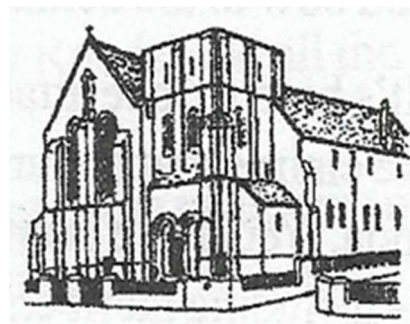




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From the Minister's Desk

“¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptised by one Spirit so as to form one body – whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free – and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.”

1 Corinthians 12: 12-13

Dear Friends,

With a number of meetings under our belt, we are beginning to work out the shape of a new united parish for our town. We'll have one Kirk Session to oversee the life and work of the congregation, though we will continue to meet in Carnoustie, Newton, and (at least initially) in Barry Church as well.

We'll also still have two Ministers, though Annette and I will be working more as a team. We've started doing this already, sharing cover for holidays, working in tandem with the residential home services, and providing our Manses for shared meetings.

Negotiations and plans continue, and by the start of the summer we hope to have a Basis of Union and a Basis of Team Ministry finalised to offer to our congregations. There will be votes in each Kirk Session, then a final vote in each congregation, the latter currently pencilled in for

Sunday September 3rd. Every member will receive more information in advance, but you must be at the Church service to vote when the time comes.

Running alongside these discussions, we will soon need to begin conversations with Monifieth and South Angus congregations as we work on a shared partnership in the future. We are not anticipating a further union, but rather a means of sharing Ministry more widely across the congregations and parishes.

At home things have changed a little – Rhona’s retirement has settled in to a new rhythm of life for us both. She’s been taking on some new ventures and provided some extra involvement in the Church as well.

This has also led to a changed pattern of holidays for us, as we are no longer confined to the school holidays. As a result, I am looking forward to getting away a few times over the next three months. Like many of my colleagues, it seems to have been a long and busy winter, so I’m anticipating getting a break and recharging the batteries.

In the meantime, the work goes on: many in our congregation are involved with the discussions mentioned earlier, in the Building Project for Carnoustie, and in much else around the life, worship and witness of God’s people in this place. Our thanks to each and every one who supports the congregation in all your various ways.

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. **New First Minister** – Pray for whoever is elected the new First Minister of Scotland and the changes to Scottish Government that will follow thereafter.

2. Cyclone Freddy – Remember Mozambique, Malawi and Madagascar devastated by this five-week long storm system which left hundreds dead and thousands of homes destroyed. Pray for all bringing relief and care, and for all who have suffered as a result of the storm.

3. Union Discussions – Pray for all involved in the negotiations for a united Church for Barry, Carnoustie and Panbride, that we may have grace and wisdom in all our discussions.

Congregational Register

Funerals

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

Feb 9 **Margaret Maguire***

20 **Alan Lindsay** *

23 **Irene Rendall**

“A Celebration”

‘Quite recently I reached a special Birthday and as Mike said in Church, "it had the number 9 in it". I would like to thank all those who sent cards with such lovely verses and good wishes for the future.

Two very good friends, Kirsty Reid and Mandy Ferguson, hosted an afternoon tea at my home where I got to just sit down and enjoy the time with around twenty of us having lovely food, exchanging memories and having good old fashioned fun together.

Those who know me know that I like to emphasise together. It’s talked a lot in Parliaments, Local Government and especially Churches. We managed that at the afternoon tea, when three different Churches were represented and everything came together.

I also received gifts (despite requesting "no gifts please"). A certain garden centre may well help with something for my beloved garden and the Church project has also benefited from gifts given in my name. I also want to thank the Church for the flowers I received on Sunday 19th March.

Speaking to my friend, Sandy Thornton, the Sunday after the afternoon tea, I remarked that Royalty celebrates with two days of birthdays, whereas I had had a week-long series of events shared with relatives and friends. A birthday cake concluded the celebrations with the words "Here's to the next 10 years"

That phrase, "I have to leave in God's hands", but I thank Him for the ones that I have enjoyed to date.'

May

Flower List

April 9th

Mrs J Brown

Mrs S Dow

Mrs S Lindsay

May 28th

Mrs E Baker

Mrs L Cook

Mrs I Morrison

June 25th

Mrs G Landsburgh

Mrs E Lyall

Mrs N Young

Sandra and Claire

MAF

We are asking that you pray for Ryan Koher, a pilot for Mission Aviation Fellowship, who is in a high security prison in Mozambique. On November 4, he met two South Africans at an airport in southern Mozambique for a routine flight. They were bringing supplies for orphanages in the northern part of the country and it was a flight MAF.

Known as Ambassador Aviation Ltd. in Mozambique, they had flown many times in the past. Before the airplane was loaded, police conducted a normal scan of the goods and had concerns about some vitamins, over-the-counter medications, and food preservative supplies that were going to staff at the orphanages.

Update on 16th March 2023 Full statement from MAF

“Mission Aviation Fellowship” is pleased to confirm that pilot Ryan Koher has been granted a provisional release from prison in Mozambique. Koher, an American pilot, along with two South African men, Willem du Plessis and Eric Dry, also detained, left prison late on the afternoon of Tuesday, 14th March.

They have been held for more than four months. They are required to remain in Mozambique and the case is still ongoing. We are continuing to learn more about next steps in the case from our legal counsel.

Ryan has talked with his wife, Annabel, and his two boys, multiple times now and he is doing well. The executive leadership team of MAF expresses its thanks for all those who have been praying for Ryan and his family. We ask for continued prayer that the final outcome will be a full release of Ryan from any charges and trial.

MAF is grateful to the courts in Mozambique for this decision. Out of respect for the legal process in Mozambique, MAF will make no further comment at this time.

Please continue to keep Ryan, Willem, Eric and their families in your prayers”.

Thanks, Irene

Guild News

I can't believe that we are almost at the end of the session already but that's life! April's meeting is on the 19th when we have the pleasure of Rev Annette Gordon who is talking to us about Chaplaincy which should be most interesting!

May's meeting on the 10th is Graham the speaker from UNIDA, our Project which trains women for Ministry and Service in Brazil. This proves to be a most interesting talk and discussion!

Our final meeting is our Summer Outing to Brechin Castle Garden Centre where we will have Afternoon Tea on the changed date of June 21st. We sincerely hope for a beautiful day like today!!!

If anyone has any ideas for next session, please let me know!!

Pru Milne

Retiring offering – PEARL International

The retiring offering at the April communion will support the work of PEARL International, which is a Carnoustie-based charity with an international impact. The mobile phones that we now take for granted contain many natural minerals which are mined around the world. Many of these come from the Democratic Republic of Congo, where a deadly conflict is raging.

The mining of minerals such as Coltan has a significant effect on communities through environmental damage and poor working practices. Children and young people are orphaned, displaced and regularly abducted by armed groups to become child soldiers. PEARL International

aims to support children and former child soldiers in DRC, and to unlock a future of Peace, Education, Access, Reconciliation and Liberty by encouraging people to make a small donation when they purchase a new mobile phone.

Support to date has included the rebuilding of classrooms to replace those damaged by floods and the purchase of mattresses for former child soldiers. Further information will be available at the Communion service on Sunday 23rd April.

Rhona Goss

Upcoming Church Project Fundraising Events

Saturday 27th May – Big Coffee Pop Up Pop In. For this event we will be looking for articles for the various stalls. These will include: cake & candy, books, bric-a-brac and vintage clothes. More may be added.

So keep any unwanted Christmas presents, books you've read and loved (or not) and any pre-loved clothes cluttering up your wardrobe. Items for the stalls can be brought along to the church or speak to either Pat Thornton or me and we can arrange to have items collected.

Mondays 24th April & 26th June are our upcoming Coffee & Chats. Come along to the church any time from 10am to 12 noon and enjoy a mug of coffee or tea (with free refills), a cake and some excellent company. All for the fantastic price of a minimum £2.00 donation. Now that's value for money.

Due to unforeseen circumstances the fashion show has been delayed and will now hopefully take place in June. The date will be announced in church, on Facebook and on the church's website.

Audrey Duncan

An exciting new venture for children

Rev. Nathan S. McConnell, of Dundee, writes, “Last October my wife, daughter and I travelled to Oslo Norway to attend the International “*Soul Children Festival*” with 2,000 children from Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Germany and England. It gave us a vision to bring it back to Scotland in November.

Beginning in Norway with one woman in 2001, the Church of Norway has now established Soul Children as a vehicle for Children's ministry/mission and now has choirs in most churches (even in small villages) as a community outreach.

“Soul Children Dundee” is a free ecumenical choir and now includes children from 7 nations (N Ireland, Scotland, USA, Nigeria, Philippines, England, & Ukraine), from 5 local primary/secondary schools, and the partnership of 5 local churches.

“Soul Children Dundee” runs weekly, on Sunday at 4pm, at Downfield Mains Church, Large Hall. For those in and around Dundee, please consider joining. Children learn the skill of singing, make new friends, hear a Soul Story (testimony) and play games. As part of Soul Children UK family (now endorsed by Scripture Union), Soul Children Dundee will attend the UK National festival June 24th in Manchester, England.

Links - [Soul Children.png](#)
[Soul Children Vision_Core Values_Focus.pdf](#)

Project Updates

As many of you will be aware, the Philip Hall is currently under offer and we are just waiting for final missives to be signed by the Law Department at Church of Scotland in Edinburgh. Hopefully we should know soon and be able to add the sum raised from the sale to the project funds.

The monthly coffee mornings are going well with noisy chat and lovely tea, coffee and eats being enjoyed by a regular number of people. Please come along if you can and join in the friendly fellowship.

The project team are still working, alongside the architect's team, going over the plans and looking for the best way forward with the funds we have at the moment. The more funds we can raise as soon as possible will help determine our way forward so please continue to support our ongoing fundraising events etc.

Irene

Bibles

It is hard to believe, but some households do not possess a Bible. The Bible Society are determined to address this situation and are giving free Bibles to those who need them. To request a free Bible, please write to Rev J B Jardine by email: freebible.ws@btopenworld.com

A young man was once under great concern for the salvation of his soul. "What can I do?" was his earnest question. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ," he was told. "Yes," he replied, "but where can I find Him?"

"Find Him in the Word of God," he was told. He took his Bible, and began reading at the beginning of the New Testament. He had not reached the end of the first chapter, before He found the Saviour he so needed, in [Matthew 1:21](#), "She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus,^[a] because he will save his people from their sins."

After that, the Bible became that man's most precious and treasured possession. And so, if you know someone with no access to God's Word, point them in the direction of the Bible Society, Hampton Terrace, Edinburgh. The staff there will be glad to help.

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