



Dear All,

You will be aware that the General Assembly met at the end of May; one of the key areas of consideration led by the Faith Nurture Forum surrounds resetting the Presbytery Mission Plan by December 2022. The same dynamics are in place – the Church of Scotland has to have the right ministry and building structure in place to deliver its mission and build a church for the future. At Sherbrooke Mosspark we have been through a successful union and retained our permission to call on unrestricted tenure. Given the work proceeding at pace at Glasgow Presbytery, the timetable for appointing a new minister has now been pulled forward to December 2021, rather than the two year period initially given.

The vacancy process is continuing well; following the considerable efforts of the Nominating Committee we have now received a few applications and have set the closing date of mid-August. After this date interviews will be held ahead of inviting our preferred candidate to preach at Sherbrooke Mosspark. The whole process remains hard work and I would ask for your continued prayers to ensure we can make some good progress over the summer months.

With kind regards
Clare



Tony Ashcroft

It would be sad to let the death of an old stalwart of Dumbreck/Pollokshields and latterly East Kilbride pass without comment!

Tony Ashcroft died recently after a lengthy illness. Tony and his wife Isabel were regulars at Sherbrooke while resident in the area with Tony assisting when required and Isabel being one of the first tranch of Lady Elders ordained in Sherbrooke St Gilbert's.

Earlier in his career Tony had served as a missionary in Madagascar with Isabel at his side in far from easy or safe surroundings.

On their return Tony worked with Christian Aid in Glasgow and on retiral carried out Pulpit Supply mainly in Lanarkshire when needed.

A lovely man! A superb couple!

Ranald Findlay

Colin Manson

It is with sadness we announce the passing of Scott Manson's father Colin. Although not a member of our Kirk he was a man of faith and we are thinking of the Manson family at this time.

"Remember me"

We have introduced this page to remember those members of the congregation (and their families) who have passed away before us. Very often we hold Thanksgiving or Memorial Services for our family and friends in our kirk but this is not always possible during the current crisis with its restrictions on gatherings. It is our privilege to bring you the names of our folk, whose lives we will remember in our community, and in this way give thanks to God for them.

It is a page for prayer and reflection.

Please contact the office should you wish to add the passing of a family member or friend to this page.



Church Family News

“Alan Irons and Heather Tainsh were delighted that Tom came out of retirement to officiate at their wedding on the 28th May, which was attended by some 20 members of their families and friends.

Alan and Heather are grateful for the help they received in their preparation for the wedding from Cameron, Janis and The Flower Committee.

They have moved into a new house in Pollokshields and hope to be seen around the church in the near future.”

Alan & Heather



ARMADALE
CASTLE, GARDENS & MUSEUM OF THE ISLES
ISLE OF SKYE



The Princess Margaret of the Isles Memorial Prize

Scottish Open Clàrsach Championship

**Patrick McDonald
Memorial Prize for
Best Adaptation**

Awarded to: Alice Guse

12 June 2021

Clan Donald Lands Trust

Armadale Castle, Sleat, Isle of Skye

Dear friends,

As you know by now I like a good story.

I love the story about the minister who told the children Jesus called ordinary everyday people to be his disciples.....fishermen, tax collector. Then he asked the children, "what does this tell you about Jesus?" hoping they would recognise the amazing grace of Jesus calling ordinary, very human people to do extraordinary things.

One of the children answered, "It tells me Jesus was a lousy judge of character."

And maybe he was!

In fact throughout the bible, God constantly chooses the seemingly wrong kind of people.

God seems to be a poor judge of character, at least as the world sees it. But the world doesn't see what God can see. We look at the outside, God looks on the inside.

God has chosen you for some divine purpose.

Yes, God seems to be such a lousy judge of character! I mean look at you and me. What could God possibly see in us?

And yet, two thousand years ago, Jesus journeyed to the city of Jerusalem, and there laid down his life for a world that many see as hopeless and lost, but that God sees as the kingdom-of-God-in the-making. A kingdom made with people like you and me.

As we journey together I hope you see it that way too!

Douglas



This year, the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland took the unprecedented step of replacing Assembly Week with a process that was fully online. Presentations from the Assembly Hall were livestreamed and around 700 Commissioners participated via Zoom. The reports and decisions of GA2021 are available on the General Assembly section at www.churchofscotland.org.uk and a free downloadable summary is also available from www.lifeandwork.org, with full coverage in the Life and Work magazine.

Given the circumstances, an online Assembly was the only option. The outgoing Moderator, the Very Rev Dr Martin Fair, had led the way with "A Year Like No Other" and Commissioners were well prepared with training videos that covered, among other things, split screen viewing and choice of background. There was an opportunity to listen to presentations in advance, and business sessions were limited to afternoons, at 1:00pm and 4:00pm.

Of course, calamities can happen. The Opening Ceremony was beset by sound problems, but as the week progressed, issues were resolved as they arose. The Moderator for 2021-2022, Baron Wallace of Tankerness (Jim Wallace), an Elder at St Magnus Cathedral, kept a firm grip on proceedings, while allowing full debate on the many sensitive issues that arose during the course of the week. The celebration of Communion on Monday, 24th May, was a particularly moving service, a combination of livestream and recordings from previous Assemblies, with additional music from the choir of St Magnus Cathedral.

There are proposals for slimming down the General Assembly and warnings that the Assembly Hall itself may no longer be wholly fit for purpose. Many changes ahead but GA2021 rose to this year's challenges and managed to deliver a sense of togetherness whilst being apart.

Una Heaney



Lodging House Mission: Saturday volunteers needed

For the past year the LHM has been closed because many of the users are immune-compromised and are at greater risk of getting corona virus. Sadly, Stephen Mitchell, the LHM director also died of complications of Covid-19.

Nevertheless, over this time, the LHM continued to supply food and support to the users in their hostels. However, with the successful roll-out of the vaccination programme, I'm pleased to say that they will be opening their doors again from July and the Saturday volunteers will be needed again.

Sherbrooke Mosspark was in the first tranche of churches to put forward a team but as churches have realised just how rewarding it is, more and more have come on board. There are now almost 20 churches involved and this means that each individual church only needs to provide a team two or three times a year.

I remain enormously grateful to all the people from Sherbrooke-Mosspark who have been involved up to now. For understandable reasons we have lost some of them so I am looking for more people who would be willing to help as this lightens the load for everyone. If you know of any younger people who are doing their 'Duke of Edinburgh' awards, it's an ideal opportunity for them too. I put together two teams of 4 people for the morning and afternoon shifts respectively. It's less than 4 hours of your time, just two or three a year, there's a great sense of camaraderie and you come away feeling that you have done something good by contributing to the lives of those less fortunate in our city.

If you would like to know more or are willing to help, please contact me on 0141-427-6863 or via my e-mail (marco.gaudoin@btinternet.com).

Marco Gaudoin



**Monday 1st November -
Friday 12th November 2021**

The COP26 Conference may be the last chance to save our planet from the climate chaos that is already hitting people in many different countries. That's why many people from faith communities and environmental groups want to make their way to Glasgow for the conference in November. Many of them won't be able to pay high hotel prices in the city, and many more would rather get to know some of the people who make Glasgow than stay in an impersonal hotel.

Do you have a spare room in which you could help someone do that, and so make Glasgow special for them as well as discovering more about the place they come from and their passion for building a future for our grandchildren?

Of course, much of this is still dependent on the pandemic having receded significantly by November, but the organisers have made careful preparations for operating within Scottish Government guidelines for whatever stage of the pandemic we are at in November.

Right now you can register your offer of hospitality to a visitor at the time of the COP Conference (31 October - 12 November 2021). You will find answers to most of the questions you may have about this, along with the form to register your offer at <https://www.humanhotel.com/cop26/>

Our Kirk Session have supported our CO26 Group in encouraging members of Sherbrooke Mossspark to offer hospitality in this way. This May, our General Assembly agreed to "urge congregations to prepare for the COP26 UN Climate Summit due to take place in Glasgow in November 2021 by using the Climate Sunday prayer and worship resources (www.climatesunday.org); and consider how they can respond in prayer and action; and to support congregations to sign the 'Scottish Churches COP26 Pledge'."

So we have other plans leading to the November conference, including a Climate Sunday service (probably in late August) and we will let you know more about these in our next magazine. Meantime, if you'd like to join us in praying about the conference (as part of a world-wide prayer chain led by Christian Aid) at 5pm on the first Sunday of each month, please contact me, Graham Blount (graham.blount@yahoo.co.uk).

On 5 September (when a national Climate Sunday service will take place in Glasgow), our time of prayer will become a short evening service in church, open to all. On Sunday 3 October, we expect to be hosting a Glasgow Presbytery service and information evening. We also hope to invite some of those who have come from countries where the impact of climate change is already being felt hardest to our morning service on 7 November, in the middle of the conference.

Graham Blount

OUR FRIDAY CASTAWAY

Moira Fletcher

I have been asked to choose 5 pieces of music. The challenge has not been finding 5 pieces, the challenge has been keeping it to only 5. However, for various reasons I have finally decided on the following:

1. Little Arrows - Leapy Lee

I remember this song from my childhood as it was one of my Dad's favourite fun songs at the time. I have a very vivid picture of him whenever I hear it as he obviously just found it a very catchy tune and had some fairly strange antics, which I think was his version of dancing, while it played. This song will always bring a smile to my face as it brings back fun family memories.

2. Leaning on a Lamppost - George Formby

This is another song that brings back all sorts of family memories. Dad was a huge fan of George Formby and he also played the ukulele. Although he played and sang a number of George Formby songs, his favourite was always Leaning on a Lamppost and he used to sing it to our Mum on a fairly regular basis. In my early twenties I remember going to see the musical 'Me and My Gal' when the lead role was played by Andrew O'Connor, and Leaning on a Lamppost was performed by Andrew during the show. He was a good family friend and in 1997 Andrew came along to a magical convention which was being held in Montrose when our Mum was the President of the Scottish Association of Magical Societies. Andrew sat on the edge of the stage and, unbeknown to Mum, he started to sing this song to her in front of the full audience. This was truly a magical moment as Dad had sadly passed away a couple of years before, but we know that he would have approved of Andrew singing his song to Mum.

3. Viva La Vida (instrumental version) - Coldplay

My daughter Mandy performed her magic and was one of the dancers at the House of Illusion in Salou in Spain for three years and this music was the introduction to the evening. There were various voice overs during the introduction and this piece really set the tempo and mystery of the evening. It always gives me a good positive feeling whenever I hear it.

4. Riding Along on the Crest of a Wave - Ralph Reader

My sister, Rena, has already mentioned the song These are the Times which was written by Ralph Reader and is sung in every Gang Show around the world. Crest of a Wave is probably Ralph Reader's best known song from these shows and it is also sung by Gang Shows all over the world. Our family was, and still is, deeply involved and very passionate about Gang Show. The opportunities and experiences given to young people within the Scout and Guide movements through a Gang Show can be life

changing and anyone involved, even vaguely, with a Gang Show will always have fond memories when hearing or singing Riding Along on the Crest of a Wave.

5 Scotland The Brave - Pipes and Drums of The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards

I used to perform a full Scottish magic act, which was done as a tribute to the act which my Dad performed with Mum. This piece of music was the closing piece for both my parents act and also my own. It always makes me think of Dad in his full kilt outfit and Mum in her white ballgown with tartan sash. It also gives me great pride in being a Scot and at the end of the act it was the perfect piece of music to get any audience clapping along. All of these factors gave me a great passion for performing and maybe one day I can do a recreation of the act at an event in the Church.

Book

Having more than 2000 books in our home this is a difficult choice. However, I think I would be happy to have any of the Alex Gray books with me, and the whole series would be ideal. I enjoy detective books and her series are easy reading. They are all set around Glasgow and surrounding areas in Scotland with many references to places I know and love.

Luxury Item

This would need to be a fully stocked cocktail cabinet, with some bottles of good gin and appropriate mixers. I could then relax on the sand with glass and book in hand. John and I would like to thank everyone who has been following us on Messy Church through these Covid times. It has been a joy and a blessing to bring a message which is so real for us all - God loves us! He loves us just the way we are. He loved us so much



that he sent Jesus into the world as an innocent babe, to die to take away all our sins. Accepting Jesus as our Saviour means we are forgiven - no judgment. He loves us no matter what. The message is timeless and amazing and a privilege to bring through stories and crafts. Our last video will be as the schools break to go on holiday and we will be back in September. May God bless and watch over you this Summer.

Brenda and John



1. A package from an Antipodean City
2. He was 'always willing'
3. Proper Sal with a rain shield
4. Might be used to describe people with syringes.
5. First Hardy, then coil
6. Only after his dreams did he become a generous and happy person
7. Severe Periods
8. Desolate edifice
9. Immense Prospects
10. Spectre of bygone festivity



In this modern and advanced world we think we live in, nothing seems to have changed over many centuries: In the first book of discipline published in 1586 John Knox wrote "It appertaineth to the people and to every several Congregation to elect their Minister."

As part of the necessary requirements apparently the parish required to have a "schoolmaister capable of teaching grammar and the Latine tongue "

Fortunately our Vacancy Committee does not require to take this into their deliberations!

Guess the year this post card was sent.
Even better if you can guess who received it.



Star prize for the winner. Entries to the office.



1. A package from an Antipodean City - Sydney Carton [Tale of Two Cities]
2. He was 'always willing' - Barkis [David Copperfield]
3. Proper Sal with a rain shield - Sara gamp [Martin Chuzzlewit]
4. Might be used to describe people with syringes. - Jagers [Great Expectations]
5. First Hardy, then coil - Oliver Twist
6. Only after his dreams did he become a generous and happy person. Scrooge [A Christmas Carol]
7. Severe Periods. - Hard Times
8. Desolate edifice. - Bleak House
9. Immense Prospects. - Great Expectations]
10. Spectre of bygone festivity. - Ghost of Christmas Past. A Christmas Carol



The long warmer days of June mean that you can enjoy the results of all the work you did in May and have a (slightly) more relaxing time in the garden.

Deadheading Roses

Why? It makes an enormous difference to the number of flowers you get.

How? Remove the old rose at the first leaf below it. This will result in the shortest length of time before the next bloom is produced.

Balance your compost heap

Why? Summer brings lots of leafy green material so it's important to balance it out with some dryer brown material such as cardboard.

How? Tear cardboard or paper into smallish pieces and mix into the compost heap, the ratio of brown to green should be about 50:50. If you add grass clippings to your heap add a spadeful of soil at the same time to stop the grass turning into a slimy layer.

Watering

Why? Plants in containers and those which are newly planted don't have deep roots in the soil and need to be watered regularly.

How? The most effective way is to water the base of the plant using a watering can with a rose. Water in the evening to let the soil better absorb the water and not simply evaporate in the heat.

The long light evenings are a bonus and part of the joy of gardening in Scotland.

Marjorie

A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to this magazine.

Please send to the office your news, ideas and suggestions.

