

SEPTEMBER, 2018

Out with the Old and in with the New

At the start of the new 2018-2019 session I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Ken, Ann and Jessie in the Office, the Kirk Session and the congregation of St Bryce Kirk for all the help and support given to me whilst in the post of Session Clerk. Undoubtedly you all made my efforts enjoyable and interesting, thus leading to a feeling of 'job satisfaction'. In other words, I couldn't have done the job without you!

I would also like to thank you all for the very kind gifts and good wishes I received at the end of my Appointment.

I send my successor, Anne Hunter, my best wishes and I'm sure you will all give her the same support you gave me.

Thank you once again,
Andzia Wilson



CENTENARY of the End of WW 1

On Saturday 10th November from 10 am to 3 pm, we are intending to hold a "drop-in" time to allow people to sit and pray, upstairs in the Sanctuary in the "presence" of the War Memorial Window.

Details will follow later.

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Fellowship Team Report

Soup Lunches – Since my report a year ago, the team, on behalf of the congregation, has sent £200 to EMMS, £250 to C of S HIV Programme, £570 to KART for their Football Camp and added £190 to the Christian Aid collection – that's a lot of soup supping, folks!!

So thank you to the congregation for supporting all these fund-raising efforts. Plus we kept folks fed at our barbecue stall during the Summer Fayre in June.

The next Soup Lunch will be on 30 September, but will be hosted by our own Young Church Team as they raise some much needed funds to buy new materials for our children and young people to continue learning about our faith.

The October lunch will be on Sunday 28th, when we will be back in action with extra activities for Hallowe'en distraction!

The Guild will be hosting their Lunch on Sunday 19th November.

In December, we'll be helping with the Carol Tea event on 9th, and hosting our own Advent Soup Lunch on 16th.

Beryl Luke, Convener

Finance Team Report

Sunday offerings are as follows :-

	2018		2017	
	Open	FWO	Open	FWO
April - June	£1311.68	£3721.70	£1353.24	£4430.30
July	£301.75	£847.00	£458.14	£491.50
S/O April - June 2018	£10,350.50		S/O April - June 2017	£10,655.50
S/O July	£3,464.50		S/O July	£3,379.50

Gift Aid: The tax reclaimed on Gift Aid contributions from April to June 2018 was £3,088.43 with a further £603.80 from the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme Community Buildings making a total of £3,692.23

Dorothy Smith, Convener

THE GUILD

Our project for 2018-2019 is The Boys Brigade - Faith in Young People

September 25 PUDDLEDUB PORK - Tom Mitchell

October 9 BEETLE DRIVE

October 23 THE TOOL SHED - Lee Brown

November 13 THE CAKEHAUS - Diane Wester

November 18 SOUP & SWEET LUNCH

November 18-25 GUILD WEEK

November 24 COFFEE MORNING

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

Helen Mitchell - President



Wisdom for Life

"For those who find me[wisdom] find life and receive favour from the LORD.

But those who fail to find me harm themselves; all who hate me love death."

Proverbs 8:35-36

Think of the number of decisions facing you today. Some are of great importance, others seemingly minor. Each one has consequences. How are we to make these decisions? We need wisdom

Wisdom is offered to us from many sources: friends, and colleagues, business gurus, magazine articles, internet searches, . Which of us would not welcome a 'Wisdom Self-help Manual' or a 'Wisdom App' for our phone? We could key in the current dilemma – be it 'time pressures', 'lack of resources' or 'difficult colleagues' – and download the relevant instructions. Although we have no lack of information or opinions, quantity of knowledge does not equate to wisdom.

The Book of Proverbs spells out that there are two alternatives – the way of wisdom and the way of folly. Both cry out to us in public places – our offices, factories, schools, or shopping centres. Both seek our attention. Both make the attractive offer of life. Yet there is no middle path between wisdom and folly, no grey area – whereas wisdom does lead to life, the path of folly leads to death. So how are we to distinguish between them? Humility and wisdom go hand-in-hand. Humility comes from the realisation that all of life is about trust in God.

John Calvin begins his Institutes of the Christian Religion by stating: 'Nearly all the wisdom we possess, that is to say, true and sound wisdom, consists of two parts: the knowledge of God and of ourselves.' Humility is grounded in an honest recognition of our own weakness and need. Calvin said, 'The most effective poison to lead us to ruin is to boast in ourselves, in our own wisdom and willpower'.

So today, take the time to ask God for his wisdom in each of the decisions facing you, knowing that he gives generously to those who humbly ask (James 1:5). His answer may come in a variety of ways – sudden inspiration, an unexpected thought, the comment of a colleague, or new clarity – but it will come. God wants his followers to walk wisely with him and offer that wisdom to a needy world.

September 2018

CrossReach Information Sheet

Helping hands for Tom Allan Centre



The Tom Allan Centre was delighted to have the support of Marks and Spencer staff in their recent refurbishment as part of the company's Make Every Moment Special (MEMS) Initiative. Staff from the local Sauchiehall Street branch volunteered to freshen up some of the rooms in the house, including two of the counselling spaces. M&S also donated £500 for the purchase of paints and materials. The newly decorated rooms will help the centre to continue to provide a comfortable and welcoming space for the people who

use the service. The Tom Allan Centre is home to CrossReach's counselling services in Glasgow and offers a range of counselling.

Seven seats – on a bike?

An enthusiastic group of cyclists recently made their way around the Isle of Cumbrae - on a 7-seater conference bike! The cycle was to raise funds for CrossReach's care home for older age in Ardrossan, South Beach House. With their pompoms, party hats and big smiles, 14 feet were needed to fill all of the bike's pedals. Taking turns on the bike and with a great team effort was the 10 mile route around the island was successfully completed. Filled with amusement and laughter, the day was a memorable outing for everyone involved. The spirits of the cyclists were kept high by the stunning views of the Firth of Clyde and the sunny weather. A fantastic £1,000 was raised by the sponsored cycle, which will be split equally between the residents' minibus fund and activities fund.

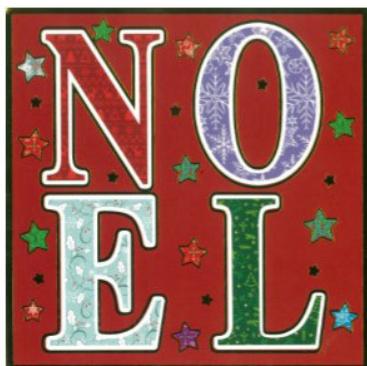


Colourful coffee morning

Over £200 was raised by Morven Day Services in Kilmarnock at a recent coffee morning to raise funds for a local charity. Managed and run by the people that use our services, the Morven Committee organise two fundraisers a year. One is to supplement group work resources and trips for service users, while the other supports a local charity. The committee agreed that this year's local charity would be 'Beautiful Inside & Out' which provides counselling for people of any age with mental health difficulties. Founded in memory of her daughter Jenna, Pauline Moriarty started the charity to also provide support for the families of suicide victims. With a vibrant and bountiful stall of baked goods, event organisers pulled together an assortment of delicious treats for the coffee morning. Adopting the CrossReach 'Grey Cake Bake' campaign style, a layered and multi-coloured cake took centre stage. The cake had a colourful inside hidden by grey icing, symbolising the world of someone affected by mental health difficulties. For many, a fog of anxiety can feel overwhelming and colour their experience of life. The total raised was a wonderful £216. Morven Day Services offers help to those on their journey to recovery from mental health needs.



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FOODBANK.

The number of clients coming to us for help increases every week. During the month of August we issued 592 food parcels. This is the number of people who came to St.Bryce for help. The parcels may be for a single person, a couple or a family, so the actual number of people, including children is much, much higher.

I would say that 98% of the difficulties are caused by the Universal Credit benefit.

Claimants have to wait at least six weeks from the time of the closure of their existing benefit. During this period, they receive no money at all. By the time UC starts, they are in arrears with their rent, and if their money takes longer to start they may be in danger of being evicted from their home. Some are forced into taking out a loan which they have to pay back with very high interest. One desperate lady took out a loan of £200 and had to repay £380.

We are able to give information of where to go for assistance with debt management and also for help with their gas and electric tariffs.

Kirkcaldy Foodbank get no statuary funding and are grateful for the money and food so many people contribute. We are spending £8000 per month from our resources to buy food to keep our stock supplied, but unfortunately this cannot be sustained.

Please pray for us and our clients as we try to continue this service.

VAL MALCOLM

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Church Register - 2018

Baptisms

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

5 August Fraser George William Wallace
 Son of Craig and Wendy



New Members

"I am the way, the truth and the life:
no one goes to the Father except by Me"

John 14 : 6

August Mr William Wallace By transfer certificate
 Mrs Elaine Wallace By transfer certificate

The Lord's Prayer - Matthew 6: v9 - 13

The Prayer is a pattern, intended to cover all things for which we should be praying.
It is intended to be expanded and not merely recited.

It begins with **Adoration** (v9). The focus of prayer is our worship of the first person of the Trinity to whom Christ reconciled us by his death. We come careful to our Father with awe and wonder.

Intercession (v10) will include everything in our area of concern that will extend the kingdom of God in our lives, in the lives of others, and across the world.

Supplication (v11) contains all our personal requests for family and friends and a thankfulness for God's daily provision.

Confession (v12, 14-15) is an essential recognition of our own sin and readiness to forgive those who may have offended us and, like us also, have turned to Christ in repentance.

Obligation (v13) leads us finally to plead for a holiness of life that keeps us away from the snares of the devil.

Stephen Moy