

# THE NEW WELLWYNDER

November 2019

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from the Manse -

Dear Friends,

The War Memorial at Irvine Cross bears the names of 353 soldiers and civilians who lost their lives during two world wars. In my early years of ministry in Irvine I led the town's Act of Remembrance at least twice which, as it is here when I am called to do it, a great privilege. Experiences down through the years, especially the visits to war graves in Europe, have added to that sense of privilege in doing what I have been able to do as well as a sense of great responsibility to be true to the memory of those who have gone before us. As I stood at that War Memorial, either to lead the service or stand with my colleagues as one of them led the service, there was a secret waiting to be discovered there.

This year I will take my place as officiating minister at Airdrie's War Memorial assisted by Sister Catherine from the Hospice. From the very first time I have led a service such as the one I will lead there to the services I will lead there, at church and in school, I have never lost any sense of the significance of it or the power to move me. But this year it will be more poignant for me because of something I discovered just by chance. I have always known that my great-grandfather Andrew Hamilton had died young and that the grandfather my own father knew was a step grandfather, his Gran marrying for a second time as a widow. What I didn't know and, most of the family didn't know, was that she was a war widow and my great-grandfather died on 12th July, 1915 at Gallipoli. If only knew in those early years what I know now!

Whether we have a known connection with any of the wars or not there is something poignant for all of us. In remembering we are in no way glorifying or even glamorising war but giving ourselves, those around us and those who have the power to send armies in or pull them out, a poignant reminder of the terrors of war and challenge to see that as others have died to secure our peace how can we live to both maintain peace and actively live it and share it in our lives.

John McCray the Canadian medic gave us a challenge in his poem "Flanders Fields" -

*To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.*

Will we take up this challenge, a challenge brought to life in Moina Michael's reply -

*Oh! you who sleep in Flanders Fields,  
Sleep sweet - to rise anew!  
We caught the torch you threw  
And holding high, we keep the Faith  
With All who died.*

In all of this may we be channels of God's love, peace and amazing grace that, as they transform our lives in our Lord Jesus Christ, they might transform the life of the world.

Your friend and minister.



## SERVICES

### November

10 10.45 a.m. **Morning Worship for  
Remembrance Sunday**  
*Don't be shaken.*

(Please note the earlier starting time)

17 11 a.m. **Morning Worship -**  
*Pull your weight*  
Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

24 11 a.m. **Morning Worship -**  
*A criminal king*  
Christ the King Sunday.

### December

1 11 a.m. **First Sunday in Advent**  
*Seeing the bigger picture*  
Sacrament of Holy Communion.

3 p.m. **Afternoon Service**  
Sacrament of Holy Communion.

8 11 a.m. **Second Sunday in Advent**  
*We shall all be changed!*

3 p.m. **Memorial Service**  
*From darkness to light*

## DRIVERS / FLOWER DELIVERY.

### November

10 Eleanor Murray.

17 Allister Jack.

24 Moira Gartshore.

### December

1 Elisabeth Donald.

## FLOWER CALENDAR

### November

10 Betty McSkimming; Ann Wallace & Family.

17 Morag Stewart; Jean Campbell.

24 Jack & Jennifer Milne;

George & Janette Clark.

### December

1 Netta Christie; Wilma Bell.

## CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

**Funerals** : Jean Douglas, Carol Cowan,  
Garry Spiers.

## Change of Address/District :

Marion Cowie from D.8 to D.4.

### WELCOME TEAMS

#### November

- 10 Team Leader: Bobby Forrest  
Fraser Gillespie, Mairi Mitchell, Jim Thomson,  
William Watson, Maggie Weir,  
Catherine Whellans.
- 17 Team Leader: Ian Nicol  
Alex Anderson, Sandy Black, Wilma Davidson,  
John Jarvie, Anne Learmonth, Dan Russell.
- 24 Team Leader: Moira Gartshore  
Matt Fleming, Margaret Jarvie, Jean Kinniburgh,  
Elaine McGuire, George Randall, Ronnie Wright.

#### December

- 1 Team Leader: Barbara Watt  
George Murchison, Elaine Myers,  
Janette McGuigan, David Patterson,  
Andrew Paul, William Watson (Sen.).

### THANKS

**Helen Hutcheson** extends her thanks to the congregation for the Harvest Flowers received. They were very much appreciated.

**May & Bill Morton** would like to express to the congregation their sincere thanks for the lovely flowers received.

**Irene Docherty** wishes to thank Robbie and congregation for the lovely Harvest flowers. Thank you to Laura for her visit following a recent stay in hospital. Much appreciated and thank you.

**Bill and Shona White** would like to express their thanks for the lovely flowers from the church recently.

**Jessie Boyd** would like to thank the Minister and Congregation for the lovely flowers received recently.

**Jack and Jennifer Milne and Family** wish to thank the congregation for the beautiful floral arrangement received on the sad loss of Kirsty's Father-in Law.

**George Thomson** would like to thank the congregation of New Wellwynd Church for the beautiful flowers received at Harvest.

### BIBLE READINGS

#### October

- 6 Luke 17 : 5 - 10.
- 13 Luke 17 : 11 - 19, 2 Kings 5 : 1 - 3, 7 - 15c  
2 Timothy 2 : 8 - 15.
- 20 Luke 18 : 1 - 8, Genesis 32 : 22 - 31  
2 Timothy 3 : 14 - 4 : 5.
- 27 Luke 18 : 9 - 14, Jeremiah 14 : 7 - 10, 19 - 22  
2 Timothy 4 : 6 - 8, 16 - 18.

#### **C. of S. World Mission – Postage Stamps!**

Thank you for your continued support of the above project, which is much appreciated. 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*

### CHURCH WEBSITE

Many of you are aware that the Church has had a website for many years now. In the last year this has been updated to bring it more into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

As detailed in the newsletter and in the order of service – the website's URL is [www.newwellwynd.org.uk](http://www.newwellwynd.org.uk) or you can search on your browser for New Wellwynd Church and find the connection like that.

The website gives you information about all the different things we're involved in as well as organisation information and links. It also has copies of our previous Orders of Service and monthly Newsletters.

It is now possible to watch up to four previous services. Upon bringing up the Home Page of the website – [www.newwellwynd.org.uk](http://www.newwellwynd.org.uk), select the "Services" drop down menu and there will be an option to "Watch Again". On selecting this, a new page will be displayed "REPLAY" and the most recent service uploaded will start to play. There will also be three other service which can be selected.

Steps to be taken -

[www.newwellwynd.org.uk](http://www.newwellwynd.org.uk) -> Services -> Watch Again -> Replay *David Walker*

### JEAN DOUGLAS

We were sorry to hear of the death of one of our elders, Jean Douglas. Jean faced up to a number of health problems down through the years but, difficult as they were at times, she never wanted a fuss and showed such a strength and determination which came from a faith that was strong and from an independent spirit that kept her on the go. It wasn't terribly long before she died that Jean was still away shopping with the help and support of a carer and was indeed there for Elaine as Elaine was there for Jean.

Jean's faith was very real and a foundational part of her life. She loved to attend worship and got so much out of it but also, it has to be said, put a lot into worship and the life of the Kirk as a whole. She was a faithful elder who was diligent in attending meetings and looking after her district as she was always one to go the extra mile in help, support and generosity. She was supportive of the Guild where she served as President and looked after the flowers for many, many years. Even when Jean's mobility was not as good she still would turn up, find a chair and arrange the flowers.

We will greatly miss her but give thanks for the rich legacy of love and service left to us by one who so deserved to hear those words, "well done good and faithful servant".

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Elaine and the wider family at this time.

### SENIOR CIRCLE

We next meet on 5th November when our speaker will be the new minister of Cairnlea Church, Revd Peter Donald. On 19th November, our guest will be our own Church Organist, David Stewart. Please join us in the Session Room from 2 - 3 p.m. if you are able. We would be delighted to welcome you.

*Isabell Gibson*

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## ART CLUB

The Art Club continues to meet in the Upper Hall on a Friday evening from 7.30pm to 9pm. Anyone who has an interest in painting and drawing we will be made most welcome. We don't have a Tutor, each member is self taught and there is always someone on hand to lend friendly advice.

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## TRAIDCRAFT

The Christmas Catalogues with the Christmas Card selection and other goodies are now available.

The Christmas Cards available this year are on display beside the Traidcraft Stall.

There are still a few Sundays to go before the order closing date – so if you've still to order – please do so by 24<sup>th</sup> November to avoid disappointment.

The Traidcraft Stall continues to be available at the close of the morning service where stocks of all your favourites – biscuits, chocolate, teas and coffees are available as well as other goodies that might make little gifts for Christmas. *David Walker*

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## CAMEO

During October we had two meetings - the first was Fiona Randall updating Cameo on her travels and experiences through her work, and Revd Robbie. On 12 November we have someone from Love Oliver charity to tell us of their work, then there will be an informal meeting on Tuesday 26th to finalise arrangements for the Concert Party from ACAOS which will be on Friday 29th November.

### CAMEO Fund Raising Evening :

Cameo are holding a **Fund Raising Evening** for the Seniors Outing next April. Airdrie and Coatbridge Operatic Society Concert Party have agreed to perform for us. This will be on Friday 29th November. The concert will be in the church then through to the hall for Tea/Coffee and home baking. Tickets priced £5 available at church and Snack Bar. Hoping for a great turn out at this event.

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## SCOTTISH POPPY APPEAL 2019

Poppyscotland provides life-changing support to our Armed Forces community. They reach out to those who have served, those still serving, and their families at times of crisis and need by offering vital, practical advice, assistance and funding. They believe that those who serve or have served, whether regular or reserve, are deserving of support to live life fully without disadvantage after service. No veteran should live without the prospect of employment, good health and a home, and we all have a part to play in achieving this. Poppyscotland is best known for running the iconic [Scottish Poppy Appeal](#) which raises over £2 million each year. This, combined with other year-round fundraising, enables them to provide tailored support and funding to thousands of ex-Servicemen and Women as well as other vital services in advice, employment, mobility, respite, housing and mental health support. Last year they raised more than £3.6 million in voluntary income, and spent in excess of £3 million on charitable activities. To put that into

context, they must raise more than £10,000 a day to continue their work. They pride themselves as being as transparent as possible and take very seriously the huge trust the Scottish public place in them when they make a donation. They [welcome any questions](#) or suggestions over how to use the funds that are entrusted to them. They are also fully committed to making sure the vital services that the Armed Forces community urgently need are provided as efficiently and effectively as possible. Please help them to help others and give as generously as you can to this year's Poppy Appeal. *The Editor*

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## UNFORGOTTEN FORCES

A consortium of organisations, which includes Poppyscotland, has been awarded £4 million from the Aged Veterans Fund to undertake a three-year programme of support for older veterans over the age of 65 and their families in Scotland. Unforgotten Forces is a partnership between 16 leading organisations which will deliver a range of new services and enhancements in areas including advice, access to healthcare, social isolation, respite, along with creative activities and events for those in care settings. The consortium has been awarded the funding to undertake this ambitious programme of work. Poppyscotland is the lead partner and, in addition to coordinating the consortium, the funding will enable Poppyscotland to offer more of our popular and hugely beneficial Poppy Breaks to older veterans. The application for funding was made to the HM Treasury grant-giving body funded from Libor banking fines. The money will be used over the next three years to improve the coordination of existing provision and introduce new services aimed at supporting older veterans. The portfolio will include services such as advice provision, support for those on the NHS pathway with transport being provided to appointments. Loneliness and isolation will be tackled through befriending, respite breaks and a newly created day centre. *Roving Reporter*

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## Heroines of the First World War

### **Flora Sandes**

Born and raised in Yorkshire, Flora Sandes was the only British woman to serve on the frontline in WW1 - fighting for the Serbian army. Sandes, who died in 1956, volunteered for the St John Ambulance when she was 38-years-old and travelled to Serbia, where she enrolled in their army.

The reported tomboy was promoted to the rank of Sergeant-Major but was severely wounded by a grenade in 1916. She later received the King George Star by the Serbian government and is still a Serbian national hero.

### **Elsie Inglis**

Elsie was a qualified surgeon and supporter of the women's suffragette campaign. After the outbreak of the First World War, she offered her services to the Royal Army Medical Corps in 1914 but was told to 'go home and sit still'. Undeterred, Elsie set up her own organisation, the Scottish Women's Hospitals, which treated troops in Serbia and Russia. She became the first woman to be awarded the

Order of the White Eagle, the highest honour given by Serbia.

### **Elizabeth Knocker and Mairi Chisolm**

Elizabeth ('Elsie') and Mairi set up their own First Aid Post close to the Belgian frontline at Pervyse in November 1914. Elsie, a trained nurse, believed that lives could be saved if wounded soldiers were treated close to the front line. The two women put their own safety at risk to save lives - they often worked under fire and left Pervyse only after being badly gassed in 1918. Both were awarded the Belgian Order of Leopold in 1915 and the British Military Medal in 1917 for their bravery.

### **Katherine Furse**

Katharine joined the Voluntary Aid Detachment in 1909. On the outbreak of the First World War, Katharine was chosen to be the head of the first VAD unit to be sent out to France, arriving on 21 September 1914. In 1917, she became the Director of the newly formed Women's Royal Naval Service. As well as three service medals, Katharine was awarded the GBE and became a Dame. After the First World War, she became the Director of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

*Lest We Forget*

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## **DAILY PRAYER**

This month I have suggested a prayer for each day of the week which will hopefully help and encourage you.

### **Sunday - Thankfulness**

- I love you God. Thank you for sending salvation through Jesus, which is the name above all names. Let every word that I speak and every thought that I think be pleasing to you. Let my entire life be my act of worship. I dedicate all that I am, and all that I do, to you. Help me to live according to your ways. Living an upright life is how I express my deepest gratitude to you.

### **Monday - Generosity**

- Thank you God for yet another day. Help me to live in line with your Word. Show me who I can help today. Let this person feel your love through my actions. Let them experience your presence. My mind, ears, and eyes will stay open to receive your direction all the day long. Let me pass your blessing to another person today.

### **Tuesday - Wisdom**

- God help me to live in a way that pleases you. Give me wisdom in all that I do. Guide me in everything that I say. Give me strength to stand against temptation. Help me to put others before myself and to be considerate of their needs. Let your light shine through me for others to see.

### **Wednesday - Guidance**

- Thank you Lord for another breath, another day of life. Thank you for making a way for me to have life and to live life to its fullest potential! Lead me and guide me throughout this day. Be a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Order my steps. Guard my heart. Direct my mind. Guide my mouth. And as always, let my life be pleasing to you.

### **Thursday - Protection**

- God protect me. Guard my family. Keep us safe. Keep us healthy. Remove calamity from my household. Your presence provides a place of refuge for me. As I trust in you, I find stability from your promises. Give me the confidence to move forward with my day knowing that you are standing guard, encircled around me.

### **Friday - Provision**

- Thank you for supplying what I need to live. Give me everything I need to accomplish your will for my life. Provide for me finances, opportunities, ideas, directions, relationships, and wisdom. Enable me to be a conduit of your blessing. Give me everything I need and more, so that I may be able to help those less fortunate than I. Let me be a beacon displaying your generosity to the world.

### **Saturday - Rest**

- God, grant me rest. Bring me peace. Give me a time of refreshing. Rejuvenate my mind. Restore my body. Awaken my soul. Let me and my family rest in your shadow knowing that you are overlooking our lives. You have ordained for me to work, and also have declared that I rest from that work. Provide for me a calmness and freedom to be able to relax and celebrate your presence with family and friends.

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### **Hymns for Special People**

The IRS Agent's Hymn.....I Surrender All  
The Gossip's Hymn.....Pass It On  
The Electrician's Hymn.....Send The Light  
The Shopper's Hymn.....Sweet Bye and Bye  
The Realtor's Hymn. . .  
I've Got a Mansion Just over the Hilltop  
The Massage Therapists Hymn . . . .He Touched Me  
The Doctor's Hymn..... The Great Physician

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