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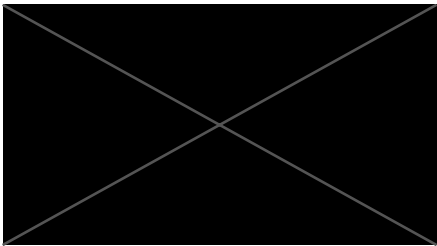
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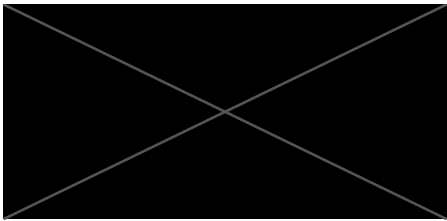
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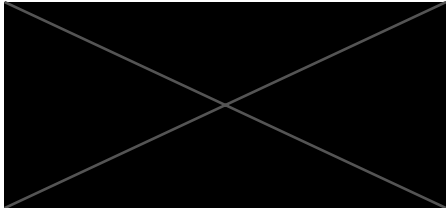
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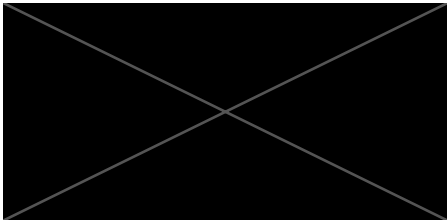
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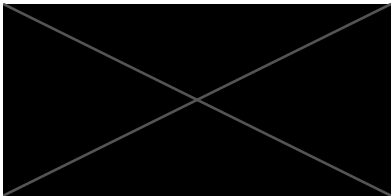
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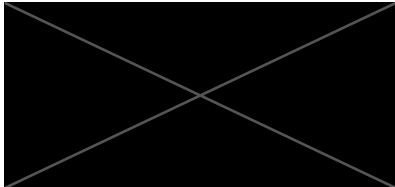
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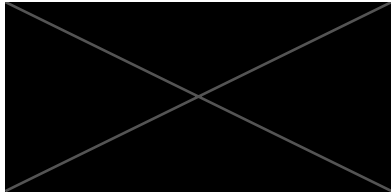
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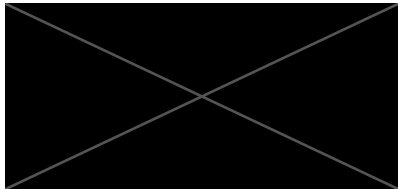
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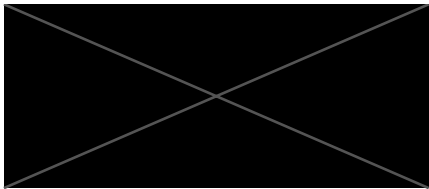
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From the Manse

Dear Friends,

Who among us hasn't wished we could turn the clock back and have a time over again when we could undo some thoughtless or angry word, some unwise judgement or some careless mistake? If only we could have a second chance and an opportunity to put right the past!

If this resonates with you, as it does with me, then we will be able to empathise with Peter. He must have felt helpless and hopeless as he remembered how he had denied Jesus not once, not twice, but three times. The memory must have haunted him and been an almost impossible burden to carry.

What wouldn't he have given to undo those moments? But he couldn't or could he?

In John's Gospel we are told that following his resurrection from the dead, Jesus appeared to the disciples on several occasions. On one of them he cooked them some breakfast after which he asked Peter not once, not twice, but three times: *"Do you love me?"*

It took a while for the message to sink in but finally, for Peter, the truth dawned. For each time he had denied him, Jesus was offering the opportunity to make amends, to put the past behind him, and start again.

Alas, we cannot put the clock back as such, and sometimes, in regard to others, we have to live with the consequences of our mistakes, but we have the assurance that with God there is always the opportunity to begin again, and to move forward from what *has been* towards what *shall be*. We need only acknowledge our faults and failings before God, and then, like Peter, restored and forgiven, and with the slate wiped clean, we can start afresh!

I send you my warmest good wishes,

Your friend and minister,

Gary



Services

Services throughout March, April and May will be at the normal time of 10:30am on a Sunday.

There is a further time of fellowship following the service on the third Sunday of each month in the Parish Halls when tea, coffee and biscuits is served.

A further 'Time for Prayer' is held in the McMichael Chapel on the last Sunday of the month following the morning service.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, 9th March at 10:30am

On the evening of Sunday 9th March there will be a contemplative service in the McMichael Chapel at 7pm. There will be readings, a short meditation, a time of prayer and silence and some music. All will be welcome!

Eccles Court

There will be a service at 2pm on Wednesday's 26th March, 30th April and 28th May. Each service is followed by a further time together with tea, coffee and biscuits. A big thank you to those who come along and to those who provide hospitality!

School Services

Borestone Primary School will hold their Easter Service in the School Assembly Hall on Wednesday 2nd April at 1:30pm.

St Ninians Primary School will have their Easter Service in the Church on Friday 4th April at 10am.

Holiday Club

This Easter we will be having a Holiday Club in conjunction with Park Church. The Holiday Club is for children of primary school age and will meet in the Parish Halls from Wednesday 9th to Friday 11th April. We will begin each morning at 10am and finish at 12:30pm. The title of the club is 'Restoration Station.' Each day the children will explore a story about Jesus healing and restoring some very different people, including the son of an important official, a blind man, and his friend, Peter. The children will take part in craft work, singing, games and many other activities sometimes individually, sometimes in groups and sometimes as a large group. Registration is important and you can obtain a registration form at the Church or by contacting Gary by email GMcIntyre@churchofscotland.org.uk The cost for each day is £2 which includes a snack.

Bible Study

A joint Church Bible study for Lent will be held in the Church of the Holy Rude on Wednesdays 12th March, 19th March, 26th March and Tuesday 1st April. Each study will begin at 7pm. The studies will be informal and will last approximately one hour. You will be very welcome!



Holy Week

Holy Week begins on Sunday 13th April which is Palm Sunday. There will be a service each evening from Monday to Friday in various Churches at 7pm followed by a further time of fellowship. Details will be intimated in due course.

On Sunday 20th April, Easter Day, there will be a united service in Kings Park at 7:30am followed by a family service in the Church at 10:30am. There will be a further time of fellowship in the Parish Halls following the service. All will be welcome!



Kirk Session



We were delighted to welcome new elders on Sunday, 19th January. Fraser Evans, Chris MacKay and Steven Reid were ordained and along with Jan Colthart, Wilson Hendry and Christine Purser, admitted as elders in St Ninians Old Parish Church. We wish them joy and fulfilment as they discharge their duties.

A committee of the Kirk Session is presently reflecting on the Five Marks of Mission which were endorsed by the General Assembly in 2020. The General Assembly agreed that for the Church to be fit for purpose in the 21st Century, these five marks must be evidenced at local, regional and national levels. Originally developed by the Anglican Communion in the 1980s as a way to define Christian mission they are:

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
3. To respond to human need by loving service
4. To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

If you have any thoughts or ideas as to how we could further implement these marks of mission in our life as a congregation, please speak to a committee member or your elder.

Those serving on the committee are Leslie Asher, Christine Purser, Lorraine Reid, Margaret Sibbald and the minister.

The Kirk Session will meet for ordinary business on Tuesday 18th March at 7:30pm in the Parish Halls.

The Stated Annual Meeting of the congregation will be held following the service on Sunday 23rd March.

The Presbytery of Perth

At its meeting on Thursday 16th January in St Mathew's Church, Perth, the Presbytery approved the Consolidated Presbytery Mission Plan.



With regard to our own area, St Ninians Old is in a grouping with Holy Rude Viewfield and Park Church. Our three buildings have been deemed essential for the work and mission of the Church, but the plan foresees a reduction in the number of ministers in the fullness of time from three, as at present, to two.

Discussions between the Reverends Alan Millar, Attie van Wick, Gary McIntyre, their Session Clerks, and members of the Presbytery Planning Committee will be held in the coming months. Please pray for the Presbytery and for all the congregations within its bounds.

Moderator Visit

It was a great joy to have the Rev Dr Shaw J Paterson, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and his wife Christine, join us at the united service of Lessons and Carols in St Ninians Old on 15th December. The Moderator gave a most appropriate address on the theme of Advent. The Lessons were read by representatives from various churches in the area and the soloist was Emma Cuthbert. A large congregation sang well-loved carols and enjoyed a further time of fellowship in the Parish Halls following the service.



A Special Anniversary

The good wishes and congratulations of the congregation are extended to the Rev Helen Cook who marked the 50th anniversary of her ordination to the ministry on 8th December 2024. Helen is a loyal member of our congregation and as well as conducting services she is an active member of our prayer group. Well done, Helen!

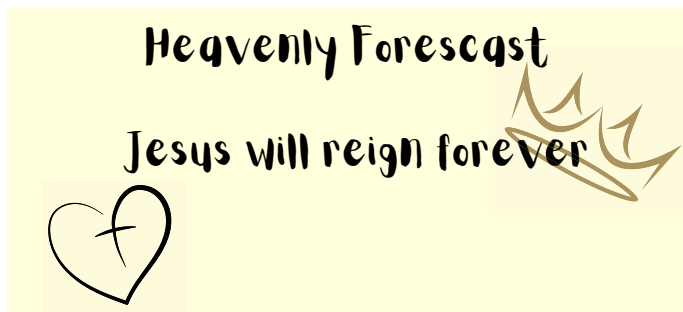
From the Archives



This photograph was given to Alison McLaren recently by the daughter of Bill Muir who was Church Officer at St.Ninians Old in the 1970's.

Mr Muir is in the middle of the back row, with Rev James Stirling directly below in the second front row.

Do you recognise any other folk?



A Prayer by Nick Fawcett

Loving God,
We praise you once more for all you have done in Christ,
for your victory through him over sin and evil,
darkness and death.

We praise you for your love that cannot be kept down,
whatever it may face.
May the knowledge of that love inspire us
to keep on following you,
through good and bad.

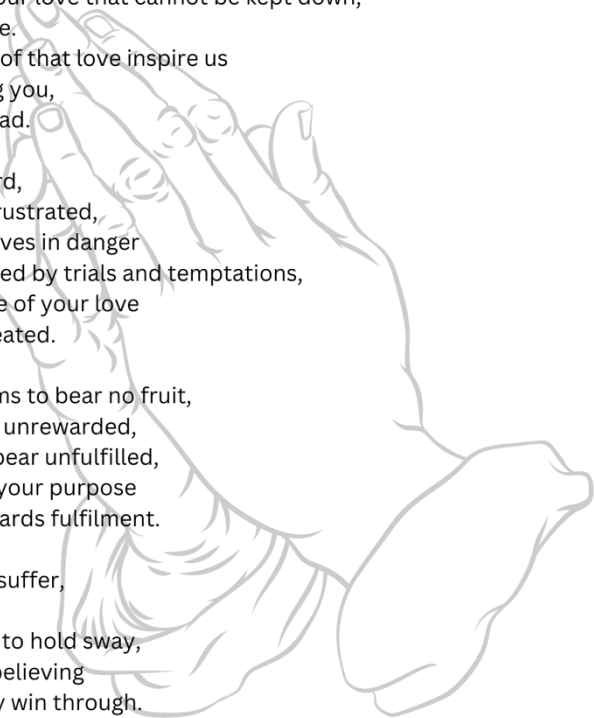
When life seems hard,
when good seems frustrated,
when we feel ourselves in danger
of being overwhelmed by trials and temptations,
assure us once more of your love
that will not be defeated.

When our work seems to bear no fruit,
when our efforts go unrewarded,
when our hopes appear unfulfilled,
teach us to trust in your purpose
that presses on towards fulfilment.

When the innocent suffer,
when evil prospers,
when hatred seems to hold sway,
help us to keep on believing
that good will finally win through.

Grant us a deep unshakeable confidence
that whatever life brings,
whatever we face,
however things seem,
your will shall be done and your kingdom come,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Gift Aid

The Kirk Session of St Ninians Old Parish Church is extremely indebted to our congregation who give generously, many of whom do so by the Gift Aid scheme. Every £1 donated in this way becomes £1.25 after the tax element is reclaimed.

The Church received around £27,000 in income in 2024 which was not gift aided. Again, we are very grateful for these donations. If you are a donor who gives by means of the open plate, or Freewill offering scheme, (bearing in mind that this could be done by standing order) please consider completing a Gift Aid donor form. These are available at the Church vestibule, or we can post a copy.

If for example, you donated £5 per week, this would be £260 per year. If you were a member of the Gift Aid scheme, your donation would be worth a further £65 to the Church making £325 in total, all at no additional cost to you!

In the above example, you would need to ensure that you paid at least £65 in either income or capital gains tax during the year.

If you wish to join the Gift Aid scheme, all that is required is the completion of a simple form. If your circumstances change for whatever reason, you can leave the scheme at any time simply by letting the Treasurer know. If you would like to find out more, please either ask a member of the Welcome team at the Church, or contact the Treasurer, Edward Morton: treasurer@stniniansold.org.uk . You can also contact us via the Church website: <https://www.stniniansold.org.uk/contact-us/> .

Photo Gallery



MARION JACKSON

The Castle from the
Golf Course.

The 8th Stirling (St Ninians) Company of the Boys' Brigade

DAVID ROSS

It has been a busy start to 2025 for 8th Stirling Boys' Brigade. All sections are back up and running after a well-earned Christmas break.

Our annual fundraiser quiz night was once again a resounding success. With the hall full, and Robbie, our host in his star-studded blazer, an amazing sum of over £750 was raised for Company funds. Thank you to all who supported the night, coming along and enjoying the evening, especially to those who donated the many prizes. The winners this year were "Smarty Pints" and we are looking forward to next year's event already.



10 of our Anchor boys had a great trip out to Kidzworld in Alloa with the rest of the Battalion, where a fun time was had by all! On Wednesday nights they have great fun and have been supported by some of our Senior boys Jamie and Ruaidhri who are working towards their Kings' Badges.



Juniors aren't missing out on the fun! They attended the Battalion 10-pin bowling event. Where Jamie H was runner-up, one of only 2 boys to score more than 100 points! Hotdogs were enjoyed by all too!



Friday nights have been as busy as ever with more than 24 Company and Senior Section boys attending each week. A couple of weeks ago, the boys participated in the "Squad Games". Where squad leaders had to pick their competitors for a variety of challenges for example word searches, memory games, golf putts and even "How many clothes pegs can you stick to your face at one time?!" Squad 1 were the winners with the quickest time to complete all of the challenges, but it was great for boys of all ages to get involved in the fun.

8th Stirling Boys' Brigade meet each week in the Parish Halls.

- Anchors: Wednesday: 6:15pm to 7:30pm
- Juniors: Friday: 6:45pm to 8pm
- Company Section: Friday 8pm to 10pm

Pastoral Care Group

GRACE McINTOSH

If you know of anyone who would benefit from telephone contact or a visit from a Pastoral Care Group member, please let me or the Minister know.

Social and Fundraising Committee

ALISON NEWMAN

ST.NINIANS OLD PARISH CHURCH SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCHES



The committee for the Soup and Sandwich lunches would like to thank you all for your past attendance and support.

We look forward to seeing you when we recommence in the Autumn.

If you would like any changes to the existing menu please let me know so this can be discussed, prior to the Autumn session.

Craft Group

The craft room meets in the Front Room of the Parish Halls every other Thursday afternoon from 2pm – 4pm.

The group will meet in March on the 6th and 20th. Enjoy a cuppa and a chat while you work on your craft project.

Sunday Club

We have a busy programme planned for the Sunday Club this session.

We started the session learning about Elijah being fed by the Ravens and we made some very feathery ravens that are now displayed on our notice board in the main hall of the Parish Halls.

We also made bird feeders using apple rings. We cored the apple slices, dipped them in syrup and rolled them in bird seeds. Then we popped a piece of string through the centre of the apple ring so they could be hung in our gardens. It was a bit messy but great fun.



In the coming weeks we will be discussing food miles, Shrove Tuesday and Lent, preparing tags for the Prayer Tree and making Mother's Day and Easter Crafts.

Sunday Club is for children from Nursery to P7. Children leave the Church with Leaders during the service and go to the Parish Halls. Younger children can attend our crèche.

Tuesday Group

MIRANDA MILLER



Many thanks to all who attended the recent Christmas lunch at the Stirling Golf Club. There was a very good turnout, and a three-course meal was enjoyed by all.

The Burns Supper in January was well supported. Michael More provided the traditional haggis, neeps and tatties.

Many thanks to The Rev Gary J McIntyre who delivered the Selkirk Grace and Gordon Murphy for reciting Tam O' Shanter.

The Rev Gary McIntyre addressed the group on 25th of February.

The session will close on 25th March with our Annual General Meeting. The AGM will be held at the King Robert Hotel at 12 noon for the business meeting followed by a two-course lunch at 12.30. Costs are still to be confirmed.

Many thanks to all who have attended the meetings over the last session. There would be no Tuesday Group without your support. If you have any suggestions for the next session, please speak to a member of the committee.

A big thankyou to the committee who tirelessly give their time, it is much appreciated.

The Prayer Group

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Philippians 4:6

There is great power in prayer and our prayer group would like to pray for you.

Do you have a person or a situation you would like our Prayer Group to pray for? Please make your prayer requests known to the Prayer Group and we will pray over them.

You can make your prayer requests known to us at Church or online. In the McMichael Chapel in the Church you will find the prayer tree and prayer box. You can write your request on a label and hang it on the tree or if the prayer request is more private please use one of the small cards and place it in the prayer request box.

You can also submit your prayer requests online, using this form, https://formurl.com/to/stniniansold_prayer_requests . These requests are anonymous and confidential.

When we face a crisis in our lives or the lives of those dear to us, knowing that people are praying for us can be a great source of comfort and strength.

Pray

Submitted by Margaret Currie Lamont



Library

BILL ANDERSON

Our Library is housed in the Middle Room of the Parish Halls. You can peruse our large selection of books;

- During fellowship tea
- During soup and sandwich lunches
- Tuesday group
- After church service with prior request



The books we have cover a wide selection of subject matter including:

- Children
- Religious
- Hobbies and Crafts
- Educational
- Autobiographies
- Crime and Romance
- Travel
- Gardening

If you are looking for a particular book, author or subject we do not stock, please let us know and we will try to source it for you.

When borrowing a book leave the title and your name in the book provided and sign it when you return it.

For more information contact:

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Photo Gallery

The Right Reverend Shaw Paterson Moderator of the General Assembly visit 15th December 2024.



All Age Friendship Christmas Lunch and Carol Singing.



Becoming a Reader

VAL ROSE



It's been my privilege to be part of your worshipping family for the past few months as part of my placement training to become a Reader in the Church of Scotland. But what does that actually mean? For those who perhaps don't know an awful lot about the types of Ministry in the church of Scotland it can be a bit of a puzzle!

Becoming a Reader means that you are part of the Ministry family, but you are not ordained – so no dog-collar or ability to Baptise or Celebrate Communion. It does mean that you can lead worship in any Church, help with pulpit supply, and

help with various administrative aspects of the Church like being an Interim Moderator or even be part of a Locum Team.

The academic study – 2-year course for a Certificate in Theology I am undertaking is through distance learning at Aberdeen University. It is demanding, but very enjoyable, and as I start my second year I am still as enthusiastic as ever to learn more.

For me, taking this training now, comes at the end of a long journey starting when I first became a Christian aged 40! Bringing up a young family with a demanding job and caring for aged parents meant that the sense of calling I had then was put on the back burner until I retired. But although I have been involved in many aspects of local church and Presbytery over the years the most joy, and fulfilment, I have always had is from leading worship and preaching. So here I am still following that sense of call to communicate my passion and joy in Jesus.

So, a big thank-you from me not only to Gary as my supervisor for this placement, but also to the congregation for being so welcoming and supportive.

Wishing you all every blessing,

Celebrating the Psalms

ARTHUR S WALLS

Our minister Gary McIntyre refers to them in almost all of his services at St.Ninians Old.

The psalms express the whole range of human feeling and experience, from dark depression to exuberant joy. They are timeless, and so among the best loved, most read parts of the Bible. In our modern age we are stirred by the same emotions, puzzled over the same fundamental problems of life, cry out in need, or worship, to the same God, as the psalmists of old. We find it easy to identify with them. And we find their sheer, dogged faith, the depth of their love for God, both a tonic and a rebuke.

The Psalms are the timeless hymns of ancient Israel collected into five books as follows:

1. Psalms 1-41
2. Psalms 42-72
3. Psalms 73-89
4. Psalms 90 -106
5. Psalms 107-150

Within the books the psalms are grouped by theme or purpose or under a collector's name.

As regards dating it is very difficult to date individual psalms, or to discover just how and when they were collected and compiled, although the process began with David, if not before, and continued into the days after the exile.

Manuscripts found at Qumran have shown that the whole collection as we have it must have been finalised some time before the 2nd Century BC.

Seventy three of The Psalms out of the 120, bear David's name: some ,no doubt, dedicated to him as king: some collected by him ; and a good many, surely, his own composition, as there are indications that the king was a gifted poet and musician.

I have in my possession a book entitled, "Celebrating The Psalms" by Richard Gordon. Apart from the Title of my article I have not used any of the content.

The religious bookshops in Stirling and Glasgow are now closed, thus it is difficult to get a copy. If anyone wants to borrow mine, they are most welcome.

Trees



by Joyce Kilmer

I think that I shall never see
A poem as lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;

A tree that looks to God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;

A tree that may in summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;

Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.

Book Review - Wax Fruit by Guy McCrone

AVRIL SCOTLAND

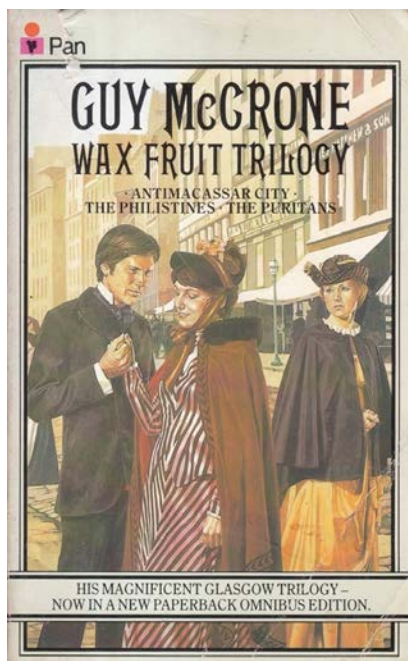
Reading the Herald in late November, I happened on an article about plans being afoot to bring the somewhat forgotten trilogy “Wax Fruit” to the television screen. This book by Guy McCrone, and first published in 1947, had long been on my radar but had I read it or not? There was only one thing to do. I downloaded it on to my trusty Kindle and, it being a particularly miserable Saturday settled down to read.

This is no great example of wonderful Scottish prose; the lyrical cadences of *Sunset Song* won’t be found here.

However, Guy McCrone has created some memorable characters— and he can tell a fine story. Read with the era in which it was published in mind — yes the war was over but it was a fairly cheerless time— it

is easy to see why it had immediate success. I certainly think it worthy of revival, and it would make an excellent television series. It was suggested it could be the Scottish “*Bridgerton*” but I would rather imagine it as Scotland’s version of “*The Forsyte Saga*— a bit more refined!

We meet the Moorhouse family as they gather to attend the funeral of their father and stepmother, but rather than being laid low by grief, they are much more exercised by the inconveniences and practicalities; the early hour of the train from Glasgow to Ayrshire, and more pressing- what to do with the ten year old daughter of their father’s second marriage. Their father had been a tenant farmer held in high esteem by his neighbours. His was a well-kept establishment and his advice was sought and valued. His eldest son, Mungo, would take over the farm but the child could not be left with a bachelor and two serving girls. Although Mungo is the oldest, Arthur the next in age is the one to whom the family look for guidance. He had relocated himself at an early age to Glasgow to set himself up as a cheese merchant and, being possessed of a sound Scottish village school education, an aptitude for hard work, not to mention having the



Moorhouse good looks, had been highly successful. On the re marriage of their father, both his sisters had joined him; Louisa, kindly but a bit disorganised, christened the Empress of Cadge by her youngest brother, and Mary, somewhat saintly but, like many saints rather lacking in humour. David, the youngest brother had also headed straight for Glasgow when he finished school but sadly, while he had the looks, the brains and the work ethic had passed him by.

As I read about Arthur, the quote from J M Barrie's "What every Woman Knows" leapt into my head — There are few more impressive sights in the world than a Scotsman on the make— but as is so often the case, behind every impressive man, there is an even more impressive woman — in this instance Bel Barrowfield, Arthur's recently acquired wife. She it is who resolves the problem of ten year old Phoebe, she and Arthur will take her.

Thus we have the Moorhouses, a family poised to scale the social ladder in the Glasgow of the latter half of the Victorian era. And this is a Glasgow that is also on the up, truly the second city of the Empire, vibrant, full of ambition and aspiration: a city expanding towards the west around the new university; a place where fine mansions are springing up, where ladies don their finest apparel and walk in Kelvingrove park. Guy McCrone has been criticised for failing to depict the deprivation and squalid conditions that also existed, and, indeed, he merely dips a toe in that aspect, but his choice of backdrop is the one suited to the story he tells and, for that reason, acceptable.

The most effectively drawn character is that of Bel. Although recently married, she has quickly established herself as the cornerstone of the ever-growing family. She is a woman with a clear agenda; a set of ideas that Arthur will soon come to accept as his. Although, in the words of her mother, she has the tendency to "high falute" (who knew falutin had a verbal form!) her heart is in the right place, her values solidly established. She makes mistakes, but when she capitulates, she does so wholeheartedly. When an employee of Arthur's loses a foot in a workplace accident, Bel thinks her husband is being altogether too generous in continuing to support the family and sets off to put things right. However, so moved is she by the squalid conditions she finds, she leaves having arranged for the family to move into the gatehouse of her newly acquired West End mansion. Some considerable time later, when Arthur finally finds himself realising that a man in his position should possess his own carriage, Bel, no doubt with a picture of her future coachman in mind, sets forth to tell the McCrimmon family they must find alternative accommodation, only return

having offered the job to Mr McCrimmon. On neither occasion is Arthur surprised, he merely smiles to himself.

I had been somewhat puzzled by the title of the book, but as I read on it became clearer, for just as wax is a malleable material, so the Moorhouses could reshape themselves to suit any change in circumstance. When the daughter of the laird settles her affections on that quiet Ayrshire farmer, Mungo, marriage into the local aristocracy fazes him not one bit— and the connection delights his wider family. When David, the youngest brother — who lacks the drive and work ethic of his brothers but is a welcome addition to any social gathering, looking as he does, grand in an evening suit— decides the time has come to find a wife, he consults with Bel and is soon being welcomed to the Helensburgh estate of one of Glasgow's foremost shipping line owners as a prospective son in law. The plan is almost derailed by his actually falling in love with a visiting opera singer— but— the reader can have no doubt— he is a Moorhouse, he'll follow the money.

I sincerely hope that the television project finds the funding to bring it to fruition, it would be a gift to so many of our fine Scottish actors and a fitting tribute to a co-founder of the soon to re-open Citizens theatre. Yes Guy McCrone is not the purveyor of deathless prose but he tells a good tale; this is a warm bath of a book, one to read on a cold dreary day by a cosy fire (or in these days swathed in a heated throw) with a wee glass of something within easy reach. And what's wrong with that?

Photo Gallery

ELAINE RONALD



An amaryllis is always waiting to delight and surprise you, even when your world seems cold and dark.



Stirling Kirks Together – All Age Friendship Lunches

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Stirling Kirks Together All Age Friendship Lunches. Recently Stirling Kirks Together was able to make donations to four different charities, Alzheimer Scotland, Crossreach, The Leprosy Mission and MND Scotland. Each charity received £300 and this is only possible through the continued support of the monthly lunches.



It is estimated that more than 90 000 people in Scotland living with dementia. Money donated to **Alzheimer Scotland** helps the charity to run their 24-hour freephone dementia helpline, fund frontline dementia advisers and community support. It helps the organisation campaign for change and support critical dementia research as well as empower people to improve their brain health and help reduce the risk of developing dementia.

Crossreach provide a lifeline to thousands of people all over Scotland through their life changing and lifesaving services in Jesus's name. Service that the charity provide range from Adult Care Services, Older People Services and Children and Family Services.

The donation to **The Leprosy Mission** will help to transform the lives of those living in the leprosy colonies of Odisha and show people that they are valued. The Leprosy Mission work to prevent the spread of leprosy. They are also transforming the damp and decaying huts in the colonies into safe homes, providing clean water and helping people to grow their own food.

MND Scotland is the only motor neurone disease charity in Scotland offering direct support to those living with MND and their families. They fund vital research into finding a cure and campaign on behalf of those affected by MND raising awareness of the disease and ensuring that their voices are heard.

The Friendship Lunches are hosted on the second Wednesday of the month in Park Church Hall, Stirling from 12 noon to 1:30pm.

Good Friday: the Third Nocturne by Peter Abelard 1079 - 1142

Submitted by Margaret Sibbald

Alone to sacrifice thou goest , Lord,
Giving thyself to death whom thou hast slain.
For us thy wretched folk is any word,
Who knows that for our sins this is thy pain ?

For they are ours, O Lord, our deeds, our deeds,
Why must thou suffer torture for our sin?
Let our hearts suffer for thy passion, Lord,
That sheer compassion may thy mercy win.

This is that night of tears, the three days' space,
Sorrow abiding of the eventide,
Until the day break with the risen Christ,
And hearts that sorrows shall be satisfied.

So may our hearts have pity on thee ,Lord,
That they may sharers of thy glory be :
Heavy with weeping may the three days pass,
To win the laughter of thine Easter Day.



Photo Gallery

MARION JACKSON

Daffodils





RECIPES



Quick Tomato Sauce for Pasta

GRACE McINTOSH

INGREDIENTS

- 1 can chopped tomatoes
- 2 cloves garlic crushed
- 1 tsp dried basil
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 1 tsp sugar
- 1 tbsp tomato puree
- 1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 vegetable stock cube crumbled.
- Salt and pepper to taste

METHOD

Heat the oil and fry the garlic for a few seconds.
Add all other ingredients and bring to the boil stirring continuously.
Simmer for 10 minutes.
Blend if desired.

For a spicy taste add a good pinch of crushed chillies in the cooking.



Recycle! Recycle! Recycle! - Used Stamps

St.Ninians Old previously collected used stamps in the Church for The Leprosy Mission, until they indicated they no longer wanted these.

As reported the Spring 2024 edition of The Parishioner the British Heart Foundation take used stamps and they can be dropped off at their shop at the bottom of King Street in Stirling.



A box will once again be available in the vestibule of the Church for the collection of used stamps. Please bring your used stamps to the Church and we will co-ordinate their collection for the British Heart Foundation.

Church of Scotland Learning



New learning coming in 2025.

A Narrative of Generosity - *Enabling us to respond to God's love through generous living.* This collaboration with Stewardship will bring their materials to a wider audience in local contexts, allowing congregations access to a

rich discipleship resource.

Navigating Your Way Through Change - *Understanding how to manage change in the context of congregational life.* We are aware that change is a normal part of life but those leading in congregations may face many issues and we hope that this module will give insight and space to explore some of the things that change brings.

Ways of Working Together - *Understanding the key foundational tools for facilitating conversations and meeting well.* Meeting well and building good working relationships are key to successful collaborations and team working, this module, which is a collaboration with Place for Hope, will explore some tools for meeting well with others.

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The Parish Register

Deaths *“I go to prepare a place for you”*

11th November 2024

Mrs Ann Mair
North Shields farm
Denny

12th November 2024

Mr Fraser McGlynn
110 Springfield Road
Stirling

18th November 2024

Mrs Cynthia Stewart
14 Williamfield Avenue
Stirling (District 23)

20th November 2024

Mr Robert Walker
80 Whins Road
St Ninians

23rd November 2024

Mr Robert Cairns
Alma Avenue
Aberfeldy

29th November 2024

Mr Willie Gray
27E Newhouse
Stirling (District 21)

30th November 2024

Mr Ally McBroom
9c Weaver Row
St Ninians

4th December 2024

Mrs Mairi Stewart
Westerlands Care Home
Stirling
(Mairi was the widow of the late
Rev Dr Angus T Stewart)

14th December 2024

Mrs Mary Findlay
Craigquarter Farm
Stirling

15th December 2024

Miss Helen Taylor
Annfield House Care Home
Stirling (District 41)

15th December 2024

Mrs Margaret Currie
Forthbank Care Home
Stirling (District 41)

28th December 2024

Mr Alan McKreel
Forthbank Care Home
Stirling

4th January 2025

Mrs Isabel Knowles
Cannon Crag
Kings Park
Stirling (District 3)

9th January 2025

Mr Trevor Gillott
3 Waterside Cottage
Braco

22nd January 2025

Mr Alex Black
52 Newpark Road
St Ninians (District 33)

2nd February 2025

Mr Hamilton Forsyth
3 Constable Road
Stirling

9th February 2025

Mr Ian Johnston
16 MacDonald Drive
St. Ninians

13th February 2025

Mr Robert Paterson
100 Glasgow Road
St Ninians.

Psalm 34:18 *“The Lord is near to the broken hearted and saves the crushed in spirit”*

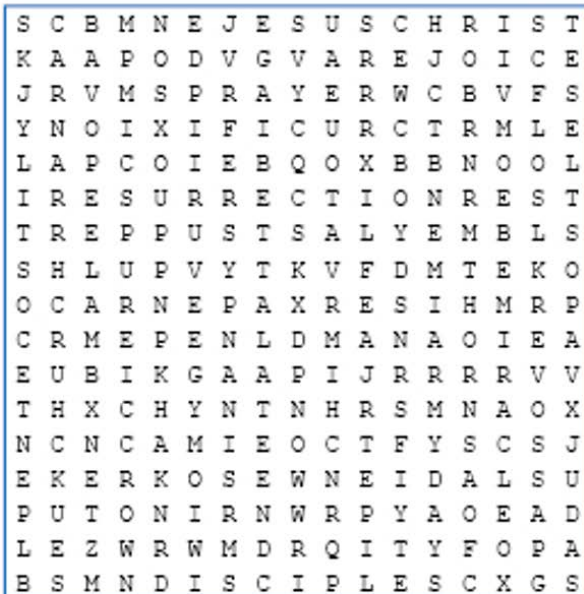
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Easter Story

WORD SEARCH

DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.



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JESUS CHRIST

JUDAS

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MIRACLE

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Quiz

CHRIS MACKAY

1. Easter always falls between which two dates?
2. In the thirteenth century the church prohibited eating what during Holy Week?
3. In Switzerland what animal delivers Easter eggs to kids?
4. How many marzipan balls are on a simnel cake?
5. What do the marzipan balls on a simnel cake represent?
6. What is the Forty - day period before Easter called?
7. When Easter eggs were first dyed. It was to represent what?
8. Each year Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday on or after what?
9. Which day of Holy Week is to honour the Last Supper?
10. What prisoner was released instead of Jesus?
11. What did Jesus and his disciples eat at the Last Supper?
12. What is the Saturday before Palm Sunday sometimes called?

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PARISHIONER

SUMMER 2025



**The Summer Edition of the Parishioner
will be out in early June.**

**Submission Date for Articles is:
Sunday 11th May**

Thank you

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