

THE NEW WELLWYNDER

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From the Manse

Dear Friends

During a recent update I found myself quoting from our new postman. Having received so many cards through the post he commented, "You receive a lot of mail!" I certainly do and when you add the cards posted to the cards added to "Robbie's Box" then I can assure you that I have been overwhelmed by the love that surrounds me and the prayers that uphold me. I have been overwhelmed but not surprised. This kind of support is what I have experienced personally and seen time after time over the past twenty one years that I have been your minister. This is indeed one of the blessings of being part of an extended family which is the family we call church because church is more than an institution we belong to and faith more than what we believe.

Church is a family to which we belong and where we enter into a relationship with God and, as a response to that, belong to each other. Belonging to each other means sharing. Sharing means sharing in the good and the bad, the easy and the difficult, the joys and the sorrows. It means accepting as Christ has accepted us unconditionally in love. We are called by God to him and each other to a way of life that flows naturally from a life of faith not just a sense of duty. This way of life, although not easy at times, is what helps us through life's ups and downs and helps us help each other. Faith is more than what we believe - it is how we live and how we allow others to live life to the full when and where they are blessed by God as we have been blessed.

We are not all called to be teachers or preachers but we are all called to love as God loves us in Christ. This is where something as simple yet powerful like a card or a call, a hug or a squeeze of a hand, can say it all.

Thank you for what this has meant to me and continues to mean. Thank you for taking that time that you have taken. Keep up the good work as we have a bit of an adventure ahead in changes to the church and churches. May we all continue to reach out to friends old and new as God works in us and through us?

*Help us accept each other
as Christ accepted us,
teach us as sister, brother,
each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us
and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted,
and meant to love and live.*

Your friend and minister
Robbie

Forthcoming Services

Sunday Morning Services at 11am

9 th October	Morning Worship
16 th October	Morning Worship
23 rd October	Morning Worship
30 th October	Morning Worship
6 th November	Morning Worship

Tea and coffee will be served in the Church Hall after morning worship.

Wednesday Services at 12 noon Delve in at 12

Our midweek service on a Wednesday at 12 noon will continue during the autumn months.

The service is followed by tea and coffee.

Elevenes

This is a new venture that has been set up by the Discipleship Group on Wednesday mornings at 11.00am in the Session Room. There is an open invitation to encourage folk to explore and chat about discipleship in a relaxed atmosphere with tea/coffee. It is then hoped that anyone attending may then wish to join with other members at Delve in at 12. All welcome.

Welcome Teams

Sunday, 9th October

Team Leader: Irene Yates
Alex Anderson, Avril Cockburn,
Allison Gray, Beatrice Holden,
George Lowdon

Sunday, 16th October

Team Leader: Harry Shaw
Freda Gilchrist, Lynne Cartwright,
Lynne Thompson, John Clydesdale,
Maureen Paterson

Queen Elizabeth II

"I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service."

Words spoken by the then Princess Elizabeth on her 21st birthday, on the 21st April 1947. On her Coronation Day she pledged,

"Throughout all my life, and with all my heart, I shall strive to be worthy of your trust."

There is no shadow of any doubt that Her Majesty achieved this during her 70 year reign. Queen Elizabeth II dedicated her life to the UK and Commonwealth and we will always be grateful for her truly remarkable service. She leaves behind a powerful legacy, not least in championing friendship between people of all faiths and none, and the diverse peoples of the world. She always promoted development of the person, communities, structures, and social wellbeing. For those who share a Christian faith, Queen Elizabeth's own faith demonstrated throughout her life in her words and actions have been an inspiration.

For the vast majority of us the Queen was someone you would see on the telly, especially on Christmas Day. Throughout my life for as long as I can remember it was always a must see! During these broadcasts as she spoke directly to the Nation and the Commonwealth, her inspirational messages brought cheer, hope and happiness to many. Here are a few of her specific quotes which have had a profound effect on my own life and way of thinking:

- ***"We may hold different points of view but it is in times of stress and difficulty that we most need to remember that we have much more in common than there is dividing us."***
- ***"No age group has a monopoly of wisdom, and indeed I think the young can sometimes be wiser than us."***
- ***"Grief is the price we pay for love."***
- ***"I know just how much I rely on my own faith to guide me through the good times and the bad."***
- ***"Our modern world places such heavy demands on our time and attention that the need to remember our responsibilities to others is greater than ever."***
- ***"When life seems hard, the courageous do not lie down and accept defeat; instead, they are all the more determined to struggle for a better future."***
- ***"Over the years, I have observed that some attributes of leadership are universal, and are often about finding ways of encouraging people to combine their efforts, their talents, their insights, their enthusiasm, and their inspiration, to work together."***
- ***"It is through this lens of history that we should view the conflicts of today, and so give us hope for tomorrow."***
- ***"It's worth remembering that it is often the small steps, not the giant leaps that bring about the most lasting change."***

Sunday, 23rd October

Team Leader: Barbara Watt
Gordon Waddell, Colin MacPherson,
Lesley MacPherson, Carol Randall,
William Watson (Snr)

Sunday, 30th October

Team Leader: Elizabeth Robertson
George Lawson, George Grant,
Morag Stewart, George Murchison,
Una Lawson

Sunday, 6th November

Team Leader: David Gillespie
Christine Cassells, Christine Gibb,
Anne Grainge, Jim Neilson,
Jim Nimmo, David Paterson

Thank you

Cath & Billy Gillespie would like to thank the congregation for the flowers received on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding. They were much appreciated.

Trudy Henderson would like to thank the congregation most sincerely for the lovely church flowers - much appreciated.

Thank you for the lovely bouquet of flowers I received from the church. I am now on the road to recovery after my recent operation.

Betty Tweedie

Prayer Points

- Pray for all going through a difficult time with health at this time and pray for those caring for them.
- Pray for the on-going work of the Kirk and celebrate the many good news stories that offer hope for the future.
- Pray for all people affected by poverty and the hardships this brings.
- Pray for people whose lives are being turned upside down due to war and conflict.



- *"None of us can slow the passage of time and, while we often focus on all that has changed in the intervening years, much remains unchanged, including the Gospel of Christ and his teachings."*

A truly remarkable and wonderful lady, lovely, thoughtful and gracious and will be sadly missed by us all.

George Randall

A Prayer in Memory of Queen Elizabeth

Faithful God, we remember with thanksgiving and gratitude, the life and service of Queen Elizabeth.

We have been inspired by her dedication and faith, her commitment to the welfare of the United Kingdom and her lifelong devotion to the peoples of the Commonwealth.

As we pray for her family and with the nations, may the integrity of her public service her concern for the common good and her steadfast commitment to good governance, inspire all those in public office, in the UK and Commonwealth and across the world to uphold the rights of all peoples in the pursuit of justice and the interests of peace.

Amen

A Harvest Story

There was once a spider who lived in a cornfield. He was a big spider and he had spun a beautiful web between the corn stalks. He got fat eating all the bugs that would get caught in his web. He liked his home and planned to stay there for the rest of his life.

One day the spider caught a little bug in his web, and just as the spider was about to eat him, the bug said, "If you let me go I will tell you something important that will save your life." The spider paused for a moment and listened because he was amused. "You better get out of this cornfield," the little bug said, "The harvest is coming!" The spider smiled and said, "What is this harvest you are talking about? I think you are just telling me a story." But the little bug said, "Oh no, it is true. The owner of this field is coming to harvest it soon. All the stalks will be knocked down and the corn will be gathered up. You will be killed by the giant machines if you stay here."

The spider said, "I don't believe in harvests and giant machines that knock down corn stalks. How can you prove this?" The little bug continued, "Just look at the corn. See how it is planted in rows? It proves this field was created by an intelligent designer." The spider laughed and mockingly said, "This field has evolved and has nothing to do with a creator. Corn always grows that way." The bug went on to explain, "Oh no. This field belongs to the owner who planted it, and the harvest is coming soon." The spider grinned and said to the little bug, "I don't believe you," and then the spider ate the little bug for lunch.

A few days later, the spider was laughing about the story the little bug had told him. He thought to himself, "A harvest! What a silly idea. I have lived here all of my life and nothing has ever disturbed me. I have been here since these stalks were just a foot off the ground, and I'll be here for the rest of my life, because nothing is ever going to change in this field. Life is good, and I have it made." The next day was a beautiful sunny day in the cornfield. The sky

- Pray for the Sunday Club, Bible Class and all our youth organisations and their leaders.
- Pray for all our church organisations who reach out and encourage fellowship.
- Pray for the work of the minister in our schools so that the strong relationships already established may continue to grow and offer opportunities to reach out and witness to the Gospel.

Traidcraft

We now have a small stock of tea, coffee, biscuits and chocolate. We also have 10 copies of the autumn catalogue with lots of new items. These will be available on stall from early October.

David Walker

'In Stitches' Craft Group

The 'In Stitches' Craft Group has now resumed and meets on a Tuesday in the Session Room at 10am. Whatever your craft, knitting, crochet or embroidery you will be made most welcome.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Eckhardt and Rozelle on the birth of their daughter Lorelei

A Wee Bit of Heaven

A wee bit of heaven, drifted down from above

A handful of happiness, a heart full of love.

The mystery of life, so sacred and sweet
The giver of joy so deep and complete
Precious and priceless, so lovable to
The world's sweetest miracle, Lorelei
that's you!

Helen Steiner Rice



above was clear and there was no wind at all. That afternoon as the spider was about to take a nap, he noticed some thick dusty clouds moving toward him. He could hear the roar of a great engine and he said to himself, "I wonder what that could be?"

'The Lord is not slow to do what he has promised, as some think. Instead, he is patient with you, because he does not want anyone to be destroyed.' 2 Peter 3:9

Phil Osopher

Harvest Thank Offering

This year's Harvest Thank Offering is for Tearfund's World Food Programme. Tearfund are a non-government organisation who work with local churches and partners in more than 50 countries to tackle the complex challenges of poverty and food shortages. Currently, in East Africa more than 35 million people have been affected by the worst droughts in over forty years. Of those, 22 million do not have enough food to survive. Local conflict, combined with skyrocketing food prices caused by the invasion of Ukraine, is making the situation even worse. Lives are at risk with children being particularly vulnerable. "All we know is hunger," says Akina aged 12 from Uganda. "When we sleep our stomachs are growling because we have not eaten for days." Tear fund and their local partners are on the ground throughout East Africa helping to tackle the crisis. Our Thank Offering this Harvest Time a time of sharing will help provide emergency food relief and cash grants to communities suffering from hunger. If you can please donate generously. Donations can be made as follows:

- If you can, please use the donate button on the church website page. This also allows us to claim gift aid which will further benefit Tear Fund.
- Otherwise, place your donation in an envelope marked 'Harvest Thank Offering' and bring it along to the church.

Resources are stretched like never before and the crisis is growing every day. Your support can make a crucial difference.

The Editor

Harvest Prayer

We bless you God of Seed and Harvest.
And we bless each other
that the beauty of this world
and the love that created it
might be expressed though our lives
and be a blessing to others
now and always.

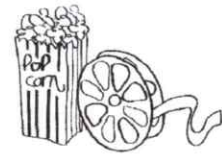
Amen



Some Harvest Funnies!

Why did the harvester plead guilty?
Because he was a cereal killer!
Why did the farmer not bring in the
whole harvest? He got lost in the maize!
What does a farmer say to a cow when
it gets in his way? Mooooooove!
What do you call a bull that always falls
asleep? A bull-dozer.
Why did the farmer bury cash in his
soil? He wanted to make his farmland
rich!
Why did the farmer not laugh at any of
these jokes? Because they are all very
corny!

Jo King



Church Men Movie Night

Following on from our successful evening playing skittles we are now organising a movie night here in the Blue Room at the Church! It will be a bit like A Play! A Pie! and A Pint! A Movie! A Pie! and A Light Refreshment (or something)! The film will be an old classic! All going well, this will take place on Friday, 11th November with curtain up at 7.00pm, so plenty of warning! The cost of the evening will be £3. Further information available from George Randall Tel: 01236763102. All will be made welcome.

PS Popcorn is optional!

Coming Soon....

The Oberammergau Diaries!

Tales of adventure from the mountains of Austria and Germany as a group of pilgrims seek answers to the greatest story ever told! Not to be missed!

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