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From the Minister's Desk

**“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way....”**

Psalms 46:1-2

Dear Friends,

The pace of change for our nation and across the world continues unabated. The peaceful death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth means that her son is now King Charles III; meanwhile we are now on the third Prime Minister since the last issue of Contact, and facing a challenging winter.

Not as challenging as the plight of the Ukrainians, with the huge damage sustained to their energy infrastructure by the Russians; nor the unfolding disaster of famine in East Africa, one of the many signs of the cost of climate change in the world today.

It's hard to know where to begin – yet the Bible often reminds us that God is on the throne, particularly when we face times of great trial. Our confidence is not in crowns or authorities, but in the living God, who sustains life, and who, through His Son, has rescued us from death.

In the last issue of Contact we reported on the arrival of the new A/V screens and Web Streaming equipment; I'm pleased to add that November is expected see the replacement of our now aging sound system.

This will include new microphones and a better mixer which will integrate the sound with the streaming system.

All of this has been achieved thanks to substantial grants received from the Adapt and Thrive programme and particularly from the Presbytery of Angus, with only a minimal contribution from congregational funds. We were particularly encouraged by a retiring offering gifted at the funeral for Mrs Anne Simmons.

As we go to print, we expect to hear the final approval for the Presbytery Mission Plan at the start of November – now comes the work of implementation. Our Elders have already begun discussions with others in Barry and Panbride, but there is still a great deal to work through.

One small act is a pulpit exchange between myself and Annette Gordon at the beginning of December, but much more will follow in the New Year – with further discussions anticipated with Monifieth and Monikie Newbigging Murroes Tealing congregations.

Times of change will impact us all in different ways, and we must seek the Lord together for wisdom and grace in all our discussions.

Yours in the Grace and Peace of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

Mike Goss

Prayer Focus

We offer these thoughts to add to your own prayers:

1. King Charles III and the Royal Family – Pray for our new King and his family in their time of loss and in the new responsibilities they bear.

2. **New Government** – Pray for the new Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak, and his government as they face the great challenges of these days; ask the Lord to guide them with integrity and love for all in our lands.

3. **East Africa** – Remember all the nations struggling on the edge of famine at this time, and continue to pray for churches and aid agencies providing support and help.

Congregational Register

New Member by Profession of Faith

Oct 23 Ewan Turner

Funerals

“Jesus said, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me shall not perish, but have everlasting life.’”

Sept 20 **Mrs Agnes Harrison** *

29 **Neil Fairweather**

Oct 24 **Jack Grant**

Coming Up

Prayer Meetings Mondays 10 - 11 am in the Manse

Mon 7th Nov 7.30 pm Carnoustie Kirk Session

Wed 9th Nov 7.30 pm Church Life & Worship Team

Sun 13th Nov 10.30 am **Remembrance** in Barry and Carnoustie

Mon 14th Nov 7.30 pm Barry Kirk Session

Wed 16th Nov 7.30 pm Barry **Community Consultation**

Tues 22nd Nov 10.30 am Carnoustie Union discussions

Wed 23rd Nov 2 pm Midweek service

Sat 26th Nov 2 pm **Messy Church** in Panbride

Mon 5 th Dec	7.30 pm	Mission & Outreach Team
Wed 7 th Dec	7 pm	Joint Sessions Social in Kinloch Hotel
Thurs 8 th Dec	2 pm	Christmas Afternoon Teas in Barry Hall
Fri 16 th Dec	1 pm	Carnoustie Guild Christmas Meal
Wed 21 st Dec	2 pm	Midweek service
Sun 22 nd Jan	9.30 am	The Lord's Supper in Barry
Sun 22 nd Jan	11 am	The Lord's Supper in Carnoustie
Mon 23 rd Jan	7.30 pm	Carnoustie Kirk Session
Wed 25 th Jan	2 pm	Midweek Service
Sun 29 th Jan	4 pm	Bereavement Service (time & date tbc)

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2022

Sunday 27th November – Advent Sunday

11 am	Barry Parish Church – Joint Souper Sunday Service
1 pm	Town Christmas Stalls in Kinloch School area
5.30 pm	Town Christmas Tree Lights switch on

Sunday 4th December – Pulpit Swap with Carnoustie: Panbride

9.30 am	Toy Gift – bring a gift for Angus Women's Aid – Barry
11 am	Carnoustie Church

Sunday 11th December

9.30 am	Barry Parish Church
11 am	Carnoustie Church
7 pm	Christmas Musicale in Carnoustie Church

Sunday 18th December – Lessons and Carols

9.30 am	Barry Parish Church
11 am	Carnoustie Church

Saturday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

6.30 pm **Christingle** Service – bring a small orange + cake-candle
Retiring Offering for **Barry Church Defibrillator**

11.30 pm **Watchnight** Service – Offering for **Scottish Bible Society**

Sunday 25th December (Christmas Day)

10.30 am Family Celebration – Joint service in **Carnoustie Church**

Sunday 1st January 2022

10.30 am Family Service – Joint service in **Barry Parish Church**

Sunday 8th January 2022

9.30 am Services resume in **Barry Parish Church**

11 am Services resume in **Carnoustie Church**

Guild News

On October 19th we were lucky enough to have Kerry from B.E.A.T. the charity we are supporting this year. This charity helps young people with eating disorders. Sadly, as I was feeling quite unwell that evening, although I did attend initially, I had to leave. I am assured Kerry was a brilliant speaker and the evening was enjoyed by all who attended!

Our next meeting is on November 16th, when Kirsten and Gordon Reid are to entertain us. This is certain to be a most enjoyable evening.

How amazing that this year our Christmas lunch is in December !!!! However, because the Station Hotel have another large group on the Wednesday 14th, we are to have ours on Friday 16th.

In Committee, we are still considering what subject would be appropriate for January. As soon as a decision is reached I will let you know and the subsequent months too.

Pru Milne

Flower Committee

Unfortunately, due to Covid, very few flowers have been arranged in the Church, apart from Easter, Armistice, Christmas and the Queen's Jubilee. Flowers are to be in the Church once a month from October onwards.

Flower List

23rd October Mrs P Milne
 Mrs D Muir
 Mrs J Craib

13th November Mrs D Edwards
 Mrs B Picken
 Mrs M Whyte

For the 18th December, flowers have been donated in memory of the late Rev Eric and Sheila Milton, who would have celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary on the 20th December 2022.

22nd January Mrs L Banks
 Mrs J MacLaren
 Mrs K Reid

I would like to thank all donors who have provided flowers for many years. On behalf of the Flower Committee, may I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and hope that 2023 will be a better year for you all.

*Sandra Penman
(Flower Convener)*

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Leviticus 22:31 - Keep my commands and follow them. I am the Lord.

Psalms 118:24 - This is the day the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.



News from CrossReach

Advance Notice

Isn't it good to be able to meet face to face once again? The finance team enjoyed our meeting that way this week. So the time is right to call together the fundraising team where we'll gather ideas and get to work to make the Church Building Project a reality at last.

One of the first things that might take place early in 2023 within the church is a Coffee Morning with a couple of stalls. For one of them, we'll need small items for a parcel stall, so please start putting aside suitable things post-Christmas. Also any ideas for fundraising activities would be much appreciated.

CrossReach for Christmas

I am pleased to announce that the Retiring offering on Communion Sunday last month raised £199.60 for CrossReach. This will be a great encouragement to those who work there and I know our donation is appreciated. There is an appeal out this month for their counselling service.

Thank you, now, to everyone who ordered cards and calendars from the catalogues. Our big church order came to £474.70 and is with me now. As you are reading this I hope most folk will have their order. If, however you have not met me in church to pay for yours, please phone 852823 and arrange for me to bring it to you.

The catalogues are still available at the back of the church so you may still order things yourself but be aware many lines are already sold out.

Here's early Christmas wishes to you and to all who will receive those calendars and Christmas cards.

Sandra Dow

Royal British Legion Foodbank

I take the Carnoustie Church foodbank donations to the Carnoustie Legion each week. On the Church's behalf I was invited to a thank you evening on 21st October. A lovely evening meeting, lots of Carnoustie people who help in many ways with the Foodbank.

Thank you to all in the church who donate food items, toiletries and cash. Since the church started supporting the Legion foodbank there have been varied amounts taken often 1 – 3 large bags of goods plus, since January, a total of £420 has passed through the little cash box in the foodbank donation box.

We are helping others who may be having a difficult time by giving a little with kindness and in a non-judgemental way. A packet of biscuits, tin of something, and small jar of coffee, toiletry or small cash donation, the list is endless. Whatever you can give and how much is more than welcome. Thank you to all,

Jean Brown

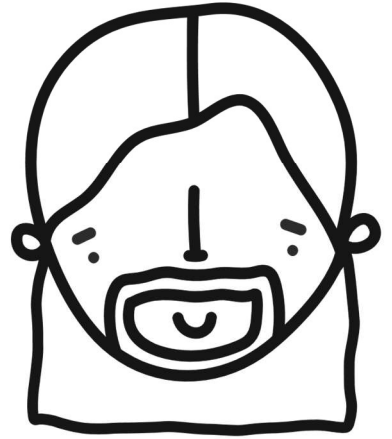
A few thoughts –

- If a child lives with criticism, he learns to condemn
- If a child lives with hostility, he learns to fight
- But if a child lives with security, he learns to have faith
- Or if a child lives with approval, he learns to like himself

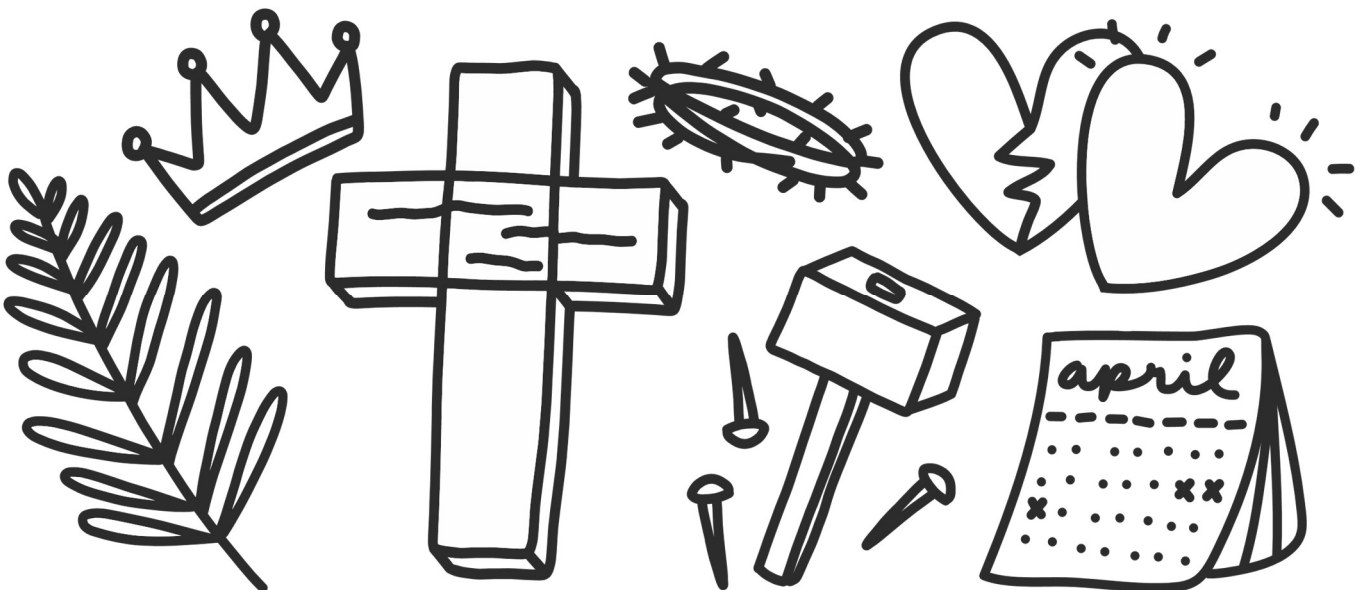
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