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Pastoral Letter

"Greater love hath no man than this: to lay down one's life for his friends." (John 15:13)

Friends, as we approach the Annual Act of Remembrance on the 8th of November at the church, we are reminded that the world is a volatile place and with one action its whole outlook can change. As a Christian community we are called to be peacemakers in a world filled with conflict, in a world at war.

Remembrance Day is a time to honour and remember the sacrifices of all who have served in the armed forces, to those who have tried to protect the nations and bring opportunities of peace. It's an opportunity to reflect on the devastating effects of war and the importance of striving towards a peaceful future. It's a time to pray for peace and reconciliation and an opportunity to acknowledge that **Many** have stepped up and answered that call even knowing it could come with the greatest sacrifice. Still they step forward.

So how do we say thank you to those who have served or are serving their country at this moment and to those who gave their lives or are struggling to overcome the wounds of war and who live with the battle scars that will never be silenced?

How do we say thank you to the families left behind after waving their loved ones off and waiting in hope for their return? Unless you have served or been part of the Military Family, we can never truly understand the impact on life after returning from a tour of duty, as they settle into civilian life, as the world moves on and they are left carrying the trauma of war and conflict.

By saying thank you for your service?

Is that enough for those willing to put their life on the line for complete strangers? Enough for a family who remembers their loss every single day and deals with the aftermath of war and conflict? Enough when society can so easily turn away in their hour of need.

Is it enough to demonstrate to those who have risked everything that we are thankful for all they have given and continue to give?

I'm not sure.

However, until someone tells me differently then I *will* continue to say thank you for your service. I will do this by wearing a poppy with pride. By pausing at War Memorials to read the names there and not just rush by. I will continue to say thank you for your service by supporting the charities that have compassion and support for veterans and their families.

So on this Day of Remembrance may we be reminded of their sacrifice, as well as of our own mortality, for we are able to grow old, a privilege denied to so many.

To all who served and are serving. Thank you for your service.

Blessings, Rev Fiona

Reverend Fiona McKibbin

FAIRTRADE

POPPY APPEAL

SHOW YOU REMEMBER ON THE 11TH OF NOVEMBER

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

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Fund Raising Events

As part of the fundraising for the new tables and chairs the Church will be open on the 1st Saturday of the coming months for hot filled rolls, tea coffee and company.
10am to 12noon
All welcome.
Please use Main Door at front of church for entry.

Also as part of the fundraising we are having a

Ladies Night

on

Saturday 7th November 6 - 9.30pm

Christeen McMurdie will entertain and there will be dancing, food and a Raffle.

Cost will be £6 per person.

Tickets from Molly Lindsay, Liz Vasey or Community Cafe

THE GUILD
is holding a Fundraiser
FASHION SALE
with
BRIAN TAYLOR FASHIONS
in Church Hall
Tuesday 17th November at 7.30 p.m.
Entry Ticket includes Tea & Biscuit - £3
Available from Guild Members

Door Duty Rota

Morning Service at 11am
Front Door teams for the next 2 months

November		
1st	Team 5	Andrew McCandlish
8th	Team 6	Walker Lyttle
15th	Team 7	Liz Lyttle
22nd	Team 8	Mary Fox
29th	Team 1	Jillian Ballantyne
December		
6th	Team 2 (Communion)	Colin Pettigrew
13th	Team 3	Helen Cuthbert
20th	Team 4	Muriel McCandlish
27th	Team 5	Andrew McCandlish

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.

Remembrance Service
Sunday 8th November 2026 at 10.45am

CHRISTMAS GIFT SERVICE

Our Gift Service this year will be held on **Sunday 20th December** for **SMILE** Charity.
This is a Lanarkshire based charity which supports over 500 families, who have a child with a disability, complex medical needs or serious life limiting illness.
They also help the family with care circles, holistic therapies, hardship and crisis management.
Gifts which would be gratefully received include

- Sensory Toys such as Fidgits, light up and tactile toys.
- Building sets and craft materials.
- Dolls, cars and other traditional toys.
- Board Games and Puzzles.
- Toiletry sets and gift cards for teenagers.

Financial gifts would allow for appropriate gifts where there are complex needs, days out and activities.

SMILE have also asked that the gifts are unwrapped please.

Thank you in advance for your time and thoughtfulness which makes this Service a success.
It would not take place without all of us working together.
Grace McKirdy

Monday Club

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




November

2nd	Keep fit with Alice
9th	Talk - 'Right Up My Street'
16th	Scott D Rat Pack
23rd	Christmas Crafts
30th	Concert Party




December

7th	Christmas Party & Singalong
14th	Christmas Lunch
21st	Holiday
28th	Twixmas





The Guild

The Guild meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 2pm in the church hall.

We are delighted to welcome friends old and new **to any or all** of our meetings
2pm - 3.30pm
Our Theme for the coming Session -

'Let Us Build A House - Beyond The Walls'

A warm welcome awaits you and as always a nice cup of tea and biscuit to round of the meeting.
Our upcoming programme is:

November

3rd	Armchair Exercises - Alice Martin
17th	Ticket Fundraiser at 7.30pm -**Brian Taylor Fashions**

December

1st	Christmas Crafts - Grace McKirdy

QRCode



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.

Citizen's Advice Older Persons Out Reach Clinic

The next Citizen's Advice Outreach Clinic will take place in the side sanctuary on
Friday 13th November 11am - 2pm
Future dates:
Friday 11th December 11am - 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

Poppies for Remembrance

Mens Fellowship Programme

Meetings are held in the Side Sanctuary 7.30 - 9pm nn 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month.

November

2nd	'Life As A Chaplain' - David Hall
16th	Blood Bikes - Phil Dodsworth
30th	The Story of Pantomime - Valerie Reilly

December

14th	Christmas Dinner (date to be finalised)