

New Horizons

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**COMMUNITY
CELEBRATION
AFTERNOON TEA**
FOWLIS VILLAGE HALL
SUNDAY 12 JUNE AT 3pm
Tickets £3
DRESS TO IMPRESS! -

As you can see from the photos it was a wonderful afternoon!



The cake made by
Lindsay Hays



David Kelly Toasted The Queen
and cut the cake



Doesn't everyone look amazing!

DIARY DATES

JOINT SUMMER SERVICES

24 & 31 July St Marnock's Fowlis
7 & 14 August Muirhead Church

SUNDAY 31 JULY
Desert Island Hymns

WEEK beg MONDAY 8 AUGUST
HOLIDAY CLUB

SATURDAY 27 AUGUST
L&M Garden Fete
Visitors from Germany arrive
SUNDAY 28 AUGUST
Desert Island Hymns

FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER
Gathering with our German visitors for
Ceilidh and Supper Lundie Hall

TUESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER
F&L Kirk Session

SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER
Messy Church
Joint Service in Fowlis

SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER
L&M Communion Services
Desert Island Hymns

TUESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER
L&M Kirk Session

SUNDAY 16 OCTOBER
Harvest Thanksgiving Services
9am Lundie; 10am St Marnock's Fowlis;
11.30am Muirhead

SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER
Fowlis & Liff Communion in St Marnock's
with Rededication of The Guild

SUNDAY 6 NOVEMBER
Messy Church
Joint Service in Muirhead

TUESDAY 22 NOVEMBER
F&L Kirk Session

TUESDAY 29 NOVEMBER
L&M Kirk Session



♪ *Desert*
♪ *Island*
♪ *Hymns*

**Come and share some amazing stories
and help to sing the favourite hymn
choices of four of our members
Four different members –
four different interviewers!**

Three still to hear

**31 July – Rhoda Hodgson with Graeme Tarbet
St Marnock's Fowlis**

**28 August – Douglas Brown with Ken McAra
Muirhead Church**

**25 September – Mairi McAra with David Kelly
St Marnock's Fowlis**

**Count your blessings instead of your crosses;
Count your gains instead of your losses.**

**Count your joys instead of your woes;
Count your friends instead of your foes.**

**Count your smiles instead of your tears;
Count your courage instead of your fears.**

**Count your full years instead of your lean;
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.**

**Count your health instead of your wealth;
Count on God instead of yourself.**

What if
you woke up today
with only the things
you thanked God for
yesterday?

From the Minister

In May of this year I was asked to be Moderator of the Presbytery of Dundee for the forthcoming year. I was aware of the honour of being offered the position but it took some time of reflection and prayer before I decided to accept. Being minister of two rural parishes can be fairly busy, but I was also aware that in the ordination vows I took, I promised to take my due part in the administration of the church so this obviously was an opportunity to fulfill this promise.

Following my nomination being approved by Presbytery, It was with some trepidation that I took the chair at the June meeting. The role of Moderator chiefly consists of moderating, or chairing, meetings of Presbytery throughout the year. The Presbytery of Dundee meets seven times a year with committee meetings being held two weeks prior to Presbytery.



The other main duty of the Presbytery Moderator is to conduct ordinations or inductions of ministers being called to a charge.

I didn't have much chance to catch my breath, as the following week, I was privileged to conduct an induction. The Reverend Nathan McConnell had been called as minister of Downfield Mains Church. Nathan and his family came from the US to minister in Dundee - a big change for them all and of course we will keep them all in our prayers.

The week following that I was on duty again as I received an invitation from the Lord Provost of Dundee! The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were due to visit Dundee and I was invited to attend a lunch being given at the City Chambers. It was an amazing experience. Her Majesty actually stopped at the table a few feet from where I was to chat with her former personal piper. How lovely to see her so close and here the delight in her voice as she chatted with him.

It has been an exciting start to what I hope will be a memorable year!

I would however like to emphasise that my main duties remain within the parish bounds. Please don't ever put off contacting

me 'in case I'm too busy'. These are words that I dislike intensely as I am never too busy for anyone who needs a chat or a listening ear. I am, as always, YOUR minister.

Grace and peace

Donna

ANGUS OPEN STUDIOS

Fiona and Liz would like to thank everyone for the support and encouragement received before, during and after this event.

Many church members expressed an interest and visited during the event held in the Session Room at Fowlis and are still asking for pieces to be made for themselves, for friends and family members.

It was a great success.

Many thanks

Fiona Douglas

L&M FUNDRAISING REPORT

We had a very successful Coffee and Plant Sale in May and raised £1050.75p. Thanks to all who helped and all who came along and enjoyed the morning.

We look forward to the Garden Fete on Saturday 27th August. Please come along and have fun.

In November we are having another Fashion Show in partnership with the Millennium Hall. More details later.

The Fundraising Group have been working very hard this year and thanks must go to Morag Hastie, Mhairi McAra, Wendy Anderson and Margaret McVean.

Reita Wellwood Convener

SOUP FOR CHRISTIAN AID

Soup on Sunday following services at Muirhead Church has realised £371.90 for Christian Aid in the months to June. Thanks to our loyal following for giving so generously and to the team of willing soup maker who produce so many delicious varieties.

We will restart again in September and would be grateful if you would like to treat us to a pot of your soup. Just add your name to the list in the church vestibule which will go up later in the year.

Thanks to all.

Reita Wellwood

L&M SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

February Communion

Dundee Audio News £100

June Communion

WaterAid £106



F&L PLANT SALE

Among the usual plants, books, cake and candy, people were delighted with a 'Haven't They Changed' competition.

Photos of church members were displayed with baby photos on a separate board. (See above) What fun trying to match up who was who! Thanks Janice for arranging this great feature.

The magnificent total of £1484.10 was raised for church funds



THE FOWLIS AND LIFF PARISH COFFEE MORNING

The Coffee Morning is held in Fowlis village hall on the first Friday of every month from 10.30 a.m. until 12 noon.

We have been pleased to see many people from the parish who bring along friends and family. Friday Coffee Mornings are always a friendly affair and we welcome anyone who lives in the area who wants to get to know the "new" folk and also meet those with the real feel of the place.

Do mark the first Friday of the month in your diary and pop in to the village hall – even if it is just for ten minutes or so.



Church

Groups

NSNS CLUB

We have continued to have a healthy membership with an average of twelve children attending each week. We have been looking at the miracles of Jesus and are now visiting the Easter story. They are a lively group of children who keep the two Margarets and Isabel on their toes, all good fun! We will finish at the Easter break and begin again in the Autumn term. We will hope to see most of the children at the Holiday Club in the summer though.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

1st Wednesday of the month Millennium Hall Birkhill 2.00pm

Each month there is a variety of entertaining items: music and dance; quizzes; talks; Strawberry tea. For transport please phone Mina Doodan 580800

CALEDONIAN WORSHIP

**Last Thursday of month
Caledonian Housing Complex 2pm**

A short informal service of worship for residents and friends followed by a time of fellowship in the shape of tea, coffee and goodies! Everyone of any age is welcome to come along and join in!

SOUP LUNCHES

A plate of homemade soup – wonderful! And such an amazing variety to choose from... And more often than not, you get more than one bowl!

Then the shortbread made specially for the lunches along with tea or coffee and all for £1.50!

Interested? Think you must be!

The third Thursday of each month at 12.30pm in the Millennium Hall.

THE GUILD

The Guild has had a successful year. All the meetings were enjoyed by the members and our two fund raising events for the charities of the Guild, the Soup Lunch in November and the Cello Collection musical evening in May, were well received.

The next Session has been planned (the details of meetings until December below).

The re-dedication service will be held on Sunday 23rd October 2016 in St Marnock's Church Fowlis at 10.00 am and the first afternoon meeting is on the 26th October in the Session House, Fowlis.

Our meetings are at 2.00 pm in the Session House, Fowlis on the fourth Wednesday of every month from October to June.

New members are most welcome do come and join us.

Sunday, 23rd October, 2016

St. Marnock's, Fowlis, 10 a.m.

Re-dedication Service

Wednesday, 26th October 2016

Local Films, Norma & Pat

Tuesday, 15th November, 2016

A Visit to Dundee Congregational Guild

2 p.m. Nicoll Street

The New Kirk Singers

Wednesday, 23rd November, 2016

12 noon, Soup Lunch in Village Hall and

afterwards in Session House

David Kelly: Insects of the Bible

Wednesday, 7th December, 2016

Business Meeting

Bill Horspool: Travelling

SUMMER APPEAL: LET US BUILD A HOUSE

**Love one another. As I have loved you so you should love one another.
John 13:34**



Just before noon on Saturday 25 April 2015 was when the first earthquake struck Nepal.

Lasting just 45 seconds; causing devastation, changing lives forever.

45 seconds that caused over 8000 people to lose their lives and over 6 million families to lose their homes.

45 Seconds is the time it would take to sing a verse of the Hymn, 'Let us build a House'.

The World Mission Council is challenging Presbyteries and congregations to raise £500 to build a house in Nepal, as part of a three year project in partnership with the United Mission to Nepal.

Nepal is a very poor country and many of the houses there were not built to cope with an earthquake of this size. A year on and there are still a lot of problems to deal with after the earthquake. Virtually none of the 800,000 buildings it's reckoned the quake destroyed have been rebuilt. According to charity, the Red Cross, four million people are still living in temporary shelters.

Church of Scotland partner, the United Mission to Nepal, is in talks with the Nepalese government about starting to build the houses for those most in need. It is hoped that building can soon begin.

An added benefit is an Income Generating Programme, providing much needed work for masons. They will be trained how to build the houses, which will be made out of locally sourced stone, sand and timber, with corrugated iron sheet roofing.



We ask for your help with this appeal. Please use the envelopes with 'Let's Build a House' (or simply write this on your own then place your donation in the plate on a Sunday morning or hand it to one of our Office bearers. We will be encouraging the families and children connected with the upcoming Holiday Club to also help out. The appeal will be open until the end of August.

NEW CALLING

Wendy McLaggan is a well-known face to many in our churches and communities and it was with some sadness when we heard last year that she had decided to move to Blairgowrie. However life is all about new opportunities and moving on so we sent her on her way with our best wishes. Moving somewhere new can always be stressful but we're delighted to tell you that Wendy was admitted into the Kirk Session of Blairgowrie Parish Church in May and a small group from Lundie and Muirhead went along to give her our support. Wendy served faithfully on the Kirk Session here following her ordination to the Eldership in 2000. We know that the church in Blair is blessed to have such an enthusiastic and dedicated person serve them.

God bless you Wendy as you continue to care for God's people in Blairgowrie!

FRIENDS FROM GERMANY

We are delighted that a group of people from the Church in Neutraubling will be visiting with us for a week in August / September.

We have enjoyed a special relationship with this Lutheran Church of Bavaria since Stefanie, our Associating Minister in 2005/6, returned to Germany and worked with Margarete in Neutraubling. Stefanie has since moved to a new parish but Margarete and Donna discussed continuing the relationship and this visit has been arranged.

They will arrive late on the afternoon of Saturday 27 August and there will be opportunities during the following seven days to meet with them. Details have not yet been finalised but we'll let you know what's happening as soon as arrangements have been decided.

I would encourage you to make the most of this chance to strengthen the ties between our churches. It is an amazing opportunity and we are grateful for the privilege to build links with an overseas congregation.

New Horizons

Our next edition of the magazine will be published at the end of November.

We'd love to have ideas from you about what you want in it – or maybe a contribution!

It should be with the editor by Sunday 6th November 2016.

CHURCH REGISTER

MARRIAGES

Lundie 16 April 2016

Peter Milne and Cairstiona Hawthorn

Muirhead Church 23 July 2016

Ramsay Melville and Fiona McVean

DEATHS

Lundie & Muirhead

James (Peem) Brewster Piperdam

WE SAY GOODBYE TO THE FOLLOWING:

Lundie & Muirhead

Mr & Mrs F. Milne Newtyle

Pamela Wilson Broughty Ferry

Lundie & Muirhead Church Fete Saturday 27th August at 2pm

We'd REALLY appreciate your donations of any of the following:

Baking & Cakes

Preserves/Chutneys

Bric-a-brac

Sweets

CD's & Books

Fresh produce



Your unwanted GIFTS



Bottles

JARS – Filled with an assortment of goodies!



TOY STALL – Good chance to clear out your children's toys!

RETIRAL OF HEATHER BROWN SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

Muirhead Sunday School has been part of my life for many years. It wasn't without a lot of thought that I made the decision to stand down from my role in it. I know Sunday School is a very special part of our church family and have always felt supported by all those involved in the life of our church. In recent years special thanks would have to go to Susan for all her help, and not forgetting Hilary, Roz and Angela in previous years. It has to be said that the one constant the children always put at the top of their most preferred list was the soup provided after the service. So thank you to all for making that time of fellowship very special.

Speaking of the children we have a remarkable bunch to be proud of. They all practise the qualities that God would expect of them through his guidance in the Bible. In fact there were times their words and actions would remind me of what it is to be a Christian. I would hope that all those children who have been through Muirhead Sunday School would carry with them something to help them through the years ahead. Not that they have to recall Bible passages or have a favourite hymn but just know that Jesus will always be their friend and be beside them in whatever life brings. Muirhead Sunday School will evolve and grow over the years to come and the children will play their part in spreading God's love.

Thank You to all the children who have attended and made my time with Muirhead Sunday School very memorable.
Heather Brown.

WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO....



HOLIDAY CLUB
Millennium Hall, Birkhill
Mon Aug 8th to Fri Aug 12th
10 am - 12 noon

All Primary age children welcome
(children need to have completed P1)
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£1.50 per day



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