



# Springtime

## Pathhead Parish Church Newsletter 2017

Dear Friends

No sooner is the celebration of Christmas past when a New Year beckons with all its challenges and opportunities. This is the time of year, when the minds of Ministers, Session Clerks and Treasurers turn towards the Stated Annual Meeting and the preparation of the annual accounts. It is a time when people in church offices are updating lists and getting ready for the production of newsletters. It is a time when thoughts turn towards Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

In the past number of weeks, a great deal of thought and planning has been done to provide continuity during a time of transition. In November of last year, our Church Officer retired. Among his various duties, he was responsible for opening and closing the halls for organisations, setting out tables and chairs for different events and keeping the church and halls clean and tidy. I want to personally thank everyone who has rallied round to ensure that these functions are still fulfilled and especially those who have co-ordinated this since November. The new arrangement will help us make a financial saving. It is important because the loss of the income from the Industrial Tribunal Service caused us to run with a significant and unsustainable deficit.

A similar amount of time, effort and thought has gone into planning for the Café and Outreach Enterprise. Again, for financial reasons, it is no longer possible to have a paid Café and Outreach Co-ordinator. Tasks have been shared and responsibilities assumed by individuals who have enabled us to continue the outreach meals with minimal disruption. Adjustments have been made to make the system more efficient and this could not have been done without the skillset of dedicated individuals who gave up hours of valuable time over the Christmas and New Year period.

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*The healing  
ministry given  
through prayer*

Pastoral Care  
Team

I am delighted that this will ensure the continuation of a service which is valued by so many.

With the reduction of two posts, significant savings will be made but costs beyond our control are still rising and we will continue to require the sacrificial giving of our members throughout the year. Please give this matter your consideration when you are reviewing your givings. It is pleasing to report that in the next few months, a beautiful stained glass window will be added to our church in memory of the Goodfellow sisters, whose generosity to Pathhead will never be forgotten. May we all be inspired by their example of faith, discipleship and stewardship.

A blessed Easter when it comes.

With gratitude for all who given their loyal service and unswerving support.

Andrew Donald

Minister

### Pastoral Care Team

Pathhead has a small but dedicated team of visitors, people who are willing to give approximately two hours of their time each month to visit someone who, for whatever reason, cannot take part anymore in Church life. The service these people provide is very worthwhile and much appreciated by the folk who receive it. It would be wonderful if more people who are more or less house-bound could have a Church visitor but that means recruiting a few more folk who feel they have the time and the necessary talent required, that being the ability to listen and to chat.

If anyone feels this is something he/she can do (men can be visitors too), please speak to the Minister, the Session Clerk or Margaret Horn.



## Flowers

The Flower Team wish to thank all who give monetary donations for flowers that are displayed in the Church each Sunday. The flowers are greatly appreciated by all who receive them.

### **December 2016**

- 4th. Mr & Mrs Moran, Ms C Hughes
- 11th. Mrs A Brown, Mr & Mrs A Hugh & Family  
Mr & Mrs D Campbell
- 18th. Flower Box
- 25th. No Flowers - Christmas Day

### **January 2016**

- 1st. No Flowers - New Year's Day
- 8th. Mrs M Balfour, Mrs K Walker & Family  
Ms E Brown, Sheila & Ruth Welensky
- 15th. Flower Box
- 22nd. Mrs A Scott, Mr & Mrs G Johnston  
Mrs S Welensky
- 29th. Flower Box

### **February 2016**

- 5th. Flower Box
- 12th. Flower Box
- 19th. Flower Box
- 26th. Flower Box

*Thank you to all who arrange the flowers in the Church and deliver them each Sunday.*

## News from the Guild



Since the last Newsletter the Guild has gone from strength to strength. Membership now stands at over forty. Occasionally there are some male visitors, thanks to the interesting speakers which Isabelle Povey manages to acquire. All visitors have commented on the warmth and friendliness experienced at our meetings.

The Guild members are very generous in their giving. From the monies raised from fortnightly collections, fundraising coffee mornings and occasional entertainments, the following amounts were able to be allocated;

1. Pathhead Church (for heating and lighting)	£1000.00
2. Ministries and Mission	£ 100.00
3. Street Pastors	£ 100.00
4. Christian Aid	£ 100.00
5. Alzheimers Scotland (Kirkcaldy Branch)	£ 50.00
6. National Youth Assembly	£ 50.00
7. Food Bank	£ 50.00

Our finances are ably managed by Treasurer, Elizabeth Duncan and her assistant, Elaine Brown. Music plays a significant part in Guild meetings and we are indebted to Anne Deas for her skill on the piano and also Isabelle Povey who plays when Anne is unavailable.

All meetings finish with fellowship over tea, coffee and biscuits and tea convenor Jane Farrell and assistant Kathleen Bellingham are responsible for this, although other members pitch in when required.

Worthy of note is Guild member, Alison Davidson, who for the past three years has been convener of Kirkcaldy Presbyterial Council. Although due to stand down, Alison has been prevailed upon to stay on for an extra year - so we will have a friend in high places for another year!



## Pathhead News

News from the  
Guild cont'd..

Family Social  
Committee

### News from the Guild..cont'd

The final fund-raising venture is a coffee morning on Saturday March 18th. Tickets are £2.00. We would be grateful for any support in the form of home baking, and it is hoped to make a few extra pounds from a gift stall so jewellery, toiletries, knick-knacks and books would also be appreciated - every little helps! And, of course, your attendance is important.

Although the Guild year ends officially with the A.G.M. in April, there are usually two more unofficial meetings - one in May and one in June. One of these is a fish supper night, organised by Katie Samson, and the other is some sort of home grown entertainment. These last two evenings are the brainchild of our convener, Nan Dick. Nan is retiring from office, having done several stints as convener and we would like to put on record our grateful thanks for her sterling service to Pathhead Parish Church Guild and her abiding good humour and patience with us all.

The Guild resumes sometime at the beginning of September - date to be arranged. A warm welcome awaits you.

Margaret Horn  
Secretary

### Family Social Committee

#### New Year Ball

The New Year got off to a fine start with our Annual Ball, the 36th, on Saturday, 7 January, 2017. Some ninety guests had a great night, enjoying the wonderful music and buffet meal in equal measure, thanks to the talents of the Dave Husband Sound and the hard work of the committee. Planning for next year's Ball on Saturday, 13 January, 2018 is already underway!

#### Weekend Away

A varied and interesting itinerary has been arranged for our weekend in Yorkshire, Friday, 28 April - Monday, 1 May, 2017. Look out for an update in the summer edition of the Church Newsletter.

Ken Bellingham  
Chairman, FSC



It is the mission of Kirkcaldy Foodbank that nobody in the Kirkcaldy area goes hungry during a time of crisis and that everybody shares what they have.

We are an independent foodbank working hard to ensure local people do not go hungry during a time of crisis since our launch in December 2013. At Kirkcaldy Foodbank we work towards helping local people and families in crisis by providing emergency food parcels to people in need. We exist to;

- work towards relieving poverty and hardship in the Kirkcaldy area,
- support local people and their families to find longer-term solutions, through advice and guidance,
- work towards a more equitable society by promoting sharing in the local area,
- promote dignity and respect within the local community, and
- work in partnership with other organisations to alleviate poverty and social exclusion within the Kirkcaldy area.

In order to operate, the Foodbank requires regular donations of food. We at Pathhead want to support the Foodbank and so we have set up a shopping trolley within the large hall where donations can be left. Further information can be sought on Kirkcaldy Foodbank at [www.kirkcaldyfoodbank.org.uk](http://www.kirkcaldyfoodbank.org.uk) or you can email them direct at [Kirkcaldyfoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:Kirkcaldyfoodbank@gmail.com).







#### Stars...

As some of you will know, on December 2 I offer stars to anyone who would like one to put a message on it and have it hanging on our Church Christmas tree till after Christmas, when John Winter and friends take the tree down. John has always gathered the stars and returned them to me, but it didn't seem right to just throw them out, as each one was special to someone for whatever reason they had wanted them there, so I prayed over them and handed them over to God, then I felt able to dispose of them.

I am only relating all this as a friend said it would be good for all of you to know what finally happens to them.

May you know God's peace and his grace in your life and if you would like some others to pray for or with you about anything in confidence, please fill in a prayer request note and put it in an envelope and place on prayer tree. Paper and envelopes under tree if needed.

faithfully, Aileen

#### Treasurer's Report

Our income has decreased by several thousand pounds. This has dropped due to the decrease from the use of premises (due to the loss of the Tribunal Service), the decrease in gift aid and the decrease in Pathhead Christian Outreach income.

We need to strive to increase our income even more over the next year. The Church's expenditure is up on last year by some £3,600 despite our endeavours to keep it down. Most of our other expenditures are down slightly due to good housekeeping. We are trying to manage without a caretaker thus saving a wage. We should hope to see the benefit of this gradually appear throughout the year. Pathhead Christian Outreach finances should improve as the administrator has not been replaced making another saving in wages. That is why every effort is being made to make the system work over the three month trial period so everyone's co-operation is essential. The outreach meals are a very important service to the community so we need it to work.



# Crossword

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## DOWN

- 1 Anew
- 2 Enclosure
- 3 Decorate
- 4 Pouring
- 5 Count
- 6 Couple
- 7 Sick
- 8 Its own
- 9 Chinese bear
- 10 Consumed
- 11 Give \_\_ to God
- 13 South southeast
- 15 Snake
- 20 Adam & Eve's garden
- 22 Bottle
- 25 Bear Creek product
- 26 Ear pain
- 28 Alleys
- 30 Jewish teacher
- 31 Possessive pronoun
- 32 Noah's \_\_
- 33 Fish eggs
- 34 Estimated time of arrival
- 36 Anger
- 37 Draw
- 38 Yea
- 43 Tropical edible root
- 45 Ashes
- 46 Not many (2 wds.)
- 48 Turn away from sin
- 50 Treat badly
- 51 Ice skating areas
- 52 Sugar-free brand
- 55 Nimbus
- 56 Radical
- 57 Hymn of praise
- 59 \_\_ come?
- 61 Recede
- 64 Downwind
- 65 Street abbr.
- 66 X

## ACROSS

- 1 Future Farmers of America (abr.)
- 4 Radiuses
- 9 Dowel
- 12 Cincinnati baseball team
- 14 Grown-up
- 15 Phoenician god
- 16 Son of Seth
- 17 Objects of false worship
- 18 Upon
- 19 Window covering
- 21 Dodger
- 23 Chicken
- 24 Insult
- 26 Samuel's mentor
- 27 Some
- 28 Comedian Jay
- 29 Far away
- 31 Speech giver
- 35 Common people
- 39 Press
- 40 School group
- 41 Soft cheese
- 42 Shoot clay targets
- 44 Books of the Apocrypha
- 47 Japanese dress
- 49 Audio-system
- 50 Exist
- 53 Tyrannosaurus
- 54 Vane direction
- 55 Coffee holder
- 58 Church official
- 60 Inhabits
- 62 Do \_\_ others
- 63 Excite
- 67 Wine bottle
- 68 Alter
- 69 At no time
- 70 Tree growth
- 71 Compass point
- 72 Adolescents
- 73 Dike

