals conducted by Rev. Fiona McKibbin

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

of
Mr Graham McKirdy
Date of Death: 3rd May 2020

and
Mr Wilson McLean
Date of Death: 24th May 2020

and
Mrs Jaconbina Trip (Ina)
Date of Death: 24th May 2020

Congratulations & Celebrations

Diamond Wedding

Congratulations to Phyllis & Robert French who celebrated 60 years of marriage on Wednesday 3rd June 2020.

Golden Wedding

Congratulations to Anne & Joe Ford who celebrate 50 years of marriage on Tuesday 23rd June 2020.



Uddingston Old Parish Church

Sunday Virtual Worship

We hope that you will all be able to join us at 11am for our virtual Sunday worship.

The vlogs will go live at 11am each week on the Church Website via the following link

www.uddingstonold.org



Should the website not be accessible the vlogs can also be viewed on the church's YouTube Channel at

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8j0Fj2Z_H2vdnXlvPRZVyw



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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 known as 'Madam Ecosse' in the European Parliament?

Answer:

2. In the 1880's this Mill Owner was considered a prince among philanthropists for the way he insisted that no child under the age of 10 years would work in his mill; and that their hours of work, excluding meal times, would be 10 hours 45 minutes. Who was he?

Answer:

3. Who was the Scottish author who wrote the following: 'Marriage is one long conversation, chequered by disputes'?

Answer:

4. Who was Somerled the Viking?

Answer:



5. Why is he important to Scottish History?

Answer:

6. Give the English meaning to these Scottish words:

- a) dabbity b) bauldie c) fricht d) tackety
e) swither f) popeseye g) mavis

Answer:

7. In August 1784 the people of Edinburgh saw Britain's first ever hot-air balloon flight; as a very large globe, filled with hot-air and a basket underneath carrying the pilot, glided over the city. Who was the pilot?

Answer:

8. At Glasgow University, due to his well known appetite, this Scottish politician was given the nickname 'Gannet' which stayed with him for the rest of his life. Who was he?

Answer:

9. During her tennis career she won 64 titles in Scotland and became the National Tennis Coach for Scotland in the 1990's. Who is she?

Answer:

10. Who was the Scottish Poet who wrote the following?

'But pleasures are like poppies spread,
You seize the flower, its bloom is shed,
Or like the snowfalls in the river
A moment white, then melts forever.'

Answer:

11. He was the first Scot to hold a world title in boxing which he successfully defended in 1937 in Glasgow. During his career he won 82 out of 110 bouts. Who was he?

Answer:

12. He was a great Scottish warrior who fought with King Robert the Bruce at Bannockburn. After Bruce died in 1329, his warrior friend took the King's heart on a Crusade in Spain; where he was killed fighting for the Christian Army. Who was this warrior?

Answer:

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

Answers to All Things Scottish Quiz in May Magazine

1. It is considered the traditional spot where Marjory Bruce, daughter of King Robert the Bruce, was thrown from her horse and killed.

2. Sir Walter Scott.

3. Desperate Dan 9a comic strip cowboy).

4. 'fu' o' weeds'. The saying means that actions are much more useful than mere words.

5. German General, Irwin Rommel. Sir David Stirling, founder of the S.A.S..

6. a) safe / free from danger b) exercise book c) crow d) greasy e) stroll / saunter f) a flat stone used in a game of Hopscotch also called peever.

7. The song was heard at the ports of Glasgow and Greenock as Scots, seeking a new life by emigrating abroad, boarded ships sailing to America

8. Sean Connery. (He became a film star by playing James Bond, a character created by writer Ian Fleming, in 7 Bond Films).

9. The Act created the establishment of Parish Schools throughout the whole of Scotland. This allowed the ordinary people of Scotland to be taught to read and write which raised Scotland to the front rank of Educated Nations.

10. Engineer and Inventor sir Stanford Fleming. He was born in Kirkcaldy in 1827 and died in Nova Scotia, Canada, in 1915.

11. Athenia, a Clyde - built passenger ship.

12. Sir Alexander Fleming (1881 - 1955).

Some more thoughts to ponder....

1. A will is a dead giveaway.

2. Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana.

3. A backward poet writes inverse.

4. In a democracy it's your vote that counts; in feudalism, it's your Count that votes.

5. A chicken crossing the road: poultry in motion.

6. If you don't pay your exorcist you can get repossessed.

7. With her marriage she got a new name and a dress.

8. Show me a piano falling down a mine shaft and I'll show you A-flat miner.

9. When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.

10. The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine was fully recovered.

11. A grenade fell onto a kitchen floor in France, and resulted in Linoleum Blown apart.

12. You are stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.

Enjoy Summertime

Uddingston Pride Update

Due to the present difficulties we are all suffering, it is not easy to make plans for this coming summer. However, we are hoping to have the planters along the Main Street in place and planted out in early June. We will not be able to get assistance from the Council Payback team, however, our contractor has agreed to deliver and install the planters under the contract, always complying with the current regulations. South Lanarkshire Council have agreed to put up the hanging baskets, so the Main Street will look colourful once again - or so we hope! The Group will be on hand to assist with the locating of the displays, whilst keeping the required social distance.



Unfortunately, we have heard from Scotrail that they will not permit anyone on to the platforms who is not an essential key worker traveller, and we have therefore being prevented from providing the usual displays at the station, which is a major disappointment to us all. The station is such a feature of the summer in Uddingston, greatly enjoyed by locals, and travellers passing through.

At the Old Parish, plans are well in hand to plant out the barrels, pots, and beds in the Church garden. Delivery of the plants is due in early June, and the team will be planting them shortly thereafter, so the garden will look colourful and cheery once again. Let's hope we can all get a chance to enjoy the flowers when the services eventually resume - hopefully sooner rather than later.

Some of the ladies of Park Church have been busy collecting litter from around the Village, during their daily walks, and have managed to fill a lot of bags with rubbish. We are most grateful to them for their efforts on behalf of the Community, it's great to have such support. We have a limited number of pickers available if anyone fancies doing a solo litter pick to keep your Village looking just a little bit tidier.

Best wishes to you all from us all at Uddingston Pride - stay safe and keep well.

Sandy Robertson

Our Journey

This is the journey and this is the road,
Helping each other and sharing the load,
Walking together and seeking the way,
Sharing the wonder and seizing the day.

Making discoveries, lessons to learn,
New exploration as seasons return,
Finding a way to forget and forgive,
Counting our blessings and learning to live.

This is the journey and now is the time,
New paths to follow and mountains to climb,
Travelling onward, enjoying each mile,
Rejoice in the moment, the journey
worthwhile.

I would never have believed 8 weeks of uncut
hair would weigh over a stone.

But if that's what the scales say it must be right!

On finding a piece of folded
card with the letters **T.T.T.**
printed on it, I opened it to
read
these lines

Put it in a place
Where it's easy to see ____
This cryptic admonishment
T.T.T.
So whenever depressingly low
you climb,
It's well to remember that
THINGS TAKE TIME.

Some Advice (Tongue in Cheek)

Please take your clothes out of your wardrobe
regularly, air them and allow them to stand in
sunlight.

Recent studies have shown that clothes kept in
wardrobes during lockdown will shrink.

