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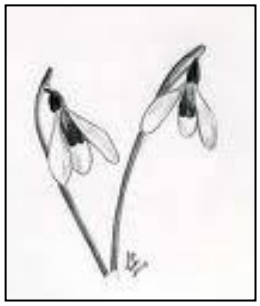

Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

Can I on behalf of the Manse family take this opportunity, albeit belated but nevertheless heartfelt, to wish 'A Happy New Year' to you all!

And what a past year it has been: the loss of loved ones and friends not only in our church but also within the parish. The ongoing online worship services; what a learning curve it has been for us all and I must take this opportunity to thank those who have been willing to record themselves reading scripture, to young Andrew McCandlish in Germany who every week uploads our vlogs to our website and YouTube and to my son Adam who has learned quickly how to record and edit his mother's vlogs. I think by the time this is put on the website and into print he will have recorded over 100 vlogs for the Old Parish

However, I recognise that none of us expected to be still in this situation, none of us expected to be out of the church building for this amount of time and yet here we are; the church without walls in action. The church community trying to support each other during this Exodus. This time in the wilderness has given us an opportunity to show this worshipping community that we don't just speak the fine words of our faith, rather we also put our faith into action so that others who were in need could also know the light, love, joy, peace and hope of Jesus Christ. On top of this, each of us will have our own personal worries, distress and fears.

With the days still dark and cold it is easy to despair about the future and to be honest I don't know about you but I too am weary and at times struggle not only with supporting the parish but also supporting my family. There are times when I struggle to even connect deeply with God and that is ok. When faced with these doubts I remind myself that when the burdens of life weigh heavily upon us we need to have the courage to step back and look to the hills as the Psalmist did –

"I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where my help will come"

The magnitude and grandeur of the hills draws us away from ourselves and broadens our horizons, just as it did for the Psalmist who then saw that:

"My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth."

In that moment the Psalmist knew, despite all that he was enduring, that he was not alone that the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth was with him.

Friends when we are in those moments of doubt let's find a way to take a step outside our front door and just breathe in and out slowly allowing the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth, fill our hearts with the truth that God is with us, and that whatever we have to face we are not alone.

Blessings

Rev Fiona, *Reverend Fiona McKibbin*

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Articles for the March magazine to the editors by **Thursday 25th February 2021**

Available **Sunday 7th March 2021**

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 on paper.

Church Roll Intimations

Deaths

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

Mrs Margaret Knox
Date of Death: 24th December 2020

and
Mrs Morag MacLeod Kirk
Date of Death: 11th January 2021

and
Miss Marjory Muir Kirkwood
Date of Death: 19th January 2021

and
Mrs Janette Boyd Skewies
Date of Death: 24th January 2021

and
Mr John Boyd
Date of Death: 27th January 2021

and
Mrs Alice McLaren
Date of Death: 29th January 2021

Parish Funerals conducted by Rev. Fiona McKibbin

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

Mrs Elizabeth Currie (Bette)
Date of Death: 7th December 2020

and

Mrs Valerie Day
Date of Death: 31st December 2020

and

Mrs Margaret Pew
Date of Death: 13th January 2021

Thank You

The Kirk family would like to thank everyone for their kindness and support following the death of our Mother Morag.

The cards, letters and flowers have been very much appreciated, as was the support shown by many on the day of the funeral, at Castle Wynd, the church and along the route to Daldowie Crematorium.

We are overwhelmed by the response to the JustGiving page in aid of Alzheimer Scotland which currently has raised over £1500

Stay connected with the

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LIFE and WORK MAGAZINE 2021

A belated Happy New Year, and a sincere hope that the current restrictions will ease and we might enjoy some "face to face" time soon?

As a consequence of these restrictions, the way you receive your magazine has also changed. As the Church building has been closed, I decided to deliver your Magazine personally, and have been doing so every 2 months e.g. 2 editions at a time. I do hope that this does not inconvenience you and that you are still enjoying the Magazine and content? The next two editions will be delivered circa mid-February, or whenever I receive the next batch.

As in previous years, it would be my intention to attach a small brown envelope to this delivery to advise of the money due for 2021. As per the Church Magazine article back in November, the amount for the coming year is £36. Due to the different circumstances, you could either drop the money/ cheque off at my house (106 Kylepark Drive), or if it suited you better, you could contact me and I would uplift the money from your house? (cheques should be made out to Uddingston Old Parish Church). If you wanted to do a bank transfer direct to the UOPC account, then if you contacted me I would provide the relevant details?

You can let me know your preference by calling my home number 01698 816355 (if I don't answer, then please leave a message with your name and contact number, and I will get back to you), or alternatively you can call my mobile on 07720 695853 and leave a message as before. Another option would be to email me your preference on kps1218@virginmedia.com

Hope this is all clear, but if not then please call me on one of the above numbers to discuss.

Thanks and stay safe. Ken Storrier

Tae the Virus

Wee sleekit slippy sticky virus
Oh whit a time you've giein tae us
Stuck in the hoose to climb the wa's
The weans are scunnert and so are the maws
When will ye leave and gie's peace
Oh aye we ken we should take heed
To level four the lockdown rules
Stay hame stay safe and dinnae be fools
So raise a glass and wish yer freens
Guid health and times when we can meet
Within the church to hiv guid craic
Stay safe be strong dinnae let it beat us
Bide by the rules and we can dae this
Hope you had a Happy Burns Day!!!

(With slight amendment from a
What's App message received)

COMMUNITY CAFÉ

During December, the Community Café raised funds for Christian Aid.

Thanks to everyone who helped raise the magnificent sum of £1230

Hopefully the Cafe will be able to resume and continue their very welcome visits once Lockdown Restrictions are eased.

A big Thank You to all involved.

Out of the cold and frozen earth
The tiny shoots appear,
And always take me by surprise
At this time of year.
These dainty fragile drops of white
On slender stalks of green,
Have somehow sprung up overnight
Upon the Winter scene.
They are the first of all the flowers
To brave the ice and cold ——-
Who gives the secret strength they have
To stand there brave and bold?
Kathleen Gillum

Some Silly Signs to Cheer Us Up

In an office:
TOILET OUT OF ORDER... PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW

In a Laundrette:
AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT

In a London department store:
BARGAIN BASEMENT UPSTAIRS

In an office:
WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE STEP LADDER YESTERDAY PLEASE BRING IT BACK OR FURTHER STEPS WILL BE TAKEN

In an office:
AFTER TEA BREAK STAFF SHOULD EMPTY THE TEAPOT AND STAND UPSIDE DOWN ON THE DRAINING BOARD

Outside a secondhand shop:
WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING - BICYCLES, WASHING MACHINES, ETC. WHY NOT BRING YOUR WIFE ALONG AND GET A WONDERFUL BARGAIN?

Notice in health food shop window:
CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS

Spotted in a safari park:
ELEPHANTS PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR

Seen during a conference:
FOR ANYONE WHO HAS CHILDREN AND DOESN'T KNOW IT, THERE IS DAY CARE ON THE 1ST FLOOR

Notice in a farmer's field:
THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO CROSS THE FIELD FOR FREE , BUT THE BULL CHARGES

On a repair shop door:
WE CAN REPAIR ANYTHING. (PLEASE KNOCK HARD ON THE DOOR - THE BELL DOESN'T WORK)

In Appreciation

Muriel as Editor of the magazine, will miss Marjory Kirkwood's contributions in the form of her quizzes and puzzles over a long number of years and also her reports from the Guild meetings.

She volunteered to spend time and effort as a regular contributor each month and was a big help in getting out the magazine as I could always depend on a page or two of her work which made my life a bit easier and certainly enriched my knowledge as I typed up her monthly contributions.

It was sad that she was hospitalised for the last few weeks of her life and unable to have the company of friends and family.