

Network

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From the MINISTER

Hello!

I am writing this while sitting at my desk in my new office in the church hall for the first time. It has been a whirlwind of a few weeks since Neal and I and the boys moved down from Aberdeen to Barnhill. I think the best thing for me to do is simply introduce myself to you.

As you already know, my name is Alisa and if you have heard me speak you can tell I am nae Scottish! Yet, I have lived over here in Scotland for nearly 10 years. I trained for ministry in the United States within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A). My home congregation was large, with a ministerial staff of around 16 with even far larger numbers of support staff. I attended Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey and from there worked at churches in both New Jersey and in New York City. But, at the end of my time in training for ministry I felt a call to go abroad. I had studied for a year at



the University of St. Andrews, so when I saw an advert for Mannofield Church in Aberdeen I thought, "well, why not." And, as they say the rest is history.

It was during my time at Mannofield that one of the elder's family introduced me to Neal. Neal and I have been married for six and a half

years. We have two sons, Archie (nearly 4) and Finley (nearly 2.) And we have one very large dog, named Elmer. You may see Neal out walking the dog in the evenings. He is a lovely lurcher, and if you know anything about the breed you know in truth they are lazy beasts.

I am truly excited to be starting my time here at Barnhill St. Margaret's to serve *for, with and alongside* everyone. And if you gathered from the first line of my letter, I have a new office down in the church hall. Please pop in and say 'Hello.' But, more importantly, tell me your name, over and over again until it drives you mad! I want to get to know all of you, and a great place to start is your name.

So to new beginnings and great beginnings. Let us serve God together in this beautiful patch of the world. Grace and Peace — *Alisa*

Thanks

At the start of a new ministry we look forward to growth and change, but let us take a brief look backwards to those members of our Church who, as a result of the vacancy, have had an increased work load. We hope that David Laing will once again begin to feel at home in the pew rather than the pulpit, and we would like him to know we greatly valued his ministry.

Our Pastoral Assistant Beth Duncan has worked ceaselessly to ensure that the needs of our parishioners were met and we are in her debt. Peter Munro accepted a greatly increased workload as he endeavoured to get the Manse ready for the new family and we thank him for his diligence and skill.

David Fairbairn created a beautiful cross for our Easter Celebration and this was greatly appreciated.

Eoin Tonner has shown us what our new organ is capable of and we thank him for his music and for the time he spent with us.

Afternoon Spring Tea

Friday 11 May 2 till 3.30pm
In the Hall

The theme is

Old Time Music Hall

Please feel free to dress up

**Please contact Alison in the
Church Office if you will be
attending or would like a lift**

From the interim moderator

I expected to feel demob-happy when I left Barnhill last night. In fact I feel a little sad, because it has been great fun working with such a dynamic group of leaders. This was one of the smoothest and easiest vacancies anyone could hope to serve as Moderator. That is down to your paid staff - including David Laing - your Office Bearers who stepped up to extra responsibilities, the Nominating Committee and those who filled various gaps.

I hope Alisa will be allowed to add to that energy, not replace it, and that you will all continue with that busyness so that nothing is lost but new things can be gained.

So thank you for being patient with this Interim Moderator and for letting me go through this fascinating year with you and thank you for your kindness and generosity.

With love — *Marjory*

OUR DIARY

MAY

Tuesday 8 at 9.30am (Hall)
Tots and Toddlers

Wednesday 9 at 12.30 (Foyer)
Cafe

Wednesday 9 at 2pm (Room 2)
Bereavement Friendship Group

Thursday 10 at 2pm (Room 1)
Book Club

Friday 11 May at 2pm (Hall)
Spring Tea

Sunday 13 at 9.15am and 10.30am
Worship

Tuesday 15 at 9.30am (Hall)
Tots and Toddlers

Wednesday 16 at 12.30 (Foyer)
Cafe

Saturday 19 at 10am (Hall)
Safeguarding Training

Sunday 20 at 9.15am and 10.30am
Worship (Pentecost)

Tuesday 22 at 9.30am (Hall)
Tots and Toddlers

Wednesday 23 at 12.30 (Foyer)
Cafe

Saturday 26 at 4.30pm (Hall)
Messy Church

Sunday 27 at 9.15am and 10.30am
Worship

Tuesday 29 at 9.30am (Hall)
Tots and Toddlers

Tuesday 29 at 7.15pm (Room 1)
Leadership team Meeting

Wednesday 30 at 12.30 (Foyer)
Cafe

JUNE

Sunday 3 at 9.15am and 10.30am
Worship

Tuesday 5 at 9.30am (Hall)
Tots and Toddlers

Tuesday 5 at 2pm
Service in Shiell Court

Wednesday 6 at 12.30 (Foyer)
Cafe

Sunday 10 at 9.15am and 10.30am
Worship

Sunday 10 at 7pm (Hall)
Youth Group

Tuesday 12 at 9.30am (Hall)
Tots and Toddlers

Tuesday 12 at 7pm (Room 1)
Guild Committee

Wednesday 13 at 12.30 (Foyer)
Cafe

Wednesday 13 at 2pm (Room 2)
Bereavement Friendship Group

Thursday 14 at 2pm (Room 1)
Book Club

Sunday 17 at 9.15am and 10.30am
Worship.

Sunday 17 at 7pm (Hall)

Youth Group

Tuesday 19 at 9.30am (Hall)

Tots and Toddlers

Wednesday 20 at 12.30 (Foyer)

Cafe

Sunday 24 at 9.15am and 10.30am

Sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism

Tuesday 26 at 9.30am (Hall)

Tots and Toddlers

Tuesday 26 at 7.15pm (Hall)

Kirk Session

Wednesday 27 at 12.30 (Foyer)

Cafe

JULY

Sunday 1 at 9.15am and 10.30am

Worship with Sacrament of Baptism

Monday 2 to Friday 6 at 10am to 12 noon (Hall)

Holiday Club

Tuesday 3 at 2pm

Service in Shiell Court

Saturday 7

Wedding

Sunday 8 at 9.15am and 10.30am

Worship with the Holiday Club

Sunday 15 at 9.15am and 10.30am

Worship

Saturday 21

Wedding

Sunday 22 at 9.15am and 10.30am

Worship

Saturday 28

Wedding

Sunday 29 at 9.15am and 10.30am

Worship

AUGUST

There will be services at 9.15am and 10.30am every Sunday.



ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Tuesday 7 August 2018

Make a note in your diary.

Broughty Ferry Library

will be celebrating its 90th birthday this October. If you have any memories, old or new, of your library visits and why the library is important to you, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Chris Johnston, phone 477739 or E mail at christinej@btinternet.com

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CHURCH REGISTER

Funerals:

We remember those who have died recently:

Isabella Knight

Myra Jackson

Isabel Brown

Muriel Ewen

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.

MAY

20	Steve Johnston	477739
	Chris Johnston	477739
27	Lindsay Foulis	774851
	Ellenore Foulis	774851

JUNE

3	Graham Stark	730904
	Lindsay Darroch	738224
10	Iain Ross	779102
	Denise Melville	477964
17	Harry Dowie	776679
	Pamela Crichton	534610
24	Stan Hutcheson	779250
	Alex Martin	774790

JULY

1	Ian Meach	776542
	Joyce Meach	776542
8	Jack Robertson	776955
	David Laing	739586
15	John Grocott	779581
	Anne Chalmers	739719
22	Steve Johnston	477739
	Chris Johnston	477739
29	Lindsay Foulis	774851
	Ellenore Foulis	774851

AUGUST

5	Stan Hutcheson	779250
	Alex Martin	774790
12	Iain Ross	779102
	Denise Melville	477964
19	Harry Dowie	776679
	Pamela Crichton	534610
26	Ian Meach	776542
	Joyce Meach	776542



Our Church Hall is available to hire for Coffee Mornings, Children's Birthday Parties etc. We have a large enclosed garden and our hall is big enough to hold a bouncy castle. For availability and cost please enquire at the office

e-mail: church.office@btconnect.com

www.bsmchurch.org.uk

or follow us on facebook



Snippets

The Foodbank and Starter Packs still require your help. The need for household items and non-perishable food is growing rather than diminishing and we look to members of the Congregation for their continued support. Thank you

The Bereavement Friendship Group will meet on the second Wednesday of May and June. You are welcome to join us at 2pm in the Lounge of the Hall.

The Craft Group held a successful Coffee Morning on Saturday 17th March and we were given the opportunity to purchase the results of their work. Proceeds of £689 have been sent to further the work we support in the Philippines. Alison has details of the Golf, and Chris Johnston's article about the Library and the Holiday Club.

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.

The Youth Group

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

Evenings we are running are:
29 April, 13 May, 27 May, 10 June, 24 June.

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

For more information contact our youth worker Evelyn Scanlan through our email address: BSM.YC@aol.com or follow us on Instagram - BSM.YC

The Guild

Both the Evening and Afternoon Guild have finished 2017/18 session with summer outings. One to Arbroath and the other to the Falkland.

The Colours Fashion Show held on 20th February raised £1374. The raffle raised £233, so many thanks to Joyce Meach and Eleanor Anderson for their hard work in organising the raffle and also to all the people who gave donations of prizes and bought tickets. The money will go to Prospects and Mission International, two of the charities supported by all the Church of Scotland Guilds.

The new session begins on Tuesday, 18th September at 7.30 p.m. and the Committee is already busy preparing the syllabus. The Afternoon Guild meets at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 25th September.

All meetings are in the church halls and all are welcome, both men and women. For further details call *Norma McDonald* (01382 793834)

The Property Committee

We are looking for members to join our Property Committee. If you have any particular skills or talents please contact the minister or the Church Office.

Church Flowers

We are fortunate each Sunday to have a beautiful display of flowers at the front of the church. Our thanks and appreciation for providing this go to those who donate money to the Flower Fund, the flower arrangers and the small team of volunteers who at the end of the service make sure the flowers are delivered on behalf of the congregation.

World Mission Prayer for North and South Korea

Lord, through the North-South summit meetings, bring reconciliation and peace to this land, and please open up an era of peaceful coexistence on the Korean peninsula.

Lord, help us to realise peace all over this world. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

Outreach

Our annual congregational weekend away at Crieff Hydro was disrupted this year by the very wintry weather. 13 hardy souls braved the elements to make their way to Crieff where they enjoyed a few days of hospitality and fellowship. They rounded off their stay by attending the communion service at Crieff Parish Church. Thanks to everyone who helped to deliver the Easter cards to every family in the parish. It was a huge task with nearly 3000 homes to cover so your help was much appreciated. Following on from last year's successful 'Refugee Awareness' evening, a small committee has now been set up through the Broughty Ferry Churches Group to take forward ideas and initiatives to help those refugees who have settled in our area and also those still in camps abroad.

There is to be a Concert of Sacred Music and music for contemplation performed by Glynis Bromage and the Impromptu Singers in the Church on Friday the 8th of June at 7.30 pm. This will be different from their usual programme and will include works by Bach, Byrd, Mozart, Rutter, Tavener and others. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

There is to be no door to door collection this year for Christian Aid. Instead we are going to 'Count Our Blessings'. A leaflet to show us how to do this and giving us information about some of the 40 million displaced people in the world today and the difficulties they face plus an envelope for a donation will be available on Sunday 6th and 13th May. Please feel free to take extra envelopes and leaflets for any friends and family you think would like to contribute. There will also be a 'bucket' street collection in Broughty Ferry and Barnhill. Broughty Ferry Churches Group is holding a coffee morning in the St. Aidan's Centre on 12th May from 10 am - 12 noon for Christian Aid. Admission is £2 and your support will be much appreciated.

Linda Marsh

**Network Deadline:
All articles to be in the
Church Office by
Friday 10 August 2018**

From the Philippines



It is already summer so it is extremely hot! Over the school holidays we had several 'Kids' Clubs' at the church. August and some of our youth have started teaching the 'Badjao' tribe to read and write. These people are very poor and live in make-shift houses down by the river. They are keen to learn. Isaiah is growing fast and is already 4 months old. He loves cuddles and is noticing everything that is going on around him.. He has just had his first holiday – a trip to the beach with friends who were visiting from the UK.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers,

Love
Vivien, August and Isaiah x



**The Minister's
telephone
number is 01382 737294**

The Holiday Club



**Monday 2 to Friday 6 July
in the Hall
From 10am till 12 noon**

**Registration forms will be available soon from the Church Office.
Please return forms by 29 June**



**Come and join us on
Saturday 26 May
in the Hall
between 4 and 5.30pm**

A message from our Locum

Now that we have our new minister I happily return to the pews but I wish to thank you, the members of Barnhill St. Margaret's, for your very generous gift which I shall use for the garden and golf equipment. My time as your locum helped me to get to know many of you by name and we have had a few laughs together. Will you ever forget the "convict" photo that appeared in Network or the moment I intimated that Rhona's baby had arrived!! Thank you also for the supportive comments many of you made at the door on Sunday mornings or over coffee in the hall. Ministers, like others, do appreciate encouragement and I am sure you will do the same for Alisa as she leads us into a new phase in the life of BSM.

With my sincere thanks—*David*

THANK YOU!

Neal and I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone at Barnhill St. Margaret's for the incredibly generous gift given to us. And also thank you for making us feel so at home and welcome here. From, Neal, Alisa, Archie and Finley



*Want to
join the team?*

Vacancies at Barnhill St Margaret's:

Part time Children and Families Worker

Main duties include taking an active role in preparing for and leading the Tots and Toddlers group two mornings a week. Assisting in the planning and leading of Messy Church and the Holiday Club. Being willing to speak to parents and children involved in our church and community and thus providing a vital link of communication.

The applicant must be a committed Christian and have a belief in the work of the Church of Scotland. Hours are negotiable and require a degree of flexibility. Salary up to £22,000 pro rata per annum, depending on age and experience.

Part time Music Co-ordinator

Main duties include assisting with the leading of worship at Barnhill St Margaret's one or two Sundays a month, and participating in various special services. Working with the children and youth musically to help them in the leading of worship in new and creative ways. Working with the choir in preparing special music pieces. The number of hours is negotiable and hours will be flexible outwith the Sundays on duty. For more information, please contact Barnhill St Margaret's by telephone at 01382 737294 or email church.office@btconnect.com

**The Minister's time off work is
Monday and Friday afternoons**