

Burnside Blairbeth Church



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Dear Friends,

When it comes to Easter Day there is unfettered joy in the church. That's appropriate, and not surprising. After all, there can be no better news than that Jesus is alive, because it turns the world upside down.

All those years ago, as women went to the tomb and then tried to convince sceptical disciples that Christ was risen, it will have felt very different. There must have been all sorts of emotions – uncertainty, fear, anxiety, downright bafflement. Amid these, “joy”, would have felt presumptuous, and possibly premature.

As I write this, joy feels like a luxury. In Scotland we may have emerged from the worst effects of Covid but that is not the case everywhere in the world. Many countries in Asia and the Pacific are still experiencing surges of cases and surges. In our media, Covid has rightly been knocked from the headlines by the tragically unfolding situation in Ukraine where we feel helpless as we hear stories of death, destruction, and downright evil. Then there are the everyday difficulties people face with finance, illness etc. Is it possible or even right to mark Easter with joy in such a context?

This is where it's helpful to remember that in liturgical terms Lent comes before Easter. I'm not a huge fan of being bound by a calendar of church seasons, but Lent points to the fact that Jesus spent forty days and nights in the wilderness. Then the events of what we call Holy Week focus on people who turned on Jesus, let Him down or simply did not understand who He was. These events are reminders of the darkness



of the world and that, far from being immune to that darkness, Jesus experienced the worst it has to offer.

The disciples who came to believe that Jesus had risen did not suddenly become immune from the difficulties of the world either. In fact, their lives became harder as they proclaimed the risen Saviour. They spent time with Jesus following His resurrection, He ascended to heaven and the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples. But after this, many of Jesus' disciples, who up until this point had not necessarily been notable for their courage, found themselves in conflict with all sorts of authorities. They experienced suffering in ways that wouldn't have happened for them previously.

Remembering the context of Jesus' resurrection helps us to make sense of Easter in a world where darkness seems to be having the upper hand. Celebrating the fact that Christ has risen doesn't insulate us from that darkness, nor does it give us an excuse to shut our eyes to the brutal realities of the world around us. Rather it helps us make sense of those realities.

Jesus died because the world is a dark place. He was a "victim" of that darkness. The fact that He rose again gives hope amid darkness. This is a reminder that the reign of darkness is temporary and ultimately it cannot, and will not, have the last word. His death and resurrection points to the extent of the darkness, which required something as radical as the intervention of God incarnate in the most unlikely but also humiliating way.

This Easter we will be joyful, but it will not be a joy which shuts its eyes to the realities of the world around us. We will be joyful because Easter helps us cope with that world in all sorts of ways. We will celebrate the risen Saviour while acknowledging that for many people life is hard and will continue to be hard. We will use our joy to join with the disciples in

being courageous in living for the risen Christ, whatever the cost. We will join with the women who went to the tomb, in learning joy during anxiety, uncertainty and sometimes fear.

And we will remind ourselves that we are a people of hope. Perhaps the events in the world around us will remind us of the nature of that hope. I found the following statement helpful.

Clearly groaning with longing is the language of hope. For "hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have?" (Vinoth Ramachandra)

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again!

Your friend and minister,

William Wilson

Easter Services 2022

- ❖ There will be Holy Week services in West and Wardlawhill Church at 7pm.
- ❖ We will have Messy Communion on Good Friday at 11.30am in the Burnside building.
- ❖ You are invited to join with others from our community in celebrating Easter Day at 8:30am at Cathkin Braes.
- ❖ There will be a short informal communion service at 9:45 am on Easter morning in the Burnside building
- ❖ Easter morning service – all ages worshipping together – 10:30am.



Session Report

Notes from the Kirk Session Meeting – 9th February 2022

The Kirk Session met in February. Once again, we met both in person and online and are grateful to John Gordon, Alan Hudson, Jim Suttie and Ross Galloway for facilitating this.

We have included key points from the meeting below. If there is anything, though, that you would like to speak to us about, please catch up with us at church on a Sunday morning or contact us sessionclerk@burnsideblairbeth.church. We also wanted to highlight, again, that Session meetings are open to the congregation, should you wish to join us.

Matters Arising

We reviewed the Christmas services. During discussions it was noted that some members of the congregation had mentioned that they had missed the Watchnight Service.

It was noted that we are still looking for someone to represent the congregation at the Rutherglen Churches Together Group.

The Kirk Session noted Thanks to Helen Fielding for the donation of the Gathering Area tables which were purchased in memory of Geoff Fielding who served the congregation for many years and latterly as Session Clerk.

Worship and Prayer

The Kirk Session spent some time reviewing the services on a Sunday morning. It was noted that the couches for the young people had not had the impact that was hoped for. Andy and the team are committed to working towards Intergenerational Worship along with the Kirk Session.

It was noted that the reintroduction of tea and coffee at Sunday morning services could be explored, but may not follow what we have done previously.

Using the evening service on a Sunday evening for short term, focussed bible study or times of prayer was discussed.

The Kirk Session

The Session Clerks updated the Kirk Session on a recent meeting of the Kirk Session Team Leaders, advising that each team leader had identified objectives for the year ahead and that these would be the key points for prayer at the upcoming Elder's day conference.

Team Reports

World Church

Marjory Maclean updated Session on the World Church Team proposed distributions for Missionary Partners for this year. It was proposed that Morven at New Destiny should receive £1000 on top of the £3500 that she currently receives, and that Andrew Robertson's support would drop from £5000 to £1000 now that he has returned home.

Finance

Andrew Telfer took the Session through a detailed Finance Report and the annual accounts. Please take the time to read through the annual report as this is a great source of information on the activities of the congregation.

Property

The property budget for 2022 totalled £29,415. This is £9,415 over the financial plan. It was noted that the increase was necessary to catch up with maintenance requirements which could not go ahead due to COVID restrictions in previous years.

The additional sum will come from the restricted property fund.
This was agreed.

Communication

Chris Mackintosh, our Presbytery Elder, spoke of the ongoing work of the Presbytery Mission Plan and highlighted that there will be consultation with congregations throughout the year with the aim to have a proposal back with 121 by December 2022.

AOCB

Lesley Mackintosh is hoping to run another Healing Hearts course in March of this year.

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday 20th April 2022.**

Leigh Galloway and Gary Wylie
Joint Session Clerks

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Notices by email

Nearly all our church announcements are now done via an email update which is produced every two weeks. If you are reading this, and have an email address, but don't get these updates, please email the church office theoffice@burnsideblairbeth.church and we'll add you to the list.

Finance Report

Our year end accounts were independently examined by Milne Craig during February and subsequently approved by the Kirk Session. My thanks go to Milne Craig for carrying out this important role for us each year and I can confirm that there were no changes to the financial statements that they were presented with.

For the first time since I took over as Treasurer, we will be able to have an Annual Stated Meeting. In advance of that, and afterwards, I'd encourage you to read through our annual accounts. Please focus on reading the excellent Annual Report that was written by Lesley Mackintosh. This really brings alive all that has gone on in our church family over the past 12 months and should be a real encouragement to us all, particularly as we have done this against the backdrop of Covid.

I've tried to keep the summary below short with key points for your information rather than a bombardment of numbers. Once you have been through the accounts, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch by dropping me an email at andrewctelfer@yahoo.co.uk

Financial Review –

- Our target over the past 2 financial years has been to ensure we reached a breakeven point i.e. all our financial commitments were met with no impact on our reserves.
- I'm delighted to report that this is the case and that excludes are National Giving Day offerings.
- The below table summarises the 2-year position for each of our 3 main funds. These 3 funds are our focus and should be familiar to you.

	General Fund Excl. NGD	National Giving Day	Total General Fund	Local Mission Fund	Missionary Partner Fund	Total
Year ended 31 December 20	8,655		8,655	3,191	1,373	13,219
Inflationary increase - Dec 20	1,067		1,067			1,067
Total Movement in Funds - Dec 20	9,722	0	9,722	3,191	1,373	14,286
Year ended 31 December 21	3,560	21,218	24,778	(11,521)	(1,373)	11,884
Transfer from General Fund	(8,330)		(8,330)	8,330		0
Inflationary increase - Dec 21	1,090		1,090			1,090
Total Movement in Funds - Dec 21	(3,680)	21,218	17,538	(3,191)	(1,373)	12,974
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Closing 2 year movement	6,042	21,218	27,260	0	0	27,260

General Reserve Movement -

Opening Balance Jan 20	52,547
Movement to Dec 20	9,722
Movement to Dec 21	17,538
Total	79,806

To summarise this table (and more information on Page 45 of Accounts)

- The above table splits out the General Fund showing the financial results without the National Giving Day contributions and then the impact of these being added in as part of the overall General Fund. At the end of 2 years, our General Fund pre-National Giving Day has increased by £6,042 and then once the National Giving Day gifts of £21,218 are added back in, that gives a closing increase in our General Fund of £27.260 to £79,806.
- The National Giving Day funds are still to be allocated.

- Local Mission Fund – we were able to meet all our financial commitments over the 2 years, but only after a transfer from the General Fund of £8,330. We need to be focussing on this fund in the coming year.
- Missionary Partner Fund – our commitment of £37,000 was met in full with a combination of offerings and using the surplus of £1,374 from the prior year to meet this.

At present we have adequate reserves, but we must ensure we strike the right balance around having an adequate level of reserves to meet our needs but not building up reserves that aren't necessary.

There will be further information on the Accounts at the Annual Stated Meeting but the key point to make is that we have met our key financial commitments and continue to do so.

Financial Year to Dec 2022

As we start another financial year, in each article I'm going to focus on a specific area where our financial resources are utilised and why it is important that we can continue to be financially supportive. Just looking through the accounts, you will see the wide range of organisations we support both locally and further afield and we continue to thank God for his provision in allowing us to do so.

The first area I'd like to focus on is our Scripture Union Holiday Sponsorship Fund. This fund was set up several years ago to allow money to be given and subsequently used to be able to support young people in our congregation or connected with the church locally to be able to attend SU Holidays. Burnside has had a close connection with SU over a long period of time and many of us have experienced and benefitted greatly from attending SU Holidays ourselves. It is important

that our young people can have the same opportunities and experiences as they grow in their faith.

At 31st December, we had £667 available and have since then spent £464 of that on supporting a number of our young people attend the SU Lanarkshire holiday weekend. At present, we also have a number of young people booked up to attend SU Holidays in the summer and it would be great to be able to continue to support them financially. If you would like to do so, please let me know. In addition, if you would like further information on SU, please speak to Amy Samson who is our SU Scotland rep.

Please continue to pray for our finances in the coming year and that we will be able to continue to meet all our financial commitments.

Finally, I'd like to thank the Finance team for their continued support and in particular Eleanor Crawford for all the work that she does each week, it is greatly appreciated.

Andrew Telfer
Treasurer



Burnside Blairbeth Guild

“Look forward in faith”

Guild meetings resumed for the Spring session on Monday 7th of February, when, following a last minute change to our programme, we were delighted to welcome Andrew Robertson as our speaker. Andrew had only returned from Bolivia the week before, and he gave us an informative and interesting account of his work with Latin Link in Santa Cruz and Oruro over the last two years, and described what conditions were like for him during the worldwide Pandemic, which resulted in a major change to the plans that were in place for his time there.

Later in February we heard about the work of the LEAP project, based in Cambuslang. Their work is much more varied than most of us realised, enhancing the lives of older people in our community. They run a Learning and Leisure programme with a variety of activities and courses. They also run Befriending and Handy Person Services: one-to-one befriending, friendship groups and a handyperson service for over 50s, all delivered by their Hands On Project Team of trained and expert volunteers. Their most recent venture involves their R:evolve Recycle shops and workshops. They now operate clothing swap shops, a clothing bank and repair and upcycling workshops all aimed at recycling clothes and helping fight climate change.

Many of the Guild members were involved in organising, leading or providing in some way for the World Day of Prayer service on Friday 4th March, when it was the turn of Burnside Blairbeth Church to host, and thanks are due to our local representative, Marion Boyd for the power of work she put into the planning. There was a good turnout from the neighbouring churches and the theme of the service ‘I know the plans I

have for you' (Jeremiah 29:1-14) was very relevant in today's circumstances with so much suffering and uncertainty in our world.

Jan Dobson made a return visit to the Guild in March and was well received as she gave an interesting account of a year in the Glasgow Trades House. The final meeting of this session will be our AGM and Social Afternoon on Monday 21 March.

Catherine Nelson

The Burnside Blairbeth Church Story Project

We – Andy and Kate – are still working on this project, planning to collect stories from the congregation about how God has worked in your lives. As we told you in the last Contact, we are starting with ourselves and we know it is not easy talking about your faith journey.



This month we have both been trying to answer the question **“Why are you a Christian?”** It has given us a lot to think about!

What would you say if somebody asked you that question? We would love to know your answers.

Kate Airlie & Andy MacArthur

Messy Church



Messy Church is a way of being church for families and others. It is Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality, and celebration.

Burnside Blairbeth Messy Church is just one of nearly 4000 Messy Churches all around the world.

Our most recent Messy Church took place on Saturday 12th March. Nearly 90 people were there and we started off by celebrating the good things that God gives us by eating copious amounts of pancakes with lots of tasty toppings.



Thanks to John and the team who got it all set up and kept bringing the batter out to the pancake makers! There were lots of sticky hands and faces by the end of our pancake feast. Then we watched a video that retold the story of John 12 when Mary poured perfume on Jesus' feet to show him how much she loved him. Jesus said she was "preparing him for his burial". Then we headed off for different creative activities to help us all think more about the Bible story.

We...

- coloured in Easter Eggs and sprayed them with perfume, the smell was amazing!

- watched a video produced by Switch where we were introduced to Mary, Martha and Lazarus and what being a friend of Jesus meant to them.
- painted our feet and made lots of messy footprints then got our feet washed.
- decorated a tablecloth with all the things we could remember about Jesus. We will use the tablecloth at our Messy Communion on Good Friday.
- wondered about how we would respond to Jesus, what would we have done or said to him if we had been in that house when Mary poured the perfume on him? Then we wrote or drew that on a piece of bunting and made a fantastic display.

Finally we all gathered in the Sanctuary to worship together. We heard from people aged 10 years to 86 years old who told us what it meant to them to be a friend of Jesus and we all got a magazine style of John's Gospel so we could read more stories of Jesus at home.

As we gathered up all our stuff to go home we took with us some sunflower seeds (sunflowers are the national flower of Ukraine) to plant at home. These will remind us to pray for our troubled world.

Our next Messy Church is in the Burnside building **on Good Friday (15th April) at 11.30am** when we will share communion together to remember that Jesus died for us.

Jen Robertson

Missionary Partners

Death of Alice Bakunda

We were sorry to hear from Bernard of the death of Alice – please keep Bernard and the family in your prayers.

"I am writing to inform you that Alice has rested from the sufferings and pains of this world. She breathed her last on Wednesday, 2nd March at the age of 62. I have been praying and caring, hoping my beloved Alice would live a bit longer, but God's ways are different from ours. He has seen it fit to take her to a better place, where there is no more pain or suffering. Pray for the children whose hearts are broken that they will be comforted. Pray also for me as I deal with this kind of bereavement. I am writing this message while on the way from Kampala to our home town in Kabale, where the funeral will take place tomorrow (5th March).

Thank you for your prayers and financial support."

Bernard Bakunda



Release International – Focus on Ukraine

At the time I received this article from James, the full horror of Russia's attack on Ukraine was just unfolding. However, long before the military invasion, you can see that the persecution of Christians in Ukraine was an embedded fact in society. It is not uncommon that religious freedoms are the first to be attacked by oppressors and this is explained well below.

In those parts of Ukraine that were already under Russian separatist control many Protestant churches have faced restrictions, with church services being closed and books banned.

Pro-Russian rebels took over parts of the Luhansk region of Ukraine in March 2014. The following month they proclaimed an independent republic, which was recognised by Russia on February 21, 2022. That same day, Russia also recognised another breakaway region: the so-called Donetsk People's Republic.

Attack on religious freedom



In almost eight years under Russian control, freedom of religion has come under severe attack in those two areas.

Norway-based Forum 18 says that in those areas all Protestant communities have been made illegal, along with any church not part of the Moscow Patriarchate Orthodox community.

The breakaway Luhansk People's Republic (LPR) passed the Religion Law on February 17, 2018. This required every religious community to re-register with the authorities.

'In other words, apply for permission to exist', according to Forum 18. The justification given was 'to secure the defence of the country and the security of the state'.

Then in March 2019 all Baptist Union congregations were ordered to halt public worship or face punishment. Since the passing of the Religion Law, registration has been refused for every Protestant, Baptist and Pentecostal community.

'The situation for all Protestant churches is bad,' a Protestant from Kyiv told Forum 18. 'We do not have registration and do not have the right to meet in our buildings, which have been closed.'

John's Gospel banned

Along with the closing of churches, the Russian-backed authorities banned a number of Christian books as "extremist". These included an edition of the Gospel of John.

Among the 12 titles banned in Luhansk are a Baptist hymnbook and books by Charles Spurgeon and Billy Graham. The Justice Ministry added these books to its State List of Extremist Materials.

One pastor told Forum 18: 'If the word of God – the gospel of John – is deemed extremist, this represents a rebellion against God himself and everything sacred.'

Christian communities have been put under surveillance, and gas, water and electricity have been cut off to all places of worship owned by unregistered communities.

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights said several religious communities in Russian-held parts of Luhansk and Donetsk ‘continue to face limitations on their enjoyment of freedom of religion or belief’.

Repeated raids

Reports from Forum 18: ‘Repeated raids on places of worship and re-registration denials left many communities in a state of uncertainty.’

In Krasnodon, close to Russia’s eastern border, police raided a Baptist church during Sunday worship. They forced church members to disperse and stay away until the church got its registration. One church member told Forum 18: ‘If they continue to meet, they will be taken to court, fined, and the house where they hold their services will be sealed.’

Release International’s sister organisations have been providing Bibles for Ukraine, including the Russian-separatist areas. A partner of Release International is currently in Ukraine and was shaken from his sleep on February 24 by powerful explosions, as the Russian attack began. Ukrainian air defences were shooting down Russian missiles or drones in the sky over Kyiv.

He told Release International: ‘The truth is that the real war has begun. The entire territory of Ukraine is under fire. There is no safe place and the goal has been to sow panic everywhere. Our hope is in the Lord.’

Prayer

Please pray for the nation of Ukraine at this time. Pray particularly for those Christians in the disputed areas, who have lived under restrictions in the last few years. Pray also for the safety of the Release International partner currently in Ukraine.

Source: Forum 18

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Save The Date



Christian Aid Rutherglen are holding a Fun Run / Walk / Toddle on **Sunday 12th June** in the afternoon at Overtoun Park.

Bookings open after 6th April - cost is £1 for 1K and £5 for £5. More details soon.

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Transforming Work

There is a plan to run another 'Transforming Work' group over the next year. This is a group of people who meet together eight times to encourage one another to live out their faith in the workplace. Although its called 'Transforming Work', its applicable to all sorts of life situations – it doesn't have to only relate to a paid job. Its really all about living your whole life for God, whether that is in the workplace, as a volunteer, in a domestic setting, or wherever you find yourself. Please speak to Chris Mackintosh to find out more.



Endurance and Faith

Maurice MacLean was a theology student when war broke out in September 1939. He enlisted in the Gordon Highlanders and was sent to France as a Bren gunner. The 51st Division was left behind after Dunkirk and were retreating before Rommel's panzers. In Maurice's own account:



Picture taken at Christmas 1941 - Maurice McLean is in the back row, right hand side.

“The weather in the latter part of May was very hot, the roads were dusty and soon we were pushing north against a pitiful flood of refugees in cars, in farm-carts, on bicycles or on foot and wheeling hand-carts or prams while they and we frequently had to dive into ditches to avoid German air-gunners. I suddenly saw at first hand the dreadful cost of war to ordinary, innocent civilians.”

The Highlanders were taken prisoner at St Valery and began a month's journey on foot, barge, and rail to Silesia in Poland. One small, mouldy piece of bread was to last three days, eked out by nettle-soup. A brave French woman ran the gauntlet of the guards' boots and rifle-butts to run into the lines and hand him a boiled egg. As they journeyed east, many of his comrades would borrow his bible to read and for the next five years he became the "padre". He also began to translate from French, working with a German army doctor, for whom he had great respect.

They arrived at Lamsdorf, a large prison camp, living in huts of 200 men. Straw mattresses *"harboured bugs and fleas; most of us preferred to sleep on the bare boards with our single blanket. As our hip bones were now rather prominent, we slept on our backs."* He worked in a nearby coal-mine where he unloaded pit props from railway wagons in the bitter cold. After a few months he was able to be transferred underground where it was warmer. A typical shift started at 4:30 am with a slice of black bread & some "coffee", then filling trucks with stone and coal until 3 pm, when they got a shower and a ladle of watery cabbage soup with another slice of bread as the final food of the day. The camp commandant was a cruel man, and vicious punishment was meted out in cases of indiscipline.

Prisoners asked Maurice to start services of worship. With his precious bible, and hymn sheets copied on scrap paper, attendance was enthusiastic in these dark days. On occasion, he conducted funerals for those who died of frostbite, dysentery or accidents. *"After several weeks a group of Welsh lads, proud of their country's tradition, formed an enthusiastic choir. From them I learned the tune Cwm Rhondda. It became a great favourite."*

By the Spring of '41, things improved slightly with letters from home, a few Red Cross parcels and new uniforms to replace their threadbare rags. To keep mentally active, Maurice worked hard on learning German

and with a few others he recalled reams of poetry, reluctantly learned at school. He began composing his own poems in his head during long, hard shifts and writing them in a precious notebook when he got the chance.

Following a spell in hospital, he was transferred to a large farm estate at Dubensko where he was assistant and translator to a Polish carpenter and NZ joiner. The work was more varied, and he learned wonderful wood-working skill and some Polish. Their meagre rations were sometimes augmented by a duck or piglet that went “missing” and Red Cross chocolate could be swapped for bread with local children. Summer weather was pleasant but winter frostbite was always a danger. Most prisoners lost the tips of their toes but thanks to the care of German army doctors few lost complete limbs.

At the end of '44, a New Zealander, Doug, who worked in the smithy became very ill. A Polish doctor diagnosed diphtheria for which they had no treatment. The guards found a bed in the Kattowice hospital, but no ambulance was available unless Doug could supply the petrol. Farm workers with links to the communist Resistance made enquiries. Maurice negotiated with each group so that the guards would allow the ambulance into the compound and then “play cards” for the rest of the night. Cans of petrol mysteriously appeared, and Doug was removed. His fate was unknown until he wrote from home a year later, safe and well. *“Here we had a group of decent German soldiers, a disgraced Polish doctor and the Polish/Communist underground all combining in simple trust to help a sick prisoner. It was truly heart-warming.”*

As the Red Army advanced, the Germans moved their prisoners west. Maurice was part of a group of 300 British and 2,000 Russian prisoners who set off on a 1,000 km march in temperatures of -28 C. Few of the Russians, who were starving to begin with, survived. Over the next 100 days they battled hunger and frostbite, sleeping in barns, plodding through Poland, Austria, Czechoslovakia and Bavaria. When they were

offered soup by kind villagers, they could not cope with the rich food but were grateful for the sacrificial sharing of scarce supplies.

Finally, they met a US tank crew and within two weeks had been fed, deloused, clothed and flown home. Maurice arrived at Dundee station before the telegram that told his family that he was safe. He declined the opportunity to resume his training for the ministry that year, but saw out his time in the Army, and in 1946 went back to university to study French and German and became a primary school teacher.

My Dad never once had a bitter word to say about Germany or the German people. His faith in God was sorely tested but stayed strong for a lifetime. A kind, strong gentleman who kept his memories largely to himself, but shared wonderful stories of the farm while working with his young son on some carpentry project.

John MacLean

*There's a restless ache in my heart tonight
That will not be stilled
For it's sick that I am of this barren place;
Of the days that drag; of the years that race;
Of the fond dreams unfulfilled.
But the homeland hills will sleep calm tonight
Nor share my pain,
For the power that I and the hills obey
Has settled my part in his mighty play
Nor opens his lips again.*

Maurice McLean - Gross Dubensko, Silesia. March 1944

Announcements:

“Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was.”

Romans: 6, vs 5

Christine McGeoch

Christine died on 12th February 2022. She was born in Wood Green, London but the family moved back up to Scotland when she was still a child. Christine was the eldest of 5 siblings and spent a large part of her working life working at Philip’s electricals at Hamilton. She worshipped with the Salvation Army in Cambuslang before moving to West Coats Evangelical Church and then latterly to Burnside Blairbeth. Christine had a quiet but firm faith. We give thanks for her life and remember those who cared for her – especially her sister Jean with whom she shared a flat, and who cared for her sacrificially when Christine developed dementia.



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