

Christ's Kirk Chronicle

Glenrothes Christ's Kirk

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March 2023



Prayer Call

We give thanks to you, God our Father,
for mercy that reaches out,
for patience that waits for our returning,
and for your love that is ever ready to welcome sinners.
We praise you that in Jesus Christ you came to us with forgiveness,
and that, by your Holy Spirit, you move us to repent and receive your love.
Though we are sinners, you are faithful and worthy of all praise.
We praise you, great God, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving from the American Presbyterian Church.
(submitted by Rev McNaught)

Lent Studies

Rev Conor Fegan will lead Lent studies at St. Margaret's every Sunday in March at 4pm.

Easter Services at Christ's Kirk

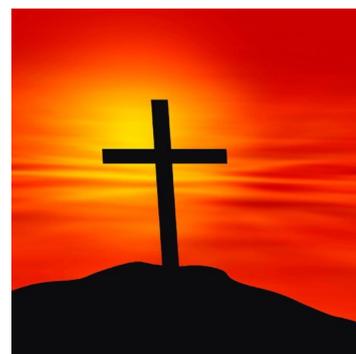
Monday 3rd April @ 7pm Guild

Maunday Thursday 6th April @ 7pm Communion Service

Friday 7th April Good Friday -Walk of Witness

Sunday 9th April @ 10.30am

An Easter lunch of soup and pudding will take place after morning worship on 9th April 2023 with tickets priced at £5. Tickets will be available soon.



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This in Remembrance of Me

The Sacrament of Holy Communion
will be celebrated here at
Christ's Kirk on
28th May 2023 at 10.30am



Interim Moderator's update

Dear Friends

I have been thinking a lot about hope this week and hope this letter finds you well. The news has been filled with the tragedy of the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. We continue to hope for more survivors being found and for aid to reach those in such desperate need.

Billy Graham in his book "Hope for The Troubled Heart" tells the story of the lone survivor of a shipwreck who was marooned on an uninhabited island. He managed to build a hut in which he put everything he had saved from the wreck. He prayed to God for rescue as he daily scanned the horizon for a passing ship.

One day he returned to his hut and to his horror he found it in flames. All he possessed was going up in smoke. It was the ultimate tragedy, and he sat in despair. Shortly after that a ship arrived. The captain said, "We saw your smoke signal and hurried here." The shipwrecked man fell to his knees and thanked God for the fire he had just been cursing as a tragedy.

The point of Billy Graham in telling this story is that he recognizes the great need for people to have hope. When bad things happen, it is important that we have hope that God can work in all things for good. The world is full of awful things, and today we do not have to wait long to hear about them. We get the bad news the very moment terrible events happen. All this tragic news affects people around the world and produces the sense of hopelessness. Billy Graham writes, "Perhaps the greatest psychological, spiritual, and medical need that all people have is the need for hope."

Where would we be without hope? No matter how difficult things become we will always have hope because God gives us hope.

We read in Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

I find the words of this hymn particularly encouraging.

*May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace,
Singing, share our joy with all,
Working for a world that's new,
Faithful when hear Christ's call.*

As we continue our journey working with other churches in the Glenrothes Partnership and getting to know our neighbours better, we do so in hope and faith in God's plan for us at Christ Kirk. Faith that together we are stronger and better equipped to complete the missional outreach needed in our area. In the coming weeks and months, we are being encouraged as Kirk Sessions and Congregations to work closer together. To share a vision of hope about how we can best serve Christ. Alone we struggle to do everything but together we can achieve a lot. Let us use the period of Lent leading up to Easter as a time of reflection and prayer for our church and God's plans for us and our community.

God Bless.

Margaret

Interim Moderator OLM

Finance report

The final income and expenditure figures for the year 2022 are shown below which show a small £5,000 reduction in our general account balance at the year end. However during the period we did manage to repay £8,500 towards our Ministries and Mission error, with the remaining balance on track to be repaid this year.

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Trial Balance at 31st December 2022

Christ's Kirk General Account			
Opening balances			
	Bank	General A/C	20814.19
		Cafe A/C	8000.00
		Future Fund	1493.51
Hall lets			3779.50
Open Plate			3542.76
WFO	Weekly		7176.50
	Standing Order		10914.00
CAFGY			184.32
Donations			1150.00
Retiring Colleccontra			192.17
Grant FRC- Haven			1666.00
Gift aid			4530.41
Gift aid Guild	contra		17.50
Fundraising			2027.54
Rental Manse			9201.60
Ministers travel			
Locum salary/travel		12583.56	
Guild gift aid	contra	17.50	
Honorarium church officer		500.00	
Pulpit supply		260.00	
Office expenses		606.08	
Churches together			
Church Electricity		738.87	
Church Gas		2654.59	
Outreach – Haven		234.75	
Church repair & maint		1308.27	
Manse repair & maint		364.5	
Presbytery fees		932.25	
Church phone & internet		1109.52	
Organist		2400.00	
Insurance		1624.89	
Ministries & Mission		10877.00	
Ministries & Mission Error		8500.00	
Gardener		1645.80	
Cleaning		2129.82	
FWO envelopes		96.40	
Fundraising expenses		276.33	
Gifts		25.00	
Retiring Colleccontra		192.17	
PPE Covid			
Auditor fees		660.00	
Closing balance			
	Bank	General A/C	15693.94
		Cafe A/C	8000.00
		Future/Fabric	1258.76
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The Stated Annual Meeting will take place after morning worship on 26th March 2023.

Churches Together

Churches Together is going from strength to strength. A very successful, enjoyable Friendship Meal was held on 21st January in St Columbia's Church Hall. It would be great to have more of our congregation attending these meals - too good to miss! It's good to mix socially with members of other Glenrothes Churches.

Plans are being made for the annual Walk of Witness on Good Friday, 7th April. We hope many will join the Walk from Christ's Kirk leaving around 10.30am and help to carry the wooden cross. It's important to witness to the people of the town the true meaning of Easter as we join with walkers from the other Glenrothes Churches to congregate at St Columbia's Church for a service of worship.

Those who are unable to walk can join the walkers at the church for the service.

More details will be available soon and will be intimated at church and on the church website.

Wilma

Guild news

The last two meetings of the Guild for the year 2022 was a talk by Sheila and Val about their life in Africa, what life was like and all the wonderful people they met. We cannot forget about the wild animals, the big cats, elephants, zebras and also the amazing landscape. Many thanks Sheila and Val for a wonderful afternoon.



We ended 2022 with a Christmas lunch. After lunch there was carol singing and a quiz and once again, entertainment from Sam. Thank you Sam, for a lovely afternoon enjoyed by everyone.

Now we are into a new year and the first meeting was a Scottish afternoon on which we sang some old Scottish favourites. Jenny read from the Scottish Bible and then we had a quiz about Robert Burns. Some teams were very good and some were not so good but there was a lot of laughter and the winning team received a prize. The afternoon was finished off with tea or coffee with shortbread and cloutie dumpling.

Into February, accompanied by her dog Archie, Glynis Shote spoke about Pet Therapy Dogs. Dogs, and other animals help people through difficult times as they go into hospital, care homes and schools. Glynis told how even in Florence Nightingale's time, dogs were helping the wounded soldiers – back then they did not recognise PTSD. On 20th February Catherine Mills gave a craft demonstration. She did a quilling demonstration and then everyone tried Encaustic Art. We weren't quite sure at first but once we started we all really enjoyed it and produced some amazing results.

There is a change to the Guild syllabus. The Daffodil Tea, originally scheduled for 1st April, has been moved to April 20th and will now be an Afternoon Tea.

Upcoming meetings:

March 6 th	Kerr and Jenny reminiscences	
March 20 th	Home for Good	
April 4 th	Holy week	7pm
April 17 th	AGM	
April 20th	Afternoon Tea	2pm

Madeline

Christian Aid

Christian Aid is asking churches to support the great need in Ukraine and parts of Africa now as the situations there worsen - that appeal is made before the special appeal during Christian Aid Week. If you are able to support this it will be much appreciated.



However Christian Aid Week this year will be held from Sunday 14th May to Saturday 20th. As I feel I can no longer take part in the Kiltwalk or other sponsored walks - lack of my fitness I admit- I'm considering other ways to fundraise for Christian Aid, a charity close to my heart. Last year we organised the Big Brekkie before the church service and wonder if this year to do the same on Sunday 14th May or to organise a snack lunch instead, which more people may prefer, after the church service. Please get in touch with me and state your preferences before the end of March - I look forward to arrange the more popular decision.

Wilma

Either speak to Wilma direct or email the church at christskirkglenrothes@yahoo.com

Pastoral Care

I begin this report by putting on record the heart-warming and uplifting Carol Concert held at Inchkeith Court. This event was directed expertly by Rev Willie McCulloch and Rev Sam McNaught ably assisted by Eric Walls on the accordion. Sheets of both Christmas hymns and Christmas songs were produced by Ian Morgan and the audience sang enthusiastically. Sam recited Christmas poems and conducted a lively quiz. The entertainment concluded with the Twelve Days of Christmas with actions led by Willie. A sumptuous tea was served by members of our Pastoral Care Team and a team of residents and tribute was paid for the generosity of Jim McIntyre's Pastoral Care. Members continue working hard to fulfil their duty of Christian caring.

Evelyn

Church family news

Agnes Wilson died 20th January 2023

GROW

The GROW Management Committee and Trustees are continuing to seek to appoint a GROW Worker.

Unfortunately the candidate who was to be interviewed for the post decided to withdraw her

application due to personal circumstances. The committee has now agreed to re-advertise the post after Easter.

The new SU Regional Worker for GROW is Roy Osborne who replaces Bruce Lockhart as he has recently taken up another SU post after having given many years of faithful service to our previous GROW Workers.

Rev Eileen Miller, who now lives in Burntisland, is no longer one of GROW's Trustees, so the committee is looking to appoint another Trustee.

Since church services are held in the church hall at present we hope to play the GROW promotional video after Easter when we intend to return for worship in the Church sanctuary.

Wilma



Dates for your diary

Haven drop-in	Every Monday from 10am
Coffee morning	Saturday 11th March from 10am Saturday 8th April from 10am Saturday 13th May from 10am
Guild	Monday 6th March at 2pm Monday 20th March at 2pm Monday 4th April at 7pm Monday 17th April at 2pm AGM Saturday 20th April at 2pm Afternoon Tea
Communion	Sunday 28th May 2023 at 10.30am



Time for a Cuppa/Haven drop-in

Unfortunately, Time for a Cuppa has had to stop. Many thanks to Linsey and her team for their many years of service. It was felt that there was still a need for it in the community and it is now part of the covenanted partnership's "Haven café warm space". It is continuing on a Monday morning from 10 o'clock until 12noon offering a warm place to sit, have some hot toast and coffee or tea and companionship. If you would like to help please get in touch. Volunteers are desperately needed.

Zoom services

Hopefully, towards the end of March we will be moving worship back into the church and we will then be in a position to resume Zoom services.

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 them.

Printed copies will be available for collection in the vestibule in the church.

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* At present the church office is not in use. If you need to contact us please use one of the alternative methods above.

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