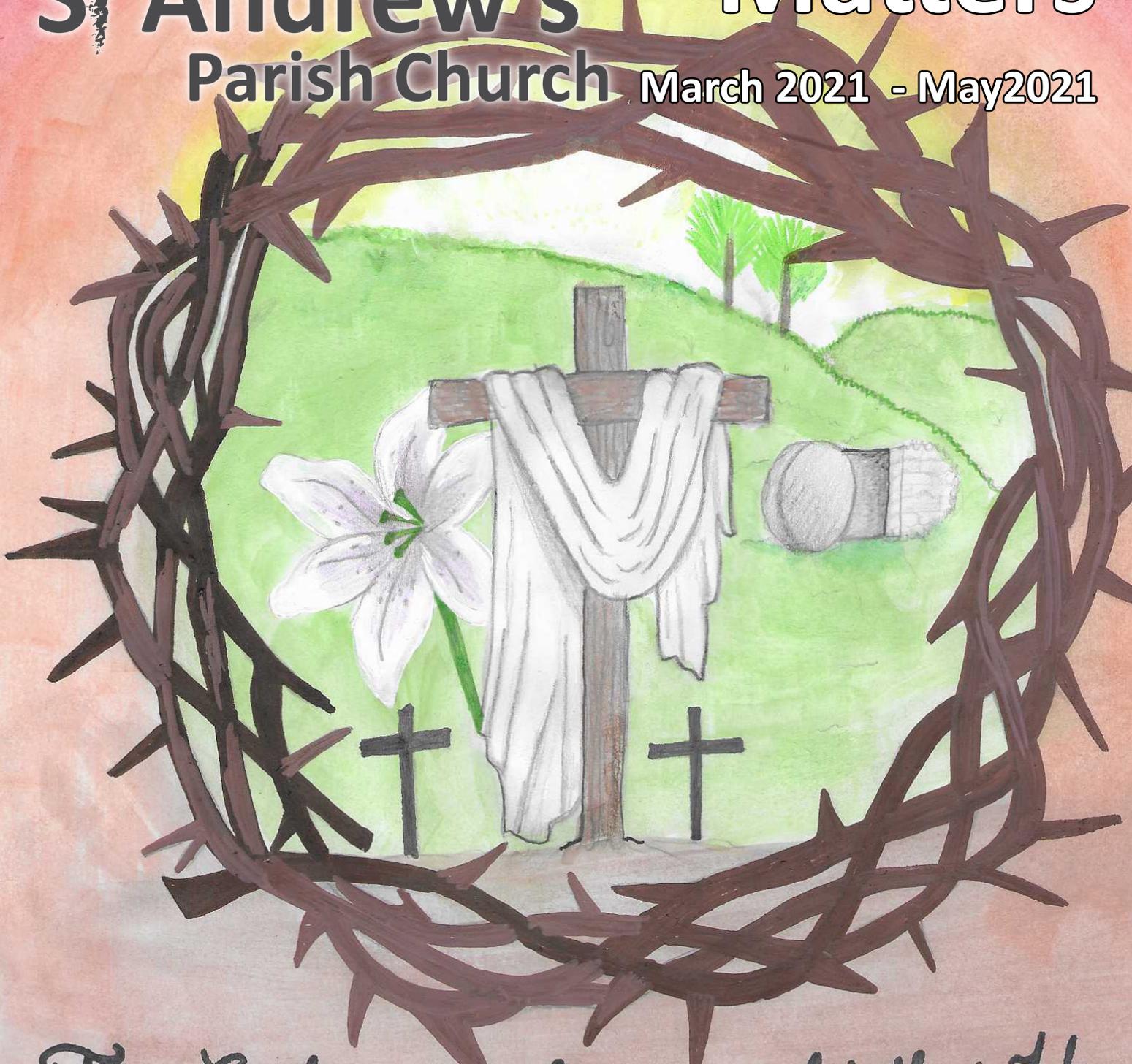


Kirk

Dalziel St Andrew's

Matters

Parish Church March 2021 - May 2021



For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life
John 3:16

Gone But Not Forgotten

May Warren,
12 Kerr Grieve Court, Motherwell

Babs Rae,
28 Earnock Avenue, Motherwell

Anita Duncan,
118 Glenview Court, Motherwell

Margaret McGowan,
29 Mincher Crescent, Motherwell

Betty Patton,
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114 Glenview Court, Motherwell

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8 Asquith Place, Bellshill

Elsie Bett,
68 Brandon Court, Motherwell

Jim Rae
45 Hillhead Avenue, Motherwell

Anne McAdams,
1 Potts Cassels Way, Motherwell

Jane Black,
31 Barrie Street, Motherwell

All now safe in the arms of Jesus

From the Manse

“Life is what happens when you are expecting something else”

The quote is from a book I’m reading. The author is pointing out that many of the stories of the Bible concern people who have

encounter disappointment: they are not in the life situation that they expected. Daniel is a wealthy teenager in Jerusalem who is dragged off into Babylon. A favoured son is thrown down a pit and sold into slavery, and so the life of Joseph begins. A teenage girl is planning her marriage to a local carpenter when an angel appears, and so we could go on. What are your disappointments just now? What expectations have been dashed?

I write on the first anniversary of my induction as minister of Dalziel St Andrews, and this is certainly not the life I was expecting. I anticipated a year of visiting, meeting (eating cake) and getting to know you. I expected we’d engage in a gentle process of change together. But... something else happened. Currently, there are still lots of you I haven’t met, and faces I’ve only seen behind masks, and cakes we’ve only shared on Facebook. Go easy on me when we do start meeting, I probably won’t recognise your face.

Yet, life goes on. The story of Daniel is the story of finding God even in Babylon: puzzling out how to work in a totally new (and unwanted) situation and, doubtless, dealing with the disappointments in losing the life he’d expected. It’s all, as the Psalm says, about figuring out how to sing the Lord’s songs in a strange land.

We’ve been doing that too. In this lockdown year we’ve have had so many disappointments, we’ve had to lament the loss of many things we took for granted (education, holidays, plans, shopping, meeting, church... and sadly people too). We’ve had to learn to new things as a congregation – and we shouldn’t underestimate what we have achieved together, but it has still been hard.

As I write, the road ahead is still unclear. We don’t know what we’ll be able to do, or when. Predicting good times, and happy meetings, simply runs the risk of more disappointments. But here’s the thing: perhaps the lesson is that we shouldn’t yearn for predictable normality at all. We should learn to look for God, because he is the only thing that does not change. He’s the only one that won’t disappoint us.

So, as we go forward together, let’s focus on what is important. Getting back to this or that meeting, this or that way of doing church, this or that organisation that we enjoy, just sets us up for more heartbreak. But committing to love, worship, grow, share, pray and trust in the Lord Jesus is something that is possible, whatever now forms it takes.

I would love to promise you that we’d meet again at Easter. I can’t. But I can promise that Jesus Christ will be with us in whatever comes next, precisely because of Easter. As Paul puts it, through faith in Jesus Christ, we know “that suffering produces endurance, endurance produces character, and character produces hope. Now this hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.” (Romans 5)

So, every blessing be with you, until we meet again

Alistair
PS: the book is “Singing in Babylon: Finding life’s purpose in second choices” by Jeff Lucas.

Kirk Session

The Kirk Session continues to meet jointly with the Congregational Board regularly on Zoom and although all Elders cannot access this, we ensure the minutes from the meetings are posted to them to ensure they are kept

updated.

Sadly, just before Christmas, John Currie passed away. John was an Elder in St. Andrew’s prior to the union and served on the Kirk Session alongside his wife Rita, a former Session Clerk, and his daughter, Susan.

We continue to hear reports on our financial position and property matters. We also receive updates on the Sunday School and how they are meeting on Zoom on Sunday mornings and in person when regulations allow. We also hear regular updates from Linda Irvine on the work of the General Assembly Trustees and the restructuring of the National Committees within the Church of Scotland.

At the next meeting in March we are going to be discussing the SWOT analysis we all completed in November of last year and looking at our Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats and how we can begin to form a platform for mission and outreach within the local community.

As we travel through Lent and approach Easter, we are again in lockdown and unable to worship together in person but we are blessed to be able to worship online, by DVD or telephone and our thanks go to Alistair and everyone involved in making this happen. I am sure we all look forward to the day when we can be together in the Sanctuary and praise God together.

Helen Lawson
Session Clerk

Repair to Upper Floor Transept Window

A couple of years ago we were advised by our Architect that the upper floor large window (the one facing Motherwell Cross) was badly needing repair. Several cracks in the stonework were identified as areas where water is able to get in. This side of the building is most exposed to wind pressures.

Following a tender exercise we now have a contractor in place and, thankfully, also have received confirmation of a most helpful grant from Historic Environment Scotland which will help us address the estimated cost of £36,000. We are also indebted to The Scottish Churches Trust and The Baird Trust and the General Trustees for their grant awards.

As the work is regarded as essential we are now able to progress with the contract and hope to do so starting in mid-March. The contract is expected to last about 12 weeks.

All safety precautions will take place throughout the work. As with the contract for the large feature window over the front door, there will be no need for us to close the sanctuary while work progresses.

Once again we hope that this contract will mark the conclusion of the Makeover Project – Forward for Jesus.

Thanks for your patience.

Ian Morrison and Alex Baird



*Imprisoned one,
Caught up in
Fears and Failures,
Hopelessly ensnared,
Try to remember*

*Discouraged one,
Entangled in life’s
Pain and problems,
Thinking no one cares,
Try to remember*

*When you can’t find the way,
You need to find THE WAY.*

*Jesus is still
The Way,
The Truth,
The Life.*

*He was your Way in,
And He is your Way out.*

*Escape into His freedom,
Do this in remembrance of Him.*

(Susan Lenzkes)

Financial Matters

The impact on Income, due to the Covid 19 pandemic during 2020, was that the 3 usual main income streams - Member Income, Hall Let Income and the proceeds from the Church Fayre - initially greatly reduced.

Member income from weekly offerings reduced due to the Sanctuary being closed which restricted members ability to give. However, many members took the opportunity to move to giving by monthly standing order. Many members also made additional donations. By the end of December 2020, member offerings had recovered to nearly the same as 2019 which was a magnificent response to our financial position by all members who maintained their level of giving or were able to increase their level of giving or made the many and most welcomed additional donations.

All income from Hall Lets stopped immediately when the buildings closed in March and at the end of the year there was a large deficit in budgeted income from this income stream.

Two large donations were most gratefully received in the absence of the Church Fayre resulting in approximately the original anticipated Church Fayre income being received.

Although the buildings were closed the great majority of expenditure continued to be incurred although, as expected, Gas and Electricity costs reduced. Being registered for Employee Tax and National Insurance with HMRC we were eligible for support from the UK Government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme. (CJRS) This enabled 80% of staff costs to be reclaimed which allowed staff to be Furloughed and remain employed.

The overall position at the end of December, mainly due to the increased financial support from members of the Congregation and support available from CJRS, was that we were able to meet all financial commitments in full in 2020

The Ministries and Mission (M&M) contribution for £76,960 was paid in full by the end of December 2020 after Presbytery approval to our application to retain £3,000 in support of our Deaf Outreach Project. M&M for 2021 is £73,061.

Many thanks to everyone able to increase their level of giving or make additional donations in support of our financial obligations.

Willie Brown, Treasurer

Thank You

After 14 years service as our Congregational Treasurer, Willie is retiring at the end of March. During this time he has served with great dedication, diligence and loyalty, always keeping the congregation fully up to date with our financial position. Each month he prepared and presented reports to the Congregational Board and prepared the annual accounts for presentation to the congregation at the Annual Stated Meeting. Willie has put in a phenomenal amount of work on our behalf during this time. Willie, we are deeply grateful and thank you for your service on our behalf and wish you a happy retirement. May God continue to bless you.

Stewardship and Finance Committee

Following Willie's decision to retire as our Treasurer, the Kirk Session and Congregational Board took the decision to set up a committee to deal with the finances of the church rather than the mammoth task being shouldered again by one person. At the last Session/Board meeting approval was given for Kirsty McMaster, Dan Tudor, Audrey Hulme, Mags Ellis, David Cumming and David Copp to serve on the committee. Kirsty McMaster has agreed to convene the committee and be our named 'Treasurer'. Audrey Hulme will take on the day-to-day banking of any donations received, so if you wish to donate to the church, please speak to Audrey. A New e-mail address - finance@dalzielstandrews.org.uk - has been set up and you can contact the committee on this. Reports will continue to be presented at each Session/Board meeting and Kirsty and Dan will be on hand to reply to any questions that may arise. Willie Brown has very kindly agreed to assist in any way he can during the transition period and the committee are very grateful for this. We wish them every blessing and would ask you to pray for those who have agreed to serve on the committee as they settle in to their new roles.

Thank You

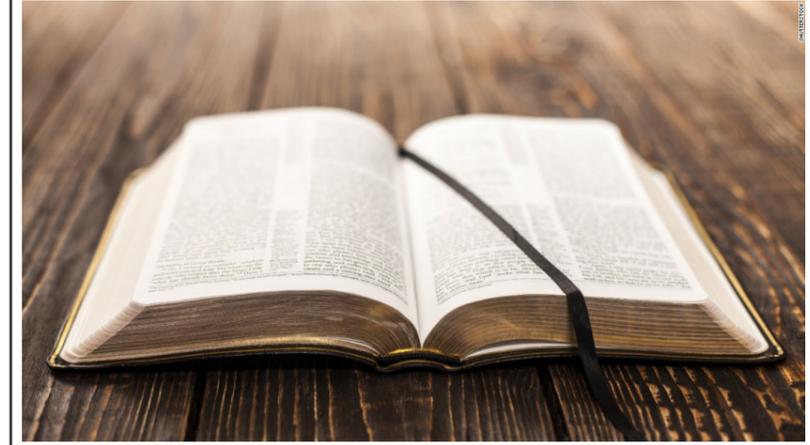
Iain Guthrie has looked after our Gift Aid recording for the last five years and feels now is the right time to step aside from doing it. Our thanks go to Iain for the fastidious work he has done over that time on behalf of the congregation.

Prayer Group



Although the Prayer Group is not actively meeting at the moment, prayer requests are still being taken. It is important that we maintain our Prayer Ministry especially at this difficult time. If you have a prayer request please contact us via the Church website or by telephoning the office on 01698 264097. All requests will be treated in complete confidence.

Bible Study



Each Wednesday evening, for just one hour, we take the opportunity to listen again to the bible reading from the previous Sunday and hear a bit more from Alistair on the main points of the scripture. This is followed by a good chat around the issues and what it might mean for us today.

Please do join us via Zoom at 8.00p.m. on Wednesday. All very welcome and all contributions to the discussion appreciated.

Alex Baird



Each Monday the service which Alistair has lead the previous day is uploaded to You Tube by Colin with the addition of Katy signing in British Sign Language (BSL) and also with Captions (sub-titles) added to assist those who are unable to follow BSL. We are very indebted to both Katy and Colin for their great work in this service to the Deaf Community who wish to worship.

Please do let all deaf folk know that they can access God's Word being preached via this service.



Musical Thoughts through Lent to Easter



As I write this, we are looking forward in the Christian calendar to Easter. I would like to reflect on some of the music we have used over the years and look forward to sharing again when life becomes more settled.

Over the years we have used our instrumentalists to help lead worship. In the days of the Mission Hall evening services we had a band which included 3 flutes and 3 euphoniums: an interesting combination! At one Palm Sunday Praise evening we combined band and choir in a musical celebration. As a result of that evening, where we invited additional folks with a love of singing, we added a few more permanent voices to our choir.

We have a wealth of worship music from Bach and Handel and even earlier, to great contemporary worship leaders like Keith and Kirstyn Getty, Stuart Townend, Graham Kendrick, Lou Fellingham, Hillsong and so many more.

Settings of 'God so loved the world' have regularly been sung over the Easter period. The traditional choral arrangement from Stainer's 'Crucifixion', along with contemporary arrangements have proved to be challenging and enjoyable. Music is a wonderful way to hear and share God's Word in a worshipful way. Many of us have become familiar with scripture through a hymn, or worship song; a great blessing through these challenging times.

One particular challenge I set the choir was to practise Mozart's 'Ave Verum'..... in Latin. Many of you will remember the late Isa Ker, who was a faithful member of our church choir for many years. Isa struggled big time with the pronunciation of this 'strange' language! The truth is, we had great fun together on this journey and were greatly entertained by Isa's witty comments.....usually instigated by Willie Brown! In the end it all came together and was a great piece of praise to God.

The powerful words of 'When I survey the wondrous cross' have been set to a number of tunes including 'Richmond', which is one of the best known and is included in CH4. Male voice choirs often sing these words to the tune 'Morte Criste' and our own choir has used this setting on a number of occasions.

'Make Way for the Cross', by Graham Kendrick was another achievement. This cantata for Easter is made up of solos, choir pieces including 'Thank you for the cross', 'Let the flame burn brighter' along with traditional congregational hymns. Our musical

celebration was enhanced by 4 beautiful Easter banners designed and produced by Myra Gibson. Myra, an artist, is the mother of Rev Alan Gibson of Motherwell South. These banners added another dimension to this service. After that service some of you may remember jumping on a coach, or the church minibus, driven by the minister, and heading to Hampden to watch Motherwell playing in the cup final!

As well as the traditional hymns for Easter like 'Thine be the glory' and 'Jesus Christ is risen today', one of my favourite Resurrection hymns is 'See, what a morning..' written by Townend and Getty.

***See, what a morning, gloriously bright
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light
As the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"
See God's salvation plan
Wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man for He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!***

***See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?"
As in sorrow, she turns from the empty tomb
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
This voice that spans the years
Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us
Will sound 'til He appears
For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!***

***One with the Father, Ancient of Days
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty
Honour and blessing, glory and praise
To the King crowned with pow'r and authority!
And we are raised with Him
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered
And we shall reign with Him
For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!***

We all go through tough times, no one escapes them. Because of our faith, we will come through this valley. **'And we shall reign with Him. For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!'** Wonderful words of hope to remember through these days. We all look forward to the time when we can be together again, in the sanctuary, worshipping our risen Lord.

**With every blessing,
Eric**



Quite a few things have been happening since my last Sunday School Report that I did not realise was some time ago. I must apologise for this.

At the beginning of September last year, we had a family service in the church with parents and children of the Sunday School. This was well attended with the maximum number in the church allowed being met. The children, and the adults, thoroughly enjoyed the service albeit I am not so sure about Alistair who ended up with very wet trousers after telling the story of Jesus walking on the water.

From October up until Christmas we were able to meet in the church, with limited numbers, and this was absolutely brilliant for the children. The service ran in conjunction with the early Church Service from 10:00 to 10:45 and on we had between 18 – 24 children in attendance every week. The lesson was along the same lines as the Zoom lessons with all the children being together. The leaders also incorporated a task and some playtime in their lessons.

For Remembrance Sunday the children coloured in Poppy stencils and were given stones on which they painted a Poppy. On Remembrance Sunday, the lesson was about how Remembrance Sunday came about and then they took their stones and laid them on the fence of the Remembrance Garden.

It was decided the children would do a Nativity this year albeit with a difference. The older ones would read and the younger ones were involved in crafts for it. The children practiced throughout November and it was recorded at the beginning of December to enable it to be shown in the church over the Christmas period.

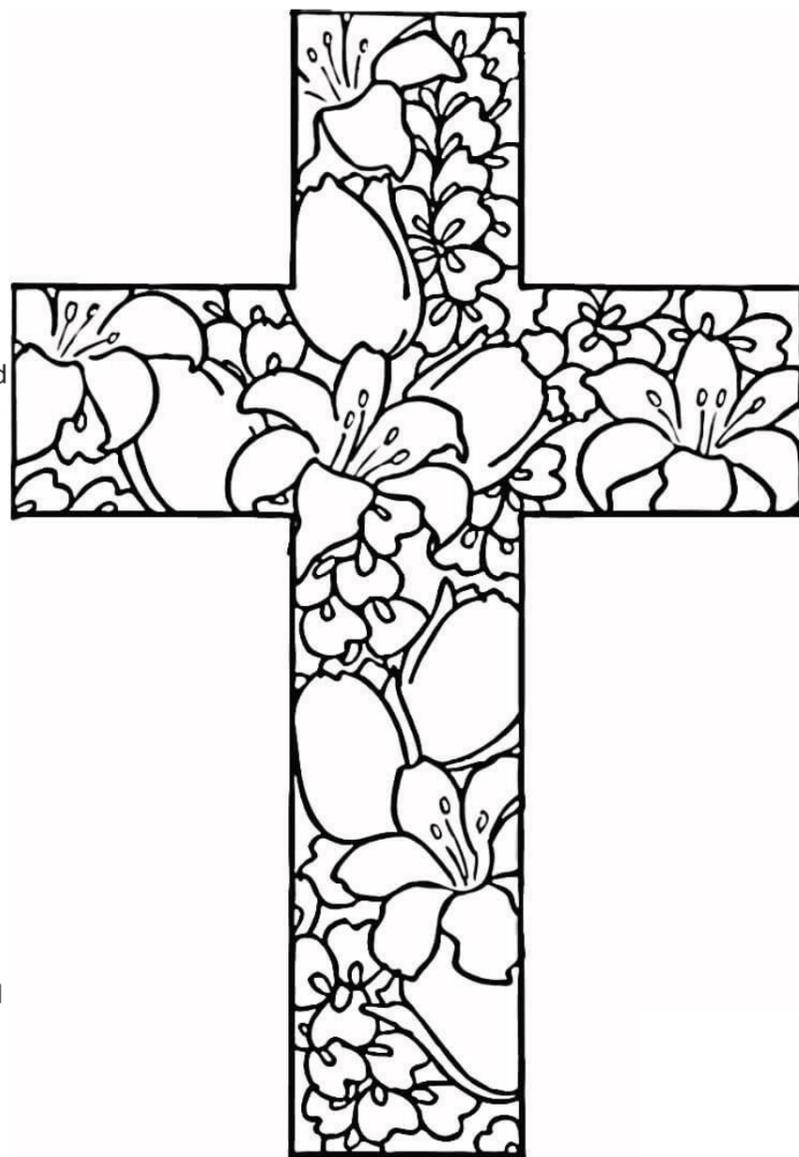
In the month of December, the children had an advent crown which enabled them to light a candle each as they would usually do in the church. Thank you to Ann Brown for making this for the children. We also had a book service where the Sunday School children received books and Fusion children received a voucher for the GLO Centre. All the children in Sunday School & Fusion received this.

On the last Sunday before Christmas the children had a fun day whereby they played some games, did some crafts and received a selection pack. Selection packs were delivered to those who did not attend that day.

Obviously, since the New Year we are back in lockdown and so the Sunday School has reverted to Zoom Lesson. We decided it was going to be more informal as the children have so many things to contend with via Zoom now. The leaders thought on “themes” such as love, friendship, prayer, storm, happiness, sadness and, whoever is taking the lesson, picks a theme and we talk about it whilst referring it to a Bible verse. So far, the attendance has been very good and I have to say the children are participating well.

The children of Sunday School and Fusion are being well looked after by a great bunch of thoughtful and enthusiastic leaders and I would ask that you all keep them in your prayers giving thanks for them.

Jean Stevenson
Sunday School and Fusion Coordinator



Hello everyone. I hope you are all coping as well as you can in the current situation. Brownies are not meeting face to face at the moment. In fact, we haven't met since March 2020.

We have been meeting via Zoom (on the internet). We started this in April last year and this is still the only way we can have our meetings.

It's amazing how quickly we have had to adapt to working with technology since this pandemic began. That is not very easy for a non-savvy tech person like me. The brownies have to explain some bits of the workings of zoom. We were doing a word search the other week and I couldn't find the highlighter pen – they very much enjoyed trying to tell me where it was. Don't tell them but I still couldn't find it.

We have been trying to keep up with our programme as best we can but have introduced scavenger hunts, quizzes etc to try and introduce a bit of fun. It's great seeing them running around the house looking for items and trying to be first back to show us (the guiders) what they have for each clue (parents have been advised beforehand what to expect). We have made cakes in a mug, did some Christmas craft, learned about stars and space, discussed the Chinese New Year, Pancake Day (we didn't make any though), completed a keep fit circuit, we had to pretend we were at camp and get ready for bed in the dark and a few other things. At the time of writing this article we are getting ready to celebrate Thinking Day. This is the day we think of all members of guiding all around the world. It is celebrated on 22 February as this was the birthday of Lord and Lady Baden Powell the founders of the Scouts and Guides.

Not all the girls are joining in the zoom meetings. That is ok as they are not everyone's cup of tea. We are in the process of getting ready for some of the girls making their Promise. It is not the same on Zoom. We normally have the parents in the hall with us for the evening and we have a cake with the girls' names on it. These are enjoyable evening but the atmosphere is not the same on zoom. I think we will be having a party when we are able to meet up again with a cake to celebrate. I don't think we will be alone in celebrating with a cake so bakers be warned lots of cake will be required when this pandemic is finally over.

In the meantime, please look after yourselves and as the Brownies say, we can't wait until we are meeting face to face again.

Take care everyone from the Guiders and Brownies of the 19th Motherwell Brownie unit.



Due to the current restrictions our face-to-face evenings in the church grounds had to be put on hold. However we have continued to meet on Zoom with all sections of the Company regularly. Our Anchors and Juniors meet every second Friday on Zoom where they have engaged in crafts, challenges, puzzles and so many more creative and fun activities. As well as these evenings, a challenge is set for them in the intervening weeks where they are encouraged to go outside and take some photos, find different things and have some fun. These have proven to be quite popular. Our Company Section meets every Friday night via Zoom which has been hugely supported. The Boys enjoy some time to have some relaxed fun, play some games and do some quizzes. As well as this we also hosted an online pancake evening where each of the Boys were in their own kitchens and followed instructions given to them to make some pretty impressive pancakes. Boys' Brigade HQ are reviewing the current situation at the beginning of April and, all being well, we hope to restart our face-to-face evenings again outside in the church gardens.

Colin Weir
Captain

Eric's Thoughts Through Troubling Times

How often have we heard, 'It's Ok not to be Ok'? Perhaps you haven't really believed this, or maybe even just dismissed it. The fact is.....it is real..... and it is true. Alistair did mention this in a recent sermon which has hopefully helped us all acknowledge this in ourselves. We are regularly hearing in the media of mental health issues largely due to the current, on-going situation. This is causing many of us to wrestle with our feelings and emotions.

Over these months we have all experienced a great sense of loss. We have lost the freedom to move around as we've been used to. No holiday breaks, no shopping trips, no visits to friends and family, no meeting others for a coffee or lunch, no evenings out for a meal with friends. Some have lost jobs, others have lost businesses, relationships have been affected. Sadly, many have lost family members and close friends and have been unable to mark their passing in a traditional and fitting way. Smaller family funerals, no opportunity to meet afterwards to share the grief along with the happy memories. This is all loss.

Not being able to meet up to do the 'normal' things means we often sit, on our own, in our home..... and think; often sad and negative thoughts. Those negative thoughts, feelings and emotions are real and they are true. We must acknowledge them, not suppress them, as they will not go away by themselves. Unfortunately, many try to pretend they are not there by pushing them deeper and deeper. Others replay them over and over again and don't know what to do with them. Both cause pain, emotional pain.

So, what can we do to deal with them in a better way?

We should try to acknowledge and express this loss.

Having someone to chat to is good, but not always possible. There can also be a sense of embarrassment with that. We sometimes feel our situation is not important enough to bother others with, or other people will not want to hear about our sadness. We were designed by God to be in relationships and we all need others to share in the ups and downs of our lives. It's about taking that first step to speak out. When someone asks how you are, try not to use the default answer 'I'm fine'. We often use that response to avoid further questions and then retreat behind our safety mask. What would it be like to say 'actually, I'm struggling and would appreciate a chat with you'? None of us needs someone to fix it all for us. In truth, they can't. What we do need is someone to hear us and just get us. No more! This is really important as a listener.....don't try to fix the person, just listen. It's also helpful to try and repeat some of what they've shared, just so the person knows you heard them. 'I heard you say you're lonely today', or 'I heard you say you struggle to concentrate on anything at present'. These are all normal feelings and it's important to have these verified.

Some struggle even to check in with a friend or family member. They may fear what they that person might share and..... we can't fix it. I encourage you to take that step and gently ask.....'how are you doing today?' All you have to do is listen and let them know you've heard them.

If you are not able to chat to a friend it can be helpful to write down what you are feeling. Try to begin a journal and write something in it each day. Positive comments and feelings as well as negative. Once you have written something you can go back and read it, this acknowledges what you are sitting with. It is real... and it is true for you. Acknowledge your feelings and try to understand why you are feeling that way. Sit with this for a short time, then choose to focus your thoughts on something else more positive. Do this each time you feel sad instead of disowning the feelings, or

replaying them over and over.

It's good to have some kind of structure for each day. Plan your day from getting up. Have a routine of self care. Wash/shower, breakfast, a morning activity, some lunch, an afternoon activity, evening meal, evening activity, settling down to relax before bed. Activities like walking, reading, a hobby, phoning a friend or neighbour, listening to music, watching television etc. Try not to watch television all day....especially all the news programmes at present! It's good to vary these activities a bit each day. If you have got out of the habit of reading your Bible, or praying, why not begin a new habit and get back to it. God is walking with us on our journey. Speak to Him and tell Him how hard it is for you at present, then ask for His help. He's still there waiting and watching over you.

There are people in the church who would be able to chat with you. Alistair has often invited people to phone him for a chat. Have you done that? Helen, our Session Clerk, is available during office hours: she will listen put you in touch with others for needed. Your district elder can be contacted. How would it be to phone someone you only know a little and ask how they are doing? That opens a door, allows you into their space and gives you the opportunity to speak a bit about yourself.

It's important to realise you are not alone in this. We are all feeling the pain of this situation. Lots of people are hiding behind the 'I'm fine' mask and just require a little help to take it away and be honest. How much of a difference would it make if we all let down the barriers that protect us and make ourselves a little vulnerable. We all have our cracks, we are all struggling at times on our journey through life. We all need some help from time to time.

There are several help lines and phone numbers available if you need additional help. Don't sit and suffer this pain. The first step is often the hardest one, but you can take back control by reaching out. How do you climb a mountain? Take one step, then another.

My details are available on the church website if you need a bit of help. I'm also able to direct anyone to counsellor friends in the area. All of this is totally confidential.

It's good to talk. It's healthy to talk.

Blessings,

Eric

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What's on...

Sunday

10.00am - Morning Worship

10.00am - Sunday School

Monday

6.30pm - Brownies

6.30pm - Guides

Tuesday

2.00pm - Midweek Service

Wednesday

8.00pm - Zoom Bible Study

Thursday

2.00pm - Zoom Prayer Meeting

7.00pm - Midweek Service (Repeat of Tuesday)

Friday

6.00pm - Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys

7.00pm - Boys' Brigade Junior Section

8.00pm - Boys' Brigade Company Section

Easter Services

Palm Sunday

10.00am and 11.45

Maundy Thursday Communion

7.30pm

Good Friday

2.00pm and 7.30pm

Easter Sunday All Age Worship

10.00am and 11.45am

Booking (opening Monday 22nd March) required for all services

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Deputy Session Clerk	Eric Geddes	01698 239 244
Church Treasurer	Kirsty McMaster	01698 251 618

Book Aid



Have you cleared out all of your cupboards and shelves during lockdown? If so, have you come across any bibles or Christian Children's Books you may no longer need?

If so, perhaps you can lay them aside please and, when we are able to meet up, you can bring them along to church (or I can collect them) to enable me to fill up more boxes for transmission to areas of the world where there is a great shortage of such Bibles and books. In many areas these remain prohibitively expensive. We can each play our part in spreading God's Word in this very easy way.

I have a contact now in Bishopbriggs who will gladly accept my deliveries and arrange for them to be uplifted when the Book Aid Van calls. Thank you.

Alex Baird

Next Edition...

Please send your contributions for the next edition of Kirk Matters to the church office, either via email office@dlsa.org.uk or by post no later than Sunday 9th May 2021.

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