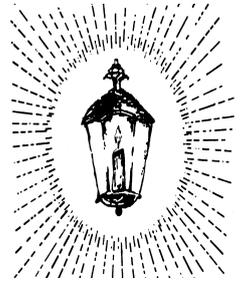


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Many thanks to the congregation for their donations for Christian Aid week this year.

We raised a grand total of

**£459.52**

We will also have another collection for Christian Aid at the Harvest Service.

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# HOLY WEEK SERVICES

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## Recap

It was a privilege for me to conduct worship in Bothwell during five days of Holy Week, days which have from very early years been a "Week Observed", a fixed period in the liturgical calendar of the Christian Church.

It has been a week too in which the personalities and the events that fill one third of the gospel narratives have been "observed", that dramatic and world-changing period has been watched, its characters portrayed, its events analysed, its proceedings re-enacted.

That the week should be observed, in the historic church of Bothwell, in reflective worship, that these services should take place is important and right. It has been a shared Christian experience that, as people looked on, they have been gradually caught up in the drama, emotionally drawn into it; they have become more than spectators, finding themselves identifying with leading players, transported into an angry city, captivated by a Temple debate, enthralled by an upper room discourse.....stunned by a travesty of justice, shocked by the fickleness of the mob, appalled by a final act of innocent execution and the seeming triumph of evil, yet knowing, that even in the darkest moments of apparent tragedy and loss, the light of a new dawn is flickering, that the glorious Alleluia of Easter Day will break forth.

I was confessing to those who attended the services that, if I had my ministry again, I would earlier and more eagerly encourage my folk to visit Israel/Palestine - not because, as Christians, we must do so ( there is no command to pilgrimage!), not because there is any special merit in making the journey (as in some religious traditions), but simply because we can, because we are able to set our feet on the very terrain where our faith began, the land where Jesus was born and lived and died, 2000 years ago. That is how historically and geographically our faith is.

Yes, I would encourage folk to visit the Holy Land, because there the tourist becomes a pilgrim, the visitor becomes a worshipper and the sightseer gains an insight into the meaning of the faith.

In the Holy Week drama, we become more than onlookers and spectators; in the Holy Land, we become more than tourists and sightseers.

There is a parallel movement in the different accounts in the Gospels of the last days of Jesus' life.

In the earliest gospel, (and in Matthew who follows almost word for word), the writer Mark looks with the eyes of the disciples as the events of the week overtake them. He sees the mysteriousness, the loneliness of this Jesus whom they fail to understand. Alone, Jesus struggles against human evil to which he falls victim, dying with the words, "My God, why have you forsaken me?" on his lips. There are few glimpses of light ; all is mystery and darkness.

"Keep your distance," Mark seems to say. You have no part in this; you have nothing to offer except your share in human sinfulness. Look at what you can hardly understand. " Be still and Know that I am God."

In the third gospel, Luke sees with the compassionate eyes of Christ.

"Come near," he seems to say. What brings Christ to this conflict is his love, his readiness to stand alongside humanity, to identify with men and women in their need.

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# HOLY WEEK SERVICES

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## Recap continued

"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they are doing." Come near and receive forgiveness and healing, and the power to share these gifts in your own living.

In the fourth gospel, John looks back, from a viewpoint beyond resurrection and ascension. "No one," says John's Jesus, "takes my life away from me; I lay it down of my own free will.

For John, Jesus is in control. Pilate, High Priest, mocking soldiers, the mob, it is they who are judged; they act in accordance with Jesus' own chosen destiny. He is Lord, not only after the cross but before it and as he hangs on it.

"When I am lifted up, I will draw all people to me."

This is his enthronement. He dies not with a cry of abandonment but with a shout of triumph. "Tetelestai!" It is accomplished.

I was immensely grateful for the opportunity to lead these acts of worship and for the support of those who attended throughout the week.

David W. Doyle.

## Music Events—Dates for your Diary

**Sunday September 29th 4.30pm**

Viola Recital

Paul Livingston – Viola

Anna Rastopchina - Piano

**Saturday November 2nd 4.00pm**

"Come & Sing" Faure Requiem

with the Lanarkshire Society of Organists

& Glasgow Society of Organists

**Saturday December 7th**

Britten St Nicholas

**Sunday October 27th 4.30pm**

Clarinet Trio

Peter Shepherd – Piano

Ruarish Bakke – Clarinet

Joe Standley - Bass

**Sunday November 24rd**

Tim Edmundson – Vocal Recital

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# INTERIM MODERATOR

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## Update

On Sunday the 9th of June 2019 an election took place after worship to elect the 13 members who will ultimately be responsible for identifying the next minister of our church.

24 Members were proposed and seconded by the congregation and the following received the most votes and were therefore duly elected to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Suzanne Smith	Sara Crichton
Eleanor Terrace	Margaret Dobie
Alison Rennie	Elizabeth French
Morven McPherson	Hazel Gilmour
Ken Hamilton	Brian Sharp
John Crichton	John Gilmour
David Craig	

At the first meeting of the committee on 12th June 2019 the following office bearers were appointed.

Convener - Alison Rennie

Vice Convener - Suzanne Smith

Clerk - Ken Hamilton

I am sure you would want to join me in wishing the Nominating Committee every success in their task.

The congregation is encouraged to speak to any member of the Nominating Committee to share their thoughts about the qualities they would like to see in our future minister.

However, please be aware that members of the committee cannot share any details about the recruitment process or comment on candidates during the vacancy.

The Convener will provide more general updates to the congregation on a regular basis during Sunday worship to try and keep everyone informed.

Rev. Arthur Barrie

Interim Moderator

### **For funeral arrangements please contact:**

- The Revd Norman McKee  
01698 827358
- The Revd John Stevenson  
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# THE GUILD

Dates for your Diary

## **Re-dedication Service**

***Monday 7th October 2019  
at 7.30pm***

The Guild resumes on at 7.30 on Monday 7th October, when we begin the session with our annual Re-dedication Service and Social Evening.

We offer to all interested in joining our Guild the warmest of welcomes. We are a vibrant and forward thinking group, always seeking to augment our numbers. Could you be one of our new members? We would love to have you with us.



## **Bothwell Parish Church Guild**

### **Charity Afternoon Tea**

***Sunday 8th September 2019 at 2.00pm***

***Church Centre***

***Tickets £5***

***Tickets on sale from early August.***

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# OUR COMMUNITY

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Allopus, Dementia Café, The Society of Friends of Bothwell Parish

***Allopus starts back Thursday 1st August 2019 with an exciting program.  
Everyone will be very welcome.***

On the first and third Thursdays of each month, our more senior members and their friends join with folks (usually housebound or infirm) to enjoy each other's company and conversation, and share in a host of fun-filled activities. All in the comfort and warmth of our Church's Centre.

Allopus begins at 11.00am with a welcoming offer of tea or coffee. Thereafter, members can enjoy whatever activity they may choose – or, simply, have a good natter with friends. A light lunch is served from 12.30 onwards before the time comes for the halls to be vacated at 1.30pm.

Everyone is welcome to join 'ALL-OV-US', even if they are not a member of the Church. Please let us know, if you know of someone who may benefit from:

- Sharing the enjoyment of friendship with others
- A varied programme of light-hearted activity
- Speakers and outings
- Happy conversation
- A 'good cuppa'

Please Note: A small charge is made each meeting to assist with the cost of lunch.



**Bothwell Church Centre**

**2nd & 4th Thursdays  
Monthly (Except July)**

**1pm—2.30pm**

## **Dementia Café update**

Our first year is over and we are on holiday for the month of July. It has been interesting and educational for everyone involved. We have had a varied programme including music, quizzes and games. Looking forward to next year we will roll out Playlist for Life hopefully to everyone who comes along. In relation to this we are looking for MP3 players (not apple) which anyone has lying around. These can be handed into the church office.

If you know of anyone and their carer who would benefit from coming along please encourage to give it a try, we are a friendly and welcoming bunch!

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month apart from July from 1pm to 2.30pm in the Church Centre.

If you would like further information please contact Isobel Convery:

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Mobile: 07751 273256

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# THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS OF BOTHWELL PARISH CHURCH

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## Events & Outings

**A warm welcome is assured for new members.**

Membership forms are available from the church office or from the information table in the nave of the church.

Completed forms should be returned to the Church Office or to the Church Officer.

### **Organ Recital**

**Date:** Sunday 1st September 2019

**Time:** 4.30pm

**Tickets:** £8 (Students £5)

We are delighted to invite you to an organ recital by Bothwell Parish's very own organist and musical director, the hugely talented Peter Shepherd. Someday, we do not doubt, Peter will go on to even greater things, but, right now, we have the chance to enjoy some wonderful music played by a superb musician.

Bothwell Parish Church is beginning to be recognised as a setting for outstanding musical events. The Society of Friends of Bothwell Parish Church is also beginning to make its mark in the life of our community. We would be pleased to welcome you to join in, and so, tell your friends and come along.

Tickets will be available in August from the Church Office or from the secretary of the Society Dorothy-Anne Ardrey (Church Officer/Beadle) at the end of our Sunday morning service.

The recital will include the work of Louis Vierne, "elegant...romantically rich"; Herbert Howells, "rhapsodically beautiful"; and, the "evocative" work of Francois Couperin.

### **Social Outing**

**Date:** Friday 6th September 2019

**Time:** 1.30pm

**Venue:** The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons,  
242 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow (near Blythswood Square).

We will have the privilege of a conducted tour to learn of some of the heritage collections. The visit will last approximately two hours followed by refreshments.

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# SUNDAY CLUBS/BOYS BRIGADE

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Update

## **Sunday Clubs Update**

**Dates for the Diary**

**Sunday 18th August—New Session**

**Sunday 25th August—Prizegiving**

Despite smaller numbers this session we have managed to enjoy a good variety of activities. Our focus has been on community, with the children investigating our Sunday School community, our church family community and the wider village community. We explored how to take care of our community and even went on an eco-hunt! The children created a collage of our church brick by brick after a visit from the Church Property Convenor Ken Hamilton, finishing with a fun game of Jenga!

This session we have followed the Church of Scotland syllabus for Sunday School, called 'Spill The Beans', as well as additional bible stories with arts and crafts activities. We have also played games in the hall linked to our lessons which the children always enjoy.

Our nativity play was a joint effort with the ACTS Group and all the children and young adults enjoyed working together. We certainly could not have managed without their super narration skills. One of the group, David Parsons, even doubled as an actor, throwing on a crown to become a King and a tea towel for a shepherd! We think the audience enjoyed the 'Glesga patter' feel of the narration and as usual the angels stole the show.

We have been trying to increase our numbers and have had quite a few children join us from Christening parties. Hopefully we may see some of these children return in the future, they will be most welcome. We also held a 'bring a friend' week which the children enjoyed, even though the numbers were not greatly boosted.

The children very much enjoyed taking an active role in the preparations for Mr Gibson's retiral. They drew pictures of him and together we turned these into bunting to decorate the hall. The children also worked together to create their own card and poem for him.

This year for a variety of reasons it was decided not to have a Christmas party. However, we are planning to make our first meeting of the new session a special fun morning with some surprises.

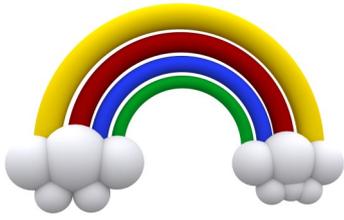
Our last meeting of 2018/19 was an open session for parents. We enjoyed some games together and we painted pebbles with special messages which were left for others to find around the village. The session finished with cakes and juice and was enjoyed by all.

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# SUNDAY CLUBS/BOYS BRIGADE

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## Update



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### SMARTIES CAMPAIGN

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Our Smarties saving campaign is now well under way. The campaign is intended to be a fun way for the congregation to boost church funds and for us to work together towards small targets that in turn will build towards larger sums, such as funding a new boiler!

Every penny counts and by collecting either 20 pence pieces or pound coins in your empty tube you really can make a difference. When your tube is full just return it and we will be delighted to give you a new tube to enjoy and then fill.

Our first target is £1,000 and we are already over a quarter of the way there! Look out for our new totaliser which will be arriving in the Narthex very soon. This is intended to be a fun, visual way to encourage savers. We hope the children will enjoy watching the arrow move across the rainbow towards our first target.

**Let's get saving!**

## Boys Brigade Update

This has been another fun packed year for 1st Bothwell Boys' Brigade.

We had 35 boys on the roll across three sections and our Fridays are always full of different activities, with some old favourites mixed in with some new ideas.

Alongside our usual Friday nights our Juniors and Company Sections also took part in various Battalion Events, with the Juniors, coaches by Iain Scott taking 2nd place in the Figure Marching and our Company Section Boys getting 2nd Place in the Bible Competition and winning the Restricted Drill and for the 24th year in a row the Squad Drill.

All of these successes were marked at our Display on the 17th May. We also celebrated the service to the Company of Eleanor Barr, who retired after many years of dedication to the Boys' Brigade, initially with 3rd Bellshill and then with us here in Bothwell. We also had the pleasure of presenting Presidents Badges to David Parsons and Alexander Scott and 5 Queens Badges to Mitchell Anderson, Nairn Archer, Adam Kennedy, Euan O'Curry and Ian Page.

We were delighted to host the Battalion Annual Parade this year with members of the Company actually leading the service and to finish of the year in style 6 Boys and two staff had the privilege of being part of the Royal Guard of Honour at the General Assembly, and I know that everyone involved enjoyed the thrill of marching from Edinburgh Castle Esplanade and down the Royal Mile.

# CHURCH NEWS

## Church Register, Rota's

### CHURCH REGISTER

According to the EU's General Data Protection Regulation which took effect in May 2018, we are updating our congregational privacy policy. Consequently, we will no longer publish addresses/ telephone numbers (other than of the church/Centre/Manse). We respect the right of privacy of all members and others; and will do all we can to ensure the security of all personal data

#### Deaths

##### June

Mary Tennent, Bothwell – ashes  
Omar Macdonald, Uddingston

#### Weddings

##### May

Amanda and Kenneth Hett, Carlisle

#### Baptisms

Harry Colin Bell—son of Gillian and Colin

### Sunday Welcome / Duty Rota

#### August

4	D Craig	J Crichton	J Dalziel	M Dobie	11	E French	B Gillespie	V Gibson	K Hamilton
18	H Gilmour	J Gilmour	D Hepburn	S Greenshields	25	J Hart	I Henderson	J Henry	M Jack

#### September

1	D Lee	H Marsh	J Marsh	B Moyes	8	G Ormiston	J Provan	J Provan	R Parsons
15	S Smith	A Scott	B Sharp	E Terrace	22	B Thomson	G Whitton	A Wilson	E Barr
29	E Buttery	J Carson	N Carson	H Duddy					

### Sunday Coffee Rota

#### August

4 Mrs C Cahill  
11 Mrs A Thomson  
18 Mrs N Carson  
25 Mrs A Hepburn

#### September

1 The Paron's & The Ormistons  
8 Mrs S Smith  
15 Mrs M Wilson  
22 Mrs E Terrace  
29 Mrs A Laird & The Convery's

### Church Flowers

#### Crossing

#### War Memorial

#### August

4	J Neely	J Marsh
11	J Fleming	E Barr
18	M Stevenson	S Greenshields
25	C Jack	P Brown

#### September

1	A Hood	C Cahill
8	J Fleming	M Jaap
15	S Crichton	E Buttery
22	S Young	M Maillie
29	I Glenn	G Whitton

### Sunday Creche

#### August

4	No Creche	No Creche
11	J Provan	E Barr
18	P Maxwell	G Ormiston
25	S Smith	L Parsons

#### September

1	E Easton	A Hepburn
8	E Terrace	E French
15	N Carson	J Robertson
22	E Barr	M McPherson
29	J Provan	E Barr