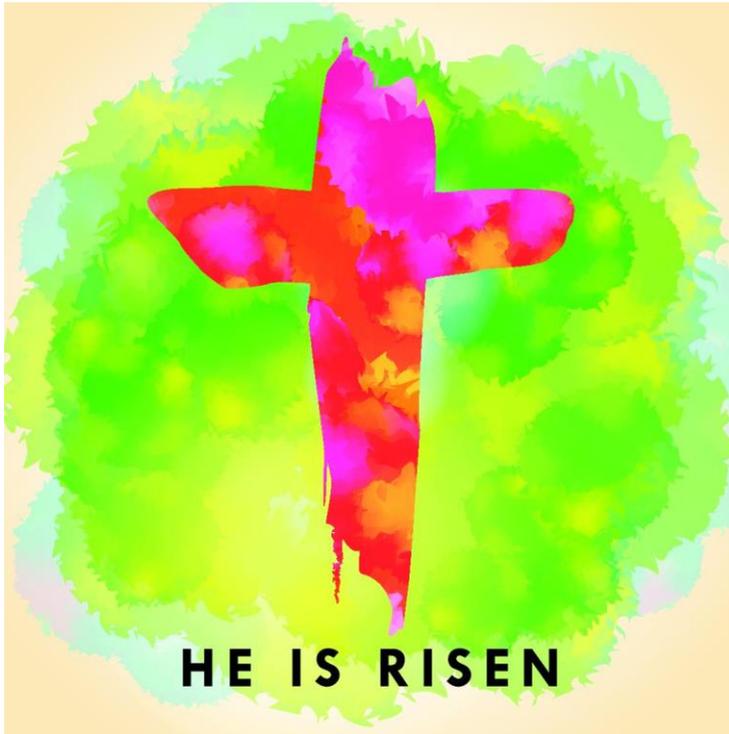


Burnside Blairbeth Church



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Easter 2019

Dear friends,

I have to admit that I have never been a particularly avid follower of the “Christian Year.” I suspect that many of you may not have been aware of the concept, but followers of the Christian year begin at Advent and classify the year according to where Sundays lie in relation to Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost etc. In some circles there are appropriate colours for “pulpit falls” according to the time of the Christian year and you can get even more technical than that. Perhaps it won’t surprise you that these details leave me cold.



Nevertheless, Easter is universally acknowledged throughout the church, despite a willingness to ignore many of the other details of the Christian year. That is because it is at the heart of what Jesus came to do. We remember His death and His resurrection and focus on what these have accomplished.

Of course, the festival of Easter was itself originally a spring pagan festival which the ancient church appropriated for its own purposes. This was a festival which among other things celebrated new life. It’s not hard to see how Easter and new life go together. When Jesus rose from the grave death was defeated and there was new life.

That new life points towards the fact that followers of Jesus are “made new – the old has gone and the new has come”. We are given life here and now in all its fullness. It also points to life beyond the grave because there is life after death for those who die in Christ.

There are mysteries around the resurrection body of Jesus. He was recognisable because he was able to invite Thomas to touch the nail marks in his hands and the wound in his side. However, he was also different because he was able to appear among the disciples when the door was locked. Thus his new body bore the hallmarks of the old body but must also have been to some degree different. It is therefore not surprising that there are many mysteries about the resurrection bodies of believers. The Bible is sparing on details but is clear that we are given new bodies which also show continuity with our current bodies.

A further aspect of new life is that it implies death. This is not simply the physical death to allow our resurrection, but the Bible speaks of followers of

Jesus identifying with Him by dying to our “ourselves”. Paul writes that “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live but Christ lives in me.” In order to embrace the new life, which we have in Christ we need to acknowledge that we share with him in His crucifixion. This means that we have taken on a new identity as people who have been given new life in Jesus, but to have that new life, we must shed our old identity. That is a challenge as we want to hold on to our old identity while enjoying all the benefits of our new life.

This new life is not only for people, but the resurrection brings new life for creation. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus the effects of the fall are reversed. It is not just people who are affected by sin, but all of creation is disfigured by the consequences of the fall. It therefore follows that when Jesus died and rose again it was not just good news for humans, but for all of creation. The world around us is still ravaged by the effects of sin and will continue to be. When Christ comes again the victory won at the resurrection will be apparent with new life for the creation – the Bible talks in terms of new heavens and a new earth. So new life is good news for creation.

We have only touched on the implications of the “new life” remembered by believers at Easter. Jesus’ death and resurrection has turned the world upside down and that is Good News which we need to shout from the rooftops. It is clear that this is not simply Good News for one part of the year, but is Good News for every day of every year. We need to live out the new life given to us by Jesus, even as we look forward to the new life for all creation which will be seen in all its fulness when the risen Jesus returns. The challenge is for us not simply to celebrate Easter as part of the Christian year but to be Easter people in the way we live every day of every year. The church does not simply celebrate Easter – we are Easter people.

Your friend and minister

William Wilson



The next Messy Church will be on **Saturday 6th April 2019** from **4.30 to 6.30pm** in the Blairbeth Building.

Come along and enjoy!
Come along and help.

My time in Burnside Blairbeth – Fiona Crawford

As we see spring flowers and buds on trees emerging, despite what I hope are the last flurries of wintry snow, I can't quite believe I'm nearing the end of my placement at Burnside!

Transitioning from working full-time for Presbytery to moving on to university and a placement here has been challenging. However, from the outset I've been made to feel very welcome here and have felt very much supported and encouraged by you. I have very much appreciated your patience as I learn names and routines and your feedback and comments have been invaluable. It's also been an honour to have even a little involvement in your lives as a church and as individuals.

Having had an opportunity to visit a whole range of groups and events, from Little Creations to the Guild Christmas Fayre, and to take part in intergenerational services like Café Church and Messy Church, services which are celebratory like the Christmas Eve Family Service, and those which are more reflective like Quiet Christmas, I've been struck by how Burnside Blairbeth really is a church family. I have been reminded of Romans 12 often during my placement, where together we have rejoiced with those who rejoice and mourned with those who mourn. We have come alongside mission partners in prayer and supported their work and I have greatly enjoyed your practice of hospitality!

I have learned much in my placement here and pray that, in these challenging times for the church in Scotland, you will continue in your work to connect with your community, sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and action. I will be sorry to move on to a new placement but I am confident that much of what I have learned here will carry forward in some way in my own ministry and I thank you for creating a wonderful place to be and to learn!

Every blessing!

Fiona

Notes from Kirk Session Meeting on 6 February 2019

This was the first meeting of the Kirk Session for 2019.

In the review of the various **Christmas** services and activities, **Messy Carols** and **Quiet Christmas** received excellent feedback being described as “really positive” and “really helpful” respectively.

The Session agreed that the **Easter Services** this year would comprise Messy Communion on Good Friday, early morning Communion on Easter Sunday, followed by an all age service at the normal time. There will also be an evening service on Easter Sunday. The Holy Week Services this year are to be in the United Reformed Church from Wednesday to Friday.

The feedback on **Café Church** held on 27 January had generally been positive. There were good reports of conversations which had taken place round the tables and of people being engaged learning together from the Bible. It was acknowledged that for some people this type of service didn't work, but generally it was felt to have been a positive experience, with children feeling involved in the church family. It had been helped by the ceilidh taking place the evening before which had created a generally relaxed feeling. The Session decided that it would be a good experience to repeat and it was felt that Café Church might take place about three times a year.

With **Les Queen** retiring at the end of June, a decision has to be taken as to whether or not a replacement is to be recruited and, if so, what that role would look like for the future. A small group led by the Minister was delegated to reflect on the matters to be considered and to report back to the next meeting in April.

The Minister raised the question of how the Session wished to deal with communication of matters brought to his notice which were potentially sensitive or contentious. The Session agreed that William should act as ‘gatekeeper’ when such matters were brought to him and that he should consult as he felt appropriate with relevant elders or members of the congregation who had expertise on the matter in question.

Lesley Mackintosh sought guidance as to continuing the distribution of **Christmas Cards** and **Easter Cards** throughout the parish and the format of such. It was agreed that we should continue to do both and that it was perhaps more important to continue to communicate to the parish in this way at Easter time.

John Gordon has developed a new **database** for the church which will be used as the central point for data held by the congregation, including the Communion Roll, Pastoral Networks and so on. All personal data will be held under strict guidelines in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation.

The Session is engaged in a continuing discussion about who we are as a congregation and where our work is focused. At this meeting we started consideration about two areas in the life of the congregation: the **Evening Service** and **Little Creations**. The discussion was wide-ranging and touched on the relatively small numbers who attend the **evening service**, the timing of it, the amount of work William has to undertake to prepare and preach, the past experience of the “First of the Month Service” which was geared more to families and young people, the possibility of having a praise/worship service from time to time. It was agreed that William would find out from those who attend the evening service how they felt about it. It was agreed that the evening service would continue as it is at present at least until the summer.

Little Creations was acknowledged to be a vital area of work which had been a foundation for the work at Messy Church and JUMP. Little Creations is heavily dependent upon Andrea Thomson’s input and leadership and the challenge for the congregation was how to maintain the work done at Little Creations while making it less dependent upon Andrea. What was needed was more people to be involved in the ‘leadership’. There was scope for Andy MacArthur and William to do things at Little Creations, such as the story. The structure of the team needed to be looked at with people from the congregation being involved more as well as perhaps some of the parents.

Amongst the **Reports**, Marjory MacLean spoke about **World Church** and the allocation of the present commitment of £35,000 amongst our Missionary Partners in light of the fact that Andrew Robertson was going out to Bolivia in October and that we would want to support him. The World Church Team is to meet and report back to the next meeting with a recommendation. Alan Robertson spoke to the **Finance** briefing paper which had been circulated for the purpose of highlighting the key issues in the Annual Report and Financial Statements. The Session approved the Annual Report (which is now available on the website). On **Property** Alan Hudson advised that at the time of the meeting there was no update on the dry rot claim although the insurers had not rejected it. This is being pursued with further information being provided to the loss adjusters. He also spoke about the budget and forecasts for fabric expenditure for 2019 and the next two years. He pointed out that the fabric

budget involved nothing being spent on the Blairbeth building except essential maintenance until a decision is made as to what we are going to do with the building. The fabric budget for 2019 was approved.

The Clerk reported that an application for a Continuation Grant from the “**Go For It**” **Fund** was being made which needed to be approved by the Kirk Session. This was duly approved. If successful, it could result in an award of up to £10,000 in each of the next two years.

Andy MacArthur reported that a **Holiday Club** would be held in the week 5-9 August with a Saturday Messy Church event at the end of the week. A team is needed to cover all aspects of the week, registration, in the kitchen, leaders of groups and so on.

Jean Goldie advised the meeting that the **Guild** wished to use some of the funds which it raises to give a defibrillator to the church. The Session approved this in principle.

The next meeting of the Kirk Session is on Wednesday 24 April at 7.30pm.

Alan Thomson
Session Clerk

90 Year of 185th Scout Group



2019 marks the 90th year of the Scout Group based at the church. We kicked off our celebrations back in February with a Group camp at Auchengillan Outdoor Centre where we had our first of many birthday cakes for the year.

The Scout Group have been very fortunate recently with the award of external grants, including the Tesco Bags for Help and Aviva Community Fund. We would like to thank everyone who voted for us in both. This has allowed us to purchase equipment for the group's use including a small Garage Tent, 8 x Bell tents, 4 x dining shelter. We have also modernised the equipment we have into up to date lighter weight equipment more suited to use by our younger members. This will help us with the camping season ahead making the lives of the 65 people attending summer camp at Gilwell (home of Scouting) this year much easier!

As part of our 90th year we would like to hear from any former members who have any photos or memories of the 185th Group that we could add to our website.

We will be holding a 90th Coffee morning on 19th May between 10am - 2 pm at Blairbeth Hall and we invite everyone along to join in our celebrations and help support the Group's fundraising efforts. We look forward to meeting you there.

Keep updated with the group via twitter @185ScoutGroup

Gordon Argo – Group Scout Leader

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The Guild

This year our meetings have taken place in the sanctuary due to the ongoing work being carried out in the main hall. Thank you to all our members and friends who have faithfully turned out to support us. We have averaged an attendance of between 50 and 60 people at our fortnightly meetings. So far we have enjoyed a varied and interesting programme, from the delights of our home city of Glasgow to stories behind some of our favourite hymns. Our A.G.M. and final meeting of the session will take place on Monday 18th March. We will be entertained by Andrew Polson and friends after the business meeting.

A number of ladies attended the World Day of Prayer on Friday 1st March in St Columbkille's Church. The theme for the day was 'Come--Everything is Ready' an invitation to praise, thank and proclaim the kingdom of love, written by the women of Slovenia. This proved to be an uplifting experience as people from other local churches joined together in an act of worship. Afterwards we gathered together for tea, coffee and a chat.

By the time this edition is published, we will have had our AGM and a new committee will be in place. We wish them well. Our Spring Fayre will also have taken place and we will be in the process of sharing the donations with our chosen charities namely : The Beatson Charity, Women's Refuge, Chest Heart & Stroke and Crossreach.

One of our regular Tuesday coffee morning attenders (who wishes to remain anonymous) was inspired to put pen to paper and compose this little poem. Enjoy.

It's coffee time, the doors are open
To welcome friends whose lives are broken
And help them find the joy of living
With smiles and fun and comfort giving.
The coffee and tea, hot and sweet
Not to mention the scones and treats.

Women Walking with God 2019

A big event deserves big coverage so here are the impressions of four of our women who attended Women Walking With God at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre on 1-2 March.:



Women Walking
With God

Lesley Mackintosh:

A group of 24 of us recently attended this conference which has been such a source of inspiration in the past – and this year we were not disappointed! Imagine the scene – 1200 women gathered together, singing God’s praise together, listening to His word and enjoying time to think, reflect and pray – as well as have a lot of fun together. Amy Orr-Ewing led us through studies in the book of Esther, Elaine Storkey challenged us about how to live as Christians in a post-Christian society, and seminars challenged all of us on a range of different issues. The whole of the ground floor of the Edinburgh International Conference centre was laid out as a prayer space, and communion was served there at various points during the day. Everyone will have brought home a different thought and probably all of us are still processing all that we heard. Talks will be made available online in due course, so if you missed it you could listen in.

Rachel Wylie

Women Walking with God, ‘a feast for the soul and nourishment for the mind’....

Last weekend, twenty of us travelled together to Edinburgh to find out more about how we could walk closer with God and celebrate His goodness. We had the privilege of travelling, eating, learning, discussing and sharing together, which I always think is very special. Over the 24hours, there was worship, teaching, communion, prayer space, seminars (especially our very talented Jen!) and plenty of caffeine!



More than just a walk, this weekend's teaching was challenging and thought provoking. Focused around the Book of Esther and Matthew, the theme was 'the banqueting table'. The teaching from Esther was rich in parallels about the plight of women in the world we live in today, of the great suffering they and those around them face, but also the challenge to see ourselves as more than our gender and sexuality and turn to God.

I was particularly reminded that God is at work in our world and we need to navigate in our cultures with Esther as an example, to take a stand and have confidence that God will use us. But also, that we can trust in God, He is real and present even in the midst of situations that are overwhelming. Our response really matters!

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4v 6-7.

Thanks again to those whom I shared the weekend and those who seamlessly organised us all. Let's hope we can come together again with more ladies before too long.

When I hear the name Jesus, it is a place where my soul can rest.

Irene Craigie

I have just spent a wonderful weekend in Edinburgh at the 'Women Walking with God' Conference held in the Edinburgh International Conference Centre.

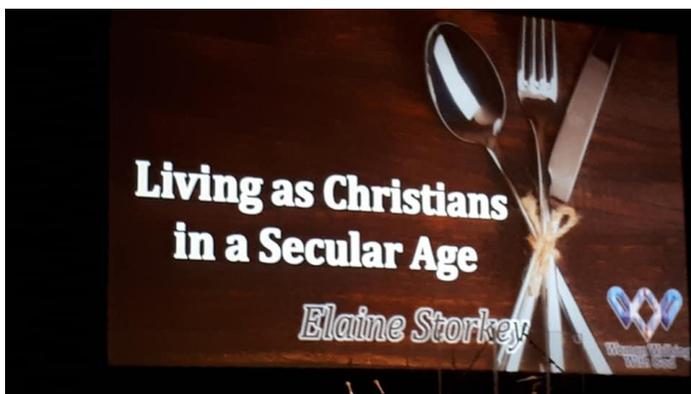
The theme of the Conference was 'The Banqueting Table' and indeed we had a banquet in so many ways:

- Fellowship with the 20 ladies from Burnside Blairbeth Church and other delegates from different parts of Scotland;

- Uplift worship – a thousand voices signing praise to God;
- Insightful Bible teaching led by Amy Orr-Ewing in three inspirational sessions on the book of Esther.
- We heard two speakers from the USA and young lady who works with the Bible Society in Jordan and ministers to the many thousands of Syrian refugees in that country – a truly international conference.

There was a choice of seminars on Saturday afternoon, one of which was led by our own Jen Robertson, and so much more.

All in all, a weekend packed with good things – tiring for the body but a sumptuous feast for the mind & spirit.



Susan Gordon

It was excellent to be part of this year's conference in Edinburgh on 2 March along with over 1000 women.

We heard inspiring teaching from **Amy Orr-Ewing** based on the Book of Esther – no mention of God in the Book but his presence is clearly there. The story of trafficked women, Haman, a proud, arrogant leader, an uncle who refused to be cowed by him and Queen Esther – beautiful and brave in dangerous times and of course, the banqueting, all themes which chime with life today.

Rama from the Bible Society of Jordan described the plight of some 3 million refugees from surrounding states who flee to Jordan for safety from ISIS. They are traumatised, terrified and dispossessed and in need of much help.

Jordan welcomes refugees even though they have increased its population by over 30%.

Michele Guinness returned to describe the central role of celebration and hospitality in the Jewish tradition. She portrayed a “party going” Jesus who attended weddings, feasts and many meals with friends. We took her advice and celebrated ourselves over dinner in the evening - there was no shortage of chat and story swapping from the day’s events.

It was thoroughly worthwhile to take time to hear the voices of people working near and far and to be reminded of the constancy and truth of God’s promises in our broken world.

Andrew Robertson in Bolivia

On the 24th of April, I will finally finish university. Over the summer I have a few plans including some training for what lies ahead, a couple of incredible Scripture Union camps and a month back in the US at Day Camp Sunshine. I also hope to spend time with you, my local church family.



As to after the summer I have spent a lot of time praying about what I should do. I have now come to the point where I feel peace in myself and with God with my decision I have made. Therefore, in October I will be going with Latin Link (on their stride programme) to Oruro, Bolivia, hopefully for at least two years.

Why Bolivia? There are many reasons but here are a few. I felt since I went to Zanzibar a few years ago, that I wanted to serve abroad again but for a more prolonged time period, in order to allow me to become part of a community. I have a passion for God, serving people and sharing God through word and action. I have loved the work I have had the privilege of doing in Scotland. But there is a special place in my heart for learning and being with people from all over the world. From my experiences in the US, I have made so many friends from South America, who have become like family, bringing that continent to my focus. After being in Bolivia for a month over Christmas and from other sources, I have become aware of the huge need in Bolivia. I, therefore, hope to serve and help the people in a small but loving way. Being closer to Fio (my girlfriend) and other friends is a beautiful secondary blessing, to serving God in this place at this time. Through various detours and unexpected plans, God has brought me to this time and this place. I give thanks to God for this, for the joy and challenges to come. I have loads more to say and tell, so please speak to me.

The current plan is for me to study Spanish intensely for a couple of months. I will then probably be working specifically on two projects, among other things alongside the local church. The first is the Angel Tree Centre which focuses on working with the family and children of prisoners (both those children who live inside the prison and outside). The aim of the Angel Tree Centre is to reach the children of prisoners throughout their school years, prioritising family restoration and school performance through programmes which include Christian education, psychological help and health. The second project is Restoring Hope which seeks the restoration of lives affected by crime inside and outside the detention centres in Oruro through interventions based on the Christian faith. It seeks to do this by working in a Young Offenders' Centre (running weekly courses); working in the San Pedro Oruro prison providing pastoral visits and discipleship two mornings a week; also, through the implementation of restorative justice mechanisms, working in collaboration with the youth court and social services. The law encourages restorative justice to be part of sentences, and as an alternative to custody. The idea is to hold restorative conferences where possible or write letters to the victims. This is not always possible because of the lack of information about the victims or the nature of the crimes (rape, sexual abuse) and so a lot of the work is victim empathy. Please let me know if you'd like to know more about the work, there are some interesting articles and videos which I can share if you are interested.

I am incredibly excited about this next step in my journey with God and strongly desire that as my church family you feel a part of this. I am so grateful for all the love, time and care that you have given me over so many years. I would not be where I am now without you or be the person I am. As my church family, you have been incredible. The relationship I have with Jesus is in part, and not insignificantly, because of the example and love you have given. Therefore, I treasure the future support which I know you will give me. Please pray for me and all God is doing in Bolivia. If you feel led to give financially, that is also greatly appreciated.

I will be having a few events to give you the chance to see me and find out more about the work I will be doing. The first of these will be a coffee morning from 9-12 in the Blairbeth building on the 27th of April. The second will be a breakfast for all in my house on the 8th of June. Please come, I will be delighted to see you all.

So much love and blessings,

Andrew

‘Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.’
Proverbs 3:5-6

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Stated Annual Meeting – Sunday 17 March 2019



An encouraging proportion of the congregation stayed in church after the Communion Service to attend our Stated Annual Meeting, the time when the minister, elders and others report to us all on the work of the church and its finances. Alan Robertson's comprehensive financial report referred to the church accounts which are available on the website and were summarised in Alan's report in the Winter Contact.

Alan highlighted the welcome increase in reserves in 2018 although this only partly repaired the reductions of previous years and the reserves may well be called upon in 2019 with some property issues coming up. Some brave souls asked Alan questions which he dealt with clearly – we know our finances are in safe hands.

Andy Macarthur spoke enthusiastically about the congregation's youth work in which he takes part with many willing volunteers including:

Jump – every Wednesday evening in the Blairbeth building for P1-7 replacing Megaquest and Storykeepers

Switch – every Sunday evening in the Burnside building for P6 – S3.

Connect – the programme of events for all church members to bring together children, adults and families. The Film Night and Burns Ceilidh had been very successful and more events are planned.

Andy is also involved in Messy Church, schools work and Sunday Clubs.

A more detailed report from Andy will be available soon, possibly in the next Contact!

Alan Thomson then highlighted a number of points from the Trustees' Report which forms an essential part of the Annual Accounts. The Report too is available on the church website and there is nothing in the life of the church which is not mentioned there – it's a great read so look it up and see what we are up to and where you might be able to help.

Alan explained that the membership roll of the congregation had reduced substantially during the year. Sadly the number of members who died during the year once again far exceeded those who joined the congregation but the main drop was caused by the removal from the roll (with their consent if they could be contacted) of those who have moved away and are no longer involved in the life of the church.

William then concluded the meeting by talking about a number of particular highlights of 2018 and plans for 2019 and it fell to him to explain the present position with the dry rot repairs in the Burnside halls (see the Session report above). William also paid tribute to the work done by the congregation's employees, particularly Melanie Ziegler who left during last year and Les Queen who is due to retire in June 2019.

A further opportunity for questions brought the meeting to a close – an efficient despatch of the official business by all concerned but sadly without an accompanying lunch because of the dry rot works.

Obituaries

Mary Marr 1921-2019

Mary Marr passed away on 5th February 2019 aged 98. She was born in Stirling Drive in 1921. Only the North half of Stirling Drive existed. All the land to the south was fields up to the Golf course which is now Golf Road. The golf course moved to Cathkin. Mary attended Stonelaw Church as a child but in 1928 she joined the Brownies at Burnside Church. She knew the Brownie leader whose father was a stained glass window maker and he made and put in the Trefoil, Guiding window above the East door of the “new” Church. The Church continued to be a large part of her life through the years. Her strong faith helped her through the difficult times.

She was a “Wren” during the war and while stationed in Tobermory, she met her future husband, James G Marr. They were married in 1946 and moved to Gloucester. They returned to live in Peveril Ave, Burnside in 1960. Jim Marr was Session Clerk at Burnside Church for many years until his untimely death in 1982. Mary, as his wife, was in charge of social events like the New Members Social. She was a member of the Young Woman’s Group and she was the first President of the Woman’s Guild in Burnside church who was not a Minister’s wife (after Agnes Lindsay, the Minister’s wife stepped down from the role). She continued to be invited to cut celebratory Woman’s Guild cakes till she was well into her 90’s!! Mary was also a member of Burnside Bowling Club where she was the President and a member of the Bowling team. She enjoyed playing Bridge and was a member of the Trefoil Guild. Mary and Jim’s main focal interest was their family. Mary loved nothing more than having parties at home for us all. She continued to enjoy our family occasions and was always pleased when we gathered at her house.

Mary and Jim moved to Golf Road in 1978 where she lived until 2014. At age 92 she stopped driving and became more housebound. In 2014 she moved to my village of Formby, near Southport where she enjoyed life in a Care Home as well as outings - shopping, drives to see the sea (and eat ice cream!) and family get togethers. She took with her a painting by Joe Henderson which he painted especially for her of Burnside Church and the Bowling Green, her 2 main interests. She treasured this painting and spoke of it every day as she sat looking at it.

Her health deteriorated in the last 6 months of her life and she was unable to continue outdoor activities which saddened her. She passed away peacefully

2 days after her 98th birthday. She is survived by her 2 daughters, Winnie Ryan & Sheila Crawford, 4 Granddaughters and 7 Great Grandchildren.

Contributed by her daughter Sheila Crawford.

Ian Oliphant Watt

Ian died on the 18th of February in Parkhouse Manor Nursing Home, Barrhead. Formerly of Cleveden Drive, he was the brother of the late Margaret Deans. Ian's life was dogged by ill health from around the early 1990's. In his earlier life he worked in one or two gardening roles, having gained the Diploma of the RHS while training at Askham Bryan near York. He later worked for the Electricity and Gas Boards. I understand he helped tidy the church grounds during the ministry of Hamish Lindsay. A small number of friends, neighbours and carers gathered at Linn Crematorium for Ian's funeral service on 27th February when we were able to commend and commit Ian into the Lord's care.

Contact editor required!

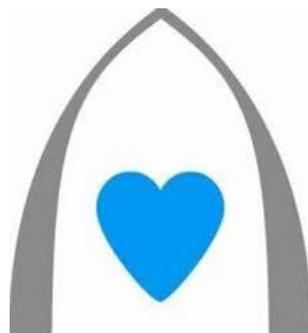
We need a new Editor to compile the Church magazine six times a year. You need to be someone who has good written communication skills, is regularly around the congregation and not afraid to go out and commission articles when required! Good word processing skills would also help, and ideally someone who is familiar with Publisher, although this is an easily acquired skill.

If you think this is you, please speak to Lesley Mackintosh.

Update on donations for Glasgow City Mission

In the last edition of Contact, I wrote about the changes that Glasgow City Mission have made in their food provision for those on the margins of society in Glasgow. With the advent of so many food banks, GCM no longer run a food bank of their own, and all donations of tinned food are passed on to other food banks. However, they now offer hugely increased hospitality to people who use the resources in the city centre project, including a delicious two course meal every evening, homemade soup with bread from lunchtime and all afternoon, constant cups of tea and coffee throughout the day, and showers and changes of underwear for any guests who require such items. Staff at GCM were very grateful for the last boxes of donations delivered in early March, but from now here is a list of what they can use:

- jars of instant coffee
- tea bags
- diluting juice
- sugar
- biscuits
- new boxer shorts in a range of men's sizes
- gents' socks
- large bags of dry ingredients such as pasta, rice (all kinds), lentils, noodles, herbs and spices



The chef who cooks the main meals would also love to have any fresh produce which people may have in their gardens or allotments over the summer – please speak to me about how to do this if you have a glut of veggies!

Lesley Mackintosh

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