

THE NEW WELLWYNDER

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from the Manse -

Dear Friends,

"I've got a little list . . ." so sings the Emperor of Japan in Gilbert and Sullivan's "Mikado". What would we do without lists? I would be totally and utterly lost - lists for this and lists for that, so much to do, so many people to see, so much needing prioritising. But it is the same for each and everyone of us in a busy, busy life at times.

I like to do a list at the beginning of the week, on a Monday morning. This "to do list", filled with names and places, tasks and projects, is so helpful in that it helps me focus and gives me structure for the week. Whenever I sit and plan something, properly plan, I do find that I am more focused and work so much better and this is true of the Kirk, of The New Wellwynd. We seek to continue to be a vibrant church, alive and giving, the theme of our recent Stewardship Programme. We have so much to be thankful for and so much to celebrate in the gifts and the talents of those who give so much to the life of the family here, who share in the ministry and allow us to go from strength to strength as God continues to work in and through us.

But there is so much yet to do, with no time to even contemplate resting on our proverbial laurels. The Ten Principles of Mission are the basis of our recent Local Church Review - mission, community, ecumenism, the poor, the whole people of God, dynamic congregation, mixed economy (ministry and leadership), financial responsibility (stewardship) and buildings. The last few Sundays, I've been preaching through these, reflecting on what is now our Five Year Plan, giving us a basis to build on the strengths and the blessings of the past, and face up to the challenges and opportunities that being a church in this day and age entails.

There are aspects of the plan, such as the new Kids After School Club at Victoria, that we have started to develop already. There are others in the planning stages, such as how we might support, nurture and encourage young families and new members. There are challenges the Kirk Session needs to tackle in a way that turns them into opportunities to continue to develop the work; e.g. how might we harness even more gifts in the life of the congregation and see more and more of you respond in worship, work and witness as you are able.

In 1966 Robert F Kennedy said in a speech, "There is a Chinese curse which says "May he live in interesting times." Like it or not, we live in interesting times. They are times of danger and uncertainty; but they are also the most creative of any time in the history of mankind."

Yes, we live in interesting and challenging times as a church and as a congregation, but they are also

exciting times, times that call for great creativity and courage to stick our heads above the parapet and declare unashamedly "whose we are and who we serve." This past session has been an amazing one once again with increased givings, a successful sanctuary project and, just the other Sunday, eight new members by profession of faith. Let us continue to go in the strength of the Lord in paths he has marked for our feet, to the glory of his name.

Your friend and minister.



SERVICES

The Kirk Session has agreed to offer two diets of worship from Sunday, 24th June until Sunday, 12th August. The details are found below. The first service will be quite different in that it will be a Café Service allowing for a more informal act of worship at 9:30 a.m. allowing those attending to enjoy the rest of the day. There will be breakfast available for people to enjoy as they gather around tables where they will stay for the worship time with different activities. And, for those who are keen, they are welcome to stay for both!!! Tea Fellowship will not follow the 11:00 a.m. service but be held between the two, allowing people to catch up with each other. Please note that on Sunday, 29th July, there will be an early service at New Wellwynd, but that the later service will be at St Columba's at 11.30 a.m..

10th June 11 a.m. **Morning Worship**
The Way Forward: Led by God.

17th June 11 a.m. **Morning Worship**
The Way Forward: Stepping out together.
Sunday Club and Bible Class Awards.

24th June 9.30 a.m. **Café Church**

Making a meal of worship: A wedding transformed.
11 a.m. **Morning Worship**

Going a bit deeper: Lives transformed.
1st July 9.30 a.m. **Café Church**

Making a meal of worship: An invitation to tea.
11 a.m. **Morning Worship**

Going a bit deeper: Jesus' invitation.
8th July 9.30 a.m. **Café Church**

Making a meal of worship: Something to celebrate.
11 a.m. **Morning Worship**

Going a bit deeper: Who does God welcome?
15th July 9.30 a.m. **Café Church**

Making a meal of worship: Picnic on the grass.
11 a.m. **Morning Worship**

Going a bit deeper: Who does God use?
22nd July 9.30 a.m. **Café Church**

Making a meal of worship: Dinner in Bethany.
11 a.m. **Morning Worship**

Going a bit deeper: Time with Jesus.
29th July 9.30 a.m. **Café Church**

Making a meal of worship: Supper in Jerusalem.
11.30 a.m. Morning Worship

At St Columba's Church - Note later time.

SERVICES (cont'd.)
5th August 9.30 a.m. **Café Church**

Making a meal of worship: A snack at sunset.
11 a.m. **Morning Worship**

Going a bit deeper: Knowing Jesus.
Sacrament of Holy Baptism.
12th August 9.30 a.m. **Café Church**

Making a meal of worship: Breakfast on the beach.
11 a.m. **Morning Worship**

Going a bit deeper: Do you love me?
19th August 11 a.m. **Morning Worship**
26th August 11 a.m. **Morning Worship**
3 p.m. **Service on the Steps**

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

Baptism : Sam McCallum.

Adult Baptism : Elspeth Irvine.

Weddings : Pamela Logan and Ian Peebles.

Funerals :

Mrs. Morag King (D.21); Mr. Jim Weir;

Mrs. Margaret Cairns (D.9).

Joined by Resolution of the Kirk Session :

Mr. Fraser Reid, Mrs. Christine Murphy (D.4)

Confirmation and Admission :

Mr. Brad McCallum, Ms. Victoria Smith (D.43);

Mrs. Evonne Shanks (D.28);

Mrs. Alison Reilly (D.25);

Mr. Graham & Mrs. Chelsea Sirrell (D.34);

Mrs. Elspeth Irvine (D.11);

Mr. Stewart Miller (D.12).

Change of Address/District :

Mrs. Alison Sears from D.21 to D.64.

Ms. Julie Fleming (Pardoe) from D.1 to D.64.

Mr. Alistair Wynnes from D.48 to D.64.

FLOWER CALENDAR

June

10 Irene & Alex Gibb; George & Una Lawson.

17 Irene Bremner; Alistair Weighton.

24 Karin Robertson; Janet Christie.

July

1 Margaret Robertson; Elizabeth Waddington.

8 May Mezzetti; Ann Clark.

August

5 Margaret Jarvie; Jess Brown.

12 May McMullan; Elaine Myers.

19 Jean Clark; Elaine Bettley.

26 Margaret Goldie; Carol Cowan.

September

2 Isabel & Tom Sorbie; Isabell Gibson.

BIBLE READINGS

May

6 Exodus 12 : 1 - 11, 24 - 28;

Matthew 19 : 13 - 14.

13 Exodus 22 : 21 - 27; Matthew 25 : 31 - 46.

20 Numbers 11 : 24 - 30; Romans 12 : 3 - 8;
Acts 2 : 1 - 4.

27 Exodus 18 : 13 - 27; Philippians 1 : 1 - 11.

June

3 Exodus 16 : 1 - 8; 1 Corinthians 11 : 17 - 28.

DRIVERS / FLOWER DELIVERY.

June

10 Bobby Forrest.

17 Jack Milne.

24 Alistair Weighton.

July

1 Irene Yates.

8 Allister / Margaret Jack.

15 Belle Clark.

22 Alan Provan.

29 St. Columba's Church.

August

5 Ian McIndoe.

12 Elisabeth Donald.

19 Moira Gartshore.

26 Alison Sefton.

September

2 Jillian McQuarrie.

THANKS

Helen Hutcheson would like to thank Robbie and Maxine for their visits after her recent fall. Thanks also to friends in the congregation for their prayers, cards, visits, phone calls and kindness.

David and Maureen Patterson would like to thank Robbie and the congregation most sincerely for the lovely, and totally unexpected, flowers they received recently on the death of a very dear friend.

Gordon Waddell would like to thank Robbie for organising a lovely trip to Flanders and Ypres and for being an excellent guide. I also pass on my thanks to everyone who looked out for me during the trip. Although at times it was emotional, a great time was had by all and the company was first class. Again thanks to Robbie. Well done. When is the next trip?

Betty Tweedie extends her thanks for the lovely bouquet of flowers she received from the Church on the sad loss of her friend Andy Kirkland. They were very much appreciated at this sad time.

In Stitches (Craft Group)

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 5 June from 10 a.m. until noon. This will be our last meeting until September. Quite a few of us are in the process of mastering crocheting at the moment! If you want to bring your own crafting project and have a chat and a cuppa, come along – we would love to see you. *ANNE LEARMONTH*

Traidcraft

As we head into the summer months, the Traidcraft Stall will be available until Sunday 8th July and will resume on Sunday 12th August.

Many thanks for your continued support of the stall Sunday by Sunday and to the Fair Traders who sell to you each week after morning service. If you would like to get involved – please let me know and become part of a team.

If you've never been round to see what's available – then - please come round to the hall for some fellowship as part of the Tea Fellowship each Sunday and have a look at what's available on the stall- remember that when you purchase items you are giving the producers a fair wage and helping their local communities. *DAVID WALKER*

WELCOME TEAMS

June

10 Team Leader : Alistair Murray
Lesley Aitken, Irene Bremner, Carol Hamilton,
Gordon Lind, Liz Riddell, Alister

Weighton.

17 Team Leader : Irene Yates
Avril Cockburn, Alan Cox, Alison Gray,
Beatrice Holden, George Lowdon, Julie

Pardoe.

24 Team Leader : David Gillespie
Christine Cassells, Matt Fleming, Christine Gibb,
Anne Grainge, Billy Grainge, Jim Nimmo.

July

1 Team Leader : Bobby Forrest
Anne Learmonth, Shona MacDonald,
Jim Neilson, Margaret Reid, Jim Thomson,
Maggie Weir.

8 Team Leader : Elizabeth Robertson
Mima Dalziel, Isabell Gibson, Allan Gibson,
George Grant, George Lawson, Morag

Stewart.

15 Team Leader : Bobby Forrest
Billy Brooks, Fraser Gillespie, George Grant,
Mairi Mitchell, William Watson,
Catherine Whellans.

22 Team Leader : Ian Nicol
Alex Anderson, Sandy Black, Wilma Davidson,
John Jarvie, Mark Millar, Dan Russell.

29 Service in St. Columba's Church.

August

5 Team Leader : Jack Milne
William Dalling, Matt Fleming, Margaret Jarvie,
Jean Kinniburgh, George Randall,
Ronnie Wright.

12 Team Leader : David Watt
Morag Donald, Linda Francis, Margaret Jack,
Allister Jack, Alison Sefton, David

Walker.

19 Team Leader : Drew Glen
Billy Brooks, Moira Gartshore, Janet Nimmo,
Tom Sorbie, Isabel Sorbie, Karen Taylor.

26 Team Leader: Alistair Murray
Lesley Aitken, Irene Bremner, Carol Hamilton,
Gordon Lind, Liz Riddell, Alister

Weighton.

September

2 Team Leader: Harry Shaw
Lynne Cartwright, Kate Hamilton,
Freda Gilchrist, Elaine Sommerville,
Dianne Stein, Lynne Thomson, Gordon Waddell.

SATURDAY COFFEE MORNING

We have come to the end of another year organising the monthly Coffee Mornings, and would like to extend our thanks to everyone who helped and supported us by volunteering to serve, donating baking and appearing every Saturday to enjoy a "cuppa" and chat with friends.

We hope everyone enjoys the summer break and look forward to seeing you all again in September.

IRENE YATES & MAIRI MITCHELL

OBERAMMERGAU 2020

People are now booking for the above trip. The following dates have been allocated - Wednesday, 22nd to Wednesday, 29th July, 2020. The final brochure is now available so, if you are interested, please do get in touch with the minister.

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

Once again this year's Holiday Club is "homegrown". The title, "The Headliners", gives away something of the theme and that is of budding journalists getting behind Bible stories, stories that would have perhaps been the headlines of the day if newspapers had been invented! The first story looks at listening to God and what follows is what happens when we, not only listen, but respond - what will our lives be like. Each day (Monday to Thursday) a different Bible story, two from the Old Testament and two from the New Testament. There will be a Puzzle (Daily Challenge) for each day which will lead into an introduction to the story for the day as outlined in the program detailed below. Within this there will be a fun activity/challenge led upfront followed by a video clip of the story for the children to watch. After a summary (Behind the Headlines) the children will explore the story a bit more in groups, before moving onto crafts.

The club runs from Monday, 2nd July until Friday, 6th July, 9:30 a.m. until 12 noon. There will be a barbecue on the Friday night after presentations in the church which will start at 7:30 p.m.

For any more details please phone Carol or Robbie on 763022.

The Wypers Times and Flanders Fields Diary 'Lest we Forget' –

a visit of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

In the year that marks the centenary of the end of the Great War in 1918, it was a privilege to visit Flanders Fields where so many people lost their lives during this conflict. It is beyond comprehension the conditions, the agony and suffering our soldiers endured. However, the countless white gravestones that are beautifully maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission silently stand as a reminder to the world of the ultimate sacrifice made by many. This is my story of remembrance.

Monday, 7th May – Reveille 4.30 a.m., time to rise and face a new day! Today is not any ordinary day, as I join a group of fellow conscripts (tourists) on a visit to Ypres and Flanders Fields in Belgium. We gather together from a' airts and pairts and load up our kit bags onto the troop carrier (bus) ready for a 6.00 a.m. departure. We hit the road 10 minutes early and the adventure begins! After a brief stop at Gretna we head to York with an opportunity to visit many of the sites. Fed and watered its back onto our troop carrier for the short transfer to the port of Hull and our troop ship the Pride of Bruges. Safely billeted on board in a cabin where you could scarcely 'swing a cat' (apologies to all cat lovers), it was time to explore before sailing off into the sunset! Our rations on board ship

were very impressive with a wide range of provisions on offer in the mess hall. No waiter service here; it was just a case of get up and help yourself (buffet). Three courses later (for some four and five), some of our troops headed to bed for an early night, whilst others headed to the lounges for a time of reflection!!! With midnight fast approaching it was time for last orders - go to bed and get some sleep! Back in the cabin my fellow room-mate (wife) was fast asleep - that was until I announced my arrival and put the light on! After five attempts, I managed to get into the top bunk, failing to realise I never switched the light off! Goodnight.

Tuesday, 8th May – Reveille 5.30 a.m., quiet night at sea with a very calm crossing. After breakfast we at last set foot on Belgian soil (hard concrete to be honest). Our first visit was to Messines Ridge British Cemetery and The New Zealand Memorial, and our first look at countless white gravestones. As we wandered through the rows and rows in lovely sunshine it was hard to imagine what it was like here one hundred years ago? Soldiers from all over the commonwealth were buried here, their regiment badges giving an idea of where they were from. When you paused to take a closer look at some, tears would often fill your eyes especially when you noticed their ages – 16, 17, 18, 19! Even more so when there was no name – ‘Known unto God’. Moving on, we had a brief stop at the Island of Ireland Peace Park and Round Tower, a reminder that soldiers from Ireland both north and south fought here side by side. The plaque at the entrance reads ‘As a symbol of reconciliation and in memory of all those from the island of Ireland who died in the First World War’. Next stop was at the cemetery of the 16th Irish Division, to allow one of our group to place a poppy cross at the grave of a great uncle who lost his life age 20, serving with the Seaforth Highlanders. Lunchtime was now fast approaching and we headed into Ypres. After lunch Robbie, our Commander and Chief, conducted a lovely memorial and communion service in St. George’s Memorial Church. We were also able to see the memorial plaque from Airdrie Academy which read, ‘In Memory of the Men of Airdrie Academy - Who Served Their Country in The Great War - And of Those Who Lost Their Lives in the Ypres Salient - Whose Names are inscribed on the School War Memorial – Their Name Liveth Forevermore’. Back on the bus we advanced to Passchendaele and the Memorial Museum. Everything you need to know about the Great War can be found here. Replica trenches gave you a glimpse of what life may have been like, a very small glimpse! It was the quickest couple of hours of the whole tour. Unlike one hundred years ago our troops retired to the comfort of a nice hotel, rather than diseased infested trenches, to be fed and watered and spend time reflecting on a busy and somewhat emotional day.

Wednesday 9th May – Reveille 6.30a.m. (notice we are getting later!). After a good night’s sleep, morning prayers led by our Commander and Chief, followed by breakfast, we were fully refreshed and ready to begin another day. First stop, the town of Poperinge and the Town Hall, behind which we stood at the spot where soldiers who had been court-martialled were shot at dawn. It was indeed a sad eerie feeling. We then moved along the main street to Talbot House, a place that provided some respite for soldiers fighting at the Front. Thousands of British soldiers passed through Talbot House during the three years it was open from the end of 1915. It was a place where rank was left at the front

door. There was always an urn of tea on the go. There were books and comfortable chairs. There was even a chapel furnished by the soldiers in the loft at the top of the house. In spite of the rumble of the guns in the distance, it was a quiet and unique place behind the British lines where men could spend time relaxing, writing letters and meeting with serving friends, brothers and fathers, in what must have felt like a British “home-from-home”. We ourselves sampled some Talbot House hospitality with a cuppa and a nice piece of home baked sponge cake. After lunch in Poperinge, we then visited Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery in the hamlet of Lijssenthoek which became the venue for the biggest evacuation hospital in the Ypres Salient. The cemetery contains 10,784 graves. Amongst them is one woman. It is a multicultural cemetery representing thirty nationalities from the Commonwealth as well as France, United States and Germany. There is also a Chinese plot. I placed my own poppy cross at the grave of 51614 Private G G Raeburn Royal Scots, 13th April 1918, Age 19.

Next stop was at Tyne Cot Cemetery, the largest Commonwealth War Graves Commission cemetery in the world. It is now the resting place of more than 11,900 servicemen of the British Empire from the First World War. More than 8,370 are unidentified. This area on the Western Front was the scene of the Third Battle of Ypres, also known as the Battle of Passchendaele. Many of those who fell are buried here. As I looked down and across the hill on which the cemetery stands, I felt numb and totally speechless. I felt even more emptiness when I scanned the Tyne Cot Memorial Wall that contains the names of 35,000 servicemen whose graves are not known. Before heading back into Ypres, we stopped off at the New Scottish Memorial where Robbie conducted a short Service of Remembrance. As we all stood in silence, tears once again filled many eyes. After dinner in Ypres, our final act of Remembrance was to attend the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate. This takes place every evening at 8.00 p.m.. The Memorial contains the names of more than 54,000 servicemen whose graves are unknown. It was with a great deal of pride I was part of the group laying a wreath on behalf of the church, something I will never forget. After another busy and emotional day, it was time to sound our own last post and head back to our billet for a good night’s sleep and prepare for our journey home.

Over the two days in Flanders Fields I could not get the words of the song ‘The Green Fields of France’ out of my head. I would often stand looking at a gravestone, thinking and singing (badly) these words.

Well, how do you do, Private William McBride.
Do you mind if I sit down here by your graveside,
And rest for awhile in the warm summer sun?
I've been walking all day, and I'm nearly done,
I see by your gravestone you were only 19,
When you joined the great fallen in 1915.
Well, I hope you died quick

and I hope you died clean,
Or, Willie McBride, was it slow and obscene?

Did you leave a young wife or a sweetheart behind?
In some faithful heart is your memory enshrined?
And, though you died back in 1915

In that faithful heart are you forever 19?
Or are you a stranger without even a name,
Forever enclosed behind a glass pane;
In an old photograph, torn and tattered and stained
And fading to yellow in a brown leather frame?

The sun's shining down here in Belgium and France.
The warm wind blows, and the red poppies dance.
The trenches have vanished long under the plow
No gas, no barbed wire, no guns firing now.
But here in this graveyard that's still No Man's Land,
The countless white crosses in mute witness stand,
To man's blind indifference to his fellow man
And a whole generation
 who were butchered and damned!

I can't help but wonder, young Willie McBride,
Do those who lie here, really know why they died?
Did they believe when they answered the call?
Did they believe this war would end wars?
Well the suffering, the sorrow, the glory, the shame,
The killing, the dying, it was all done in vain;
For, Willie McBride, it all happened again,
And again, and again, and again, and again.

Did they Beat the drum slowly,
 did the play the pipes lowly?
Did the play the death march
 as they lowered you down?
Did the band play The Last Post in chorus
Did the pipes play the Flowers of the Forest?
 GEORGE RANDALL

Message from Iraq

In showing the Wypers Times/Flanders Diaries article to Fiona in Iraq, she came back with this message:
'Lest we forget'! From age ten we all know this phrase is used on that day in November when you wear a poppy and sit in silence for a minute.

Like many poignant phrases like this, they lose their real meaning overtime. On the surface this phrase reminds us to pay respect to our fallen servicemen. However, I doubt this is why the fallen servicemen would think it's important. I have a feeling they would place the importance of remembering on avoiding such catastrophic conflict from reoccurring.

Unfortunately, we live in a world of imperfect humans and, as a result, the Bible tells us conflict will be a part of this world until Jesus returns. Today, conflicts rage on from Yemen, to Myanmar, to Syria. They perhaps don't feel as catastrophic as they're not in our own backyard, but they nonetheless continue to affect millions of people in the most inhumane ways. In all of these situations, how are we responding in the spirit of 'lest we forget'? Are we praying for the leaders of nations, that God would provide them with wisdom and work in their decision making for good? Are we praying for the breaking down of barriers and successful peace negotiations? Are we praying for those responding to humanitarian crisis on the ground, for their safety and access to those most vulnerable? Are we taking every opportunity to act charitably for those facing conflict? In all situations, are we responding with love and forgiveness to those whom we blame for conflict, as Jesus taught us to? Are we praying and acting for peace in the smallest-scale conflicts of our own lives to the largest-scale conflicts of the world? God is greater than all of our worldly issues, no prayer is too big. So, as we remember our servicemen of wars passed, let's honour them by actively responding in prayer and love for the conflicts of today.

Romans 8:35-39

Love

FIONA RANDALL

Church Without Walls – Equip for Sports!

Hello,

I am writing to tell you about an exciting event which is happening later this year. Equip for Sports will be held on Saturday, 8th September 2018, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. in Bankfoot Church Centre, Tulliebelton Road, Bankfoot, Perth, PH1 4BS.

Our keynote speaker is Mark Fleming from Sports Chaplaincy UK, and there will be a number of workshops aiming to encourage us as the local church as to how we could use sport as a way of connecting with our communities.

The event costs £14 and people who wish to come along should register on the Resourcing Mission website:

<https://www.resourcingmission.org.uk/equip-sports>

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me. Tel: 0131 225 5722 (Ext 2365)

Kind regards, DIANE KNOWLES,

Development Assistant – Church Without Walls

Prayer for World Peace

O Lord God, we pray for peace and love in all nations, among all people.

That all wars, conflicts and hatred will end.

We pray for those who suffer from war, injustice and intolerance.

For the young children, young people, the poor and neglected ones.

We pray for peace in our life, lands, nations, families and in our hearts.

Lord help us to achieve peace throughout our world.

We ask your mercy in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PRAYER POINTS

- Continue to pray for *KIDZONE*, the new After School Club started in Victoria Primary School.
- Pray for Ministers and Congregations of the Church following the General Assembly, the decisions made and the many changes around the Church and within the Church.
- 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 young folk now waiting to hear the results of exams.
- Pray for those preparing to look to the future as many move on from school to work, colleges and University.
- Continue to pray for the preparations underway for the Holiday Club and all who will be involved in whatever way this summer.
- Continue to pray for the follow-on from the Holiday Club that we might continue to reach out and build up a relationship with them in the community around us.

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