

Christ's Kirk Chronicle

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Prayer Call

Lord of all, today may we know in our hearts what it means to matter to you, to others, and to ourselves.

Give us strength to hold out our hands to serve those who matter to us, in our families, amongst our friends and in our communities.

Father in Heaven helps us to view the world in a positive light.

Today and always may we bring happiness and hope to all those we know.

Amen.

Prayer Secretary

Isabelle



Thank You

Dear friends,

Julie and I were deeply moved at your warm expression of kindness shown to Julie and myself on our last day with you on Easter Sunday as my spell as Interim Minister at Christ's Kirk came to an end. Our warm thanks for the flowers that you presented to Julie and the two rose bushes that you gave to us both. The rose cultivars, "Peace" and "Thank You" are in deep pots (we have quite a full garden and many pots of plants too). The rose bushes are growing vigorously and like everything this spring, could benefit from some warmth and sunshine. These are fitting memories of our time at Christ's Kirk which we will always cherish. We continue to pray for you in these testing times for the Kirk in Scotland.

Praying that you will know Christ's love and peace at this time

Thank you,

Andrew and Julie Gardner

An introduction from the Interim Moderator

Dear Friends

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for being so welcoming and making me feel part of your congregation. I feel I am beginning to get to know some of you although with social distancing and meetings on Zoom it isn't as easy as when we can sit after church with a cuppa and have a chat. So, I thought I would say a little about my background, some members of the congregation have found out a bit already. Anyway, I belong Cowdenbeath. I have always been involved in the church from an early age. First of all, I attended the West Parish Church Sunday School and then went to Cairns Parish and it was at Cairns Parish Church I made my commitment to Christ and joined at the age of 18 years.

During my nursing training I felt the call to work overseas and worked for a year as a nurse in India with the Church of Scotland Youthshare programme. On my return I settled down in Arbroath or so I thought. It was not to be, I could not settle and then, after prayer and deliberation applied to Church of Scotland to be a missionary.

In 1984 I was sent to Malawi and worked there for 3 years. It was in Malawi that I met my husband who is from Mexico, although it took another 10 years to tie the knot. On my return I trained to be a health visitor and went to work in Thurso. Eventually I returned home in 1998 to live in Lochgelly and I still work 3 days a week as a health visitor in Kirkcaldy.

I trained as an Ordained Local Minister in 2014 and I studied at Aberdeen University via distance learning. I was ordained in September 2018 and work with Rev Monika Redman at St Leonard's church, Dunfermline.

I have served in the former Dunfermline Presbytery for many years as an elder, convenor of Church and World committee as well as being Moderator. But that is quite enough about me.

This last year has been a year like no other and I am sure we do not want to see another one like it. But one thing it has shown us is that we can adapt, we can change and we have resilience.

The church has had to change. We have had to learn new skills in how to use Zoom and many other media sources, some of which I didn't know existed. It may not have been what we were used to but we were still able to worship and be Church even if we weren't in the church building physically.

As we gain more freedom from lockdown and the pandemic let us continue looking at ways to continue to be Church differently and inclusively for all our community.

I hope you all have a relaxing summer with family and friends whom you haven't been able to see for so long. Enjoy, recharge your batteries and let's see what God has planned for the next step of Christ's Kirk's journey with Him.

God Bless,

Margaret.

Interim Moderator

Points for Prayer

- Please remember in your prayers the families of Amy Burns, Alison Lonie, Helen Rogerson and Margaret Henderson who all sadly passed away in April and May.
- Pray for the Presbytery of Fife as it holds its second meeting on 19th June, for the Moderator Rev Jane L Barron, Presbytery Clerk Rev Dr David Coulter, Mission Director Mr Neil Campbell and all convenors and office bearers.
- Pray for those in our community who are ill, for their carers and loved ones.
- Pray for those countries who are in the grip of the pandemic.
- Pray for peace between Israel and Palestine.
- Give thanks for the easing of Lockdown restrictions allowing us to meet our families indoors again.
- Give thanks for scientists who work diligently seeking new vaccines and new treatments for the many diseases of the world.

Finance

Well it is hard to believe that we are a third of the way through the year already, and we have just had the year end accounts back from the auditors. These showed a drop in income from £54,818 to £42,005 which is not unexpected given the events of 2020. Total expenditure reduced slightly from £39,356 to £37,188 which meant that our net surplus income for last year was £4817, which is still a surplus so that is good.

On analysis of the first four months of this year our total income was £13,848.61 and our total outgoings were £12,373.45 giving us a surplus to date of £1,475.16.

This on paper looks very good but without the Gift Aid monies that we were able to claim in January we would have had a deficit of £3,215.11 for the period.

Our ability to keep meeting our monthly outgoings is greatly in part to the manse being let and without that income we would be in a much worse position. We have carried out much needed roof repairs at the church and the next big necessary expenditure will be to install a new heating system in the manse as this is causing problems.

Hopefully now that we are back at worship and things are moving in the right direction we will be able to welcome our user groups back which will help our income, but I would like to remind everyone that if you are a tax payer you can increase your giving by signing up to Gift Aid which would enable us to reclaim 25p in every £1 that you give to the Church, without it costing you any more money.

If you are still unable to come to Church in person, but have envelopes needing collected, or you would like to change your giving method to Standing Order please do not hesitate to contact either myself or any of the elders and we will be only too happy to arrange this for you.

Wishing you all Gods blessings

Rose

Tribute to Amy Burns

It is with great sadness I pay tribute to Amy Burns our fellow Elder and friend whose sudden death has stunned us all.

Amy, her husband Jimmy, son David and daughter Gillian came to settle in Glenrothes in 1979 - one of the 3 original families to settle in Taransay Park, the others being the Jackson family and the McKie family.

Amy moved from Parkhead in Glasgow and had happy memories of life there she used to recall. Amy soon became a member of Christ's Kirk on the Hill. She served for many years as a Sunday school teacher and also delivered the Church flowers to members. There was a thriving Sunday school then which I joined in 1985. These former Sunday school teachers had started meeting up for lunch where Amy was the life and soul of the party till lockdown.

Amy was ordained an Elder in the late 1980s and remained a faithful Elder, Guild member and Pastoral Care visitor. She had also been a Brown Owl of the 19th Glenrothes Brownies which still meet in our Church Hall.

Amy and Jimmy loved to go on holiday – I think always to hot climates like Egypt and Turkey and they also enjoyed cruising. Amy was a very gifted dressmaker and made a wedding dress for one of my daughters. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother and will be sadly missed by all, especially by her grandson Lewis. She was a good neighbour and seldom missed any social event at the church. Amy contributed much to the life of the church and her presence will be sadly missed in the Kirk Session and life of the congregation.

We pray that God will comfort and bless all those whose life she touched and enriched. We are all blessed by having known her.

Wilma

Alison Lonie

Sadly another long-standing member of Christ's Kirk passed away in April. Alison had a fall and died a few days later in hospital.

She was a great supporter of the church, attending faithfully every week and supporting many of the fundraising and social events held in the church.

She also walked the Forth Bridge Crossing every year in support of Christian Aid. She always had a smile for everyone and loved to chat with other friends in the church. She will be sadly missed.

Robert Lindsay

It is with much sadness that we have to announce that Robert passed away in April. He was the organist at Christ's Kirk for a great number of years. A gifted pianist, he invited the choir to perform many concerts in the church and regularly at Leslie House where he worked. He also took the choir to other care homes to sing to the residents there. He was instrumental in members of the church performing the pantomime "Cinderella". A truly unforgettable event. After Leslie House closed he found work at Wilby House, another care home in Kirkcaldy. His wife May died several years ago.

Guild



On 26th April the Guild AGM was held on Zoom. Some members of the committee resigned and a new committee was appointed.

I was appointed Convener with Wilma taking on the role of the new Secretary with Kerr continuing as Treasurer.

All other committee members have taken on new responsibilities.

I would like to thank Evlyn, Jenny and Sheila for all the hard work they have done in the past.

The meeting closed with everyone saying the Guild Blessing.

Isabelle Farquhar

Guild Convener

Covenanted Partnership

The prayer movement "Thy Kingdom Come" was shared each evening by the churches in the days from Ascension to Pentecost with Christ's Kirk responsible for producing it on 20th May.

Discussions are taking place to have the usual sharing of summer services in July. These will be on Zoom and notification will be sent out by email, Facebook and also posted on our website.

Christian Aid

I did the Kiltwalk on Friday 24th April starting at 10am. Ronnie and Shaun walked most of the way with me and Lyndsay Christie also walked part of the way.



I walked three times round Gilvenbank Park and from the park car park to Inchkeith Court and back, so I was quite happy with the distance.

I'm delighted to say that the total donated from the Kiltwalk for Christian Aid is £340 to which 50% will be added from the Hunter Foundation. This should then total £510.



Sincere thanks to all who donated!

Wilma

The grand total raised through the kiltwalk was £6.1m with Christian Aid receiving £160,000.

Christian Aid envelopes collected in church raised a total of £120.50 making a total from Christ's Kirk of £630.50

Zoom meetings

Although worship is now allowed in church, albeit still with restricted numbers, we are continuing to use Zoom to stream the Sunday service for those who are worshipping at home.

In addition, we are doing "Time for a Cuppa" every Monday morning at 10am on Zoom and for a trial period we are holding a Zoom coffee morning at 10am on the second Saturday of the month, allowing those who are working during the week the opportunity to join in for a catch-up.

GROW

Oskar has now taken up his new post in Inverness and an advert for the vacant position has been produced. For more information please go to their website grow-trust.co.uk



Points to Ponder



A professor gave a balloon to every student, who had to inflate it, write their name on it and throw it in the hallway. The professor then mixed all the balloons.

The students were then given 5 minutes to find their own balloon. Despite a hectic search no one found their balloon.

At that point, the professor told the students to take the first balloon that they found and hand it to the person whose name was written on it. Within 5 minutes, everyone had their own balloon.

The professor said to the students: "These balloons are like happiness. We will never find it if everyone is looking for their own. But if we care about other people's happiness, we'll find ours too."

Newsletter by email

If you know of anyone who would like to receive future publications of the church newsletter electronically, please ask them to send an email with their name (their email address will be at the head of their email) along with a short notification to the newsletter editor at christskirkglenrothes@yahoo.com and we will send it to you.

If anyone would like to join our team, please speak to me or get in touch at the email address above.

Ian Morgan
Editor

Church Family News

Death:	Amy Burns	3/4/21
Death:	Marilyn Peebles	14/4/21
Death:	Helen Rogerson	20/4/21
Death:	Alison Lonie	24/4/21
Death:	Margaret Henderson	4/5/21

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