

# THE NEW WELLWYNDER

September 2018

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## from the Manse -

Dear Friends,

It has been quite a summer in many ways reminding me of those wise words of Scotland's own bard - "the best laid schemes o' mice an' men gang aft agley". We might make plans, looking forward to the time when they are realised, only to be taken by surprise by the unexpected. It can be a welcome turn of events, but it can also be one that we would rather have avoided for a whole number of reasons. Yet, we can learn from even the most difficult of situations and grow stronger through the most challenging of events. This might seem a bit of a cliché, but recent circumstances have brought this to life for me.

I often turn to Paul at the beginning of Philippians when I, in his words, give thanks "because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now". These words, each and every time I use them, I do so not only with a deep sense of gratitude but also sincerity. Last year's Stewardship Program "Alive and Giving" was an opportunity to celebrate the partnership we share within our fellowship which is the family Christ has brought us together in, as he has bound us together in love and by his Holy Spirit. It was also an opportunity to encourage a greater sharing in the worship, work and witness of the New Wellwynd, an encouragement that will continue in this next session as the Kirk Session continues to see how many more of you might be involved in what is happening and as we all have an opportunity to look to what is an exciting set of plans for the next five years. These plans look at what it truly means to be the church Christ has called us to be a part of, from how we nurture and support each other, right through to how we reach out and welcome in.

The invitation to Holy Communion, which you would have received in August, depicts the Last Supper with Jesus and his disciples gathered around a shared meal of remembrance and thanksgiving. This picture came from a postcard which I found in a little shop in Salamanca when I was on retreat there a few years ago. What jumped out at me was the depiction of the disciple next to Jesus leaning his head on his Lord's shoulder. This was an awakening for me who, like many, can be too proud to seek help or even acknowledge a need, something I might be struggling with physically, emotionally, mentally, spiritually. It was a lesson for me on the importance of times in my life, in all of our lives, of learning to lean on God and lean on each other. This can often be seen as a weakness in the eyes of the world, yet, acknowledging that we are truly struggling, takes great courage, especially when shared with another as we learn to trust and open up.

The BBC news recently highlighted the issue of men not going to see a GP when they noticed a problem with their health, problems that could be dealt with successfully if diagnosed early enough. Given the results of what surgeons removed from me, I count myself as fortunate for going early on. Be it something

medical, emotional or even spiritual, we need to let go of our inherent pride and let God take control. We need to reach out to others, be it our friends, family and professionals. And we need to do it when we realise that there is a problem.

Partnership in the Gospel is not just a sharing in the work because in its broadest sense it is about being there with each other and for each other. I have always tried my utmost to be there for you, but know that I am far from perfect, and I thank God that especially this summer you have been there for me.

Your friend and minister.



## SERVICES

### September

- 9 11 a.m. - Morning Worship.  
*Paradise Lost: Growing up, growing in faith.*  
(Christian Aid Hunger Lunch following the service.)
- 16 11 a.m. - Morning Worship.  
*Community of Faith:*  
*Am I my brother's keeper?*  
All Age Service of Dedication.
- 23 11 a.m. - Morning Worship.  
*Unfailing Grace: Grace given and received.*
- 30 11 a.m. - Morning Worship.  
*God never gives up:*  
*Letting go, leaving behind.*

### October

- 7 11 a.m. - Morning Worship -  
Harvest Thanksgiving.  
*Bless the Lord: Depend on God.*

## CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

**Baptism** : Leah-Faith Richardson.

### **Weddings** :

Charis Mermagen and William Durham.  
Johann Craigon and Josh Patrick.  
Christine Murphy and Fraser Reid.

**Funerals** : Mary Blades; Agnes Russell (D.40);  
Moira Morton; Robert Underwood;  
Sheena Elliott; Jim Barton;  
Helen Mann.

### **Change of Address/District** :

Ms Aileen Allsop from D.51 to D.33.  
Mrs. Catherine Riddell from D.65 to D.23.  
Mrs. Margaret Winning from D.28 to D.12.

## DRIVERS / FLOWER DELIVERY.

### September

- 2 Jillian McQuarrie.  
9 Alison Sefton.  
16 Maggie Weir.  
23 William Stephen.  
30 George and Una Lawson.

### October

- 7 Elisabeth Donald.

## FLOWER CALENDAR

### September

- 2 Isabel & Tom Sorbie; Isabell Gibson.  
9 Joyce Veitch; Elsbeth Thomson.  
16 Beatrice Holden; Dianne & Willie Stein.  
23 Roberta & David Gillespie;  
Margaret & Julie Fleming.  
30 Evalyn & Jerry Ferguson;  
Maureen Anderson.

### October

- 7 Drew & Karen Glen; Alison Reilly.
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## BIBLE READINGS

### June

- 10 Exodus 20 : 1 - 17; Mark 12 : 28 - 34.  
17 1 Corinthians 12 : 14 - 20;  
Matthew 14 : 22 - 33.

- 24 Acts 9 : 1 - 19.

### July

- 1 Revelation 3 : 14 - 22.  
8 Luke 14 : 15 - 24.  
15 Luke 5 : 1 - 11.  
22 John 12 : 1 - 8.

### August

- 5 John 17 : 1 - 9.  
12 John 21 : 15 - 19.  
19 John 6 : 51 - 58.  
26 Luke 18 : 15 - 17; Numbers 6 : 22 - 27.
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## THANKS

I would like to say a big and heartfelt "thank you" to friends at New Wellwynd and beyond for the support given during my time in hospital and at home. This word of thanks is from Carol, Daniel and me. I include all three of us because what has been a difficult, trying and testing time, has been helped immensely by your love, thoughts and prayers expressed in so many ways, especially in the mountain of cards arriving at the manse. It is good and encouraging to know that we belong to such a loving family of faith. **ROBBIE**

**Gordon and Margo Elliot** would like to thank the church family for all the kind words, thoughts, prayers, cards and flowers at this sad and difficult time after the passing of their mum Sheena. Huge thanks to Robbie for all his spiritual comfort over this period. Thanks also to Robbie, Laura, Maxine and Liz Hannah for their visits to the house and hospital. Everyone's thoughts, prayers and kindness have been very much appreciated.

**Alan Cox** would like to thank everyone who sponsored him, either directly or through his JustGiving page, in respect of his efforts in the Stirling Scottish Marathon back in May. He completed the course in a personal best time of 3 hours 35 minutes and 23 seconds, and the final total donated to St. Andrew's Hospice Capital Appeal was £1166.30.

Thanks again to the New Wellwynd family for their support – "you're all fabulous!"

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## SENIOR CIRCLE

Our new Session starts on Tuesday, 11th September, at 2:00 p.m. in the big hall. We look forward to welcoming friends old and new. An interesting Syllabus has been prepared for us - so, please join us if your can. You will be sure of a warm welcome. **ISABELL GIBSON**

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## WELCOME TEAMS

### September

- 2 Team Leader: Harry Shaw  
Lynne Cartwright, Kate Hamilton,  
Freda Gilchrist, Elaine Sommerville,  
Dianne Stein, Lynne Thomson, Gordon Waddell.  
9 Team Leader: Irene Yates  
Avril Cockburn, Alan Cox, Julie Fleming,  
Alison Gray, Beatrice Holden, George

Lowdon,

- 16 Team Leader: David Gillespie  
Christine Cassells, Christine Gibb,  
Anne Grainge, Jim Neilson, Jim Nimmo,  
Margaret Reid.

- 23 Team Leader: Elizabeth Robertson  
Mima Dalziel, Isabell Gibson, Allan Gibson,  
George Grant, George Lawson,  
Morag Stewart.

- 30 Team Leader: Bobby Forrest  
Fraser Gillespie, Mairi Mitchell, Jim Thomson,  
William Watson, Maggie Weir,  
Catherine Whellans.

### October

- 7 Team Leader: Ian Nicol  
Alex Anderson, Sandy Black, Wilma Davidson,  
John Jarvie, Anne Learmonth, Dan  
Russell.
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## Harvest Arrangements

As is the custom, flowers will be collected for the Harvest Service to be distributed to members who are housebound, in homes or are ill at this time. The halls will be open on Saturday, 6th October between 10 a.m. till 12 noon to collect your donations of flowers. The minister will also be available to receive monetary donations towards a very worthwhile cause - "Mercy Ships".

**Mercy Ships** is a faith-based international development organisation which deploys hospital ships to some of the poorest countries in the world, delivering vital, free healthcare to people in desperate need.

Conditions requiring surgical treatment kill more people in low-income countries than HIV/Aids, TB and malaria combined. Globally, five billion people have no access to safe, affordable surgery when they need it.

In sub-Saharan Africa, up to 69% of people live on less than £2 a day. Healthcare in these countries either doesn't exist or is unaffordable to the vast majority of the population.

As well as completing thousands of urgent operations onboard its "floating hospital", the Africa Mercy, Mercy Ships volunteers also work closely with host nations to improve the way healthcare is delivered across the country, by training and mentoring local medical staff, and renovating hospitals and clinics.

Founded in 1978 by Don and Deyon Stephens, Mercy Ships has worked in more than 70 countries, providing services valued at more than £1 billion. By improving

healthcare delivery in every country it visits, Mercy Ships is working to eradicate the diseases of poverty and effectively do itself out of a job. Mercy Ships follows the 2,000-year-old model of Jesus by “bringing hope and healing to the forgotten poor”, helping people of all faiths and none.

Among the countries Mercy Ships serves, which lie on the lower third of the World Health Organisation’s Human Development Index, access to safe, affordable and timely surgery is extremely limited. As a result, countless people suffer and die from “diseases of poverty” that can easily be cured.

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### STEPPING STONES

The last Thursday of September (27th.) Sees the return of **Stepping Stones**, our support group for anyone who has been bereaved at any time.

It is an informal gathering and anyone who feels the need of some company is welcome to drop in anytime between 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat. We meet in the Session Room, but a quiet place will be available for one-to-one support if needed.

For more information, please contact Robbie.

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**IN STITCHES CRAFT GROUP** starts up again on Tuesday, 11 September, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon in the Session Room. This session we are going to meet fortnightly. We are a really friendly bunch who love to have a chat, a cuppa and a time to do some crafting (without feeling guilty about it). If you would like to learn to knit, crochet, papercraft or do some slow stitching, you would be made most welcome. If you have craft that you would like to teach others please come along. Bring whatever you want to work on with you or just come along for a blether.

Have a chat with Anne Learmonth for more information.

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### CAMEO

A very varied Syllabus is being prepared at the moment for 2018/19 Session. We commence on Tuesday evening September 18th at 7.30pm in the Session Room, when a Planning meeting and Beetle Drive will be held. As always we are looking forward to welcoming all our friends to this fun evening, a chance for everyone to get together after the summer break. Everyone will be made most welcome.

*WILMA DAVIDSON*

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### FWO Envelopes Vs Standing Order

At this time of year, we start the planning for the issue of Freewill Offering Envelopes for 2019.

This is a reminder that there is an alternative to using FWO Envelopes by transferring to use a Standing Order.

- Using a Standing Order saves you having to make sure you have the necessary cash available each Sunday and your offering is transferred to the Congregation’s account on the date specified by yourself.
- Standing Orders can be reviewed or cancelled at any time.
- Additionally, your offering contribution is received even if you are unable to attend public worship.
- Standing Order Forms will be made available in the Church Notice board next to the organ.

If you are interested in transferring to Standing Order, please contact David Watt (Treasurer).

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### TRAIDCRAFT

Our Traidcraft Stall is available at the close of the morning service.

The 2018 Autumn Catalogues will be available in the next few weeks, followed by a Christmas Catalogue thereafter. This is a change which Traidcraft have made on this occasion.

When available, please feel free to pick up a catalogue and order form from the stall.

If you wish to place an order, complete the order form and return this with the catalogue to the stall. Orders are on a first come, first served basis – so order early to avoid disappointment. Please note that to save carriage costs we collect orders until we have approx. £100 in value before ordering from the supplier.

If you decide not to place an order, please return the catalogue to the stall, as we have to pay a small fee to Traidcraft for additional catalogues.

Your continued support of the stall is greatly appreciated, especially as in their latest bulletin recently received, the Traidcraft Organisation is having to make changes to staffing levels, as is happening throughout the retailing world. This is specifically due to the current trading conditions.

*DAVID WALKER*

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### The Lion and the Mouse

One day a lion was sleeping in his den. A mouse was also playing nearby. By chance the mouse ran over the lion. This made the lion wake up. The lion caught the mouse. He was ready to kill it.

‘Please do not kill me,’ said the mouse. ‘I am a tiny creature. Please save me.’ The lion felt pity for the mouse. He smiled and let the mouse go. A few days later the lion was walking in the jungle. He found himself caught in a hunter’s net. He roared and rolled to get out of the net. But he failed. The mouse heard the roar. It at once ran to the lion and said, ‘Please don’t roar. I’ll gnaw on the net and set you free.’ It cut through the net and set the lion free.

Moral: Sometimes the smallest of friends can make a biggest impact in your life. The good you do for those small friends will come back when you badly need support.

*PHIL OSOPHER*

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### SEPTEMBER

The fields lay white beneath a snow of sun and birds were restless underneath, they rose and wheeled like silver leaves. The skies were more than blue, burnished and beaten with a strange brilliance. The angels are coming I thought, the angels will come in the night when a huge moon ovals through those bright and cloudless skies. They will come to bind the sheaves while we are fast asleep. They will work the fields, their wings tight folded all through the white night of this September. The moon gliding high like a balloon over the glazed harvest of the world, nothing moving except the angels and the wind, until the task is done in the warm stillness of the dawn.

*KENNETH STEVEN*

**What the Bible says about  
“Being there for one another!”**

1 Thessalonians 5:11

‘Encourage one another and help one another’

Romans 12:15

‘Be happy with those who are happy,  
weep with those who weep’

Ephesians 4:32

‘Be kind and tender hearted to one another,  
and forgive one another’

Romans 12:10

‘Love one another and be eager  
to show respect for one another’

Galatians 6:2

‘Help to carry one another’s burdens’

James 4:11

‘Do not criticize one another’

Romans 15:7

‘Accept one another’

Romans 12:16

‘Have the same concern for everyone’

Hebrews 13:16

‘Do not forget to do good and to help one another’

Colossians 3:13

‘Be tolerant with one another and forgive one  
another’

Galatians 5:26

‘We must not be proud or irritate one another  
or be jealous of one another’

Leviticus 19:18

‘Do not take revenge on anyone or continue to hate  
them’

John 13:34

‘Love one another as I have loved you’

Proverbs 17:17

‘What are friends for if not to share trouble?’

A friend is someone we turn to  
when our spirits need a lift.

A friend is someone we treasure  
for their friendship is a gift.

A friend is someone who fills our lives  
with beauty, joy, and grace.

And makes the whole world we live in  
a better and happier place.

*THE EDITOR*

**Ten Senior Moments!**

- Inside every older person is a younger person – wondering what happened!
- Growing old is like being increasingly penalized for a crime you haven’t committed!
- Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it!
- You know you are getting older when ‘Happy Hour’ is a nap!
- The older we get the better we used to be!
- You know you’re getting old when your idea of a hot, flaming desire is a barbecued steak!
- The easiest way to diminish the appearance of wrinkles is to keep your glasses off when you look in the mirror!
- You’re getting old when the only thing you want for your birthday is not to be reminded of it!
- I don’t need you to remind me of my age, I have a bladder to do that for me!
- Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don’t mind, it doesn’t matter! *JO KERR*

**PRAYER POINTS**

- Pray for all of our youth organisations starting up that the vision of the leaders might have been refreshed in the summer and the enthusiasm of the young folk might continue.
- Pray for all of our adult organisations including the Snack Bar and Coffee Morning, that these might continue to be ways of reaching out and encouraging fellowship.
- Pray for the Minister, the Associate Minister, Kirk Session and Congregational Board as they prepare for a new session.
- Pray for the work of the minister in the schools, that the strong relationships already enjoyed with Rochsolloch and the Academy might continue to grow and offer opportunities to reach out and witness to the Gospel.
- Pray also for the work in Victoria Primary after the success of *KIDZONE*.

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