



Dalziel St Andrew's Parish Church

Kirk
Matters

June 2020 - August 2020



Welcome Sheona Manson

Baby Sheona Manson was born on 18th May 2020 at 6.31am weighing exactly 7lbs and is the first child to proud parent's Craig and Nicole. We pray God's Blessing on them as a family and look forward to seeing Sheona grow up within our Church Family.



Many of us are walking more than before and some people enjoy listening to something when they're doing this activity. We've very recently set up our own Podcast of the reading and sermon from each Sunday which people can listen to on their smart phones, smart speakers or computers. Our Podcast is available on most popular podcasting platforms including Apple, TuneIn, Spotify and Spreaker. If you'd like to listen but need some help to set it up give Colin a call on 07736 285850.



With eyesight not 100% , fingers not so nimble and beads with a will of their own, which just seemed to jump out of my fingers, I completed these brooches. A friend had been asked, by a Nursing Home, if she could get people to make heart brooches for their residents to wear during this time of isolation. Luckily I had all the materials in my "stash".

Jeanette Boyd



Hope this finds all our members in good health and coping with the current situation. We were really disappointed that we were unable to finish our session. The closing social promised to be a success but the entertainers "The Inbetweeners" have suggested they will come at sometime during the 2020/2021 session.

The summer outing to Gretna Outlet and Dumfries has also had to be postponed but hopefully we will be able to visit these places in the not to distant future.

The new session should hopefully start the first Tuesday in October. We will be in touch with you all before then. It has been nice to speak to you all on the phone during this time and feel free to phone any of the committee for a chat.

Keep safe and God Bless you all.

Janette Moffat

Gone but not Forgotten

**George McCartney, Beechwood Care Home,
Wishaw:**

James Melvin, 12 Burnside Court, Motherwell:

Robert Clark, Netherton Care Home, Wishaw

Jean McShannon, 6 Kerr Grieve Court, Motherwell.

Helen Gibson, 13 Kerr Grieve Court, Motherwell

Roy Simpson, 26 Sharp Street, Motherwell

Jessie Lindsay, 39 Forgewood Road, Motherwell

Walter Wilson, 36 Strathclyde Road, Motherwell

Elizabeth Swan, 18 Airbles Crescent, Motherwell

Jemima Sutherland, 98 Brandon Court, Motherwell

Margaret Dunnachie, 40 Fort Street, Motherwell

Sadie Bulloch, 46 Kilbrennan Drive, Motherwell

From the Manse

There is no escaping the horror of this virus, and the death and disruption it has

caused. We have known the pain and frustration in our own lives and families. Yet, we have been given signs of hope as we have watched a new appreciation of key workers, and a commitment to make sacrifices to protect the vulnerable.



The pain to the Church has also been great: unable to gather, with organisations which are lifelines for many closed. We yearn to return, but know that the fear of further infection is likely to preclude much that we would want to do for many months to come.

Yet here again, in this dreadful disruption, something wonderful is happening. In Dalziel St. Andrews, and in congregations across Scotland, we have seen a revolution. Church would not close, but it would move online. It would be transformed in a matter of weeks. Its doors may be closed, but more people would be reached, and drawn into services, than ever before. There has been a revolution in the life of the Church that has not been seen since, at least, 1843. No more do we ponderously talk before the smallest alteration.

You may have thought a new minister might bring changes. I did have some plans, but not quite like this, and certainly not so fast. In the space of a few weeks, worship has reached Facebook, YouTube and Zoom. It now involves not just the minister but you and your children. We created a dial-in service for those without internet. We have a large group of volunteers phoning older members. Some are stitching facemasks as an outreach. Our Sunday School teachers have not only taken Sunday School on line, but have led us in responding with rainbow ribbons of prayer – and I know they are planning more. Our BB has found creative ways of staying together. The Kirk Session has organised a number of working groups: one developing pastoral care; another is investigating opening the building for private prayer (when the time is right); another looking beyond that to the reshaping of the church in the longer-term. Questions are being asked elsewhere about holiday clubs, and community service. There is so much energy; it is as if God has put his Church on fast-forward. Thank you, God, and thank you his people.

Whatever the future holds – let us not just look forward to meeting again, let us look forward to this renewing energy continuing to reshape our life together. In Book of Acts, when the Church began, they had to start everything anew. They had no organisations, no building, no services. They simply had themselves, and they had the Spirit of Jesus. And that's the important bit here. All this energy and activity is hugely encouraging. But it is also quite worthless, if in these days we do not remembering who we are. We are those who are called, in our life together, to be witnesses to the Good News of the resurrection of Jesus. And, like the disciples, we can only do that in the power of the Holy Spirit. We can rebuild the church, reshaping it to respond to the mission we face today, but the truth remains, “unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain” (Psalm 127).

Therefore, if I have one request it is simply this; pray. Pray that you yourself may grasp in all your heart what God is doing in our time. Pray that you might be renewed in your daily walk with him. Pray that you, and all God's people, might be reshaped in the Spirit – that we might together rebuild a Church that in everything proclaims Jesus Christ, grows new disciples, creates loving community, and is salt and light in our fearful world. This is a time for the Spirit. And, on a personal note, Elaine, Rebecca, Hannah and I thank you all for your welcome, encouragement and prayers over these last months.

Let us look forward with faith, and not with fear,

Alistair

The image on the front cover is of our gates with various different colours of ribbons tied to them by different members of the different organisations in our church.

Finance Update

With the Church buildings likely to be closed for the foreseeable future this is a wee update on our likely Financial position for the remainder of the year.

With nearly 60% of offerings given by members made by Standing Order the good news is that we are most fortunate in the short term that we will be able to meet our immediate expenditure with the exception of the Ministries and Mission (M & M) monthly payment. (£7,996 per month). In the longer term our aim is to meet our M & M allocation to the Church of Scotland which this year is £79,960. At the time of writing this update £ 23,988 has been paid however the monthly payment has been suspended due to a lack cash flow leaving the outstanding amount of £55,972 to be paid during the remainder of the year when funds are available. It is vitally important that we again meet our M & M allocation which is used to meet all the Ministerial costs in the Church nationally and the various Mission programmes undertaken. There is further information about M & M in this edition of Kirk Matters.

Our challenge is - how do we ensure that we have the funds available to meet the £ 55,972 outstanding? - and your assistance is required to achieve this. If we are able to maintain our level of giving we will be able to or not be far away from being able to pay our M & M in full by the end of the year.

Clearly we need to seek ways to enable members who normally give by way of weekly Freewill offering envelopes the ability to continue giving and also to allow other members who may wish to increase their offerings to do so. It will, probably, be very difficult to arrange uplift of Freewill Offering envelopes. One option is to ask members to keep their envelopes until the Church buildings reopen (which may not be for sometime) however there are various methods available to all members to enable them to continue now with their giving or to increase their level of giving including :-

Direct Banking

The easiest way to make an offering is via direct / internet banking. If you are a UK taxpayer, we can also reclaim gift aid which will enable us to claim the tax back on your offering (25% of your offering). Please email office@dalzielstandrews.org.uk for the bank details. A Giftaid form is included in this edition of Kirk Matters.

Cheque

If anyone wishes to give their offering or make a donation please send a cheque, made payable to Dalziel St. Andrew's Parish Church, to me at 5 Wellpark Road, Motherwell, ML1 3EZ. I am most grateful to those members who have already sent cheques.

Standing Order

Any member who wishes to give their weekly offerings directly from their bank account to the church can do so by Standing Order. Standing Orders can be set up for weekly, fortnightly or monthly payments. A Standing Order form is included in this edition of Kirk Matters for any members not currently paying by Standing Order to complete and send to their bank. I am most grateful to those members who have already set up a Standing Order or have increased their Standing Order amount.

Text Message

You can also make an offering via text message. Text DLSA to 70450 to donate £5. Texts cost £5 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £5 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text DLSANOINFO to 70450. If you donate this way then you will receive a further text asking if you want to allow gift aid, and there will be a link to a form to complete.

Paypal

If you would like to donate via paypal then please go to our website and click the PayPal 'donate' button. Please note part of your donation will cover the paypal fee, so please use the above methods if possible.

I am most grateful to Dan Tudor for setting up the online arrangements for giving.

As usual your ongoing support is greatly valued and appreciated, even more so at the current time, and I hope that all members will be able to continue giving using any of the options detailed above. If anyone needs any more information please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Keep Safe

Willie Brown

(Treasurer) On behalf of the Congregational Board and Kirk Session)

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Every year each congregation has to make a Ministries and Mission Contribution. The contribution is based on the average congregational income in the three years prior to the year of assessment. Each congregation's contribution is used in the same way – usually 86% or so going to the Parish Ministries Fund and 14% to the Mission Renewal Fund.

The Parish Ministries Fund is used to pay:

- The stipends, employer's National Insurance contributions, and Pension Fund contributions for Parish ministers, Deacons, Youth Workers etc.
- The salaries and related costs of deacons and others employed or appointed by the Ministries Council;
- A contribution to the Housing and Loan Fund;
- The cost of recruitment, education, support and development of ministries.

The Mission and Renewal Fund complements income from invested funds to support:

- Mission and Discipleship – developing and resourcing congregations in children's ministry, youth work, adult education, elder training, outreach etc.
- Social care – caring services to people in need;
- World Mission – encouraging an understanding of the world Church and developing partnerships with churches in some of the poorest parts of the world;
- Church and Society – providing Christian comment on the social, moral, scientific, technological and political issues of today;
- Support Services: acts as an 'umbrella' for the Assembly Arrangements, central services etc.

Both the Parish Ministries Funds and the Mission and Renewal Fund help the Church of Scotland to share the gospel in communities throughout Scotland and in other parts of the world.

Men's Club

It's All Good News in this Letter

We are pleased to say that our syllabus for session 2020/2021 is now ready for printing, our opening meeting will be on Monday 5th October 2020 at 7.30pm; our guest speaker for the evening will be The Reverend Dr Alistair May, we are sure to have a good start to the new session, no pressure Alistair. This will be an open meeting for all gents whether attached to our church or not, we are a group who enjoy fellowship and the opportunity of meeting together on a regular basis.

The syllabus is packed with a range of excellent speakers, it is probably unfair to highlight particular speakers, however, by way of an introduction to our speakers for October, we have our own Iain Guthrie "HMS Erebus & Terror", Tom Purdie "Hearts (FC) at War" and PC Ross Park "Wildlife Crime".

November begins with a special night at the movies. We are planning an outing to the National Mining Museum Newtongrange, near Edinburgh the date for this will be 23rd November. Also, we have our annual visit to Wishaw Old Parish Church Men's Club, the catering there is top class. Following the visit to Wishaw, Colin Weir and John Williams will speak of "The Boys Brigade and Technology" You really do not want to miss this.

December features our Christmas Lunch. Ahead of our Christmas break we have an extra special speaker in Brigadier Ian Gardiner who commanded a rifle Company in 45 Commando Royal Marines during the Falklands war, this is an evening not to be missed, if you ever wondered if going to war against Argentina was justifiable come along and listen to this front line story.

The second half of our syllabus will feature in future magazines, however, the big event of our 2021 calendar will be our Scot's Night, this year's show was a great success, we aim to equal this next year so book your tickets early and avoid disappointment.

The committee are aware that some Gents would like to join our Men's Club but find it difficult to get to the meetings through lack of transport, we are considering options which may help to overcome this problem. If anyone has a problem with transport, please let us know.

Blessings

Ian Morrison

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Douglas Graham

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Remember Stay Safe

Joint Secretary/Syllabus Secretaries

Brownies

Hello everyone. On behalf of the Brownies and their Guiders I hope you are all healthy and staying safe.

In the last Newsletter I said that we were looking forward to a special evening. That evening seems so long ago now but on 3rd February 2020 we had a joint evening with the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides to celebrate Abigail Weir gaining her Gold Award.

This is a new award introduced when we started the new programme. As we were in a transition period (working on both the old programme and the new programme at the same time) an alternative route was brought in till the end of this session (June 2020). This meant the girls were given credit for work they had completed on the old programme and gave them a chance to complete work from the new programme. To gain this badge Abigail had to –

- 1 Complete the Adventure and Adventure On Badges
- 2 Complete 3 of the new interest badges
- 3 Complete the Gold Challenge from the new Badge Book. For this they had to
 - a. Make their Brownie Promise
 - b. Organise a Brownie meeting activity or create something special for the unit
 - c. Visit the Guide Unit to see what they do and then share the details of the visit with the Brownies afterwards.

I am sure you will agree this is a lot of work. On the night of the presentation all the girls joined in some games. We played a game of True or False – girls were read statements and they had to tell us if they were true or false. We also played “Bring Me” – girls were asked to bring some items to a guider and first one to do so was the winner. We asked for 1 person from each group to bring the item but the younger ones wanted to help with this. A bit hectic but fun. The girls were also given the task of completing 10 challenges in 10 minutes. Again, hectic but great fun. As usual there was also tea and some cake as you will see from the pictures below.



Abigail with Pauline Collins (left) District Commissioner and Sandra Reid (right)



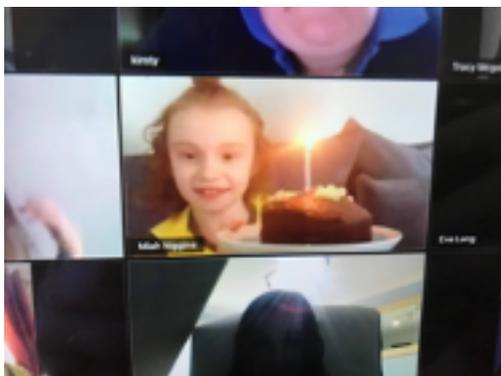
Abigail with her cake



Abigail was also presented with her award during the church service. My thanks to Rob Jones for helping with this.

Abigail is not just the first Brownie in our unit to gain this award but she is also the first Brownie in Motherwell Division to gain the award. Congratulations Abigail or as we would say in Brownies, “well done, well done, very well done”.

During the rest of February we did work on some skills builders and unit meeting activities associated with the new programme ie Charity Choices – girls spent some time discussing local charities, Night Sky observers – girls looked at some stars and constellations and for once it was not too cloudy, Museum of Imagination – I brought along some weird and wonderful objects and girls had to make up a story about them, we had a key from several centuries ago, a new bird that had pink feathers etc and we also did some work on “girls can do anything” – this was a discussion on jobs that can be for women as well as men. The girls enjoyed all the activities.



Unfortunately, all Brownie meetings are now cancelled for the foreseeable future due to the Covid 19 virus. We are having weekly meetings via Zoom and the girls seem to be enjoying these. We had our first Promise ceremony tonight (11 May 2020).

Congratulations Miah on making your Promise. We normally have a cake for the girls making their Promise but this was not possible so Miah's mum provided one instead. I am sure she enjoyed eating this with her family.

That is all the Brownie news for now. I hope you all stay healthy and safe and it won't be too long until we start to progress out of the current situation.

Take care

Kirsty McMaster
Brownie Guider



The Power of Prayer

*When trouble looms before us, And we feel so much alone,
The power of prayer will be there, To lead us safely home*

*When sorrow begins to overwhelm us, And we question if the
Lord is there,
Just kneel and gently whisper, And speak to the Lord in prayer.*

*The road may seem long and empty, Your will surely need a
friend,
That's when the power of prayer will help you, On this you
can depend.*

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.

Many thanks
Anne Kerr



With the lock down, and closure of our church building meantime, we feared that we would not be able to continue our inclusion of our deaf friends who worship with us on a regular basis. Each week around 40/50 do join us in worship.

How could we ask our helpers to come to the building to continue their superb service? When numbers were further restricted we knew that there was no chance of that.

Thankfully Technology and the skill of Colin came to our rescue. Also Louisa (who used to help us with Electronic Notetaking but now lives in Stirling) contacted me by email to ask if she could help. Now our recordings are sent, by Colin, to Louisa and to Katy (who lives in Hamilton and is one of our regular BSL Signers) with each able to add on their special contribution. The screen looks just the same and we are able to continue getting the Word of God to all of our regular worshippers.

Around one third of the deaf community have English as their second language and rely on Katy and British Sign Language (BSL). The remainder, who have often become deafened over the years, cannot follow BSL and need the written word which Louisa is able to supply with her Electronic Notetaking.

The numbers watching the deaf stream seem to have jumped up too. Maybe more folk are joining us by this route.

Thank you to Alistair and Colin, plus Katy and Louisa, for allowing us to maintain this so important outreach.

Alex Baird



This report covers a very surreal time in our lives where whilst the children are not attending church, Sunday School and Fusion have been continuing every week – online.

First of all, I have to say a big thank you to the leaders with the technical knowledge that has allowed the Sunday School and Fusion to continue. The Sunday School is using the Super book App which the children and /or the parents have downloaded onto their phones. Every week a video is sent to the children via WatsApp via their phones which the children watch. Then at 11:00 am on the Sunday morning the leaders have a Zoom chat with the children to discuss the video, ask questions and get the children thoughts on it. The leaders also set

the children a task to do each week and send either videos or photos of the completed task. So far, the children have been painting and rolling their Easter eggs, making crosses, writing out a phrase in rainbow colours, taking selfies of what they are doing when out on their daily exercise to name a few.

The videos and photos have then been combined into a video and the children can be seen during the service each week showing their various tasks.

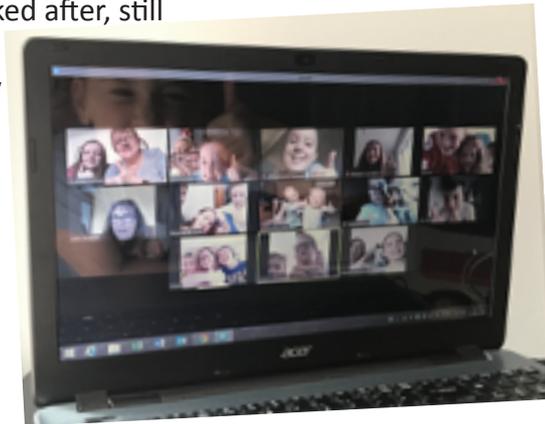
The leaders also asked each of the children to say one line of the Lord’s Prayer, both traditional and new version and this is used every week by Alistair in the service. More recently the children have recorded a Rainbow Prayer which has also been included in the service and we have even managed song – one of the children’s favourites- Our God is a Great Big God

The minister has managed to join the Sunday School Zoom meeting on a few occasions and listen and take part with the children and maybe get to know some of their names and faces which has maybe been an upside of the current situation.

Unfortunately, at this time we do not know how long the current situation will last. However, what we do know is that the children of the Sunday School and Fusion are being looked after, still

being involved with the church and the rest of the church family are still seeing and/or hearing from them in every service.

Jean Stevenson
Sunday School &
Fusion Co-ordinator



The Boys’ Briagde, like all organisations, has been affected by the current Pandemic, however we are continuing to encourage the Boys through daily video thoughts by the leaders on Facebook, through a programme developed by the Boys’ Brigade Nationally four days after lockdown was announced, BBatHome and also meeting virtually via Zoom regularly. We are hugely encouraged by the engagement of many of our Boys with this programme and enjoy seeing the photos and videos that are sent to us.



We are pleased that two of our senior Boys received recognition for their President’s Award at the virtual Battalion Review held on Friday 15th May. Congratulations to both Scott Barrie (left) and David Blair (right) for this achievement.

The Boys’ Brigade Company will continue to meet over the summer on Zoom and by other means this year as a pose to stopping as it has done in previous years.

Colin Weir
Captain





Usually Mrs B. writes for the newsletter but I will start by saying "This has been a 'different' time in all our lives, so a "first time ' for us all right over the GB age range. To follow, all GB companies and competitions were cancelled as well as planned services. Officers and mum's kept in touch with girls through mum's and FB page.

Some were still working but most of us either off, housebound, or work from home. Myself, I did half work, leaving at 6am when roads were quiet, then afternoon at home processing the morning's work and writing the report. Feeding the family was slotted into time space when all were in and hungry!

A new routine established and has worked well, but for how long? A ten and nine year old can often keep themselves busy, but a little list of 'jobs for today' also worked and saved some time when I came home. Dad slept through this as he was mostly night shift!.

Headquarters did keep in touch with all the Companies in Scotland. An Easter challenge was set up, and some good resources to do at home. Juniors are 8-11. Some of the Juniors have written a report on GB things this short term!

Captain Sharon McGeachie

Hi, I am Lucy and this is my last session in Juniors. I will be promoted to Brigader section at parents night- when we can have it! I also change schools over the summer. I did take part in demonstrating feelings and listened as I think it helped me prepare for the changes ahead, little did I know it was all going to happen quicker! I had to say bye to my friends at primary sooner than expected, so that was sad for all of us. Have not seen our leaders from GB at all and that's sad too.

I thought it would be good to be at home with family not up early or bed early and do what I wanted all day! No Chance! I have a big sister and wee brother so mum n dad had sorted out a Plan! Roughly this covered a bit of schoolwork, housework, exercise, social time on any device but timed and also hobby and TV time! At first I had another sad face!

We sat as a family and talked about what each of us expected during lockdown. All were different! The more we talked the three of us realised this would keep us doing a bit of class work and tidy room or do dishes is housework. Gradually we realised we are very lucky to be able to do all the things we wanted in a different way. After a few days we thought about people who live on their own and how a bit of help, do a message, wave through the window etc would make them smile. I did not expect this to last so long and within the family we have experienced a lot of feeling, most out with our control! Perhaps I am more ready to make changes in my life, and not be upset but to control what my face says and my body language! Yes, Mrs B says I did listen and learned through roll play!



Lucy.

In March the circuit lady came from the company splat to teach us some circus skills. It was so much fun we all loved it especially with my we cousin Lexie.

We started with Juggling skills. We started with rainbow coloured balls but she demonstrated with circus knives. I loved it but I could only do it with two balls.

Then we used peacock feathers to practise our balancing skills. You could actually balance it on your nose. It was so fun. Everybody was amazing at it. That was my favourite circus skill to do.

We also done plate spinning. It is like a plate on a stick. Once we practiced that, we spun the plates on the stick and the passed it around. Everybody loved it then we had free play. It was amazing and we want to do it again.

Samantha McG from Junior group.



Helen Gibson was ordained into the Eldership of Dalziel Parish Church in 1982 at a time when lady elders were relatively new in the Church of Scotland. Helen was a diligent and faithful district elder for many years and contributed regularly at Session meetings. However, Helen's ministry was prayer. Back in the 1980's she and Mrs Effie Bruce became involved with the Telephone Prayer Chain and in later years along with Anne Kerr, started the Wednesday Prayer Group that has been running for many years. Helen's prayer life was an example to all of us. When her health began to slow her down a bit, she began to telephone or write to people at times when they were struggling or there was something in their life to celebrate. There must be very few in our Church Family who did not at sometime in their lives receive a letter or card from Helen, offering prayer and support. For a number of years Helen was the visiting elder for the choir. She enjoyed her evenings with them, singing along to

the hymns and listening to new pieces being rehearsed. She regularly sent cards of support to Eric Geddes for the choir, always ending with 'from your number 1 fan'. One of the praise items the choir sang could have been written for Helen – 'Sweet hour of Prayer'.

In the last few years Helen's health and mobility was not great but she rarely missed a Kirk Session meeting or Sunday worship. As she was helped in to the Sanctuary on a Sunday and someone asked how she was, the answer always came back 'fine' and I remember she once told me 'fine' meant 'friend in need of encouragement'. Helen's passing came as a shock to many of us, so much earlier than anyone expected. Helen was a great friend and inspiration to many in the congregation and will be greatly missed by us all. Please remember her son Kenneth, daughter-in-law Donna and her granddaughter Skye, all of whom Helen loved so deeply.

Helen is now safe in the arms of Jesus where she has earned her eternal rest with the Lord she served so faithfully over many years.

*What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in Prayer!*

Roy Simpson was ordained as an Elder of Dalziel Parish Church in November 1984 and soon became fully involved in the life and work of the Kirk Session. Roy was an excellent and faithful district elder and became leader of one of the Welcome Groups. Roy participated fully at session meetings and was always a friendly ear for anyone who was looking for advice. Roy's ministry was through his involvement in the Boys' Brigade. From Cabin Boy, (nowadays known as Anchor Boys) to Captain of 2/4 Motherwell Roy devoted his life to the Advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self-Respect and all that tends towards a true Christian Manliness. Roy followed in his Dad's footsteps when he became Captain of 2/4 Motherwell. His family also became involved in BB life when his wife Linda became Leader in Charge of the Anchor Boys and Boys and daughter Lorna, became one of the leaders in the same section. When Linda retired from Anchor Boys it was a natural progression that Lorna would succeed her. Roy and Linda's son Robert was also an Officer in the Company Section for several years. As well as working tirelessly within 2/4 Motherwell, Roy was also involved at Battalion level and served as Battalion President and was widely known throughout the BB family in Scotland. It is impossible to count the number of lives Roy influenced and touched during his service in the BB. Roy's sense of humour was always to the fore, whether it was pressing his face up against the glass panels on the doors of the large hall making the Anchor Boys giggle as Linda led the boys in closing devotions or his jokes and one liners, there was never a dull moment when he was around. Roy was Inspecting Officer at the BB Parent's Night in May last year. His level of commitment and dedication was outstanding as he was clearly in great pain, but made the effort to be there and stood up, at the end, to make a speech.



When Roy became ill a couple of years ago, his strength and faith were evident for everyone to see. Roy's anchor held through the storms of life and he was called home on 17th March.

Please continue to pray for Linda, Lorna, Robert, Laura, Andrew, Kelly, Phil and the grandchildren he loved so much, Luke, Anna and Blythe.

*We have an anchor that keeps the soul
Steadfast and sure while the billows roll,*



Befriend Motherwell has been changing and adapting their service to help to continue to provide support to its participants. Since the start of the COVID-19 Pandemic they have been contacting people on a weekly basis via telephone to help people feel less isolated during a time of severe isolation. They have also been supporting people through picking up shopping, collecting prescriptions and other errands to help people to stay safe. There has been in excess of 70

referrals during this time for support for people living in and around Motherwell which the team and volunteers have been working hard to address.

They have been successful in securing a fairly large grant from the Scottish Government to develop their service provision and over the next few weeks they will be providing healthy food, mindfulness resource packs and continuing to provide Musical Memories and Yoga classes to their participants on a regular basis through a variety of different means.

If you would be interested in getting involved in any way to support Befriend Motherwell, particularly at this very busy time please get in touch by contacting the team on **01698 440180** or email info@befriendmotherwell.org.uk.

Music at Dalziel St. Andrew's

At the time of writing this we are just into the 7th week of the lockdown and life for us all is very different. Like many, I am feeling a huge sense of frustration at not being able to do what I normally do each week. I greatly miss the regular Wednesday evening practices to rehearse worship music for Sundays.....not to forget the banter and fun we all have. Worshipping remotely is great, but we all miss the company and the time of sharing together. As a choir we would have been coming to the end of evening practices and enjoying our annual choir dinner.....hopefully next year! Margaret will have plenty of time to prepare her 'easy' quiz.

Technology has come into its own even more at this time. We are most grateful to Colin and his skills at being able to piece together all the individual recordings of emails and video clips to put together morning services. We are also thankful to Rebecca, Elaine, Caitlin, Brian and June for recording themselves at home and sharing their singing and playing with us in worship. Who else out there could help?

In the performing world they say 'the show must go on'. This is not a show, it is worship. With Alistair now leading us we are able to do just that. Nothing and no one can stop us worshipping God. He is still sovereign Lord and is still in control, even though we struggle to make sense of this situation.

Over the past few months we have heard from our band on a number of occasions. It is hoped this group will be able to play on a more regular basis and with a growing number. We have had a clarinet, saxophone, 3 guitars, bass guitar and drum kit. With our new minister, Alistair, came Elaine, Rebecca and Hannah.....all musical. We hope to have them join us in making music to praise God. How fortunate we are to have so many talented people in our congregation. If there is anyone else out there who would like to join us playing, or singing, please get in touch. You'll need to have a bit of patience as I'm not sure when the first rehearsal will be!

They say that music and singing are therapeutic. Even though we are not able to be physically together at this time, we can still sing. I encourage you to keep singing songs and hymns you know and love. Sing whilst worshipping on-line, sing to the radio, sing to the television, sing to each other. Keep on singing and keep safe.

'He's got the whole world in his Hands...'

Eric Geddes



What's on...

Sunday

11.00am - Morning Worship Via our Website
11.00am - Sunday School on Zoom
11.45am - Virtual Coffee Bar (Zoom)

Monday

6.30pm - Brownies on Zoom

Wednesday

8.00pm - Zoom Bible Study

Friday

6.30pm - Virtual Boys' Brigade

Church Directory

Minister	Alistair May	01698 211 106
Session Clerk	Helen Lawson	01698 374 426
Deputy Session Clerk	Eric Geddes	01698 239 244
Church Treasurer	Willie Brown	01698 262 743

Letters and Cards

Thank you very much for the flowers, cards, letters, telephone calls and prayers I received following the death of my Dad. My family and I really appreciated them all.

David Young

Staying Connected

During this time we want to make sure as many people can participate in our worship services as possible. Therefore there are several ways you can do this.

Our website - www.dalzielstandrews.org.uk

YouTube - www.youtube.com/dalzielstandrews

Facebook - www.facebook.com/dalzielstandrews

Telephone - Call 01698 211124 to listen to the most recent service

DVD - We are producing DVDs for people each week who can't access things online. These are free and can be requested by calling Helen on 01698 264097.

Thank you for the lovely yellow roses I received on my 89th birthday. They brightened up my porch and me!

Edith MacMillan

Thank you so much for the lovely flowers delivered following the passing of my wife, Jean. They were greatly appreciated at this time of sorrow.

Archie McShannon

Thank you so much for the gift of the lovely flowers I received on the occasion of my birthday. Very much appreciated.

Pearl Weir



Who would have thought since reading the last "Kirk Matters" a virus would have swept round the world and literally closed our normal lives down? I never expected in my like time to find the church locked, Shops closed planes grounded, schools closed with parents home schooling and so much more. When I switch on the news and listen to the daily statistics it's all so heartbreaking. So many key workers risking their lives for all of us. As I clap on a Thursday at eight I find it so emotional. Thank you to all in Dalziel St Andrews who are keeping our church family together through on line worship, telephone calls, Zoom meetings, Zoom coffee Mornings, prayers, music and scripture within Facebook and so much more. I've enjoyed taking part in many of the activities and also delivering the DVDs of the weekly service. I've done this on my bike as part of my hourly exercise. I'm enjoying all of these activities but I'll be really happy when I can meet church friends face to face again rather than wave or view them on a screen. Loving thoughts and prayers to our church family.

Anne Brown

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