



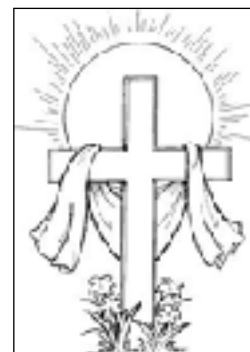
# UDDINGSTON OLD PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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## MAGAZINE

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### Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

As I write this the Season of Lent is upon us. If you're like me, you're running into the familiar wall of thinking about what Lent means and how to properly approach the season and even still, what to give up in my time spent in the wilderness. Lent is a chance to willingly embrace discomfort for a greater outcome and it's not as though Jesus asks something of his followers, he doesn't ask of himself. The season takes its cue from the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness while the devil dangled earthly power and riches before him. But Jesus resists temptation - not because of how hardcore he was, but because he relied on God through prayer.

This season should challenge our faith. It should open our eyes to all that is happening around at this moment. Not only the beauty in people, in creation, but also to what is wrong in our society, our churches and respond to those issues of which we are aware. It is an opportunity to enable all of us to be the voice for the voiceless, to challenge authorities, the oppressors, those who hinder the sharing of God's word to all who will listen. In our society at this moment, we can see the multitude of situations that we have to react to which distracts us even more. The continued war between Ukraine and Russia for which there seems to be no end in sight. The war between Israel and Gaza and all affected by the conflict on both sides. Closer to home, the cost-of-living crisis, the potential closure of local amenities. Fuel poverty where households are having to choose whether to heat or eat. There is no denying that our world is broken. Communities are struggling, families are hurting. It's understandable that we may feel our faith being challenged, our doubts and fears clouding our very being, our patience being tested, at times anger raises its ugly head .... When faced with these emotions I remind myself that when the burdens of life weigh heavily upon us we need to have the courage to step back and reset, recharge and refocus our lives.

Jesus did. He experienced all of these emotions and faced them head on ... never deviating from his call to the Cross. As people of faith, we are called to be challenged through our own journey of Lent and do whatever we can to change the systems that rob the oppressed, the voiceless and the discouraged.

For it is written in the book of Isaiah (The Message Translation):

*Break the chains of injustice, get rid of exploitation in the workplace, free the oppressed, cancel debts. What I'm interested in seeing you do is: sharing your food with the hungry, inviting the homeless poor into your homes, putting clothes on the shivering ill-clad, being available to your own families. Then when you pray, God will answer. You'll call out for help and I'll say, 'Here I am'.*

Blessings, *Rev Fiona*

Reverend Fiona McKibbin

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### Next Issue

Articles for the  
April Magazine  
to the editor no later than

**Thursday 28th March  
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**Sunday 7th April 2024**

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](mailto:magazine@uddingston.org)

### Church Roll Intimations

#### Death

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

*Mrs Sheila Mary Rattray*

Date of Death: 26th January 2024

### Parish Funerals

At this sad time our prayers and condolences  
are with the family

of

*Mr James Morrison*

Date of Death: 6th February 2024

### 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

### 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](http://www.uddingstonold.org) and click on the link.

Some wise words by an unknown author:

Count your blessings instead of your crosses;  
Count your gains instead of your losses.  
Count your joys instead of your woes;  
Count your friends instead of your foes.  
Count your smiles instead of your tears;  
Count your courage instead of your fears.  
Count your full years instead of your lean;  
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.

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:

<u>March</u>	10th	Team 3	Helen Cuthbert
	17th	Team 4	Muriel McCandlish
	24th	Team 5	Andrew McCandlish
	31st	Team 6	Walker Lyttle
<u>April</u>	7th	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.

### Guild News

The Guild resumed after the Christmas Break on  
January 16th when we enjoyed a recording of the  
Annual Rally held in September in Edinburgh.

On 30th January we had a comprehensive and  
well presented video telling us about the Guild  
Project 'Home for Good'

Alfie Ingram from SCAA ie 'Scottish Charity Air  
Ambulance' came along on February 13th to the  
Guild and spoke about the work of SCAA. We also  
enjoyed celebrating Shrove Tuesday with  
pancakes for our tea.

February 27th was our annual 'Afternoon at the  
Pictures' when we enjoyed watching  
"The Student Prince"

### Guild Programme

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

HELLO  
March

### Monday Club

All are welcome on  
Mondays 2pm till approximately 3.30pm

Mary and the committee have organised the coming programme:

#### 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 Bus Trip to Largs
- 10th Singalong
- 17th Summer Picnic in Hall
- 24th Summer Tea Dance



### *What if all we need is a song*

What if, all we need is 'Another brick in the wall.'

What if, all we need is 'Puff the Magic Dragon'.

What if, all we need is 'The green green grass of home.'

What if, all we need is 'A wooden heart'.

What if, all we need is 'To paint it black'.

What if, all we need is 'A laughing gnome'.

What if, all we needed is 'Zip A Dee Doo Dah'.

What if, all we need is 'Seasons in the sun'. (Terry Jacks)

What if, all we need is 'To let it be'.

What if, all we need is to 'Give peace a chance.'

What if, all we need is 'Love Love Love'.

What if, all we need is 'Sweet Caroline'. (Neil Diamond)

What if, all we need is 'A groovy kind of love'.  
(Mindbenders)

What if, all we need is an 'Unchained Melody'.

What if, all we need is 'Nights in white satin'.

What if, all we need is 'Wondrous stories'.

What if, all we need is 'A bridge over troubled water'.

Maybe all we need is '**The spirit in the sky**'.

John Jardine (B B J) February 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.

#### 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

