

THE NEW WELLWYNDER

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from the Manse -

Dear Friends,

There's nothing like a good clear out, but sometimes when you're in the midst of it you wish you'd never even started! I looked at my collection of books recently and realised that there are a number of them I haven't read in quite some time. So, it was time for a good clear out, but deciding the ones that are still of some use and those not, was a bit of a challenge.

When it comes to the kind of books that I use and refer to, the thing is that many of them can quite easily and quite quickly "date" as thinking changes, as the world changes and as I change. What is at the heart of our faith is timeless. Our God made known through his word and in his living word Jesus never changes. God's love is from everlasting to everlasting, reaches to the very ends of the earth to surround, uphold and fill to overflowing the lives of all of his people. Yet how he reveals himself and how our faith expressed, changes and develops down through the generations. And so, as he is "the same, yesterday, today, forever" then anyone in a relationship with him will grow and develop, change and mature. This is why there are books in my library that I have outgrown and why I could never preach a sermon I've done in the past - I have changed and the world has changed.

When it comes to our faith we can never stand still because of the call to worship and the call to spend quality time with God, to learn from him and from each other. We need change, a change that allows our faith to deepen and mature helping us to live out our faith each and every day, as well as deal with the difficulties and challenges that come our way.

We also need change when it comes to who we are as a church and how we express our faith to ensure that we continue to be relevant to a world that is changing at an ever increasing rate. Change doesn't mean diluting of faith,

but allowing it to be spoken in a language that the world will understand and in a way that allows people to demonstrate that God is very much alive and at work in our lives as well as in the life of the world.

This month we we will celebrate the life of God's Spirit sweeping into the lives of the disciples allowing them to become more and more confident in their faith, making it relevant in the lives of people from many backgrounds, cultures and languages.

From worship on a Sunday and Bible Study during a weekday, from friendship and fellowship after morning worship through to many opportunities during the week, we have many ways in which our faith can grow and develop, as we are inspired by God and inspired by him through each other.

May Pentecost be a new beginning for all of us, that our faith might be given a new lease of life that we might share it in love and show it in action.

Your friend and minister.



SERVICES

We will shortly be receiving a visit from Presbytery to carry out our Local Church Review. This is a time to reflect on the past and look with hope to the future. The Kirk Session has reviewed and agreed a number of ways to go forward. Over the next few weeks we will reflect on key areas of our work, areas of development and related points for prayer.

May

- 13 11:00 a.m. - **Morning Worship**
The Way Forward: The Poor and Vulnerable.
(Stated Annual Meeting after Morning Worship)
- 20 11:00 a.m. - **Morning Worship** for Pentecost Sunday.
The Way Forward: Equipping the Team.
Admission of New Members.
- 27 11:00 a.m. - **Morning Worship**
The Way Forward: In Partnership with Others.

June

3 11:00 a.m. - **Morning Worship**
The Way Forward: Fed by God.
Sacrament of Holy Communion.
3:00 p.m. - **Afternoon Service**
Sacrament of Holy Communion.

OBERAMMERGAU 2020

It doesn't seem that long since I last led a group to Austria and Oberammergau but McCabe have been in touch to see if I would be interested in leading another group. I have been allocated the following dates - Wednesday, 22nd to Wednesday, 29th July. The final brochure is now available. If you are interested or have any questions, please do get in touch. *R.*
HAMILTON

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

Baptism : Erica James Shanks.
Cooper Andrew Sirrell.
Molly Jane Aileen Laird.
Adult Baptism : Chelsea Leigh Sirrell.
Weddings : Jill Reilly and Jonathan Brown.
Lyndsey Bruce and David Hartley.
Funerals : Morag Rice; Olive Murray (D.7).
Joined by Certificate :
Mr. William & Mrs. Eunice Coubrough (D.3).
Removed by Certificate :
Mrs. Christine Adam (D.35).
Change of Address/District :
Mr. Mark & Mrs. Gillian Millar from D.51 to D.64.
Mrs. Jessie Cunningham from D.33 to D.9.
Mr. David & Mrs. Jillian McQuarrie
from D.10 to D.54.
Mrs. Margaret Cairns from D.18 to D.9.
Mr. Jack Hamilton from D.24 to D.9.

FLOWER CALENDAR

May
13 Betty McSkimming; Jim & Ann Neilson.
20 June Porte; David Walker.
27 Avril Cockburn; Anne Learmonth.
June
3 Alex Maitland; Sheila Mitchell.

DRIVERS / FLOWER DELIVERY.

May
13 Fraser Gillespie.
20 Alan Provan.
27 Mima Dalziel.
June

3 Eleanor Murray.

THANKS

Sandy and Jean Stewart would like to thank the congregation for the lovely flowers made up of their favourite colours received on Easter Sunday.

Elva Milligan would like to thank Robbie and the congregation of The New Wellwynd Parish Church for the beautiful flowers she received on Easter Sunday. 'Your kindness is very much appreciated - many thanks.'

Anne McFarlane would like to thank the congregation for the lovely flowers received on Easter Sunday. They were greatly appreciated.

Irene Docherty and Gordon would like to thank the congregation for the lovely flowers received at Easter. It was most thoughtful and greatly appreciated. Thank you to Robbie and Maxine for their visits and prayers.

Adele Stephen would like to thank the congregation for the flowers received on Easter Sunday. They were greatly appreciated.

BIBLE READINGS

April

8 Luke 24 : 13 - 32.
15 Acts 2 : 43 - 47; Mark 6 : 7 - 13.
22 John 17 : 6 - 19; Matthew 28 : 16 - 20.
29 Exodus 3 : 1 - 12; John 13 : 1 - 17.

CRAFT GROUP

Our craft group now has a name - **In Stitches** - which really sums up the group. We are enjoying fellowship with one another and we are sharing and learning new skills. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 5 June from 10 a.m. until noon. Even if you don't want to craft, but just want a natter and some fun and company, come along - we would love to see you. *ANNE LEARMONTH*

WELCOME TEAMS

May

13 **Team Leader** : Ian Nicol
Alex Anderson, Sandy Black,
Wilma Davidson, John Jarvie, Mark Millar,
Dan Russell.
20 **Team Leader** : Jack Milne
William Dalling, Matt Fleming,

Margaret Jarvie, Jean Kinniburgh,
George Randall, Ronnie Wright.
27 Team Leader : David Watt
Morag Donald, Linda Francis,
Margaret Jack, Allister Jack, Alison Sefton,
David Walker.

June

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

EDINBURGH DIRECT AID – Thanks

Earlier this month, I again delivered to Edinburgh Direct Aid a large quantity of specially knitted items of clothing for babies and "wee ones". The jackets, jumpers, hats, scarves, gloves and blankets will, with other items of clothing, be packed into a 40 foot shipping container and sent to the Lebanon for the eventual wear by refugee Syrian babies and young children who live in temporary camps. I take this opportunity to pass on to "The New Wellwynd Knitters" the appreciation of Major David Reeks who is in charge of international deliveries. On this occasion, special thanks go to Betty Tweedie, Una Sutcliffe, Maggie Weir and many others. EDA, a few days ago, asked me to advise that there will be a sponsored knitting event this spring and some of our ladies may be interested in taking part. Details will be posted on the EDA website, www.edinburghdirectaid.org. I invite anyone who is talented at knitting to pass on items to myself as this is an ongoing appeal. Many thanks.

RONNIE WRIGHT

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 13-19 MAY 2018

How your collections help

When Hurricane Matthew tore through Haiti in 2016, Marcelin lost everything. Marcelin and his three teenage daughters are now forced to share a 2 x 2m. block of concrete, which used to be a communal shower. There are no windows, and the only furniture is a single bed. It's a tiny, claustrophobic space in constant, sweltering heat. Marcelin and his daughters aren't just survivors: they're fighters, but they're only so strong. They won't survive the next hurricane without your help.

By collecting this Christian Aid Week, you're standing in their corner. You can help them build

a home that will weather the next storm, so they won't need to fight to survive any more.

Christian Aid Week unites Kingdom builders like you from all walks of life. We step out in mission for our neighbours, like Marcelin, all over the world, because we believe in life before death. We believe God's Kingdom is stronger than storms.

If you would like to be a Christian Aid volunteer this year, contact Liz Riddell at church or on 01236 605824 or 07905 648670 for your guide to collecting. A list of streets you might like to collect in will be on the noticeboard in the crush hall, but if you would rather collect at a few doors in your street, check with Liz that they are not being covered by another volunteer.

You're invited to join the Christian Aid Week daily devotional, in partnership with the global prayer movement *Thy Kingdom Come* - visit caweek.org/devotional.

In Christian Aid Week we give, act and pray to bring the Kingdom closer, on earth as it is in heaven.

LIZ RIDDELL

CHRISTIAN AID – Did you know?

Christian Aid works in some of the world's poorest communities in around 50 countries at any one time. They act where there is great need, regardless of religion, helping people to live a full life, free from poverty. They provide urgent, practical and effective assistance in tackling the root causes of poverty as well as its effects. Christian Aid's core belief is that the world can and must be changed so that poverty is ended: this is what they stand for. Everything they do is about ending poverty and injustice: swiftly, effectively and sustainably. Poverty is an outrage against humanity. It robs people of their dignity and lets injustice thrive. Together, we have the power to transform lives. Please support Christian Aid Week 2018 in whatever way you can.
THE EDITOR

Some Thoughts on Poverty – They said it!

"If we can conquer space, we can conquer childhood hunger." (Buzz Aldrin)

"Poverty is the worst form of violence." (Mahatma Gandhi)

"You can't build a peaceful world on empty stomachs and human misery." (Dr. Norman Borlaug)

TRAIDCRAFT

Our Traidcraft stall is available each Sunday after the morning service. Please take some time to come round and have a look.

We have a selection of biscuits, tea, coffee, small Divine chocolate bars and sweets. The Spring brochure is also available for you to browse which promotes a variety of different items ranging from recycled glasses and tumblers to greetings cards and gifts for the home as well as him and her.

Remember that when you purchase items from the stall or brochure you are giving the producers a fair wage and helping their local communities into the bargain.

DAVID WALKER

LIVE STREAMING OF SERVICES

With the new technology now installed in the sanctuary and, hopefully, the website up and running we are turning our thoughts to “going live” on a Sunday morning. This new facility will allow people at home, or anywhere in the world, to catchup with morning worship on a computer, a tablet or even a phone. There is still some work to be done in relation to training of those who will film the service and make it available for viewing via the website. Protocols will have to be put in place as well looking at how this technology is used sensitively e.g. an area set aside for those who don’t wish to be on ‘cam’. It is an exciting time for us as well to look forward to.

More information will be available soon but if you are interested in tuning in, please do let us know. Whether you have missed the service because of work or holidays, or because of illness and frailty, we do hope that this might interest you. There are many “silver surfers” out there who shop online, but, if you don’t, and your family has access to the net, you can encourage them to download the service and show it to you on their device at a later stage.

This is an important step forward in the mission of this congregation, as we reach out to those unable to be with us, those who haven’t been in a long time and others who have heard of us but don’t feel ready to make that first step of coming along.

R.

HAMILTON

Approaching Death and Dying Seminar - Saturday, 12th May at 10 am in New Wellwynd

(Professor D. Robin Taylor will speak about getting beyond the taboo and navigating the challenges of ill health at the end of life.)

For nearly 100 years, death and dying have been a taboo topic. Modern medicine emphasises that we should try to fix all of the people all of the time,

but eventually mortality is the winner. This often means that we are ill-prepared for the experience of the challenges of critical illness towards the end of life. There are tensions and contradictions for patients as well as their families. Spiritual as well as medical issues are often problematic. Professor Taylor has returned to Edinburgh after working as Professor of

Respiratory Medicine in New Zealand for over 25 years where he was also minister of a suburban Baptist congregation for 8 years. He has also served in ministry in the Church of Scotland. Now working at Wishaw General Hospital he has been commissioned by NHS Lanarkshire to improve the care of patients in acute hospitals who are at the end of life. He has produced an acclaimed documentary ‘A Good Death’. He is uniquely placed to share his thoughts on coping with crises at the end of life. In this event, these questions are explored for 45 minutes and then opened up for discussion.

If you are interested and need more information please consult the Church Notice Board or contact Robbie - Tel. 01236-763022 or by email at rhamilton@churchofscotland.org.uk. And, if you are interested in attending, please do get in touch to help give an idea of numbers. Tea and coffee will be provided.

CAMEO

On 10th April, our AGM was cancelled due to so many members being on holiday. Anne Learmonth kindly stepped in by teaching our ladies how to make little peg dolls. This was followed by a chance for a catch up and was enjoyed by everyone. The AGM was then held on 24th when a slight change to the committee was decided. Jean Kinniburgh as Coordinator, Wilma Davidson - Secretary, Irene Yates and Freda Gilchrist - Treasurer, Elizabeth Roberton - Tea Convener, 5 new general committee members - Nancy Vance, Kate Hamilton, Ann Gillespie, Fiona McCloy and Anne Tunnicliffe. We are now looking forward to planning the New Session with the new Committee in place.

The Seniors Outing on 28th April was a huge success. A great day was had by everyone, beautiful weather and stunning scenery on our way to Largs via Cardwell Garden Centre then a lovely meal in The Clyde tearooms at Skelmorlie, where we had the pleasure of Ronnie McKinnon joining us for our meal.

Our final meeting was our delayed Christmas Night Out (cancelled due to the snow) on Tuesday

1st May to Harrington's in Harthill. *WILMA DAVIDSON*

World Mission Stamp Appeal

The World Mission Stamp Project would like to thank everyone for the used stamps which we have kindly collected and sent to help raise funds for the Stamp Appeal. It is through your continued support that vital funds are able to be raised to help our partners worldwide. In 2017 the Appeal raised an amazing £2,194 that is being used to support the Giffen Institute of Theology in South Sudan. The 2018 Appeal is raising money for the Hungarian Reformed Church in Ukraine. Money raised from this year's Appeal will help provide much needed resources. So please keep collecting your used postage stamps which can be handed in on any Sunday morning to a member of the welcome team.

JENNIFER MILNE

How poor people live!

One day, a father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the firm purpose of showing his son how poor people live. They spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family. On their return from their trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?" "It was great, Dad." "Did you see how poor people live?" the father asked. "Oh yeah," said the son. "So, tell me, what did you learn from the trip?" asked the father. The son answered, "I saw that we have one dog and they had four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden, and they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden, and they have the stars at night. Our patio reaches to the front yard, and they have the whole horizon. We have a small piece of land to live on, and they have fields that go beyond our sight. We have servants who serve us, but they serve others. We buy our food, but they grow theirs. We have walls around our property to protect us; they have friends to protect them." The boy's father was speechless. Then his son added, "Thanks, Dad, for showing me how poor we are."..... in some ways the boy is right, but try telling that to a father and mother struggling to clothe and feed their family or keeping a roof over their heads especially on nights when the stars don't shine so brightly.

The Editor

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for KIDZONE, the new After School Club started in Victoria Primary School.
 - Pray for the Church of Scotland soon to be meeting in General Assembly, that the Kirk might find new and exciting ways to shine as a light in this land and beyond.
 - Pray for the work of Hamilton Presbytery, the Moderator, the Clerk, conveners and all members that the work of the kingdom might be encouraged in this area.
 - Pray for all the young people in the midst of exams that they might feel encouraged and supported and be focused on the day.
 - Pray for Robbie in his chaplaincies at Rochsolloch Primary and Airdrie Academy.
 - Pray for the work of the Summer Holiday Club and for the preparation well underway that we might continue to reach out and make an impact in the community around us.
 - Pray for all congregations in the town especially Cairnlea and Clarkston with new ministries with the arrival of Peter Donald and Hanna Rankine.
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