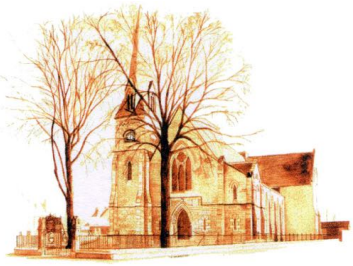

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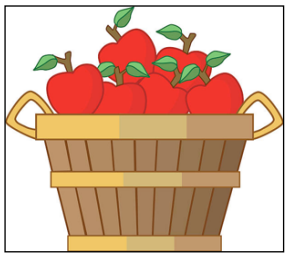

Pastoral Letter

On this rock I will build my church and not even death will ever be able to overcome it
(Matthew 16:18)

Dear Friends,

The last 6 months have been hard, weary and challenging. We could never have envisaged this dramatic alteration to our way of life. All that we have known, all that we did has been made obsolete. Everything that we value however has in many ways become more precious to us: Our families, our friends, our faith. These are the things that we can depend upon when everything else has changed around us, that includes the church. The building has closed but the church hasn't. If you think it has, then rethink that idea … for **the church is the people**, the building allows us to gather collectively that is the difference. Our faith is steadfast and sure. Our habit of going to church on a Sunday has changed. New routines are now being formed with gradual lockdown restrictions being eased. Young and old are finding new ways of being family, new ways of using technology to their advantage, more people are working from home. We have to make choices and often difficult choices of what we can and cannot do … over the last two weeks all of my work has been taken up with conference after conference, meeting after meeting and then finally the General Assembly. I understand the fatigue that is arising with online meetings … I too am fatigued … so yeah a key aspect for all of us retired or working, young or old is striking the balance … to work at a steady pace and yet enjoy the new way of being.

To be honest this is an opportunity to re-evaluate our life, our faith, our humanity and it doesn't come along very often … so we must find a way to embrace the situation … if you wanted things to change then what is stopping you? If you wanted to reflect on your faith journey then what is stopping you? … as a person of faith and part of a worshipping community what is stopping you from living out the Gospel? We are all in this together … all of us have to take some responsibility to make changes.

I recognise that this is hard, yet I truly believe that God is not finished with us. This is a new part of our journey with God. Our hope in this time of darkness is God our maker. God is not finished with us yet … God has awakened us from our slumber and we have no excuse now … our call is to bring hope in these challenging times. We have to live by the gospel teachings. Love each other and those whom you struggle with and also by sharing the gospel, reconnecting with Jesus and each other..

At the moment our buildings are closed but the church is not …

you are the church … believe me or not

GOD IS NOT FINISHED WITH US YET ..

GOD WILL CONTINUE TO BUILD HIS CHURCH.

AMEN

Blessings

Rev Fiona

Reverend Fiona McKibbin

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Articles for the November magazine to the editors by **Thursday 22nd October 2020**

Available **Sunday 1st November 2020**

We are alway 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

Church Roll Intimations

Deaths

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

Mr Alexander Cowan
Date of Death: 6th September 2020

and

Mrs Ena McIntosh
Date of Death: 21st September 2020

Ministry of Soup

Although the church buildings have been closed and we have been unable to run our Friday Community Café, the church has still been very active by taking the café to the people, delivering soup and home baking both to our regular café attendees and others.

This has been much appreciated by the recipients, not only for the soup and goodies themselves, but also to show them that the church is still there for them.

If you would like to be added to our list, or know anyone who would, please contact Liz Vasey on 07432 729508.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Like the Soup Cafe we have similarly been unable to hold our usual Coffee Morning to raise funds for Macmillan. Instead, during the month of September we have been offering home baking, made and delivered by the soup team and friends, with all monies donated going to Macmillan and augmented by the Community Café. We have been greatly heartened by the response, and in due course we will confirm on the church website and Facebook page the final total raised.

Thanks to all who have helped/donated!

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 10.45am 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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Season of Mellow Fruitfulness

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. What is the name of the Scotsman who founded the Encyclopaedia Britannica?
Answer:

2. Where is the Scottish landmark that is always angry?
Answer:

3. It was known as the marriage of the Thistle and the Rose and took place in 1503. Who were the two people who were married in this ceremony?
Answer:

4. What Scottish author died in 1832 and was buried beside his wife in the ruins of Dryburgh Abbey?
Answer:

5. He was raised on the Ferguslie Park Housing Estate in Paisley; and became famous for his Dramas such as 'Tutti Frutti' and 'The Slab Boys'. Who was he?
Answer:

6. The Martyrs Memorial in Greyfriars Kirkyard in Edinburgh was erected in 1707. Who were being commemorated on this Memorial?
Answer:

7. What organisation was responsible for blowing up several Postal Pillar Boxes in Scotland that had the E11R insignia?
Answer:

8. He was born in Edinburgh in1563 and became a very successful Goldsmith firstly in Edinburgh then in London; where he amassed a great fortune which earned him the name of 'jinglin Georgie'. Who was he?
Answer:

9. Some of the names in Southern Scotland originated from the Welsh Language such as **'pybyll'** meaning 'sheilings' and **'calchvynydd'** meaning 'chalk hill'. What are the modern names for these townships?
Answer:

10. He was born in Edinburgh in 1726 and, nowadays, he is recognised as 'the father of modern geology'. Who was he?
Answer:

11. In 1897 a large group of demonstrators marched in Bannockburn claiming "**……. is more to be feared by the Scottish people then the enemy faced by our forefathers in1314**". Who were these demonstrators and what was the reason for their demonstration?
Answer:

12. Who were known as 'The Edinburgh Seven'.?
Answer:

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

Enjoy Autumn

Answers to All Things Scottish Quiz in September Magazine

1. On 10th February 1306 Robert the Bruce, aided by Sir Rodger Kirkpatrick, murdered in the Monastery of the Grey Friars in Dumfries, a powerful Scottish Nobleman known as 'Red Comyn'. On 25th March 1306, Robert the Bruce was crowned King of Scots at Scone .

2. They were the seven companions of 'Bonnie Prince Charlie' who had sailed with him from France and landed with him on the Isle of Eriskay in the Western Isles on 23rd July 1745. This was the start of the doomed Jacobite Rebellion which ended in its defeat at the Battle of Culloden in 1746.

3. The 'Great Plaid' is a large piece of thick cloth worn belted around the waist and often folded in pleats. The upper part of the plaid could be be worn around the shoulders or even as a hood over the Head. Underneath the plaid the Highlander wore a type of linen 'shirt' known as a 'leine'.

4. He was James Watt (1736-1819) Engineer and Inventor. (Letter to his wife in 1767).

5.The missing word is 'creep'. The saying means that money soon accumulates if you save it.

6. a) a spout, spurt or squirt b) any kind of glove c) underground cellar or basement
d) exclamation of impatience, disappointment, contempt e) be quiet, shut up f) a dull, stupid, soft person g) must

7. It was the Bank of Scotland, founded in Edinburgh in 1695 by an Act of the Scottish Parliament and funded by 172 Private Shareholders.

8. It was the first Bank in Europe to issue its own Banknotes in 1696.

9. Actress Margaret Moffat and Ann Fraser who was the sister of Helen Fraser, a Prominent Member of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Association for Women's Suffrage.

10. It commemorates the founding in 1725 by General George Wade of 6 companies of Highland soldiers as a "Watch" to maintain Law and Order in the area. By 1739 the 6 Companies had become 10 and it became officially known as the Black Watch Regiment. This Regiment has gone on to serve the U.K. with courage and prestige, gaining many Battle Honours in the centuries that followed its creation.

11. Neck of lamb or a good marrow bone, young carrots, small sweet white turnips, cauliflower, lettuce , green peas, broad beans, spring onions parsley, salt and pepper and water. The lamb should be fresh and the vegetables young and sweet.

12. William Ewart Gladstone, fourth son of Scots born Sir John Gladstone and his second wife, Anne Robertson, who was from Dingwall in the Highlands of Scotland.

Uddingston Pride Update

Like everyone else this year, the Group has been severely restricted in what we could do around the Village. With no Britain in Bloom Competition this year, and with the requirement to maintain social distancing, our efforts have been very limited. However, we were able to enhance the appearance of the Gateway Sign at Powburn Toll by removing an area of grass, and planting a selection of shrubs in the bed that was formed. We hope the planting will provide a more attractive welcome to Uddingston for years to come. We were also able to plant some young trees around the new drainage pond between the motorway and Blantyre Farm Road, and we stocked the pond with some newts and frogs which were displaced by the motorway works, and we hope the new little colony will thrive and expand over time.

South Lanarkshire Council were unable to maintain our War Memorial this year, due to current financial constraints, and we decided that such an important part of Village life had to be kept at its best, so we undertook to maintain the little garden at the memorial ourselves, and you will see that we have managed to keep the area looking attractive and tidy as usual.

Autumn is well and truly with us now, and it is time for the baskets and mangers along the Main Street will be removed shortly. Seems a shame, but the little plants in the planters are all dying off now, and starting to look a bit sad, so it's time for them to go.

As entrants for the cancelled Britain in Bloom Competition, we have automatically been entered into the Competition in 2021, so we are keeping our fingers crossed that next year we will be able to resume "business as usual" and have the Village looking at its best once again. We can only hope that the current difficult situation will be resolved in the not-too-distant future, and we can all return to a more "normal" life.

Sad to report that the road to Greyfriars has been subjected to extensive fly-tipping, which is both unsightly and environmentally damaging. The Council have had to spend precious resources to remove the debris, and we can only hope that these inconsiderate people will dispose of their rubbish in a legal manner in future, and the problem will not be repeated.

Due to the ongoing Covid 19 situation, we have had to take the decision that our annual Christmas Open Day cannot go ahead this year. A disappointment to us all, the event is one of the highlights of the Winter in Uddingston, but we can't encourage people to come out in numbers and have school choirs singing, dancers dancing, and bands playing, none of which would not be permitted under the current regulations.

Sandy Robertson

Friends we are now close to reopening our church

Our aim is to have our first service on

Tuesday 13th October at 2pm in our large hall.

You will have to book a seat as places are limited.

Face coverings must be worn and there will be a one way system for entry and exit.

Please note if you have any symptoms of ill health please do not come.

Stay at home and contact the relevant people.

Please be aware at the moment you will be watching our online vlogs.

If you have already booked a seat you will receive an invitation to come and join us.

If not there is still time to book so have a think about it .

At the forefront of all of this we must ensure the safety and wellbeing of everyone

who enters our buildings..

We are looking forward to seeing some of you in person

Blessings Rev Fiona

To book a place contact Rev Fiona on 01698 814757

Dear All

I do hope you and your wider families are well and safe.

A little while ago Presbytery Moderator, the Rev Maxine Buck, received a letter from St Andrew's Hospice asking if a message could be circulated to all congregations with regard to a collection on St Andrew's Day (or the Sunday nearest) for St Andrew's Hospice.

There were no details on how to donate and in these COVID times of virtual services etc. I could imagine the logistics of such a request would not be easy.

I contacted St Andrew's Hospice and they have finally come back to me with details of ways to donate.

I now send this information on to you with an explanation sheet about the work of the hospice. Obviously the decision is yours as to how you deal with this.

Stay safe.

Kind regards
Mrs Elizabeth Cruickshank
PA to Presbytery Clerk
Church of Scotland Presbytery of Hamilton SC048680

Alternative Ways to Donate

1. Donations can be made by bank card over the telephone to St Andrew's Hospice Fundraising Department – Monday to Friday 9am to 4.30pm on 01236 766951. If people could advise it is a donation for the St Andrew's Day Church Collection that would be great.

2. Donations can be paid by texting to the text donate – please see above

3. Donations can be paid online via the Hospice website – www.st-andrews-hospice.com. There is a donate button on the top right hand corner of the screen.

4. Donations can also be paid by sending in a cheque etc to :- St Andrew's Hospice, 1 Henderson Street, Airdrie ML6 6DJ.

Something to chuckle over ….

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen.

The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, 'Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great... I would recommend it very highly.'

The other man said, 'What is the name of the restaurant?'

The first man thought and thought and finally said, 'What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know ... the one that's red and has thorns.'

'Do you mean a rose?'
'Yes, that's the one,' replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, 'Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?'

As Remembrance Day Approaches……

With Remembrance Day approaching and it being highly unlikely that we will be able to gather as we would normally do I am asking if you would help me to pay our respects in another way.

You will find part of our grass marked out in the shape of a cross and I invite all of you to either knit/ crochet poppies and place them inside our cross. I am also asking if you would like to paint a pebble / stone and place it at our cross. As you place the poppies in whatever shape of form into our cross silhouette then please take a moment to think and reflect. If you want to attach them to our railings please do so. If you are unable to go to the church and want them collected give me a phone

Blessings to all of you

Rev Fiona (01698 814757)

Knitted Poppy Brooch

You will need
A pair of 3.75mm needles (UK size 9)
Any Double Knitting red yarn
A small black button

Cast on 70 sts using red yarn.
Rows 1-4 garter stitch
Row 5 (Knit 2 together) to end (35 stitches)
Row 6 garter stitch
Row 7 (K 2 tog) 8times, Knit 1, (K 2 tog) to end (18sts)
Row 8 garter stitch
Row 9 (Knit2tog)to end (9sts)

Break off yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread tail through remaining 9 sts and pull tight, then fasten off yarn. Join the edges of the poppy together and sew the black button in the centre of the poppy.

Something else to chuckle over ….

An elderly gentleman...
Had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%

The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, 'Your hearing is perfect … Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again.'

The gentleman replied, 'Oh, I haven't told my family yet.
I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!'