

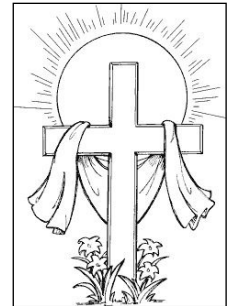


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Pastoral Letter

“Blessed are those who have not yet seen and yet come to believe “John 20:29

Dear friends,

As you read this, are you still riding on the wave of excitement that Jesus was raised from the dead? Are you still filled with that Easter excitement or has it been tossed away amongst the wrappers of the chocolate Easter eggs.

Our journey through Holy Week as always, has been an uncomfortable journey from the shouts of Hosanna, breaking of bread, weeping in the Garden of Gethsemane, travelling to the cross, waiting at the tomb and witnessing the resurrection of Jesus. It is an emotional rollercoaster that many of us shy away from. To believe the Easter story doesn't require blind faith, it just demands that we open our eyes to the truth. It's not a leap in the dark; it's stepping out into the light and placing our feet on solid ground and in the light of the Resurrection, everything looks different. We as people of faith should feel different, be different. everything we have done, everything we are changes because of Jesus. Our way of living, of looking, of being must change, we have been given a second chance.

Every time we show the kindness of God to someone in need, a seed is planted. Every time we pluck up the courage to mention our faith at work or extend an invitation to church, a seed is planted. Every minute of hard-fought faithfulness to Christ; every patient hour of caring for family or friends; every long year of holding on to hope in the face of illness, depression or anxiety -- none of it will be wasted. Jesus sees it, values it and will bring something precious out of it -- perhaps in us, perhaps in other people, perhaps in a way we can't even imagine right now.

The Resurrection gives us a task of profound purpose, we are not stuck by our past, or how society defines us. Through the Resurrection we are reminded that we were created *on* purpose, and *for* a purpose. The Creator Himself has turned up in the person of Jesus, died for us and risen from the dead. That means you matter to Him. He cares about us. He not only forgives us; He brings us into His family and calls us to get involved with the family business, playing our part in what He's doing to bring healing, truth and hope to this weary world. We can begin to see its transforming power in how we respond to the tragedies in our own lives, how we love and console one another, how we work together to keep evil from ruling tomorrow, and how we come together to alleviate the daily suffering that is all around us. It might be hard. It might be costly. But it will not be in vain for we are the people of Easter, and our faith lies in the Resurrection and the empty cross

Easter blessings to you all

Rev Fiona

Reverend Fiona McKibbin

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What does Easter mean to you?

Is your life a shallow stream, or a raging torrent?

Or somewhere in between.

Is your life a shallow hill, or a steep mountain cliff?

Or somewhere in between.

Is your life complicated, or is it smooth and simple?

Or somewhere in between.

Is your life a winding road, or a straight smooth path?

Or somewhere in between

Is there balance in your life, or is it a rollercoaster?

Or something in between.

Most people's life is a combination of all of these.

Should our lives be easier? Or is our life as it should be?

How do we find the strength to deal with life's troubles?

Do you rely on others? Or do you find your own path?

Just what do you use to keep going?

If you have faith then Easter can give you balance and be the start of your renewed purpose and future.

Peace Be With You

Jean du Jardin - March 2026

Guild Coffee Morning

The Guild would like to thank everyone who helped make our Coffee Morning on Saturday 6th March a big success.

Thanks to those who attended and made a great feeling of harmony within the hall. To those who provided 'Goodies' to eat and for sale and to the ladies who helped serve and clear and refill cups and especially to Liz, Maureen & Elaine who came along to boost the number of willing helpers. We were delighted to raise the Sum of £950 which will be used to support our church and the current Guild Projects.



Door Duty Rota

Morning Service at 11am
Front Door teams for the next months

April

5th	Team 7	Liz Lyttle
12th	Team 8	Mary Fox
19th	Team 1	Jillian Ballantyne
26th	Team 2	Colin Pettigrew

May

3rd	Team 3	Helen Cuthbert
10th	Team 4	Muriel McCandlish
17th	Team 5	Andrew McCandlish
24th	Team 6	Walker Lyttle
31st	Team 7	Liz Lyttle

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.

Stay connected with the
Uddingston Old Parish Church
and

Rev Fiona McKibbin

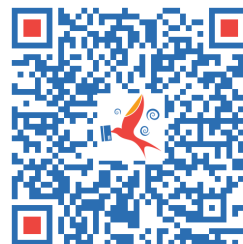
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If the Christ who died had stopped at the cross,
His work had been incomplete.
If the Christ who was buried had stayed in the tomb,
He had only known defeat.
But the way of the cross never stops at the cross
and the way of the tomb leads on
To victorious grace in the heavenly place
where the risen Lord has gone.
Annie Johnson Flint

QR Code

We now have an Uddingston Old QR Code for electronic donations.



Many people no longer carry cash and it is hoped that the QR Code will be useful for visitors to both the Church and our website. This is in addition to the established forms of giving by Standing Order, WFO and cash.

Monday Club

All are welcome on
Mondays 2pm till approximately 3.30pm
Coming programme:

April

6th Easter Monday (No Club)

13th Quiz



20th Alice - Chair Exercises



27th Singalong



May

4th Bite & Blether & Games

11th Flower Arranging



18th Singalong

25th Sports Day



June

2nd Coach Trip



9th Singalong

16th Picnic



23rd Tea Dance



The Garden

(submitted by Katie Dagleish to Perth North Church News)

For the garden of your daily living

Plant three rows of peas - peace of mind, piece of heart and piece of soul.

Plant four rows of squash - squash gossip, squash indifference, squash grumbling and squash selfishness.

Plant four rows of lettuce - lettuce be faithful, lettuce be kind, lettuce be patient and lettuce really love one another.

No garden is without turnips - turnip for meetings, turnip for service and turnip to help one another.

To conclude our garden we must have **thyme** - thyme for each other, thyme for family and thyme for friends.

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.

There is so much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow.

Citizen's Advice Older Persons Out Reach Clinic

The next Citizen's Advice Outreach Clinic will take place in the side sanctuary on
Friday 15th May 11am to 2pm

Future dates:

Friday 12th June 11am to 2pm

The clinic will be run by Linda Smith
CAB Out Reach Community Adviser.

Linda's focus as a community adviser is the over 65's group but she will see anyone who is looking for help.

Citizens Advice Hamilton has several teams that she can signpost folk to including:

HWA - Health and Wellbeing team

Layrep - Representation at Hamilton Sheriff Court and predominantly housing issues.

Older Persons Project - Income maximisation and other enquiries for over 65's

PASS - Patient Advice and Support Service

Energy Service - all matters electricity/gas

General service - all enquiries including emergency fuel & food vouchers.

Community Links - local NHS and community group referrals

Money Advice - Financial Services

Veterans Services - Referral available to veteran's associations UK wide.



Easter Blessings to everyone.