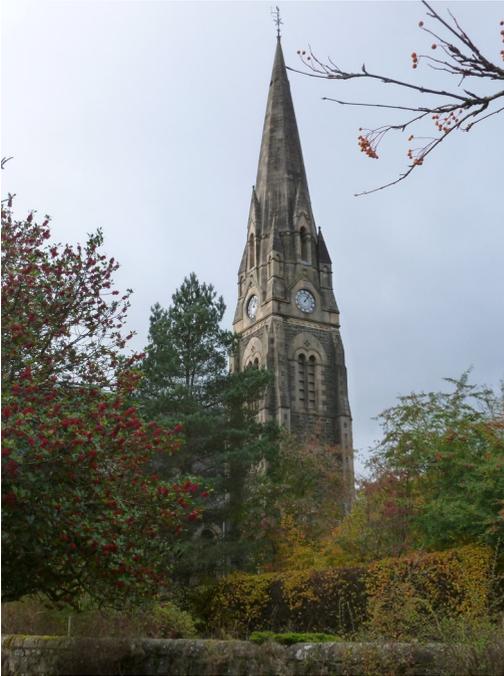


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*Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd June
Comrie 10.00 am & 6.00 pm
Dundurn 11.30 am*



*Communion is open not just to
members but to all who share the
Christian Faith*

From The Interim Moderator of Comrie and Dundurn Parish Churches

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The Summer Months of 2019

Alice in Wonderland

“Lastly, she pictured to herself how this same little sister of hers would, in the after-time, be herself a grown woman; and how she would keep, through all her riper years, the simple and loving heart of her childhood; and how she would gather about her other little children, and make *their* eyes bright and eager with many a strange tale, perhaps even with the dream of Wonderland of long ago; and how she would feel with all their simple sorrows, and find a pleasure in all their simple joys, remembering her own child-life, **and the happy summer days.**”

(Wonderland 12.63)

Happy Summer days to you all, dear Friends,

There are moments you never forget, there are actions which speak louder than words, there are priceless gestures, offered by others and offered by you, which tell of the risen and ascended Christ amidst us in His world; making a difference to our lives, He challenges and invites us to continue on the *Pilgrim Way* as we trust Him and walk in the footprints of Jesus; His unseen guidance, influence and power enables us to do greater things for God, to serve Him in our Church and our Parish, particularly so in this transition period for you all with the ending of a long Ministry and now the waiting during the Vacancy for a new Ministry to commence.

Let me share two green-shoot moments.

Firstly, the olive leaf given to me on the summit of Jerusalem's Mount of Olives in Jerusalem by a young Palestinian teenager in 2009 I have kept safely since then; it now is sellotaped to the bookcase above my desk. It was part of a sprig of olive leaves from a tiny branch which was placed in the breast pocket of my shirt, during a fascinating conversation I had with this young man, as together we looked in one direction to see the Garden of Gethsemane, near the Church of All Nations, and the huge cemetery containing the ordinary and extraordinary members of Jewish ancestry—and then in another direction to see the wall of division, built in 2000, defining now the gulf between Arab and Jew. In that setting the olive leaf and the boy who gave it to me as a present, remains such a symbol of friendship, love, hope and reconciliation.

Secondly, standing recently amidst the terrible sadness of bereavement felt by the members of a family and their friends, a gift of a shawl was given and received in love and gratitude. A sign like the olive leaf, of solidarity, friendship and care and, for us as Christian people, a sign of the eternal presence of Jesus Christ whose love for all of us extends across the globe to places and people unknown; yes, even to us here in this corner of the vineyard where we do our very best to serve One who invites us to “Come unto me and I will refresh you.”

Quite soon, during June, we have an opportunity of being refreshed in the best way by sharing in the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday 23rd June. I very much hope to meet you in Church on that Communion Sunday. May these coming summer months restore you outwardly as you are inwardly rejuvenated by the living Christ who is indeed the water of Life.

Green shoots lead to golden fields and all the Blessings of the extravagant mercy and love of God. Soon the process of the Vacancy will be under way: **various Edicts** will be pronounced in both Churches over the coming weeks leading to the Kirk Sessions agreeing upon a **Parish Profile** and then **the election of a Nominating Committee from members of the Congregations**, whose task will be to seek applications from Ministers. In time, and please be aware the process may well take many, many months, **a nominee will be presented to the Kirk Sessions and then to the Congregations**. At that stage that Sole Nominee will be required to preach to both Congregations, after which a vote will be taken by members or adherents, whose names appear on the Electoral Rolls of Comrie or Dundurn Parish Churches.

Again, an Edict will be pronounced about all of this, so you must have no worries. All will happen smoothly and, in the timing of God, a new Minister will be called to serve your lovely Parishes.

I am most grateful to those who are conducting Worship in both Congregations each Sunday until the arrival of the Locum Minister in early September, the Reverend Bob Milne.

I would be happy, should you wish, to be contacted about any matter on either the Manse telephone or my mobile .

I very much hope you enjoy all that makes summer so beautiful and send every best wish.

John

The Rev'd John Murdoch

Parish Register

Baptism

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. [Romans 6: 4]

February

10th Charlotte Xanthe Crawford, Comrie

17th Anna Joy Hume, Comrie

Aaron David Hume, Comrie

March

3rd Pippa Lamont, Comrie

Marriages

A man leaves his father and mother and is united with his wife, and they become one. [Genesis 2: 24]

April

27th Suzanne Ferguson & Christopher Black, Comrie

May

11th Anna McLeod & Adam Sergeant, Dundurn

Deaths

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. [John 11: 25-26]

February

4th Kathleen Martin, Cameron Court, Comrie

22nd Mrs Catherine Ferguson, Glebe Road, Comrie

27th Mrs I McLeod, Cowden Way, Comrie

April

12th Mrs Daisy Finlayson, Glebe Road, Comrie

Additions by Certificate

February

12th Marion McOuat, Maurice Wynd, Dunblane

March

Mrs Margaret Evans, East Lodge Dunira (*Dundurn*)

Additions by Resolution

February

12th Bob Hughes, Burrell Street, Comrie

12th David Weinman, Tay Avenue, Comrie

12th Dr Susan Weinman, Tay Avenue, Comrie

March

Mrs Jane Gargolinski, Ben Ochr, Lochearnhead (*Dundurn*)

Mr Malcolm Linton, Tigh-na-Mar, St Fillans (*Dundurn*)

Mrs Paula Linton, Tigh-na-Mar, St Fillans (*Dundurn*)

May

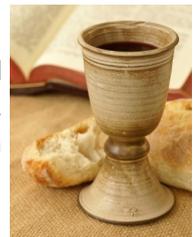
14th Shona Robertson, Field of Refuge, Comrie

14th Ronnie Shaw, Comrie

14th Christine Shaw, Comrie

Home Communion

Have you missed Communion due to your health? If you would like to celebrate the sacrament of Communion in your own home, please let your Elder know so that appropriate arrangements can be made.



Diary of coming events

June

- 7th Cameron Court Worship (2.00pm)
Youth Club (6.30-8pm)
- 8th Presbytery of Perth meet at Comrie
- 9th Pentecost Sunday
Monthly Service at Glenartney (3.00pm)
- 11th Comrie Kirk Session
- 12th Bible Study Comrie Annexe (12noon)
Monthly Sing-a-long (2.00pm)
- 14th Youth Club (6.30-8pm)
- 16th Trinity Sunday
Father's Day
- 21st Comrie Primary School Prizegiving
Messy Church (4-6pm)
Youth Club (6.30-8pm)
- 23rd Holy Communion
- 28th School closes for Summer
- 29th Dundurn Coffee Morning (10.00am—12noon)

July

- 6th Traidcraft stall at Comrie
- 10th Bible Study Comrie Annexe (12noon)
Monthly Sing-a-long (2.00pm)
- 14th Monthly Service at Glenartney (3.00pm)
- 20th Opening of Comrie Fortnight
Riverside Stall
- 21st Strawberry Tea and Garden Trail
- 22nd Art Exhibition and Sale, Church Hall (10am—4pm)
Messy Church, Mon-Wed, in the Church (3.00pm—5.00pm)
- 27th Dundurn Coffee Morning (10.00am—12noon)
- 28th Songs of Praise (Boulevard)

August

- 3rd Float Parade Day
- 4th Traidcraft stall at Comrie
- 10th Wedding at Glenartney
- 11th Monthly Service at Glenartney (3.00pm)

- 14th Bible Study Comrie Annexe (12noon)
Monthly Sing-a-long (2.00pm)
- 16th Messy Church (4-6pm)
- 22nd School Returns
- 23rd Youth Club (6.30-8pm)
- 30th Youth Club (6.30-8pm)
- 31st Dundurn Coffee Morning (10.00am—12noon)

September

- 1st Traidcraft stall at Comrie
- 6th Youth Club (6.30-8pm)
- 8th Monthly Service at Glenartney (3.00pm)
- 11th Bible Study Comrie Annexe (12noon)
Monthly Sing-a-long (2.00pm)
- 13th Youth Club (6.30-8pm)
- 20th Messy Church (4-6pm)
Youth Club (6.30-8pm)
- 27th Youth Club (6.30-8pm)

October

- 2nd Guild returns
- 4th School closes
- 6th Traidcraft stall at Comrie
- 9th Bible Study Comrie Annexe (12noon)
Monthly Sing-a-long (2.00pm)
- 13th Monthly Service at Glenartney (3.00pm)
- 18th Messy Church (4-6pm)
Youth Club (6.30-8pm)

Comrie Village Diary



The village diary can be viewed and entries made at The White Church office. If you are planning something in the village checking this diary will allow you to choose a day that does not fall on, or clash with, other similar events in the village. Please call the Manager of the White Church: 679001

HELLO!

Messy
Church

...is here in Comrie
Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd,
and Wednesday 24th July.

3.00 - 5.00 pm

in Comrie Parish

Church

- All age families
- Stories
- Crafts
- Music
- Food

See you there !



Foodbank

Your continuing help in making donations to the Perth & Kinross Food Bank would be much appreciated.

Items currently required: UHT Milk, Long life juices, Toilet rolls, small Washing up liquids.

We have plenty of Bags for Life, Pasta, Beans, Soup, Cereals and Pet Food.



Comrie Parish Church Website

www.comrieparishchurch.org

Why not take a look?

The website will be updated regularly, so look out for all the events being posted on the Home page under Church News.

The Church Office is situated in the Church Hall Annexe.

The phone number is: 01764 679555

Email: strathearnkirks@btinternet.com

If you need to contact the Church for any reason, Linda Bennett is usually in the office on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Or you can contact her by leaving a message on the answerphone.





Sunday Lesson Readings : Comrie Parish Church



The new Rota for Reading the Lesson on Sundays will be drawn up in mid-June, then circulated to those involved. If you wish to join the team to read on a Sunday or, alternatively, to step down from the Rota - please get in touch with Judy McDowall by the 15th June. The Rota will run from 7 July 2019 to 5 January 2020. Thank you.

Comrie Parish Church - Flower Rota

The Flower Rota List is kept on the left-hand side of the general noticeboard in the Dundurn Hall. There are several dates available over the coming months, so I hope that members of the congregation will consider putting their name against a particular day - say an anniversary or a date special to you. It adds to the ambience of the service when there are flowers on display.



Glenartney Church Worship Services – 2019



Worship begins at 3.00 pm

Everyone is warmly welcome.

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| 9 th June 2019 | Mr Ian Roy |
| 14 th July 2019 | Rev Mairi Perkins |
| 11 th August 2019 | Mr Ian Roy |
| 8 th September 2019 | Rev Klaus Buwert |
| 13 th October 2019 | Worship Committee Muthill Parish Church (Harvest Thanksgiving Service) |



Dundurn Sleep Out 15th June 2019

The first event is a twenty four hour continuous reading of the New Testament until 11 am on Sunday 16th June finishing just before the church service. **We would be delighted to have help from our friends in Comrie.**

Simultaneously, 15th June, we plan to have a sleep out in the church grounds – in a Marquee – to raise funds for the homeless. We will welcome help of all kinds from both congregations. The marquee has plenty of space.

More information will be available soon, if you wish to discuss our plans contact Liz Cunningham 685383 or Frances Brown 685268.



Traidcraft Stall Dates

June 2019 To December 2019



Sunday 2 June - No stall available on this date.

Sunday 6 July

Sunday 4 August

Sunday 1 September

Sunday 6 October

Sunday 3 November

Sunday 1 December

It was with relief that news came at the end of 2018, that Traidcraft was going to survive after all, if on a smaller scale. It would rely on a smaller number of suppliers, and would concentrate mainly on food. The latest catalogue has included a few household cleaning items to coin purses and recycled wine glasses, as well as food items such as chocolate bars, tea bags, ground coffee, biscuits etc. Sadly, some of the warehouse and office staff will be made redundant towards the end of June. Traidcraft Exchange has been working hard to try and mitigate the effect of the downsizing - they have helped and encouraged producers to attend Trade Shows in different parts of the world, with some success in interest shown.

The Guild



The Guild Session ended on 3rd April with a happy and well supported 'Daffodil Tea', raising £355 for our Guild Projects, which this year are for Crossreach "Join up the Dots", tackling problems of isolation and loneliness. The second was support for The Boys Brigade.

This has been the first of our three year theme "One Journey, Many Roads" and this year entitled "Seeking the Way". We have had many interesting speakers and discussions. Each meeting opens with a short act of Worship and ends with tea and plenty of chat!

We are a small but lively group of about 20 members and are always very happy to welcome anyone ---- male or female ---- who would like to join us.

During the Session some of us have visited Crieff Parish Church Guild, then took part in the "Big Sing" in Airdrie, the lunch and AGM of Perth and Kinross Guilds, together in Lethem St Marks Church. We look forward to an evening at St Fillan's RC Guild and also our Summer Gathering in Auchterarder. Six of us hope to attend the Annual Gathering in Dundee at the beginning of September.

We will resume our meetings on the first Wednesday of October --- do join us.

Comrie Fortnight 2019 Riverside Stall and BBQ

On the opening day of the 2019 Fortnight, the 20th July, we will be running a cake and candy stall plus a BBQ during the afternoon at the riverside sale.



Donations of cake and candy would be greatly appreciated (*please no fresh cream*), plus any willing helpers. Please come and visit us.

Please contact Gillian 670605 for more information.



Garden Trail and Strawberry Tea

On **Sunday 21st July** enjoy an afternoon stroll around many beautiful gardens in the village followed by a strawberry tea in the Church Hall.

If you would like to show your garden please phone Chris 671197.

For further information please call Gillian 670605.



Roller Coaster of fun with Comrie Youth Project

Hello! I am Fiona Perry I was appointed in January 2019, to take over from Danyell, who went off to have a gorgeous baby girl! I have been gripping tight as I have learnt how to be a youth leader...I am not there yet!



What we have learnt is how important it is! Already seeing amazing characters begin to develop into young people with all the struggles that they can have.

Youth club enables young people to develop holistically, working with them to facilitate their personal, social and educational development,

to enable them to develop their voice, influence and their place in society and to reach their full potential. Being part of a group can help young people develop important personal and interpersonal skills. Youth club can also help young people gain self-confidence and self-esteem. Youth club can help reduce the risk of becoming involved in unsafe activities, such as using drugs and alcohol.



We are trying to create a safe place that young people can come and 'hang out'.



We are forging a link with Logos in Crieff who have the knowledge, resources and some funding to help us in our youth work. We will carry the same message and logo across Stathearn. Young people will recognise it in and outside school as a comfortable place to go to, be listened to and supported by. Leading them to mature into grounded citizens of the community. Logos has given us advice how to help our young leaders work towards their Duke of Edinburgh Award.



We hope our programme of activities will give them opportunity to contribute to their communities. For example; we are hearing about a homeless hostel in Perth, raising money by sleeping out at St Fillians Church. We are having a talk on climate change and then doing a protest about climate change with other youth clubs.

We encourage them to be participative by letting the youth club attendees design the activities programme, run the tuck shop, set up and clear up.

We all (girls/boys and adults!) have enjoyed the make over night. When Alison Peters (professional theatre make up artist) showed us how she makes wounds for theatrical productions. We also were blessed with all the great helpers that night; doing henna tattoos, nail varnishing and face painting. We also had great fun tie-dying T-shirts and doing a foot print mural. Us leaders washing our friends feet as Jesus did before the last supper.

What makes Youth Club happen are our amazing volunteers. With 30+ children on our register we need all the help we can get. These young people need gentle guidance to allow them to make their own decisions, without letting the overflowing excitement become dangerous! We have some regular volunteers, who we greatly appreciate and send out a massive thank you. I have recently (cheekily) asked all parents/carers to contribute one night so our regulars can have a Friday off. Are you free? Would you like to have fun on a Friday? Just email me on: comireyouthproject@gmail.com.

We are now looking into supporting St Fillians young people too. On the third Friday of the month we will take the fun to somewhere in St Fillians (venue TBA!) I look forward to meeting some new young people there.

Our programme this term includes; cycling to St Fillians, having water fun, climate change protest, hosting a roller-disco.....and all the stuff in-between!

We are financed by Comrie Parish Church and the Tuck shop! I am applying for various funding opportunities to support an exciting programme of events. If you are able to sponsor us please email the church Treasurer on: strathearnkirks@btinternet.com.

We hope the young people will be encouraged to be strong and courageous and as the disciple Paul was. When Paul was imprisoned he wrote to Timothy a 'church leader', "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity"

Our aim is to help the young people to be good examples for their community.

The action of God in calling a person

Who does God call to Christian leadership? If we look at the gallery of leading personalities in the Bible, we certainly find a strange assortment of crooks and saints, learned and illiterate, rich and poor, young and old, ruthless and gentle, men with princely salaries and people on starvation wages. We find pleasure-loving indulgence and severe self-discipline. Well might we ask, "where is the method and the logic and is there no personnel policy in the Kingdom of God".

Let us look at the team that was chosen to pioneer the movement of the followers of Jesus. We would probably have been able to control our enthusiasm if we had been members of the committee given the responsibility of making the choice

Turn to the list of candidates:

Peter: Natural qualities of leadership, excellent speaker but impulsive and erratic in behaviour. Can we consider for this appointment a man who in a fit of anger cuts off a person's ear or who, when the chips are down, tells a lie to get out of a difficult situation. Somewhat sadly, but firmly, we would disqualify Peter.

Andrew: Brother of aforementioned Peter. Skilful in personal relationships and good at handling crowds. Capable of initiative but on a small scale. No indication of leadership in a larger context. No record of public speaking. Acceptable in a subordinate position.

Phillip: Easily confused in a crisis situation. Too dependent on others. Known to turn to Andrew too frequently for advice rather than taking responsibility for decision and action. Unqualified for position of leadership.

James and John, sons of Zebedee: Known to be quarrelsome and overly ambitious. Too dependant on mother and lack understanding of the methods and purpose of the Movement. Disqualified.

James son of Alphaeus: Insufficient data in personnel record. Known as James the little one. Not enough known. Disqualified.

Bartholomew (alias Nathaniel): Intellectual, well educated but given to excessive meditation under fig trees. Too inclined to be theorizing for leadership requiring vigorous action. May eventually be considered for research department or library.

Judas: (Known as Judas not Iscariot). Negative identification, not enough known. No further action possible until further information received.

Matthew: Customs clerk. Believed to have some literacy ability but acceptance of appointment in service of colonial power could be a handicap in nationalist circles.

Possible position as office clerk.

Simon: Known as the zealot because of earlier association with radical political group. Extremist views which if not modified could prove disruptive. Furthermore, Movement should avoid political identification. Disqualified.

Thomas: Deficient in spontaneous enthusiasm. Excessive need of coaching and encouragement. Known to be weak in basic convictions. Disqualified.

Thus, come Pentecost, we would have one or two subordinate staff members in the programme department but no-one for them to be subordinate to, together with one office clerk and one librarian. At that point it seems unlikely that about three thousand souls would be added before the day was out. But there was.

It is true that the men we have just considered had inadequacies but they did have one thing in common. They were followers of Jesus, earnest and honest. They were prepared for obedience and their inadequacies were not ignored.

They were put through an exacting period of in-service training and exposed to intensive teaching. When necessary, they were rebuked and corrected. James and John were reprimanded for their childish ambition to be given places of honour even if that ambition was expressed by another. Their Master washed the feet of his disciples to teach that the greatest is he who serves. Peter was told 'Get thee behind me Satan' and perhaps even more deeply cutting was the sorrowful look of reproach at the moment of denial. Thomas was not left with his doubts but helped to overcome them. It was not because of, but despite their difficulties that these men were chosen and because they were ready to follow and learn from a Master who saw in them not only what was but what could be.



A Fond Farewell

On Sunday 3rd March, the congregations of Comrie and Dundurn Parish Churches united, in a very full Church at Comrie, to celebrate the 13½ years of Ministry of Rev Dr Graham McWilliams and the support of Lesley, Lauder and Callum. This was the culmination of four weeks where a sacrament was celebrated each week during worship and this Sunday included the Baptism of Pippa Lamont who had asked Graham to Baptise her before he left.



The Comrie Session Clerk, Murray Lauchlan, spoke of the deepening spiritual work of the congregations during Graham’s leadership, and of the wonderful legacy in the ecclesiastical buildings.



A presentation was made to Graham and Lesley on behalf of the Comrie congregation.

The congregation met in the Church Hall following worship and enjoyed a meal together to further celebrate, and where our oldest Elder, Jim Thomson, spoke with great warmth and humour of the period of Graham’s Ministry.



Thank You

On behalf of myself, Lesley, Lauder and Callum I would like to sincerely offer our thanks to everyone at Comrie and Dundurn for your prayerful and practical support since arriving as The Manse Family in 2005. Our time here has been one of great blessing, while also marked by the loss of members of our family. As we move to Fairlie, we will continue to pray for you, and hope that you will continue to pray for us. As the saying goes, 'a family that prays together stays together.' We are a family, and so we are only moving to a new chapter in our lives. We are stronger for our time in Perthshire and we pray that the people of Comrie and Dundurn are stronger, too.

To God be the glory.

With every Blessing.

Graham

Graham's Induction at Fairlie & Largs St Columba's



Some of the congregations of Comrie and Dundurn travelled down to Largs on Wednesday 13th March for Graham's Induction at Fairlie and Largs St Columba's. We were greeted by the congregations of Largs and Fairlie and treated to wonderful 'spread'.

We then went into the Church for the formal part of the evening where Graham's induction took place. There were presentations made to Graham, Lesley and the boys, then we were entertained by the combined choirs of Largs and Fairlie. After this there was more tea and goodies before we left to make our way home.

A most enjoyable evening.



RECIPE FOR A HAPPY HOME

Melt happy hearts into one,
add a lot of love,
mix with respect,
add gentleness, laughter, joy,
faith, hope and self control.
Pour in much understanding –
don't forget the patience.
Blend in listening ears,
allow to grow and share.
sprinkle with smiles, hugs and kisses –
Bake for a lifetime.
Yield, One Happy Home!



STAMPS

Thanks to those who have donated stamps over the past year. Next year will be 50 years collecting for World Mission Projects. For this it is hoped folk will collect by February 2020, 50 stamps per person. *Details on the*



Church Notice Board. Stamps can be put into the Post Box in the Dundurn (entrance) Hall at the Church or handed into Hazel Elders at her home.

Sing-a-long



In April Sing-a-long celebrated its 7th birthday. 90 people came to a very successful and happy birthday party. They were entertained by Pippa Lamont who sang twice for an appreciative audience, by Hamish Reid who got everyone's feet tapping to the lively Scottish tunes and by Jimmy Lawson who accompanied some of the

singing on his moothie. A great time was had by all.

A birthday cake was cut by Tommy Mulligan and afternoon tea was served and enjoyed by everyone.

Jimmy and Mairi would like to thank everyone who has, and still does, help to make Sing-a-long the success it is.....without

your assistance Sing-a-long could not go on.

A special mention to J Denholm, Architects, who very kindly printed 100 copies of the 6th song book.

On the day before the May Sing-a-long it was discovered that the heating in the Church had failed.....Jimmy and Mairi extend their grateful thanks and appreciation to Charles and Margaret Sim, Gordon McCartney and Alistair Gourlay (Crieff) for arranging, sourcing and supplying space heaters which 'saved the day',

The next Sing-a-longs will be held on June 12th and July 10th to which everyone is invited.

Ring Mairi 670570 for further details.



The Open Door

Comrie Parish Church for all the history of the building has maintained an open door during daylight hours. This has allowed over many years, an opportunity for our community and visitors to come into the building to pray or have a quiet period or just have a peaceful look around. Many come just to sit and reflect on their busy lives.

We are delighted that this happens, but it depends on someone coming to open the doors in the morning and to close the buildings at night. We have a rota of six people presently who volunteer to do this on a week long basis and we are grateful to them for their commitment. We however, need to lighten their load, so we are looking for further volunteers to assist with this, so that the period between lock up duties are lengthened. The Church need your help, If you think you can assist please contact Murray Lauchlan on 670605 or Charles Sim on 01567 830257.

St Kessog's Square

Many people in the village have been asking what's happening in the Square, well here's an update. While Rev Dr Graham McWilliams has left the village (whose drive and commitment to this project was immense), the work to complete the Square goes on.



We have been granted planning permission to carry out the work that many of you will have seen in the plans that our talented architect team have produced, (we are very grateful for the work of Iain Cormack, Jimmy Denholm and Chris Palmer have donated, to make this project possible).

We have chosen a local preferred contractor to carry out the work.

We have been very blessed that all the budgeted money is now on deposit to pay for this project and we are very grateful to the individual contributors, the Trusts funds and the charities who have made this happen. We are also very grateful to the St Kessog's Square committee for all their hard work in making the applications to the various funders, particularly Andrew Reid who completed countless forms.

However, we have not, as yet, managed to gain a building control warrant, the architects needed the services of a structural engineer in order to complete the application, we now believe that has been solved and we are looking forward to them lodging an application in the very near future. Once these drawings are complete, we will concurrently ask the contractor to price the work and this will be checked by Bill Laing who like many of our local professionals have donated their work to provide this wonderful asset to the village.

There is always downside to this happening, for a period of time during the work St Kessog's Square will be closed for safety reasons, and that means less parking, no place to meet and eat your lunch on sunny days, however, that will be a small price to pay to achieve another place in the village that we can all be proud of.

Summer Coffee Mornings at Dundurn

June 29th, July 27th, August 31st

10.00am to 12noon

In the church garden when the sun shines.



All are welcome to enjoy the conversation, laughter and home baking.

Procrastination

I wonder how often we use this sizable word, possibly on rare occasions; but it is a word to keep in mind.

In the Oxford Dictionary of Quotations there we find the following; “Procrastination is the thief of time”. And then another descriptive meaning; “Procrastination is the art of keeping up with yesterday”.

I quote these words of wisdom for they provide an important reminder. I speak from the heart as just the other day I finally threw out a substantial number of books I had cherished for years. They were a collection of articles and cuttings from newspapers which represented many years.



But casting my eyes recently upon them, I made that final decision. I pulled them from the shelf where they had been housed and with firm decision, I went straight to the bin. I can only say in all sincerity what a surprising delight. I felt freedom from a burden.

From this recent experience I now feel inspired to pull down the loft ladder and wander round dust laden items which are no longer of any more use. Such could be given away, sold in a saleroom, given to family members or simply put in a bin. It really gives a lovely sense of achievement with no more *Procrastination!*



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The Holy man

A Holy man came walking
along the shores of Galilee.
He stopped to speak with some fisherman
and said, "Leave your nets and follow me".

"Who are you Sir?" they asked Him
He just smiled and said to them.
"Come, leave your nets and follow me,
for I shall make you fishers of men".

They left their nets just where they lay
and they followed the Holy man.
He gathered twelve good men in all
to help Him with His plans.

People came from far and wide
just to listen to what He said.
Some believed Him to be the Son of God,
others wished Him dead.

They brought the sick and laid them down
at the feet of the Holy man.
He quietly blessed them in the name of God
and gently touched them with His hands

People saw miracles before their eyes,
for the lame could walk again.
He healed the sick, and raised the dead,
Hallelujah to His name.

He gave God's word to the people
that there was another way.
He told them to love one another
then He closed His eyes to pray.

But this man of love a peaceful ways,
knew what the future held for Him
His fellow man would betray His trust
and whip and torture Him.

He was betrayed and captured
Soon after the breaking of the bread
They dragged Him before Pontius Pilate
and placed a crown of thorns upon His head.

They led Him away to a gallows
on a hillside far away
and there they crucified the Son of God
but as He died they heard Him say.

"Oh, please forgive them Father
for they know not what they do".
Then He gasped His very last breath
as He died for me and you.

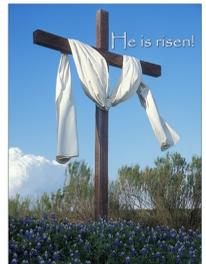
The sky turned black as Jesus died,
some people knelt in prayer.
How could they kill this Man of love,
whose only crime was that He cared.

His body was lowered from the cross
and wrapped in a linen shroud,
then taken away to Joseph's tomb,
far away from the jeering crowds.

Three days passed then Jesus arose
from the very depths of death.
The stone rolled back, the tomb quite bare,
on the floor, just a linen shroud was left.

Jesus had risen, so that we can live,
with Him for evermore.
When we leave our earthly life behind
and join Him at Heaven's door.

*From 'Another side of Life
by Malcolm Langford*



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Aid Update Malawi

Let me first of all express my heartfelt thanks to all who have contributed towards providing necessities to those afflicted by the flooding in early March in the Shire River valley in Malawi. Although it is several weeks since the rains (although unseasonal thunderstorms with heavy rains still occur now and then) the restarting of people's lives is still underway. Reports and my personal observations are that although the Maize crop having survived the week long storm largely intact has since suffered badly due to waterlogging of the fields. There has been a



crop though, not as big as it would have been, but not a scarce one either. The rice fields I saw last week are doing exceptionally well so it seems like prayers have been answered and food shortage might not be a significant problem this winter (June to August of course this side of the equator).

Practical aid is still very much required at present we are still providing emergency aid in the form of clothing, plastic buckets, plates and cups together with a 25m length of heavy gauge black plastic sheeting which is used to line roofs under the reed thatch to provide watertight houses. We/you also supply school books and writing materials so the children can go back to school. It may well be that in the weeks to come aid may take the form of specific projects to rebuild but Malawians are very resourceful and most houses are being repaired. Seed maize may be



bought for the next planting season as the harvest although providing enough to eat might not be good enough to supply the seed, and seed is likely to rise in price.



The buckets together with the sheets and other items work out at just over five pounds per family helped Total donations from all sources, Churches, Rotary Clubs, sports clubs and individuals so far has amounted to £7122.10 and so far I have spent £5197.57 this means you have helped over 1080 families get back on their feet.



At a distribution a couple of weeks ago I made the point when making my short speech that a few plastic goods seems very inadequate in the face of the losses suffered by the recipients. I was very quickly told by the lady replying that every thing we are doing is deeply appreciated by the people, when you have nothing everything is a great improvement. Please accept my assurances that the

money has been spent in accordance with the wishes of the people affected, we made sure they were consulted and we made a reconnaissance trip before spending anything. Every week before buying anything we check to make sure we are still supplying what is required and not what we think is wanted.

On a side note when we first went out into the affected areas we had trouble with vehicles getting stuck in mud or indeed some roads being impassable due to standing water. As the area has dried out a lot of the roads none of which are tarmacked have been badly washed out and the mud has dried to very fine and very deep sand which makes traction difficult, we don't



consider it a day unless we have to get and push a few times!



I attach below some photographs of what we are doing. The ones of the floods were taken by others and I cannot be sure of exactly where they were taken but they do give a good indication of the extent of the flooding.

Once again many many thanks for your generosity. You have made a difference to a great many lives,

take each family and multiply by an average of five members giving a total of over four thousand helped and that number continues to rise.

Should you want further information or indeed to see more photos please feel free to email me.

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When his stop came, he paused momentarily at the door, and then he handed the quarter to the driver and said, 'Here, you gave me too much change.'

The driver, with a smile, replied, 'Aren't you the new preacher in town?'

'Yes' he replied.

'Well, I have been thinking a lot lately about going somewhere to worship. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change. I'll see you at church on Sunday.'

When the preacher stepped off of the bus, he literally grabbed the nearest lamp post, held on, and said, 'Oh God, I almost sold your Son for a quarter.'

Our lives are the only Bible some people will ever read. This is a really scary example of how much people watch us as Christians, and will put us to the test! Always be on guard -- and remember -- You carry the name of Christ on your shoulders when you call yourself 'Christian.'

Watch your thoughts ; they become words.

Watch your words; they become actions.

Watch your actions; they become habits..

Watch your habits; they become character.

Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.

Being a Christian is a whole lot like being on Candid Camera. When you least expect it, expect it!

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