

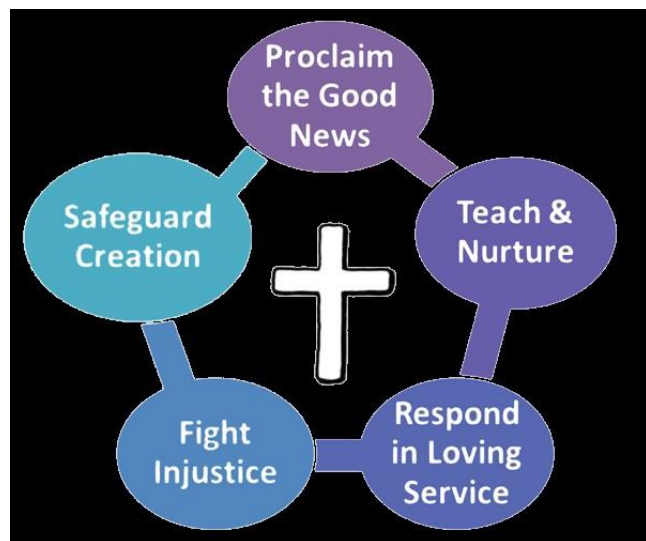
# New Horizons

The Magazine of Fowlis and Liff linked with  
Lundie and Muirhead Parish Churches

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## 5 Marks of Mission



### The National Church's Vision

The Church of Scotland seeks to inspire the people of Scotland and beyond with the Good News of Jesus Christ through enthusiastic worshipping, witnessing, nurturing, and serving communities.

To deliver this vision, the church has agreed to use

### The Five Marks of Mission

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
2. To teach, baptize 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

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## SERVICES

Every Sunday we have 'live' worship at 11am. On the first Sunday of the month, it is held in St Marnock's Fowlis and on the other Sundays in Muirhead Church. On the last Sunday of the month the folks from Auchterhouse Church are also coming along to Muirhead so we can all worship together. We have 1 metre distancing in place and, in line with government regulations, a face covering must be worn – even during the singing of hymns. Unfortunately we still cannot offer tea/coffee after the service, nor can we run our car lift service which was used to collect people and bring them to church. Apart from this, if you come along, you will find we worship just as we used to. Please come along if you feel comfortable to do so.

If you still don't want to gather with others, then the same service is available on Zoom. You just email me and ask for the joining details. We still have around 30 to 40 people worshipping through Zoom and they come from all over. We have Maria from Germany, friends from St David's High Kirk and Balgay, Christine from Aberdeen and one gentleman even linked in from his hospital bed in Ninewells! It is a new and different way to worship but one that is proving to be very popular and we need to be open to doing things differently in Church. God said: "Behold I make all things new!" (Isaiah 40: 39)

We have some special services coming up.

Here are some dates for you to note:

17 October Harvest Thanksgiving  
24 October Baptism (the first since lockdown)  
31 October National Thanksgiving Day  
14 October Remembrance Sunday

And after that we'll nearly be at Advent and looking forward to Christmas – where has the year gone!

### National Thanksgiving Day

This is an opportunity to reflect on God's loving presence with us throughout these past challenging months.

It's also a chance to give a special offering to your local church. Many of you will appreciate this as it has been difficult to make your regular generous offering.

An envelope can be found within the magazine for this purpose. Envelopes will also be available in church on 31 October.

## MUIRHEAD CHURCH RENOVATION

In June of last year, the Kirk Session approved a project to improve the facilities in Muirhead Church. We are in need of more space for events like Messy Church and Coffee Mornings and being able to provide more flexibility in worship like Café Church. The project involved the removal of the pews and providing up-to-date Audio-Visual equipment that could be used in worship and by different groups. We had hoped to complete the project within a couple of months but we are part of the National Church and we should have remembered that nothing moves quickly!

The General Trustees, whose approval is required before major work is undertaken in churches, decreed that we must level the floor as part of the project. Long story cut short and we now have the extra funding required and the contractors (joiners, builders, flooring supplies, AV experts etc) are all in place; and the work will begin on 10 January 2022. It is expected that Muirhead Church will be closed for January, February and part of March. During this time we will worship down in St Marnock's in Fowlis and of course Zoom worship will continue.

There will be an opportunity to 'Buy a Pew' – watch out for details of this happening.

The pews will be removed during the first week in January. We deliberately delayed the start of the project so that we could celebrate Christmas in Muirhead Church. We hope to see you all at some point over the Christmas Season.

### **From the Minister....**

Good to be able to speak with you all again! It has been difficult to produce a magazine during the Covid restrictions as there really has not been enough news to justify compiling a full magazine. Instead, I have simply used emails or Facebook messages for those on-line, and short notes through the door for those who needed a 'hard' copy.

Although we haven't been able to do much at a local level, with groups and events being so severely curtailed, there has been lots happening at a national church level which is impacting heavily on local churches. Hopefully, through this magazine, and an additional leaflet prepared by Presbytery, you'll be able to understand the changes that are having to be made.

The General Assembly, held in May 2021, made some far-reaching decisions, particularly those coming from the Faith Impact Forum Report. The Faith Impact Forum is what used to be known as Ministries Council. In an article in this magazine, we explain why we find ourselves in such a desperate situation. One of the main emphasis of their report was the urgency required in making imaginative and creative decisions to deal with chronic shortages, both of ministers and finances, and the over-abundance of buildings as we try to ensure a positive future for the church.

It is so very important that YOU realise, that when I speak of ensuring a positive future for the church, the 'we' means all of us. Not just ministers, not just members of the Kirk Sessions, not just those who attend Sunday by Sunday, but all members, all of us, in it together! After all, 'we' are the church; 'we' are the Body of Christ – and 'we' can't expect 'others' to do it, if 'we're' not going to get involved. 'We' need to move forward in faith.

Both General Assembly and Presbytery have approved that the heart of what we do, as the church, needs to be mission. That's a word that needs to be unpacked for most of us. Some still think of mission in terms of the missionaries of yesteryear who would travel abroad to convert anyone they came across. Some think of mission in terms of shoving leaflets through the doors in the parish. But mission can have a really wide focus. In an attempt to widen our perspective on what mission can include, we have included in the magazine, an article about Mission Pioneer programmes that have been set up in Ayrshire. Please take time to read about them.

On the front cover you will find the '5 Marks of Mission' which are being used by churches as the building blocks for developing Mission Plans and a framework for moving forward. These Mission Plans will be worked out by our new Groupings. All churches in Presbytery are now required to work in partnership with the other churches in their Grouping – again, these will be explained elsewhere in the magazine.

It's so much to take in, isn't it! I must admit to feeling somewhat overwhelmed by it all, so I don't expect you to take it all in at once. But I do ask one thing of you – be prepared to listen and learn and give support wherever you can. Those who are now unable to easily leave their homes, you may feel it is difficult these days to contribute. But please keep in mind just how valuable prayer is. Please do help by praying, for those engaged in the work and for the future of the church. The church of the future will not be the church of the past. But God's church, in whatever form God decides, does have a future. And please hold on firmly to the knowledge that we are not alone. We put our trust in God. The God who has been with us through the ages; the God who was with those who went before us; the God who will be with us in the years to come.

*Grace and peace*

*Donna*

## WHY RADICAL ACTION IS NEEDED

- 700 ministers currently in post  
245 of them reaching the age of 65 within 5 years
- 191 Locums in post
- 137 Ministry Development Staff in post
- 299 charges vacant

- In 2021 Church of Scotland expects to have budget deficit of £11.4 million
- The age profile of membership has been rising for many years
- Income from “giving” has been reducing for many years
- We have too many buildings  
Many underutilised; Too big; In the wrong place;  
In significant poor states of repair / maintenance;

- ✓ Match the number of ministries with affordability:
  - Nationally, we'll have 600 ministries plus 60 vacancies by end of 2025.
  - The number of ministries in Dundee Presbytery will be reduced from 28 to 18.
- ✓ Reduce the number of buildings and the money spent on buildings
- ✓ Become a more outward looking and Missional church
- ✓ Work together across congregations
- ✓ Build a new membership and increase income

**It is a significant challenge but, with God's help, we can achieve so much.**

## HOW DO WE CHANGE THIS PROFILE?

### GROUPINGS

The concept of every church having its own minister is a thing of the past.

Ministers will be working within charges that have Linkages or are formed through Unions.

Ministers also need to be prepared to work within Groupings, as will congregations.

There will be opportunities for a number of churches to work together for worship, mission etc as well as providing cover for leading worship when a minister is ill or on holiday.

Every church in Dundee Presbytery will be part of a Grouping.

Our Grouping is currently The Carse and North West Grouping (CNW Grouping)

*[That's a bit of a mouthful, so if you can come up with a better name, we'd be grateful!]*

It is made up of the following churches.

Abernyte I/w Inchtore and Kinnaird I/w Longforgan

Auchterhouse

Invergowrie

Fowlis and Liff I/w Lundie and Muirhead

Strathmartine

Representatives from each church have already had meetings and it is very encouraging to see how much enthusiasm there is for working together. Of course it will take time and we'll need the chance to get to know one another. But that will come through time.

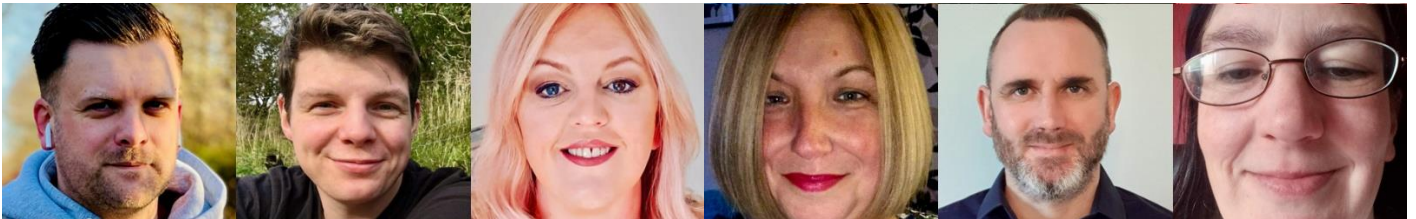
Please do take any opportunity given, to meet with folks from other congregations.

**PIONEER MISSION PROGRAMMES – a different way of thinking about Mission**  
The Church of Scotland in Ayrshire has launched  
a new Mission Pioneer programme  
to connect with people in refreshing and dynamic ways.

The Presbytery of Irvine and Kilmarnock has formed six Pioneer Initiative Teams, four of which are connected to parish churches and two which will operate across the presbytery area, in a variety of contexts.

The teams are led by Mission Pioneers who will work alongside and in partnership with parishes – urban and rural – to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and to build new worshipping communities.

Team leader, Rev Maggie McTernan, described the programme, launched in April and inspired by the Church's national Pioneer Ministry project to go beyond the walls of church buildings, as "bold and exciting".



### Relationship Building

Alison Muir has been appointed to lead the "Crossing Together" programme, a partnership between Dregghorn and Springside Parish Church and the new united congregation of Irvine Mure Relief, which intends to plant a new church in the south area of Irvine.

The vision is for an intergenerational church where people of all ages will be brought together to share activities, experiences and worship in a new dynamic way.

Katrona Templeton is leading a presbytery-wide project to ensure that all congregations are more welcoming and accessible to people with disabilities.

The vision is to enable everyone to engage fully in church life, including worship, service and fellowship.

Pete Anderson is leading "Thrive", a missional project to connect, support and disciple people in their 20s, 30s and 40s from Stewarton who have either stopped going to church or have never stepped into a church building in their lives. The project seeks to "go to" the Church's missing generation and share the love of Christ by building new networks, including online, that counter false perceptions of church and faith.

Robert Thomson has been appointed to lead the Irvine Sports Mission which will build on existing work in sports clubs and establish appropriate "gathering points" for discipleship, worship and mission. It is recognised that sport provides opportunities for building relationships and creating friendships which can lead to disciples being made.

Jill Hendry is leading the "Growing with God" project in the south area of Kilmarnock.

It is an outreach ministry and she will work with the pioneer team to create connections in the community, establish and nurture relationships with individuals, community groups and organisations.

Mrs Hendry said: "I am enjoying the nature of my role. Connecting, talking, listening, sharing and most importantly building relationships with people of faith and none."

Stuart Forsyth has been appointed to develop a locally focused online church across the presbytery area.

The aim is to provide resources that would create a community which had a long-term desire or need for worship rather than attend services in a church building.

Mr Forsyth said: "As much as everyone's looking forward to getting back to 'in-person' services, church online is still going to be an important part of how we do Church and the team and I are excited to launch this new initiative after the summer"

Rev Maggie McTernan, said: "The new pioneer initiatives are working to establish worshipping communities that will come together in new ways, to share God's love with those who have no church connection.

"The pioneers will work in partnership with the parish churches, and will also support the parishes to develop their own missional activity.

"The aim is to establish a witnessing and worshipping community in every locality in the presbytery in the next 10 years.

"It's a bold ambition but an exciting one, seeking to be faithful to what has gone before and hopeful for what God will do in the future."

## **SPEECH BY RETIRING MODERATOR VERY REV DR MARTIN FAIR STATE OF THE NATION**

For as long as I'm a part of the Church of Scotland and have a voice within it, I'll call on it to announce - and to be - 'good news to the poor, liberty to the captives, sight to the blind' - to be present with the downtrodden and the marginalised and the oppressed and, as scripture has it, 'the least of these.'

Why? Because that's what Jesus was about and I've no interest in being part of anything which isn't primarily focussed on making real today that which Jesus set in motion. And what will all of that look like in practice? It will be what we call the **mission of the Church** - and might I say, the much talked - about five marks of that mission? Here are the last three of these marks: And so...

Until the last food bank in Scotland is closed - because there is no longer any need – **we've got work to do.**

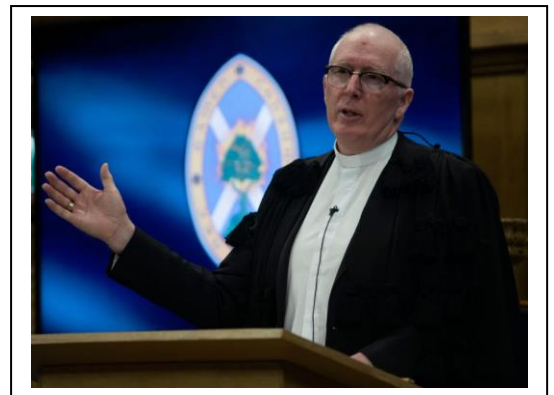
For as long as there are children growing up in Scotland whose life chances are at best 'compromised' and at worse 'ruined' because of their postcode –

**we've got work to do.**

Until we can find more productive and humane and effective ways of dealing with those who break our laws - but who in truth are usually victims themselves –

**we've got work to do.**

And it goes on.



For as long as there is planning for the retention of - even the increase in numbers of - nuclear warheads on OUR shores –

**there is work for us to do.**

For as long as many of our impoverished communities continue to be awash with drugs - and we Scots continue to have the worst drugs deaths stats in Europe –

**there is work for us to do.**

For as long as there are despairing people, struggling with poor mental health, having to wait months and years for suitable treatment –

**there is work for us to do.**

And among them, for as long as there are ANY who sense that 'darkness is their only friend' - to quote the Psalmist - and who resort to ending their lives –

**there is work for us to do.**

And for as long as we continue to pollute rivers, poison our air and fill holes in the ground with waste

**there is work for us to do.**

For as long as anti-Catholic, anti-Irish bile is spewed onto our streets by so-called football fans –

**there is work for us to do.**

Until every person in Scotland - and in all those places where the Church of Scotland is present - is treated according to who they are and not by the colour of their skin and not by the place where they worship and not by the language they speak –

**there is work for us to do.**

For as long as people - predominately young women - are trafficked into Scotland to work as sex slaves and in the off-the-books economy –

**there is work for us to do.**

And for as long as women - of any age and from anywhere - don't feel safe walking home at night -

**there's work for us to do.**

For as long as it's possible for someone seeking asylum –

**there is work for us to do.**

For as long as there are lost souls sleeping rough in shop doorways or families in damp, substandard bread & breakfast style accommodation –

**there is work for us to do.**

And yes, though it be far-off and 'over there,' for as long as the skies over the Holy Lands are ripped open by another barrage of rockets and mortars and the overwhelming superiority of attacks from the air - in some small way,

**there is work for us to do.**

That's what it will look like - all of that and more - for us to give ourselves to the ways of the Kingdom as set out by Jesus in his 'here's why I'm here' manifesto. And so it's for us too.

But here's the problem.

Unless we get our act together - and rapidly! - there's hardly going to be any church left to do it! I've heard it so many times that, for the Church, it's not about numbers. It absolutely will be about numbers if the numbers are so low that the Church can no longer run Crossreach or local caring services because the local church isn't there any more!

So I long for the Church to be about that Kingdom work but, oh boy, how we need the Church to be refreshed, renewed, revitalised, remade and, yes, reformed that it might do it more effectively.

...I long for an alive, vibrant church - a Church that has traded in the lukewarm... and instead is passionate in its love of Jesus in such a way that others will want a piece of that action.

...I long for a Church empowered as it worships - a Church shaped by the Word, alive in the Spirit - a Church that knows itself called AND sent - a Church that is confident in the Gospel in the face of both hostility and indifference –

...I long for a Church that teaches and baptises and nurtures new believers in Christ. In other words, ALL of the five marks of mission - we better see to 1 and 2 if we're going to be any good at 3,4 and 5!! It's all got to hang together.

So even as we let go of some of what, sadly, has passed its sell-by date, let's crack on with well equipped spaces in the right places and so deal once and for all with an over-dependence on abundance of buildings. And, yes, mission to the whole of Scotland but maybe in new and creative ways.

And let's get on with the reorganisation that we've started out on - that the sooner we sort the structures, the sooner we can get to what really matters... proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom!

I believe the Holy Spirit is still in the business of starting fires as at Pentecost; it's time for the Church to start fanning those flames and to put away those fire extinguishers. The Good News of Jesus Christ is not subject to a health and safety committee! Let the fire burn. That kind of Church - signed up to ALL that is meant by mission. I'm absolutely up for that.

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**HARVEST THANKSGIVING  
SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

11am in Muirhead Church and on Zoom

We want to thank God for the bounty of the Harvest  
and use this as an opportunity to share with others.

Donations of goods for the Harvest Table  
will be very welcome. After worship these will be given  
to the Dundee Foodbank. A list follows of goods particularly needed at this time.  
There will also be a Retiring Offering for RSABI, the Scottish Charity  
that provides and sources effective practical, emotional and financial  
support for those in need involved in the agricultural industry  
in Scotland and their families.

**URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS For FOODBANK**

TINNED FRUIT

TINNED PUDDINGS (E.G. RICE PUDDING/CUSTARD/SPONGE PUDDINGS)

TINNED MEAT (E.G. SPAM, HAM, CORNED BEEF);

TINNED FISH (E.G. TUNA/SARDINES);

LONG-LIFE MILK



**We are sorry that at the moment we still cannot re-start our groups and clubs  
like Soup Lunches and the Coffee Morning in Fowlis Hall.  
It is hoped that the Friendship Group may start before the end of the year  
but we'll be still looking into this.**



## LINKAGE WITH AUCHTERHOUSE

When I was ordained and inducted 17 years ago it was to the charge of Fowlis and Liff linked with Lundie and Muirhead - quite a mouthful - and quite a large area! However, in response to the crisis currently being experienced by the church nationally, Presbytery decided in its Presbytery Plan in 2019, that whenever Auchterhouse became vacant, it should be part of our current linkage. This vacancy recently happened and the process was set in place to formally link the three congregations.

A formal Basis of Linking was drafted and in August, Congregational votes affirmed that this linkage should take place. Currently we are awaiting formal acceptance and approval and when it is received, a formal Service of Introduction will take place in Auchterhouse Church making me the minister there as well.

When everything is in place we will celebrate this coming together of the congregations. It is bound to be strange at first. Auchterhouse are losing the close bond they have had for a number of years with Monikie & Newbigging and Murroes & Tealing. F&L and L&M have already been used to working together in many areas like Holiday Club, Blythswood, Messy Church, worship, and are ready to welcome a new set of colleagues, hopefully soon to be friends. And of course, many already know each other from participating in various community activities.

The new linkage will offer opportunities for all three congregations to work more closely together and to celebrate being the Body of Christ in this area. Each congregation will, I am certain, be enriched by the opportunities to recognise the gifts of each other and to use them as we proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ as is our calling.

### CHURCH REGISTER

#### MARRIAGE

##### Fowlis & Liff

24<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Christine Cant & Andrew Sharp



#### DEATHS

##### Lundie & Muirhead

Rita Valentine Muirhead

Mary Forbes Birkhill

Sophia Taylor Muirhead

June Low Muirhead

Janet Mill Muirhead

Robert Low Birkhill

Cec Whiting Muirhead

Marianne Henderson Birkhill



#### NEW MEMBER By Certificate of Transfer

##### LUNDIE & MUIRHEAD

Mrs Doris Taylor Birkhill



Bride Christine, daughter of Bill and Mary Cant, Fowlis and Groom Andrew Sharp

## BOWLING SUCCESS

Sylvia Johnston from Muirhead began experiencing major sight loss in 2017 and is registered severely sight impaired (blind). In addition, she also has hearing loss and without her sight, she is unable to lip read. "Hearing loss is more isolating than sight loss," says Sylvia. It is difficult in social situations to take part in the conversation, especially if it is noisy." Pre-Covid she was in church each week with her guide dog Frankie and now she worships via Zoom although her preference would be to be back in the building.

Sylvia has been a member at the Birkhill Bowling Club for many years and, as well as being a successful bowler, she was an active participant in the social events. Who can forget her in the local Calendar Girls line up!

Following her sight loss, she joined a weekly group at Balgay Bowling Club for the visually impaired. After being invited to play competitive bowling, Sylvia travelled to coaching sessions in Forth Valley, Dundee and Perth before taking part in the 2019 UK Visually Impaired Singles Championship. She came home with the silver medal! She later won another Silver in the Ladies Scottish Singles. Following this, Sylvia narrowly missed the finals (by one shot) in the Scottish Disability Sports Championships in Aberdeen. This competition is for people with any disability e.g. wheelchair users, amputees etc. When bowling, Sylvia relies on a caller and director to tell her where the bowls are, but that apart, it's all down to her. During the lockdown she missed the opportunity both to play for fun with her group in Perth and to play competitively. Two weeks ago however, she won silver again in the Four Nations Competition (Scotland, England, Wales and NI). She is training regularly again in Blackford and has been selected to play for Scotland in January in York. Sylvia's husband Ken is a great support for her, not only at home, but also in driving her round Scotland for the various events.



Sylvia recalls, "When first diagnosed with sight loss I was in a dark place. I felt I had gone from being an independent person helping others while working in the Health Service, to losing all my independence. But you can move on."

As well as bowling, Sylvia walks every day with Frankie and good friend Irene. She also enjoys listening to Talking Books and the news CDs supplied by our organist Graeme Tarbet in his other role as Producer of Dundee Audio News which focusses on sharing local news stories with its listeners. She is also a very able speaker to groups about coping with her disability. She recently spent a day in Forfar as part of an event for Guide Dogs For The Blind and locally at the Sunshine Group, we were delighted, inspired and moved when Sylvia was the speaker.

Despite all the challenges that Sylvia has faced and those she still has to deal with, or perhaps because of them, her faith remains strong. God is there as her Anchor, her Rock. May she know God's strength, support and love in all that she does.



## BLYTHSWOOD SHOEBOX APPEAL 2021

Could you fill a SHOE BOX  
or join with a friend to fill one?  
In time for Christmas 2021, Blythswood Care  
will deliver the shoeboxes to children, men and women  
or elderly people who are living in great poverty.  
Blythswood Care ask that each shoebox, if possible has a  
toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, sweets, toy/gift, scarf,  
gloves and hat, and some item of underwear.



This year they are specially asking if they might have more boxes for men and boys.  
Here are some ideas for your Shoebox for a Man:

dominoes; pack of cards; draughts; tape measure; tin cup; belt; braces; wind-up torch; pen  
knife; shaving brush; pen

And for Boys:

Lego; draughts; modelling clay; tennis ball; vests; watch; playing cards; sticker book; socks;  
marbles

The boxes really do bring joy and hope

This year, if you prefer, you can use a drawstring bag (400mm x 300mm). Not plastic please and the  
maximum size should be 500mm x 300mm. The leaflets give details of acceptable items. If you can't  
manage to fill a box, then we'll gladly accept items that can be used to fill other boxes.

If you need a shoebox, a bag or a leaflet, please contact Donna and it can be delivered to you or you  
can pick them up from Muirhead Church. They will also be available at Fowlis Church on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
October when the church will be open for worship at 11am

**Please deliver your filled shoebox to  
Muirhead Church Hall on  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November 1.30 – 3.30pm  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November 1,30 – 2.30pm  
(Covid precautions in place)  
They can be collected if you get in touch with  
us with your details  
Thank you**



## CASHLESS DONATIONS

Cashless donation – a new way of giving – is now available!

Have you noticed this QR code, the black and white patterned square, that has appeared in emails  
and inside Muirhead Church?



Lundie & Muirhead Church now has its own QR code. When the  
code is scanned with a mobile phone camera, a link to the  
Evershare website opens the Lundie & Muirhead Church  
donation page. Donations can be made with a mobile banking  
app or credit/debit card – just follow the instructions on the  
phone screen. The minimum donation is 50p. Donations can be  
gift-aided – details on how to do this appear after a donation has  
been made. An email confirming the donation is also sent.  
Donations can still be given by weekly freewill offering envelope,  
offering plate, cheque or standing order – cashless donation is  
just another way of giving that you may find convenient

## **COP26 EVENT**

The COP26 event is a global united Nations summit about climate change and how countries are planning to tackle it. It was due to take place in 2020 but when coronavirus arrived, that all changed. Cop26 was moved to November 2021 and it's being held in Glasgow.

So what is COP26 all about?

COP stands for Conference of the Parties, and will be attended by countries that signed the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) - a treaty agreed in 1994. The 2021 meeting will be the 26th meeting, which is why it's called COP26.

The last COP meeting, held in Madrid in 2019, finished with lots of big issues unresolved, but an agreement was made about cutting carbon dioxide - a gas that causes global warming. Each nation agreed to devise a plan to cut their carbon emissions by the next conference in Glasgow.

At the heart of discussions over the last few years has been the Paris "rulebook".

### **What does the Paris agreement say?**

**That nations must:**

- **Reduce the amount of harmful greenhouse gasses produced and increase renewable types of energy like wind, solar and wave power**
- **Keep global temperature increase "well below" 2C (3.6F) and to try to limit it to 1.5C**
- **Review progress made on the agreement every five years**
- **Spend \$100 billion dollars a year in climate finance to help poorer countries by 2020, with a commitment to further finance in the future.**

Why should we as a church be concerned?

Read the Marks of Mission and at number 5 we find:

'To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.'

Quite simply, God gave creation into the care of humankind. We **MUST** look after it and Climate Change is such a major issue.

The Rev. Martin Johnstone, Ambassador, Glasgow Churches Together/COP26 says:

COP26 is most important meeting in GB in our lifetime. It is the last chance to save Earth. More of Earth's resources used in last 35 years than ever before. COP26 is not just for leaders of nations, but everyone e.g. worship, prayer, pilgrimage. We need to campaign at all levels for a global justice fund – the rich paying to help the poor.

How can we help? By campaigning; by cutting our own carbon emissions; by becoming Eco-Congregations; by choosing a green tariff for electricity.



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