UDDINGSTON OLD PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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Dear Friends,

Why is it always about God in Church? That my friends, was a question put to me by a five-year-old who attends our Pram & Praise and Sunday School, and it has made me think, and rightly so... and I will continue to reflect upon this question as I continue my own personal journey of faith. **Why is it always about God in Church?**

Firstly, Jesus's greatest commandment *was to love God with all our heart, being,* mind, *and strength and also to love our neighbour as ourselves (Mark 12:30-31).* The apostle Paul's exhortation to the church at Philippi and us was that:

"if anything is excellent and if anything is admirable, focus your thoughts on these things: all that is true, all that is holy, all that is just, all that is pure, all that is lovely, and all that is worthy of praise. Practice these things: whatever you learned, received, heard, or saw in us" (Phil 4:8-9).

Secondly, Worshipping God whether it be as an individual or a community of faith allows us to approach worship with knowledge, insight, reason, memory, creativity, inquiry, imagination, and even doubt. Yet for many Christians they are unprepared to engage with these traits, yet Christianity calls us to fully engage with our faith. If we, who are Christians see the importance of these passages then why do we think that the one hour a week on a Sunday morning is enough? Why are so many Christians unwilling to fully engage with scripture, prayer and so on outwith Sunday worship? Why do many Christians expect to be entertained on a Sunday morning rather than fully participating in worship?

As one writer wrote *"we could learn a lot from the Jewish tradition that those who believe - the Sabbath begins at sundown. Then the activities and things with which we fill our minds the night before could better frame our worship attitudes as we gather on the Sabbath. What we do, whom we spend our time with, what we watch, and what we think about could negatively or positively influence our worship attitudes as we gather." (David Manner).*

We as a church are being called to dream, think, plan, prepare and dream about God, about church, about worship. To enable ourselves and others to take ownership in our own worship responses. It enables all of us to be fully active, become thoughtful participants as we deepen our relationship with God. Worship or love God and others must be something with which we fill our minds or it can become self-serving. Unless we are thinking about it, considering it, processing it, meditating on it, studying it, and learning how to get better at it, how will we fulfil God's commission to bring others to faith. Once we have worked that out then we can truly answer the question ***Why is it always about God in Church?***

Blessings

Rev Fiona *Reverend Fiona McKibbin*

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Articles for the June Magazine to the editor by **Thursday 26th May 2022**

Available

Sunday 5th June 2022

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

Submissions can be sent direct to the editors or by e-mail magazine@uddingstonold.org or on paper.

Church Roll Intimations

Baptism

Sunday 3rd April 2022

Archie James Stevenson

Son of Jamie & Nicole (nee Hamilton)

Marriage

Saturday 9th Aril 2022

Fraser Burt & Jillian Gehrmann

Deaths

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

Mr James John Griffen

Date of Death: 9th April 2022

and

Mr William Paterson

Date of Death: 9th April 2022

UDDINGSTON OLD PARISH COMMUNITY CAFÉ

The Café is open on Fridays

from 12noon until 2pm in the large hall.

We will be adhering to current Government and Church of Scotland guidelines to ensure everyone's safety.

All appropriate measures will be in place.

We look forward to seeing you there.

If you are able to volunteer

please contact Liz Vasey

Ascension Day is the 40th day of Easter. It occurs 39 days after Easter Sunday. It is a Christian holiday that **commemorates Jesus Christ's ascension into heaven**, according to Christian belief. Ascension Day marks the 40th day after Jesus Christ's resurrection, according to Christian belief.

Stay connected with the

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and

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Door Duty Roster

Morning Service at 11am
Front Door teams for the next month:

May	8th	Team 3	Helen Cuthbert
	15th	Team 4	Andrew McCandlish
	22nd	Team 5	Muriel McCandlish
	29th	Team 6	Colin Pettigrew
June	5th	Team 7	Ken Storrier

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.

Easter Morning

He is Risen
Risen Indeed
Hallelujah

This photograph was taken at the Sunrise Service on Easter Day.

It was so good to be able to meet after 2 years and five churches were represented. We pray that next year a selfie will not be able to capture everyone.

In The Good or Bad Old Days!!

More Things My Parents Taught Me

My Parents taught me about ***ANTICIPATION***.
"Just wait until we get home."

My Parents taught me about ***RECEIVING***.
"You are going to get it when you get home!"

My Parents taught me ***MEDICAL SCIENCE***.
"If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way."

My Parents taught me ***ESP***.
"Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"

My Parents taught me ***HUMOUR***.
"When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."

My Parents taught me ***HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT***.
"If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."

My Parents taught me ***GENETICS***.
"You're just like your father."

My Parents taught me ***WISDOM***.
"When you get to be my age, you'll understand."

My Parents taught me about ***JUSTICE***.
"One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you !"

Monday Club

Our Monday Club runs from 2 to 3.30pm in the large hall.
We have a varied programme of Singalongs, Games and quiz afternoons, films and this session some fantastic afternoons of musical entertainment provided by George Rodger and Christeen MacMurdie.
There is always a warm welcome with plenty of homebaking, tea and coffee and of course chat.
Our Programme is gradually expanding as Covid restrictions ease.
All are welcome.
Any queries contact Mary on 07742 888623

Programme

May

2nd Games
9th Film
16th Christeen MacMurdie Entertains
23rd Singalong (Bus Tour Round Scotland)
30th Games

June

6th Queens Jubilee Street Party
13th Trip
20th Tea Dance (Covid permitting)

Church Garden May 2022

Well for all budding gardeners it's that busy time of year again, time to take stock and make a plan for the seasons ahead. Muddy church, wildlife garden is no different and there are a few jobs to be done.

Liz has made a big impression with her representation of Jerusalem for Holy week. The rustic cross with its crown of thorns so poignant. This leads us on to second chances and how we can sculpt the garden to provide a great home for all creatures and how we can change our learned practises of the past.

Times change, think how such creatures as dragonflies have changed and adapted. They were flying well before dinosaurs roamed the earth, up to 300 million years ago and at that point some had the wing span of an eagle due to more oxygen content in the atmosphere. Now as we are presented with global warming and its challenges, we must change to improve the environment and help nature repair the damage.

As we have mentioned many times, by changing our very regimented approach to gardening we can make a huge difference. For example, try leaving what some see as weeds to grow, they are actually wildflowers. Prune less, no mowing in May or cutting hedges until July or August whilst leaving some areas of longer grass, don't be too tidy leave collections of leaves, twigs etc. The list goes on.

Just as we are having to embrace changes in our church life so we can mirror that in our gardening practises.
Although change is difficult it will reap rewards.
The blossom trees have been particularly beautiful here this Spring.