



SING ALONG WITH SHERBROOKE



John and I thoroughly enjoyed our sing along Zoom with Alice. Being able to mute our selves singing while learning the song was very reassuring.

Later when making our recordings we were both encouraged to do so knowing that Alice could work wonders with our voices! A really fun thing to do. Brenda & John

Alice Guse did a magnificent job. We each individually sang, "All you need is love", and recorded it on Zoom. Alice made a fine job of bringing all the contributions together in the final version which you can see & hear on the church website. I enjoyed the production and singing again with others. I look forward to more of the same until I can rejoin the AM Chorus in a normal format. Well done Alice. Would Easter be a good time for you to bring us together again?

Cheers John Turner

A big big thank you to you all for your fabulous recordings, I know it was a difficult task but all the videos were amazing, well done! Also well done on your singing and rhythm - absolutely fabulous! - Alice

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Congratulation to Imogen Borland on celebrating her 18th birthday on the seventeenth of February. Imogen was also one of Tom's first baptisms.

Congratulations to Laura Robertson on celebrating her 95th birthday in the middle of February. Well done Laura.

It is with great sadness we have to inform you of the death of Ian Macdonald, Marjorie McGhie's husband. Ian, who was a well known and respected Art Historian, was a faithful supporter of this kirk over many, many years. Ian, very often, would accompany Marjorie to morning worship having been to his beloved St Albert's beforehand. He worked at our Plant Sales, never missed a major event in the life of the kirk, and on more than one occasion read a Lesson at the Ecumenical Carol Service held each year for the Pollokshields Council of Churches. To Marjorie and all Ian's family we extend our deepest sympathy.

Thank you to everyone who has sent me their condolences on Ian's death. The tremendous support of family and friends and the knowledge that Ian is a peace is a great comfort to me.

Marjorie

It is with great sadness that we have to let you know that Stephen (Manager of LHM these recent years) has died of COVID-19 in the Q E Hospital. Our sympathy goes out to Stephen's wife and family at this very difficult time.

Ranald

FROM THE MANSE

We are now in the season of Lent, a time of reflection and sacrifice. For many the sacrifice has become almost notional as they give up chocolate, red wine, or biscuits but it is sacrifice all the same. I think I have mentioned I rarely give up anything during Lent and I suspect that is because I am never sure if I can manage it for the period involved. What I have done is to take on something or exercise a particular discipline or virtue because then my Lenten exercise is something positive and encouraging. I think part of it was listening to others moan they had given up something for Lent (alcohol for example) and they were counting down the days until Easter Saturday when they could get back to having whatever it was. That defeats the purpose of Lent as far as I am concerned. If sacrificing it should be with a glad heart rather than a grudging countdown exercise. People are what they are.

Once through this season we come to the Passion and Easter itself. I have, since my days as a school boy, gone to church every day/evening in Holy Week for the simple reason of reminding myself of what the last days of Jesus on earth were about. They were about injustice, cruelty, a clash of two very different world views and on "Good Friday" the world appeared to have won. We know, of course, the world did not win, but we have to experience that sense of loss which death brings before we experience the sheer wonder of Resurrection on Easter morning. Easter should be a day of extravagant celebration with life, joy, hope bursting out like flowers in Spring. Thankfully, in this church, it is. We Presbyterians are a tight lot, not given to extravagance, noise, colour in worship and we pay the price. Many churches appear like any other Sunday, pedestrian and they wonder why folk don't attend. Have you ever wondered why the big Services, on the Festival Sundays in this kirk are well attended? Let me tell: we do them well whereas for many Presbyterians they are what they do every Sunday with their small numbers and narrow understanding of the joy and love of God.

God's love is extravagant, it is joyful, it is without limit and in the festivals we celebrate these facts. We can do so because we have a great organist and choir, an extremely talented flower group and a band of folk who prepare food and refreshments for us to enjoy fellowship before and after the Services. In each of my three parishes this has been the case albeit scaled back a little in Easterhouse due to a lack of resources but the joy and the extravagance was there. Never apologise for being over the top on the great festivals because God wants us to be joyful, noisy, happy. The new churches where people now gather in old cinemas, theatres or even large halls have one thing in common - they express joy and wonder at the message of God News in Christ. That is why they thrive. We, in our own way, do something similar albeit in a slightly more subtle and polished way, but it is the same - we offer God our best in worship and celebrate His presence. Never, never fail to do that because in that way you will always be giving God honour.

FOND FAREWELLS

As I explained last month I have health issues which caused me to step down from the vacancy filling role. Unfortunately things have not improved and it is with great sadness that I have given Tom notice of my resignation as Session Clerk.

I thoroughly enjoyed my two years as Clerk and would have liked my tenure to have been much longer.

I would like to thank everyone who has offered me help, support, words of kindness and advice.

In particular I would like to thank Tom for all his help, friendship and for being a fab Minister.

Very few churches have been able to deliver what we have during this pandemic so massive thanks must go to Tom for leading us at this time. Also to John for not only his personal musicianship but for his leadership of the choir and technical skills, especially when we were first in lockdown, in bringing all contributions together into a meaningful service. To the choir for their dedication and beauty, Julian for his technology skills most Sundays in broadcasting our service, Mags, whose work on the magazine is second to none, Janis who keeps the show running, John and Brenda for their great work on Messy Church and to Iain who ensures we are financially sound.

I know there are many others who support the church in the so many ways, so a huge thank you to them also.

At the moment I do not know who my successor will be but I wish them all the best. We are so lucky to have the church and congregation we do and I am sure we will build on the work done during the pandemic to make us even stronger.

All my love and best wishes
Marie

LODGING HOUSE MISSION

Newsletter February

Dear Supporters,

We are now into the New Year and although LHM continues to be impacted by the new 'Stay at Home' guidance we are working with a small team to meet our commitment to support those experiencing homelessness.

We thought we would share with you a roundup of the varied support the team at LHM has been able to provide with your continued support through this Covid-19 pandemic.

£5 Hot Meal Voucher Scheme	Emergency Food Parcels	Essentials Toiletries packs
667 meals given out	2,816 parcels distributed	1,437 packs distributed
Total cost £3,154	£ 13.44 approx. cost per parcel	£ 22.61 approx. cost per pack

Clothing	Christmas Gift Bags	Full Christmas Dinner
255 assists	165 individuals	432 meals delivered

Through our partnership work with Bethany Christian Trust and Glasgow City Mission we have secured 1,200 emergency supply packs for vulnerable households across Glasgow. There are four pack types; food, cleaning, toiletries and stationary. To date we have reached 146 separate households in crisis.

We are now receiving regular referrals for help and assistance with food parcels, toiletries packs and clothing from various agencies for the clients they are working with. These include; Simon Community Scotland, British Red Cross, Hunter Street Homelessness Health Centre including Addictions Team and Blood Borne Virus Nurses, Positive Outcomes Project (Criminal Justice Team), Housing First, The Access Hub, Mungo Foundation, Wise Group and Quarrier's. In addition we have been able to supply £10 supermarket shopping vouchers to various charities frontline staff to issue to clients on our behalf.

Lunch bag provision to the Glasgow Overnight Welcome Centre has been ongoing since 1st December.

We have been able to assist a total of 549 individual service users, from these there have been over 1000 presentations at our Centre. Assistance given has related to welfare rights advice, support, homelessness assistance, mobile phone top ups, meal vouchers, as well as emergency food, essential toiletries, clothing and winter weather packs. Our chaplaincy phone line remains available for prayer, support and assistance on 07864 705 668. Our support worker Angela is available for over the phone consultations and can offer a one-to-one appointment if required. Our volunteers sorting food and

clothing have continued their dedicated support despite tightening restrictions. Many churches and organisations have stepped up to offer additional support with regular supplies for our kettle food packs, clothing and toiletries. We are indebted to you all, none of this great work could be done without our many collaborative relationships and we want to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who is part of the Lodging House Mission Family who make all of this vital work possible.

We ask for your prayers for God's strength as the team continue to engage with vulnerable people, and are available to offer support to the Glasgow Overnight Welcome Centre until end of March. Please keep in mind all those living in temporary accommodation during this pandemic, concerned about their future. Pray for protection during this pandemic and beyond as we continue to provide essential services to those in most need.

May God bless you as you have blessed the least of these brothers and sisters of Christ. (Matthew 25:40)

Deacon Claire Herbert
Chaplain LHM

ANNE'S FUN QUIZ

Weather Quiz Questions

e.g. a new tune is pleasant after stuffy atmosphere - Fresh air

1. Settle for a cuppa of this brand with extra character
2. Sounds like a member of the family
3. Instruction to ascend the hill
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8. Two of Santa's reindeer!
9. Every one has a silver lining
10. It's what Kings and Queens do

WOMEN'S GROUP ZOOM MEETING

An Evening with Jo Service

For our February meeting, we were lucky enough to be treated to an evening with our very own Jo Service, a member of Sherbrooke MossPark for many years. Although known to many of us as Jo Service, her stage name is Joanna Tope and she has had a career as an actor for over fifty years. Jo has appeared in theatres from New York to Glasgow and has premiered plays by Alan Ayckbourn, Edward Bond and Douglas Maxwell. Radio and Television have also been regular events in her life. Jo considers her three children to be her best productions and she has lived in Pollokshields since 1975.

Twenty two ladies from our Women's Group joined our zoom call to hear about Jo's life and also to be treated to a reading from one of Jo's recent audio books. It was fascinating to hear about the various aspects of Jo's life from her early education at a Girls' Methodist boarding school through to choosing to read Drama at Manchester university which was a springboard into an acting career. At Manchester university, she came across Stephen Joseph who invited Jo to join his summer company at the Library Theatre in Scarborough and through this connection performed in an Alan Ayckbourn premiere, Meet my Father. Jo then headed to London and like many actors had to find fill-in positions between acting jobs; one of these was a job as a nanny to a theatrical agent with one of her young charges going on to produce all the Harry Potter films! From London, Jo headed to Pitlochry to be an assistant stage manager where she also had the opportunity to act with the highly regarded Sophie Stewart. Jo's career then took her on what seemed like a tour of all the regional repertory theatre companies - Birmingham (1066 and all that), Lincoln (where she worked with Philip Hedley in the E15 'fast track' theatre production, putting on plays in two weeks - she even had to learn a whole play (Juliet, Romeo & Juliet) in less than a day!), Exeter and Cornwall (performed in the outdoor Minack Theatre where it rained during one of the performances!). At this time, Jo was also cast in the TV production of Emmerdale Farm. After Emmerdale Farm Jo went to London to perform in 'Bingo' at the Royal Court with Sir John Gielgud and as Jo had no Christmas show prior to doing a play at the Sheffield Crucible, she came up to Scotland to spend Christmas with her parents who by then had moved to Bridge of Allen. Jo's mother had a friend called Mrs Service and the family were invited to drinks where Jo met Mac for the first time; 3 months later they were married with Tom, John and Maggie coming along in due course. Jo reminisced about her time at Sherbrooke and how it kept her acting skills alive while balancing family life - reading lessons at church, the 6 and 7s singing group and even compering a fashion show. Jo's acting career was mainly based in Scotland at that time, performing at the Citizens, Lyceum and Traverse theatres. A further exciting opportunity appeared through a premiere of the Douglas Maxwell play, Promises Promises - with Jo being involved in the early stages right through to the play being staged in New York where Jo was nominated for a Drama Desk award for a solo performance. Closer to home, Jo was involved in the Still Game series and she was fortunate enough to appear in the last TV series.

Our evening with Jo was concluded with Jo's amazing and entertaining reading from one of the Audio Books she has been involved with, Never the Bride by Paul Magrs. Jo read chapter one to us where she was the B&B lady, Brenda - at a flick of a switch, Jo transported us from a snowy and cold Glasgow to a B&B in Whitby - it was wonderful to listen to such a talented actor. What an amazing life Jo has had and we felt fortunate that she was willing to share some of this journey with us.

See page 12 for a report on our March meeting and details of the rest of the session.

Clare Williams, Jan Bostock, Marie Baird

POST A CARD

Wishing We Could Be Here

Oh, how we wish we were able to go on holiday! Seeing new places, exploring with your camera..... oops! Forgot the camera, well I'd better buy a few postcards, because I want to remember this.

Ever done this? I'm a hoarder and blame it on being a teacher, because you always think "Oh that might come in useful if I'm doing....."



Our own Sherbrooke Mosspark postcard can be ordered from our website or by calling the office. If you would like to send one to someone who might be on their own this could brighten their day.

I hope you'll be in touch with someone soon.

Christine Macmillan x



Brian's latest adventure now available on the Bulletin Board of the website. If you wish a paper copy please contact Brian.

Coming soon to the website and magazine - Marjorie's Garden. If you have any questions and things you would like to see on this page please contact Marjorie McGhie.

FRIDAY'S CASTAWAY 5/2/21

Tom and Doreen Andrews

We would like to go down memory lane and share with you past events and music we would reflect upon if we were stranded on a desert island.

Tom's first choice ;

I joined the Merchant Navy in September 1957 and sailed on the maiden voyage on the SS Changuinola, built by Stephen's of Linthouse for the banana company Elders & Fyffes, bound for Jamaica so my first choice has to be **Harry Belafonte's Banana Boat Song**. It was a massive baptism on life at sea. Five days after leaving the Clyde we were hit by a massive hurricane off the Azores. A German cadet training ship, the Pamir, sent out a distress call and although we were about 100 miles from her we could not move to help her. Only six of her crew survived. I would recommend Eric Newby's book The Last Grain Race in which the Pamir is mentioned. A great read if you are interested in life at sea in a bygone time.

Our second second choice is **Ella Fitzgerald "Every Time We Say Goodbye "** which we regarded as our song. I was home on leave that Christmas in 1957 and it brings back memories of one of the best Christmas times Doreen and I ever had and the worst new year we have ever had. Picture it, two young love birds having to part, I had to catch the overnight train to Liverpool at 11.30pm that Hogmanay to rejoin the ship and work on New Year's Day as it was not a holiday in England.

Our next choice is **Paul McCartney and Wings "Mull of Kintyre"**. The pipe music was arranged by one of the best players I have ever listened to, pipe major Tony Wilson of the Campbeltown Pipe Band and a former member of the old world champions, the City of Glasgow Police Pipe Band. We have had many, many wonderful family holidays at Machrihanish and the golf course takes some beating. I am very fond of the short 4th hole as it brings back the time I hit the best 9 nine iron of my life (they were far and few I can tell you) The flag was only 3 yards on from the front of the green, the shot flew high and true, a la Rory McIlroy, (well one can dream) and went into the hole.

Our last two pieces of music are **"O Holy Night" sung by Kiri Ti Kanawa**. One of the truly great singers of our time and the magnificent **Rachmaninov Piano Concerto No. 2**.

Hope you like our choices.

The book of our choice is "Long Walk To Freedom" by Nelson Mandela.

Our luxury item would be a rug in Doreen's clan Macintosh tartan.

OHIO MEETS INVERURIE

We weren't quite sure what to expect when our friends in Akron, Ohio asked if we would like to join their church on a zoom link with a church in Inverurie, Scotland but we thought it sounded a novel idea.

Seemingly their minister in Ohio, Pastor Kim, had been a minister in the Inverurie Churches of Blairdaff Kirk and Chapel of Garioch Kirk. I am not sure how long ago but the ties were still there.

John and I had already watched Tom's service that morning and both our daughters' church services so we were rather church'd out by the time 3 pm came. Also because we were watching them all on YouTube I had rather forgotten, as I sat in front of the computer screen, that this was a zoom meeting ie we would be seen! As the screen burst into life there were all the smiling faces from America and Inverurie. I quickly ran my fingers through my hair and double checked what I was wearing! Good enough - time to smile and wave to our friends!

After Pastor Kim lit the Hope candle, a young, kilted American teenager opened the service with a stirring tune on his bagpipes. Certainly woke me up as we rushed to turn the volume down!!

A lot of thought had been put into the service. The hymns were sung to Scottish tunes ie 'Jesus Calls us Here to Meet Him' to the Lewis Folk melody, 'Spirit of God' to the Skye Boat song, 'We Cannot Measure' to the tune of Ye Banks and Braes and towards the end during prayers there was a sung response to the tune of Ae Fond Kiss.

Add to this we had a Scottish/American band who played two tunes, one with slides of places around Inverurie and the other with slides around Willoughby, Ohio.

Then as if that wasn't different enough a lady from Inverurie read the Bible reading in the Doric. It was the same as Tom's address - Fishers of Men. I was surprised by how much I understood and how familiar Doric was. It was like listening to my Mum speak to her Gran. So lovely and comforting to hear.

This was followed by a male elder in the Inverurie church reading the passage in English. I am sure the Americans were delighted to hear it.

Pastor Kim gave a sermon on Fishers of Men. A very animated address. Always when I hear this story I think about the poor father left with his boat. As Tom said Zebedee would have expected his two sons to keep the business going when he became too old but without a backward glance off went his boys. At this point rather selfishly I would put myself in the Dad's shoes and wonder how I would feel if my children dropped their nets and walked away. Definitely sad.

Tom had talked about the brothers walking off into a new life, one which they had bought into and suddenly I could feel the joy that they must have felt. Pastor Kim's face was alight as she talked about that joy. They had listened to Jesus, heard him preach, saw how people looked at him and they knew, just knew that they wanted to be with this very special charismatic man. Now I feel that joy and not the sadness and I tell myself that God would have looked after the disciples' families .

Then the Piper played a melody standing in the sanctuary of the Akron church. It was empty, of course, except for him because they don't have live services just now because of Covid .

One of the young women on the screen burst into tears and was copiously wiping her eyes. Now I was focused on her and wondering what calamity had happened - was it the Scottish melody, the sound of the pipes? ' No', she said, 'it was seeing the inside of her church after so many months not being in it'.

Pastor Kim acknowledged her tears and, I think, very wisely and kindly said 'It is not seeing the church that is making you cry - it is just a building - you are crying for the past memories that have been evoked - baptisms, weddings, prayers and being with friends.' I thought they were very sage words.

When the service closed everyone stayed on to chat and it was lovely hearing the different accents and their news. For the Americans it was now lunchtime but for us it was nearly five o'clock, it was dark outside but there was a joy and lightness in our hearts.

Brenda Duthie

ANNE'S ANSWERS

Weather Quiz Answers

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| 1. | Settle for a cuppa of this brand with extra character | TYPHOON |
| 2. | Sounds like a member of the family | SUN |
| 3. | Instruction to ascend the hill | CLIMATE |
| 4. | Toy musical instruments | DOLDRUMS |
| 5. | Demonstrator | SHOWER |
| 6. | Usually teamed with hearty | HAIL |
| 7. | Used to have a Sunday morning TV show | FROST |
| 8. | Two of Santa's reindeer! | THUNDER & LIGHTNING
(Donner und Blitzen) |
| 9. | Every one has a silver lining | CLOUD |
| 10 | It's what Kings and Queens do | RAIN |

WOMEN'S GROUP – QUIZ EVENING WITH ANNE – 4TH MARCH 2021

Our March evening was spent with Anne McCaig who had very kindly devised a quiz for our Women's Group. Anne has now become our regular weekly quiz master for the church and we had asked her if she was willing to put the Women's Group through our paces!

Nine ladies tackled the various rounds which Anne had conjured up – everything from multiple choice, true/false questions, identifying collective groups, nursery rhymes, theatre, cryptic round of Charles Dickens' characters and an arithmetic puzzler to finish us off. The arithmetic puzzler was a master piece – Anne asked nine questions and then instructed us to add, multiply and subtract various answers with the overall answer being 4321 – the date of our meeting – very clever! You had to not only be good at general knowledge – you also had to excel at maths! Overall, we had lots of fun and laughs along the way and on Anne's part, she very kindly didn't enquire about anybody's score! It was great to have our 'grey matter' exercised and entertained in the middle of this continued Covid lockdown – thank you Anne.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 6th May – probably via zoom given the ongoing restrictions – with Catherine Beattie who will talk us through her journey from school cook to Church of Scotland minister. We are also planning to run an event to mark our Summer social and will release more details once we have more information on covid restrictions.

If you would like more information on our Women's Group, please contact one of us via email or telephone.

Clare Williams, Jan Bostock, Marie Baird

DO YOU KNOW WHOSE RECIPE THIS IS?

A 1978 Sherbrooke St Gilbert's Church Young Women's Group Recipe Book has been found in someone's cupboard. The purpose of this recipe book costing 30p was to raise funds for a worthwhile cause.

CHEESE CAKE

6 oz digestive biscuits

3 oz butter

1 large pkt. 'Philly' cheese

1 small carton double cream

2 oz icing sugar

Crush biscuits and melt butter; mix together and line flan dish; whip cream and then combine cheese and icing sugar with cream; spread over crushed biscuits and top with fruit or any pie filling.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this magazine.

