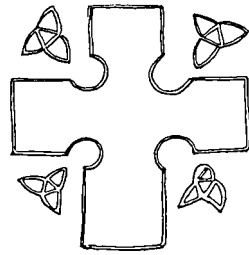




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In Touch

Your monthly newsletter of what is going on
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February 2017

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Seasonal Foods for February

Vegetables – Beetroot, Broccoli, Brussels sprouts, Cabbage, Carrots, Chicory, Leeks, Mushrooms, Parsnip, Potatoes, Turnips

Fruit – Forced Rhubarb, Pears

Meat – Beef, Lamb, Pork, Chicken, Partridge, Duck, Pheasant, Rabbit, Red Deer, Hare, Guinea Fowl, Venison, Farmed Venison

If you get your newsletter by post each month **PLEASE** send us your e-mail address and help us save a bit on envelopes and postage. Many thanks.

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BACON ROLLS

The Guild will be serving bacon rolls in the Church Hall from 9.30am to 10.45am on January 29th, February 26th and March 26th. We hope you will come along and enjoy one!



Join us on Facebook at **Glens and Kirriemuir Old Parish Church** – to keep up with all our latest news.

Calendars

Thank you to everyone who bought calendars – there are a few left in the office!

Thrums Tots Toy Sale

The total raised from the Thrums Tots Toy Sale at the end of November was £1272.98. Half of the total raised – £636.49 was presented to

TCCL Tayside Children with Cancer and Leukaemia

The other half of the money will be used by Thrums Tots for the running of the group.

Thank you to everyone who supported the event and special thanks to Laura Franchi and her family, Mark, Bradley and Natasha for all their hard work organising the event.



Hazel Melrose and Lucy Wright receiving the cheque for TCCL.

Thrums Tots – have received a very kind donation of £92.50 from St Mary's Church following their carol singing. Thrums Tots have also received £50 from Kirrie Thistle Amateurs FC. We would like to thank both St. Mary's and Kirrie Thistle Amateurs for their generosity.

From the Ministers ...

As you will know Parish Ministers in the Church of Scotland have to live in a house provided by the Congregation [and that is something that I think is a piece of archaic nonsense].

It means that on retiring we have to move house. Chris and I have this challenge in hand and we are in the process of tidying out. I have just thrown out my Physical Education Diploma Books – they were ancient!!!

In one of the boxes from the attic I found my mother's wedding flowers receipt. The bill for all the flowers came to just over £9/10 which in today's value would be around £230.

I don't know what Brides pay today but pro rata, that seems a lot of money.

We are also coming across a whole wealth family memorabilia ...

- birth, marriage and death certificates
- a photo of my great great grandfather
- hand writing examples of parents, grand parents and other special people from our past who are no longer with us
- books that haven't seen the light of day in 24 years
- a menu from a meal SS City of Port Elizabeth from the days when my father was an engineer on that boat
- my mother's "Clyde Built" tennis racquet

And we are also filling grey bins and making trips to the skip.

It all made me wonder, not about the material things that we hold on to, but

about the spiritual and religious values we keep, as well as the prejudices and opinions based on gossip that we hide behind. In essence the bubbles in which we live and the big pictures we fail to see.

I try to guide the Congregation's thinking towards seeing the big picture and the events of life that need our serious attention. That is why I keep talking about the environment and social division and so on.

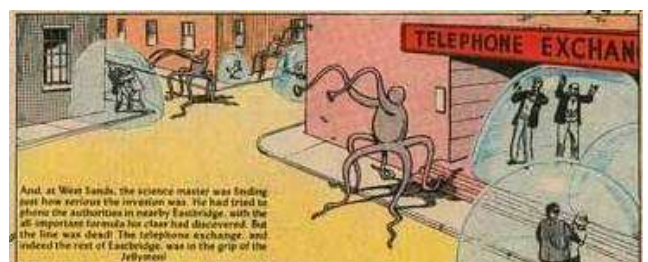
I want us to recognise the strengths that we currently have, including ...

- The Office
- Thrums Tots and BBs
- Messy Church
- School Chaplaincy
- A congregation that cares
- All the work done by Linda

... but at the same time I want us to be willing to see beyond tomorrow to the Church of Scotland in Kirriemuir in 2027 and 2037 and beyond.

We need to set our own personal bubbles aside and be willing to take, maybe uncomfortable decisions in the months ahead.

Let's not be like the Jellymen from the old Beezer comic and create impenetrable bubbles around us.



Malcolm

February 2017

Dates for your Diary

4 th Feb	Feel Good Festival Old Parish Halls 10am – 4pm
6 th Feb	Guild Old Parish 2pm
18 th Feb	Coffee Morning – RNLI Old Parish 10am
19 th Feb	Messy Jonah Old Parish Halls 11am
20 th Feb	Guild Old Parish 2pm
4 th Mar	Coffee Morning – KAOS Old Parish 10am
12 th Mar	Coffee Morning – Fairtrade Old Parish 10am
	TMSA Concert Old Parish 7.30pm

Flowers

If you would like to donate to the flowers in the Old Parish in 2017 the list is still open. If you would like to mark a special day then please let Julia in the office know and she will add you to the list. We ask for a donation of £10 towards the flowers.

We start afresh each year so please don't assume your name will be on the list – please check with Julia.



Christmas Raffle

Thanks to all who bought tickets for the Christmas Raffle which raised £333 for Church funds.

The winner of the hamper was Josephine Dunbar.

Messy Nativity

There were 109 parents, grandparents and children at Messy Nativity on 18th December. We had lots of fun making nativity crafts as well as angel and star food crafts.



We dressed up as angels, shepherds, wise men and Harlyn was a star as baby Jesus in the manger!



We raised £110 which was sent to Cash for Kids – Mission Christmas to buy gifts and toys.

Thank you to everyone who came along and joined in.

Angel Tree Appeal 2016



Thank you to everyone who so generously donated to our Christmas 2016 Angel Tree Appeal. The Health visitors, Homeless Support and Women's Aid were all extremely grateful for all the donations which were much appreciated by all the families and individuals that they support.

Inner Wheel Club Of Kirriemuir



SILENT AUCTION

Friday 10th February 2017
7.30pm

Kirriemuir Old Parish Church
£5 to include wine and nibbles

Proceeds to Angus Riding for the Disabled

Stewart Ramsay's Memorial Bench

A message to the congregation from Jeanette Ramsay –

On behalf of myself and the family, I would like to pass on our grateful thanks for the bench that has been placed in the Church grounds, in memory of Stewart.

I would like to thank the congregation for their kind donations.

Stewart loved working at the Church and I know he would be absolutely delighted with a seat in his memory in the grounds of the Church where he spent much of his time.

Water Aid

Our Lent appeal will be Water Aid 'Jars of Change' again this year. Lent begins on 1st March so don't forget to save whatever you can in a jar to bring at Easter.



One of the Church toilets has been twinned with a latrine in Kanombe Village, Uganda.

This was done in *loo* of a member sending Christmas cards.

Old Parish Duty Rota

5th February

Door

9am E. Thomson
 11.15am H. Taylor S. Walker

Communion

9am J. Miller F. Havenga

Reading D. Shearer

Bell

Sound S. Durston

Coffee G. Giles H. Taylor

12th February

Door

9am M. Mackie
 11.15am F. Havenga E. Munro

Reading Minister

Bell

Sound S. Durston

Coffee M. Morrice P. Ritchie

19th February

Door

9am B Verhage
 11.15am S. Belton H. Brown

Reading H. Taylor

Bell

Sound S. Durston

Coffee G. Giles H. Taylor

26th February

Door

9am J. Dunbar
 11.15am P. Buckingham I. Robertson

Reading F. Havenga

Bell

Sound S. Durston

Coffee M. Morrice P. Ritchie

Angus Food Bank

The total raised from the retiring offerings from our Christmas services, Webster's end of term service and our coffee morning was £1010.42. This money will go towards buying food items for the Angus Food Bank. Thank you to everyone who kindly donated.

For the whole month of February

at 11.15am

Welcome

J. Murray P. Ritchie

Offering uplift

P. Ritchie S. Belton
 J. Murray F Havenga

Offering count

D. Loomes J. Murray
 S. Smith

Team Leader – Y. Downie

Flowers Old Parish

5th A. Robertson

12th

19th E. Whittet

26th

Worship Diary for Feb 2016

5th February

9.00am OLD
 Communion

11.15am OLD

12th February

9.00am OLD
11.15am OLD
2.00pm LISDEN
3.00pm ABBEY HOUSE
3.00pm STORYVILLE

19th February

9.00am OLD
11.00am Messy Jonah
11.15am OLD
2.00pm KIRKTON COURT

26th February

9.00am OLD
11.15am OLD

Daily Bible Readings

February 2017

- 1st Genesis 29: 14b - 30
2nd Genesis 30: 25 - 36
3rd Genesis 31: 1 - 18
4th Genesis 31: 36 - 50
5th Genesis 32: 3 - 21
6th Genesis 32: 22 - 32
7th Genesis 33: 1 - 20
8th Genesis 47: 27 - 31 & 50: 12 - 21
9th Matthew 4: 1 - 11
10th Matthew 6: 16 - 21
11th Joel 2: 12 - 18
12th Deuteronomy 30: 15 - 20
13th Matthew 5: 1 - 7
14th Matthew 5: 8 - 12
15th Matthew 5: 17 - 20
16th Matthew 8: 28 - 34
17th Matthew 12: 22 - 29
18th Matthew 12: 30 - 32
19th Matthew 12: 33 - 37
20th Matthew 21: 12 - 17
21st Isaiah 57: 14 - 21
22nd 1 John 3: 1 - 10
23rd Job 1: 6 - 2:13
24th Job 3: 1 - 11, 20 - 26
25th Job 4: 1 - 17 & 5: 17
26th Job 8: 1 - 22
27th Job 9: 1 - 10, 21 - 35
28th Job 11: 1-16



Deaths

"I am the resurrection and the life"

Mrs Marjory Milne of Glengate

Mrs Jane Troup of Prosen Road

Mr James Turner of Glebe Court

Mr William Gray of Kirkton Court

Mrs Nan Findlay of Herdhill

Baptisms

"He took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them"

Harry Rooney of Pittenweem

Lucy Rooney of Stepps

The Church Garden

The Church garden was started by Stewart Ramsay and Mary Mackey before I came to Kirriemuir in 1998. I became involved along with a few others through helping Stewart out building stages, setting up flower and plant shows, decorating Christmas trees in the Church and hall.

We started off with the tubs and three window boxes (filled with Stewart's begonias) then planted shrubs, herbaceous plants and bulbs throughout the gravestones. We now have 10 tubs, 3 ceramic pots and 3 window boxes.



The Gardening Group, as we are now known, is made up of 4 namely Marion Shephard, Jim Wingfield, Bill Burness and myself Jim Findlay. We meet most Monday mornings from 9 - 11am with a cup of tea, biscuits and a good craic.

Last year we proposed to set up a wooden bench in memory of Stewart Ramsay. The Boys Brigade also wanted to get involved so we have a tub placed next to Stewart's bench. We have started a small garden in memory of Stewart situated alongside the Eastern dyke and can be seen from his bench. This is an ongoing project and if anyone would like to bring a perennial plant for the garden please feel free to do so.

We would like some more volunteers to join us, if you feel you can spare an hour or so please let Julia in the office know.

BOOK SALE

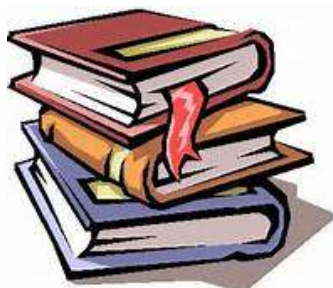
in the Old Parish Halls
from
Saturday
28th January 2017
to
Tuesday
31st January 2017



Saturday 28th January
10am - 4pm
£1.50 entrance
includes tea/coffee

Monday 30th & Tuesday 31st
10am - 4pm

Books may be handed in to the
office on
Thursday 26th & Friday 27th
January



In Touch



Presents

Messy Jonah



**Kirriemuir Old Parish
Church Halls
19th February 2017 at
11am**

For further info: Contact Linda on
07801192730

Children must be accompanied by an
adult

*Fun for all
the family*