

Reminders & Updates

Summer Fair 2017

This year’s Summer Fair raised over £1,475. A very special thanks to everyone who helped. Without the assistance of our volunteers and the kind donations this wouldn't be possible. Once again many thanks to everyone involved.

Tracey-Ann Graham
Secretary

Christmas Fair 2017

Christmas Fair time again! The 56th Annual Christmas Fair will take place on Saturday, 2nd December 2017. A planning meeting will be held in the Rosslyn Room at 12.20 after Church on Sunday 8 October 2017. All interested in helping at the Fair will be welcome and any new ideas would be great.



Family Social Committee

New Year Ball

Please note that next year's New Year Ball will take place on Saturday, 13 January, 2018. Tickets, priced as for New Year 2017, will be on sale early December.

Weekend Away, Friday, 27 - Monday, 30 April, 2018

Next year's weekend away is at the 4* Aberdeen Altens Hotel, Aberdeen. While the full itinerary is yet to be confirmed, we plan to visit various places of interest on Royal Deeside and the Moray coast. The cost of the holiday, which is being organised by AT Travel, Edinburgh is £295 per person, and includes:-

- Coach Travel
- Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Morning Coffee - Day 1
- Soup/Sandwich Lunch,- Day 4
- Entry to the Benromach Distillery, Forres
- Gratuities

Supplements if required:-

- Insurance - £16 per person
- Single Room Occupancy - £75 per person

Names please with £50 deposit per person, (plus insurance premium if appropriate), to the Family Social Committee as soon as possible, and by Sunday, 24 September, 2017 at the latest. (Cheques only please, made payable to 'Pathhead Parish Church').

Anne Scott
Treasurer, FSC



Faith, yeast and mustard seeds

Dear Friends

For this article, I wish to share with you part of my address as retiring Moderator of Presbytery because I think it relates to how we all feel as Christians when we look at the world around us.

Whether our summertime has been good or bad, it is not long before the issues of the world occupy the forefront of our minds. Unprecedented floods in large parts of the world, remind us of its fragility and the need to be good stewards of creation. Escalating tensions between America and North Korea, remind us that we cannot take peace for granted. The intermittent terror attacks by I.S. sympathisers, reveal how misplaced loyalty, anger, bitterness and revenge can fracture a peaceful society. The reports of hundreds of thousands of people at risk of starvation in the Yemen and large parts of East Africa shock us out of a sense of complacency. The fragility of the nation’s economy and the ever-increasing demand upon Foodbanks, remind us that our neighbours in need are never far away.

As a national church, we know that the masses no longer find their solace and guidance from the Assembly Hall or the pulpit but from the god of Google, the voice of Alexa and the often-confusing world of social media. And yet, the God we follow, incarnated in Jesus Christ, does not call us to wring our hands in despair, or to walk away from our responsibilities, or to meekly accept that the fight is lost.

Now, more than ever, God calls us, through His only Son, to be the salt that flavours society, to be the seed that grows into an oaktree, to be the yeast that causes the whole loaf to rise – That single celled organism that has an impact which is completely disproportionate to its size. Perhaps, now, more than any other time since the 500 years of Protestant Reformation, the Church of Scotland is having to learn that, what matters is not our size but our faith.

Faith, we are told - even faith as small as a mustard seed - can move mountains. So our prayers to God, should not be that He increase our **size** to make us a force of power in the land – for as we have seen on the world stage, power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Instead, our prayer to God, should be that He increases our **faith** and that He gives us the wisdom and understanding to know what faith really is and what it is not.



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2nd December 2016

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13th January 2018

May Weekend Away

27-30 May 2018

Pathhead News

Family Register

Flowers in the Church

Faith is not a substitute for laziness,
Faith is the invisible sign of a visible relationship with God.
Like the Holy Spirit, you can't touch it, you can't taste it, you can't smell it
– But you can witness its impact.
You can sense when it is present and when it is lacking.
In his home town of Nazareth, Jesus could perform few miracles,
because of their lack of faith.

I believe, the cure for the Kirk's woes, does not lie in overloading the
willing horse, or devising some new strategy from our own resources.
Instead it begins with those words, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

Your friend and fellow pilgrim,
Andrew Donald.

Family Register

Deaths

Jesus said, 'Because I live, you will live also'

Mrs Ina Watson,

Harriet Street, Kirkcaldy.....7th June 2017

Mrs Margaret Greig,

Tweed Avenue, Kirkcaldy.....7th July 2017

Mrs R Neilson,

Muirfield Street, Kirkcaldy.....16th August 2017

Mrs Isa Ward,

Mid Street, Kirkcaldy.....31st August 2017

Mrs Liz Cain,

Dysart Road, Kirkcaldy.....6th September 2017



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Guild

A warm welcome awaits you at the Guild, neither Church attendance nor Church membership is necessary - just come along and bring a friend. The new session began on September 4th and meetings are on alternate Mondays, the next one being the Dedication Service on September 18th.

The meetings are in the small hall and a good variety of speakers and activities are on offer. We finish with a chat over light refreshments. Each Guild evening begins at 7.30pm and is always finished by 9pm. So please come along and give it a whirl!

Mrs. Margaret Horn
Secretary



Pathhead Finance

The constant flow of offerings really does make a difference especially over the summer months when things are quieter around the church... although the outgoings certainly don't seem less at that time of year!

I would like to thank all members who have increased their offerings and also grateful to the ever-increasing band of members who give "tax efficiently".

*"John, you're embarrassing us.
Please stop saying 'ka-ching,'*

We would like to ask our members who aren't already signed up (who qualify) to consider Gift Aid. Anyone who would like more information about Gift Aid should simply contact John Horn.



Saturday Coffee Mornings



The Coffee Mornings will start back on Saturday 9th September 2017 at the usual time of 10.00am to 12 noon. The teams look forward to meeting up with you again for a coffee, cake and a chat.

Thanks to everyone for the support given last session when the magnificent amount of £2,539.00 was raised. We are always looking to add to our group of helpers and if you feel you would like to join us by serving or baking please get in touch.



British Summer Time

British Summer Time ends on Sunday 29th, October 2017.



Distribution of the Quarterly Magazine, Church spring cleaning, catering for Alpha Course suppers, members of the Healing Study Group, attendance at services in the local residential homes and visits to Rosslyn School were among the many ways they served their God.

Beyond Church life their interests were just as varied. Every year they would holiday for a week in Pitlochry and attend all six plays that made up the summer season.

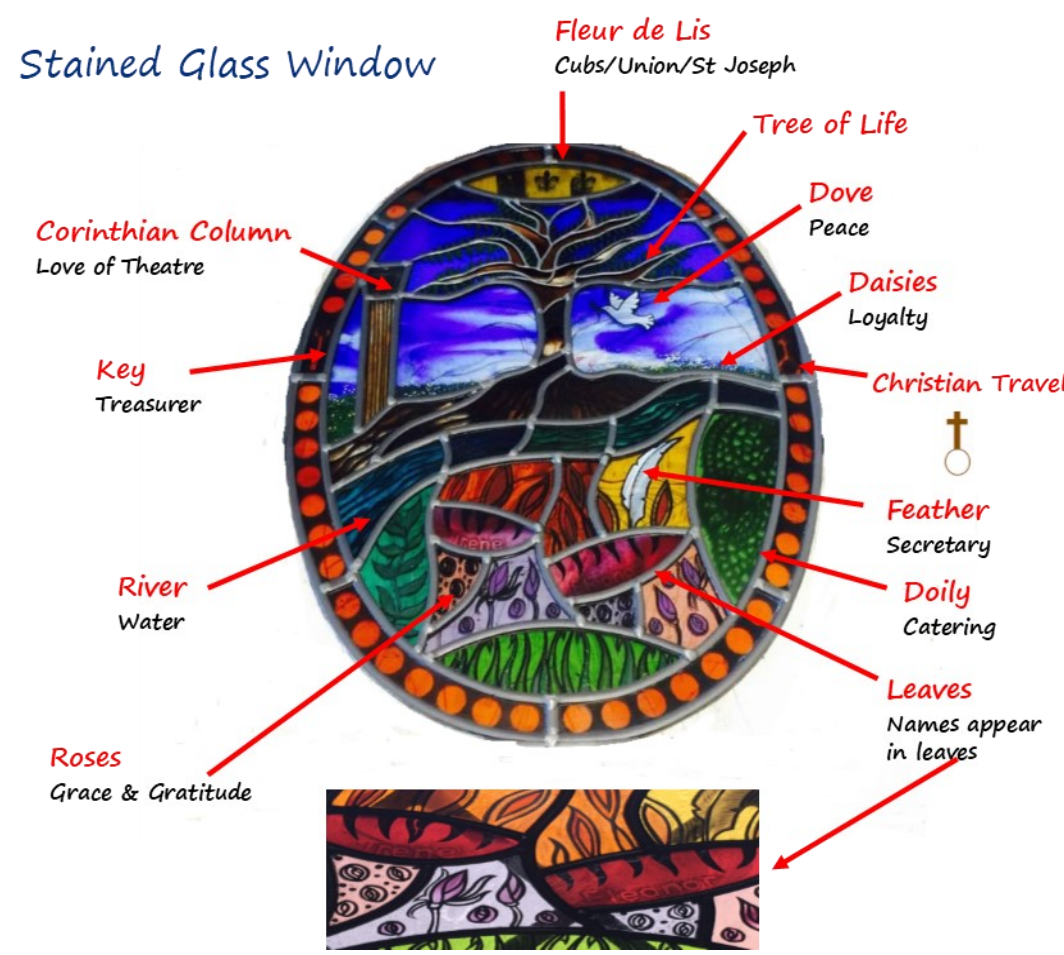
They loved to travel, Europe, America, flying in Concorde and memorable visits to the Oberammergau Passion Play and the Holy Land were particular highlights.

However, Eleanor and Irene enjoyed the simple things in life too, sitting or walking by the side of Birnie Loch on a lovely summer evening took a lot of beating they said.

As you can see from the illustration, and the actual stained glass panel, Carole Robinson artist has encapsulated much of Eleanor and Irene's lives in what is a beautiful, vibrant piece of artwork.

The panel was dedicated by the Rev Andrew Donald on Sunday 25 June 2017 and can be seen on the south-west window of the Church.

"The Lord knows those who are his"
2. Timothy



Flowers in the Church

The Flower Team wish to thank all who give donations for flowers which beautify the Church each Sunday. The flowers are greatly appreciated by those who receive them.



June	2017
4th	Flower Box
11th	Mrs R McDonald
18th	Mr & Mrs E Cockburn
25th	Mrs Jane Millar
July	2017
2nd	Flower Box
10th	Mrs T Collins, Mrs H Galloway
16th	Flower Box
23rd	Flower Box
30th	Mrs M Wilson
August	2017
6th	Mrs R Curran
13th	Mr & Mrs D Campbell
20th	Mr R Oliphant
27th	Flower Box

Thank you to the ladies who arrange the flowers each week and to those who help to deliver them.



Summer Holiday Club

The Goodfellow Stained Glass Panel

Summer Holiday Club - 2017

The theme for this year’s Holiday Club was SHOWSTOPPERS and as the name suggests it was about showtime. This is a theme we used 6 years ago but decided to repeat it because it offered children the opportunity to get more involved and to explore and recognise their talents. The aim is to help children to realise that everyone has a talent of some sort. Of course there was a Biblical theme underlying the whole week and this was that GOD HAS A PLAN FOR ALL OF US. This was illustrated by looking at the lives of several Biblical characters and events, eg Daniel, David and Goliath, Jesus.



Over the week we registered 60 children with an average of 48 attending each day. There were craft activities, group time, singing, quiz and of course, a show time. A favourite of this week was the custard pie challenge with children having the opportunity to throw a soft cream plate at a volunteer member of the team.

Each day there was a time for the children to “perform” – everything from football skills to very professional highland dancing. Some children love to perform and everyone is appreciative of those who do.



There was a fabulous team of approximately 30 people, led by Neill and Jacqueline Mitchell. Some came full time, some popped in when they could and we also welcomed a few new people to the team. They



ensured that all the tasks of working directly with children, serving them juice and biscuits, preparing the crafts, etc. were covered.

A FUN time was had by all – including a very tired team at the end of the week!

THANKS to all who helped in any way, including those who prayed for the children throughout the week, so that they would learn a little more about God’s plan for their lives. Please continue to pray for our children.



The Goodfellow Stained Glass Panel

<i>Eleanor Goodfellow</i>	<i>1930</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>2001</i>
<i>Irene Goodfellow</i>	<i>1931</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>2015</i>
<i>Ordained as Elders</i>	<i>1990</i>		

Following the death of Irene a £57,188 legacy was bequeathed to the Church from her estate.

Considering the generous gift and the unstinting service both Irene and Eleanor gave to Pathhead over many years it was agreed at a Kirk Session meeting it would be only right and proper to commemorate their lives in an appropriate and tangible manner.

A small Committee was formed of John Winter, who had suggested it be something in stained glass, Ann Mitchell, a close friend of Eleanor and Irene, May Snaddon, who knew a stained glass artist and the three overseen by Anne Deas, our Session Clerk.

At a meeting with artist Carole Robinson, Ann was able to list Eleanor and Irene’s many interests in service to their Lord which began in Sunday School, the Girl Guides, then as leaders in both the Guide movement and the Scout Association. Their talents were many and varied in their service to the Church.

Eleanor and Irene’s careers in banking and secretarial work respectively were the ideal fit for becoming long-time Treasurer and Secretary to the Christmas and Summer Fairs.

Both were in the group who designed and made the banners that enhance the Church interior and Eleanor, when flower convenor, organised at least two Flower and Banner Festivals.

