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From the Minister

Dear friends,

As I write this letter, we are in the early weeks of a new conflict in Europe as Russian troops advance through Ukrainian cities; leaving devastation, loss of life, untold suffering and the refugee crisis in its wake. It is difficult to fathom out why President Putin has taken this dangerous path, ceased negotiating with NATO and seeking diplomacy as a means to move the crisis in a positive direction.

I can only describe Mr Putin's actions as evil. Anywhere in the world, where unarmed civilians are targeted by guns on the ground and powerful missiles from the air, causing immeasurable human misery and suffering, is evil. The world has always had to contend with evil dictators; there are plenty of them around today and historians continue to write about dictators from the past.

During the 1st century, the ancient world had been conquered by the mighty Roman Empire. Historical accounts of the life and conduct of many of the Roman emperors makes shocking reading. The cruelty shown towards family members and political opponents knew no bounds.

Jesus of Nazareth was the focus of an evil conspiracy that led to his death on a Roman cross. He was regularly in conflict with the religious leaders of the day, who felt threatened by his clear interpretation of the Old Testament scriptures; by his capacity to communicate well; by his claims about his own identity and by his popularity. During the Passover festival, the Roman overlords did not want trouble in the city of Jerusalem. So Pontius Pilate and the Jewish authorities conspired together, to have Jesus arrested, falsely accused and executed on a Roman cross. Darkness descended on Jerusalem on that first Good Friday. But darkness did not remain!

At sunrise on Easter morning, the stone is rolled away. God the Son, risen with a new kind of body has conquered death and defeated evil. Christ's resurrection is the ultimate hope that reminds us that evil will not win, that sin is defeated and death no longer has a hold over us. Perhaps you need reminding of that as Easter approaches. Meditate upon it! The Sovereign God who bursts forth from the tomb, has not changed. He has not given up on our world, nor does he turn a blind eye to the suffering of the people of Ukraine. Rather, Easter Day reminds us, that he turns the minus of Good Friday into the positive of Easter morning. That's why the gospel is 'Good News' for a troubled world.

Your minister and friend,

Andrew

Update on Presbytery Mission Plan

At the December meeting of the Kirk Session- we considered the outcomes of the Transitional Support Group meeting held on the evening of 28th October. A number of objectives were identified for the period of Interim Ministry that we will work towards in the coming months. The objectives are listed below. Please get in touch- if you have any questions

Address the issues around the Property Committee in order to identify a constructive, clear, and healthy future.

Review the model of governance, its functioning, duties and expectations of elders and committees.

Identify future models of Pastoral Care not wholly dependent on the Elder/Districts model.

Identify how communication can be improved at all levels and create processes for doing so.

Identify ways through which some traditional tasks associated with Ordained Ministry, such as leading of worship and pastoral care, and the essential roles of 'leadership' in a shared congregational setting, might be developed for the future in others.

Engage fully with the conversations involving presbytery and neighbouring congregations to shape the Mission Plan.

Andrew Gardner

OUR DIARY

APRIL

Sunday 3

9.15am Early Service
10.30am Worship. Chi-Rho meet.

Monday 4

2pm Badminton (last in session)

Tuesday 5

2pm - Service in Shiell Court

Thursday 7

7pm - Outreach Meeting

Sunday 10 (Palm Sunday)

9.15am Early Service
10.30am Worship

Thursday 14

2pm - Book Group meet in Room 1
in the Church Hall
7pm - Service for Maundy Thursday

Sunday 17 (Easter Day)

8.00am- Service at Barnhill Rock
Garden followed by breakfast in the
Church Hall.

10.30am - Family Service in the
church.

Tuesday 19

9.30am- Prayer Group meet in the
Session Room
9.30am - Tots and Toddlers

Wednesday 20

10.45am - Coffee and Chat in the
Café

12 noon to 2pm Café in the hall

Thursday 21

9.30am - Tots and Toddlers
10am - Embroidery Group meet in
the Session Room

Friday 22

2pm - Craft Group meet in the foyer
of the hall

Sunday 24

9.15am - online Zoom service
9.15am - Early Service
10.30am - Worship.
7pm - Youth Club in hall

Tuesday 26

9.30am- Prayer Group meet in the
Session Room
9.30am - Tots and Toddlers
10.30am - Guild Committee in Ses-
sion Room

Wednesday 27

12 noon to 2pm Café in the hall

Thursday 28

9.30am - Tots and Toddlers **Friday**
29
2pm - Craft Group meet in the foyer
of the hall

Saturday 30

4pm - Messy Church in the hall

MAY

Sunday 1

9.15am Early Service
10.30am Worship. Chi-Rho meet

Tuesday 3

9.30am - Tots and Toddlers
2pm - Service in Shiell Court

Wednesday 4

12 noon to 2pm Café in the hall

Thursday 5

Hall in use as Polling Station

Friday 6

9.30am - Property Committee meet
in Session Room
2pm - Craft Group meet in the foyer
of the hall

Sunday 8

9.15am - online Zoom service
9.15am Early Service
10.30am Worship.
7pm - Youth Club meet in the hall

Tuesday 10

9.30am- Prayer Group meet in the
Session Room
9.30am - Tots and Toddlers in the
hall

Wednesday 11

12 noon to 2pm Café in the hall

Thursday 12

9.30am - Tots and Toddlers in the
hall
2pm - Book Club in Room 1, Hall

Friday 13

2pm - Craft Group meet in the foyer
of the hall

Sunday 15

Start of Christian Aid week

9.15am Early Service
10.30am Worship. Chi-Rho meet

Tuesday 17

9.30am- Prayer Group meet in the
Session Room
9.30am - Tots and Toddlers in the
hall

Wednesday 18

10.45am - Coffee and Chat in the
Café

12 noon to 2pm Café in the hall

Thursday 19

9.30am - Tots and Toddlers in the
hall

Friday 20

2pm - Craft Group meet in the foyer
of the hall

Saturday 21

10am - Coffee Morning for Christian
Aid

Sunday 22

9.15am - online Zoom service
9.15am Early Service
10.30am Worship
7pm - Youth Club meet in the hall

Tuesday 24

9.30am- Prayer Group meet in the
Session Room
9.30am - Tots and Toddlers in the
hall

Wednesday 25

12 noon to 2pm Café in the hall

Thursday 26

9.30am - Tots and Toddlers in the
hall

Friday 27

2pm - Craft Group meet in the foyer
of the hall

Saturday 28

4pm to 5.30pm - Messy Church in
the hall.

Sunday 29

9.15am Early Service
10.30am Worship. Chi-Rho meet

Tuesday 31

9.30am- Prayer Group meet in the
Session Room
9.30am - Tots and Toddlers

JUNE

Wednesday 1

12 noon to 2pm Café in the hall

Thursday 2

No Toddlers

Friday 3

9.30am - Property Committee meet in
the Session Room
2pm - Craft Group meet in the foyer
of the hall

Sunday 5

9.15am - online Zoom service
9.15am Early Service
10.30am Worship followed by
Congregational Picnic to celebrate
the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Tuesday 7

9.30am- Prayer Group meet in the
Session Room
9.30am - Tots and Toddlers
2pm - Service in Shiell Court

Wednesday 8

12 noon to 2pm Café in the hall

Thursday 9

9.30am - Tots and Toddlers in the hall

Friday 10

2pm - Craft Group meet in the foyer

Sunday 12

9.15am Early Service
10.30am Worship. Chi-Rho meet

Church Register

New Members:

*We welcome to our
congregation:*
Neil and Grace Cruickshank
Katherine Devlin
Amy Devlin
Katy Davidson
Lewis and Beci McNicol
Hazel Hall
Neil and Ellis Pirie

Baptisms:

*It has been a pleasure to wel-
come to our Church Family*
Rosie Cruickshank
Lara Pirie
Oscar McNicol
Joseph Price

Funerals:

*We remember those who have
died recently:*

Mrs Nancy Nairn
Mr James Brown
Mr William Stewart
Mrs Iris Gilmore
Miss Kathleen Strachan
Mrs May Blair

COFFEE AND CHAT

Come and join us at the Church Café on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10.45am for a coffee/tea and some delicious home bakes.

Have you been meaning to meet up with a friend? Why not meet them at the Café? Does your neighbour need a treat? Bring them along to the Café or just come yourself and enjoy some delicious food and great company. Tea/coffee - £1

Home bakes - £1

Our future Coffee and Chats will take place on 20th April, 18th May and 15th June.

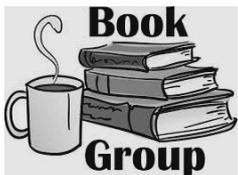
Coffee and Chat at the Café is open to everyone and you will be very welcome.

We want to make sure we have enough goodies, so please book your place/places through the church office. Tel: 01382 737294 or e-mail office@bsmchurch.org.uk.

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group was formed last year to give men in and around the congregation a chance to meet and chat. Originally we got together on Zoom, but as restrictions have relaxed we are now meeting in the real world, which is much better. We meet monthly, alternating on the second Tuesday and the second Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting is on 13 April. Sometimes we meet for coffee at the Woodlands, sometimes in a private garden (weather permitting) and we also venture further afield to see round places of interest like museums and other attractions.

The Men's Group is open to all and if you would like to learn more please contact Graham McKee or Alison at the Church Office.



We are a small group who meet in a room in the hall on the second Thursday of

each month (except July and August). We welcome anyone who wishes to join us. Contact the Church Office for more details

GUILD NEWS

For many being a member of the Guild is an expression of Faith and, hopefully, Faith in Action. The Action takes a number of different forms. The most obvious is our meetings, in the afternoon and evening, where fellowship and fun can be found. Fundraising is another important part of Guild membership. Funds raised are distributed to our own Church, local charities and the projects that have been chosen by Guild headquarters. Six projects are chosen every three years and fundraising for these is a major focus.

We are now at the end of this three year cycle, 2018-2021 and we learnt recently that over £500,000 has been raised and will be shared between the designated projects. Inspired by Scotland's Year of Young People in 2018, four of the six initiatives which were chosen by the Guild aimed to provide opportunities for younger generations. These included The Boys Brigade; Journeying Together, a partnership between the former World Mission Council and the Guild lifting teenage mothers in Zambia out of poverty; Malawi Fruits, helping young people to farm cash crops and to irrigate using solar-powered pumps; and Seema's Project, a charity working with street children in Pune, India. The remaining two groups to benefit were Join Up the Dots, a partnership between CrossReach and the Guild tackling loneliness and isolation; and The Sailors' Society, providing practical and spiritual support to those in the maritime industry.

So well done to all Guild members in raising the amazing amount of £520,000 for the projects and thanks to our congregation and community who are always generous in their support of our fund-raising.

Six new projects have been chosen for 2021 - 2024.

The Vine Trust - the Kazunza village of Hope in Tanzania

Beat - 'Blether with Beat', Scotland

Home for Good - Scotland

Pioneers - Chocolate Heaven, South East Asia

UNIDA - 'Hear our voice', Brazil

Starchild, Uganda

To mark the conclusion of the 2018 - 2021 Project partnerships a video has been put together in collaboration with each of the projects to celebrate what has been achieved and to thank the Guild for all that has been done to support the projects and to raise over £520,000 to make all of their work possible. The video also has a selection of hymns from past Annual Gatherings. The video can be found at. <https://youtube/jBQ42k0-FBg>

NURTURE GROUP

In the Christian faith there is no such thing as standing still. Individually and together, we are called to be followers – people of the way. Our aim, therefore, is to ensure that every member of the church family from youngest to oldest, is nurtured, encouraged and supported in their journey to discipleship.

The Nurture Group normally meets monthly and offers support to different groups within the congregation including all sections of Young Church, the Youth Group, Tots and Toddlers, Messy Church, the Holiday Club and the Bible Study Group.

We also work closely with our Safeguarding team to ensure the safety and welfare of those in our care.

We would welcome new members in our group. If you are interested in joining us, please contact the Church Office and we will ensure you have all the information you need.

Susan Martin
Convener

BROUGHTY FERRY CHURCHES EASTER SERVICES



Maundy Thursday 14th April

19:00 at St Margaret's, shared service of Holy Communion

19:30 Our Lady of Good Counsel, Solemn Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper/Watching at the Altar of Repose until 23:00

Good Friday 15th April

12:30 Broughty Baptists (St Vincent Street)

14:00 St Mary's, meditation and reflection.

17:30 Our Lady of Good Counsel, Solemn Liturgy of the Passion.

19:00 shared service at New Kirk

20:30 Our Lady of Good Counsel, Night Prayer around the Cross

Saturday 16th April

20:30pm Our Lady of Good Counsel, Easter Vigil of the Lord's resurrection

Easter Day Sunday 17th April

08:00 Open air service at Barnhill Rock Gardens, followed by breakfast in St Margaret's hall (Guthrie Terrace DD5 2QX)

09:30 St Luke's garden open air family service

10:30 Family service in Barnhill St Margaret's (other churches also have their own services)

19:00 Easter Praise, Broughty Ferry Churches' joint service at St James'

Several of these are shared services between churches, but you will be welcome at any service at any church.



Our Messy Church is held on the last Saturday of each month (except July and August) in the Church Hall between 4pm and 5.30pm.

Children (accompanied by an adult) can enjoy crafts, stories, songs and a bite to eat.

Come and join the fun!

News of our Summer Holiday Club will be published shortly.

Can you help?

Our Church is fortunate to have lovely grounds and we are grateful to the small group of volunteers who look after them. It would be good to increase the number of helpers so if working outside at a time which suits you and at your own pace then please let us know.



Christian Aid 15-21st May 2022



Hello everyone my name is Joyce McIntosh and I am the new Christian Aid Convenor for Barnhill St Margaret's.

This year we are having a coffee morning in the church hall on **Saturday 21st May**. If you can donate any jigsaw puzzles or plants for two proposed stalls that would be very welcome.

Christian Aid envelopes will be laid in the pews on Sunday 16th May for you to give a donation if you so wish. Other planned events for that week are a can collection in Broughty Ferry.

I do have spare envelopes if anyone wishes to do a door collection where you think you have been well received in the past.

Other fundraisers are in the pipeline. If you would like to help in any way either with the can collection or door collection please contact the Church Office in the first instance and Alison will pass on your details to me.

Our **Church Café** is open every Wednesday (during term time) from 12 noon until 2pm.

We serve home made soup with a choice of bread and a selection of home-bakes as well as tea and coffee.

Soup, cake and a cup of tea/coffee will cost you £5.

A warm welcome awaits!



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