

**APRIL, 2018**



## **"You are my salvation"**

Words that might be uttered by a stranded motorist when the AA arrives and gets the car going again. You might think that it was a religious expression but it is not. It is just a statement of fact. Even in the Bible the word is used to express deliverance, freedom, restoration and homecoming. It is rooted firmly in their history, the experience of the Exodus, the Hebrew people passing over the Reed Sea into the wilderness, delivered from slavery in Egypt. It is also used of events 700 years later when the people of Israel were taken off to Babylon in 586 BC and wept beside the rivers of Babylon for their home. Their return from exile was indeed God saving His people, He was their "salvation".

"Salvation is the word used to refer to deliverance from suffering and injustice of whatever cause. This also introduces the theme of 'the journey', across Jordan, through the wilderness to the Promised Land or returning to the Homeland. Negro slaves in America sang of crossing Jordan their image of freedom and deliverance. The Ohio river was the boundary between the slave south and the free north and they longed to "cross that river", "Michael row the boat ashore" was a longing for freedom in this world though couched in the language of faith and religion, the hope for the next world. Martin Luther King made a famous speech saying he had seen the Promised Land even though he doubted if he would get there. This was the same metaphor, meaning civil rights, freedom and equality. In common understanding, "salvation" is often taken to mean "going to heaven" but most times in the Bible it does not mean that at all. A promise of a blessed afterlife is a thin and subjective understanding of something much more muscular, obvious and challenging. It also something extremely self centred, as if we can make ourselves "believe" or "behave" in a certain way to achieve something solely for our own benefit, our personal salvation. In scripture it is rarely personal, it is consistently corporate, a group thing, a community experience.

The Easter shouts of "*Hosanna*" were a cry of faith and of hope for God to "save" his people. In Christ we have a faith and a love that strikes out against, fear and failure, confinement and suffering, our suffered injustices, our enslavement to others expectations, to the shallow values of a consumer culture. Salvation properly understood is needed every bit as much now as it was on that first century Jerusalem street. "Hosanna" is a prayer and a call to action. We need to let those "Hosannas" ring from our voices, from our hearts and lives."

*Ken*

## **Full 2017 Session Clerk's Report for Annual Review Meeting on 18.3.18:**

From January through to the end of March 2017 the last of the work was completed regarding the roof and stonework and also the Energy Efficiency of St Bryce Kirk building ie secondary glazing on the downstairs windows. This was achieved through the grants received from the Listed Places of Worship (LPW) and the Climate Challenge Fund (CCF). The new Environment Team successfully met the targets set by the CCF by organising a variety of events and activities which were greatly supported by the congregation. The grants were thus received in full. Redecoration of the church, stairwells, large hall and corridor was carried out over the summer months with the work done paid from the Redecoration Fund which reached a total of over £35,000.

Two new initiatives were started in 2017 - (a) the St Bryce Kirk website which was set up by Sanctus Media and paid for in the main by a donation from The Guild and (b) Connecting Cards, which were sent out twice a year by the Elders, to reach out to members we do not normally see or who have not been in church for some time.

In April 2017 the **Kirk Session and Teams** met in conference, as a follow-up to last year's conference "Second Vision", when we discussed the main issues affecting us and our church today, with regard to the congregation and the community. This year the emphasis was "This Is Our Church - a reflection on what we are and how we promote ourselves with specific reference to our website".

Val Malcolm, Peter Renfrew and Tom Murphy were presented with Long Service Certificates for more than 30 years as Elders. Pam Mackie and Anne Wallace resigned from the Kirk Session and were thanked for their years of dedicated service. Andzia Wilson gave notice of her intention to retire from the role Session Clerk at the end of 2017. Procedures were put in place to nominate her successor. Anne Hunter agreed to take on the role of Session Clerk.

All this took place on top of the work and business of the various church teams/groups and the Centre.

All the Teams had a very busy year as follows:-

- **Fabric** - The Team has continued to support and supplement the work carried out to keep the church wind-and-water-tight and to make it more energy efficient. Enquiries were on-going regarding the cost of repair or restoration of the Rose Window and if there was a case for applying for a grant.
- **Fellowship** - This Team continued to hold monthly Soup Lunches after the morning service raising funds for various charities. A successful Summer Afternoon Tea was well attended and together with the Soup Lunches raised £2750 for the Redecoration Fund.
- **Finance** - The Team continued to liaise with the Fabric Team since this was where the greatest income/expenditure was taking place. The income from offerings had fallen again last year.

- **Communication** (previously Media/Outreach - The church newsletter, Cornerstone, was distributed to members throughout the year. A new leaflet "Information For Visitors" was compiled and distributed to Elders for feedback/comment.
- **Pastoral Care** - The Summer Tea and Carol Tea for the elderly in the church continued to provide a welcome treat and occasion for meeting old friends. The Telephone Team continued to call members to keep them updated with church news and maintaining a vital link with the church. The Kirkcaldy FoodBank provided food parcels for an ever-increasing number of people in the town, St Bryce being a distribution point for parcels.
- **Worship/Education** - "Back Chat" Saturday morning discussion sessions throughout the year, led by the Minister, were well attended. A Lent Study was held by the town centre churches. The Wednesday Bible Study Group continued to be regularly attended. Services continued to be held in Gowrie House only. The Pentecost service was planned to incorporate Communion and had a mixed response. Holy Week services, summer services and the New Year service were all shared amongst the 4 town centre churches.
- **Young Church** - Once again the Young Church Team have taken part in Sunday Services on a regular basis and helped to plan the Family Service at Christmas. They introduced a new group for children P6 plus called Xtreme. They organised a successful Mary's Meals Backpack appeal and continued to support a child, Humberto, through Plan International by collecting around £200 each year. The Summer Outing to Cairnie Fruit Farm and Mega Maze and the Christmas Party proved to be most enjoyable. The leaders have continued to nurture all our church children throughout the year. Kirsty Robertson continued as Young Church Coordinator, developing a very successful Space Academy theme over 10 weeks. Allison Wilson continued in the role of Young Church Administrator.

**Centre Management** - The St Bryce Centre continued to be a valuable asset in the local community, providing meeting places not only for church groups but also for community and charity groups. The Day Centre Services continue to use one of the porta-cabin offices and the small hall on a daily basis providing a steady income for the Centre. Fife College held its Graduation Ceremonies successfully in the sanctuary once again in 2017. Various large groups held seminars and conferences, with the kitchen often providing catering. Over 50 smaller groups met regularly in the halls and rooms in the Centre. The Coffee Bar, which is manned by volunteers from within and outwith the congregation, continued to provide a welcoming food venue. Kirsty Robertson took over as Catering Manager in the kitchen and various promotional schemes were introduced to boost the numbers using the Coffee Bar. Doreen McPhee retired from the kitchen and Allison Wilson resigned from the Office at the end of the year.

The new **Environment Team** was set up in 2016 to oversee all the activities and events related to the new Climate Challenge Project, "Action on Climate Change", which began in April 2016. The new project successfully dealt with Food Miles, Food Waste, Recycling and Community Awareness. A whole host of events and activities were

organised to meet set targets. The Team ceased at the end of March having met all these targets.

The **Eco-Church Team** began the process of applying for the first Eco-Congregation Award. They developed areas of the Staff Car Park by planting wild flowers and perennials.

The **Guild** continued to hold their fortnightly meetings and carried on their valuable work to raise funds for their annual Project as well as donating a substantial amount to the Church and Centre. Long service (30+ years) Guild certificates were presented to 6 members.

**Safeguarding Coordinator** - Anne Hunter has updated the Safeguarding Register to include those now in the Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme and arranged the necessary training for the relevant new volunteers. A Panel Meeting also took place during the year.

**Presbytery Elder** - Isobel Greenaway kept us up-to-date with Presbytery matters via the Précis, which is published 4 times a year, and through links to internet sites.

Beryl and George Luke became joint Moderators at Presbytery, which is a huge recognition of the excellent work done by them in Presbytery.

**Lorna Givens** continued in the role of "Life and Work" Coordinator and **Helen Mitchell** continued in the role of Learning Disabilities Contact Person. She also represented St Bryce Kirk as the Elder at the General Assembly and reported back her experience to the Kirk Session.

**Stephen Moy** stepped down from his role as Prayer Promoter.

The **Christmas Collections 2017** were for Erskine (£454) and for Kirkcaldy Foodbank (£560.56). However, almost £2750 was raised for other charities as well, including Scotland HIV Programme (£250), Christian Aid (£600), East Africa Appeal (£500), The Yard (£376) and KART (£1000).

Finally, I'd like to thank the congregation and all members of all the Teams who willingly gave their time and talents to our church. Thank you everyone.

Andzia Wilson, Session Clerk

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## Meet Calamari SHANARRI, our wellbeing octopus



Getting It Right For Every Child (GIRFEC) is the Scottish Government's drive to improve outcomes for all children. The aim is that all children in Scotland are given every opportunity to develop their full potential to become confident, responsible, and productive members of society. As part of CrossReach's contribution to Year of Young People, Children and Family Services have introduced a new tool, Calamari SHANARRI, designed and created by CrossReach GIRFEC Development Advisor, Tanya Anderson. As she says: "GIRFEC is important for everyone who works with children and young people, as well as many people who work with adults who look after children. CrossReach provide

introductory training to all their services on the key issues addressed by GIRFEC and the wellbeing indicators. Children enjoy interactive play, colour, creativity and fun. Art and music are used frequently in many of our services, especially with children and young people. To start to encourage our clients and staff to learn more about GIRFEC and make it a common terminology in everyday activities, an interactive tool was needed – and that's why I created CAL the octopus. The eight legs (and the name) stand for the eight SHANARRI wellbeing indicators – Safe, Healthy, Achieving, Nurtured, Active, Respected, Responsible, Included. Anyone can make a knitted octopus and it can be used with groups of children, young people and adults - and indeed all ages mixed together. The indicators are useful tools to help focus on individual strengths and weaknesses."

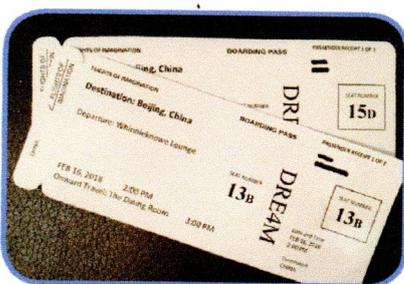
- To find out more, please visit: [www.crossreach.org.uk/year-young-people-2018](http://www.crossreach.org.uk/year-young-people-2018) or e-mail: [tanya.anderson@crossreach.org.uk](mailto:tanya.anderson@crossreach.org.uk)

## Showing Support for CrossReach

CrossReach's Supporter Relations Manager Crispin Longden had a very busy but productive day recently. Firstly, he appreciated the hospitality from and generosity of the Trinity Church Ladies Group from Crossgates in Fife who donated £300 to our family bus at HMYOI Polmont. On his way back from that meeting, he stopped off to pick up an amazing doantion of collectables from one of our supporters, Miss Wetherston. Her bundle of treasures included two rare cigarette card albums featuring the Silver Jubilee of King George V and the coronation of King George VI. The albums will be sold to raise funds for our Children and Family Services.



## From Nairn to Beijing without leaving your armchair!



The latest 'Armchair Travel' session at Whinnieknowe Care Home in Nairn took the residents and staff on a trip to Beijing. Every resident brought along their Armchair Travel passport which was 'stamped'. An image of an aircraft leaving for China opened the slideshow which featured maps, pictures of the national flag, well known landmarks and the national dress. An enthusiastic discussion followed with images about Chinese New Year, the Forbidden City, the Terracotta Army, the Great Wall, the significance of the dragon and the growth of the economy over the last 20 years. Travel brochures, tourist

leaflets, postcards, clothing, musical instruments and currency were all available for residents to look through and chat about. Videos about the country played for those who would rather watch and listen. Next came the taster session: special fried rice, noodles, prawn toast and spring rolls, with authentic chopsticks from China. A member from the local church (and granddaughter of one of the residents) shared her experience of learning Mandarin during a school trip to China. Previous 'flights of imagination' have taken the residents to Canada, Switzerland and Nepal and plans are in place for an excursion to Spain in April.

# Stories of Encounter



The **General Assembly** opens on Saturday 19 May this year and closes on Friday 25 May.

As in the recent past, there will be a **"Heart & Soul"** celebration in Princes Street Gardens on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> and the theme this year will be **"Peace be with you"**.

Since the inception of **"Heart & Soul"**, the Mission and Discipleship Council has produced an edition of **"Pray Now"** with the same theme as **"Heart & Soul"**.

This year is slightly different. For the next few years, **"Pray Now"** will have a theme of **"Stories of ..."**.

This year title is **"Stories of Encounter"**.

**"Stories of Encounter"** blends well with **"Peace be with you"**

**Life and Work** says :- "This dynamic collection of newly written prayers, meditations, and blessings will be a welcome aid for worship, for small group devotions and personal discipleship"

In the past, I have placed a bulk order for **"Pray Now"** and I hope to offer

**"Stories of Encounter"** for :- **£6.50** (RRP is £9.99)

So add your name to the list in the Centre Foyer **soon**. (before 15th April)

*George Luke*

## Wednesday Bible Study Group

The Group continues to have lively discussions and a real sense of fellowship as we work our way through **"Essential Jesus"** - an **SU** E100 publication sub-titled "100 readings through the Bible's greatest story". Most weeks there are around 16 of us. We actually have more than 20 names "on the books" including friends from 7 local churches. Ages range from 20 to 92!

New folk always welcome - come along - no previous knowledge necessary! Just a desire to learn more about Jesus, the Bible, your faith, and yourself.

Wednesdays—10.00 till 11.30 (then tea / coffee / roll / scone ...) *George Luke*

## FINANCE

**M. & M. Allocation:** Ken, Andzia and Ann had a meeting with Archie McDowell in Edinburgh regarding our Ministry & Mission Allocation. Following discussion and showing that our expenditure exceeds our income it was agreed to give us relief of £9,000. It is not yet known when this starts or if it will be backdated. However, this still does not solve our financial difficulties.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer was busy collating the final accounts for the auditors but reported that £19,365 will come out of Reserves. A further £5,000 had been received in 2017 for the redecoration. There is a balance of £2,700 in the Redecoration Fund.

**Sunday offerings** are as follows:-

	2017		2016	
	Open	FWO	Open	FWO
Oct. - Dec.	£1,232.24	£ 4,328.10	£1,756.56	£ 4,136.50
Jan. - Dec.	£4,802.47	£16,440.40	£5,224.70	£17,550.20
S/O Oct – Dec. 2017	£10,472.50		S/O Oct – Dec. 2016	£10,320.50
S/O Jan – Dec. 2017	£41,899.00		S/O Jan – Dec. 2016	£41,006.00

**Gift Aid:** The tax reclaim on Gift Aid contributions from Oct. – Dec. 2017 was £3,210.13 plus a further £585.08 from the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme Community Buildings, making a total of £3,795.21. Tax reclaimed for 2017 was £14,877.99 compared with £14,261.65 in 2016. This does not include the Gift Aid reclaim of £4,108.75 from the Special Appeal Letters for the fundraising.

*Dorothy Smith, Convener.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

When I was a lad down in England we learnt the Lord's Prayer in school by rote, and if or when we got it wrong, a chalk board wiper or some such was thrown at us! The teacher in question was an ex-Army Educationalist, so we also had to stand upright etc. Being Church of England, we learnt the Anglican way which was "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those that trespass against us". Now here in the Church of Scotland we learn "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors", fair enough, I've only once reverted to the Anglican version when I've been doing the Intercessory prayer in St Bryce. However, as more and more versions of the Bible are translated, we now have wording such as "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those that sin against us" or "Forgive us our wrongdoings as we forgive those that do wrong against us". Or words to that effect! Interesting ; maybe you have a different version/way of saying Matthew 6 v 12. If so, would you let me know and when next I do the Lord's Prayer perhaps I could pause for you to give your own version?

*Stephen Moy*

## THE GUILD

We held a concert on Tuesday 27 February. The group was called Quern and they played a range of songs and music from around the world.

We raised £145 for our chosen project **Breaking the Cycle of FGM** (Feed the Minds).



We have only four meetings until the end of our syllabus - one being our Annual Business Meeting.

Anyone interested in joining our committee is urged to speak to Helen Mitchell for further information. Vice Convener and Secretary are posts which are vacant.

Please come along to any of our meetings where you will be made very welcome.

*Helen Mitchell* - President

## REFLECTIONS



The moon, pale, clouded,  
yet not dimmed by passing darkness.

Slowly its bright, shining light  
emerges to glow and lift the heart.

Alas, dark clouds encompass the light  
and we are plunged into darkness.

We know there is light beyond the darkness.

We have seen it, but the darkness is desperately real.

As real as was the glowing light..

Light : Darkness : Powerful : Compelling

Yet how different the effect upon us.

Can it be that one experience could enhance the other and the understanding of it

God is Light.

Which is most powerful ?

Our answer matters.

Are you there God ?

We may need to experience one to fully understand the other.

Light is Life.

We come into this world out of a darkness.

Created in Love.

Life, created in love, in light. Growth, for a time in darkness.

Born into light - into love?

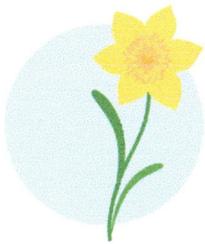
Growth amidst Light and Dark.

Death - the Light has gone out leaving us in the dark

-but wait

***The Light will shine again.***

Laura Blair



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Welcome to the Spring edition of the KART Corner.  
Thank you for your support.

"We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done". Ps78:4

## February Weekend at Lendrick Muir.

By Maureen Latto

11 young people from Kirkcaldy went to the SU camp at Lendrick Muir (Crook of Devon) for a weekend at the beginning of February. There were 95 campers in total from Perth, Kinross and Fife.

I went as an assistant and I can't find the words to express how marvellous it was. The weekend's theme was on Nehemiah re-building the wall of Jerusalem.

It was an action-packed weekend. There were amazing games in the sports hall like dodge ball, inflatables and hockey shoot out, just to name a few. A drama workshop, drum & percussion workshop, nail bar, crafts, cookery and movie making.

*One group time focused on prayer and we each wrote a prayer and created a prayer board.*



As well as all the Lendrick Muir outdoor activities like archery, trail cycling, rope and climbing courses.

One of the boys from my group said that "he loves going to camp as he gets to stay in a dorm with his friends and liked all of the activities and it was an entertaining way to learn about God and was great fun"



*The young ones were asked to bring along a brick in the form of a Lego brick. The story of Nehemiah was presented as a drama by the some of the young leaders and older campers. They were all so gifted.*



*Wendy (Community Staff Worker at Newcraigs and KART committee member) managed to do most of the adventure playground!!*

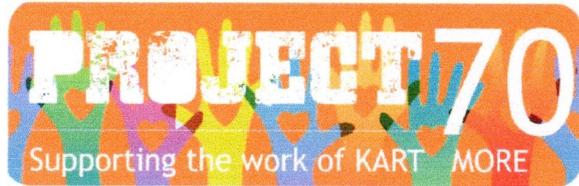
If you would like to know more about SU Holidays and Camps contact Chris – see contact details.

Thanks to all who took part in our Love Your Street campaign. **The total funds raised were £387.** If you would still like to take part and pledge to pray for your street and local school then please text KART07 £5 to 70070.



**givingmatters**

We're looking to the future of KART and how we finance the charity so that more and more children in our schools can hear about the good news of Jesus.



This year, to date, we have 6 more supporters donating to KART on a regular basis.

Would you consider being one of our now 64 more needed supporters?

It is becoming increasingly difficult to find a major funder and our final grant of £10,000 from Joseph Rank Trust ends this April.



If you are a tax payer you can also take advantage of Gift Aid which enables us to claim back from HMRC additional amounts to your giving, maximising your investment.

**PLEASE CONTACT ALISON DOYLE IF YOU CAN HELP SUPPORT KART IN THIS WAY.**

## Coffee Morning

21st April, 2018

10.00am - 12.00pm

Come and join us for tea/ coffee and home baking helping to raise funds for K.A.R.T.



**VENUE:**

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# Church Register - 2018

## Baptisms

“ I baptise you with water for repentance” - Matthew 3 : 11

25 February

Maisie Grace Dalgleish Froude  
Skye Isla Dalgleish Froude  
Daughters of Stuart and Fiona



## Deaths

“I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish” - John 10 : 28

2017

27 December

Miss Elizabeth Stewart, Legion Court

2018

21 January

Mrs Jean Seath, Gosford Road

24 January

Mrs Jamesima Murray, Appin Crescent

13 February

Mrs Sheila Thomson, Inch View

## New Members

“I am the way, the truth and the life:  
no one goes to the Father except by Me” John 14 : 6

8 October, 2017  
15 February, 2018

Mr Ian Macdonald  
Mrs Julie Al-Gharabally





# Joint Holy Week Services

March 2018

26th Monday

**Congregational Church**

27th Tuesday

**Bennochty Church**

28th Wednesday

**St Bryce Kirk**

29th Maundy Thursday

**Abbotshall Church**  
*Communion*



30th Good Friday

**Congregational Church**

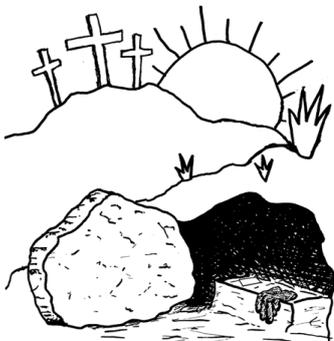
*A Short Meditation (2.30 - 3.00)*

**Linktown Church (7.00)**

All services at 7.00 pm and all are welcome

## Easter Day

### "He is Risen"



8.30 am **Beveridge Park**  
at the Fountain

11.00 am **St Bryce Kirk**

### "He is Risen indeed!"