

# The Parishioner

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## From the Manse

Dear Friends,

We are embarking on a new session in the life of the Church. It is a good time to recommit ourselves to God and to reaffirm the promises we made when we publicly confessed our faith.

One of the promises is to join regularly with our fellow Christians in worship on a Sunday and another is to serve God in our daily lives.



Coming together week by week should be something we look forward too. It is an opportunity to hear God's Word and to praise Him. It also is an opportunity to be ourselves and to be open to what God can do for us.

I like this quote;

*'Churches are not museums that display perfect people. They are hospitals where the wounded, hurt, injured and broken find healing'.*

The bell in the tower of St Ninians dates from 1655. In the present tower and the one previous to it, the bell has called people to worship for over 360 years. In times of joy and sorrow, health and sickness, faith and doubt, people have come. In these times of challenge and change, let us keep the faith and gladly echo the words of the Psalmist;

*I was glad when they said to me 'Let us go to the house of the Lord'*

To serve God in our daily lives is part and parcel of our calling. In His parables, Jesus gives us insight into the lives He expects us to live. He calls us to be a good neighbour to all who are in need and to speak up for those whose voice is often unheard. His teaching with its focus on being kind and showing compassion is as relevant as ever today.

I would like to quote from a pastoral letter written by my good friend, The Rev Colin Renwick of Dunblane Cathedral;

To have the gift of a voice and the privilege of being heard is to be truly blessed, but it is a blessing that carries a challenge and responsibility. The words of the Protestant Pastor

Martin Niemoller, an outspoken critic of Adolf Hitler who spent seven years in Nazi concentration camps, have lost nothing of their force:

*'First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out-  
Because I was not a Socialist.*

*Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out-  
Because I was not a Trade Unionist.*

*Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out-  
Because I was not a Jew.*

*Then they came for me – and there was no one left to speak for me'.*

Let us be faithful to our calling and go into this new session with renewed commitment to serve God in the Church and in the World.

With warm good wishes,

Your Friend and Minister,

*Gary J McIntyre*

### **GOD'S BLESSING**

*May God's blessing find you each day.*

*May the angels protect you as you travel on your way.*

*May heaven's light shine upon you and fill your heart with song.*

*May God's love heal you and make you feel strong.*

*May you always look with hope on the path that lies ahead and may friendship journey with you wherever you're led.*

*May you always know the comfort of happiness and peace.*

*And may your faith in yourself and God never dwindle or cease.*

## Student for the Ministry

Mr Kerr Wintersgill will be with us from September till the spring. Kerr is a candidate in training for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament. We welcome Kerr and hope he will find his time with us to be fruitful. Kerr has written the following piece by way of introducing himself;

Hi there, I would like to introduce myself as I shall be spending six months with you all at St Ninians Old whilst I am on my first placement as a candidate for the ministry.

My name is Kerr Wintersgill and I live in Callander with my daft, but incredibly friendly, springer spaniel Douglas the Dug. I was born and raised in Glasgow and started off my career in the licensed trade before moving into sales and IT. I first came to faith in my mid-twenties and since then I have found my faith to have been both a comfort and challenge ever since.

My son Kenny was born in October '95 but unfortunately my wife passed away six weeks later due to complications with her Cystic Fibrosis and so began a 'character building' episode in my life! It certainly helped with my prayer life and although some of my prayers included a lot of Anglo-Saxon terminology – I did receive an answer and learned an important lesson – yes you can shout and scream at God - but you need to sit quietly to hear the reply.

I remarried when Kenny was two and moved to Callander in '99 and settled into life in Callander Kirk and continued to grow in my faith. I was on the congregational board and then I was ordained as an Elder and was active in a lot of ways from Crusaders to running the sound desk to hosting a gent's supper club.

In 2006 I felt God calling me to full time ministry and despite some reservations on my part, I applied. I learned a lot about myself in the process and realised that the timing wasn't right just then and so I carried on with my life and career. Unfortunately, I became single in 2012 and, to be honest, I thought that that chapter in my life was finished. However, a number of years ago I started to sense God's call again and so here you find me – just turned the big 50 - about to start my third year at Highland Theological College and starting my journey as a candidate for full-time Ministry of Word and Sacrament by spending an exciting six months with St Ninians Old.

And to finish on something of a slightly lighter note – my claim to fame is that Billy Connolly used to take me to school and one of his jokes is about my family!

## Services in September, October and November

### September

- 1<sup>st</sup> 10:30am Morning Worship, Creche and Sunday Club  
The Rev Alan McKenzie (Mr McIntyre will be at St Columba's Church)
- 8<sup>th</sup> 10:30am Morning Worship, Creche and Sunday Club  
The Sacrament of Holy Communion  
6:30pm Thanksgiving Service
- 15<sup>th</sup> 10:30am Morning Worship, Creche and Sunday Club  
Fellowship Tea
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:30am Morning Worship, Creche and Sunday Club  
1pm Eccles Court  
1:30pm Westerlands Care Home
- 29<sup>th</sup> 10:30am Harvest Thanksgiving Family Service

### October

- 6<sup>th</sup> 10:30am Morning Worship, Creche and Sunday Club  
The Rev Helen Cook
- 13<sup>th</sup> 10:30am Morning Worship  
6:30pm Communion Service
- 20<sup>th</sup> 10:30am Morning Worship  
Fellowship Tea
- 27<sup>th</sup> 10:30am Morning Worship, Creche and Sunday Club  
1pm Eccles Court  
1:30pm Westerlands Care Home

### November

- 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:30am Morning Worship, Creche and Sunday Club
- 10<sup>th</sup> 10:30am A Service of Remembrance
- 17<sup>th</sup> 10:30am Morning Worship, Creche and Sunday Club  
Fellowship Tea
- 24<sup>th</sup> 10:30am Morning Worship, Creche and Sunday Club  
1pm Eccles Court  
1:30pm. Westerlands Care Home

### Holy Communion

The Sacrament will be celebrated during the morning service on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September and there will be a shorter celebration of the Sacrament at the evening service on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October. All who love the Lord are warmly invited to gather at His Table.

## News

### Messy Church



The next Messy Church will be held in St Columba's Church on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September from 3:30pm – 6pm. There will be craft work, games, singing and food. Registration forms will be in the McMichael Chapel in September.

### Harvest Thanksgiving

The Harvest Thanksgiving service will be held on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 10:30am. Children are invited to bring fruit or flowers to the Church. Once again we will be supporting WaterAid, and Gift Aid envelopes have been distributed with this edition of The Parishioner to allow us to increase our giving by this method by 25%. To ensure that WaterAid can claim Gift Aid, they have issued guidelines for completion of declaration on the envelopes:



- Ask individuals to complete the envelopes **themselves**. Do not complete on their behalf.
- Ask them to give WaterAid their **full name** and **home address** including **postcode** (essential to allow Gift Aid to be claimed).
- Ask them to read the Gift Aid declaration and **TICK** the box if applicable (they cannot accept crosses).
- Please ensure the **individual amount donated** is included on each envelope, which can be returned during September

### The Kirk Session

The Business Committee of the Kirk Session will meet at the Church on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 10am.

The Kirk Session will meet in the Parish Halls on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30pm.

### Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Sunday this year falls on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November. The silence will be observed at 11am and there will be a retiral collection for Erskine.

### Pastoral Care group

The group will meet at the Church on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm. Members of this group assist the Minister in visiting elderly and less able members of the congregation. If

you or someone you know would like a visit please speak to the Minister or to Mrs Grace McIntosh.

### **Bible Study Group**

The group will meet at the Church on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30pm. You are warmly invited to join us for an informal time of fellowship.

### **Friendship Lunches**

These lunches are organised by members of several Churches in and around Stirling. They are held in St Columba's Church Hall, Park Terrace, Stirling on the second Monday of each month at 12 Noon. (9<sup>th</sup> September, 14<sup>th</sup> October and 11<sup>th</sup> November). You will be most welcome!

### **Doors Open Day**

Like many public buildings within Stirling Council area, St Ninians Old will be open on the afternoon of Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 2-4pm. Please encourage people to take this opportunity to visit the Church and to learn something of its history.

### **The Rev Hamish N M McIntosh**

On a recent visit to Mr McIntosh I noticed a certificate on his wall which stated he had been Ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament on the 16th of February 1949.

I remarked on this to Mr McIntosh and congratulated him on 70 years of dedicated service! Mr McIntosh, who is in his 97th year, began his ministry in Wishaw after which he was minister in Lamlash on the Island of Arran. He then went to a Church extension charge in Cumnock before entering the Royal Air Force as a Chaplain. On completing his service in the Royal Air Force he became minister of Fintry Church.

Throughout his long retirement Mr McIntosh was active and served as locum in a number of congregations including St Ninians Old prior to the Induction of Mr McIntyre.

Until recently Mr McIntosh conducted a monthly service in Abbeyfield House where he is a resident.

We extend our warm good wishes to Mr McIntosh on reaching this significant milestone and assure him of our love and prayers.

Gary J McIntyre



## Social and Fund-Raising Committee

### **Craft Classes**

The Craft Classes will start again for the Autumn Session on Tuesday 20 August at 7.00pm. The class is held fortnightly in the middle room of the Church Halls. We have knitted hats for children in Syria, also some ladies have donated clothes and footwear for all ages to be sent to the refugee camps.

We have also knitted hats for premature babies that have been sent to hospitals in Larbert and Glasgow. We would like to thank all the ladies who have been busy knitting the hats as we have had a great response, over 500 hats and I have had three letters from Forth Valley Hospital in Larbert thanking everyone for them. They have asked if we might think about knitting cot blankets for babies as another project.

In the autumn we will be knitting, sewing and making other crafts for the Craft Fayre which will be held in November as usual. We will also be knitting hats, scarfs and mitts/gloves for children and adults, for the Blythswood Boxes.

Also, anyone who wishes to do sewing, crafts or other knitting please come along and join us. It is very informal and we usually have tea, coffee and biscuits.

### **Barbecue**

The annual barbecue was held in the Church Manse on Saturday 6th July 2019. We had sixty one people attending and a beautiful meal supplied by Michael More was enjoyed by all.

### **Autumn Show**

We are going to hold another show which is open to the entire community in the Church Halls on Saturday 14 September at 2.00pm. We hope it will be as good as last year when we had one hundred entries.

All entries to be in Church Hall on Friday 13 September between 6.00pm and 7.30pm, baking will also be accepted between 9.30am and 10.30am on Saturday 14 September.

Each entry 50 pence

Judge's decision will be final and the awards will be presented at 3.00pm

Tea, coffee and home baking will be served from 2.00pm (donation)

The categories will include:

- Flowers
- Vegetables
- Preserves
- Baking
- Knitted Garments
- Sewing
- Crafts
- Photography
- Children's Drawings and Miniature Gardens



We were delighted that the Sunday Club took part last year and all the children entered drawings. There will be an independent judge to decide the winner of each category. Tea, coffee etc. will be served. The booklet is available in both vestibules with all the details regarding categories etc. If anyone requires further information please contact Freda Smart 01786 447352 or e-mail [fredasmart@hotmail.com](mailto:fredasmart@hotmail.com) or a committee member.

### **Soup and Sandwich Lunches**

There will be the usual lunches held on the following Saturdays, 5 October, 2 November and 7 December 2019 in the Church Halls from 12 noon until 1.30pm.

### **Craft Fayre**

The Craft Fayre will be held on Saturday 2 November from 10.00am until 2.00pm. Coffee and baking will be served from 10.00am – 11.30am and the Soup and Sandwich Lunch from 12.00pm – 1.30pm.

If anyone has any other suggestions that they would like the Social and Fund Raising Committee to consider or would like to help please contact one of the committee.

Dorothy Walker



## The Tuesday Group

After a long, lovely summer break, the Tuesday Group resumes its fortnightly meetings in the Church Hall on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm.

The session begins with entertainment by **Jo Miller and Company** followed by a savoury supper.

Other events include a Musical Evening with Scene 2, a Fashion Show organised by the **Chest, Heart and Stroke Charity**, **Christmas Floral art** and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December, we will celebrate **St Andrew's Day** with our annual Scots' Night. The **Christmas Dinner** will be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> December.

All ladies are warmly invited to attend the meetings and we always welcome new members. Ladies outside our church family are also welcome to come along.

The annual joining fee is still great value at £5.

We look forward to seeing you on the 8<sup>th</sup> October.

Miranda Miller (President)

## St Ninians Old Parish Tuesday Group Session 2019-2020

8 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	<b>Jo Miller and Company</b> entertainment followed by a finger buffet
22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2019	A Musical Evening with Scene 2
5 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Fashion Show by the <b>Chest, Heart and Stroke Charity</b>
14 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	<b>Christmas Floral Art ideas</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2019	<b>Scots' Night</b> - Open Night
10 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	<b>Christmas Dinner</b>

## Church of Scotland Stamp Appeal

**The Stamp Appeal of 2019 will support the Chigodi Women Centre in Blantyre Malawi who are also celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.**



The Chigodi Women Centre is delivering a broad range of skills training to address the challenges faced by women in Malawi.

Through providing training in tailoring, fashion design and chicken farming the Centre will improve the women's skills in marketing and entrepreneurship. The aim is that the women's socio-economic status is improved and their chances of future employment increase. By selling the produce made at the Centre the plan is that when the funding finishes the project will be self-sustainable – able to continue to improve the lives of women in Malawi.

It is thanks to your dedication that we are celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Why not join us in celebrating 50 years and take part in the 50 stamp challenge? Can you collect 50 stamps (or more) in a year? Stamps can be placed in the box in the Church vestibule.

## God given gifts: statues in George Square

Take a walk through George Square in Glasgow. It is a beautiful piece of Glasgow, especially in the sunshine. Thousands upon thousands cross the square every day while others sit and relax sometimes on the plinths of the statues, but how many take an interest in the twelve statues which adorn the square, all erected in the nineteenth century by the people of Glasgow. Few give them even a glance unless they are visitors or tourists from abroad. The statues are of people who had special gifts which they put to good use, apart from two whose statues were erected for a different reason.

In Paul's letter to the Romans, chapter 12 verse 6-8, Paul says, "We all have gifts. They differ according to the grace God has given to each of us. If your gift is serving other people, then serve. If it is teaching, then teach. Is it encouraging others? Then encourage them. Is it giving to others? Then give freely. Is it being a leader? Then work hard at it. Is it showing mercy (kindness, forbearance)? Then do it cheerfully." He also mentions the gift of prophecy, but that's one gift that is best left alone in the context of today. But the other gifts are very relevant in the world of today. And of course there are other gifts apart from those above. The gifts that God has given us should be used for the good of all God's people.

Consider the statues in George Square.

On the outside south rim of the square there are statues of two men who had the gift of scientific insight, invention and discovery and used their gifts for the betterment of the world.

Greenock's favourite son James Watt (1736 - 1819) was a Scottish Inventor, Engineer and Chemist whose revamped steam engine was fundamental to the changes brought by the Industrial Revolution in both the UK and the rest of the world.

Dr Thomas Graham (1805 - 1869) was a brilliant experimental chemist. Not only is he famous for his studies on the behaviour of gases leading to "Graham's Laws", in applied areas he used technology that is a rudimentary forerunner of the technology in modern kidney dialysis which has saved the lives of many people suffering from kidney failure.

Also on the outside south rim of the square there are another two statues of men, both natives of Glasgow, who had the gift of leadership and bravery in battle. These are Lieutenant General Sir John Moore and Field Marshall Lord Clyde. Both had distinguished military service.

Sir John Moore (1761 - 1809) led the British forces with great distinction in Spain, 1808 - 1809, during the Napoleonic wars on the Iberian peninsula. He led his army to a famous victory over the French at the Battle of Corunna. He was fatally wounded and was buried

at the dead of night. It was within earshot of the enemy camp and silence was absolutely essential. The famous line from Charles Wolfe's poem, "Not a drum was heard, not a funeral note." depicted the scene that night exactly. He was only 47 years of age.

Fellow Glaswegian Field Marshall Lord Clyde (1792 - 1863) commanded the Highland Brigade in the Crimean War. He went on to become Commander - in - Chief, India, and in that role he relieved and then evacuated Lucknow.

So these two Glaswegians with their gift of leadership and bravery contributed to the rise of Britain as a great world power in the nineteenth century.

In the centre of the square are the statues of three men with the gift of writing poetry and literature, wordsmiths if you like. Robert Burns poet (1759 - 1996), Thomas Campbell poet (1777 - 1844) and Sir Walter Scott author (1771 - 1832).

These three brought great pleasure to many people through their gift of writing, and still do, which certainly would not have been the case had they not publicised their work but kept it locked away. Thomas Campbell is perhaps not so well known as Burns and Scott but by the age of 21 he had achieved a certain amount of fame and was a very much considered poet of his time in the early nineteenth century. And where would we be today without the famous works of Robbie Burns! There is even an annual Burns Supper in memory of the great poet and story teller.

The statues of Burns and Campbell are adjacent and very similar but the statue of Sir Walter Scott dominates George Square, right in the centre and with the supporting column stretching upwards to a great height and on top of which is Scott gazing southward towards his border homeland. Arguably Scotland's greatest writer he certainly deserves his pride of place, not only because of his writing skills but also because of his administration skills shown in his organisation of the visit of King George IV to Scotland in 1822 with his inclusion of tartan pageantry and its accompanying paraphernalia. This was to have a lasting influence by elevating the tartan kilt to become part of the whole of Scotland's national identity, hitherto confined to the Highlands. Without Scott's actions in 1822 this may never have happened. Scott indeed deserves his statue which dominates George Square.

On the north rim of the square are the statues of three politicians who all not only had the gift of debating skills but had the gift of wanting to serve their country. (That gift of serving is one included in Paul's Letter to the Romans, as is the gift of leadership).

At the corner with the east side of the square is the statue of James Oswald (1779 - 1852) who was a Liberal MP for Glasgow and was one of the leading supporters of the movement which led to the Electoral Reform Act of 1832. He was a powerful orator who always put the interests of his country and cause of reform first.

In the centre is the statue of Earl Gladstone (1809 - 1898) and at the corner with the west side of the square is the statue of Sir Robert Peel (1788-1850).

Gladstone was born in Liverpool to Scottish parents. In a career that lasted over sixty years he served for 12 years as Prime Minister of the UK spread over four terms from 1868 until 1894. He indeed served his country well.

Sir Robert Peel was born in Bury. He was Prime Minister of the UK twice and is regarded as the father of modern British policing, an exceptional legacy indeed. Although he is the only one without a connection with Scotland his introduction of a formal police service spread to Scotland, and indeed to the whole of the UK. His statue is well deserved for his contribution to law and order throughout the country.

Finally, there are the two statues of people mentioned above on the West edge of the square which were not erected because of their special gifts. These are the statues of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert erected to commemorate their visit to Glasgow on 14th August 1849, 170 years ago. Although they had no special gifts their many children and descendants provided the thrones of Europe with monarchs for years to come which greatly affected the history of the twentieth century. Some would say that they had very special gifts indeed!!

We all have gifts as Paul says in his epistle to the Romans, but we should make use of the gifts that God has given us.

In a sermon some time ago Gary McIntyre, our minister, described how the river Jordan flows from the Sea of Galilee to the Dead Sea with no outflow from the river which could have provided a variety of uses for people far from the banks of the Jordan. The water ends up in the salted up Dead Sea, of little use to anyone. This is what it is like if we keep our gifts, given to us by God, under wraps so to speak and not use them for the benefit of our fellow men and women. Our gifts equate to the water of the River Jordan but we must use these gifts or they end up in the equivalent of the Dead Sea.

The statues in George Square in Glasgow were erected by Glaswegians in the nineteenth century as tributes to people with many different gifts who used their gifts for the benefit of many. Just think what would have happened if they had hidden their God given gifts under a bushel!

If we use our gifts as they did we may not have statues erected as tributes but we will have much pleased our Our Father in Heaven who gave us these gifts, better than any statue.

Arthur Walls



### The New Day

Each day's a new beginning  
So start it with a smile  
Enjoy the art of living  
Do things that are worthwhile  
Like loving and forgiving  
And having time to spare  
To make some person happy  
By showing that you care.



### Evening

The day you gave us, Lord, has ended;  
The darkness falls at your behest;  
To you our morning hymns ascended,  
Your praise shall sanctify our rest.



## A Prayer for Harvest Thanksgiving

Loving God

We come this day to praise you,  
To celebrate your goodness.  
We come with thanksgiving, joy and wonder,  
Reminding ourselves of the richness of your  
creation,  
And acknowledging your faithfulness  
In providing for all our needs and far beyond!  
You have blessed us beyond our deserving,  
Gladly we rejoice

Living God

For the beauty of the seasons,  
The constant cycle of day and night  
And the vital gifts of rain and sunshine  
We praise you.  
You have blessed us beyond our deserving  
Gladly we rejoice.  
For the miracle of growth,  
The wonder of life,  
And the incredible variety of harvest,  
We bring our thanksgiving.  
You have blessed us beyond our deserving,  
Gladly we rejoice.  
Receive then our worship,  
Accept our offerings, bless our celebration  
And fill us with thankfulness for all you have given.  
You have blessed us beyond our deserving  
Gladly we rejoice  
In the name of Christ

Amen



## A Prayer of Remembrance

Living God

We are here to remember –

To remember again the awful cost of war,

To remember the millions

Who gave their lives for the cause of freedom,

To remember the courage and heroism,

Fear and pain, tragedy and grief of so many.

We are here to remember all of this, and much more besides –

Those who still mourn the loved ones they lost,

Those whose lives even now are blighted by war,

Those scarred in body, mind or spirit,

Those for whom warfare has meant

Life can never be the same again.

And Loving God we also remember also those who strive to establish and maintain peace –

Governments and world leaders,

United Nations' forces and diplomats,

Pressure groups and ordinary people

All who in different ways strive

To promote harmony between nations,

Giving victims of war the opportunity

To live a normal life once more.

We remember today the cost of war

And the price of peace.

Help us to go on remembering, tomorrow and every day

And to do all in our prayers to work for your kingdom

Here on earth.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,

We will remember them.

In the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen



Lorna Waddell  
Prayer promoter

## Wayside Pulpit

In response to Helen Cook's interesting article in the last edition of The Parishioner, the Stirling Baptist Church, which was located at the time, before pedestrianisation, on Stirling's busy main thoroughfare where the now-closed Argos Store was in Murray Place, always had a Wayside Pulpit by the wall close to the pavement, near a bus stop. It was prominent and read by most people as they passed by and was always relevant. One of the messages which sticks in my mind was "**CH--CH. What's missing? U R!**"

### Missionary Partners

Stirling Presbytery has been asked to host a visit to Scotland by Keith and Ida Waddell, Mission Partners with the United Church of Zambia.

Several churches in Presbytery have offered to host Keith and Ida for varied events and we have invited them to join us for the Soup and Sandwich Lunch in the Church Hall on Saturday 5th October. This is an informal occasion and will be a chance for us all to have a relaxed chat with Keith and Ida and perhaps learn a little about their work in Zambia. A warm invitation, as always, is extended to join together for the lunch from noon.

From December 1989

The photo shows Elaine Scobie and some of the Brigaders of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Stirling Girls' Brigade (our church's company). Elaine presented a "Zambia evening" in the hall and gave an insight into her work as a biology and English teacher at St Andrew's high school in Ndola. Elaine was a member of our Company and also involved in the Girls' Brigade in Zambia.



Marion Jackson

### Quote

Let go of yesterday. Let today be a new beginning and be the best that you can, and you'll get to where God wants you to be.

Joel Osteen

An eminent theologian and former parish minister who has dedicated his career to higher education in Scotland has been appointed by the Queen as the next Dean of the Chapel Royal.



Rev Professor David Fergusson

Rev Professor David Fergusson, who last year retired from the role of Principal of the University of Edinburgh's New College, will also become the Dean of the Order of the Thistle.

Professor Fergusson, who has been a Royal Chaplain since 2015, said: "I am very pleased to be succeeding Professor Iain Torrance as Dean of the Chapel Royal and Dean of the Order of the Thistle, both of which are distinguished Scottish institutions.

"It is an honour to serve the Queen and her family in this capacity, and I look forward to the time ahead."

The new roles will mean that he will convene the 10 Royal Chaplains who are based in Scotland, and also take part in the annual ceremony of the Order of the Thistle, which is held at St Giles' Cathedral in Edinburgh.

Royal Chaplains date back to the 15th century, and the position is mainly a ceremonial one, with the chaplains taking part in formal state occasions and conducting services at significant national events.

Professor Fergusson, who is from Glasgow, studied in his home city as well as at the universities of Edinburgh and Oxford, before being ordained as a Church of Scotland minister.

In 1990, he was appointed Professor of Systematic Theology at the University of Aberdeen, and became Professor of Divinity at the University of Edinburgh a decade later.

Professor Peter Mathieson, Principal of the University of Edinburgh, said “I am truly delighted, but not surprised, that Her Majesty The Queen has appointed Professor David Fergusson as Dean of the Chapel Royal.

He is a superlative academic theologian of whom the University is justly proud, and he also cares deeply about the Church, regularly preaches, mentors students, and recently led the decisive Special Commission.

To the role of Dean he will bring a sharp mind and also outstanding human qualities of reliability, faithfulness, approachability and efficiency.

As Dean of the Thistle, he is a successor of his own teacher John McIntyre, another distinguished Principal of New College and I hope this gives him much satisfaction.”

### **Time's Paces**

When as a child I laughed and wept	Time crept
When as a youth I waxed more bold	Time strolled
When I became a full grown man	Time ran
When older still I daily grew	Time flew
Soon I shall find, in passing on	Time gone
O Christ will Thou have saved me then?	

Amen

Henry Twells (1823-1900)

## Church Humour

These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services.

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.'

The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing 'Break Forth Into Joy'

Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility

Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM – prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7 pm there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7pm at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

## **Life and Work**

Life and Work orders and payments are almost due for 2020. The award-winning Church of Scotland magazine keeps us in touch with what's going on in our National Church at home and further afield with 60 pages of news, features, photos and opinions and is read by over 30 members of our congregation.

If you would like to subscribe to the magazine for 2020 please contact Marion Jackson (details on back page of Parishioner). Present orders will continue for next year unless cancelled. The annual payment of £28 (under review and standing orders will require to be updated if you use this method). New orders should please be made by the end of October.

If you are unable to attend church and would like to receive the magazine at your home address please contact Life and Work at Church of Scotland, Edinburgh on telephone number 0131 240 2252. The annual subscription for this would be £33.60. The website is [www.lifeandwork.org](http://www.lifeandwork.org) and a digital subscription is also available.

Thanks to those who already subscribe.

Marion Jackson

## St. Matthew's Church, Millbrook, Jersey

St Matthew's Church was first consecrated in 1840, as a 'chapel of ease, so that the inhabitants of the Millbrook district would no longer have to travel up the hill to the ancient Parish Church of St Lawrence.

It is also known as the 'Glass Church', its uninspiring outside architecture hides the beauty inside, for a walk

through the glass doors draws gasps of amazement from visitors when they see the interior which contains an amazing display of the art of design in glass by the world famous French artist René Lalique.



René Jules Lalique (1860-1945) is now famous for his glass making and jewellery designs particularly from the Art Nouveau and Art Deco periods. After apprenticeship and study in France and the England, he returned to France and opened his own business in 1885 and quickly became established as designer of exceptional jewellery. He then branched out to design objects in glass, bronze, and ivory.

He particularly enjoyed working on churches, so in 1932 when he was invited by his Cannes neighbour, Lady Florence Trent, the widow of the founder of Boots the Chemists, to work on the interior of the church which was near her principal residence on Jersey, he agreed to her proposal.

He spent two years designing and producing some stunning pieces for the church such as the angels shown in the picture above, a glorious altar cross with a pillar either side, communion rail, screens, door and window panels, and a remarkable glass font. The glass for which St Matthew's Church is famous, was not installed until 1934.

Margaret Miller



## Update

At the moment on “going to press” the items most needed are for the starter packs. They are very low on towels and frying pans, these don’t need to be brand new as long as they are in good condition. They will be inspected by a key staff member before inclusion in the packs. Use as a rough guide, “would I use them”.



Start-Up’s food banks were very busy due to the summer holidays, in one week alone they supported 60 children. Sauces and instant foods are always a priority and would be most welcome along with tins of fruit, meat, tinned or packaged vegetables and UHT milk.

Most of the work undertaken by Start-Up would not be possible without committed volunteers. If you feel you could spare some time and are interested in finding out more about being a volunteer, please get in touch. Full training and support would be provided in any of the following areas.

Befriending, Packing team member, Food bank team member, DIY help, Fundraising, Administrative Support. Everyone has skills and if they can be used for the help of people in need so much the better.

As stated in the last issue fund raising growth is desperately required for 2019/2020. If anyone wants to support the charity directly, no matter how small the amount, they can visit [startupstirling.org.uk/donate](http://startupstirling.org.uk/donate). A significant reorganisation of Start Up will take place later in the year and when information becomes available there will be a summary in The Parishioner. For any questions or further information about Start-Up please contact either myself, Arthur Walls, or Helen Thomson.

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Photo Corner



Summer splendour

Ken Christie



V & A Museum, Dundee

Marion Jackson



A Painted Lady (on buddleia)

Peter Kale



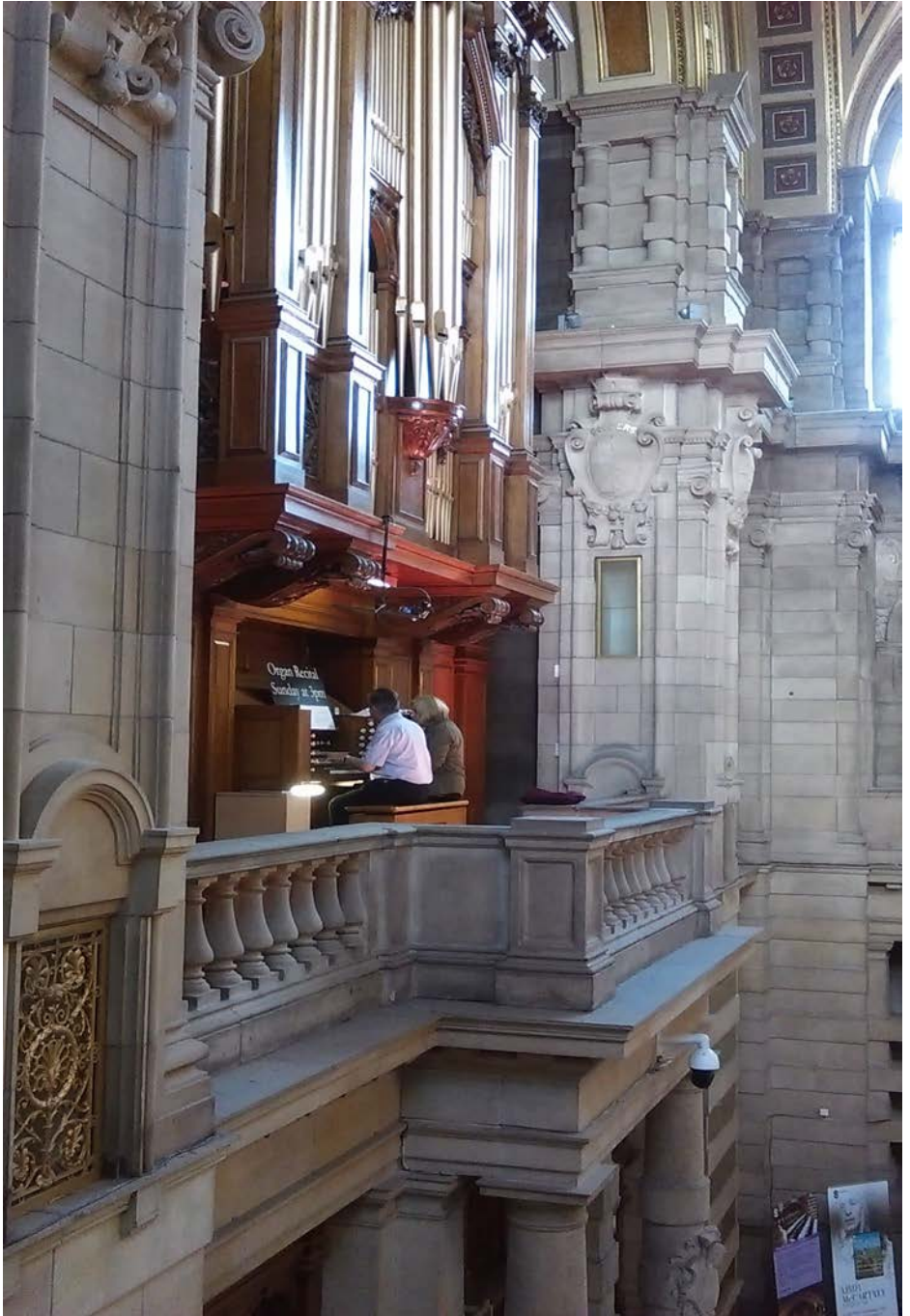
Tiree – waiting for the tide

Ernie Colthart



Morning mist

Maire Blackhall



Tony and Lynne at Kelvingrove

Marion Jackson

## Fund Statement

### Fund Statement - January to July 2019

#### Income

#### Expenditure

#### General (incl. General, Pastoral, Sunday Club, Flower & Choir funds)

Offerings	13937	Church of Scotland	36703
Gift Aid Donations	35496	Salaries	5737
Other Donations	1598	Manse Expenses/Pulpit Supply	1049
Income Tax Refund on Gift Aid	6024	Maintenance etc.	3800
Legacies	0	Heating & Lighting	1177
Congregational Organisations	70	Insurance & Manse Council Tax	3154
Use of Premises	3538	Office expenses, etc.	1104
Bank Interest	0	Local Costs	322
Wedding & funeral fees etc.	2033	Church Choir Fund	0
Life & Work Subs 2019	810	Sunday Club, Outreach etc.	246
Church Fund Raising	2327	Life & Work	948
Flower Fund	100	Flower Fund	40
Pastoral Fund	0	Pastoral Fund	0
Sunday Club Fund	146	Sunday Club Fund	0
(Charity Fund Raising	469 ) (	Donations to Charities	0

Year to date:	<b>66079</b>	Sub-total:	<b>54280</b>
Balance b/f	41786		
Sub-total:	<b>107865</b>		

**Balance c/f 53585**

#### Fabric Fund

Balance b/f	1807		
Bank Interest	0		
Sub-total:	<b>1807</b>	<b>Balance c/f</b>	<b>1807</b>

#### Development Fund

Balance b/f	11016		
Interest etc.	0		
Sub-total:	<b>11016</b>	<b>Balance c/f</b>	<b>11016</b>

#### Historic Building Fund

Balance b/f	1279		
Donations			
Sub-total:	<b>1279</b>	<b>Balance c/f</b>	<b>1279</b>

**Overall Balance of all funds : 67687**

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