

# October 2019



## *Sunday 27th of October.*

### Kirkcaldy Churches' Joint Service

Following the success of the joint service last year in Linktown Church, all the Church of Scotland Congregations in the town will be coming together again for Morning Worship, this time, in

## Pathhead Church at 11.00 am

### Rev. Peter Neilson will be the Guest Preacher.



This will be a special occasion with a larger number of folk worshipping together, so a big sing, and a great opportunity for us to meet and chat with fellow Christians from the town.

### Activities will be provided for our children.

Note :- There will NO service in St Bryce Kirk  
on that Sunday.

# 40 Not Out!

On 28 August 1979, this young man was ordained as a Church of Scotland minister, and inducted to the charge of Kirkcaldy: St Brycedale. The previous year, when the Kirk Session debated the criteria for seeking a new minister, they had agreed on these criteria - not a woman, a man aged over 40, having perhaps written a book or published some studies, and not entering his first charge. Ken Froude fulfilled none of these criteria - except that he was not a woman!!

And so began what was to become a lifetime of Christian work - of witness, preaching and prayer; of compassion, service and friendship; of listening, understanding and counselling. In the first decade, he introduced changes gently - no robes and not using the pulpit, but playing the guitar in church and having Bible study groups, and ... ordaining lady elders! And then came the vision of changing the actual building, which happened between 1987 and 1989, to create the community hub the kirk has now. So his second decade took on a whole new look and feel, with an open door - a place for people to feel welcome and comfortable no matter their creed, colour or predicament. New study initiatives were on offer, too, including Positive Parenting and the Alpha Course.

By the turn of the century, the Church of Scotland was looking to reduce the number of its charges, and so St Brycedale united with Kirkcaldy Old Kirk to form St Bryce Kirk, the name agreed by the new congregation. Ken's third decade provided more challenges with buildings, but also opportunities to support caring fellowship and provide more energising study topics. By the time Ken's fourth decade began, the Old Kirk Trust had bought over the Old Kirk building, and his ministry had changed yet again.

In this last decade, the patterns of living and society have changed. St Bryce Kirk congregation has embraced the challenge of reducing its carbon footprint in several ways, including solar panel power. Audiovisual technology has moved on apace too, and the church has had to move to keep abreast of changes. St Bryce Kirk now streams its Sunday services live through YouTube, and provides audio recordings of every service on its website. The cafe is still a haven for those who need a cup of tea or a plate of soup, but have no money, and it has served as a busy central Foodbank provider.

Ken may not have effected all of these changes personally, but he has been the leader, and often the instigator, of many of them. Last Sunday, following the normal service, the congregation paid tribute to his forty years working with them, followed by a buffet lunch in the church halls. So well done, Ken Froude, on reaching "40 NOT OUT!"

**As you know Ken will retire next year and his final service as our minister will be on Sunday 28 June. There will be a celebration of his time here on Saturday 13 June to which you are all invited. More details will follow.**

## FINANCE

The finances are more or less running on par with last year but still looking at a deficit by the end of the year. The electricity bills are reducing. A water meter was installed and following the check on our usage we should be getting a refund with the possibility of exemption next year.

The Refurbishment Fund now has a nil balance.

**Sunday offerings** are as follows:-

	2019		2018	
	Open	FWO	Open	FWO
Apr. – June	£1171.51	£3,831.00	£1,311.68	£3,721.70

S/O Apr - June 2019    £11,122.50    S/O Apr – June 2018    £10,350.50

**Gift Aid:** The tax reclaimed on Gift Aid contributions from April to June 2019 was £3,323.37 with a further £554.13 from the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme Community Buildings making a total of £3,877.50.

**Freewill Offering:** The Freewill Offering system has been revised and commencing in January 2020 those who contribute by using the weekly envelopes will have a new number. If you have any 2019 envelopes left at the end of the year, **please destroy them.**

Any member who has not received his/her 2020 envelopes by the end of December should contact me on 265808.

Dorothy Smith, Convener.

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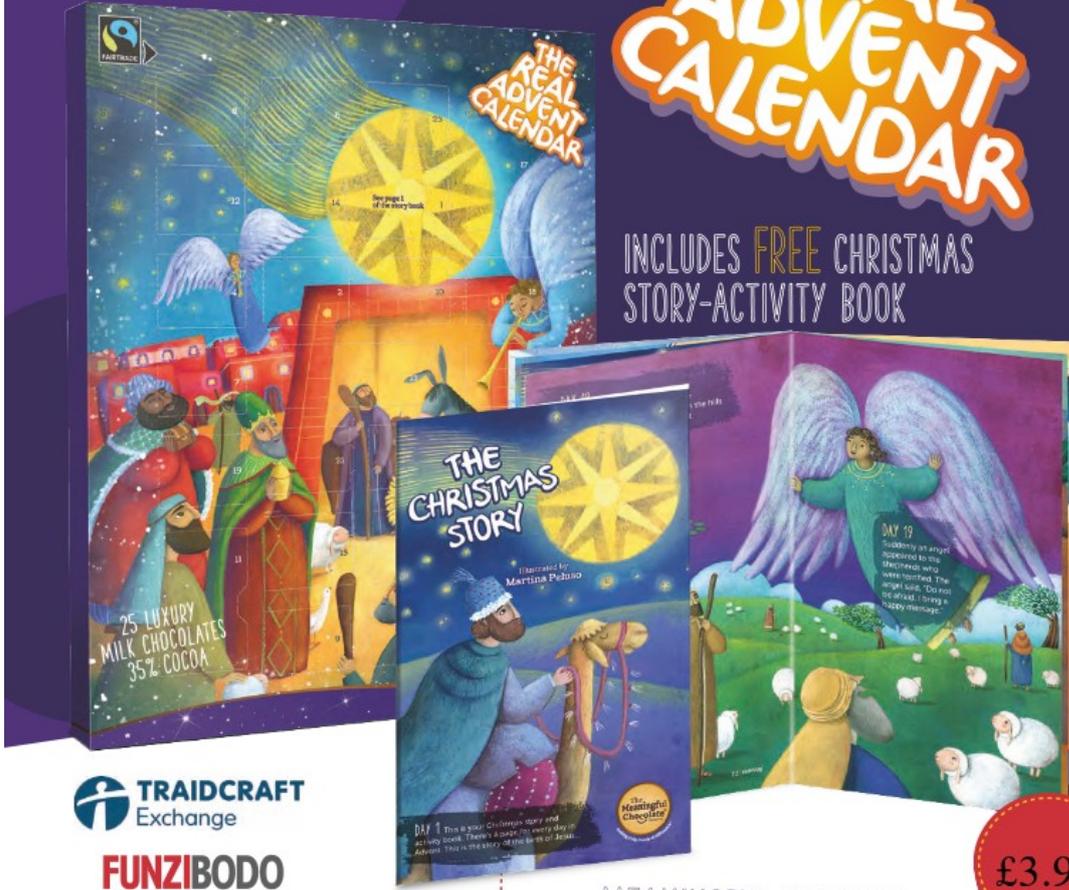


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# Church Register - October 2019

## Baptisms

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

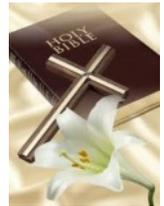
6 October            Kara-Ann Mary Smith  
                             Daughter of Neil and Melissa



## Deaths

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

19 April            Mrs Jennifer Hughes, Octavia Street  
29 April            Mr Syd Binning, Caledonia Road  
10 May             Mrs Chris Muir, Boglily Road  
  5 June             Mr Tom Halliday, Sauchenbush Road  
16 July             Mrs Lottie Leslie, David Street  
29 July             Mrs Flora Nicol, Ross Gardens  
12 August         Mr John Brown, Gosford Road



## New Members

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

17 June            Mrs Rachel McGregor            By Transfer Certificate  
30 June            Mr James Thomson                By Profession of Faith

*Welcome to our Church*

# NEW FORMAT FOR CORNERSTONE

It has been decided by the Kirk Session that the church newsletter - CORNERSTONE - will take on a slightly different format. St Bryce Kirk is an eco-friendly congregation and we are trying to cut down on printing and paper as it has been apparent that there is a great deal of wastage with each edition of Cornerstone. We are now asking you if you want to receive a paper copy of the newsletter and if you do, can please let us know as soon as possible by completing and returning this form. The Christmas and Easter editions are usually large in size but we will only send out a full version in the future if you request a copy.

The full version will be on the website.

We want to keep you informed of events and church information but we need to know your views.

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ISOBEL GREENAWAY, EDITOR