

OUR NEWS

CELEBRATING EASTER SUNDAY



Easter morning was a joyous occasion with over 200 people in the kirk praising God for the resurrection of our Lord. Many folk had come along to the breakfast prepared beforehand by Jan, Marie and their helpers and served by the Social Committee. They all did a wonderful job and a great time was had by all. The Flower Committee also did a huge amount of work and we really must thank them for making the sanctuary look magnificent. The choir were quite splendid. Their music lifted the entire Service and the atmosphere was just brilliant. Thank you to John and the choir for all their hard work. It was a great day to be in the kirk so thank you to all of you who, by your presence, made it a real celebration.

MESSAGE FROM THE MANSE

Does the thought of change in your routine trouble you? It does me. I am a creature of habit and I like order in my life. I follow the same routine most days and do so without thinking. I suspect most of you do likewise. Much of it comes about because of family or work commitments which have to be fulfilled if we are to keep functioning but some of it is just habit which has become comfortable and routine. I recall someone once saying to me, "A good place can still be a rut" and it took me some time to work that out. When we are afraid of change because we happen to like our little rut then we have ceased to grow. Children, you will have noticed, accept change more readily than adults (unless of course there is some major trauma) but on the whole they can cope with changes in their routine because they are still excited about living and each new day is another adventure. There is something wonderful about toddlers going along with whatever you throw at them because, well - it's new. When did we lose the excitement of living?

The Christian Faith should be exciting, it should be something of joy and wonder but all too often it has died. Died because the people have forgotten that life is to be lived in all its fullness. That means, laughter; it means love; it means anticipation; it means grace; it means joy. For far too many, the Christian faith has become something which has to be endured rather than lived with joy. Jesus lived a life of grace: he wasn't always laughing nor was he always joyful but he, by the power of the Holy Spirit, gave to us something that is exciting and is joyful. When did we lose the joy of faith?

Shortly we celebrate Pentecost - does the thought excite you? The gift of the Holy Spirit is about being empowered to live as Christians with faith. Sometimes we forget to live in faith because our routine (rut) has taken over. Do not become a prisoner to dullness. Do not allow your faith to become jaded. Instead think of the child seeing a new day and thinking, "What will we do today". We'll have fun. Let your faith lead you into joyful places so that other can see in you the joy of belonging to Christ in faith.

May God bless you - Tom

FAMILY NEWS

Baptism: 24.3.2019 Millie Catherine Greenshields

Marriage: 10.5.2019 Gail Galloway married to Stefan Torenar

Funerals: 22/3/19 Janet Isabella Baird 28/3/19. March Gilbert Wilson

GLASGOW PRESBYTERY, APRIL MEETING



The Presbytery of Glasgow met at Giffnock Orchardhill Parish Church on 9th April. The meeting took the form of a conference on the Radical Action Plan, a proposal on the future of the Church of Scotland that is to be presented to this year's General Assembly.

Last year, the General Assembly rejected the ten year Strategic Plan that had been presented, in favour of a shorter term, more focussed presentation. A special commission was appointed to consider the matter in detail and the Radical Action Plan is the result. The Radical Action Plan sets out a number of proposals on various aspects of the Church. The purpose of bringing the report to Presbytery at this stage was allow Presbyters an opportunity to inform the anticipated debate. After an introduction, the meeting broke into groups under such headings as The Eldership, Parishes and Ecumenism and Buildings and Property, with each Presbyter being present at two of the groups. After discussion in each of the chosen groups, Presbytery reconvened. The meeting ended with Closing Worship.

Una Heaney



BRIAN'S BLOG - Brian has been to Orkney and his blog is now on the website. He describes Orkney and in particular his visits to Skara Brae, Ring of Brodgar, the Italian Chapel, the Scapa Flow Museum, and the Island of Shrapinsay. On this occasion he was accompanied. He refers to his companion as "C" "to preserve her identity". No prizes for a correct guess !!

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THE WAY

What we did 28/04/2019

At this meeting of The Way, we explored our "eco credentials". Have you ever thought of plastics and their effect on the planet? David Attenborough has, and now, so has The Way. But what alternatives are there to the ubiquitous cling film? Waxed cloths, that's what! We used beeswax (other options are available) spread thinly over a square or circle of cotton or poly cotton fabric and heated gently in the oven. Once dried, you can use the warmth of your hands to mould the fabric to provide a seal..and it's reusable!

We also explored the reactions of the disciples to the Resurrection and the start of the early church. The Way is planning an expedition for its next meeting, which will be on the 19th May..

WOMEN'S GROUP SUMMER SOCIAL

We are now taking names for this year's Summer Social on Thursday 30th May.

We are returning to House for an Art Lover and the format of the evening will be as in previous years, starting with a welcome drink, then a two course buffet meal, and then tea and coffee.

The cost is £27 per person. There is plenty space so please feel free to invite a friend or two.

If you want to come along please contact me, Clare Williams or Marie Baird.

Hope to see lots of you there.

MESSY CHURCH 20/5/19 - LAST ONE FOR THE SESSION



Messy Church is intergenerational and spirit led. You can feel God's presence among us.

Last Monday, up in the Chancel, Sheila Blount led us in the celebration story of the risen Lord. What a powerful story that is and to follow through we made paper aeroplanes and invited the children and parents to fly them around the church. What a joy it was to see them chasing up and down the aisles after the

planes , zooming this way and that. You could just picture God smiling down on us all. Let the little children come unto me he said and we are.

Afterwards we all brought our planes downstairs and we explained that man made it possible for us to fly up in the sky over the clouds up high by making planes but God loves us so much and wants us to be with him in Heaven forever, he made a special way for us to go Heaven - and with a snip of the scissors the paper planes were transformed into crosses!

It doesn't get better than that does it? God so loved us that he gave his only son. He died for our sins. With the mess of the world just now it is hard to see where we are going but in our monthly Messy Church , for that hour and forty minutes, you can see and feel God among us. If you would like to come along and be part of our next and last session before Summer please do. We are meeting on 20th May, at 4.50 pm. Enjoy a beautifully cooked hot meal, join in our crafts or have a blether and be part of our congregation. We would love to see you - young and not so young!

Brenda and John

SOAP MAKING WITH THE WOMEN'S GROUP 2/5/19



For our final meeting of the year we were pleased to be joined by Marie St Michael, a local lady who has developed a keen interest in soap making. Armed with lots of different soap bases, fragrances and colouring Maria explained and provided tips on the range of soaps we could produce.

The soap bases ranged from honey bases through to more translucent options. The method was relatively simple - cut up the soap base into small chunks, microwave for 30 seconds and then mix in the desired fragrance or colouring very quickly and pour into the soap mould. The key was to be organised and not chat too much which was a challenge, especially for our table! We then set the soaps to one side with many set by the end of the evening.

Despite mine looking decidedly 'home made', others were very good with double layers and even one with flowers suspended throughout the soap. Some of our efforts are shown in the photographs above. You could definitely feel the quality of the soap bases with many of us remarking on how soft our hands felt by the end of the evening.

Another enjoyable evening of fellowship with endearing fragrances and artistic talents be demonstrated by the group.

Our next event is the summer social being held on the evening of Thursday 30th May at House of an Art Lover. Please contact Jan Bostock if you are able to join us.

Clare Williams

OOR WULLIE'S BIG BUCKET TRAIL 2019



The all new Oor Wullie's BIG Bucket Trail 2019 will run for 11 weeks from 17th June to 30th August, ending with a series of Farewell Events and nationwide auctions in each of the five host cities, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen and Inverness.

More than 150 sculptures decorated by artists, each reflecting Scotland's cultural identity, will appear in locations spread throughout the five cities. Proceeds will go to Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity, Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity and the Archie Foundation.

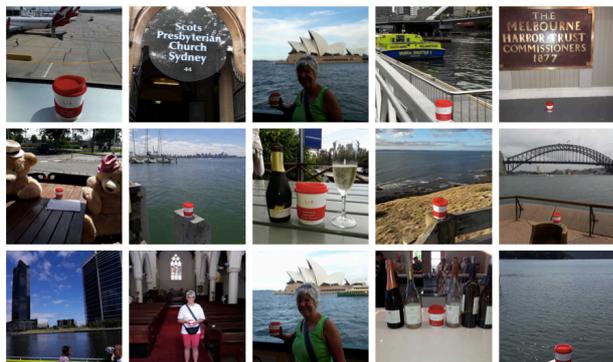
And the connection with Sherbrooke Mosspark Parish Church? Well, a design submitted by our "Artist in Residence", Shona Heaney, she of the Church Choir and Soup 'n' Chat, has been commissioned and sponsored; she is currently transferring her design onto her own Oor Wullie sculpture in an industrial unit that's not too far from the Church. All very hush hush, but our roving reporter can confirm that she has seen several Oor Wullies completed, or nearing completion there and that those setting off on the Trail this summer will be amazed at the imagination of the artists and the quality of the work on show.

Under the terms of her contract, Shona cannot show any more than a small section of her work until the big "Reveal" of all the completed sculptures, but watch this space for further developments.....



Oor Wullie's BIG Bucket Trail is the first ever nationwide public art trail. Check out this website for more information www.oorwillie.com

LIZ TYLER SETS THE PACE....AUSTRALIA MARCH 2019



I carried my jelly beans in my cup so it was always in my bag ready for any photo opportunity. When I explained to people what I was doing most thought it was a great idea. Could this be the start of something big?

If you are going on holiday think about taking your cup and email your photos to mchargey@mac.com How long will it take our cup to go round the world?!

HOME BAKING AT SHERBROOKE



Home baking raises £401.00 for water Aid. This means the gift from Sherbrooke Mossspark Parish Church will help Water Aid to install a tap-stand in Tombohuaun, bringing a reliable source of clean water to the village. Water Aid will also train the community on how to look after their new water supply so it lasts for the long term.

Water Aid is looking forward to bringing good news as the community turn on their taps for the very first time. Tombohuaun is a tiny village deep in the jungle of Sierra Leone. A tiny village where big things are happening.

Please contact Ann PcPerson if you would like to add your name to her home baking rota.

PLANT SALE

We can tell you the Plant Sale was a resounding success. Financially it was outstanding but most importantly the fellowship it engendered on the day was something you couldn't even begin to quantify so good was it. Thank you to Marjorie, George and all the team - a great day.

