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Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

“If you’re a traitor I’ll never talk to you again!” says Mollie to Harry. Chosen Traitor, treacherous 23 year old smiling baby-faced Harry assures sweet Mollie that she needn’t worry, because he’s ‘100% faithful’. His justification for such hoodwinking and backstabbing behaviour is that “It’s only a game!” the aim of which is to return home with all, or a share, of up to £120K, which is banked through united demanding team missions. What became apparent was the social experiment of glorification for lying, deceit and betrayal. It would have been easy to turn over the programme and yet somehow, I became intrigued.

As someone who studied anthropology as well as sociology at university before ministry it was hilarious watching how wrong everyone gets their conclusions as to who the traitors are, thus banishing many ‘faithfuls’. While the traitors sow seeds of suspicion on the innocent, and deflect attention from themselves, the poor faithfuls sink in a sea of subjectivity, their views founded on fickle feelings about their fellow contestants rather than objective convicting facts. That is apart from Jason (Jaz) the only one to suspect the arch traitor throughout his time. For Jason, his life experiences enabled him to recognise that anyone and everyone is capable of betrayal, of lies, of treachery. even the most convincing faithful could turn out to be a traitor; for him it was his father.

This type of cynicism, suspicion is not new. We are living in a time of uncertainty, where words are simply that ... empty words ... with no meaning, no purpose. We are losing confidence in politicians, journalists, church leaders and other public fronting people. It is good that almost all exposed and banished traitors speak of great relief that they can now be themselves once again and how hard it was to be so two faced. From the comfort of our sofas we can view shows like ‘Traitors’ as ‘just a game’. But Jaz’s backstory is sobering and a reminder of the damage that daily deception and betrayal wreak in our world.

If we turn to the scriptures, we are reminded that Jesus spent two years with his twelve faithfuls; one of whom betrayed him to death (Judas), another major player Peter who denied he knew Jesus on the eve of his killing. Remarkably Jesus knew who the faithfuls and traitors were and loved them all the same, ready to forgive and free them to rise above their faults and fears to shine with God’s Love, filled with Grace and Truth. We all have much to learn from Jesus about living truthfully and well, so let us ask ourselves “Is this man Jesus who he claimed to be, God in human form?” or is he a ‘treacherous liar’ or ‘raving lunatic’ - ‘Mad, Bad, or God?’

The answer to this question can join us with myriad ‘faithfuls’ gone before us and open the door to the loving faithfulness, forgiveness and fruitfulness we are made for.

Grateful to be a faithful,P

Blessings

Rev Fiona

Reverend Fiona McKibbin

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Articles for the
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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@uddingston.org

or on paper

Church Roll Intimations

Baptisms



Monday 25th December 2023

Adam Bannerman

Son of Allan & Helena (nee Liddell)
and
Sunday 28th January

Charlie Eddie Stenson

Son of Jamie & Nicole (nee Hamilton)

Parish Funerals

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

Mrs Annie Sinclair

Date of Death: 4th December 2023

and

Mr Thomas Begg

Date of Death: 12th December 2023

and

Mr Malcolm Alexander Strange

Date of Death: 19th December 2023

Pastoral Care

The Pastoral Care team would like to thank everyone who made the Twixmas lunch such a great success. The hall was packed and our team in the kitchen and those serving in the hall did a fantastic job of ensuring everything ran smoothly.

Thank you for your donations £400 and 18 bags of Tea, Coffee, biscuits and sweets were donated to The Lodging House Mission. The excess food was given to the Hamilton Churches Drop in centre.

Help Needed

Calling all Knitters, we are once again knitting for Easter gifts. We have patterns for rabbits and chickens. These are big enough to hold a cream egg inside.

If you would like to help patterns are on page 4 or let us know and we will get a pattern to you

Thank you
Mary Fox on 822275



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:

Feb.	4th	Team 6	Walker Lyttle
	11th	Team 7	Ken Storrier
	18th	Team 8	Mary Fox
	25th	Team 1	Jillian Ballantyne

March	3rd	Team 2	Colin Pettigrew (Communion)
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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.

Guild News

On 5th December the Guild enjoyed a very successful and enjoyable Christmas Celebration organised by Elspeth Carss.

Much laughter ensued as we tackled quizzes and sang Christmas Songs and enjoyed a riotous game of Pass the Parcel.

We finished the afternoon with an enjoyable selection of tea, coffee and cake.

A big thank you to Elspeth for all the preparation for a most enjoyable afternoon.

Guild Programme

2024

February

13th	(Pancake Tuesday) Scottish Charity Air Ambulance - Caryn Whitelaw
27th	An Afternoon at the Pictures

March

5th	SPRING FUND RAISER Daffodil Tea - 7.30pm - 'Harmony Singers Entertain'
19th	ABM
26th	Lunch at Angels

Cream Egg Covers

Needles - 4mm (size 8) and 3mm (size 11)

Body for chick - yellow and rabbit -fawn

1. Using 4mm needles cast on 30 stitches and knit 27 rows. Cast off.
2. Sew cast on and cast off sides together.
3. By threading the wool in and out gather up one end to a point and tie off.
4. Turn whole thing inside out and gather up second open end as above.
5. Push second end inside first end.
6. Finish each animal as follows.

Chicken

Using same wool as body make a few loops top of the head sew securely.

Wings - Use 3mm pins and cast on 5 stitches. Knit 5 rows and cast off. Sew cast on and cast off ends together and sew onto bodies. Make face (see below)

Rabbit

Ears - Using 3mm pins cast on 8 stitches and knit 5 rows. Fold in half lengthways, sew and sew on to bunny. Make white pompom for tail.



Pocket Prayer Cloth

Any aran weight wool although cotton aran gives the softest feel.

3.25 needles (size 10 in old money)

Finished cloth should measure 3.5ins X 4.5ins
If it works out too small go up a needle size

Cast on 16 stitches

Row 1-3: Knit across.

Row 4: K2, P12, K2.

Row 5: Knit across.

Row 6: K2, P4, K4, P4, K2.

Row 7: Knit across.

Row 8: K2, P4, K4, P4, K2.

Row 9: Knit across.

Row 10: K2, P4, K4, P4, K2.

Row 11: Knit across.

Row 12: K2, P4, K4, P4, K2.

Row 13: Knit across.

Row 14: K2, P4, K4, P4, K2.

Row 15: Knit across.

Row 16: K2, P4, K4, P4, K2.

Row 17: Knit across.

Row 18: K2, P4, K4, P4, K2.

Row 19: Knit across.

Row 20: K2, P1, K10, P1, K2.

Row 21: Knit across.

Row 22: K2, P1, K10, P1, K2.

Row 23: Knit across.

Row 24: K2, P1, K10, P1, K2.

Row 25: Knit across.

Row 26: K2, P4, K4, P4, K2.

Row 27: Knit across.

Row 28: K2, P4, K4, P4, K2.

Row 29: Knit across.

Row 30: K2, P4, K4, P4, K2.

Row 31: Knit across.

Row 32: K2, P12, K2.

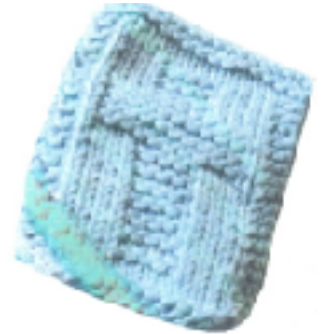
Row 33: Knit across.

Row 34: Knit across.

Row 35: Knit across.

When the 35 rows have been knitted, cast off in Garter Stitch (knit across).

Machine wash and lay flat on a towel to dry. You may need to smooth out edges and press them flat as they dry to prevent curling.



OLD PARISH COMMUNITY CAFÉ

The café is on every Friday in the large hall between 12-2. Choice of soups, lots of home baked goodies and as much tea & coffee as you want.

We now have George Rodgers entertaining us on occasions which is very much appreciated.

If you would like to volunteer occasionally please either pop in and see us or call Liz on 07432729508

CAFÉ KNITTING GROUP

This friendly industrious group meet every Friday between 11- 1 in the small hall (then some come through to the large hall for lunch).

Doesn't matter how skilful you are come for good company and a blether.

Need any more information contact Agnes on 07565352657

OLD PARISH WALKING GROUP

Meet at Church Car Park every Monday at 10.30 for approximately an hour (weather permitting)

Nothing too taxing. Afterwards tea & coffee in Hall

Contact Liz for any further information on 07432729508





South Lanarkshire
Young carers
2022-2023



Dear Grace

I am the manager of North and South Lanarkshire Young carers services. I am writing to you to thank you for your incredibly generous donation to our South Lan Service recently. I cannot believe the generosity of the individuals from the Church; it will make such an amazing difference to our service for young carers. The service is managed by Action for Children who you may see on TV over Christmas. Action for Children are one of the oldest charities in the UK, and the charity was started by a minister over 155 years ago in London. Our SLYC service has been running now for three years. Our North Lanarkshire Service for over 25 years. Your donation will go towards supporting our young carers to enjoy activities and supports which they don't normally experience, due to caring for family members. I have passed your details onto our support department in Glasgow who will be in touch with yourselves to thank you again.

What a lovely gesture and please thank all the wonderful people at Uddingston Old Parish Church!

Ian Sloan
Locality Services Manager
Action For Children.

GIFT SERVICE THANKS

A huge thank you all who helped make this such a successful service. Elisa Welch from the Young Carers was overcome with our kindness and gifts.

We filled her car with over 150 selection boxes which will be enjoyed by the children and a gift of £1531 made up of cash, vouchers and the coffee morning proceeds.

Without each and every one of you gifting (large or small) this service would not be possible so please accept my very grateful thanks for your time and kindness.

Grace McKirdy

Badminton Club

Are you looking for a bit of exercise and fellowship?

Why not come along on a Monday Night (19:30) to the Badminton Club?

It doesn't matter how good (or bad) you think you are, you will find a friendly welcome.

Hope you can come along.



Sunday Services Online

A wee reminder that if you are unable to physically attend the service each Sunday you can view the service online at

www.uddingstonold.org and click on the link.

WaterAid Lent Appeal 2024



We are once again in the season of Lent and we are once again collecting for WaterAid to help in their efforts to ensure that everyone on Planet Earth will have access to clean water and good sanitation and hygiene services by the year 2030. Unfortunately, there is still a long way to go to achieve that target:

1 in 10 of the world's population does not have access to clean water close by

1 in 5 of the world's population does not have access to their own toilet

1 in 4 of the world's population cannot wash their hands with soap at home

Over 1000 children under 5 die each day from drinking unclean water and poor sanitation and hygiene

Since WaterAid was founded in 1981 they have helped 10s of millions gain access to clean water good sanitation and hygiene.

To help with this we are once again supporting their Jars of Change Lent Appeal.

Jar sleeves will be available from the door team each Sunday during lent. Please attach the sleeve to a large jar and place all your small change into the jar and bring it along to the Church on Easter Sunday or as soon thereafter as possible. If like me you no longer spend very much cash you can also donate notes to the appeal with the added bonus – they are a lot easier to count.

The rear of jar sleeve includes a gift aid form. If you pay income tax and wish to increase the value of your gift to WaterAid by 25%, please complete and sign the form before you return the jar, Gift Aid is a vital source of funds to all charities including this Church so please take the time to complete the form.

More information can be found online at Wwateraid.org/uk/lent where you can find out a lot more information about the work of WaterAid and you can even print your own jar sleeve to get started now.

Many thanks for your support

David

What Is A Friend?

A talk when you're lonely,
A smile when you're sad,
A help when you're weary,
A hope when you're sad,
A hand when you need it,
A laugh when you're blue,
A guide when you're
searching,

UDDINGSTON OLD PARISH
CHURCH of SCOTLAND
GUILD
are holding a
Daffodil Tea
with
entertainment by
HARMONY MUSIC GROUP
on
Tuesday 5th March 7.30 p.m
Tickets – £4 now on sale



LIFE and WORK MAGAZINE 2024

A belated Happy New Year, and a sincere hope that this notice finds you all in good spirits.

Life and Work Magazine for January 2024 was delivered directly to you just before Christmas, with the next edition due to be delivered with the magazine during February.

As in previous years, it would be my intention to attach a brown envelope to this delivery to advise of the money due for 2024. As per the Church Magazine article back in November, the amount for the coming year remains at £42. Ideally you should place your payment into that brown envelope and then place the envelope into the collection on a Sunday. Those on duty can note the amount paid against L&W, then should put the empty envelopes into my dookit in the vestry corridor, which allows me to record the names of those that have paid etc.

However, I appreciate that people have varying circumstances, so if the above does not suit then you could drop the envelope with the money/cheque off at my house (106 Kylepark Drive), or 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

Should you have any queries, then my home number is 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). Another option would be to email me your preference on kps1218@virginmedia.com

Hope this is clear, but if not then please call me on the above number to discuss.

Thanks in anticipation.

Ken Storrier

Grow Uddingston Update

After a very successful 2023, gaining a GOLD Award and winning our category in the Beautiful Scotland competition, and another successful Christmas Fayre in December, the Group are now planning ahead for the 2024 campaign.

Our Litter pickers have excelled themselves once again this year, collecting a remarkable 1179 bags of rubbish, and keeping the place as tidy as they can. It's a pity the community needs such a team, but the problem seems to be endemic throughout Central Scotland. Remember, if you see any litter in the street, please pick it up and put it in a Council bin, it's your Village after all.

The Station was again an example to other stations in the area, a bright strip of colourful plants in the bed beside the Glasgow-bound platform, complementing the hanging baskets on the walls of the station building. The current major works at the station will present considerable problems for the team, and we must all wish them well in their efforts this year. They have already stockpiled some of the plants from the previous beds for replanting after the work is completed, so we hope they will have the station looking just as colourful in 2024.

At the Old Parish, I'm sure you will agree that the annual planting was particularly successful. I hope you all took the opportunity to view the pots and planted beds, a really colourful scene. Much of the credit for the displays lies with the excellent team that helped me in making the gardens look so bright and attractive throughout the Summer and Autumn. The planting team of Chairperson Anona, Liz W, Robina and Diane all helped me put the bedding plants in meticulously, and the watering team of Liz V, Frank, and Diane, who faithfully watered the displays three times every week all made a wonderful job, and I must thank them all for their efforts, and hope that you will all pass on the thanks of the Congregation to them. I hope I will be able to call on their support again in 2024

We are all hoping that the Group will have another successful year in 2024, keep your fingers crossed for some favourable weather to help us in our efforts.




Sandy Robertson

Monday Club


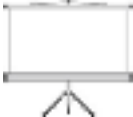
All are welcome on
Mondays 2pm till approximately 3.30pm

Mary and the committee have organised the coming programme:





February

- 5th The Price is Right  
- 12th Valentine Tea Dance
- 19th Pancakes and Cooking Quiz 
- 26th Singalong - Old Crooner Showstoppers


March

- 4th Games 
- 11th Film - Easter Parade 
- 18th Easter Crafts
- 25th Holy Week - Easter Songs of Praise



April

- 1st Easter Monday  
- 8th Bite & Blether
- 15th Christine McMurdie 
- 22nd Body Boost Quiz
- 29th Singalong 

May

- 6th Indoor Gardening
- 13th Summer Serenade - Church Concert Party
- 20th Sports Day
- 27th Games 

June

- 3rd Trip 
- 10th Singalong
- 17th Summer Picnic in Hall 
- 24th Summer Tea Dance

New beginnings?

The first of January comes but once a year.
If it happened more often, that would be odd.
The Roman God Janus lives for this day.
Scowls on past, smiles on future, or so they say.

New beginnings, supposedly start on this date.
That should be good, or is it just left to fate.
Hey, Is this just another day to celebrate?
Or would it be different, if it was another date?

Why not on the first of April, who would be the fool.
But then someone would have to make a new rule.
A new resolution would be par for the course.
Then we would all have to break it, of course.

If there are new beginnings then something must end.
Could we then be saying goodbye to an old friend.
We're saying goodbye to twenty twenty three.
And that's one goodbye that is just fine with me.

Surely each morning is the start of a new day.
So each day starts a new beginning, I would say.
We could start each day with a positive thought.
We could all be thankful for what we've got.

John Jardine - January 2024

United Men's Fellowship Programme

The Men's Fellowship meets fortnightly at
7.30pm in the Side Sanctuary. All are welcome
to come along to the meetings.

February

- 5th Country Parks
- Bob Reid
- 19th Members Musical Requests
- Bill Alleyne

March

- 4th Up My Street (Shopping in the 50's)
- Gillian Brogan
- 18th Close of Session & Business Meeting

The Church's 150th Anniversary

We are holding a special celebration, on Sunday
10th March, of 150 years of worship in our
building. We invite everyone with a connection
to the congregation to join us at 11am for
worship and a celebratory buffet after the
service.

If you require transport please contact
Mary Fox

Defibrillator Course

We are hosting a short course on 12th
February in the evening. The idea is to give
people confidence and training in CPR and
use of a Defibrillator should the need arise. If
you are interested please give your name to
Louise Kerr or Mary Fox