

# THE NEW WELLWYNDER

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## from the Manse -

Dear Friends,

I think that the phrase, "I'm going to meet myself coming back", is probably a good description of me this morning! Not only have I completed Orders of Service up until the end of October, I am also preparing this letter for the newsletter a week in advance! Tomorrow I head for Belgium with pupils and staff of Airdrie Academy and I am usually preparing this letter on the way home on the coach on the Sunday.

When it comes to worship and meetings and such like I do like to be prepared. It means that I am ahead of the game and, if anything unexpected pops up, I am more than ready for it. Being prepared makes all of the difference yet, how often are we running at the last minute in life because life is inherently busier - busier it would seem than any other time that I can remember. But perhaps that's an age thing?! It would seem that we are constantly prioritising and re-prioritising as we journey through a world of ever changing scenes.

The other week in church I got us to think about priorities and agendas. How high up our list of priorities is God and are things of the faith? This begs the question as to how important church and faith are to us? Is faith along the lines of "break glass in emergency" or is its sustained part of our life, as natural as breathing itself? Life gets busy for all of us but what happens when the unexpected does happen? What happens when we face up to disappointment in some shape or form? How do we cope and who do we turn to?

We can thank God that no matter where we are on our journey of faith and how strong that faith might be, he is with us. He hears our call and responds. He recognises our need and offers the help that we need for that situation. We learn like Paul that "his grace is sufficient for our needs". In these times he is there with us and for us. As we trust in the promises of God we can also get ahead of the game and prepare ourselves on a daily basis to spend time with him, to grow with him, to learn from him and be sustained by him each step of the way. In Ephesians, Paul talks about the full armour of God and we can see a depiction of "Pilgrim" being prepared for his journey in our amazing rose window above the chancel.

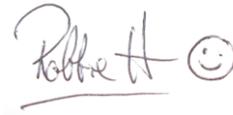
*"Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation*

*and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."*

And, he further encourages us in a regular prayer life to sustain us on a daily basis and prepare us for any and every eventuality - ". . . pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests".

God seeks to build a people of power, and that starts with and continues with prayer on our own and when we are together as we seek to listen to him and to follow him, serving him and his people.

Your friend and minister.



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## SERVICES

### October

- 13 11 a.m. **Morning Worship.**  
*With no agenda.*
- 20 11 a.m. **Morning Worship.**  
*What are we fighting for?*
- 27 11 a.m. **Morning Worship.**  
*It's not a competition.*

### November

- 3 11 a.m. **Morning Worship.**  
*Something to boast about.*  
Sacrament of Holy Baptism.  
The Academy remembers!
- 10 10:45 a.m. **Morning Worship.**  
*Don't be shaken.*  
Remembrance Sunday  
*Please note the earlier starting time.*

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## DRIVERS / FLOWER DELIVERY.

### October

- 13 Fraser Gillespie.  
20 Mima Dalziel.  
27 Bobby Forrest.

### November

- 3 Belle Clark.

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## CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

**Funerals** : Anna Griffiths; Jean Lauder;  
Carol Cowan; Jean Douglas.

### Change of Address/District :

Jacqueline Spiers (D.12);  
Greta Gray from D.27 to D.9.  
Dianna Arthur from D.27 to D.52.  
Gilbert K. & Marjory Cox from D.27 to D.52.  
William Watson from D.27 to D.52.

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## EXPLORING THE FAITH

Interest has been shown in a class allowing people to explore the faith. If you are interested, please get in touch with me so that I can make the necessary arrangements.

**Robbie**

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## WELCOME TEAMS

### October

- 13 Team Leader: Alistair Murray  
Irene Bremner, Carol Hamilton, Gordon Lind,  
Liz Riddell, Alister Weighton.
- 20 Team Leader: Irene Yates  
Alan Cox, Julie Fleming, Beatrice Holden,  
George Lowdon, Isabel Sorbie, Tom Sorbie..
- 27 Team Leader: David Gillespie  
Christine Cassells, Christine Gibb,  
Anne Grainge, Jim Neilson, Jim Nimmo,  
Margaret Reid.

### November

- 3 Team Leader : Elizabeth Roberton  
Mima Dalziel, Isabell Gibson, George Grant,  
George Lawson, Morag Stewart.

### THANKS

**Margaret Duncan** extends her thanks to the congregation for the lovely flowers received recently and for the prayerful support and also to the Church Choir. Everything is very much appreciated.

**Elizabeth and Harry Ballantyne** would like to express their appreciation for the lovely flowers received following the death of Elizabeth's sister Sheena. Also thanks to Robbie for his visits and comforting words.

**May Mathieson** would like to express her sincere thanks to Robbie and the congregation for their support and expressions of sympathy following Tom's death. Special thanks to Robbie for the lovely funeral service he carried out.

**Louise Armstrong** expresses her sincere thanks for the lovely surprise of the church flowers which were beautiful.

### FLOWER CALENDAR

#### October

- 13 Lesley Aitken; Betty Tweedie.  
20 Liz Hannah; Jean Robinson.  
27 Avril Cockburn; Trudy Henderson,

#### November

- 3 Douglas Mitchell; Isabel Irvine.

### TRADCRAFT

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.

The new Autumn/Winter Catalogues are now available – please feel free to pick up a catalogue from the stall and hopefully you'll find something you like and place an order.

The selection of Christmas Cards is on display at the Traidcraft Stall, however, the Christmas Catalogue is not due until later in the month.

Orders will be taken until Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November – order early to avoid any disappointment.

Many thanks to those members who support the stall regularly and the team of volunteers who provide cover each week. Your contribution in whatever way is appreciated.

*David Walker*

## BIBLE READINGS

### September

- 1 Hebrews 13 : 1 - 8, 15 - 16;  
Luke 14 : 1, 7 - 14.
- 8 Philemon ; 1 - 21; Deuteronomy 30 : 15 - 20;  
Luke 14 : 25 - 33.
- 15 Luke 15 : 1 - 10; Exodus 32 : 7 - 14;  
1 Timothy 1 : 12 - 17.
- 22 1 Samuel 3; 1 Corinthians 12 : 12 - 27.
- 29 Luke 16 : 19 - 31; Amos 6 : 1a, 4 - 7;  
1 Timothy 6 : 6 - 19.

## 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 planned to store some archived services to allow you to watch if you have been unable to do so. This is a work in progress, so watch this space.

If you have access to the internet, please have a look and let us know what you think? *David Walker*

## VOLUNTEERS' TRAINING EVENT

Presbytery are organising a Volunteers' Training Event for holders of a PVG who have never attended such an event. The details are as follows:

Venue: Jackson Church, Airdrie.

Date: Saturday, 7th December, 2019.

Time: 10 am-12 noon.

Anyone wishing to book a place or requiring further information should contact Christine Gibb, Safeguarding Coordinator, on 07854 060712.

Text anytime or phone Monday-Friday after 5pm.

*Christine Gibb*

## The U in JesUs

Before **U** were thought of or time had begun  
God had stuck **U** in the name of His Son.

And each time **U** pray you'll see it's true  
You can't spell out JesUs and not include **U**.

You're a pretty big part of His wonderful name  
For **U** he was born that's why He came.

And His great love for **U** is the reason that he died,  
It even takes **U** to spell cr**U**cified.

Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand,

He rose from the dead with **U** in His plan?

The stones split away the gold tr**U**mpet blew

And the word res**U**rrection is spelled with a **U**.

When Jesus left on His upward ascension

He felt there was one thing He just had to mention:

"Go into the world and tell them it's true

That I love them all - Just like I love **U**. (cont'd.)

What happens now is dependent on U  
He'd like them to know but it all starts with U.  
Will U pass it on? Remember, JesUs Loves U!!!

*Anon*

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### **SLEEPING THROUGH A STORM!**

A young man applied for a job as a farmhand. When the farmer asked for his qualifications, he said, "I can sleep through a storm." This puzzled the farmer... but he liked the young man. So he hired him. A few weeks later, the farmer and his wife were awakened in the night by a violent storm ripping through the valley. He leapt out of bed and called for his new hired hand, but the young man was sleeping soundly. So they quickly began to check things to see if all was secure. They found that the shutters of the farmhouse had been securely fastened. A good supply of logs had been set next to the fireplace. The farmer and his wife then inspected their property. They found that the farm tools had been placed in the storage shed, safe from the elements. He sees that the bales of wheat had been bound and wrapped in tarpaulins. The tractor had been moved into its garage. The barn was properly locked tight. Even the animals were calm and had plenty of feed. All was well. The farmer then understood the meaning of the young man's words, "I can sleep through a storm."

Because the farmhand did his work loyally and faithfully when the skies were clear, he was prepared for any storm. So when the storm did actually break, he was not concerned or afraid. He could sleep in peace.

#### **Moral of the story:**

If we tend to the things that are important in life, if we are right with those we love and behave in line with our faith, our lives will not be cursed with the aching throb of unfulfilled business. Our words will always be sincere, our embraces will be tight. We will never wallow in the agony of 'I could have, I should have.' We can sleep in a storm. And when it's our time to go, our good-byes will be complete.

*Anon*

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### **Give it a thought - Why go to church?**

If you're spiritually alive, you're going to love this!

If you're spiritually dead, you won't want to read it!

If you're spiritually curious, there is still hope!

A Church regular wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all." This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this... they

all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"..... just saying!

*The Editor*

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### **A Harvest Story – The Seed!**

A successful business man was growing old and knew it was time to choose a successor to take over the business. Instead of choosing one of his directors or his children, he decided to do something different. He called all the young executives in his company together. "It is time for me to step down and choose the next CEO," he said. "I have decided to choose one of you." The young executives were shocked, but the boss continued. "I am going to give each one of you a seed today - a very special seed. I want you to plant the seed, water it, and come back here one year from today with what you have grown from the seed I have given you. I will then judge the plants that you bring, and the one I choose will be the next CEO."

One man, named Jim, was there that day and he, like the others, received a seed. He went home and excitedly, told his wife the story. She helped him get a pot, soil and compost and he planted the seed. Every day, he would water it and watch to see if it had grown. After about three weeks, some of the other executives began to talk about their seeds and the plants that were beginning to grow. Jim kept checking his seed, but nothing ever grew. Three weeks, four weeks, five weeks went by, still nothing. By now, others were talking about their plants, but Jim didn't have a plant and he felt like a failure. Six months went by - still nothing in Jim's pot. He just knew he had killed his seed. Everyone else had trees and tall plants, but he had nothing. Jim didn't say anything to his colleagues, however. He just kept watering and fertilizing the soil - he so wanted the seed to grow.

A year finally went by and all the young executives of the company brought their plants to the CEO for inspection. Jim told his wife that he wasn't going to take an empty pot. But she asked him to be honest about what happened. Jim felt sick at his stomach. It was going to be the most embarrassing moment of his life, but he knew his wife was right. He took his empty pot to the board room. When Jim arrived, he was amazed at the variety of plants grown by the other executives. They were beautiful--in all shapes and sizes. Jim put his empty pot on the floor and many of his colleagues laughed. A few felt sorry for him! When the CEO arrived, he surveyed the room and greeted his young executives. Jim just tried to hide in the back. "My, what great plants, trees, and flowers you have grown," said the CEO. "Today one of you will be appointed the next CEO!" All of a sudden, the CEO spotted Jim at the back of the room with his empty pot. He ordered the financial director to bring him to the front. Jim was terrified. He thought, "The CEO knows I'm a failure! Maybe he will have me fired!" When Jim got to the front, the

CEO asked him what had happened to his seed. Jim told him the story.

The CEO asked everyone to sit down except Jim. He looked at Jim, and then announced to the young executives, "Here is your next Chief Executive! His name is Jim!"

Jim couldn't believe it. Jim couldn't even grow his seed. How could he be the new CEO the others said? Then the CEO said, "One year ago today, I gave everyone in this room a seed. I told you to take the seed, plant it, water it, and bring it back to me today. But I gave you all boiled seeds; they were dead - it was not possible for them to grow. All of you, except Jim, have brought me trees and plants and flowers. "When you found that the seed would not grow, you substituted another seed for the one I gave you. Jim was the only one with the courage and honesty to bring me a pot with my seed in it. Therefore, he is the one who will be the new Chief Executive!"

#### **Moral of the story:**

If you plant honesty, you will reap trust

If you plant goodness, you will reap friends

If you plant humility, you will reap greatness

If you plant perseverance, you will reap contentment

If you plant consideration, you will reap perspective

If you plant hard work, you will reap success

If you plant forgiveness, you will reap reconciliation.

So, be careful what you plant now; it will determine what you will reap later.

*The Editor*

#### **Take a Moment to Ponder**

- Prayer is the world's greatest wireless connection!
- When life gets too hard to stand kneel!
- Life is a song and love is the music!
- We are all broken that's how the light gets in!
- Remember when you are down God is up to something!
- When you can't put your prayer into words God hears your heart!
- Nothing is worth it if you aren't happy!
- It doesn't matter where you start only that you begin!
- Even when the sky is full of clouds the sun still shines above them!
- What if you wake up today with only the things you thanked God for yesterday!

*Phil Osopher*

#### **The Armour of God Prayer**

Instead of prayer points this month, here are thoughts for each day of the week inspired by the passage quoted in the minister's letter. You can use each section each day of the week or you can meditate on all of them on a daily basis. But please take time to reflect, pray and be ready to be blessed and strengthened.

#### ***First—Put on the Armour of God***

##### **The Helmet of Salvation**

\* Thank you, Lord, for my salvation. I receive it in a new and fresh way from You, and I declare that nothing can separate me now from the love of Christ and the place I shall ever have in Your kingdom.

##### **The Breastplate of Righteousness**

\* And yes, Lord, I wear Your righteousness today against all condemnation and corruption. Fit me with Your holiness and purity— defend me from all assaults against my heart.

##### **The Belt of Truth**

\* Lord, I put on the belt of truth. I choose a lifestyle of honesty and integrity. Show me the truths I so desperately need today as I am guided by Your word and led by Your Son.

##### **The Shoes of the Gospel of Peace**

\* I do choose to live for the gospel at any moment. Show me where You are working and lead me to it. Do not let me become slack in my walk.

##### **The Shield of Faith**

\* Jesus, I lift the confidence that You are good against any and every assault on me. You have good in store for me. Nothing is coming today that can overcome me because You are with me.

##### **The Sword of the Spirit**

\* Holy Spirit, show me specifically today the truths of the Word of God that I will need to counter the snares of the enemy. Bring them to mind throughout the day.

##### ***Then—Pray***

\* Finally, Holy Spirit, I agree to walk in step with You in everything—in all prayer as my spirit communes with You throughout the day.

#### **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

Crossing Warden..There's a friend for little children.

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