

Network

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From the INTERIM MODERATOR



On Sunday 21st January, the Congregation voted by 208 to 1 to elect Rev Alisa McDonald as minister. As Interim Moderator I had the privilege of conveying that result to her, and her 'yes' was instant! The next step is the signing of 'the Call'. You may wonder what the difference between the vote and the call is.

Long ago, it was the heritors who nominated the minister, the male heads of households who elected him and asked him to come and be the minister and the Presbytery who inducted him.

Time has passed and things have changed. Now it is the Nominating Committee (the one Jack Robertson chaired) who nominate and the congregation who elect.

The other two stages remain the same, with congregation and Presbytery calling and inducting respectively. This means that the elections and call are done by almost the same people ie the congregation which is why it seems odd to have two different things.

There are very good reasons, though, to do both stages. The first, and more obvious, is that people involved in the life of the congregation but not on its electoral roll can help to call the new minister. If you are an adherent, a child, or an attendant who's not on any list at all, ask

Alison in the Office to show you the Paper of Concurrence which you are most welcome to sign. The Communicant members sign the one entitled 'Call'. This means the whole Barnhill Church family is 'calling' Alisa to come and not just those who voted for her.

The second reason is a bit more subtle. When we elect a minister we're just being asked whether we'd rather have that person as a minister or not. The cross on the ballot paper doesn't say anything more than that. By signing the Call we express our enthusiasm and our willingness to support the minister, to pray for her and to help resource the Church's work. It's more of an aspirational act than a legal one, so its really quite different. When I went to my first charge one person told me he had voted against me, but he had signed the call because while he might have preferred someone else as minister, he was jolly well going to support me and pray for me. He really understood the difference between the two steps. So let's aim to have a huge number of signatures on the call to Alisa!

The idea is for the McDonalds to move during the Easter holidays as that is easier than during term time. The Induction will probably be held on April 12th in the evening, so pencil that in the diary and the Presbytery will confirm in due course. I'll keep on looking after the Kirk Session and David Laing will look after you otherwise until then. Contact me if you have any questions about this process.

With best wishes
Marjory

Fellowship and Friday Craft Group

Daffodil Tea

**Saturday 17 March 2018
10am to 12 noon
in the Church Hall**

Tea, coffee and a cream scone.
Cake and Candy and Craft Stall.
Tickets cost £2 with proceeds going to our Philippines projects.

From the LOCUM MINISTER



Every season has its own appeal, but I really enjoy spring. Despite our lack of care, our primulas daffodils and tulips make their way towards the sun and rise to victory. Also rising victorious in spring was of course Jesus. Spring is about resurrection and transformation. My daffodils and tulips when planted were shrivelled, ugly, unappealing and lifeless, but with good soil, water and warmth, in a few months they will be transformed into thriving plants.

You get the point. Resurrection of the dead is not resuscitation, it is transformation. Paul said in his letter to the Romans 'What is perishable cannot inherit the Kingdom of God', so we must be transformed into the likeness of Jesus.

When He died, Jesus was given a new body equipped to handle the realities of eternal life. At the same time it was like His old body – recognizable, physical – able to be touched – able to eat. It was transformed – seemingly unrecognizable at times, able to pass through doors, able to ascend to heaven.

And we too will have a body like His. Similar to our current bodies but transformed to live in the new reality. In Spring I am reminded that the victory of the daffodil is short lived. When we are transformed it will be for keeps – never more to die. Thanks be to God we have victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

David Laing

OUR DIARY

FEBRUARY

- Tuesday 13 at 9.30am (Hall)**
Tots and Toddlers
- Tuesday 13 at 7.00pm (Room 1)**
Guild Committee
- Wednesday 14 at 2pm (Room 2)**
Bereavement Friendship Group
- Sunday 18 at 9.15am and 10.30am**
Worship
- Tuesday 20 at 9.30am (Hall)**
Tots and Toddlers
- Tuesday 20 at 7pm (Church/Hall)**
Guild Fundraiser
- Saturday 24 at 4.30pm (Hall)**
Messy Church
- Sunday 25 at 9.15am and 10.30am**
Sacrament of Holy Communion
- Tuesday 27 at 9.30am (Hall)**
Tots and Toddlers
- Tuesday 27 at 2.30pm (Hall)**
Afternoon Guild
- Tuesday 27 at 7.15pm (Hall)**
Leadership Team meeting

MARCH

- Friday 2**
World Day of Prayer
- Sunday 4 at 9.15am and 10.30am**
Worship
- Sunday 4 at 7pm (Hall)**
Youth Group
- Tuesday 6 at 9.30am (Hall)**
Tots and Toddlers
- Tuesday 6 at 2pm**
Service in Shiell Court
- Tuesday 6 at 7.30pm (Hall)**
Evening Guild
- Thursday 8 at 2pm (Room 1)**
Book Club
- Sunday 11 at 9.15am and 10.30am**
Worship
- Tuesday 13 at 9.30am (Hall)**
Tots and Toddlers
- Wednesday 14 at 2pm (Room 2)**
Bereavement Friendship Group
- Saturday 17 at 10am (Hall)**
Daffodil Tea
- Sunday 18 at 9.15am and 10.30am**
Worship.
- Sunday 18 at 7pm (Hall)**
Youth Group
- Tuesday 20 at 9.30am (Hall)**
Tots and Toddlers
- Sunday 25 at 9.15am and 10.30am**
Worship.
- Tuesday 27 at 9.30am (Hall)**
Tots and Toddlers
- Tuesday 27 at 2.30pm (Hall)**
Afternoon Guild

- Tuesday 27 at 7.15pm (Hall)**
Kirk Session
- Saturday 31 at 4.30pm (Hall)**
Messy Church

APRIL

- Sunday 1 at 9.15am and 10.30am**
Worship
- Tuesday 3 at 2pm**
Service in Shiell Court
- Wednesday 11 at 2pm (Room 2)**
Bereavement Friendship Group
- Thursday 12 at 2pm (Room 1)**
Book Club
- Sunday 15 at 9.15am and 10.30am**
Worship
- Tuesday 17 at 9.30am (Hall)**
Tots and Toddlers
- Wednesday 18 at 2pm (Room 2)**
Bereavement Friendship Group
- Sunday 22 at 9.15am and 10.30am**
Worship
- Tuesday 24 at 9.30am (Hall)**
Tots and Toddlers
- Tuesday 24 at 7.15pm (Room 1)**
Leadership Team meeting
- Saturday 24 at 4.30pm (Hall)**
Messy Church

EASTER

Lent begins on Wednesday 14 February (Ash Wednesday).

Lent Studies will be held on Monday mornings and Tuesday evenings. More details will be available shortly

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Palm Sunday is 25 March.

Maundy Thursday is 29 March. There will be a service in the church at 7pm.

Good Friday is 30 March. There will be a service in the church at 7pm.

Easter Day is Sunday 1 April. There will be joint service at 8am at the Barnhill Rock Garden followed by breakfast at the New Kirk.

We will also meet in the church for our contemporary service at 9.15am and a family communion at 10.30am.

SOUPER SUNDAY

Thanks to everyone who supported this event in January.

We raised £370.65 for the Church of Scotland HIV programme.

We are grateful to the team who made this possible.

CHURCH REGISTER

Baptisms:

It has been a pleasure to welcome to our Church Family:
Sophie Pirie

New Members:

We welcome to our congregation:
Graham Beddows
Alexander Pattie
Alan Woods
Elaine Woods
George Rannie
Catherine Rannie
Anne Tait
Andrew Love

Funerals:

We remember those who have died recently:
Anne Sturrock
Olivia Menzies
Archibald Kelso
Alan Mooney
Alison Peters

Lifts to Church

Volunteer drivers are happy to help anyone who has difficulty in getting to Church on Sunday mornings. Here are a list of drivers who will collect you and take you home.

FEBRUARY

18	Stan Hutcheson	779250
	Alex Martin	774790
25	Ian Meach	776542
	Joyce Meach	776542

MARCH

4	Jack Robertson	776955
	Anne Reid	774847
11	John Grocott	779581
	Anne Chalmers	739719
18	Steve Johnston	477739
	Chris Johnston	477739
25	Lindsay Foulis	774851
	Ellenore Foulis	774851

APRIL

1	Stan Hutcheson	779250
	Alex Martin	774790
8	Iain Ross	779102
	Denise Melville	477964
15	Graham Stark	730904
	Lindsay Darroch	738224
22	Harry Dowie	776679
	Pamela Crichton	534610
29	Ian Meach	776542
	Joyce Meach	776542

Network Deadline:

All articles to be in the
Church Office by
Friday 13 April 2018

Barnhill St Margaret's
Parish Church Office
Telephone 737294 SCO11017

Snippets

The Social Club would benefit from some new members and if you feel you would like to join you will be made most welcome. We would like to encourage men and women from the Barnhill community to come along. If the Carpet Bowls is too strenuous you might like to play one of the Board Games on offer. The Café is open while the Social Club is meeting so there will always be the opportunity for a coffee and a chat.

Panto. By the time you read this, Jack will have climbed up the Beanstalk and will hopefully be living happily ever after. We thank Alan and the members of the Cast and Crew for giving up their time and using their talents to entertain us once again.

The Bereavement Friendship Group has changed its meeting time from the third to the second Wednesday of each month. If you would like to join us we will be delighted to welcome you at 2 o'clock in the Lounge of the Hall.

In each issue of Network we like to remind you about continuing to donate to both **Starter Packs** and the **Foodbank**. Your donations are always appreciated. Thank You.

Flowers: Our thanks are due to Jesma Hutcheon who has resigned from the position of Flower Conve-
nor - a task she has undertaken for many years. Under Jesma's leadership we knew that the flowers she and her team arranged ensured that the building in which we worship was a fitting place in which to glorify God.

Special occasions such as Christmas, Easter, Harvest, Weddings and Funerals along with the weekly floral arrangements entail a great deal of planning, skill and effort, and we mustn't forget the help given over the years by Jesma's husband Jim. At present if you wish to provide flowers for a specific Sunday, could you please hand any financial contributions into the Church Office.

The Church Hall is available to hire on weekdays/ weekends . For availability and prices phone 737294.

The Guild

The Guild got off to a good start in 2018 at our Games Night with board and card games which many of us had not played for years. There was plenty of laughter and good fellowship.

Our main fundraising event this year is a Fashion Show on Tuesday, 20th February at 7pm in the church, with sale of clothes and refreshments afterwards in the hall. Clothes are all brand names, e.g. M & S, Next, Wallis, Oasis etc. There will also be a raffle with the chance to win a £100 voucher. Tickets priced £8 are available from the Church Office or Guild members.

We have already heard from Andy Patterson about the early days of TV, and from Ally Ballingal who told us about the work of the Scottish Charity Air Ambulance.

Irene Stephen, a volunteer quilt maker for Project Linus UK, is our speaker on 6th March.

The World Day of Prayer is on 2nd March this year. The women of Suriname have chosen the theme, "All God's Creation is very Good", which focuses on care for the environment. The Guild will be involved as Leaders this year. Please look in Family News for further details nearer the date.

The Afternoon Guild met on the 30th January and were entertained by ladies of the Church choir.

Please contact *Rhona McGeoghegan* if you can help with refreshments or lifts.

Evening meetings are held fortnightly on Tuesdays at 7.30pm and Afternoon Guild meet at 2.30pm on the last Tuesday of the month. All are welcome.

Contact *Norma McDonald* for more information. (01382 793834)

The Holiday Club

The Holiday Club this year will be held from Monday 2 July to Friday 6 July. We will provide more details nearer the time.

Messy Church will meet on the following dates 24 Feb, 31 Mar, 28 Apr And 26 May. We look forward to seeing our young people there.

**Christian Aid Week
13th to 19th May 2018
Information to follow.**

Outreach

The Outreach Group would like to thank everyone who supported our recent charity events: the Giving Tree and the Christmas Concert. Items donated to the Giving Tree enabled us to hand over to the Dundee Food Bank 26 full gift bags and several bags of "extras" for children aged 10-14. These were gratefully received and helped to make Christmas happier for families who are going through a difficult time. The Christmas Concert by Glynis Bromage, the Impromptu Singers and the Brass Ensemble was again a great success and very well supported by members of the congregation, family and friends and raised £762.27 for our projects in the Philippines.

Our annual weekend holiday at Crieff Hydro will take place on 2nd to 4th March with 25 people looking forward to a few days of fun and fellowship.

We will again be having a 24 hour Prayer Vigil from 6pm on Maundy Thursday until 6pm on Good Friday. Participants agree to spend 30 minutes during this time to "Watch and Pray" as Jesus asked his disciples to do in the Garden of Gethsemane. Prayer booklets will be provided and prayer takes place in the comfort of your own home. Details will be given nearer the time.

Refugee support

In October Barnhill St. Margaret's hosted a Refugee Awareness event of behalf of the Broughty Ferry Churches Group (BFCG). The evening was well attended, informative and energetic. As a result the BFCG has asked that a committee be set up to take forward a programme of practical actions. This will enable churches and individuals to find opportunities to help refugees, both here in Dundee and overseas. We hope that Barnhill St. Margaret's will play a full part in this.

The Cafe

The Café welcomes customers, bakers and waiting staff. Please come if you can, for soup, baked potatoes, sandwiches and calorie laden cakes. We are open each Wednesday during term time from 12:30 till 3pm.. Please contact Sue Bruce if you can offer help. ☎775678

From the Philippines

Thank you for the generous donation you gave from the Christmas concert which enabled us to support our ministries this year.

We are delighted to welcome our son Isaiah William, born on 30th December. He weighed 4 kilos and was 52cm. He is big in comparison



to Filipino babies so people always ask how many months old he is. We had many visitors to see us at the hospital, to celebrate both his birth and the New Year. Our church was very kind and prepared snacks, a cake and a video presentation to welcome him on his first Sunday in church. People love Isaiah although he is often sleeping when they visit. He sleeps well during the day, but not so well at night. We are looking forward to having Mum and Dad visit.

Thank you for all your prayers and support.



Love
August, Vivien and Isaiah x

**CHILDREN'S FAMILY
WORKER**
Barnhill St Margaret's Church

3 year contract
7 hours per week
Contact the Church office for
more information

Youth Club

The youth club at Barnhill St Margaret's Church runs on alternate Sunday evenings during term time. The club is on between 7 and 9pm in the church halls and there are games, activities, sports and crafts. It costs £1 to get in and there are free refreshments.

The evenings we are running are: 4 March and 18 March. We will be closed on 18 February due to mid-term break.

The club is open to all young people who attend secondary school and at this time of year we are inviting those pupils in Primary 7 who would like to come along to give it a try - they can bring a friend or two if they like - starting on 4 March.

For more information contact our youth worker Evelyn Scanlan through our email

address: BSM.YC@aol.com or follow us on Instagram – BSM.YC

Tots & Toddlers

The group is now very well-established and goes from strength to strength. There are now 33 families and 42 children registered. We really are at our limit and although we do have 25 on the waiting list we are still happy to take names for those who need some support and contact with others.

Last term we had a lovely visit from Santa which really excited the children. Janice Duke has also volunteered to organise a crafts table, which she is to supervise on the second Tuesday of the month.

Thank you to the volunteers for continuing to help. As we try to prepare for a Thursday morning [still just at planning stages] it would be useful to have names of people [men and women] who are able to help on either morning. The commitment is from 8.45am -11.30am and no more than once a month.

Please email
bsmtotsandtoddlers@hotmail.com

For more information please contact the Church Office or
Denise Melville, 01382 477964

David Laing our
Locum Minister's
telephone
number is 01382 739586

Church Choir

Rehearsals have restarted for the Choir which now meets in the Church Hall at 9:30am on Sundays. We shall soon be starting work towards our Easter music and with the new organ now well established, this should be a joyful time. We have, however a very big problem! During the past year we have been reduced to a maximum of three men in the Choir. This imbalance in voice parts prevents us from tackling anything more than the most basic of part singing. While the current Choir members are very experienced, the vast majority are not exactly in the first flush of youth and we desperately need some younger voices to augment our existing membership. So let me dispel some myths:

` You do not have to hold a bus pass to join the Choir – there are no age limits

` You do not need to be a fluent music reader – but it helps

` You come when you can – we don't keep a register

` You will never be asked to sing a solo – unless you want to.

St Margaret's Church Choir has been in existence for a long time and in a congregation the size of ours, it would be a shame if it had to disband due to lack of numbers.

Please give this appeal your consideration and speak to Eoin or myself after the Sunday service or come along to the Church Hall to see for yourself how things work.

Thank you — Stewart Fyffe



The Pantomime Cast during rehearsals and in costume. They are now having a well deserved rest after a very successful run of Jack and the Beanstalk.

