

Monday, 07/05 till Friday, 11/05/2018 - During the period of the trip to Belgium, Maxine (01555 759063) will provide Pastoral Cover.

Saturday, 12/05/2018 - A **Seminar** on the subject of “Approaching death and dying : getting beyond the taboo” will be held here on the church premises from 10:00 until 11:45 a.m.. Please consult the Notice Board for further information.

Sunday, 13/05/2018 - The **Annual Stated Meeting** of the Congregation will be held in the church at the close of morning worship.

The New Wellwynd Parish Church of Scotland, Airdrie

29th April, 2018

PRAYER before Worship : Lord Jesus Christ, you came into our world as King of kings and Lord of Lords, but you came also as the servant of all. Help us to understand that we discover self when we lose sight of it, that we serve you when we respond to others. May that realisation shape the lives we live, to the glory of your name. Amen.

(If you are able, would you please stand for all items marked **)

The Way Forward: A Life of Service

Lighting of Candle

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Entry of the **Bible**

Welcome and Intimations

INTROIT

Call to Worship

Minister : Friends, sisters and brothers in Christ,
we know what God desires of us:

All : **that we do justice, and love kindness,
and walk humbly with God.**

Minister : We gather this morning to remind each other about that,

All : **to remember that now is always the right time
to do these things.**

Minister : So with longing in our hearts, we come to seek God's
way as we listen and respond to his word and follow his
living word Jesus; we come with thanks in our hearts,
as we prepare to worship God.

(Pause)

“Hallelujah!

You who serve God, praise God!

Just to speak his name is praise!

Just to remember God is a blessing -
now and tomorrow and always.

From east to west, from dawn to dusk,
keep lifting all your praises to God!

Intimations should be communicated to David Walker by 6:00 p.m. on
Thursday evenings - 747075, or email dwalker.davros@virgin.net

**** Hymn**

Lord God, your love has called us here ...

Lord God, your love has called us here
as we, by love, for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear,
though marred, dishonoured, disobeyed.
We come, with all our heart and mind
your call to hear, your love to find.

Lord God, in Christ you call our name
and then receive us as your own,
not through some merit, right or claim,
but by your gracious love alone.
We strain to glimpse your mercy-seat
and find you kneeling at our feet.

Then take the towel, and break the bread,
and humble us, and call us friends.
Suffer and serve till all are fed,
and show how grandly love intends
to work till all creation sings,
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

Lord God, in Christ you set us free
your life to live, your joy to share.
Give us your Spirit's liberty
to turn from guilt and dull despair,
and offer all that faith can do
while love is making all things new.
(B. Wren)

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

ADDRESS

Intimations :

We welcome everyone to this morning's service. We trust any visitors will enjoy the fellowship of New Wellwynd and we invite you to sign the 'Visitors' Book' before you leave. A **Crèche** is available during the service for pre-Sunday Club children (0 - 3 years). Parents are encouraged to make use of this facility.

The **Duty Driver** today is George Lowdon.

Tea / Coffee will be served in the hall at the close of the service.

Tea Fellowship Assistants are Bobby Forrest and Freda Gilchrist.

The **Traidcraft Stall** is open today. The assistants are Una Lawson and Margaret Duncan.

Material for inclusion in the **May Newsletter** should be given to the editor, George Randall, today.

Tuesday, 01/05/2018 - **In Stitches** (the craft group) will meet from 10 a.m. till 12 noon. All welcome.

Members of CAMEO should note that the bus will leave the church at 6:30 p.m. to go to Harrington's in Harthill. The cost is £4 per head.

Thursday, 03/05/2018 - Members of the **Choir** have their evening out. 7:00 for 7:30 p.m. at the Tudor Hotel.

Friday, 04/05/2018 - The **Snack Bar** is open from 10:00 a.m. till 1:30 p.m. and the **Nearly New Shop** from 10:00 a.m. till 12:30 p.m..

The **Church** will be open from 10:00 a.m. for anyone who wishes a quiet time and the **Friday Service** will be at 11:30 a.m. in the Church.

The **Art Club** meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Upper Hall.

Saturday, 05/05/2018 - The Monthly **Coffee Morning** will be held in the church hall from 10:00 a.m. till 12 noon. Everyone is welcome.

Sunday, 06/05/2018 - **Morning Worship** is at 11:00 a.m. - *The Way Forward : The Poor and the Vulnerable*. The service will include the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

The **Duty Driver** will be Allan Gibson.

Tea / Coffee will be served in the hall at the close of the service.

Tea Fellowship Assistants will be members of CAMEO.

The **Traidcraft Stall** will be open. The assistants will be Alison Sefton and Freda Gilchrist.

May Newsletters will be available for Distributors in the church office.

Elders' **District Information** for June Communion will also be available in the church office.

From today, the recently formed **COUNTING TEAMS** will pick up the responsibility for counting the offering. **Door Duty Teams** will no longer be required to stay back to count. While counting is in progress, members of the congregation are asked NOT to come into the Session Room.

**** Benediction**

**** Threefold Amen**

**** Bible** taken out of the Church

Recessional : *You shall go out with joy ...*

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace,
and the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy and the trees of the field
shall clap, shall clap their hands,
and the trees of the field shall clap their hands,
and the trees of the field shall clap their hands,
and the trees of the field shall clap their hands,
and you'll go out with joy.

(Stuart Dauermann, 1944-)

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Questions to ponder :

In this coming week, take time to consider what it means to serve as Christ served -

1. Take time to kneel before God in prayer to seek his guiding hand in opening up opportunities in your daily routine to show signs of his love in your words and actions as well as make a difference in the lives of others.
2. What does it mean for you to take the towel and kneel at the feet of your friends?
3. Who needs your help? Who is crying out in need and who is inwardly groaning?
4. Look for opportunities and see what it means for you to serve others in love.

**** Hymn**

The greatest thing in all my life is knowing You.
The greatest thing in all my life is knowing You.
I want to know You more;
I want to know You more.
The greatest thing in all my life is knowing You.

The greatest thing in all my life is loving You.
The greatest thing in all my life is loving You.
I want to love You more;
I want to love You more.
The greatest thing in all my life is loving You.

The greatest thing in all my life is serving You.
The greatest thing in all my life is serving You.
I want to serve You more;
I want to serve You more.
The greatest thing in all my life is serving You.
(Mark Pendergras)
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Bible Readings

Exodus 3 : 1 - 12 (O.T. Pg. 58 approx.)
John 13 : 1 - 17 (N.T. Pg. 135 approx.)

**** Hymn 125**

Lord of all being, throned afar ...

Lord of all being, throned afar,
thy glory flames from sun and star;
centre and soul of every sphere,
yet to each loving heart how near!

Sun of our life, thy quickening ray
sheds on our path the glow of day;
star of our hope, thy softened light
cheers the long watches of the night.

Our midnight is thy smile withdrawn,
our noontide is thy gracious dawn,
our rainbow arch thy mercy's sign;
all, save the clouds of sin, are thine.

.../.cont'd.

**** Hymn 125**

Lord of all being, throned afar ... (cont'd.)

Lord of all life, below, above,
whose light is truth, whose warmth is love,
before thy ever-blazing throne
we ask no lustre of our own.

Grant us thy truth to make us free,
and kindling hearts that burn for thee,
till all thy living altars claim
one holy light, one heavenly flame.

(Oliver Wendell Holmes, 1809-94)

SERMON

**** Hymn**

The Lord who spoke to Moses ...

The Lord who spoke to Moses, draw near to us this day:
speak clearly as you did then, to guide and show the way.
You call on us to follow, to walk on paths unknown,
to seek the good of all, Lord, and share the love you've shown.

As he discerned your presence, may we see signs as clear,
within our daily routine, to conquer all our fear:
with eyes of faith wide open to recognise your call,
to seek to do your purpose, no matter, great or small.

Lord, may we use our calling to set all people free,
to find our lives fulfilled, Lord, in gifts you help us see.
Now as we stand before you, our vows we make, renew,
with courage and with passion we give our lives to you.

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A Life of Service - A Look Ahead

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

Prayer of Dedication

**** Hymn**

I'll go in the strength of the Lord ...

I'll go in the strength of the Lord
in paths he has marked for my feet;
I'll follow the light of his word,
nor shrink from the dangers I meet.
His presence my steps shall attend,
his fulness my wants shall supply;
on him, 'til my journey shall end,
my unwavering faith will rely.

*I'll go, I'll go in the strength,
I'll go in the strength of the Lord.
I'll go, I'll go in the strength,
I'll go in the strength of the Lord.*

I'll go in the strength of the Lord,
to work he appoints me to do;
in joy which his smile doth afford
my soul shall its vigour renew.
His wisdom shall guard me from harm,
his power my sufficiency prove;
I'll trust his omnipotent arm,
and prove his unchangeable love.

I'll go,.....

I'll go in the strength of the Lord,
to conflicts which faith will require;
his grace as my shield and reward,
my courage and zeal shall inspire.
Since he gives the word of command
to meet and encounter the foe,
with his sword of truth in my hand
to suffer and triumph I'll go.

*I'll go,
I'll go in the strength of the Lord.*

(Edward Turney)

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