

# Pathhead Parish Church Autumn Newsletter 2022

## A Letter From The Manse

Dear Friends

I hope that you have had a good summer season, enjoying the many days of sunshine and warmth. Thoughts now turn to autumn and to the new session ahead. Part of that will involve discussion around the Presbytery's agreed draft proposal that Pathhead Parish Church and Dysart St Clair "develop and form a union" and that both congregations "consider local presence across [this] parish area and future building requirements for ministry and mission." Much is still to be discussed before this draft is finalized but the direction of travel from the Presbytery's viewpoint is very clear.

Pathhead Parish Church will also be celebrating its bicentenary on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023. The Kirk Session will be exploring the best way to do this in the months ahead and it is expected that a small committee will be formed to that end. I am sure that any additional suggestions from members in the pew will be appreciated and carefully considered.



On a more personal note, I was grateful for the decision of the Kirk Session to allow a stained glass memorial to be placed within the sanctuary in memory of my late wife, Liz, who died on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May 2020. The COVID pandemic had delayed plans for a fitting remembrance. However, this memorial has now been completed by Carole Robinson, the same artist who produced the beautiful stained glass memorial for Miss Irene Goodfellow a number of years ago. It is hoped that once the window has been placed in the sanctuary, it will be dedicated during an act of worship on a Sunday morning.



## WELCOME



One dictionary definition of the word ‘welcome’ is “to greet the arrival of visitors or guests cordially or gladly”.

From the moment I stepped over the threshold of Pathhead Church in late February (with some trepidation, I must admit), I was made welcome in the spirit of that definition and with the sense the welcome was genuine, not just one of duty. As I have come to know people more and hopefully become more familiar to some of you, this welcome and feeling of inclusion has continued and so, to all of you, I thank you for that.

It is now time for me to step up and pass that welcome on, which I hope I can do to the same standard as has been shown me, and I would encourage all to continue to welcome strangers and non-strangers alike into our midst. I know the difference it has made to me.

With thanks,  
Moyra



Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

*All are welcome,  
all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

Hymn CH4 198 Verse 5.

## Family Register

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

### **Deaths**

Mrs Nancy Cochrane, Abbeyfield Care Home, Kirkcaldy – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Mr John Paterson, 91 Dalmahoy Crescent, Kirkcaldy – 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Miss Emma Brown, 128 Fair Isle Road, Kirkcaldy – 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Mrs Margaret Moran, 19 Harriet Street, Kirkcaldy – 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022


Mrs Sheila Campbell, Marchmont Care Home, (formerly 40 Caledonia Road, Kirkcaldy) – 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Mrs M Donaldson, 2 Seafield Gardens, Kirkcaldy - 20<sup>th</sup> August 2022

Mrs Rena Birrell, 108 Mid Street, Kirkcaldy – 25<sup>th</sup> August 2022

Also Mr Pat Lindsay, St Clair Street, Kirkcaldy – 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022 (Pat was a regular worshipper with us here at Pathhead)

We remember the families of all who have lost loved ones.



### Care Team Visitors

Our thanks to Margaret Horn who has organised a team of volunteers who visit members of the congregation. These visits are for friendship and a blether maybe over a cuppa. Volunteer visitors are paired up with one or two members to visit and they can arrange days and times which suit for visits. Margaret has now decided it is time to step down and Elizabeth Duncan and Marlene Walker have expressed their interest in this valuable work. If you think that a visit and a chat from one of our church members is something you would like, please get in touch with the church office 01592 204635 or let any church elder know.

## Flowers in Church

April	10/4	Flower box	July	3/7	Mrs K Walker
				10/7	Mrs P Collins
May	1/5	Mrs M Baillie		17/7	Mrs H Galloway
	8/5	Mr & Mrs A Hugh & family		24/7	Mrs R McDonald
	22/5	Mrs M Taylor	August	7/8	Mrs R Curran
	29/5	Mrs E Duncan		14/8	Mrs A Mitchell
June	19/6	Miss M Kelly		21/8	Flower box
	26/6	The family of Miss E Brown			

Thank you to all who contribute and to those who help with delivery.



Sheila White



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Congratulations to Jennifer Durie and Bryan Munnoch who were married recently.

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## Crossreach

A letter and certificate of appreciation have been received thanking the congregation for the support which Pathhead Parish Church has given to Crossreach.

**CROSSREACH**  
Care you can put your faith in

Crossreach is the Social Care Council part of The Church of Scotland delivering and supporting a range of social care programmes in Scotland. The certificate is displayed on the noticeboard as you leave the church.

Crossreach Christmas cards and 2023 calendars will be available soon. If you would like more information please speak to Margaret Glencross.



## Ordination and Admission of Elders

“I, who am an elder myself, appeal to the Church Elders among you to be shepherds of the flock that God gave you and to take care of it willingly, as God wants you to do, not try to rule over those who have been put in your care, but be examples to the flock.” *1 Peter: 1 – 3*

During morning worship on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June, Dave Duncan, Kathy Glachan and Kate Walker were ordained as ruling elders and together with Moyra Kelly who was previously ordained, were admitted to the Kirk Session.

The Kirk Session look forward to welcoming Dave, Kathy, Moyra and Kate their first Session meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> September.



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## Café St Clair

Our Café is open Tuesday – Friday 12 noon to 1.45 pm. We offer a wide range of food from a light lunch of soup or a filled roll to a full meal. Our delivery service, available within the parish operates Monday – Friday. If you have never visited the café, we would love to see you and your friends. Also if you feel that you can volunteer with serving in the café or delivering meals, or if you or someone you know might be interested in having meals delivered, please telephone the church on 01592 204635 for more information.



## Blythswood Care Shoebox Appeal

It is the time of year again when we start to think about filling shoe boxes for the Blythswood Care Appeal. Through your kindness and generosity, we can make a difference and bring hope this Christmas to people in Ukraine, Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania and Serbia. Despite the difficulties that they face every day – through poverty, illness, disability or other disadvantages – receiving a shoe box brings such joy to children and adults. You can find out more about the Blythswood Care Shoe Box Appeal on their website <https://blythswood.org>

Shoe boxes are usually uplifted at the beginning of November therefore they should be handed in to the church by the end of October. Leaflets to accompany the shoe boxes will be available at the church shortly but for the moment a list of preferred items is listed below. If you are unable to fill a shoe box but still wish to help, you can leave a monetary donation in an envelope marked 'Shoe Box Appeal' in the collection plate or hand in to the church office any morning and the Church Guild will then fill boxes on your behalf. Alternatively, if you are only able to donate one or two items, that too would be much appreciated. I will put an empty box in the church foyer in which to put any donations. Can I also ask that if anyone has empty shoe boxes they don't need, could you please leave them at the church as shoe boxes are always hard to find these days.

Thank you to everyone in advance,

Kathy Glachan

Toothbrush/toothpaste	Hat, scarf, gloves	New make-up
Shower gel/deodorant	Underwear/socks/tights	Sewing equipment
Shampoo/soap	Small toy	Screwdrivers/pliers
Sanitary products	Pens/pencils/sharpeners	Comb/brush
Moisturising cream	Notepads/colouring books	Shaving foam/razors
Face cloth/wipes	Rulers/rubbers	Household candles



## News from the Guild



In 1887 Dr. Archibald Charteris successfully petitioned the General Assembly to establish the Woman's Guild 135 years ago! Well we're still going strong (not personally for all that time) and now we're The Church of Scotland Guild - open to all. You might ask yourself so what's the Guild all about then? So here are a few reasons.

Having fun, fellowship and eating together. Raising funds for our six projects at home and abroad and bringing important issues like human trafficking to the heart of the Church. Nurturing faith in members and friends and coming together in our thousands at major events to celebrate and showcase our fellowship. Providing hospitality and welcome to new people and those on the margins of our communities.

Our meetings resume on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm then every fortnight after that date. This opening meeting will take place in Café St Clair and a light supper will be provided, followed by entertainment by Gordon Suttie. Please join us if you are able as a warm welcome awaits you at the Guild. We have a wide variety of talks in our new syllabus for the next session, talks to look forward to and also to hear about the work others do in helping people through difficult times and situations. So each meeting will be different and of course we hope enjoyable. So, for those who are regulars we look forward to seeing you all again and for those we hope will come and join us, you will be most welcome.

Alison Davidson and Nan Dick





## Queen's Platinum Jubilee

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June, after morning worship, the Guild hosted an Afternoon Tea to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.



The hall was decorated and the tables laid with china cups, saucers and plates and cake stands.

Almost 70 people attended enjoying tasty sausage rolls, sandwiches, scones and cakes. There was live entertainment with music through the decades which brought back lots of memories and prompted lots of chat!



Thank you to all who worked so hard preparing and decorating the hall with bunting and organising this successful event.

## Summer Fair

In May the Kirk Session took the decision that we could once again hold a Summer Fair, the first since 2019! After everything that people have gone through over the past few years, we were unsure what the response would be and we were also aware that there was not going to be a great deal of time to prepare and advertise. Stall holders rallied round and before we knew it Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June had arrived. The fair was quieter than past years but it was great to see people turning up to browse and buy. As usual, the teas proved to be very popular!



***Tea Team ready for action!***



***We even hit the local press!!***

### Lucky Programme Winners

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lisbeth Winter – Café St Clair Voucher
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Alison Davidson – Lindt Swiss Luxury Selection
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Elaine Brown – Border Biscuits
- 4<sup>th</sup> Jen Cowe – Lindt Chocolate Truffles

The final total raised on the day was a magnificent £1176. Well done to everyone.

## Dates for the Diary

Guild	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September in Café St Clair 7.30 pm (followed by a light supper)
Kirk Session	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September 7.30 pm
Congregational Board	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September 7.30 pm
Guild Coffee Morning	Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> October

**Following the successful return of the Summer Fair, The Christmas Fair will be back.**



All the usual stalls plus some new ones.

Seems a long way away but please get the date in your diary!!

**Christmas Fair**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2 pm**

Autumn  
reminds  
us to see  
the  
beauty  
in  
change

