

THE BRIDGE

LENT 2023

Lent-God's Springtime

Focus on our Church Family

Being in a House Group

Avoiding being Scammed



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Kirk Registers

Muthill Parish Church

Marriage:

Steph Ward to Simon Coffey on 3/12/2022

Baptism:

Isla Sophie May Bayne on 22/1/2023

Death:

Elizabeth (Betty) McCulloch on 28/12/2022

Trinity Gask & Kinkell Church

Baptism:

Flora Iona Henrietta Osborne on 18/12/2022

From The Editor

I guess like many much of my time since Christmas, this season, has been spent staying at home, pondering on ways of conserving energy usage and dreaming of the approach of Springtime. Yet winter is a good time for planning and catching up on home things you have been meaning to do for a while. For me, when I properly think about it, I have perhaps done more than I realise. I have certainly done a good bit of reading, some house repairs, painting and thinking about a summer break. However, I do wish at times I was more of a hobby enthusiast because I often seem to spend time on couch potato activities which quickly mount up and in retrospect seem such a waste of time.

Attending the weekly soup and sandwich lunches has been a welcome break as it has been great getting to know more village “worthies” steeped in the history of Muthill. I think this has been very worthwhile outreach by the Church in terms of service. The soups certainly must rank amongst the best available in the area and, through attending, you enjoy such warmth in being good interesting company. Well done the organisers!

The year ahead will hopefully provide other prompts for new interaction with the village beyond our immediate church family such as the valuable work done by the Monday Club, mentioned elsewhere in this edition of the Bridge. Christians Together has also been a noteworthy innovation with our friends in Crieff and it would be great if 2023 marked a further increase in our house group activity. I also hope that this will include using opportunities for joint action with our neighbouring church, St James Episcopal Church, in furthering our Christian presence in the village.

2023 can be a turning year in many ways, not only for the country but also for our village and it would be good to hear your ideas using the space in this magazine.

Sandy Hutchison

Message From Our Interim Moderator

Spring is on the way and the days are definitely getting longer. I never fail to be amazed and in awe of how wonderful nature is. As we see the changing of the seasons and witness new life and new growth I am left wondering how anyone can deny that we have a great and wonderful God who cares and provides for our every need.

As we begin to ready ourselves for that Lenten journey which brings us closer to Christ, we walk alongside Him to the cross and try for another year to understand what it was that we did to deserve God's sacrifice of His Son on the cross so that we could be pardoned. The simple answer is that we did nothing and we simply don't deserve the forgiveness we gained, except by His love, His Grace and His Mercy.



Thanks be to God.

Rev Mairi



Lent - God's Springtime

Too often these days there is a tendency to forget about the importance of Lent* as a period of preparation for Easter and the death and resurrection of Jesus. Lent is often epitomised in many people's minds simply as a time of giving up something for forty days, like losing weight or giving up alcohol reflecting back on the practice of the early Christians to fast. For others, it may only mark a time of pancake celebrations. But it should be a time of serious reflection on the meaning of faith in our lives recalling the time that Jesus spent in the wilderness and using this period to come closer to God.

This year, the Moderator of the Church of Scotland, Rt Rev Dr Martin Fair, suggests that during this period of contemplation and reflection could we use this time to proactively start something new. As we come out of the traumatic experience of Covid and lockdown, can we think of what is important and what our priorities are and to introduce the spiritual into that. What will the journey to Easter mean for us this year?

In last year's Bridge, for this season, Paula Gooder's book, "Let me go there – the Spirit of Lent" was recommended as a helpful guide to use the experience of Lent not as a season of restriction, but of wide open spaciousness in which to learn new lessons of growing in faith and of giving us the chance to meet God in new ways. The important thing is not to waste the opportunity of preparing in your own serious way for, just like Advent is to Christmas, so Lent will make Easter all the more meaningful in your life. Or, as Joyce Huggett says in her helpful book of readings and prayers, just as a bulb cannot be ready for spring unless it has lived through winter, so Christians cannot be properly ready for Easter unless they have observed Lent: God's Springtime.

Editor

*Lent in 2023 runs from 17th February to 3rd April

*Both Paula Gooder's book and Joyce Huggett's are available through Amazon or any religious book store

Prayer For Lent

(from the Church of Scotland website)

Loving Lord,

Today we set out to walk towards Easter

To the cross and eventually to an empty tomb.

As we travel, open our senses, we pray,

To what you would have us see and hear and taste along the way

And all that Jesus might come more clearly into sight.

Our desire is just that;

To see him more clearly

That we might love him more dearly and follow him more nearly.

Amid the talk of giving things up for Lent,

Forgive us for ways in which we have trivialised spiritual discipline

And lead us to what you would have us take up for Lent

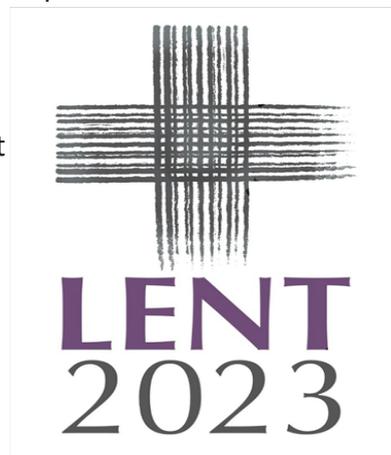
And not least that desire for more of
Jesus.

As we travel, shape our souls by your Spirit

And inspire our living by your Word.

We pray in Jesus' name,

Amen



Muthill Monday Club

The Club was formed in 2013 with the idea of providing activities and outings for older members of the community and to encourage community spirit and social interaction.

All members of the Club have an equal say in the planning of activities and purchase of equipment. The members meet every week from 1-3pm in the

smaller hall of the Village Hall, off Willoughby Street, with the exception of one Monday each month when we have access to "Bertie", the Strathcare bus for shopping trips or outings.



Our activities currently range from illustrated talks, film shows, card games, indoor curling, bingo, quizzes, and all rounded off with a cup of tea, home baking and a good blether.



The Club has the tradition of celebrating special days such as Burn supper, Christmas party, Halloween (pumpkin lanterns) and St Andrew's Day - also at least one summer outing for example a trip to the Falkirk Wheel.

If you are interested, why not come along to the Village Hall any Monday and join us for a couple of hours. You would be most welcome!

Sheila Knowles

Focus On Our Church Family

In different editions of the Bridge we want to focus on one of the Church Family who is willing to share their journey to faith. In this edition Elaine Wallace has kindly offered to share some of her journey. As many will know, Elaine is our Worship Convener and Chair of the Church Communication Team.



Hello, Sandy has asked if I could write a bit about myself so here goes! I have 3 grown up sons (ages 29, 26, 24) (London, Edinburgh, Dunfermline) I am a 'weegie'* and was brought up in a Christian family with Christian grandparents and great grandparents. So I went to church from a baby and got brought up in Sunday school and Christian Endeavour. It wasn't until I was 13 that I realised that I needed

to make a decision myself on whether I wanted to become a Christian and that is indeed what I exactly did one night in my bed. There was no dramatic change, lights from the sky or anything of that sort. I pretty much carried on as I had done, but with that new assurance that I had made a choice in my life that I was going to follow God and make him no 1.

I was involved in many summer missions and that helped to solidify my faith. At the age of 19 I sadly lost my dad to cancer (Aged 54), I was in my third year of teacher training at Jordanhill College in Glasgow at the time. For such a difficult thing to have happened that could for many have made them turn their back on God, but, because my dad had been such an amazing example of faith to me, there was an assurance that he was with His maker. We have to accept that bad things happen to us as Christians like other people. We have no guarantee of a pain free life, but we do have a God who loves us and cares for us and is there carrying us through our darkest times.

I met and married an American actor who had come over to my church in Inverkeithing (we had moved to Fife just before my Dad died). He and his best friend Rodd with his wife moved to Scotland and were in a drama group that performed in schools and churches throughout the UK in the 90's. You may know Rodd as Spencer in Balamory!!! Yes, I have famous friends. Ha!

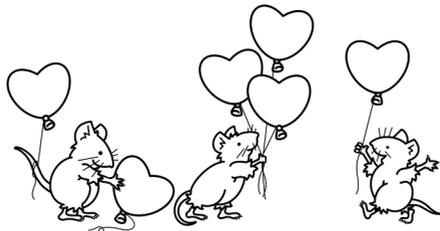
Ha! Marco and I were married for 17 years but sadly things did not work out for us in the long term.



Fast forward a good few years and when I was involved in Passion plays in Dundas Castle and then in Edinburgh Princes Street Gardens at Easter, I came across one Colin Wallace. He was quite a character and we instantly became friends. It was a good few months in that we realised that we both had feelings for each other. We officially got together in December of that year (2015). It was a joke that since 2016 was a leap year then maybe I would ask him to marry

me. In the end it was Colin who proposed on Valentine's Day of all days and since we were planning a small wedding we had picked a date in the start of June. Sadly, however, Colin started to complain of pains in his neck and back and at the start of March he got diagnosed with Cancer. He ended up 4 weeks in the Western and then 4 weeks in St Columba's Hospice (a wonderful place by the way). There were many who said, what is that all about Elaine? You have only just met Colin and now everything is getting taken away, but both Colin and I from the very beginning had an assurance that this was meant to be and that this was in God's plan that we would meet each other and be there for each other. Colin opened my eyes to so many things that had happened and for him, he had someone who was with him in his final months who loved him unconditionally. We actually managed to get married in the end, but sadly Colin passed away later that night. So many lessons were learned in that precious time, but overall the poem footprints comes to mind, that God was there every step of the way carrying me. How special it is for me to have his name and that all of you only know me as Elaine Wallace.

*Native of Glasgow



Christians Together



Have you ever felt a bit discouraged, depressed even, about the shrinking numbers in our churches, the lack of ministers, and the likelihood that none of that will change very soon?

If so, it probably won't surprise you to learn that "you are not alone!" Across the denominations, in the Crieff Muthill area, we all feel the blight

of the same malaise.

That is why, as Christians, we need each other, as never before! In shared fellowship, worship and witness is our strength and witness, and our future.. And when you think back to the small, scattered, persecuted Churches to which Paul wrote in the 1st century A.D, that was their situation also.

.....We don't have a leader like Paul to draw us together, (at least not yet!) but we do have the same Holy Spirit leading us, and working for us.. The movement "Christians Together" is an expression of that working.

....At present there are six Inter-Church Bible Study Groups meeting in the area (details are available in this magazine and from the book stand in church vestibule) You will be very welcome to join any of them. A gathering of these Groups (all other Church members welcome) for praise and worship, was also held at the end of October, the worship being led by Chris White. About 60-70 people attended, and enjoyed an alive, vibrant and enormously encouraging hour of praise and worship. That venture made it plain that there was not only a need, but also a demand. for such get-togethers.

At present therefore, two are planned for 2023, the first on Sunday 26th February, and the second on Sunday May 28th, both to be held at 7.00PM in the St Columba's Church, Main Street, Crieff (Steering Committee Rev. Ann Ballentine, Mrs Vivien Donaldson and Rev. Alex Mitchell.)

The worship will again be led by Chris White; tea and coffee will be provided from 7.00 to 7.30PM with worship following until 8.30PM. We do hope you will join us for these gatherings..

There will also be an Easter Celebration in McCrosty Park, Crieff on Easter Day, followed by breakfast at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, and a Service of “Lessons and Carols” in the lead up to Christmas, organised by Crieff Parish Church.

Yes - the trends in society and in the Church, are discouraging, but the Risen Christ reigns in Heaven & Earth. The Church is His Church and The Holy Spirit is always at work among His people.

So let us go forward together in anticipation and faith, looking for the new things He will do among us, and watching for the fresh expression of His power, majesty and love which we will surely experience in the days ahead.

Ann Ballentine

*The listing of House groups is on the next page.



Summer Evening, Muthill by J. Lawton Wingate

Thanks to Alister Sinclair who posted this old photo on The Muthill past and present facebook page. It's show the approach to Muthill from Braco without Viewfield Garage (Sweeney's).

Inter-Church Bible Study House Groups

Within Crieff and Muthill there are currently six Inter-Church Bible Study House Groups meeting at the times and locations detailed below. These groups provide unique opportunities for fellowship, learning and mutual encouragement for all who want to grow in their faith and discipleship.

You are encouraged to link up with one of these groups. You will be made welcome at any of them.

There is also a joint meeting for worship and fellowship to encourage and strengthen each other. The House Group Meetings details are :

Host: Mrs Vivian Donaldson

Contact: Tel: [01764 680906](tel:01764680906) Email: vm_don@hotmail.co.uk

Venue: 6 Hazel Avenue, Crieff PH7 3EK

Time: Weekly on Tuesdays from 7.00pm-8.30pm

Mixed: Men and Women

Host: Rev. Alex Mitchell

Contact: Tel:01764655241

Email: alex.mitchell6@btopenworld.com

Venue: Bruce Hall, Muthill Parish Church

Time: Weekly on Tuesdays from 11.00am-12.30pm

Mixed: Men and Women

Host: Mrs Tina Panton

Contact: Tel: 01764 655337 Email: tinapanton@googlemail.com

Venue: 30 Sky Crescent, Crieff PH7 3FB

Time: Weekly on Wednesdays 10.30am-12.00noon

Mixed: Men and Women

Host: Rev. Ann Ballentine

Contact: Tel.01764 652567 Email: annmballentine@gmail.com

Venue: 17 Nellfield Road, Crieff PH7 3DU

Time: Fortnightly on Wednesdays at 12 noon

Mixed: Ladies in attendance so far but we live in hope

Host: Dr Anne Jarvie

Contact: Tel: 01764 652067 Email: annejarvie7@gmail.com

Venue: Oakwood, 13 Macrosty Gardens, Crieff PH7 4LP

Time: Fortnightly on Wednesdays 10.30am-12.30pm

Mixed: Ladies in attendance so far

Host: Mr Sandy Hutchison

Contact: 07825544225 Email: macahiph@gmail.com

Venue: Greenbrae West, Pitkellony Street, Muthill

Time: Fortnightly on Tuesdays at 7.30pm

Mixed: Men and Women

Coming soon to a street near you!

Street golf



The above cartoon probably reflects many of the potholes we all have experienced but no need to be anxious for this year's **Inter-Church Golf Event**, will be held at Muthill Golf Course on **9th July starting at 2pm** with a meal at the close of the competition. As per last year the competition will take the form of a Texas Scramble with a team of four drawn for the day. Ardoch, Blackford and Muthill churches were represented last year. It is hoped to extend participation this year by including people from Dunblane. It is a fun afternoon of golf and fellowship with people from neighbouring churches. So golfers, whether you are good or bad put the date in your diary, and contact Alex Mitchell if you are interested in this future event.

What It Means To Be A Member Of A House Group

An interview with Carolyn Carmichael a member of the Muthill House Group 2



Give us some background to your faith and membership of Muthill Parish Church?

Since I've been very young I've always had strong faith and a feeling of being "taken care of", all things for a reason and what I now call **Godincidence**.

After leaving home and starting out in adult life I never lost faith but did not attend church very often. However, on starting a family I felt the need to get back to attending church and became a member of Muthill Parish Church in April 1992. Ruairaidh and Freya were christened there and Freya is a member of Muthill Parish Church too.

You are a member of the newest House Group in Muthill Parish Church. What made you decide to join it and what did you hope it would achieve for you ?

I missed attending a bible study group, due to work then volunteering. I was unable to attend the Tuesday morning group I had enjoyed for some time. I spotted the slide in the intimations about HG2 and the night time and venue suited to a tee. I hoped I could continue learning more about the meaning of the word given in the Bible whilst getting together with like-minded folks getting to know them better too.

You meet fortnightly and have just completed the Bible Course. How have you found it so far and any comments to make on the group sessions to date?

The Bible Course we covered was great, breaking down and making more sense of each book and sections of the Bible. Each meeting we watch a video and further discuss topics raised during the video session. There are also booklets and suggested readings prior to each session.

I must also say that Sandy's hospitality has been quite fantastic and we start with a lovely wee singing session too now, accompanied by Elaine on the guitar.

Do you feel that you are achieving any of your expectations and hopes?

I would say that we have surpassed my expectations and the hopes I had on attending HG2. I take away so much from each session. It has been a very positive experience for me personally.

Has it made you want to be a more involved with the church family of Muthill Parish Church?

I have been involved in various ways within the church family (I surprised myself when I started thinking about it and writing a list haha!). I would say a lot of that stems from attending our original Bible Study Group. Attending the groups allows you get to know everyone better as individuals and they get to know you and through that we learn what we can offer to do as members.

Would you recommend anyone to join a House Group?

I wholeheartedly recommend that you should join a House Group on both a theological and social level developing new life-long friendships through fellowship.



Any other comments you would like to make for the readers of the Bridge?

Learn from Peter 4 :8-10

Carolyn Carmichael

Kirk And Village News

Church Accounts

The draft accounts for the year ending 31st December 2022 have been prepared and presented to the Kirk Session with a couple of details awaited from 121 George Street. Once received, they will be prepared in the required format for OSCAR submission and a full report will appear in the next edition of the Bridge.

The Kirk Session and the Bridge record their thanks to Sandy Birnie, our Finance Convener, for undertaking this important annual task.

Property Matters

Since the last edition of the Bridge, work has been completed on the cleaning of the church gutters. Testing of the electrical system has also been undertaken and a new external church noticeboard should be erected during February. Some repair work has been done on the manse. The Spring Clean undertaken in the church was very worthwhile in clearing out much unneeded storage in the church building. Many thanks to all who helped.

Presbytery Plan

As many will know the Presbytery Plan prepared by the Perth Presbytery was rejected by Church of Scotland Headquarters at 121 George Street, Edinburgh, and has been referred back for revision. The newly constituted enlarged Perth Presbytery is currently undertaking this. It is hoped the revised plan will be approved at the next Presbytery meeting in March. The proposed link between Muthill, Ardoch and Blackford is not affected by the current review.

Warm Space

The Warm Space and soup and sandwich lunch arrangement is continuing every Wednesday between 10am-2pm. It is proving a worthwhile outreach to the village community with over 20 persons attending each session. Thanks are due to Helen-May Bayne, our Session Clerk, and the lunch helpers for all their good work in organising this programme.

Kirk Roll

The Kirk Roll currently stands at 189. During 2022 there were 6 deaths and 7 requests for transfer lines.

Live Broadcasting:



The scene depicted in photo below is typical of the service we currently provide to one or two of our church family who are unable to join us for Sunday worship because they are housebound. Recording our worship services enables us to provide screening at home by DVD and also online from the church website, usually available from the Sunday afternoon, thanks to the wonderful work of Joe Knowles. This services is now being further upgraded with the installation of internet in the Church. Testing is already under way and this will shortly then enable us to provide live broadcasts, which will bring our church family together at the same time for worship.

New Rector For St James



We are pleased to note that Rev. Duncan Strathie has been appointed as Rector of the linked charge of St Kessog's, Auchterarder and St James Muthill. (Our Neighbouring Church)

In his capacity as Rector, Duncan will be spending at least one day a week in Muthill so we look forward to developing a close relationship with him. He will be instituted as Rector at the end of March 2023 in time for Holy Week and Easter and will be joined by his wife Katrina. He has been vicar of Moseley in the city of Birmingham for the past 7 years.

Muthill Community Forum

The Muthill Community Forum, comprising all the community organisations of the village including Muthill Parish Church and which is represented on our behalf by Willie Bell and Joe Knowles has received a grant of some £60,000 to be used by the end of March 2023 in furthering the cause of a new village hall. They have already around £238,000 in funds available for this project from the sale of the old Museum and the old Recreation Hall including the grant and various other donations. The Forum has appointed architects, Anderson Bell and Christie to undertake a feasibility study into current possible solutions and details of the church redevelopment plan prepared a few years ago have been submitted to them as one possibility to be considered. The Forum has also agreed to hold two public consultations with village residents later in February and in March and details of these meetings will be publicised nearer the date. (See page 20)

The Forum had also agreed to appoint a fundraiser.

Across Strathearn Memorial Project

Many will remember the days when there were train stations at



Crieff, Highlandman and Muthill. The branch between Perth and Balquidder with the junction at Crieff and the branch off to Gleneagles, served upper Strathearn for over 100 years. It was due to the railway that Crieff and Upper Strathearn began to develop generally

from weaving communities to a health and tourist resort, resulting in the building of the Hydro and preceded by the building of Morrison's Academy. It, therefore, has been felt appropriate that there should be a proper memorial to mark the railways and their impact on the area and so the Trains AcrossStrathearn Memorial Project has been formed.

Found In An Old Recipe Book

In Passing

As you pass this little church, be sure to plan a visit
So when at last you're carried in, God won't ask "Who is it?"

Muthill Community Hub

A new asset and a new plan for Muthill

- **Consultation Event 1
(In Person)**
Monday 20th February
Location: Muthill Village Hall
Time: 3-5pm/ 7-8.30pm
- **Digital Drop-in**
Wednesday 22nd February
Link: <https://rb.gy/m0zlgq>
Time: 6 -7 pm
1hr online event for those that can't attend in person on the day. You can join a digital room via the link and a host will help you to add your views via a digital message board.
- **Consultation Event 2
(In Person)**
Friday 17th March
Location: Muthill Village Hall
Time: 3-5pm/ 7-8.30pm



The Muthill Community Forum are working to create a plan for the future of the village and part of that is finding a vision for a new community facility. By building on the good things in our community, we want to make it an even greater place to live, work, play and visit.

We want to hear your views about what the priorities should be for Muthill and to set out a future for a new facility as part of that vision. What you tell us will help to plan the things that happen here and which will make a direct difference to you, your family and neighbours. Find out more on www.muthillvillagestrust.org



Before the events you can fill out our online survey which is live until 17/03/23 Or you can find a paper copy at the consultation events. We look forward to hearing from you!
https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Muthill_Survey

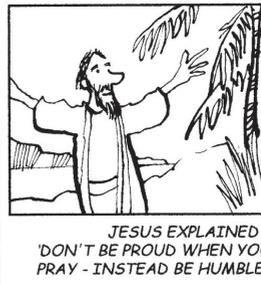
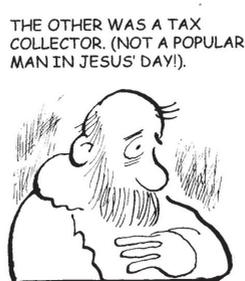
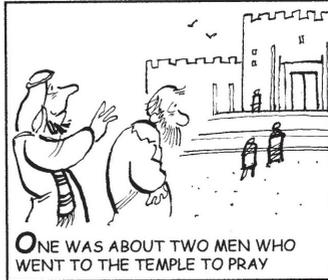


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Picture Parable

The
Tale of the
**TWO MEN
SAYING
THEIR
PRAYERS**



How To Avoid Being Scammed

The following information has been taken from guidance issued by the BBC's *Rip Off Britain* Team. It is available from their online pages through bbc.co.uk or their Facebook page but it was thought helpful to publish it here in case you missed it.

How Can I tell a scam text from a genuine text message?

- Don't panic.
- It's natural to think you have to reply straight away but think about it first.
- Take some time to look at the message closely.

A good place to start is looking for the following signs that indicate the message may be a scam:

- Unknown numbers.
- Requests for payment or payment details.
- "Urgent" requests.
- Carefully examine website link and check for any characters out of place.
- Spelling or grammatical errors.

Fraudsters are finding ways around some of these indicators, including "spoofing". This is where fraudsters use identity masking technology to change the name or number that is displayed as the sender. This can make it look like the text has come from your bank's number or from an organisation like NHS or GOV.Uk. So even if it looks like the text has come from a legitimate source, you still need you still need to take it with a pinch of salt.

If in doubt, contact the company or organisation you think sent the text and ask if it's genuine. Look online for a number for them – don't try to call the number the text came from.

Some organisations and companies have information on their website about how they will contact customers or users.

What do I do if it turns out the message is a scam?

- Don't reply to a scam text. It informs the scammers your number is active and you could be bombarded with more scam messages
- Do not click on any links, even if they look genuine. Clicking a link could result in malware being downloaded onto your phone that compromises your data.
- Do not share personal or banking information.
- You can report the scam text by forwarding it to 7726, which is a free reporting service provided by the phone operators. This information can then be used by your provider to investigate the origin of the text message and arrange to block or ban the sender.

I've replied to scam text. What should I do?

- If you've shared your banking details, you should contact your bank immediately.
- If you've shared your password, change the passwords on any of your accounts which use the same password.
- If you have lost money, tell your bank and report it as a crime to **Police Scotland**.

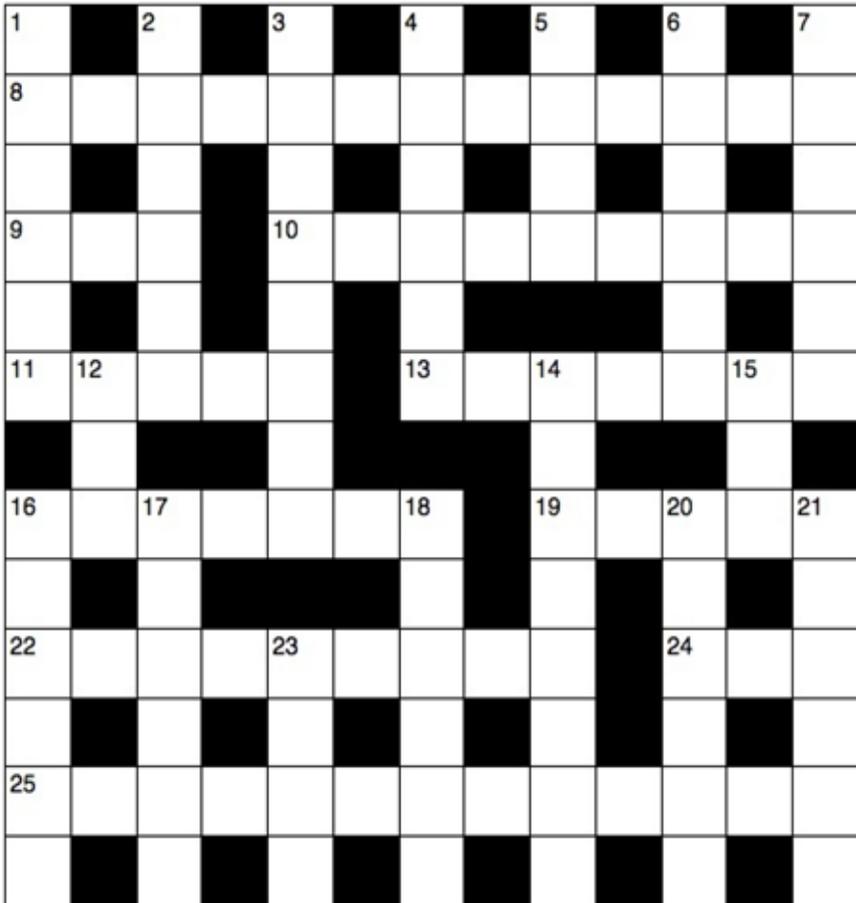
Lastly remember the following:

- The key message is to be really suspicious about any message that you get out of the blue
- Scams and threats don't just apply to text messages but other messaging services such as Whatsapp and Facebook Messenger.

Be extra vigilant for "Hi Mum and Dad" scam messages where they impersonate a family member, particularly adult children, in order to ask for money. If you receive a message like this don't be tempted to transfer money immediately, enquire further by asking who specifically it is by name and by calling them or asking for a voice note.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0dx2qd2/p0dx30px>

Crossword



Across

8 Interrogated (Acts 12:19) (5-8)

9 'Burn it in a wood fire on the — heap' (Leviticus 4:12) (3)

10 Tobit, Judith, Baruch and the books of Esdras and the Maccabees are part of it (9)

11 Science fiction (abbrev.) (3-2)

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- 13 Clay pit (anag.) (7)
16 Went to (John 4:46) (7)
19 'Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to — your bodies as living sacrifices' (Romans 12:1) (5)
22 David's plea to God concerning those referred to in 14 Down: 'On — — let them escape' (Psalm 56:7) (2,7)
24 Royal Automobile Club (1,1,1) 25 How the book of Ezekiel refers to God more than 200 times (Ezekiel 2:4) (9,4) 24 Precious stone decorating the twelfth foundation of the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (8)
25 'Will you keep to the old path that evil men have — ?' (Job 22:15) (4)

Down

- 1 Seas (Proverbs 8:24) (6)
2 One of the sons of Eli the priest, killed in battle by the Philistines (1 Samuel 4:11) (6)
3 Specialist in the study of the Muslim religion (8)
4 'Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but — him as if he were your father' (1 Timothy 5:1) (6)
5 One of Esau's grandsons (Genesis 36:11) (4)
6 Taking a chance (colloq.) (2,4)
7 God's instructions to the Israelites concerning grain offerings: ' — salt to — your offerings' (Leviticus 2:13) (3,3)
12 Confederation of British Industry (1,1,1)
14 'All day long they twist my words; they are always — to harm me' (Psalm 56:5) (8)
15 The crowd's reaction to Jesus bringing back to life a widow's son in Nain (Luke 7:16) (3)
16 Disappear (Psalm 104:35) (6)
17 How Jeremiah was likely to die if he wasn't rescued from the cistern where he was imprisoned (Jeremiah 38:9) (6)
18 What the prophets do to a wall, with whitewash (Ezekiel 13:10, RSV) (4,2)
20 Made by a plough (Job 39:10) (6)
21 Noah was relieved when the flood waters continued to — (Genesis 8:5) (6)
23 Jesus gave the Twelve the power and authority to do this to diseases (Luke 9:1) (4)

Editor's Note

The next publication of the magazine will be our Easter Springtime edition. It will be published for Sunday 9th April (Easter Sunday). The deadline for receipt of articles, letters and other information will be Friday 31st March. Please submit to macahiph@gmail.com or send to Sandy Hutchison, Greenbrae West, Pitkellony Street, Muthill, Crieff PH5 2AF.

Please also understand that anything submitted will be subject to possible adjustment to suit the balance of the magazine's content and its physical size. If space does not permit, submissions will be considered for the next edition.

Crossword Solution:

ACROSS:

8, Cross-examined. 9, Ash. 10, Apocrypha. 11, Sci-fi. 13, Typical. 16, Visited. 19, Offer. 22, No account. 24, RAC. 25, Sovereign Lord

DOWN:

1, Oceans. 2, Hophni. 3, Islamist. 4, Exhort. 5, Omar. 6, On spec. 7, Add all. 12, CBI. 14, Plotting. 15, Awe. 16, Vanish. 17, Starve. 18, Daub it. 20, Furrow. 21, Recede. 23, Cure.

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Muthill Parish Church

aims to be

A place to find peace and welcome

A people growing in Christian faith and love

A presence at the heart and soul of the community

Trinity Gask and Kinkell Church

aims to maintain our warm worship, close community and an open door

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