

Network

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from your
MINISTER



There is something in the human heart that turns almost naturally towards anniversaries. At Barnhill we like to celebrate family birthdays and wedding anniversaries. In our churches, Easter should be the biggest celebration of the Christian year.

Good Friday is the anniversary of the death of the Son of God. But because of Easter Day we are able to stand not before the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, but before the known Saviour. Easter Sunday is the anniversary of the resurrection and we celebrate this every Sunday.

The Resurrection is proof that Jesus is the Son of God. By defeating death, God is shown as the Ring-master of Nature: Jesus' death on the cross is the only key that could open the lock of death; only the Son of God could sleep in death and then through God's power stir and rise to life!

If the story of Jesus' birth startles, if His teachings challenge, if His miracles amaze, if His sufferings shock, if His death crushes – His Resurrection astounds and reassures us that in Jesus there is forgiveness from the past, new life today and a hope for the future. Now that is something to celebrate!
Happy Easter!

Love Susan

OUR TOTAL MINISTRIES AND MISSION CONTRIBUTIONS

Each year we make Ministries and Mission contributions to the Church of Scotland in Edinburgh. This is based on our annual income and our total contribution for 2014 is **£91,040**.

86% of that total (£78,294) goes towards the costs of providing over 1,000 ministers and other parish workers in communities throughout Scotland and in the Presbytery of England. This contribution also assists with the costs of recruitment and training.

The 2014 cost of a parish minister at the top of the stipend scale is £40,411 (stipend plus employer's national insurance and pension contributions). As our contribution to Ministries is above this figure, then we are meeting the full cost of our ministry and supporting other congregations.

14% of our total contribution (£12,746) will be used to support the Church's work through resourcing congregations for Christian education and outreach; providing social care services; accompanying partners around the world; contributing to the Church's opinion in public debate concerning issues affecting Scotland and the World. Our contribution will also go towards helping provide central day to day service work in administrative, financial and legal matters as well as planning the General Assembly ensuring that the Moderator is able to represent the Church.



Christian Aid Week 2014:

*Give people
a future without fear*

War tears lives apart. We can help put them back together.

For a growing number of people across the world, the horror of war is part of daily life. Right now, fuelled by the devastating violence in both Syria and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the numbers of people driven from their homes by war is on the rise. It stands at 42 million people – an appalling statistic and a stain on the conscience of humanity. We can't turn our backs. We must act now.

The good news is that we can make a real difference. Last year, 20,000 churches across the country helped raise £12m for Christian Aid Week. Our Mission Team is organising a 'Silent Auction' and all monies raised will go to Christian Aid.

Ellenore Foulis, our Christian Aid Co-ordinator, is arranging a house-to-house collection around the Parish. If you can help, please contact her on 774851 and demonstrate our love for God and for humanity.

WHAT'S ON

Worship every Sunday at 10.30am
Evening Service last Sunday of
the month at 6.30pm in the hall.
Wednesday Services at 12 noon
in the Church

Congregational Board and or Kirk
Session meet the last Tuesday of
the month at 7.15pm in the hall.

Morning Prayers held each Tuesday
at 9.30am in the Session Room
during term time.

Messy Church held on the last
Saturday of the month at 4pm
in the hall.

APRIL

Thursday 10 at 2pm (Room 1)

Book Club

Sunday 13 at 10.30am

Palm Sunday. Bring a daffodil for
the cross.

Saturday 19 at 4pm (Foyer)

Messy Church (note change of date this month)

Sunday 20 at 10.30am

Family service for Easter. Bring a
daffodil for the cross

Sunday 27 at 10.30am

Worship led by Jack Laidlaw

Tuesday 29 April at 7.00pm (Hall)

Congregational Board (Note earlier time)

MAY

Tuesday 6 at 2pm

Service in Shiell Court (All welcome)

Thursday 8 at 2pm (Room 1)

Book Club

Presbytery Sunday 4 at 10.30am

Worship

Sunday 11 at 10.30am: Worship

Wednesday 14 at 7.30pm in (Hall)

Silent Auction

Sunday 18 at 10.30am: Worship

Tuesday 20 at 10.00am (Room 1)

Care Team meeting

Wednesday 21 at 2.30pm (Room 2)

Bereavement Support Group

Thursday 22 (all day)

Hall to be used as a Polling Station

Friday 23 May at 2pm (Hall)

Spring Tea

Sunday 25 at 10.30am: Worship

Tuesday 27 May at 7.15pm (Hall)

Kirk Session

Saturday 31 at 1.30pm: Wedding

Saturday 31 at 4pm (Hall)

Messy Church

JUNE

Tuesday 3 at 2pm

Service at Shiell Court (All welcome)

Sunday 22 at 10.30am

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Tuesday 24 at 6.15pm

Congregational Board and Kirk
Session tea

Church Register

Baptisms:

*It has been a pleasure to welcome to our
Church Family:*

Islay Bull

Malone McGechaen

Bianca Lashley

New Members:

We welcome to our congregation:

Anita Jamieson (Forthill Dr)

Fiona Watson (Ceres Cres)

Dreena Campbell (Seafield Tce)

Dorothy Hunter (Buddon Drive)

Alan Hunter (Buddon Drive)

Funerals: *We remember with thanks-
giving those who have died recently
and we offer their relatives our prayerful
sympathy.*

Elspeth Martin (Tigh-na-Muirn)

Kathleen Spalding (Yewbank Ave)

Diana Black (Strathmore St)

Anna Smith (Strathmore St)

Thomas Taylor (Strathmore Pl)

Scripture Readings

This year our lectionary readings will
focus on Matthew's Gospel. Over
these next weeks we will consider
how Matthew's experience of a
fragile Christian community encour-
ages us to work for the kingdom to
come in our world today.

April

6th– Ezekiel 37:1-14 and John 11:
1-45

13th– Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 and
Matt 21:1-11

20th – Acts 10:34-43 and John 20:
1-18

May

11th - Acts 2:42-47 and John 10:
1-10

June

1st - Acts 1:6-14 and John 17:1-11

8th– Acts 2:1-21 and John 20:19-23

15th – Genesis 1:1-2:4a and Matt

22nd – Jeremiah 20:7-13 and Matt
10:24-39

29th – Jeremiah 28:5-9 and Matt
10:40-42

**The minister has a day
off on
a Monday.**

**Please contact her only
in emergencies.**

Lifts to Church

April

6	Steve Johnston	477739
	Chris Johnston	477739
13	Jack Robertson	776955
	Margaret McRae	776848
20	Bob Blacklaws	775311
	Dave McCowat	477915
27	George Cowieson	778757
	Anne McPhail	775444

May

4	Stan Hutcheson	779250
	Ishbel Argo	779054
11	Ian Meach	776542
	Joyce Meach	776542
18	Jack Robertson	776955
	Margaret McRae	776848
25	John Grocott	779581
	Lindsay Foulis	774851

June

1	Steve Johnston	477739
	Chris Johnston	477739
8	Alister Lockhart	776308
	Bob Blacklaws	775311
15	Bill Barr	776103
	Lindsay Darroch	738224
22	George Cowieson	778757
	Anne McPhail	775444
29	Stan Hutcheson	779250

A WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

**Please contact the Church Office
for further details**

Sunday at 10.30am

Morning Service

Junior Church

Chi-Rho

Creche

Monday

Badminton 2pm

Scottish Country Dancing 7.30pm

Tuesday

Prayer meeting

(in the Session Room) 9.30am

Afternoon Guild (monthly) 2.30pm

Evening Guild (fortnightly) 7.30pm

Wednesday

Short Service 12 noon

Café 12.30pm

Social Club 1.45pm

Thursday

Badminton 2pm

Book Club (2nd Thursday of each month)

Choir rehearsal 7pm (Session Room)

Saturday

Messy Church (monthly) 4-5.30pm

Evening Services

Change of dates

There will be **NO** evening service at
the end of April. Our BBQ followed
by Holy Communion will be on
the **1st June** in the hall grounds.

Snippets . . .

In addition to the contributions made by our congregation to the wider work of the Church, our members have raised money which has gone to the Dundee Foodbank, Maggies Centre, Starter Packs, HIV/Aids project, the Salvation Army and Christian Aid. We have also supported two projects in the Philippines - the Tondo Dump and Sefton Village. In total through our fund raising we have given away £8,803. We are making a difference - thanks to your generosity.

Update on organists and choir

Our organists, Bill Ford and Stewart Fyffe are currently working a job share on a trial basis as agreed by our Kirk Session.

Choir rehearsals are in the Session Room on a Thursday night at 7pm and this is an opportunity to learn new anthems and hymns as well as going over the praise list for the following Sunday.

Starter Packs Dundee

This is one of the charities that we support as it responds positively to the problems faced by resettling homeless and needy individuals and families in the Dundee area.

Donations of good, unwanted basic household goods, bed linen and curtains are always welcome. Small amounts of goods can be brought along to church on a Sunday, but if you have a considerable amount of household items we would ask that you take them directly in to the Starter Packs Depot at 40 Perth Road, Dundee.

Bereavement Support Group

This is an invitation to come along to this new group which meets in our hall - once a month - on a Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 pm for a coffee and a chat. We offer a listening ear and friendly support. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 21st May. For more details telephone Helen Henderson on 738901

Afternoon Tea

Our Care Team is organising an afternoon tea on Friday 23 May. Musical entertainment will be provided. Invites will be sent out shortly to members of the church and to people in the parish.

Stated Annual Meeting

It was agreed by the congregation at our Stated Annual Meeting on the 16 March that we change to the Unitary Constitution model of church governance. An extract minute of the meeting will be sent to Presbytery for consideration at their next meeting in May. It is likely that this change will be effective from the 1 January 2015.

THE GREAT GIVE-AWAY

Broughty Ferry Churches Group will be distributing 'hot cross buns' in the Ferry on **Good Friday 18 April**. Donations of buns would once again be gratefully received and these can be brought to the church office on Thursday 17 April from 9.30 am - 12.30 pm.

On Good Friday volunteers are required to butter the buns and put them in plastic bags at St Mary's Episcopal Church from 9.30 am onwards. We will then hand them out to people in the Ferry from 10am onwards. If you are free to help distribute these then come along so that we can make the Church more visible in our community.

SILENT AUCTION

The Mission and Outreach Committee are holding a Silent Auction in the Church Halls on Wednesday, 14 May 2014 at 7.00 p.m. Tickets for this event are £3 to include light refreshments. Accompanied children are free. All monies raised will go to Christian Aid.

Tickets will be available from Committee members and the Church Office.

Donations of good as new items are required. Suggested items are: jewellery, pictures, mirrors, small items of furniture, unused linen, toiletries, ornaments, toys, posters, postcards, time-share weeks. No electrical items please.

The Church Hall will be open on Sunday, 11 May from 1 - 5 p.m. to receive all donations.

Come along to this event, bring your friends and have some fun while supporting a worthwhile cause!

Norma McDonald ☎ 477130
Mission and Outreach Committee.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Monday 14 April at 7.30 pm
Stations of the Cross,
Our Lady of Good Counsel
(Westfield Road)

Tuesday 15 at 7.00 pm
Baptist Church service
(St Vincent Street)

Wednesday 16 at 12 noon
Lunchtime service in
Our Lady of Good Counsel.
Please bring a packed lunch.
Tea/coffee will be provided

Maundy Thursday 17 April at 7pm
Service with the Sacrament of Holy Communion at Barnhill St Margaret's

Good Friday 18 April at 7 pm
Service at Barnhill St Margaret's

Easter Sunday 20 April
At 8am we have a short service with Broughty Ferry New Kirk in Barnhill Rock Garden. After the egg rolling join us for breakfast in our Church Hall (1 Guthrie Terrace). Our 10.30 am service in the church will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

The Café

Our cafe will be closed during the school holidays on the 2, 9 and 16 April. We reopen on the 23 April and look forward to welcoming you back.

The Guild

Our formal Meetings finished at the end of March and we can look back on another successful Guild year. Our membership is very healthy and meetings have been well attended. Please remember, if there is a particular topic on our syllabus that interests you, you are welcome to come along to any meeting. We will be busy in April putting together another programme for both afternoon and evening meetings for next year. At the end of April the afternoon ladies will visit the Antiques Centre at Abernethy followed by a meal at the Inchtute Hotel. The evening outing in May will be a meal followed by a show at the Rep. We would like to thank those of you who supported our fund raising events this session and we hope to see you again at our next session's events. For further details on any Guild matters please phone Chris Johnston 477739

CHURCH CHOIR

Following the recent confirmation of the job share arrangements for the organist's post, the Choir has now returned to weekly Thursday evening rehearsals. Here in St Margaret's, we are blessed with a Choir of more than twenty members, most of whom are able to attend weekly. Much of the credit for this must go to John Calderhead who was our faithful organist for many years and who nurtured and encouraged our singers. We would however welcome anyone with an interest in singing – whether they can read music or not. There is no audition and no age restriction, either young or old. Indeed, one of our members recently celebrated his 92nd birthday!

Many of you will have been present at services when the music has been enriched by the young instrumentalists under the expert direction of Susie Will and it is intended to continue this practice. To date, most of the players have been in their teens but I am sure that there are members who could contribute their expertise and either complement the young people or create other musical groups. Again, all are welcome. If you feel you can offer anything to add to the musical life of the congregation, please speak to Bill or myself – we can usually be found in the hall having a coffee after the morning service. The Choir members are friendly, the Choir chairs are comfortable and the organists are very approachable!

Stewart Fyffe

MEGA MAKERS!

R u in P1-P7? Why don't you come and join us at this year's Holiday Club in The Mega Machine? We will be at the Church Hall during the week of 7-11 July from 10 am until 12 noon every day with Boffin and Brainwave who will lead us in all the usual fun activities based on Matthew's Gospel.



Registration forms can be obtained from our Church Office or on our web page www.bsmchurch.org.uk from 5 June 2014.

MESSY CHURCH



**Saturday 19 April from
4.00 – 5.30 pm**

Join us in our hall – 1 Guthrie Terrace – for crafts, music, a Bible story, a moment to think... and something to eat!

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

DUNDEE FOODBANK



Can you help the needy in our city by bringing along a tin of food to church each week?

If we all brought along **ONE** tin a week then we would have over 200 items to donate.

2014 World Mission Stamp Appeal

The World Mission Council 2014 Stamp Appeal will support a safe haven in Greece for women and their children who have suffered domestic violence. This refuge, named 'Dorcas', is run by the Greek Evangelical Church.

There is a box for stamps at the main door of the church. By collecting stamps, we can ensure these women and children have a safe and comfortable place to call home.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly 2014 opens on Saturday 17 May and closes on Friday 23 May. The Reverend Dr Angus Morrison, Minister of Orwell and Portmoak Church, was due to take up the office of Moderator but has had to withdraw due to ill-health. At the time of writing we do not know who will replace him as the Moderator-Designate.

The General Assembly has the authority to make laws determining how the Church of Scotland operates and it is the highest court of the Church. The other courts in the Church are the Kirk Session and the Presbytery.

Background

The Assembly comprises around 850 commissioners who are ministers, elders and members of the diaconate. It meets for a week in May each year, usually in the Assembly Hall on the Mound in central Edinburgh.

During the Assembly

The Moderator will chair the daily business of the Assembly and at times when he/she has to be absent from the debating chamber, a former Moderator will take the chair.

The commissioners who attend are sent from the Church's parishes and presbyteries. Different commissioners are usually sent each year. In Dundee Presbytery, commissioners attend on a rota basis every 4 years. Reverend Jack Laidlaw is a Commissioner from Dundee Presbytery this year. Debates on matters contained in reports presented by the Assembly's various councils and committees can be lengthy and complex, sometimes resulting in many votes having to be taken in respect of a particular motion or amendment. There is a live webcast of the Assembly and regular updates online on each day's business, as well as reports and other information. There is also a public gallery should anyone wish to attend and observe.

**Network Deadline
All copy to be in by
Friday 14 May**

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**The Minister's telephone
number is
01382 779278**