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Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe that it was only last month we shared in a combined Sunday morning service in Mayfield Salisbury Parish Church and afterwards elected the Nominating Committee – so much has changed since then that it already feels a whole world away!

In the overall scheme of things the hiatus to the vacancy process caused by the lockdown is hardly significant, it's just frustrating that the very real sense of momentum and motivation with which the committee members left church on Sunday 1st March has been disrupted. Disrupted but not diminished! I'm glad to report that they were able to meet in person twice before the lockdown took effect and have met twice since, through the wonders of modern technology. The Parish Profile has been approved by the Kirk Session and uploaded both to the Mayfield Salisbury and to the Church of Scotland website, where the vacancy is also being formally advertised. The current restrictions mean that we cannot yet set a deadline for applications but the committee is working diligently behind the scenes to be ready to take things forward at the earliest possible opportunity. Please keep them in your prayers.

Meanwhile the staff of Mayfield Salisbury have been working away behind the scenes too, proving themselves open to new ways of working and leading worship even when the church building itself must



remain closed. Elsewhere in this edition they tell their own story of their response to these challenging circumstances, but I'm grateful to the whole team for all that they are doing, and for the enthusiasm and imagination with which they are doing it.

There has been added significance this year to the realisation that on the first two occasions when Jesus appeared to his disciples after the resurrection, it was behind locked doors. They had barricaded themselves in for their own safety, for fear of what lay in store for them outside. More than usual in these weeks after Easter we can surely understand something of how they felt. But more than usual too we can appreciate the significance of the peace Jesus brought to them in their confinement and in their uncertainty. 'Peace be with you' were his first words because first and foremost he knew that's what they needed, the peace, the shalom that only he could bring. May you and those whom you love know that same peace in these same weeks after Easter, may his peace be with you indeed.

With all good wishes and every blessing

Neil Gardner

PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral Care during the current lockdown is looking a little bit different as we are being restricted from seeing each other face to face. That doesn't mean that we aren't in touch with each other or are unable to help each other. Sometimes a problem shared is a problem halved.

We are very fortunate to already have a pastoral care structure in place which consists of five Pastoral Care coordinators and a team of Pastoral Visitors, who have been actively involved in phoning, delivering shopping and helping with any other necessity which arrives within our church membership and community.

I would like to thank those of you who are involved in the various phone chains which are operating within our congregation for your diligence, and remind you that if any problems arise to please inform me, even if the issue has been resolved without my input so that we can all learn from it.

In the beginning of the lockdown my emails were awash with people wanting to help and wanting to be given work to do. May I thank you for that and I do hope that I have managed to reply to all of you.

I have probably been unable to offer many of you work to do as I have been using people who are already known to the person that is asking for help. Using our members who are having to isolate to contact people is giving them a sense of purpose and something to do. If I do need help for a particular thing my first

point of call is to those who hold a PVG with Mayfield Salisbury church, ensuring that we work within a good safeguarding practice.

We have 483 people on our roll and we are endeavouring to be in touch with all making sure that all is well, while abiding by the GDPR (data protection) guidelines regarding people's contact details and other private information.

If you have any problems or would like yourself or someone you know to be held in prayer by myself and the team, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Kay

Kay McIntosh, Pastoral Assistant.

STAFF UPDATES

Revd Helen Alexander

Changed days! When I was approached last September to help Mayfield Salisbury during your ministerial vacancy, little did I – or anyone else - think that we'd be in lockdown now.

It's proving a strange sort of Easter tide when the sun shines and nature is at her budding best, and yet we can't come together to celebrate in the way we're used to. Yet the Church throughout the world of which Mayfield Salisbury is an integral part goes on as we explore ways to be creative in keeping in contact with one another. For me, this has meant being inducted into the glories of Zoom, and joining with the Mayfield Salisbury team in devising a form of online worship that we hope will keep us together in these unusually isolating days. We've managed to laugh together even as we entered the minefield of copyright laws from which thankfully we've emerged triumphant and unscathed in the end. As ever, I want to thank everyone for their thoughtfulness, professionalism and constant good humour.

Till we meet again, best wishes.



Kay McIntosh DCS

I was on a week's annual leave to organise my daughter's July wedding when the lockdown occurred. The Church of Scotland ordered the church building to be closed

and advised all clergy to work from home. I have been provided with a letter of authority permitting me to drive from my home into



Edinburgh to carry out important work such as funerals. Cremations and burials are still going ahead but with severe restrictions on attendance, with services streamed live from the crematoriums.

I have gone from sharing an office with William and Hillary to sharing my working space with members of my family in my home.

I am keeping in touch with everyone by the mobile telephone which I have always used (the number is 07903 266 307). Pastoral care continues as before with less face to face contact and more use of technology - telephones, email, messaging and video calling. If I can be of any help to you then please do not hesitate to call.

Kate Pearson

Over the past few weeks I have had the opportunity to learn some audio and video editing skills. The online church service that we have been putting together each week involves some behind-the-scenes digital wizardry you might like to hear about.

I have been recording the accompaniment to hymns on my keyboard at home, and then creating PowerPoint slides with the lyrics, which I then put together using a free video editing software called Kdenlive. On special Sundays we have even been experimenting with adding voices to the hymns, which you may have noticed. To do that, I first record an accompaniment and send it out to our Chamber Group singers, who then sing along at home, recording themselves. After receiving their individual recordings, I assemble their voices together using another free software called Audacity. I was even motivated to try a piece with my brother James, a cellist, and we were able to remotely put together a piece by Brahms for the Good Friday service.

When I sit down to make a recording, my hope is that your spirits may be lifted a little during this difficult time, and that we can still feel, at least a little, that sense of community we are all surely missing.



Walter Thomson

I have so enjoyed the contact with the Ministry team by video conferencing during the period of lockdown to help to plan the on-line services of worship. Getting to grips with new arrangements through technology has been an interesting learning experience. Singing the bass part of hymns with earphones on to listen to the accompaniment while recording in to my mobile has been a curious and chastening experience.



It took several ‘takes’ to produce a result adequate to send back to Kate to use her considerable skills to put together with the other voices. She has managed to produce a result that seems better than the individual parts, certainly judging from the sound of my own efforts!

Similarly, recording the Scripture lesson into a mobile in the livingroom seems so different from reading in the Sanctuary, but it gives an intimate connection with the passage, and it is good to feel that people will listen to it in their own space so that we still congregate together but in a different way.

ROUTINE, ROUTINE, ROUTINE!

We all very much enjoy our daily routines and I am no exception. I like to think (to myself) that I have my routine down to a fine art now, as my 16th year at Mayfield Salisbury Parish Church suddenly approaches. Having just asked the children their opinion on this, the overall view is perhaps not so clear.

My usual daily schedule has suddenly been reversed! The halls are empty, the people are not present (in person), on-site services are cancelled, our beautiful sanctuary lies empty as does, of course, the manse. Slightly gloomy on the face of it! I am often comforted by the regularity of the church bell, still striking hourly with encouragement and it helps to remind me to look and move forward - which I very much do.

So... what to do now that the long-established routine has been classified obsolete or furloughed? make a new one, or perhaps better put, a temporary one. Therefore, during this deferral of our usual business, and in the name of progress, here are some of the tasks which are still carried out day to day at Mayfield Salisbury.

Office Administration. As I type this, I am in the middle of producing the next edition of *Grapevine* which I hope you will all very much enjoy. There have also been the usual mailings, email exchanges, phone calls and a surprising large amount of mail arriving which is then safely distributed as appropriate.

Worship - Online Services. Together, with the other staff, we are putting together the weekly online services. These consist of a downloadable PDF 'order of service' which is similar in format to one produced for our typical summer services.

There is also the facility to listen to the word spoken in familiar voices in videos published on our YouTube page. Tip: if you have a Smart TV, search for Mayfield Salisbury on the YouTube app and our material will appear – no computer or mobile phone required. My task is to collate the material produced by the worship and music staff, putting it together in an attractive format and making it available as described above.

Security. Constant checks to ensure our buildings are safe and secure.

Maintenance. There are always plenty of jobs to be done. The garden benches, fences, shed as well as the manse clothes poles have all been painted anew and I still have many brushes to use. The utilities have to be checked to ensure they are safe and in good working order – although, with the mild weather, I haven't had to worry about pipes freezing this year. **The spire** was due to be surveyed in July... Any volunteers to help with this? I can be



reached on Zoom, Teams, Jisti and JAEE (just about everything else). **Perhaps not.**

Upkeep of grounds. Our beautiful and extensive grounds require much upkeep. Therefore, along with weeding at the church, I am regularly cutting the grass and hedge at both the church and manse to keep them (and me) in shape.

Website. It is important to maintain and renew the church website to keep it fresh,

up-to-date and secure.

So... my new routine is coming along very well. There is always a job to be done somewhere, although I very much look forward to the return of normal activities and welcoming you all back. It won't be forever. Do let me know if I can be of help to you.

William Mearns

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Youth Update



When the church doors closed, I, like others, was wondering how to adjust to this new reality. I've been very grateful that we live in a

technological era that allows me to continue connecting with my young people on virtual platforms. Using the Zoom platform, I'm continuing to hold Youth Group on Sunday evenings for the P6 & P7 and S1 – S6 groups, a Youth Worship service on the last Sunday night of the month, Sunday School groups for our 9-11s and 12-16s and a weekly drop-in session for the S1-S6 group. While we may be limited with what all we can do over Zoom, we've been using our collective creativity to come up with games and

activities that are possible over the screen. We've also had some really great discussions to help us process our thoughts and feelings in the midst of the pandemic, searching for and wondering about the ways in which we are experiencing God during this time. It's been wonderful to connect in this way, and my hope is that we can continue to provide support and encouragement to one another in our faith as we journey with God through this experience.

I asked some of our young people to put together a few short messages or art projects to share with those in our church community which I'd like to share with you here. We have been thinking about everyone as we each face different challenging circumstances. It's a really difficult time, and an important time for our community to support one another. I hope that you can find some encouragement and a smile after reading these messages!

Hillary Leslie



By Emily, aged 9



Family Project – a lockdown bunting project one of our families is working on together at home!

Hello! My name is **Catherine** and I'm 16. I hope you are doing well when you read this and I want you to know that I am thinking of you in this tricky time when it is sometimes hard to find hope. Something positive I have valued recently is the beautiful weather! Even if it is not possible to go outside, I have been enjoying the sunshine by looking out of my window. It is very calming to sit and watch the blue skies. I also want to share with you a bible verse that I love: 'But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.' - Isaiah 40:31

I hope this verse brings you hope in this time so you can find the good in the situation! I am thinking of you and praying for you.

Hi, my name is **Elizabeth** and I am 16. I have been thinking about those of you who are more vulnerable in these frightening weeks. To fill my days I have been reading in my garden and I am planning on doing some painting. I have also been keeping in touch with my friends by video call. It is the school Easter holidays at the moment so fortunately we don't have any work to do at home

yet. I hope that you can find peace and hope in the next few weeks and in this bible verse: Deuteronomy 31:8 says, 'The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.'

Freya - We still believe - Covid-19 changes nothing in belief. 'The church is where ever God's people are trying to live and to spread out the good news of God!' We are still a community.

Lucy - Hope you are well - thinking of you at this difficult time. This week the weather has been lovely, and it has really helped me to be more positive. It feels like everything will be alright when the sun is in the sky! An unexpected thing that happened to me this week is that my friends and I have decided to start a virtual book club. We have selected Oscar Wilde's *The Happy Prince and Other Stories* which I am looking forward to reading. Here is a favourite hopeful bible verse; 'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.' Romans 15:13.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Romans 5: 17 *If, because of one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.*

A long text this morning but a short sermon, partly because I want to encourage as many of you as are able to stay on after the service for the important congregational meeting, and partly because the coincidence of the First Sunday in Lent with St David's Day offers me a great excuse to quote Dylan Thomas, to whose words there's no need to add many of mine.

And death shall have no dominion.
 Dead men naked they shall be one
 With the man in the wind and the
 west moon;
 When their bones are picked clean
 and the clean bones gone,
 They shall have stars at elbow and foot;
 Though they go mad they shall be sane,
 Though they sink through the sea
 they shall rise again;
 Though lovers be lost love shall not;
 And death shall have no dominion.

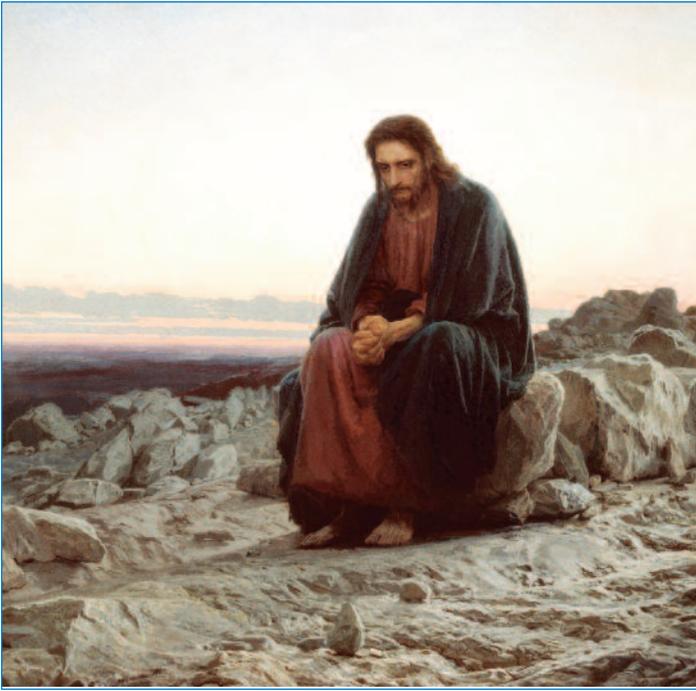
And death shall have no dominion.
 Under the windings of the sea
 They lying long shall not die windily;
 Twisting on racks when sinews give way,
 Strapped to a wheel, yet they shall
 not break;
 Faith in their hands shall snap in two,
 And the unicorn evils run

them through;
 Split all ends up they shan't crack;
 And death shall have no dominion.

And death shall have no dominion.
 No more may gulls cry at their ears
 Or waves break loud on the seashores;
 Where blew a flower may a flower
 no more
 Lift its head to the blows of the rain;
 Though they be mad and dead as nails,
 Heads of the characters
 hammer through daisies;
 Break in the sun till the sun
 breaks down,
 And death shall have no dominion.

If, because of one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Dylan Thomas wrote his vivid and dramatic poem when he was challenged by a friend to write about immortality. He was just 22 years old but already more than half way through his short, tempestuous life, a life every bit as vivid and dramatic as his work. And I can't help feeling that there's something equally vivid and equally



Christ in the Wilderness by Ivan Nikolaevich Kramskoj, 1872

dramatic and equally poetic about the Gospel account of the temptations of Jesus, about the struggle for dominion, for domination, between good and evil, between humility and authority, between power and poverty, between life and death. And death shall have no dominion.

The short and tempestuous life of Jesus of Nazareth can be clearly divided into two very unequal periods. The first thirty years or so when he grew up and lived and learned and worked with the tools of the carpenter's trade, and the last three, when he exercised the ministry for which he was always intended. That period of forty days and forty nights in the wilderness came as Jesus made the transition from one period to the next, and like Churchill's famous description of the Battle of El Alamein and perhaps even a little bit like the

election of a Nominating Committee in a vacancy, it does not mark the end nor even the beginning of the end, but perhaps the end of the beginning. 'He fasted for forty days and forty nights', St Matthew tells us, 'and afterwards he was famished'. But that too was only the end of the beginning.

For it was not until now that the tempter approached him. Not until he was at his lowest ebb, famished, exhausted, confused, dazed by the glaring heat of the desert sun by day and daunted

by the penetrating cold of the darkness that fell like a curtain night after night, not until now did the tempter approach him. And offer a starving man stones turned into bread, angels to support him in their arms, and all the kingdoms of the world if only he would fall down and do him homage. But at every turn Jesus resists temptation. One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Do not put the Lord your God to the test. Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him. Quotations in each case from the Book of Deuteronomy, first formulated centuries before to steer the people of Israel through the many temptations and challenges they faced in the course of their tumultuous journey from slavery towards freedom, and now strengthening Jesus in his own private battle with enslavement.



Jesus Ministered to by Angels by James Tissot, 1894

Though they go mad they shall
be sane,
Though they sink through the
sea they shall rise again;
Twisting on racks when sinews
give way,
Strapped to a wheel, yet they
shall not break;

The medieval imagery of torture seems especially apt, for there is both a physical and a psychological dimension to the suffering of Jesus at this stage, and to the strength he finds to resist each and every temptation.

And if Satan, vexing sore,
flesh and spirit should assail,
Thou his vanquisher before,
wilt not suffer us to fail.

The hymn-writer rather than the poet reminds us that all this is not just about Jesus, it's about us too. He will not suffer us to fail. That it was for us he hung and suffered there. The forty days and forty nights of Lent are not just about giving things up, but about opening ourselves up to what St Paul in his letter to the Romans describes as the 'abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness'. These are the means by which he will not suffer us to fail. These are the resources with which he sustains us through all our own trials and temptations. *If, because of one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.* And death shall have no dominion. Amen.

NEWS

MAYFIELD RADIO UNIT



Boyd McAdam
Chair

With the closure of the Church premises due to Covid-19, broadcasts to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh have had to cease. So, too, has the distribution of tapes of Sunday services but we hope that the online services can be accessed by those who used to make use of the tapes.

Just before lockdown we started the process of switching over to transmitting our programmes digitally to the hospital, both to respond to changes there and to reduce operating costs. We look forward to the re-opening of the Unit when this becomes possible and to resuming our output. We will need to gear up activity and will always welcome volunteers wishing to help out with technical, presenting, programme preparation and hospital visiting. Meantime, we wish everyone all the best.

SOCIALLY DISTANCED HOUSEGROUPS



In the current COVID-19 crisis, members of our housegroups may well be missing the regular get-togethers for discussion and fellowship. If you have not already thought about it, might it be possible to have a 'virtual' meeting? Our group is managing to hold meetings by Skype and Zoom and, after a bit of a steep learning curve for some of us, find it works extremely well. If you would like some help with this, please do let me know (and I'll get help from someone more technically competent!). Supply your own tea and biscuits!

Meanwhile, may I remind you that our wonderful team at the church provides us with a most excellent weekly online service as a focus for our continuing worship, reflection and fellowship? Maybe if there is anyone in your housegroup not able to access it online, it could be printed off and posted?

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With best wishes to you all.

ONLINE SERVICES

Online worship material (in PDF and a YouTube playlist) is published on the church website from 8.00am every Sunday morning. It will be available to view all week so you can access it at a time suitable to you.

FLOWERS

Flowers during February were donated by Rosemary Currie, Deirdre Eustace, Rosemary McKenzie and Betty Findlay. Betty wanted to give the flowers to thank everyone for their good wishes, cards and visits during her time in hospital.

The arrangers were Rosemary Currie, Deirdre Eustace and Anne Graham.

Everyone involved with church flowers would like to remember and pay tribute to Jinty Murray who died very recently. Jinty was a great member of the team over many years, very good at arranging flowers, often with blooms from her lovely garden and was a member of the distribution rota. For many years Jinty, and her late husband Frank, sourced and decorated the Christmas Tree each December. We will miss her and send our sincere sympathy to her daughters and family.



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Greetings to our regular congregation – including the loyal team of helpers and drivers - who look forward to the fellowship of the bi-monthly mid-week Afternoon Services at Mayfield Salisbury from early spring through to autumn. Since they began twelve years ago, this is the first time Services have had to be cancelled.

AFTERNOON SERVICES

We were to be meeting on Tuesday 12 May (during what is usually Christian Aid Week) and, of course, this Afternoon Service cannot now take place.

Let us think of each other that day especially, remembering our afternoons of worship together in past years, our conversations around the tables over tea in our bright setting in the Bill McDonald Hall looking out to the beautiful garden full of seasonal interest with colour and bird song.



Eurasian blue tit

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‘The LORD bless you, and keep you; The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.’

Numbers 6: 24 - 26

The Afternoon
Service Team

THOUGHTS ON THE BEATITUDES

Our study group can't meet up just now. I and others of my generation hear tell of new tech which permits face to face conversation but we with only primitive phones 'Skype and Zoom away' in timid bewilderment. However, when we last met, our group was introduced by Dr Katharine Robertson to the writings of Dr Rufus Jones, a Quaker, teacher and mystic (1863 - 1948). Some of his insights rather appealed to me and perhaps to you. It would be interesting to know your reactions.

Dr Jones has a chapter in his book *The Inner Life* entitled 'The Spirit of the Beatitudes'. Let me quote:

'In putting the emphasis for the moment on the inner way of religion, we must be very careful not to encourage the heresy of treating religion as a withdrawal from the world, or as a retreat from the press and strain of the practical issues and problems of the social order. That is the road to spiritual disaster, not to spiritual power. Christ gives no encouragement to the view that the spiritual ideal – the Kingdom of God – can ever be achieved apart from the conquest of the whole of life or without the victory that overcomes the world.'

Jones says that the only way to realise the Kingdom of God is through the right inner spirit. The Beatitudes give us a peep into that inner world. They provide 'no new set of rules, no legal system'. But they proclaim a 'new spirit, a new way of living, a new type of person'.

Each Beatitude begins 'Blessed are ...' Jones writes:

'The first thing to notice about the 'Blessedness' is that it is not a prize held out or promised as a

final reward for a certain kind of conduct Rather it is 'to have a new way of living, to be a new type of person. To be this type of person is to be living the happy, blessed life, whatever the outward conditions may be. And the next thing to note is that this type of life carries in itself a principle of advance. It cannot be static. The Beatitude lies not in attainment, not in the arrival at a goal, but in the way, in the spirit, in the search, in the march.'

Jones contrasts that with the Pharisee who is obviously in the background as a foil to bring out the portrait of the new type.

'The pity of the Pharisee's was that the goal could be reached – he gets his reward. He has a definite limit in view – the keeping of a fixed law. ... The immediate effect of this achievement is conceit and self-satisfaction. ... There is in his mind an equation between goodness and prosperity, between righteousness and success.'

It leads to the calculation 'How many times must I forgive my brother?' as if a number, fixed in law, was sufficient. Rather, the Beatitude commends hunger and thirst for goodness. 'The aspiration and not the attainment is singled out for blessing. ... the reach must always exceed the grasp.'

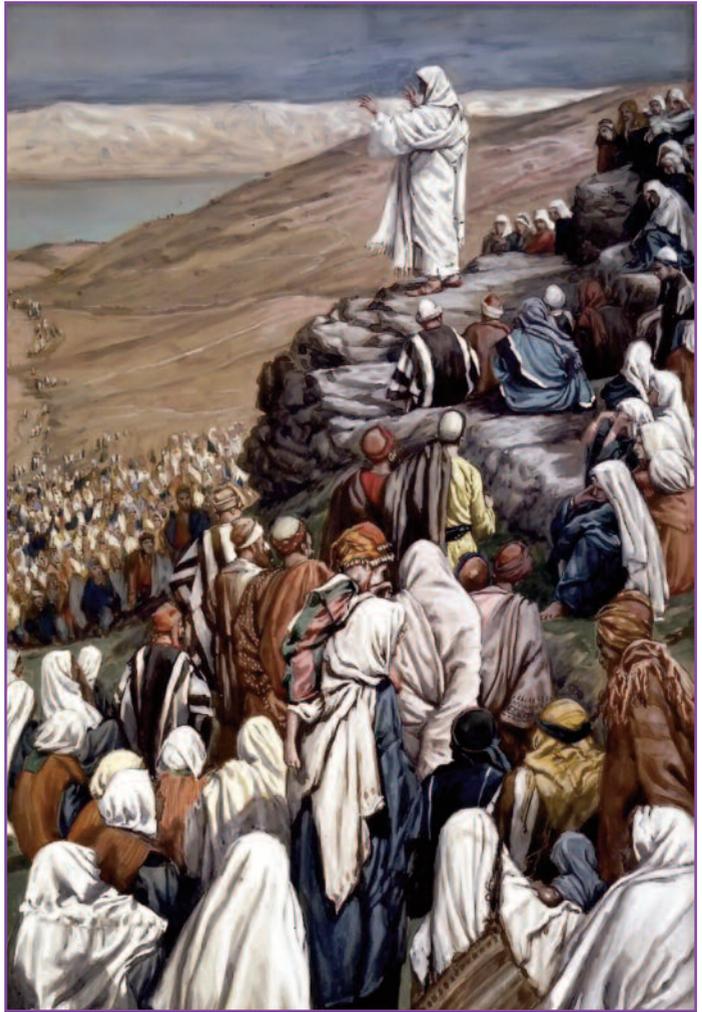
Blessed are the poor in spirit. Poverty of spirit is bound up with hunger for goodness. The poor in spirit are by no means poor-spirited.

Blessed are they who mourn. The Pharisees tended to see human tragedies as signs of divine disapproval, of punishment for human error. Jesus taught that that is not necessarily so. Life has hard experiences. But to discover the nearness of God, the sustaining power of his love, the sufficiency of his grace can come to

people of all ages through pain and suffering and loss. Christ tells us that *'it is not the lotus-eater but the sufferer who is in the way of blessing and is forming the spirit of the Kingdom.'*

'Meekness and mercy and peace-making are high among the qualities that characterise the inner spirit or the kingdom. Patience, endurance, steadfastness, confidence in the eternal nature of things, determination to win by the slow method that is right rather than by the quick and strenuous method that is wrong are other ways of naming meekness. Mercy is tenderness of heart, ability to put oneself in another's place, confidence in the power of love and gentleness, the practice of forgiveness and the joyous bestowal of sympathy. Peace-making is the divine business of drawing men together into unity of spirit and purpose, teaching them to live the love-way, and forming in the very warp and woof of human society the spirit of altruism and loyalty to the higher interests of the group. These traits belong to the inmost nature of God, and of course those who have them are blessed.'

So, to understand Dr Jones' reasoning, we have to see why his emphasis on what he calls the Inner Life is necessary. He points out that, for a Christian, there is insufficient detail of Jesus' life to give *'an adequate biography of him. ... It is possible, however, to look through his words that are preserved and to see, with clairvoyant insight, the*



James Tissot, The Beatitudes Sermon, c. 1890

inner kingdom of the soul in that person whose interior life was the richest of all those who have walked this earth.' His spiritual life must be that to which we should aspire.

It would be good to hear your reactions to these views of Dr Jones and his take on Matthew ch 5. How far would you agree with them?

Ralph Smith

AN INTERVIEW WITH MARJORY CRIPPIN

The following interview with Marjory Crippin was first published in 2011 and is reprinted here in her memory

Marjory Crippin
1921 - 2020



As part of the Celebration of Ageing and Faith(2011), Marjory Crippin has been talking to Kirstine Baxter.

KB – Were you born in Edinburgh, Marjory? MC - I was born in Bathgate in 1921. Sadly, in 1927, my father died leaving my mother with three little girls. I do remember him though, mother made sure of that. I was six. My sister Jean was a year older and Maud about a year younger. We came to Edinburgh to live with my mother's parents at 111 St Albans Road, where Hugh and Christina Somerville now live, and just opposite my present flat.

KB – So where did you worship? MC –

Initially, Warrender Park Church, but, after mother re-married in 1931, we started coming to Mayfield, then called Mayfield North. The minister was J K Thomson. I remember him with great affection. I was friendly with his three boys, Kenneth, Alastair and Nigel. In those days children went up to the gallery during Communion and sat looking down on the congregation. One of my Sunday school teachers was Miss Shierlaw of the Shierlaw Fund.

In 1932 my step-father returned to work in India and mother went with him. We three girls were left at 111 in the care of Mrs McCallum, a minister's widow, and Auntie Nellie, Nellie Paton, my mother's sister, who was also a member at Mayfield.

KB – J K Thomson died suddenly, in 1939 I believe? Who succeeded him?

MC – Donald Ross, Dr Ross. He and his wife, Beatrice, were already known to our family; to us he was 'Uncle Donald'. These were the war years so I was away for much of his ministry. After university in Edinburgh I had joined the WAAF. It was the first time I had lived away from home. What I particularly remember, and I don't remember exactly where, but it must have been in Cardiff because I was stationed at St. Athan, is going into church for the first time as a WAAF, in amongst people worshipping. I have such a clear impression. I can relive the experience even now. In fact, all through my life, just being in church has meant so much.

KB – Did you meet your husband during the war? MC – Yes, Tom and I were both stationed at Church Fenton in Yorkshire. We were married in 1946 at Mayfield by Dr Ross. I still have the letter

he wrote me. In it he said he would forgive me for marrying a Sassenach because I had not chosen a rugby international Saturday for my wedding!

Tom and I and our three children lived for some years in Perth. We came back to Edinburgh in 1963 and bought 111 St Albans Road from my mother. She then stayed with me until her death in 1980. That was really some year because Tom also died suddenly that year.

My mother was an amazing old lady. Her name was Maud Douglas, Mrs Douglas. At over 90 she did not think of herself as old. Other people were old. She tended not to want to join in anything that was for older people! I do have a sneaking sympathy with that. I think there is quite a fine line between bossing and encouraging!

KB – So by the time you returned to Edinburgh Bill McDonald would be the minister? MC – Yes, and it was Bill McDonald who had the most influence on me. He was of course my minister for the longest period. I particularly remember how he started the candlelit service on Christmas Eve and the Easter morning service in the garden. Christianity is thought by many people to be a very negative sort of thing, lots of things you can't do. Bill preached that Christianity was life in all its fullness – joyful.

Scott is also a great preacher. You don't leave your head at the church door with Scott! I used to think of the Old Testament as largely irrelevant with some horrible stories, but Scott has taught me how these are not necessarily history but faith narratives, written according to the culture of the times, which contain important truths. Far from undermining my faith, understanding has strengthened

it. I am greatly indebted to Scott for that. Even at my age faith can deepen and change, and the Church is a changing Church – why should it not be? If it were static what use would it be to anybody?

The mystery of God has always appealed to me and I have never felt the need for His existence to be proved. The verse from the Psalms 'God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble' has always been true for me. But all through my life, in fact increasingly through my life, I have wondered about things, perhaps because as we get older we have a bigger world view.

KB – Over the years you will have done many things. If you had to pick just one to tell us about, what would it be?

MC - The Guild. I first became a Guild member to accompany my mother. At that time Betty Findlay's mother, Mrs Oliver, was treasurer. The Guild was really life enhancing. It was such a supportive organization. There were about 80 of us then. As president I had to lead the opening worship, so I had to spend time beforehand preparing it which I found deeply rewarding. I really matured in those years.

I also did several other things. I helped with craft work at the Thistle Foundation and at the Simpson with the premature babies. It would not be allowed nowadays! And I visited the geriatric ward at the Infirmary. Before the war I had thought of being an almoner so these things naturally interested me.

Our time must be up. I would just like to say that I think the Celebration of Ageing and Faith is a wonderful idea. Everybody should join in!

THINK GLOBAL, ACT LOCAL

On 7 March, the Bill McDonald Hall was filled to capacity for this event, organised by the church ECO group but attended by many from beyond our own congregation.

David Bethune, formerly coordinator for ECO congregations, Scotland, presented the Christian perspective that planet earth belongs to God, and it is our God-given task to care for it responsibly. The overheating of the world has reached the point that previously extreme climate events now occur regularly and if future generations are to inherit a habitable planet, the necessary action must be taken now.

The science is clear. We know what needs to be done, and 'with determined hope and optimism' must find the will to do it.

How we live our daily lives, what we buy and how we travel, considered decisions regarding how to live justly in a transformed world, all have to be the focus of our worship and prayer life. Not least of our concerns should be a readiness to press our elected representatives to treat the climate crisis seriously.

This last point was taken up by Adam McVey, Leader of Edinburgh Council, who said that a rise in sensitivity to environmental concerns among policy makers has very much been driven by the general public, and that ongoing pressure from an engaged citizen body is vital to

strengthen the determination of decision takers when necessary decisions are likely to be painful.

He described actions being taken by the city with the target of achieving carbon neutrality by 2030, focusing strongly on transport and domestic heating, and the efforts being made to build a broad consensus across the different components of the local economy.

Following a period of small group discussion, both speakers took part in a Q&A session to end a most stimulating and challenging afternoon.

Thanks are due to David Bethune and Adam McVey, as well as to Alastair McGilchrist and all who assisted in organising the event and provided refreshments.

Links:- How big is my carbon footprint?
www.carbonfootprint.com/calculator.aspx
Carbon offsetting to donate or invest in activities that will reduce emissions,

treesforlife.org.uk/plant-trees

www.energy4all.co.uk

www.abundanceinvestment.com

www.atmosfair.de/en

climateneutralnow.org

carbonfootprint.com

Colin MacKenzie



DON'T PANIC!



‘Don’t Panic, Mr Mainwaring! Don’t Panic!’..... A familiar cry by Lance Corporal Jones from the Dad’s Army TV sitcom, but a sentiment that is very much of its time, in that we should definitely remain calm, even if on occasions we may feel somewhat strange in our socially isolated bubbles whilst also being concerned for our health and that of family and friends.

These are indeed strange times and though we have changed the nature, for now, of how our church life functions, it nonetheless is continuing to function.

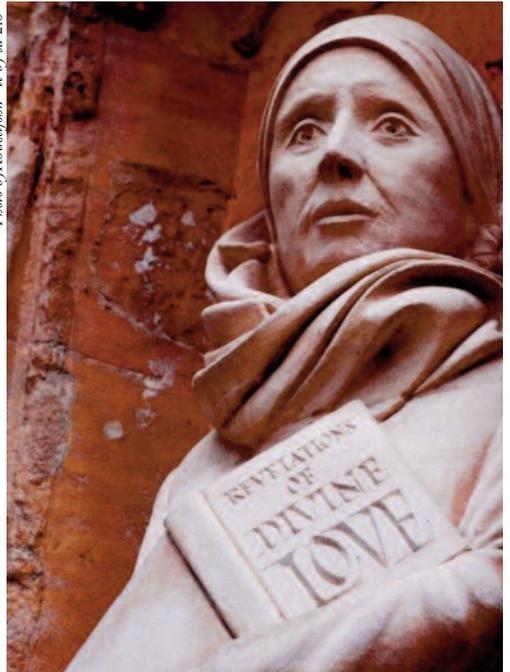
Our wonderful Ministry and Staff teams, along with the many volunteers, are working as hard as ever, but differently, to ensure that the online Sunday Service, Youth Zoom meetings and Pastoral Care contacts, are refocused to deliver, but in a different format, commensurate with the current situation.

Our February Appeal has been very well supported and in ‘normal times’ we would have been able to report a substantial change in our financial circumstances to broadly balance our books in 2020. This is a phenomenal response and we thank all those of you who were able to answer the call.

Of course, 2020 is not going to be classified in history as ‘normal times’ and the reality is that all of our community groups who would normally use our buildings for activities and meetings are

unable to do so, which will have a big impact on them all, but also on us, from a financial point of view. However, we are a very fortunate congregation, with talented and dedicated staff and volunteers in many diverse roles, who are all pulling together to ensure our worship and administrative tasks continue to function properly.

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*Statue of Julian of Norwich, Norwich Cathedral,
by David Holgate FSDC*

We believe we have the financial resilience to weather this storm, so take heed and please ‘Don’t Panic!’, but let us remember and focus on the words of Julian of Norwich, ‘all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well’.

Steve Holehouse

SUMMARY ACCOUNTS

Those with eagle eyes will have noticed that we took the slightly unusual decision this year not to distribute a ‘glossy’ version of the 2019 Accounts. We usually make this available alongside the full version, which was printed as usual in March. Instead, the Treasurer’s summary accounts, which usually form the back page of the ‘glossy’ version, are published here. The Kirk Session is very grateful to John Graham, our Treasurer, and his team for their work.

Why did we make the change? Very briefly, we’re required to submit our annual trustees’ Report and Accounts by March each year, once approved by elders and received by the members. This is traditionally done at a Session meeting (of

elders) followed by the Annual Business Meeting (of members). This year we were unusually busy in the run up to March, mainly with the vacancy work, and so took the opportunity to use *Grapevine* to disseminate our summary accounts instead. Since we took that decision, of course, we were overtaken by the coronavirus restrictions which meant that, with only a few hours’ notice, we had to cancel our planned Session meeting and ABM. Other arrangements have had to be made for the approval of the Accounts but the summary below may still, we hope, be of interest.

Charles Garland
Session Clerk

£ thousands	2019 Budget	2019 Actual	2019 Variance	2020 Budget
Income				
Offerings	220.2	218.6	-1.6	205.9
Donations	2.0	2.9	0.9	2.0
Premises	32.0	31.9	-0.1	31.0
Divs & Interest	11.5	15.3	3.8	17.5
Other	15.6	14.9	-0.7	14.6
Total	281.3	283.6	2.3	271.0
Expenditure				
Min & Miss	150.0	147.6	2.4	143.0
Salaries	68.0	68.1	-0.1	70.0
Maintenance	23.2	14.2	9.0	27.0
Utilities	16.5	15.8	0.7	16.5
Other	47.8	52.8	-5.0	55.8
Total	305.5	298.5	7.0	312.3
Outcome	-24.2	-14.9	9.3	-41.3

1. Our overall financial results for 2019 show a mostly positive picture. Our unrestricted funds (those the Kirk Session has full control over) rose by over £73,000. Our restricted funds (those given to us for defined purposes) fell by around £20,000. Our endowment funds (the Hunter Bequest) increased by nearly £3,000. Overall our total funds rose by some £55,000.

2. The overall result for unrestricted funds conceals a number of swings on individual funds. The Legacies Fund rose by around £50,000 thanks to a generous legacy from Miss Peggy Wilson. Our longer-term reserves rose slightly even after a decision by the Kirk Session to release £20,000 for other purposes: this was because the value of our investments grew by over 10%. The decision by the Session increased the sum in the Salisbury Fund and re-established the Mission Fund. Our restricted funds fell because of expenditure on the Chamber Group and on the youth initiative.

3. Turning to the General Fund (our current account) the table (page 20) shows the main items in the budget for 2019, the actual outturn, the variance against budget and the 2020 budget.

4. Offerings were slightly below budget and income from our premises in line with budget, as was expenditure on salaries. We spent less on maintenance from the general fund, partly because we used some £4,000 from the General and Fabric Reserve Fund which the Session had agreed to wind up. Other spending was generally close to budget. In all, this resulted in a deficit on the General Fund of around £15,000 against a forecast deficit of over £24,000.



5. The budget for 2020 does not assume any income from the recently launched appeal. On that basis we expect a decline in offerings. The budget assumes that we are fully staffed and that there is little movement in most other income and costs. We expect an increase in our dividend income, as we have more invested, and higher spend on maintenance because of work we are doing on the manse. That would produce a substantial deficit on the General Fund. Obviously we hope that extra income from the appeal will in a full year eliminate the deficit on the General Fund. Our overall position depends particularly on movements in our investments and on any legacies.

6. Over the year we contributed from congregational funds around £90,000 to the wider work of the Church through our Ministries and Mission contribution. We collected over £17,500 for Christian Aid and over £5,500 for the Crossreach perinatal project.

VOLUNTEERING IN SOUTH AFRICA

We were delighted to receive the following newsletter from Milly Spence-Fraser, who is volunteering in South Africa with Project Trust. She received support from the Shierlaw Fund, and writes: 'I would like to say thank you to Shierlaw Fund again for your kind donation of £400.00 as it made the world of difference in terms of reaching my fundraising total. I can't thank the organisation enough.'



organisation something I will truly miss.

August 2019 - January 2020: My Year Volunteering So Far

My gap year is organised through the non-profit, UK registered charity Project Trust, who have been supporting me from overseas since my arrival in August.

The village where I'm situated is Zithulele, a two-hour drive from Mthatha, the nearest city. It has a very small and tight knit community. I am living in a shared house with other volunteers, and we have found ourselves really getting to know the community members, who always help us out with lifts to the nearest store. We have started attending free community gym classes a few times every week, and I am volunteering once a week with a Scouts group, which is for the younger kids in the area. The welcoming atmosphere is

My placement is with Axiom Education, an NGO based in the rural Eastern Cape of South Africa. Axiom has various programmes focussing on the education of children of all ages in and around the village. The programme I am currently working for is called Masakhane, which targets grades 6-9, (children of roughly 11-16 years old). Masakhane is an after-school programme that teaches English and Maths to high school students Monday - Friday. I am an English teacher for the programme. We see grade 6s and 7s three times a week, and grade 8s and 9s twice a week. Upon visiting us, each grade receives an hour long English lesson, and an hour long maths lesson.

During the day I plan for lessons in the afternoon, and do admin jobs in the office for the organisation. Masakhane follows the school terms, so each term we cover specific topics with each grade and test



students. Myself and my Project Trust 'partner', (a maths teacher for the programme), delivered a session on team building, where we lead teamwork activities. In addition to the other leadership sessions, the camp also consisted of a visit to the beach and lots of games. It

them at the end. However there are key differences between the lessons taught at Masakhane and the ones the students receive at school. Axium is well funded despite being an NGO, and so has access to resources that the learners might otherwise never experience, such as a PowerPoint projector and tablets for the students to work on. Things like this get the students excited about lessons. Another key difference is our teaching style. We receive weekly teacher development sessions, are observed during lessons, and given feedback to work on and improve. The goal is to have maximum impact during the time we have with our students.

Working for Axium so far has been a joy. I have grown to love my students and colleagues. In October last year Masakhane had a 'leadership camp' for the grade 8s, soon to be grade 9s. The camp was a one night residential trip at Hole in the Wall, a beach 1-2 hours walk away from Zithulele. The trip was focused on building the leadership skills of the

gave us such a good opportunity to get to know the students and for them to bond with each other.

Every term Masakhane has a boot camp for all of the grades. Boot camps last one week, and take place during school holidays. The kids are split into the young grades and the older grades, and receive two hours of maths and two hours of English each day. Boot camps always have themes that the lessons will be tailored around, and the lessons are more fun than regular ones. Past boot camp themes for English include The Lion King, Female South African Leaders, and The Amazon Rainforest. Planning boot camps and making sure they run smoothly is largely my responsibility. The students get to watch clips and make posters and have fun learning about the topic. At every boot camp there is also one day dedicated to either sports or visiting the beach. Attendance always rises during boot camps!

Milly Spence-Fraser

28TH BRAID SCOUT TROOP

When we started planning our Centenary Year two years ago, this was not what we had in mind. Ironically, our last activity before lockdown was a Winter Survival Weekend although we hope that the skills learned will not need to be put to use any time soon.

20 Scouts and 5 Leaders attended the Survival weekend at Hawkthirst Scout Adventure Camp on the shores of Kielder Reservoir in Northumberland. After arriving mid-morning on the Saturday, the Scouts spent the remainder of the daylight hours building shelters from natural materials deep in the forest. Under guidance from the Leaders, they made a great job of the shelters. Unfortunately, as they had been working in rain for the entire day, the shelters contained as much water inside as they would have held out overnight. The night was therefore spent in a hall but not before cooking the evening meal on altar fires in the forest. The main course came in the shape of rabbits, complete in skins. It was soon clear who had been paying attention on Troop night on the evening before.

The next morning, everyone took a trip across the reservoir, paddling the large bell boats across the broad expanse of water. Once across, fires were lit for the second backwoods meal – this time, trout. After the trip back across the reservoir, it was time to clear up before the Scouts were presented with Survival Activity Badges

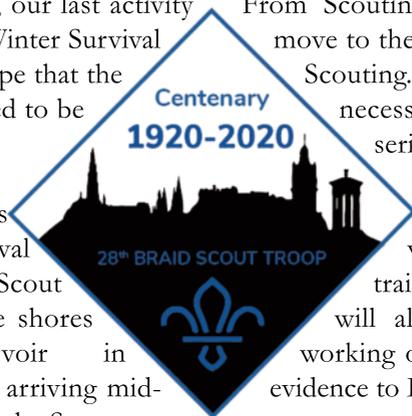
before the journey home.

From Scouting in the wilds, we now move to the other extreme of Virtual Scouting. For as long as is necessary, we shall be running a series of midweek challenges and a virtual Troop night on a Friday, using Zoom, with a mix of skills training and games. Scouts will also be able to continue working on badges and submitting evidence to Leaders electronically.

As part of our Centenary year, we had a programme of bagpacking planned to help raise funds for our trip to Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland at the end of the year. We committed to donating 20% of all the funds raised to the charity, Action for Children who operate a respite centre in Gilmerton Road. Unfortunately, the lockdown brought a premature end to this fundraising and it is not anticipated that we shall be able to resume it this year. The total raised to date was £231-41 and this has been passed to the charity to help them cope with more immediate needs.

Alan Dickson
Scout Leader

Headquarters:
Mayfield Salisbury Church, Edinburgh
Scottish Charity No SC006141



Responding to the coronavirus, Christian Aid has launched an emergency appeal, requesting urgent support for its work among the world's poorest, most vulnerable people who are at greatest risk: families living in over-crowded refugee camps, people with underlying health conditions like HIV, and many who have no clean water to wash their hands. Christian Aid and its partners already have experience of limiting the spread of infection during the Ebola crisis, and will build on this experience to continue to stand together with communities living in poverty during this period.

Christian Aid Week (10 - 16 May) will look very different this year, as we are unable to gather together in church and donate in the usual way. However, the need is greater than ever, and it's important that we continue to keep it in our minds. The focus for 2020 is the climate crisis, and its effect on communities like those in Kenya where devastating droughts make it difficult for millions of people to access sufficient food and water.

Cash and cheques cannot currently be accepted, so we would encourage everyone who can, to support both appeals by making online donations anytime between now and 16th May – and beyond! Please go to the Christian Aid website, www.christianaid.org.uk, choose *Appeals*, and follow the links to Christian Aid Week and Coronavirus Emergency Appeal.

On behalf of members of the congregation without internet access, we

hope to hold a further collection in support of CA Week using the familiar red envelopes and buckets, in the Autumn, to coincide with Creation Covenant Sunday.

And if you've been following CA's reflections for Lent, *Count Your Blessings 2020*, the resulting donations can be paid in online at caid.org.uk/lent

Equally important is Christian Aid's invitation to take part in a Prayer Chain, in support of the campaign for climate justice. This is an action we can all take, even in lockdown! With the approach of the UN climate talks (COP 26), this year is crucial in the struggle for climate justice. To rise to the challenge, we must underpin it in prayer. Alongside friends at the Catholic Agency For Overseas Development (CAFOD) and Tearfund, and people all over the world, CA aims to *'fill every day with prayer for a world where everyone can flourish and creation can breathe easy again. Prayer that will help us to understand God's care for those who are most affected by the climate crisis, and acknowledge our role in causing it and start anew. Prayer that will act as a deep source of energy for the struggle ahead.'* Find out more at www.christianaid.org.uk/pray/prayer-chain

It is particularly important that we remember CA at this time, as it continues to work alongside its overseas partners in their humanitarian programmes, in increasingly challenging circumstances. Thank you for everything you're doing!

The Christian Aid Team

'Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.' Psalm 96:8

Pray for Christian Aid in this time of significant change as we seek to implement and live into our new Standing Together strategy. Pray for the country programmes and staff most impacted by these changes and pray for an assurance of God's guidance and direction.

Pray for a clear vision and renewed resolve for all who will take forward the work of Christian Aid into the future.

Pray for strong partnerships and effective fundraising that will unlock the potential



of communities around the world to experience life in all its fullness to the glory of God.

Creative God
May your vision
of creation healed
mobilise a movement
to do your will on earth
as in heaven.

Amen

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May

- Sun 3 Online Worship: Fourth Sunday of Easter
- Sun 10 Online Worship: Fifth Sunday of Easter
- Sun 17 Online Worship: Sixth Sunday of Easter
- Sun 24 Online Worship: Ascension Sunday
- Sun 31 Online Worship: Pentecost

June

- Sun 7 Online Worship: Trinity Sunday
- Sun 14 Online Worship: The First Sunday after Trinity
- Sun 21 Online Worship: The Second Sunday after Trinity
- Sun 28 Online Worship: The Third Sunday after Trinity

July

- Sun 5 Online Worship: The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Online worship material (in PDF and a YouTube playlist) is published on the church website from 8.00am every Sunday morning. It will be available to view all week so you can access it at a time suitable to you.

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

New Members

Morley Sewell
Robert and Carole Hillenbrand
Patricia McDonald

Departures

Brian and Marianne Bayne
Lorna Forsyth
Clare Galloway
Marie Green

Deaths

Marjory Crippin
Betty Findlay
Kitty Laing
Jinty Murray
Nancy Risley
Frances Waugh
Betty Whitelaw

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

May 3	I Samuel 25,26 / Psalm 49	June 2	II Kings 13,14 / II Corinthians 6
May 4	I Samuel 27,28 / I Corinthians 1	June 3	II Kings 15,16 / Psalms 64,65
May 5	I Samuel 29-31 / I Corinthians 2	June 4	II Kings 17,18 / II Corinthians 7
May 6	II Samuel 1,2 / Psalm 50	June 5	II Kings 19,20 / II Corinthians 8
May 7	II Samuel 3-5 / I Corinthians 3	June 6	II Kings 21,22 / II Corinthians 9
May 8	II Samuel 6,7 / I Corinthians 4	June 7	II Kings 23-25 / Psalms 66,67
May 9	II Samuel 8-10 / I Corinthians 5	June 8	I Chronicles 1-3 / II Corinthians 10
May 10	II Samuel 11,12 / Psalm 51	June 9	I Chronicles 4-6 / II Corinthians 11
May 11	II Samuel 13,14 / I Corinthians 6	June 10	I Chronicles 7-10 / Psalm 68
May 12	II Samuel 15,16 / I Corinthians 7	June 11	I Chronicles 11-14 / II Corinthians 12
May 13	II Samuel 17,18 / Psalms 52-54	June 12	I Chronicles 15,16 / II Corinthians 13
May 14	II Samuel 19,20 / I Corinthians 8	June 13	I Chronicles 17,18 / Galatians 1
May 15	II Samuel 21,22 / I Corinthians 9	June 14	I Chronicles 19-21 / Psalm 69
May 16	II Samuel 23,24 / I Corinthians 10	June 15	I Chronicles 22,23 / Galatians 2
May 17	I Kings 1,2 / Psalm 55	June 16	I Chronicles 24-27 / Galatians 3
May 18	I Kings 3-5 / I Corinthians 11	June 17	I Chronicles 28,29 / Psalms 70,71
May 19	I Kings 6,7 / I Corinthians 12	June 18	II Chronicles 1,2 / Galatians 4
May 20	I Kings 8,9 / Psalms 56,57	June 19	II Chronicles 3-5 / Galatians 5
May 21	I Kings 10,11 / I Corinthians 13	June 20	II Chronicles 6,7 / Galatians 6
May 22	I Kings 12,13 / I Corinthians 14	June 21	II Chronicles 8,9 / Psalm 72
May 23	I Kings 14,15 / I Corinthians 15	June 22	II Chronicles 10-12 / Ephesians 1
May 24	I Kings 16,17 / Psalms 58,59	June 23	II Chronicles 13-15 / Ephesians 2
May 25	I Kings 18,19 / I Corinthians 16	June 24	II Chronicles 16,17 / Psalm 73
May 26	I Kings 20,21 / II Corinthians 1	June 25	II Chronicles 18-20 / Ephesians 3
May 27	I Kings 22 / Psalms 60,61	June 26	II Chronicles 21-23 / Ephesians 4
May 28	II Kings 1-3 / II Corinthians 2	June 27	II Chronicles 24,25 / Ephesians 5
May 29	II Kings 4,5 / II Corinthians 3	June 28	II Chronicles 26-28 / Psalm 74
May 30	II Kings 6,7 / II Corinthians 4	June 29	II Chronicles 29,30 / Ephesians 6
May 31	II Kings 8,9 / Psalms 62,63	June 30	II Chronicles 31,32 / Luke 1: 1-38
June 1	II Kings 10-12 / II Corinthians 5	July 1	II Chronicles 33,34 / Psalms 75,76

THURSDAY CLUB

CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

MAYFIELD MILERS UPCOMING WALKS

CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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