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The Spirit of Easter

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Fond Farewell

On Sunday 27th February, Muthill Parish Church sadly said farewell to Klaus on his retirement as our Minister after eight and a half years' service and also to Maureen who had contributed much to congregational life in her own right as well as being a supportive minister's wife.

A retirement service is always a solemn occasion tinged with emotion but this was also a celebration of service well completed and of 38 years in ministry. Starting from the very beginning, it was joyful with a wonderful Jubilate introit from the Singing Group to which Klaus responded with a humorous quip "at least it wasn't a 'Hallelujah'". The worship was full of well-chosen hymns and relevant prayers and Klaus' message was, as always, clear and instructive. Using Paul's farewell message from Acts 20 to the Elders of the Church in Ephesus he drew some similarities to the position of Muthill at the start of a vacancy where the nature of the outcome was still uncertain and, in particular, he stressed the importance of Elders keeping watch over their flock and how prayer was the primary way of doing this.

After the service, there was a special retirement presentation to Klaus in which Helen-May, as Session Clerk, gave a heartfelt warm message of thanks and good wishes, saying that he was leaving the congregation in good heart and going forward in faith. Then to conclude the morning a light lunch was laid on by Sheena Plummer and her helpers, thus completing a very special occasion for Church, old friends and family.

A Message from Klaus in Letham

We are now a few weeks into retirement and still unpacking boxes and finding homes for things. I mainly wanted to thank you for your kind and generous gifts from both congregations at my last service. The money will probably be invested in the garden which needs a lot of work but has great potential. We hope that if you are ever in the Letham area you will visit. Our address is 55 Duncan Road, Letham, Forfar, DD8 2PN. We don't have a landline yet, but you can always contact me on my mobile 07519756437.

Klaus and Maureen.



A Message From Our Interim Moderator

Hello,

As your Interim Moderator I just wanted to say how delighted I am to be on this journey with you all as we take time to get to know one another and start to work through the Presbytery Plan. It was really lovely to be with you all on Sunday 20th March and we have already had our first Kirk Session meeting. I look forward to getting to know many more of you .In the meantime let me leave you with my Easter message.

I am sure you all have a favourite season during the year that you look forward to. I certainly do. My favourite season is autumn for so many reasons. It is a season that I truly indulge in and feel fully alive in. I wonder if you have ever thought about your Christian season - that is the season in our Christian calendar you associate most with.

Which season in the Christian calendar do you feel fully alive in Christ? For me, it has to be the season of Lent and Easter. This is the time I feel closer and most connected with Christ as I journey to the foot of the cross with Him; sometimes by my side, sometimes pushing from behind, sometime walking on in front for me to follow. But perhaps the times I like best are the ones when He holds me so tightly I can feel His breath .

You will never experience a greater love than that of Christ, who for our sin was prepared to hang, suffer and die on a cross and rise again for our salvation!!

Are you ready to accept that love and journey with Christ this Lent and Easter?

I can promise that if you do, you will never be the same again

God Bless,

Rev Mairi (Telephone 01786 880948)



Caring For Each Other

During this time without our own minister it's important that we know of those who are ill in hospital or at home and those who are going through difficult times so that we can visit and support them. If you are aware of someone you think needs any kind of support please either let our Interim Moderator, Rev Mairi Perkins, or myself know. I would rather a few folk told me about the same person rather than everyone assuming that someone else has told me.

Helen-May Bayne

10:00hr Family Service

The 10:00 Family Services are planned for the 1st Sunday of the month in the Bruce Hall where we have refreshments and a light snack, contemporary worship, prayer, a Bible Story, a scientific experiment, craft and a biblical application. However, we transferred our January Service to Sunday afternoon 9th January for the first Christmas Party in two years. Once again Covid put an end to it but we were in for a big surprise.

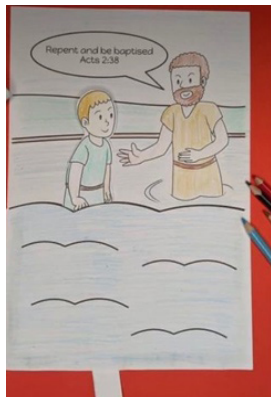
In February at our first family service of 2022 two new families attended.

We were learning about John the Baptist preparing the way for Jesus by calling the people to turn from their sins and be baptised.

The older children discussed how many uses of water were mentioned in the Bible while the younger ones made a moving picture of John baptising.

At the March service another new family joined us taking the total number of children up to 20. We were delighted to have Klaus and Maureen join us as we learned about Jesus calling his disciples. Below are paper

disciple dolls the younger children made while the older ones were talking about people they knew who followed Jesus today. After the service the families helped Klaus and Peter plant the commemorative tree.



The Christmas party eventually happened in March on a wider Biblical Theme with party food, games, quiz, lots of laughter and chat.

Thank you everyone who has supported our Family Services by prayer, popping in or helping.

Liz Mitchell

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mark 16:1-8, John 20:1-18

Jesus' tomb had been sealed with a large stone. Very early Sunday morning, some of Jesus' friends went to put spices on his body.

How will we move the stone from the entrance?



But when they got there...

the stone had been moved and the tomb was empty... except for an angel.



Don't be afraid! God raised Jesus to life and he isn't here. Go and tell the disciples.



They fled to tell the others...



but they didn't believe them.

Peter and John ran to the tomb to look.



They saw the tomb was empty and only the cloths that Jesus' body had been wrapped in lying there. So they went back to tell the others.

Mary Magdalene stayed by the tomb, crying. She didn't understand that Jesus was no longer dead. When she looked in the tomb there were 2 angels.

Why are you crying?



I don't know where his body is!

Someone behind her asked

Who are you looking for?



Have you taken his body?



Then she recognised Jesus!

Teacher!



Don't cling on to me - I can't stay now. Go and tell my disciples I am alive.

So Mary went back and told the others the amazing news!

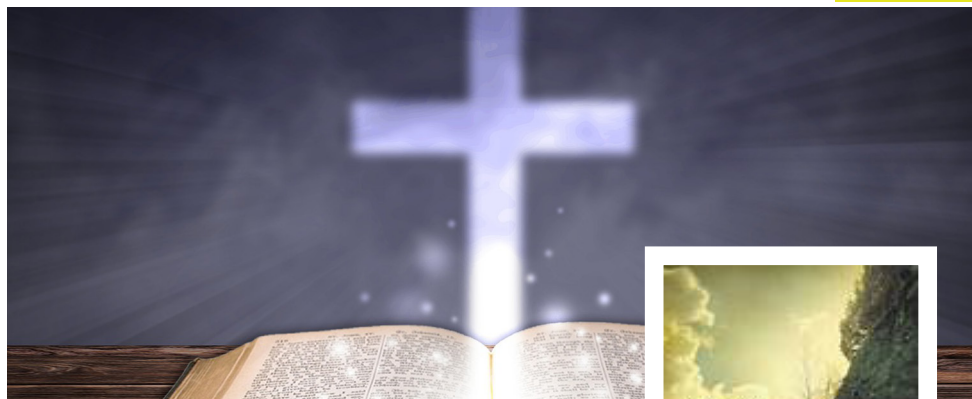


Thinking of the Spirit of Easter

In the last edition of the Bridge, I recommended a biblical scholar and writer I like very much because her books are short, not over theological and relatively easy to digest. I also like them because they give me greater clarity on the key pillars of my faith. The Lent book which I highlighted last time I value as I find Lent a difficult period to approach, and I have certainly found that it has made me reflect more deeply on issues of life and faith. The difficulty, however, is that if you are like me you can arrive at Easter Day at which point you stop thinking and reflecting and carry on as before. As the cover page of Paula Gooder's Easter book on "The Risen Existence" claims, all too often this results in our celebration of Easter, the high point of the church's year with the resurrection, being an anti-climax.

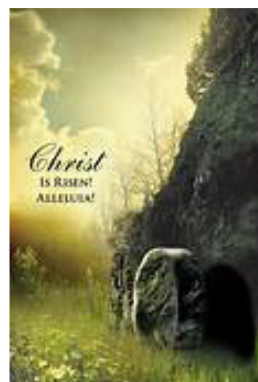
I want to recommend this further book of Paula's as it helpfully takes you on a journey from Easter to Ascension Day and Pentecost exploring the themes of Easter, in the four Gospels, Acts and the Epistles and encourages you to think more deeply and seriously about what the resurrection means for you and for the way in which you live your life today. In the epilogue to the book, Paula recounts a question her daughter asked, namely, "How does Jesus make us real?" "Does he draw us first and then colour us in?" I love this query for, as Paula states, after reading the book, you will for sure agree that this is a wonderful description of the resurrection life. First Jesus draws us, both in the sense of drawing us to him but also in the sense of recreating and refiguring us anew into a Christ-like existence; he then proceeds to colour us in. Our continued life is the way in which he





colours us in not just for our own benefit but for the whole of creation.

On that journey depicted in the book, Paula reflects on the differences that Mark, Mathew, Luke and John place in their accounts of the death, resurrection, ascension of Jesus and the coming of the Holy Spirit and points out that whilst they are separate events they are closely interwoven and should not be separated too far from each other. And from the Epistles she concludes that it is not possible to say that the resurrection of Christ is a historical event which has little or no impact of our lives today. Christ's risen existence should transform us and our lives and the only response is to live differently, to live lives infused by resurrection values of reconciliation, freedom and hope. And finally, on the Ascension and Pentecost, she explores how the Ascension opens up a space which required the disciples to act and how the coming of the Holy Spirit gave them the ability to do so. She concludes that the Spirit continues to explode into our lives just as it did with the early disciples, and must transform us and help us to be the people that God wants us to be.



Another good read which doesn't overpower but which gives meaningful guidance as to where we should stand as Christians in regard to the Spirit of Easter!

Facing the Future in Faith

Whatever the final Church structure we find ourselves in after the Presbytery consults and decides on its interim proposals, it is more than likely that we are moving towards wider groupings of churches and team ministry in one shape or another. In some ways this sounds daunting and unnerving as we have been accustomed for so many years to the concept of a parish and having our own minister. And we all know that change, in whatever form, is never an entirely comfortable experience and the older we get the more we find this difficult to accept. I would, therefore, like to share helpful historical perspective given by Dr John Young, Liberton Kirk, Edinburgh.

“When the Gospel was first brought to Scotland by St Ninian and then by St Columba and the monks of Iona, their strategy was a simple one. They went to a place of God’s leading, and there they established a centre for



mission...a Christian community where there was regular worship, teaching, training and service to the local people. The community would, in turn, then send out missionaries of its own to establish ‘satellite’ mission stations. And so the cycle would repeat itself, resulting in... a community of congregations who saw themselves linked to each other, where ministry was shared and everyone did mission together. This organic way of doing church (not that different from that of the early Christians) was very successful. It resulted in the Gospel spreading throughout Scotland, through England and across Northern Europe. One of the reasons for its success was that it was well

suited to the 'pre- Christian era' they were living in, where nothing was taken for granted and everything was dependent on God's guidance and provisioning.

During the 'Christian era' that followed, our model of mission changed. The church became a well organised institution, with centralised structures and clear rules, divisions and roles of leadership. This became the Church of Scotland that we are familiar with today and it is an organisation that has worked well down through the centuries.

One of the main reasons for its success, however, has been that we could rely on Christianity being the recognised religion of Scottish Society. In our lifetime, however, a big change has been taking place. With the rise of secularism, we now find ourselves living in a 'post-Christian era', where our faith is becoming marginalised and our church no longer has a place at the table. With this change has come the recognition that the model of mission we are familiar with is no longer working so well, and we need to find a new way of doing things. The Church has considered and consulted on this over the past year and proposals have been prepared.

In many ways what is exciting about this is that it seems to be going back to the model that was so successful in the 'pre-Christian era'. Rather than individual congregations standing alone, there is a move towards bigger congregations supporting smaller ones within a local area. Instead of being different parishes with clear boundaries and our own ministers leading us we are being asked to consider becoming one united parish. In other words, that we become...a community of congregations linked to each other, where ministry is shared and we all do mission together. This model may sound very new, but it is actually very old and most modern thinkers in the wider Church of Scotland feel it is one more suited to a 'post-Christian' Society".

We need to pray for the Presbytery of Perth and our local churches in Strathearn as we continue to explore what this might mean for us in the years to come.

Editor

Men's Clubs



In today's world it seems contrary to prevailing social norms to be writing about the concept of a men's club, but in many churches there is not a suitable outlet for men to meet and talk and do men's things. The Women's Guild is now The Guild and this continues to be a great service organ of the Church of Scotland, but, in most churches with Guilds there has not been much success in attracting men. There is, therefore, somewhat of a vacuum in terms of meaningful fellowship for men and particularly older men who have time and often valuable experience to give of their time usefully.



In the wider secular world, Men's Sheds have been created to fill this vacuum and, within the Strathearn area, there is a successful Men's Shed based in Comrie at the old Cultybraggan Camp. As its mission states, the Men's Shed



is a registered charity designed to support adults over 18, offering a friendly environment where they can interact with and enjoy their hobbies with other like-minded individuals, teach and learn from each other and offer support to members' needs. I know a neighbour in Muthill who travels regularly to enjoy its facilities which include equipment and supplies for making things, games or just the opportunity to chat over a cup of tea. It fills an important space in his life and he raves about the facilities and the expertise that is readily available there. It has given him new interest and friendships.

In church settings, similar initiatives have been tried and have been successful in the form of Breakfast Clubs, lunch clubs with speakers, or even in the form of Artisan Clubs which enable men of church to use their skills in providing simple support services to the elderly and housebound of the congregation or the community, such as replacing light bulbs, doing a spot of painting, cleaning or even providing IT tuition to people or providing a repair service for laptops. In one case known to myself it has resulted in the development and maintenance of a landscaped church garden with a well-equipped garden shed, patio and BarBQ facilities.

Where such initiatives exist, the feedback is more often than not that they can be very stimulating of fellowship amongst the men of a congregation and often provide ready opportunities for Christian service within the community just as church cafes increasingly do.

In the case of Muthill could this, be a valuable addition to our congregational life? I wonder what you think?

Sandy Hutchison

Towards Team Ministries ?

Perth Presbytery has published its Interim Presbytery Plan and is now out to consultation with individual churches on its content and proposals. It will involve organisational change for all congregations as the Church of Scotland is not only facing a reduction in the number of ministry posts, but its general finances also require it to review the



number of facilities used for worship and mission across the country. As the report states, there needs to be new emphasis on mission and a suitable structure to support it.

Under Presbytery's Interim Plan, Muthill is placed in Network 9 consisting of Auchterarder, Blackford, Ardoch, Aberuthven and Muthill and Trinity Gask & Kinkell, whilst the other part of the Strathearn valley is in Network 8 and covers Crieff, Comrie & Dundurn and Mid Strathearn. Under the proposals in the Interim Report our Network 9 will have 1.5FTE (full time equivalent) ministries (reduced from 2.4FTE), whilst Network 8 will also have 1.5FTE ministries (reduced from 2.7FTE) both to be agreed by the newly formed networks. This, if accepted, will involve the 1FTE (Parish Minister being based at Auchterarder with the 0.5FTE ministry being based at the newly formed linked/united parish of Ardoch and Blackford and Muthill and Trinity Gask & Kinkell.

It is further proposed that under this arrangement, Auchterarder will become the supervising congregation of Aberuthven Mission Church. Ardoch and Blackford will unite with closure of one building and Muthill and Trinity Gask & Kinkell will unite with closure of Trinity Gask & Kinkell. This means that Muthill Church building will continue as a place of active worship. Finally, Ardoch and Blackford will link/unite with Muthill and Trinity Gask & Kinkell. A new team ministry will thus be formed for the newly formed parishes and for ministry resources to be used creatively

within this network.

The one final important proposal contained in the Interim Plan is that the congregations in Networks 8 and 9 also consider the possibility of forming one large network instead of two with an allocation of 3FTE ministries to cover the entire area.

There will be a meeting with Presbytery to further explain the detailed implications of the proposals to Muthill Kirk Session on 6th April.

The Bridge will have more information on these important proposed changes to our structure as and when further information becomes available. There will also be verbal reports at worship services when decisions are taken.

The Future for Trinity Gask and Kinkell.

The Presbytery of Perth has been asking every congregation to reflect on the plan which was presented recently and explained at the meeting in Perth on 12th February.

The Kirk Session at Trinity Gask and Kinkell discussed it at their last meeting on 22nd February.

The Presbytery suggestion was that Trinity Gask and Kinkell should be united with Muthill and the building closed. This would not necessarily be imminent. The Presbytery wide plan still needs final approval before the end of the year and will then be implemented over the next 5 years.

It was pointed out at the meeting in Perth that buildings that were no longer used but still owned by the congregations would still need to be maintained and insured.

The Kirk Session was well aware of the trend in attendance over a number of years and it is not difficult to project that into the future. That concern prompted Elma and Douglas Crichton a number of years ago to take a letter outlining the situation at the church to every home in the parish. There was a limited response, not nearly enough to secure the future of the congregation.

Reflecting on the Presbytery plan, the situation in the church, and the possible future scenarios, the Kirk Session decided to ask the Presbytery for permission to be dissolved. Every member would then be given their



lines and be invited to join another local church. Many of the members live much nearer churches in Auchterarder, Crieff or Muthill than Trinity Gask. The church would be taken over by the General Trustees who will have responsibility for maintenance, insurance and disposal of the building. Before then, the Kirk Session will be able to determine how to distribute the assets, financial and contents of the church in a fitting way. The parish would be absorbed into neighbouring parishes as the Presbytery redraws boundaries.

We feel this is a mature and realistic response to the situation we face, taking responsibility for our future, before it is imposed on us by any outside body.

It is, of course, a sad day. There has been worship on this site for perhaps over a thousand years, and the present building has been a prominent sight on the hillside for centuries. Many families will see the church as their spiritual home and have many precious memories of significant life events associated with it. For them, the closure of the church will be like a bereavement. Recognising the solemnity of this decision the Kirk Session also had the idea of some kind of event to mark the dissolution.

The next step is that the Presbytery discusses the implications and process with the Kirk Session and if agreed that this is the right way forward it will be incorporated in the Presbytery plan to be presented before the end of the year for implementation as soon as practical thereafter.

Rev K. Buwert

Celebrating Holy Week, Easter and The Lord's Supper

Easter Sunday, this year, will be **Sunday 17th April** when a Family Service will be held in Muthill Parish Church at the usual time of 11.30 am. During Holy Week, there will also be a Good Friday service on **Friday 15th March**. This will also be held in the Church starting at 7pm. Both services will be led by Rev. Alex Mitchell.

A Communion Service celebrating the Lord's Supper will take place on **Sunday 24th April** at 11.30 am. To comply with changing COVID guidance the Kirk Session has decided to continue individually self-served elements for this occasion. Please note this date in your diary as special invitations will not be sent out.

Grass Cutting in Church Grounds

We need a new volunteer or several on a roster to help maintain the grass areas of the Church grounds during the growing season. Bob Robinson who has done this for us in the past wants to step down and so we need to make new arrangements starting as soon as possible. The grass is mainly at the front of the church and there is a small verge round the church buildings. The area involved is not extensive, and in the past, cutting the grass has been done roughly every three weeks during the growing season. The Church possesses a lawn mower and a strimmer. A working party is organised as necessary to do heavier maintenance on the hedgerows and paths in the grounds.

Please help keep our church grounds trim, inviting and appropriate of an active church. If you feel you would like to offer to help in this task, please contact Helen-May Bayne, Session Clerk, whose details appear on Kirk Contacts page

New Communication Team

A new Communications Team has been established to help move forward our Church communication systems. The team consisting of Elaine Wallace (Convener), David McRae, Helen-May Bayne, Joe Knowles and Sandy Hutchison has held its first meeting and its priorities will include expansion of the Church website and making it more user friendly, the establishment of a Church online Community in Facebook, and a general enquiries email address for the church. Consideration will also be given to a Church history leaflet, pigeon holes, welcome desk arrangements at worship services and management of noticeboards.

Tree Planting for Queen's Jubilee Green Canopy



Muthill Parish Church celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by planting a new Cherry Tree on the lawn in front of the Church entrance. The simple ceremony took place on Sunday 6th March after the All Age service and was attended by children and parents from the worship service. Klaus said a few words to mark the solemnity of the occasion and then the children in turn assisted with the planting of the tree.



We are thankful to Peter McIntosh for digging the hole and providing the necessary tools and tree supports for this commemorative new addition to the church garden.

Thanks also to the Kirk Session who made this possible.



"The beauty of trees reminds us of our responsibility to care for God's creation, for each other and for generations to come. It's a fitting tribute to Her Majesty The Queen's seven decades of service, and the trees we plant this year will be a sign of our gratitude and celebration of this remarkable occasion for many decades to come."

Archbishop of Canterbury

Financial Report



What Now?

I ended my Financial Report last year with the words... “there is light at the end of the tunnel”. A bit premature as it happens, for the tunnel has been much longer than anyone had expected.

Looking at the Extract from the Financial Statements for the past year on the opposite page, you will see that there have been some ‘ups and downs’.

Total Ordinary General Income was £41099 compared with £43810 in 2020. This represents a ‘down’ of some £2711. But, on the other hand, our Total Ordinary General Expenditure fell from £41863 to £38924. This also is a ‘down’, but in a good way, so it’s really an ‘up’.

These figures translate into a surplus for the year of £2175 (2020: £1947) another ‘up’ and no mean feat considering the prevailing circumstances.

The past two years have been challenging, to say the least, but the fact that we have come through the period again with a financial surplus proves that we are a viable and sustainable unit of the Church of Scotland. In spite of that, our future looks uncertain and we wait to see what lies ahead; that will be decided by Presbytery... and a much higher Power.

Having said that, now is the time for us to remain strong as a congregation and to demonstrate our support for our church by showing how important it is to us. But there is some good news!

During the past year we have been busy putting our house in order quite literally. We have spent £21000 on major repairs to the church roof and nearly £18000 on a new audio-visual system to improve the quality of our on-line services, thus ensuring that, at home, our building is wind and water-tight, and at the same time reaching out to others further afield.

In the meantime, this expenditure was more than covered by generous donations in the year to our Restoration & Refurbishment Fund, which at the time of writing now stands at a healthy £128237.



Sandy Birnie
Finance Convener

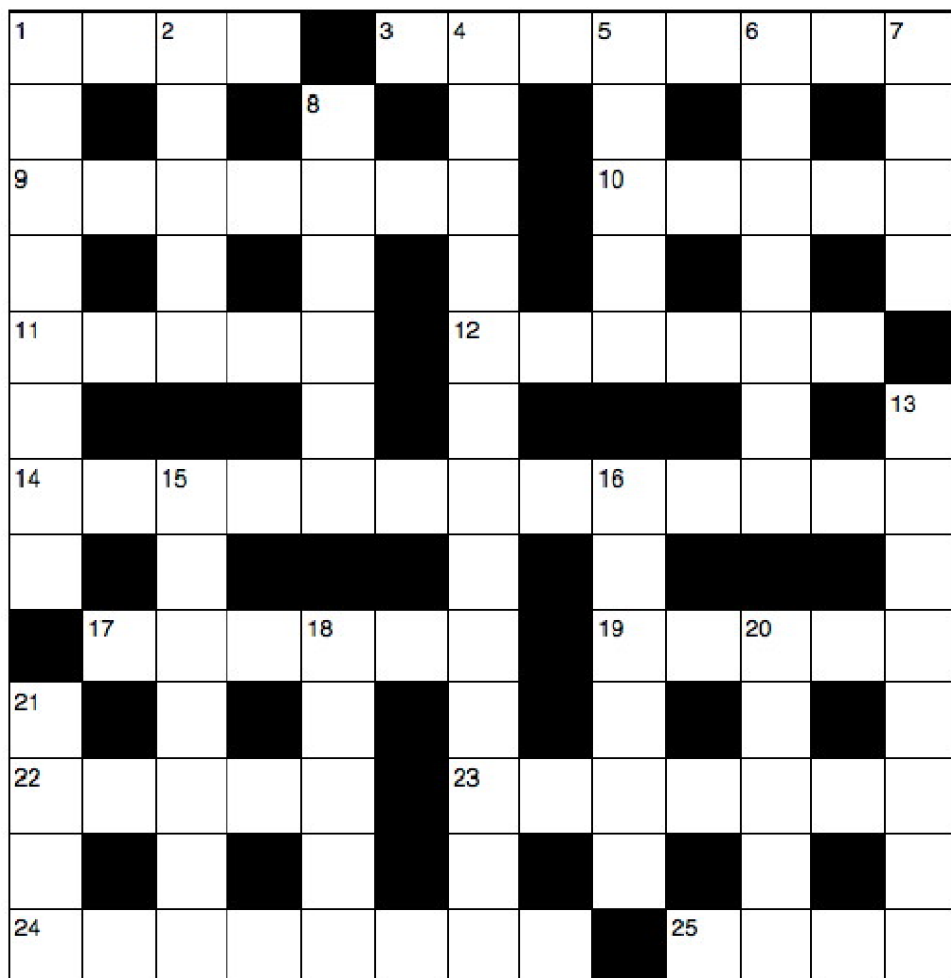
Muthill Parish Church

Extract from Financial Statements for Year ended 31st December 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Income:		
Weekly Freewill Offerings	130	217
Gift Aid Donations	23030	29341
Tax recovered on Gift Aid	6742	8076
Open Plate Offerings	4871	3350
Other Donations	4031	820
Other Income	2295	2006
TOTAL ORD. GEN. INCOME	41099	43810
Expenditure:		
Ministry & Mission Costs	25313	28064
Congregational Costs	13611	13799
TOTAL ORD. GEN. EXPENDITURE	38924	41863
Surplus for year	2175	1947



Bible Crossword



Across

- 1 'The baby in my — leaped for joy' (Luke 1:44) (4) 3 A 'don't know' in matters of faith (8)
 9 In the distant past (Jeremiah 2:20) (4,3)
 10 Armada (1 Kings 10:22) (5)

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- 11 Where Moses was confronted with the burning bush (Exodus 3:1) (5)
- 12 Hair colour indicative of skin infection (Leviticus 13:30) (6)
- 14 'The worries of this life and the — of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful' (Matthew 13:22) (13)
- 17 Expel (2 Kings 13:23) (6)
- 19 What Jesus wrapped round his waist when he washed his disciples' feet (John 13:4) (5)
- 22 The sixth plague to afflict the Egyptians (Exodus 9:9) (5)
- 23 For nine (anag.) (7)
- 24 Where there is no time (Psalm 93:2) (8)
- 25 Goliath's challenge to the Israelite army in the Valley of Elah: 'This day I — the ranks of Israel!' (1 Samuel 17:10) (4)

Down

- 1 'I will become angry with them and forsake them; I — — my face from them' (Deuteronomy 31:17) (4,4)
- 2 Usual description of prophets such as Amos, Hosea, Micah, and so on (5)
- 4 'They cannot see the light of the gospel of the — — — , who is the image of God' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (5,2,6)
- 5 An animal's internal edible parts (Leviticus 4:11) (5)
- 6 Popular 20th-century religious novel by Lloyd C. Douglas, which became a 1953 film starring Richard Burton (3,4)
- 7 'A — on a hill cannot be hidden' (Matthew 5:14) (4)
- 8 One of the exiles, a descendant of Bebai, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:28) (6)
- 13 Old Testament hymn-singing (8)
- 15 'And O what transport of delight from thy pure — floweth' (7)
- 16 Of felt (anag.) (3,3)
- 18 'So — the — sets you free, you will be free indeed' (John 8:36) (2,3)
- 20 Comes between 'bad' and 'worst' (John 5:14) (5)
- 21 'Neither height nor depth... will be — to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (4)

****Crossword solution is on page 27**

Kirk Session Update



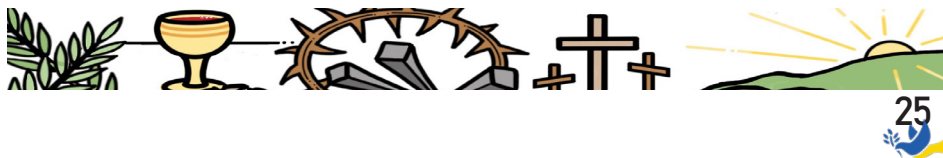
Since our last edition of the magazine, the Kirk Session of Muthill Parish Church has met twice and the following decisions have been taken:

- The Church is entitled to send a commissioner this year to the General Assembly in May. Helen-May Bayne, our Session Clerk, will be representing the church. The Assembly, this year, will be a hybrid event with some commissioners present in person and others by video connection
- On the subject of the Eldership and Pastoral Care, a review of the Kirk Roll is underway and members of the congregation have already been written to, asking them to clarify what sort of connection they wish with the church. Preliminary meetings are also taking place in regard to establishing house groups. Finally, the Session continues to look for a replacement for Isobel Barratt to coordinate pastoral



care visiting.

- Elaine Wallace has been appointed as the new Worship and Communication Convener, whilst Liz Mitchell has agreed to be our Scripture Union Ambassador and Alison Hockly will coordinate our Christian Aid support. With PVG approval, Adrian Donaldson will also be joining the Children's Team. Finally, Elizabeth Boyd has also taken over the Singing Group, following Maureen Buwert's departure..
- Rev Mairi Perkins has been appointed as our Interim Moderator in the vacancy caused by Klaus' retirement. Mairi is the minister of the linked charge of Ardoch Parish Church in Braco and Blackford Parish Church. She was welcomed to the Church and led Sunday Worship on Sunday 20th March.
- On the interim Presbytery Plan, after discussing initial reactions to the Plan, the Kirk Session decided to invite a representative of the Presbytery Development and Planning Committee to meet with the Kirk Session to further discuss and explore the options presented in the Plan. This meeting is likely to take place in April.
- Inez Robinson has indicated her intention to step down from the role of Presbytery Elder. She will be replaced by Graham Donaldson in due course.
- The Accounts for 2020/2021 were presented and approved. They have now been lodged with 121 George Street in the required OSCR format. General Funds are currently in a healthy State. An article on the accounts appears in this edition of the magazine. A Donation was also agreed from the Anderson Trust of £1000 to the Church of Scotland Ukraine Appeal
- Some property repairs have been done in both the church and the manse. It has been approved that the manse will be let during the vacancy and a new tenant should be in occupation by the end of March. In the church, repairs have been undertaken to some guttering and the water system and a new Ramsay ladder should be installed in the tower by the beginning of April.
- The Kirk Session has approved the purchase of a new clavinova for church worship.
- The Kirk Roll stands at 205.



SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCH

COME AND JOIN US FOR SOME
HOMEMADE SOUP AND SANDWICHES

MUTHILL CHURCH HALL
12:30PM

EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY AS BELOW:

- 20TH APRIL
- 4TH MAY, 18TH
- 1ST JUNE, 15TH JUNE, 29TH JUNE

COST
£3

ALL ARE WELCOME AND FEEL FREE
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Muthill Elders Sunday Welcome Duties

May 2022

Sunday 8th : Sandy Bayne, Inez Robinson, Graham Donaldson

Sunday 15th : Jim Cantlie, Irene Foster, Peter McIntosh

Sunday 22nd : Willie Bell, Davina Brown, Charlie Bruce, Edith O'Brien

Sunday 29th : Gregor Elliott, Sheena Plummer, James Thomson

June 2022

Sunday 5th : Sandy Bayne, Inez Robinson, Graham Donaldson

Sunday 12th : Jim Cantlie, Irene Foster, Peter McIntosh

Sunday 19th : Willie Bell, Davina Brown, Charlie Bruce, Edith O'Brien

Sunday 26th : Gregor Elliott, Sheena Plummer, James Thomson



Editor's Note

The next edition of the magazine will be our early Summer edition, which will be published for Sunday 12th June. Articles or other items for publishing in that edition should be with the Editor **not later** than Friday 3rd June. The late Summer edition 2022 will be on 14th August. Please submit any items to macahiph@gmail.com or send to Sandy Hutchison, GreenBrae West, Pitkellony Street, Muthill PH52AF. Please understand that all articles submitted have to be subject to possible adjustment to suit the balance of the magazine's content and its physical confines. If space does not permit, submissions will be considered for the next edition.



A Touch Of Pew Humour



...I wonder if I could have a quick word with the flower arrangers at the end of this service...



"It's not as picturesque as the old steeple but it's saving a fortune in electricity bills!"



The Mission Statements Of Our Linked Churches

There are various definitions of a Mission Statement but in essence a Church Mission Statement is a broad statement, set out in clear and simple terms, which seeks to explain why we exist as a Church and what we hold dear in driving us forward

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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