

ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH

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EASTER 2020

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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BAPTISM

"Go therefore and baptise"

23 February	Ava Emma Forsyth
1 March	Peter Laing

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FUNERALS

"I am the resurrection and the life"

6 February	Mrs Mary Crawford
20 February	Mr James Hamilton
24 February	Mrs Margaret McMillan



CONGRATULATIONS

The Silver Jubilee of Bryce's Ordination was recognised at the February Communion. As well as offering congratulations we gave gift tokens for which he expressed his thanks and also for the congratulations, which Allan Joyce, Session Clerk expressed on behalf of the Kirk Session, Congregation and Church Family.

Vestry Hour

Having held open Vestry Hours on Thursday Evenings over the past 2 years, I have found that on many evenings there is no one needing to see me. Other evenings are very busy [lasting over an hour] and folks have to wait for a long time to see me.

If you would like to see me, just contact in advance and we can arrange an appropriate date and time. My contact is:
01698 328665 or
BCalder@churchofscotland.org.uk





Manse of St Mary's
March 2020

Dear Friends:

COVID-19

When I wrote my last Church Newsletter, in January, the Covid-19 outbreak was something that was happening thousands of miles away in the Wuhan Region of China. As I write today, in mid-March, we find ourselves in the midst of a pandemic that is completely changing societies across the world - including our own. The word 'unprecedented' is one which is so often over-used. These, however, are without doubt 'unprecedented times'.

At our Kirk Session Meeting on 11 March, a *St Mary's Covid-19 Response Team* was set-up to guide us as a congregation through these difficult and uncertain times. Alongside myself, the Session Clerk and Deputy Session Clerk, the Team comprises members who have expertise in the fields of health-care, health-and-safety, education, business management and church management.

Following government advice, the Church of Scotland announced on Tuesday 17 March that Services of Public Worship will have to cease for the foreseeable future - until such times that the government feels that the pandemic is under control and large-scale gatherings are safe.

Following discussions with the *St Mary's Covid-19 Response Team* I have decided that a short Worship Service will be filmed each week and this will be made available on-line via our Church Website **www.stmarysmotherwell.org.uk** This service will include a Bible Reading, Prayer, Reflection and Junior Church Challenge - as well as any up-to-date Church News. You can access the service each Sunday Morning or any time throughout the week.

In addition to a short Weekly Worship Service, I will provide additional worship materials on the website, including: a short Communion Service and serialised readings from the Bible - read aloud by myself.

During this time, our Junior Church Team will be actively engaging, again on a remote basis, with our children and young people - providing them with on-line teaching, encouragements and Bible Challenges.

Pastoral care of all Church Members will continue to be of the highest priority as we go forward. Your District Elder will keep in regular touch with you via telephone. If you have changed your phone number, or, think that we may not have it on our Church Records, you can easily let us know: either e-mail your number to our Church Secretary Margaret McCloy on **margaret.mccloy@stmarysmotherwell.org.uk**, or call the **Church Office on 01698 268554** [the phone has an answering machine, so you can leave a message].

As Minister, rather than home visits, I intend to move to telephone contacting. In the first instance, I will call those over 70 who have been recommended by the government to take social distancing measures. However, if you would like to speak to me, for any reason, or, at any time, please don't hesitate to call the Manse landline on **01698 328665**, or my mobile on 07401949831 [again both of these numbers have an answering machine and you can leave a message].

As we keep in pastoral contact with one another, we hope to be able to offer practical help to those who are self-isolating and who are in need of basic help - such as shopping. We realise that not everyone will have family that can help, or, have access to on-line shopping.

The latest advice from the Church of Scotland concerning the Covid-19 Pandemic can be found on the Church of Scotland Web-Site www.churchofscotland.org.uk The Church of Scotland are updating this information on a regular basis, so please visit the site often.

Another useful website, especially for older members, is that of *Age Help Scotland*: **www.ageuk.org.uk/scotland** *Age Help Scotland* also have a telephone helpline: **0800 12 44 222**.

The landmark report, "*Church Without Walls*", was the highlight of the 2001 General Assembly. This report affirmed that the Church is not just a building, but a people. In the coming weeks, as a Church Family, we may not be able to meet together in our beautiful Church building in Avon Street for our regular Church Services and Groups. This, however, does not stop us from being 'The Church'. There are 3 important things that we can do: please use all the on-line worship resources that are made available; don't hesitate to be in contact if you have any pastoral or practical needs; and remember to pray for one another at this difficult time.

EASTER

Easter 2020 will certainly be very different this year. The message of Easter, though, is one which is eternal and unchanging:

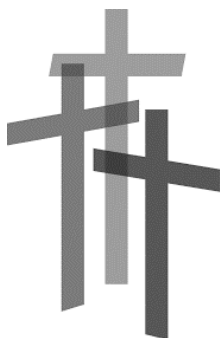
Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

Easter means that Jesus is with us always - wherever we are, whatever we are experiencing, and however we feel. Easter means there is hope even in the midst of despair, peace in the midst of turmoil, comfort in the midst of fear, and love all around us.

In concluding this pastoral letter, there are 2 powerful verses in Paul's Letter to the Romans which, I believe, speaks to these turbulent and uncertain times: "***I am certain that nothing can separate us from God's love: neither death nor life, neither angels nor other heavenly rulers or powers, neither the present nor the future, neither the world above nor the world below - there is nothing in all creation that will ever be able to separate us from the love of God which is ours through Christ Jesus our Lord.***" [Romans 8:38-39].

As your Friend and Minister I would like to wish you all a safe and blessed Easter 2020.

Rev Bryce Calder



A Poem From Pope Francis I

*"Tonight before falling asleep
think about when we will return to the street.*

*When we hug again,
when all the shopping together will seem like a party.*

*Let's think about when the coffees will return
to the bar, the small talk, the photos close to
each other.*

*We think about when it will be all a memory but
normality will seem an unexpected and
beautiful gift.*

*We will love everything that has so far seemed
futile to us.
Every second will be precious.*

*Swims at the sea, the sun until late, sunsets,
toasts, laughter.*

We will go back to laughing together.

Strength and courage."

ONE GOOD FRIDAY EASTER PLAY

This year's Easter Play by Drama Kirk [our local inter-church drama group] is called "*One Good Friday*".

Due to the Covid-19 outbreak, and ensuing restrictions on public gatherings, it will no longer be performed live.

"*One Good Friday*" is, however, being filmed and will be broadcasted on **YouTube at 3.15 pm on Friday 10 April**, when the performance would have taken place. Further details of how you can access this, will be made available on our Church Website.

Intercessory Prayer

Living God,

In our hour of need we turn again to You, for we have nowhere else to turn.

We put our faith in You, because You have proved Your faithfulness time and again.

We reaffirm our love for You because You have never let us go.

We thank You that you are not distant from us, but have drawn near, in Your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

He has shared our life, tasted our death and defeated it.

He understands our worries and our fears.

Help us to respond as Your children now.

We pray for this pandemic spreading across our world, remembering all who have lost loved ones and praying for those seriously ill at this time.

We uphold the National Health Service as it responds to this added pressure on its already overstretched services.

We pray for doctors and nurses and all in the caring professions, who work to help and support people as best they can.

We remember those working behind the scenes testing samples, confirming results, giving information to patients.

We uphold others trying to understand this virus better working to create an effective remedy.

We pray for our Governments in Westminster and Holyrood, as they work with the best medical advice to guide us on how we should respond and what action we should take.

We pray that these guidelines might be taken seriously and that all would put them into action.

May this crisis bring out the best in us, not the worst.

Help us to live by faith and not by fear, to build bridges not barriers, and to resist all who would speak ill of any other group.

May we not forget our responsibility to one another, not least to the vulnerable and voiceless in our communities.

Help us to find ways of keeping in touch and offering reassurance to those with underlying health issues; for any who feel particularly vulnerable or in danger at present.

As the virus spreads we pray for the disruption it causes to normal life, bringing new fears and anxieties.

We pray for those who have been laid off as their work disappears; for financial hardship for individuals and businesses; for the impact on the economy and pensions, when austerity has already left its mark.

We pray for those whose trips, both for business and pleasure, have been cancelled; and others where events, long anticipated and planned for, have been postponed; for those making contingency planning for home-based work or child-care or exams.

May our inconvenience not blind us to others' loss.

We remember those who cannot visit loved ones in locked-down care homes; for the elderly whose social contacts have been severely curtailed; help us to find creative ways of keeping in touch, of assuring them they are not forgotten or ignored.

May congregations find new ways of living though this time.

May we not forget our faith but draw strength from it.

So may our worship be heartfelt, our fellowship deepen and our service increase. God of grace, and God of mercy, hear our prayers at this time.

Strengthen us, by Your Spirit, so that: we may carry on our lives as best as we are able, looking out for others, showing love in action, being faithful in prayer, and bringing encouragement, hope and peace; always trusting in You our Rock and our Redeemer.

These prayers we bring to You, in Jesus' Name: **AMEN**

FINANCIAL MATTERS -

An Appeal For Members to Sign Up to Standing Order Giving and Giving Through Gift Aid

At present the World is in the grip of a very serious contagion and everyone's concern is for those who are or who may be affected by this disease.

All necessary steps will be taken to ensure the safety of our Congregation and if you were in Church recently the offering was taken at the door and the counting of the money was left for a week to allow for any viral germs on the notes and coins to dissipate throughout the week.

However in practical terms, not only are all of our structures within the Church - the Sunday Service, Communion, the Youth organisations, Junior Church, the Guild and the Fellowship etc. - under pressure, but also our whole financial structure will be tested to the limit if, as is likely, numbers attending greatly decrease.

If the decision ultimately was to close off assemblies entirely then this could pose us very serious problems.

No one knows what will happen in the future or how long this pandemic will last. We do not know when or if the Government will take the decision to put the country into lockdown. Therefore, I have to plan ahead for the worst case scenario.

Income will be greatly reduced and if Sunday services are to be banned in the future we would have an immediate shortfall in cash on a monthly basis.

As it stands we have an income of £4,000 per month through giving by Standing Order and if that was to be our only income over a number of months, our break even figure of £12,000 per month would not be met, leaving us with a shortfall of £7 to £8k per month.

The more members who sign up to giving through Standing Order, at this difficult time, will assist us in ensuring that we are able to meet our considerable financial obligations. I foresee that we will have to use a sizeable portion of our Reserve Fund and consequently the works planned for with this money, may require to be deferred.

One way of raising extra money, without any further cost to the individual, is for every **tax paying** member of the Church to sign up to giving through the Gift Aid scheme. Last year we received £23,000 from the Government as Tax Recovered on this Gift Aid giving.

It works very simply, the member signs a form to agree to Gift Aid and subsequently we claim tax recovered back on every £1 given at the rate of 25%. For every £1 given we receive back 25 pence, for every £100 given we receive £25 and for every £1,000 we receive £250 and so on. The more of you who agree to this the better will be our financial position.

I am very confident we will survive this severe test to our finances and hopefully with an increased number of members contributing through Standing Order and Gift Aid we could gain back some of the money lost and hopefully have a sound financial base for the future.

PLEASE CONSIDER WHAT I HAVE WRITTEN AND IF NECESSARY, TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION.

For further information my phone number is HOME - 01698 262808

Email - les.innes@virginmedia.com

Kind regards

Leslie Innes
Stewardship and Finance Convenor

STANDING ORDER DETAILS

Name of Organisation: St Mary's Church
Payment Reference: Your Name and WFO number
Sort Code: 83-25-45
Account No: 00123358



GUILD

The new year session of the Guild has been a strange one. Every Monday evening the weather has been wet and miserable, but inside the hall we have been bright in our friendship, singing and speakers, although sadly, our speaker from the Leprosy Mission wasn't able to join us on a snowy night.

Janet Haugh a member of our congregation brought us up to date on the work of Mary's Meals. Our own members, Margaret Carrol, Joyce Knox and Maureen Dick performed a small drama based on the Guild theme, *Companions on the Road*, which we appreciated and enjoyed. We were also joined by girls from our Rainbow, Brownie and Guide units who brought us up to date with the changes to their programme which they all seem to be enjoying. The Brownies then entertained us with campfire songs which we could be heard singing along with.

Neil Graham from the Vine Trust provided us with most interesting new information on the work of this organisation in Tanzania where they are behind the building of a whole village.

Our Project night was a wonderful success led by Joyce Knox, our Project Coordinator. We were given up-to-date information from Jessie Subaramanuel on the World Mission project - *Journeying Together*, working with young mothers in Zambia. The coffee evening following the talk allowed us to donate £259, which was added to money already collected resulting in £340 being donated to our project.

We were entertained by the wonderful singing of our Junior Choir at our AGM which as usual was enjoyed by us all. We are grateful to Marie Maxwell, Megan Graham and Bill Simpson who accompanied the girls.

At our AGM we presented Ellen Currie with a certificate to mark 25 years as a Guild

member. We were also able to disburse funds to the Church, Junior Church and the Summer Club.

Sadly, the final few weeks of the Guild have been cancelled due to Coronavirus. Hopefully we can have our missing nights in the new session.

We pray that we will all come through these difficult times with support from our friends and family.

Isabel Johnstone
Guild President

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

This article is written at what for all of us is a most difficult time having just announced the cancellation of the remaining meetings of the Fellowship due to the worrying aspects of the Coronavirus.

This brings to an end what has been a very interesting and enjoyable session with a wide and varied programme.

The strength of the programme was marked by the very healthy numbers attending each week. January: Rev John Thomson's Title of "Jack of all Trades - Master of Theology" raised a few eyebrows as he related his route to the Ministry and his many and varied jobs, through bus driving, local government and undertaking.

Not to be outdone the following week Rev Arthur Barrie gave us his unflinching view on "The Great - The Good and The Godly" touching on many subjects including the Hierarchy of the Kirk and Nation and the Honours System.

Alex Baird led us in an excursion into the world of Burns, ending with a rendition of "Tam 'O' Shanter" accompanied by a cartoon version of the poem. Haggis Pies and Shortbread completed the evening.

February: Bill Taylor presented a Film Night where we enjoyed Laurel & Hardy followed by Rickie Fulton's "I. M. Jolly".

On a miserable stormy night, the Guild joined us for a night of Music and Song presented by the "Jolly B'S" the self-styled travelling troubadours of Stonehouse Male Voice Choir. Making it a most enjoyable evening for all who had ventured out.

Gillian Mayes, a retired lecturer at Glasgow University, and now Chairperson of Glasgow Council on Alcohol, spoke on the problems related to the consumption of sometimes even moderate amounts and the work being done to provide help for those who recognised that they had a problem.

The Rev Alan Gibson related his journey in the church and his call to Motherwell South. Providing an interesting and humorous look at the life of a Parish Minister.

March: Stuart Crawford of the Glasgow Branch of "Street Pastors" told us of their training for working on the Glasgow Streets, which they patrolled each Friday and Saturday night. Looking out for and keeping safe, mainly young people who had succumbed to the effects of binge drinking. Many of them taken unawares by the effects of the excesses enjoyed at office and other parties.

In what turned out to be the last meeting of the session and in a change to the advertised programme Allan Joyce gave a Power Point presentation "Then and Now" in which he looked at Motherwell from the 1800's to the present time, sharing thoughts and pictures old and new. Thanks to the committee and members for their continued commitment and support for the Fellowship.

Allan Joyce
President

BASICS FOOD BANK (LANARKSHIRE)



Please continue to donate to this Christian Project which offers support to those who are at a crisis point in their life. It provides family and single packs of food items, non-perishables and a hygiene pack over a two-week period. All packs are given out on a referral basis to people living in our local area.

Donations can be left in the box in the vestibule of the church or in the cupboard in the church kitchen.

CLEANING TEAM



The church cleaning team is a cheerful band of workers who undertake all sorts of jobs - from light dusting to cooker cleaning, pew hoovering to floor polishing. There is a job for everyone! At each meeting we also enjoy a much needed coffee break with baking... and the opportunity to catch up and share fellowship together. It is so encouraging to have a team of willing helpers, and a warm invitation is extended to anyone wishing to join us. (Please bring your own marigolds)

Thanks to all who have participated in this worthwhile activity in the past session.

The next cleaning day will be announced when we are all encouraged to socialise again.

WORK PARTY



The Work Party will resume their activities when allowed to do so.

We meet each Monday around 9 am, finishing around 12 noon.

As well as the general tidying of the grounds around the church and halls, we are undertaking some redecoration, and joiner work.

If you would like to join us, you will be made most welcome. All you need is enthusiasm!!

Even if you are not able to attend every week, your help when available, will still be valued.

Howard Rennie

The New Year to Easter block of our BB session is always a busy one....this article will hopefully give you a flavour of this busy time...

BATTALION COMPETITIONS

Since the last article we have taken part in 5 Battalion competitions - the Quiz, First Aid, Physical Challenge, Bible Knowledge and Junior 5-a-side Football. A great mix of competitions with something to cater for everyone in the company.

The First Aid is one of the core BB competitions and our thanks go to Paul Bradshaw who is our 1st Aid Consultant and provides an excellent training programme to prepare the boys not only for the competition but also with some critical life skills!

The physical challenge competition is a good test for the athletes (but not skipping!) in the company and a strong performance from our team will hopefully bring a good result at the Review.

This year's Bible Knowledge material was the story of Jesus early life as told by Matthew and provided the team with lots of names to remember! The team were supported in their preparations by our Minister and Bryce did a great job of not only making the story come alive but help the boys anticipate what they might be asked through his end of chapter quizzes - thank you Bryce! The team were firing on all cylinders on the night of the competition but we will have to wait until the Review to find out if we can retain our title from last year!

As a result of the large number of junior boys that we have we managed to enter 2 teams into the Battalion junior 5-a-side competition. Both did very well in the competition finishing 2nd overall.

A great set of results but more importantly excellent participation from the boys all taking part to the best of their ability and in the spirit of the BB. A big thank you to the parents also for all your support and for chauffeuring the boys to and from the competitions!

The squad drill competition will take place before the school Easter holidays and the athletics will be the last competition later in April when the nights are a bit lighter!

NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Our Junior 5-a-side Football team did very well to get through to the semi-finals in Greenock in early February. As a team at the young end of the age range they were up against teams who were generally bigger than them but gave a very good account of themselves to finish in 4th, just one place short of going through to the Scottish Final. A great foundation to build upon for next year!

QUEENS BADGE

This year we have 3 boys who are in the final stages of their work towards the Queens Badge. The boys have been working across all the sections of the Company this session and have been out in the community fulfilling the volunteering section of the award. As part of this the boys served as stewards at the Ups and Downs show in early March as part of our ongoing link with the theatre group.

BATTALION REVIEW

The boys will then be heading off to Scottish Headquarters at Carronvale House in Larbert at the end of the Easter holidays to complete this work in time to be presented with the award at the Battalion Review in May.

SENIORS ACTIVITIES

For some time now our Senior boys (S4-S6) have developed their own programme of activities in parallel with the good work they are doing for President's and Queen's Badges, since Christmas this has included several evenings at Ravenscraig sports centre enthusiastically playing football, a night making salt and chilli chicken from base ingredients (very tasty results!) and a night tasting, reviewing and rating pakora from some of our local eateries! Food and football seem to be common themes....

CAMP 2018 FILM PREMIERE

In January we had the premiere of our 2018 Camp highlights film accompanied with a significant Domino's Pizza order! Our inhouse cinematographer, Greg Weir, did a great job of capturing all the best bits of our camp adventures and activities in addition to making us laugh at ourselves (well some of the officers anyway!)

The Battalion Review will take place this year on Friday 15 May in the Kings Church so watch this space for more information. Parents and friends of the Battalion are welcome to come along.

SUMMER CAMP

We are returning to our favourite campsite at Badaguish outside Aviemore for our summer camp and are looking forward to going away as soon as the schools break up from Saturday 27 June to Wednesday 1 July.

We have an action-packed camp in the making with 29 boys signed up - all we need is some of sunshine and no midges!

Captain Stewart Maxwell

Update: All Dates Under Review

Following Government advice on the response to the Coronavirus on 16th March 2020, The Boys' Brigade has suspended all BB activities until further notice. Parents will be notified of any changes

Follow us on Twitter for updates
@captainmaxi

CROSSREACH providing a caring future

CrossReach 150th Notelets - As part of the celebrations, CrossReach's 4 directorates commissioned a piece of art to mark this special anniversary. The artwork images have been printed into notelets which are available in packs of 12 (3 of each image) and are available now.

To view and purchase, please visit: crossreach.org.uk
There are 3 videos in the 150th Anniversary section which show the work of Crossreach.





The Thinking Day theme this year was Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. In our units, these values are at the core of what we do, as we work to ensure that all girls receive the same great guiding experience.

The girls and leaders were pleased to share in the church service and show through the theme of Living Threads that we are all individual threads which when woven together form something bigger and stronger. We are all unique and of equal value and when coming together with a shared purpose have great strength.

6A Rainbows

The Rainbows have been learning Makaton,



Making their Promise,



and having a show and tell session.



6A Guides

Three of the girls were presented with their Baden Powell Award at the County Annual Event in February. We have Charlotte Mackenzie, Carima Ali and Jenna Young - 3 of the last participants of this Award. Well done, girls.



6th Brownies

By good fortune, this year's 6th Motherwell Brownie Pack Holiday was brought forward to the end of February, and even included a 'leap day', as the girls spent Friday 28 February to Sunday 1 March at the GirlGuiding house at Gowanpark, Crossford! This year's theme was Disney with the Mulan, Moana and Frozen teams set up for the weekend of activities. Friday evening began with some very creative bag design, followed by a very long 'midnight feast!' With new bunk beds in the dormitory this year, very little sleep was had on the first night!

But up bright and early, the girls packed in various activities from 'Mickey Mouse necklaces' to 'Minnie Mouse' cakes and 'Frozen Olaf' biscuits before taking off after lunch for a walk through the countryside down to Ceramic Joy, where they designed their own 'Disney' plates!



Saturday evening saw some 'traditional' Brownie crafts, wind-catchers and pomp-pomp making but the pomp-pomps did look like 'mickey mouse'! Surprise, surprise too, most of the girls were in bed much earlier on Saturday night! Sunday saw the girls, some very reluctantly, head for home, a fabulous weekend had by all!



6th Rainbows

The rainbows have been busy since the start of the new year. The girls made fans for the Chinese New Year and we had a joint Burns and Chinese New Year meeting where the girls ate Chinese spring rolls and prawn crackers. Scottish shortbread and Scottish creamy ice cream proved to be very popular too.

We have been working on family tree interest badge and have also been working on our know myself Skills Builder.

As part of the new guide programme 60% of our meetings should cover the new programme and 40% of the time is when we have crafts, parties and things we have always done.

The girls took part in our Thinking Say Service and sang we're all in this together. A meeting was spent with the Squirrels practicing. All the Rainbows enjoyed performing.

Anais and Isla represented the Rainbows at a visit to the Guild. The ladies seemed to enjoy hearing them sing our Look at the World Around song and give a little talk about Rainbows.

Mother's Day boxes were also decorated and this was the last meeting that we had.

We have 4 new rainbows who were due to make their promise before the coronavirus outbreak. Hopefully it won't be too long before we are back at our weekly meetings.



Currently all our Guiding activities have been suspended, but leaders will notify the girls in their respective units when we are allowed to meet again.

Junior Church News!

The Junior Church has had a busy start to our session. In January the Zones joined forces to make large New Year wreaths, made from recycled Christmas cards. This activity helped us to revisit the Christmas story as we chatted about the characters in our nativity cards. Many of the cards were also made into good wish tags for our New Year tree. Both are on display in church. Thank you to our many friends who saved cards and who added a special message or prayer onto our tree.

February and March have seen the children sharing in stories in the Bible as we have continued our alphabet journey through the Bible. We have focussed on J-Jonah, D -David the king, M-Moses. Our children have also enjoyed welcoming two babies to Junior church following their special baptismal service.



The Junior Church have also been busy learning the song for Sport Relief Sunday and were looking forward to sharing our sporty song with the congregation. Sadly, this did not take place but hopefully the congregation will hear it in the future.

As we head towards the Spring school holidays plans for celebrating Easter with the Church family have changed dramatically.

Please keep your eyes on the Junior Church WhatsApp group for an update in the coming weeks.



SUMMER CLUB

Summer Club will take place from:
Monday 27 - Friday 31 July 2020
10 am - 12 noon.

Adult and young leaders will be needed.

Theme to be announced soon!

As the saying goes 'Spring has Sprung'. After a dark, wet and windy February what a blessing it is to look up to the heavens and see brighter skies and to look down and see the new growth of crocuses, snowdrops and daffodils. I also feel blessed to be a member of the Church Choir. I look out to the congregation and see friendly, smiling faces of people known to me as my church family...thank you for this.

Over the past year the following amounts of money have been raised:

- Our sponsored walk last September in support of 'Cambodia/Laos - Supporting Christians under Persecution' brought in an amazing sum of £1,451.
- At the beginning of February this year, our concert supporting 'Raising vital funds to support The Bread of Life - Children at Risk in Lima, Peru' raised £702.
- Stamps collected and handed into the church office - £65.
- A donation £95.90, raised from selling of home-made jam, was received from Mrs Ellen Currie.
- Donations from churches - £1,390. This amount includes £296.76 received from retiral offerings in St Mary's Church.
This sum of money was sent to Bible House in Edinburgh to be used at their discretion.

A big 'thank you' for all your donations, prayers and support throughout the year - it means a lot.

God bless...

Margaret (Carrol)

Motherwell Action Group



FLOWER LIST

APRIL

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| 5 th | Mrs B Neilson
Mrs E Calder |
| 12 th | Mrs F Shearer |
| 19 th | Mrs E Taylor/
Mrs J Findlay |
| 26 th | Mrs E Scott
Mrs S Forrest/
Mrs L Kelly
Mrs A Johnstone |

MAY

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| 3 rd | Mr & Mrs Malcolm
Mrs J McPherson
Mrs J Conquer |
| 10 th | Mrs I Craig
Mr A Miller |
| 17 th | Mrs S Brown |
| 24 th | Mrs A Pearce |
| 31 st | Mrs M Graham
Mrs C Allan |

JUNE

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| 7 th | Mrs W Burrell |
| 14 th | Mrs L Thain |
| 21 st | Mrs M Graham |
| 28 th | Mrs F Hannah |



**A PILGRIMAGE
TO THE
HOLY LAND**
10 days based in Jerusalem & Galilee

30 March - 8 April 2021
with the Rev David Doyle

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