

THE NEW WELLWYNDER

September 2019

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from the Manse -

Dear Friends,

I was at a meeting recently which opened with an "icebreaker". We had to say who we were, where we were from and finish off by telling the assembled group something quirky about ourselves. The latter was something a number found difficult. Fortunately a number of folk spoke before me which gave me time to think of something quirky. I told them about my recent attempts at reupholstery. Yes, reupholstery!!!

I started with a piano stool and moved onto the nursing chair my parents got in a wedding present. The latest project which took over a year to complete was my grandfather's Parker Knoll rocking chair, which was a bit more challenging, especially given that I have had no training in this particular skill. So, how did I manage? I carefully removed all of the material and used it as the templates for the new material. The different pieces gave me a pattern to follow to complete the project.

When we piece together in our minds a picture of the church, not as it is, but as God desires it to be, what do we see? At University we read a book in Systematic Theology, a book by Avery Dulles called "Models of the Church" which gives, as the title says, models of what the church can be like. The model that strikes me is the one we find in the early church as described in the early part of the Book of Acts. And when we take time to look at it we can see different layers giving us a pattern for who we are and what we do.

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

The overall pattern is of a community who were as one - in worship as they gathered around the Word of God, friendship as they spent time together, eating together, sharing what they had especially with those in need. They were together as one in the temple courts as well as each other's homes. Basically the pattern is of unity, of learning, sharing and caring both in church, at home and in the community. These are part of our forward plan as we are challenged by the pattern that attracted many

into the early church. It is an encouragement to continue to develop this pattern and live this pattern as a community of faith who are there for each other and there for the community we seek to serve. Bonhoeffer expresses the challenge to the church in these terms -

"The more genuine and the deeper our community becomes, the more will everything else between us recede, the more clearly and purely will Jesus Christ and his work become the one and only thing that is vital between us. We have one another only through Christ, but through Christ we do have one another, wholly, and for all eternity."

May God draw us closer and closer to him in devotion and closer and closer to each other in love.

Your friend and minister.

P.S. And no, I am not taking orders before any of you ask!!!



SERVICES

September

8 11 a.m. **Morning Worship.**
One of the Family.

15 11 a.m. **Morning Worship.**
Everyone matters.

22 11 a.m. **Morning Worship.**
Dodgy Dealings.
All Age Service of Dedication.

29 11 a.m. **Morning Worship.**
Feasting and Famished.

October

6 11 a.m. **Morning Worship.**
Just get on with it!!!
All Age Harvest Thanksgiving Service.

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, 5th October between 10 a.m. and 12 noon to collect your donations of flowers.

The minister will also be available to receive monetary donations towards a very worthwhile cause,

"Barnabas Fund". The Barnabas Fund works to bring hope and aid to the persecuted Church around the world through financial support, prayer, raising awareness, and speaking up on behalf of the voiceless. Information leaflets will be available prior to Harvest along with details of how you can give through the Gift Aid Scheme.

EXPLORING THE FAITH

Once again I am happy to offer classes exploring the faith. If you are interested, please do get in touch with me, so that I can gauge interest and make the necessary arrangements. *ROBBIE.*

DRIVERS / FLOWER DELIVERY.

September

8 Dan Russell.
15 William Watson.
22 George Lowdon.
29 Allan Gibson.

October

6 Fraser Gillespie.

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

Baptisms : Ella Nancy Jeffries Jones;
Maisie Elizabeth Wright, Sophie Diego Yates.

Funerals : Keith Mitchell; Sheila Mitchell;
Jim McArthur; Jessie Lafferty; Joseph Fleming;
Stewart Brownlee; Margaret Stewart;
Elizabeth J. McIntyre; Tom Mathieson.

Removals :

Alister G. Weighton.

Change of Address/District :

Miss Lynda Hamilton from D.10 to D.64.
Mr. Thomas McIntyre from D.30 to D.47.
Mr. James S. Nicol from D.59 to D9.
Mrs. May Stevenson from D.16 to D.32.
Mrs. May Mezzetti from D.11 to D.47.
Mrs. Margaret S. Weir from D.54 to D.24.
Mrs. May Young from D.24 to D.9.

WELCOME TEAMS

September

8 **Team Leader** : Bobby Forrest
Fraser Gillespie, Mairi Mitchell, Jim Thomson,
William Watson, Maggie Weir,
Catherine Whellans.
15 **Team Leader**: Ian Nicol
Alex Anderson, Sandy Black, Wilma Davidson,
John Jarvie, Anne Learmonth, Dan
Russell.
22 **Team Leader**: Moira Gartshore
Matt Fleming, Margaret Jarvie, Jean Kinniburgh,
Elaine McGuire, George Randall, Ronnie
Wright.
29 **Team Leader**: David Watt
Morag Donald, Linda Francis, Margaret Jack,
Allister Jack, Alison Sefton, David

Walker.

October

6 **Team Leader** : Drew Glen
Lesley Aitken, Billy Brooks, Avril Cockburn,
George Grant, Alison Gray, Karen
Taylor

THANKS

Jessie Boyd sends her thanks to the congregation for the lovely flowers received recently. They were very much appreciated as is the fact that we are still thinking of her.

Isabel McArthur and Family would like to thank the Church and congregation of New Wellwynd, as well as family and friends, for the lovely cards and flowers received on the passing of Jim.

We would also like to thank Maxine and Robbie for the excellent care and attention shown by them to Jim. Our final thanks is for the lovely service carried out by Robbie.

Margaret and Alex Anderson would like to thank the congregation for all the lovely flowers and cards received following Margaret's operation and during her recovery, as well as the prayers offered on their behalf. Thanks also to Robbie for his visits and support.

May and Jim Mezzetti would like to express their sincere thanks to Robbie and the congregation for prayer support during the illness of Jim's son, Alan. And also for your expressions of sympathy and prayer support following Alan's death.

Margaret and Billy Reid would like to thank the congregation for the flowers and messages of support received over the past few months. All have been greatly appreciated.

Carol and George Randall would like to thank everyone at New Wellwynd for the flowers received on the occasion of their Ruby Wedding Anniversary.

David and Maureen Patterson would like to thank Robbie and the congregation most sincerely for their kind wishes and floral arrangement received on the occasion of their Golden Wedding in June.

Anna Robertson thanks the congregation for the lovely flowers received. They were very much appreciated.

Maxine writes - Dear friends I wanted to take the opportunity in the newsletter to say thank you for the very generous gift I received on my retirement from New Wellwynd. As you know it was a cheque to cover the cost of a new robe. The robe has now arrived and I'm sure I will have great pleasure in wearing it, particularly since it was your gift to me. It's first outing will be at the Presbytery meeting on 3rd September when I take over as the Moderator for the coming year. It feels like a rather daunting prospect and I shall be very grateful for all your prayers.

I miss being with you all very much, but I do hope to get along to the Friday service as often as I can and enjoy having lunch with so many friends. I wish you all every blessing. *Revd Maxine Buck*

BIBLE READINGS

June

2 Joel 2 : 28 - 32; Acts 2 : 1 - 6.
9 Acts 2 : 1 - 21.
16 John 3 : 1 - 17.
23 1 Samuel 3 : 1 - 10; John 13 : 1 - 8, 12 - 15.
30 Psalm 89 : 14 - 18, Luke 8 : 40 - 48.

July

- 7 Psalm 1; Colossians 3 : 1 - 17.
14 Psalm 46; 1 Corinthians 3 : 1 - 16.
21 Psalm 20 ; 2 Timothy 1 : 1 - 15.
28 Psalm 24; Revelation 22 : 1 - 6.

August

- 4 Psalm 29; Philippians 3 : 2 - 9.
11 Psalm 51 : 16 - 19; 2 Corinthians 3 : 1 - 6.

BIBLE READINGS (cont'd.)

- 18 Psalm 145 : 8 - 13a; 2 Corinthians 12 : 1 - 10.
25 Joshua 24 : 1 - 15; Hebrews 12 : 1 - 3;
Matthew 6 : 25 - 34.

STEPPING STONES

The last Thursday of September (26th.) sees the return of **Stepping Stones**, our support group for anyone who has been bereaved at any time.

We are an informal group for anyone in need of some company, a chat and a cup of tea or coffee. Drop into the Session Room between 10 - 11:30a.m.. A quiet corner is available for one-to-one support if needed.

TRAI DCRAFT

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

The 2019 Autumn Catalogues will be available in the next few weeks.

Your continued support of the stall is greatly appreciated.

FWO Envelopes Vs Standing Order

At this time of year, we start the planning for the issue of Freewill Offering Envelopes for 2020.

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).

LIFE AND WORK 2020

Orders for 2020 have to be with the Life & Work Organisers by 31st October, 2019.

The price for 2020 copies of the magazine remains at £2.80 per copy or £33.60 per year.

If you currently receive a copy of Life & Work, a renewal form will be issued shortly with a return slip to be returned by the end of September 2019.

If you wish to start receiving a copy of Life & Work, a list will be available in the coming weeks for you to append your name & address.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING EVENT

Hamilton Presbytery have organised a Volunteer Training Event for Saturday, 14th September, 2019 between 10 am - 12 noon in Trinity Church, Strathaven.

Anyone requiring Volunteer Training and wishing to attend this event, please contact me ASAP by text on 07854 060712.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me?

Christine Gibb, Safeguarding Coordinator

FRIDAY SNACK BAR

The Church Snack Bar, which meets every Friday, is providing the members of the congregation, their friends and any member of the community, with a friendly meeting place where they can come together over an inexpensive lunch to chat and catch up with friends. It also provides the Church with funds for capital expenditure. We recently provided the treasurer with a substantial contribution towards the audio visual equipment which was installed in the sanctuary. Unfortunately, we have lost a number of our helpers over the last few years and are now finding ourselves stretched to provide a good service particularly when regular helpers go off. If you think you can help on a Friday, either regularly from 10.00am till 2.30pm or on an occasional basis even for two or three hours, then please contact John Jarvie or Jean Kinniburgh or any member of the snack bar team who can give you further details.

John Jarvie

SENIORS

Our new Session begins again on Tuesday, 10th September, at 2:00 p.m. in the Session Room. As usual, the first speaker of the Session is our friend and Minister, Robbie Hamilton.

We have a very interesting syllabus prepared for this winter and we look forward to welcoming all our old friends.

If you are a "Golden Oldie" like us, and are free for an hour on alternate Tuesdays, we would love to have you join us.

Isabell Gibson

FLOWER CALENDAR

September

- 8 Alan & Isabell Gibson; Isobel Gaines.
15 Margaret & Julie Fleming; Elsbeth Thomson.
22 Flower Fund; Margaret Markie.
29 David Walker; David Walker.

October

- 6 Roberta Gillespie & Marion Denholm;
Joyce Veitch.

IN STITCHES CRAFT GROUP

Our new session starts on Tuesday, 24 September 2019, in the Session Room from 10 am until 12

noon. Come along and enjoy some crafting (if you want), lots of chat, company, tea, coffee and biscuits. Bring along any crafting project you may have and feel free to teach the rest of the group some new skills. The social side of the group is just as important as the crafting, so it's the perfect place for some chill out time.

Anne Learmonth

FEEL AMAZING

As a new session begins in terms of our church organisations, why not come along and be part of something that will help you feel amazing! Whether young or old there are many things on offer and you will be made most welcome. Get out there and **increase your personal power!** When we are high in personal power we are: high in self esteem, energetic and dynamic, effective, imaginative, purposeful, decisive, focused. How often do you feel like this? If we want to be high in personal power we have to take total responsibility for everything that happens to us in our life. Take charge of your life: say 'no' when you need to express your true feelings and don't allow people to treat you badly. Let go of blame, increase your personal power and be free to live your life dynamically! Now, if you can, get out there!

The Editor

PILGRIM GROUP

The Pilgrim Group meet for the start of the new session on Sunday, 13th October, at 2:00 p.m. in the Session Room. New members will be made most welcome on the 2nd Sunday of every month.

Maureen Patterson

SECRET OF A TRULY CONTENTED MARRIAGE!

Over the summer months, a number of couples in our congregation have been celebrating some very special Golden and Diamond Wedding Anniversaries which is absolutely fantastic and congratulations to them. The big question I often ask is what is the secret to a long, truly contented marriage? Then I heard this story! A couple was celebrating their golden wedding anniversary. Their domestic tranquility had long been the talk of the town. A local newspaper reporter was inquiring as to the secret of their long and happy marriage. Well, it dates back to our honeymoon," explained the man. We visited the Grand Canyon and took a trip down the bottom of the canyon by pack mule. We hadn't gone too far when my wife's mule stumbled. My wife quietly said, "That's once." We proceeded a little farther when the mule stumbled again. Once more my wife quietly said, "That's twice." We hadn't gone a half mile when the mule stumbled a third time. My wife promptly removed a revolver from her pocket and shot him.

I started to protest over her treatment of the mule when she looked at me and quietly said, "That's once!"..... at 40 years and counting, I can relate to that story or is it just a case of selective deafness!

Happily Married

PRAYER POINTS

- * Pray for the Minister, Kirk Session and Congregational Board as they prepare for a new session.
- * Pray for the various working groups as they seek to develop the work and witness of the congregation - the Nurture and Support Group, the Congregational and Parish Development Group, the Worship Group, the Hall Steering Group.
- * Pray for the Sunday Club and Bible Class, for all leaders, children and young people as they start a new session with the aid of new material.
- * 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 all young people preparing to start College or University, for those starting work and for those unsure about their futures.
- * 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.

THE DREAMING PLACE

When trapped in city noise and strife
When life lacks hope or grace
I close my eyes and visualise
My special dreaming place -
A place where vibrant meadows spring
From rich and fruitful earth
Where gold is not just traders' coin
But stuff of truer worth.
Its buttercup and tansy blooms
And cowslips reaching high;
A quilt of real and living gold
Beneath an open sky.
And here no discord fills the air
No screech of cars that pass,
Just harmony of bird and bee
And wind among the grass.
So let the city rumble on
Its streets are not for me,
For somewhere is my dreaming place
And there, one day, I'll be.

MARGARET INGALL

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