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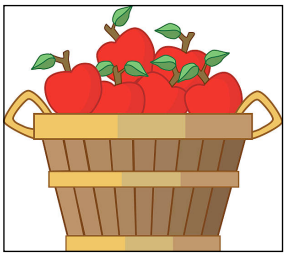

Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends

On Monday the 19th of September, the eyes of the world were focused on a funeral that was taking place. At 11am the world paused as we gave thanks for the life and service of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. A woman who reigned for over 70 years. A woman of great faith and duty, who gave off herself selflessly.

We, like many of you, watched the televised funeral procession, although we gathered around an iPad in a tiny wooden hut in Iceland. We watched with people from across the nations of the world and the Commonwealth, to mourn her passing. To remember her long life of selfless service and her deep rooted faith in Jesus Christ, as she was committed into the loving arms of God. We watched a family mourn the passing of their loved one in public view. Where television and media cameras focused on this grieving family as every movement, every word spoken, every tear wiped was documented for all to see.

Whether you were a person of faith or of no faith, one could recognise that her faith in the teachings of Jesus Christ were firmly rooted within this service.

When Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury delivered his sermon it was measured, warm and direct. It was only five and a half minutes long with each word carefully chosen. He did not shy away from keeping the spotlight of this Christian funeral on the uniqueness of Jesus Christ

From the start, Archbishop Welby highlighted the Queen's faith in Christ as the driving force behind her humble service: *"The pattern for many leaders is to be exalted in life and forgotten after death. The pattern for all who serve God - famous or obscure, respected or ignored - is that death is the door to glory." "We will all face the merciful judgement of God," he said. "We can all share the Queen's hope which in life and death inspired a leadership of service."*

Archbishop Welby quoted the passage from John's Gospel gently explaining that Christianity was *not* about religious moralism but instead a response to a person: *"Jesus, who does not tell his disciples how to follow, but* ***who*** *to follow - said: "I am the way, the truth and the life".*

He acknowledged and in many ways gave us permission to recognise, that, In our grief for the Queen, many of us will have reawakened emotions from other losses, recent or not. By referencing the quote 'We'll meet again', tenderly using it to share the gospel: *"Christian hope means certain expectation of something not yet seen. Christ rose from the dead and offers life to all - abundant life now and life with God in eternity."*

As we bid farewell to our Majesty the Queen and enter a new era under the reign of King Charles III, she was and will always be a true and faithful servant of our Lord Jesus Christ. May she rest in peace and rise in Glory. Amen

Blessings

Rev Fiona *Reverend Fiona McKibbin*

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Articles for the **November** Magazine to the editor by **Thursday 27th Oct. 2022**

Available

Sunday 5th November 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.

Monday Club

The Monday Club is up and running again after the Summer Break.

Here is the programme arranged for the next few weeks.

October

3rd Jazz Band

10th Games

17th 'Feel Good' Singalong

24th The Price is Right

31st Halloween Tea Dance

November

7th Games

14th Christeen MacMurdie

21st Quiz

28th Singalong

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:

October

9th	Team 5	Muriel McCandlish
16th	Team 6	Colin Pettigrew
23rd	Team 7	Ken Storrier
30th	Team 8	Joe Ford

November

2nd	Team 9	Edna Hume

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.

UDDINGSTON OLD PARISH COMMUNITY CAFÉ

The Café is open Wednesdays 11am - 1pm

serving Rolls with Bacon, Egg and sausage

and

on Fridays

from 12noon until 2pm

serving soup, coffee, Tea and home baking

in the large hall.

We look forward to seeing you there.

If you are able to volunteer

please contact Liz Vasey on 07432 729508.

To date the sum raised for **MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT** from the Cafe and Sale of Baking is £1100

Grateful thanks to all who supported the event.

10 Commandments (Glasgow Style)

1. Gonnae mind there's only wan Big Man.
2. Gonnae no pray tae pictures.
3. Gonnae no use God's name tae swear.
4. Gonnae mind and go tae church on Sunday.
5. Gonnae dae as yer Da an' Ma tell ye.
6. Gonnae no batter him.
7. Gonnae jist go wi wan burd.
8. Gonnae no nick that.
9. Gonnae no tell porkies.
10. Gonnae no say "A want wan" a' the time.

The Guild

The Guild commences for the new session on Tuesday 4th October at 2pm with a 'Welcome Back' Afternoon Tea.

Our theme for the coming session is 'Wee Seeds, Big Trees' and we will be delighted to welcome Rev Fiona on Tuesday 18th October to share her thoughts on this with us.

1st November Grace Hislop speaks on 'Letters from Somewhere in France'

15th November Ruth Box will tell us about the Guild Project 'Chocolate Heaven'

1st Uddingston Girl's Brigade

Give a Shoebox and Spread Joy with the Girl's Brigade this Christmas

As part of their Service Badgework this year, the Brigader Section of the 1st Uddingston Company are collecting for the Blythswood Care Shoebox Appeal. We are asking the wider church community if they too would like to donate a shoebox for someone in need this year, or simply donate some items that can be pulled together into a shoebox by the girls on a Thursday evening, It's easy to choose gifts for people who have so little.

Shampoo, a pair of socks, a notepad, a small toy, a bag of sweets - things we take for granted will seem like luxuries to people living in poverty.

By filling a shoebox with simple things you can bring hope this Christmas. This year the shoeboxes will be delivered to vulnerable people in Ukraine, Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania & Serbia. Checklists on who you can collect for and the items required, are available via Nicola McMahon on a Sunday morning or at the front door of the church.

All donations should be handed in to the church or the Girls' Brigade on a Thursday evening by 27th October 2022. All donations will be greatly appreciated, Videos showing the shoeboxes being delivered and more details on work of Blythswood Care can be found at :

www.blythswoodcare.org/shoeboxappeal

For further information contact Hazel Brynes on 078373 99421

Church Gardens October 2022

Wildlife blog October 2022

We've just come out of World Ocean month of September when organisations, with the public's help, have carried out many citizen science activities such as beach cleans and source to sea surveys etc. These are all important as the data is collated by the Marine conservation society and used to lobby the government to help improve the state of our oceans.

Another voluntary science activity involves training and working with Orca UK to survey our oceans and seas for marine mammal and bird activity.

I had the privilege recently to volunteer on the Coll, Tiree and Colonsay route as part of an Orca survey team. We are lucky to be granted permission to carry out our surveys from the bridge of the Caledonian MacBrayne ferries. The view is magnificent and even luckier the weather was perfect.

We headed out on MV Clansman at 7am and didn't return from Colonsay until 21.30 hrs so it was a long day however the time passed quickly and we were treated to some truly spectacular sightings.

Working as a team of four we surveyed our areas port and starboard with someone on paperwork logging what we saw at what time and position etc.

Our sightings included minke whales, harbour porpoise, common dolphins, bottlenose dolphins, basking sharks to name a few. One of the sightings of common dolphins saw them play alongside the ship's hull, gently and slowly so we got a text book view of them. Every time the shout for sighting was called there was an excitement even amongst the crew.

It was a spectacular day which was topped off by a chance sighting from the passenger decks of a pod of bottlenose dolphins surfing and playing alongside the Clansman as we headed back to Oban in the dark. We had obviously finished our survey as it was dark so that was a bonus.

It is such a privilege to be able to take part in these surveys and just shows what a wonderful country we live in with fabulous scenery and wildlife.

Connie