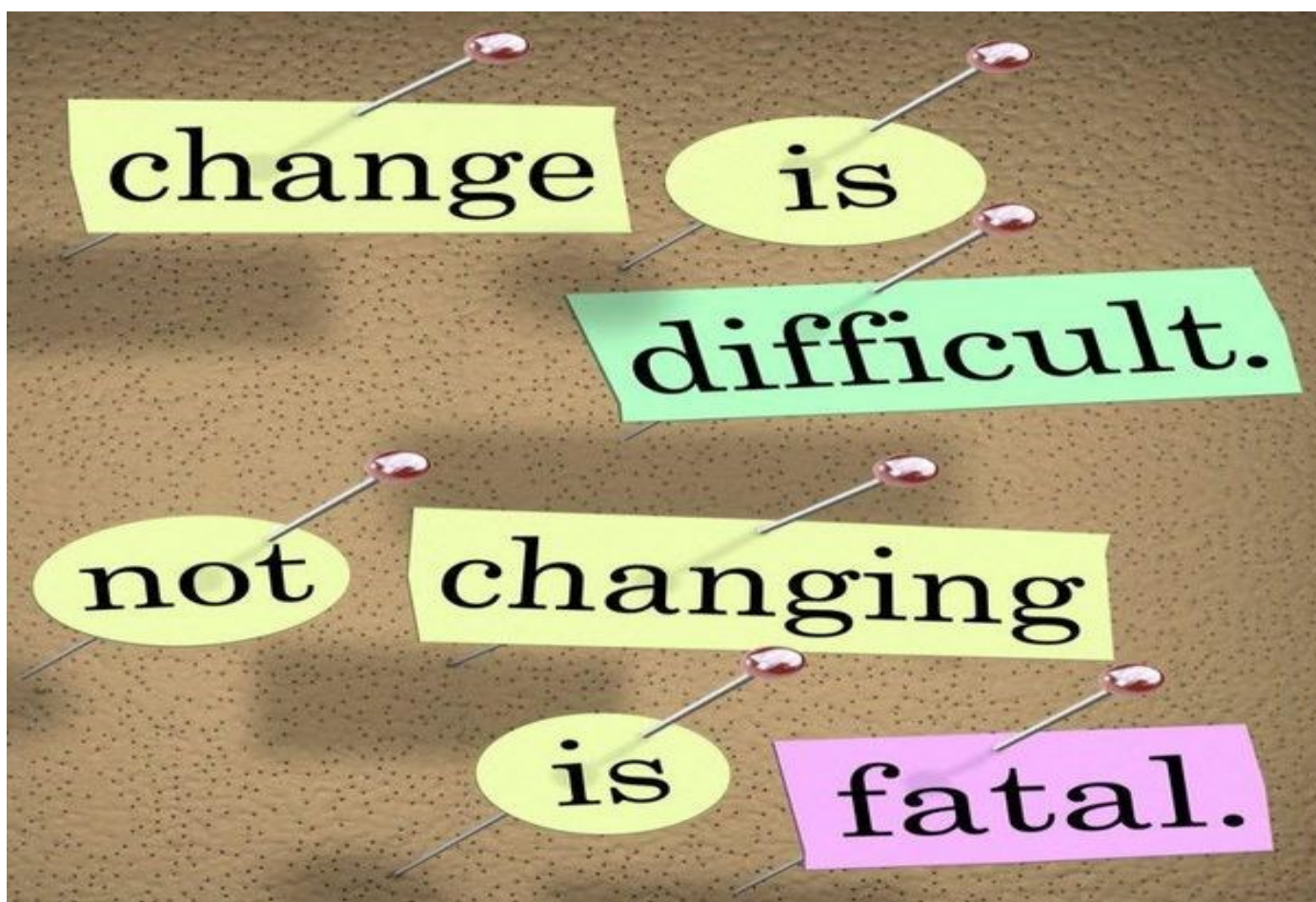


Carnoustie Panbride Church Update

27 November 2022



THE PRESBYTERY MISSION PLAN WILL
BRING CHANGES



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MUSINGS FROM THE MANSE



The times they are a changin'

As I write this letter, it is almost 5 years since my ordination and induction to Carnoustie Panbride.

And what a crazy five years it has been!

It started off gently enough. Getting to know the congregation and the community and starting to implement a few things on the 5-year plan which I thought would help us grow spiritually as a congregation and would continue to see our church be a vital and valued part of the community.

And of course, a new minister always means some changes for the congregation.

But then came the Pandemic!

And *everything* changed.

We didn't even have time to recover from the trauma of Covid 19 and what it meant for our congregation when we were hit with the Presbytery Mission Plan and the changes it would bring to our congregation.

The closure of Panbride Church

Team ministry for the town of Carnoustie with one Kirk Session which will see us work with Barry and Carnoustie in terms of missional priorities.

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And these changes are not perhaps what we would choose for ourselves but as I have said before it is not the worst possible outcome for us here in Carnoustie.

At a recent Kirk Session meeting I asked the elders this question,

“what would you do if you weren't afraid?”

The fear of change stops us going forward and embracing opportunities to grow. So, how can we negotiate these changes, how can we deal with change so that we suffer less stress and, who knows, maybe even come to enjoy change.

Writer AJ Cronin says this about change:

“Life is no straight and easy corridor along which we travel free and unhampered. But a maze of passages, through which we must seek our way, lost and confused, now and again checked in a blind alley.

But always, if we have faith, a door will open for us, not perhaps one that we ourselves would ever have thought of, but one that will ultimately prove good for us”

If we have faith.

All through the pages of the bible, there were people of faith who had great hope, even in the darkest of times. As we look forward to Christmas and the coming of the light into this dark world, we are reminded that even when darkness closes in around us, we need not despair but hold fast to the word of scripture which tells us

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” (Jeremiah 29: 11).

Blessings
Annette

Needles and Pins

Since September we've been very busy knitting squares to make knee blankets for the housebound and for those worried about their heating bills. We've had quite a few squares handed in from folks knitting at home and their help in creating the blankets is much appreciated.

So far we have donated 10 blankets to people in our community and we've still some more to come. Thank you to all who have helped in any way with this community project.

We've also had a stall at the coffee morning in November where we raised £150 for Church funds. It was a chance to start the Christmas shopping early.

We will be taking a break in December but will be restart again in January.

Pat Taylor

Fundraising Report

The concert by Fiddlin Freens and Just3folk, held on 30th September, raised £344.00 for Church funds. This was a great success and enjoyed by all who attended.

The coffee morning held on Saturday 12th November raised was £608.60, which includes £150.00 raised by the Needles and Pins stall also for Church funds. A big thanks to all who helped and supported this event and other events held during the year.

Best wishes for the Festive Season and 2023.

Helen Harley

Christian Aid

Have a range of Charity gifts and every gift invests your money in projects around the world that are life-changing for communities living in poverty. You can shop online at charity-gifts.christianaid.org.uk

Annual Blythswood Christmas Appeal

17 Boxes were made up by some of those who attend coffee and chat.

They have been passed on to a central collection point.

Annette



BB Christmas Post

Will run from Thursday 1 December to Sunday 18 December. Cost is 20p per card.

Cards accepted for Carnoustie, Barry Easthaven and Muirdrum but not for outlying farms
Mary Bushnell will accept cards at church on Sunday 4th, 11th & 18th December

Collection boxes will be in the following places:

A&A Hairdressing

Belles Gift Shop

Co-op Station Road

Co-op Barry Road

For Carnoustie Charity Shop

Granary

Haven Charity Shop

MacDougall's Newsagents

J's Hair Design

Royal British Legion

Spar Barry Road

Active Autumn

I love Autumn. Always have. I remember the autumn of childhood. Autumn meant a season of activity. First, "the tatties". Back then, the tattie holidays were for picking "tatties" Up very early in the dark. Getting dressed at breakneck speed. Downstairs and that first cup of tea glowed inside me. Getting happit up, wellies, welly socks, anorak, scarf, a bobble hat over my ears. Packed lunch in hand and a hug from Mum and off to the top of the road to join the throng waiting for the tractor and bogey to take us up to the farm. Great excitement, chattering and giggling as we trundled along emitting clouds of dragon breath in the frosty air. The bogey disgorged us and off we went across the dreels to be directed to our "bits". I shared a whole bit with my pal. Once in our places, - our nemesis - the digger thundered into life. Round and round chugging relentlessly it came churning up the clods of still frosted earth and casting out the tatties. Bending over, basket between our legs we picked and picked and picked scrabbling in the earth for the tatties like dogs digging holes. No sooner had we stood up to pause for breath then round again came the monstrous beast. Bend down, scrabble in the dirt, fill the basket with monotonous regularity. Fast and furious we worked, anything to avoid the shame of sticking the digger.

Then came the whistle and "piece time". A drink from the flask and a digestive biscuit sandwich then time for a few minutes play. We played in the dreels - chasies, or just running wild. The boys pelted each other with rotten tatties they had squirreled away and us girls shrieked and skirled like banshees. The whistle sounded all too soon and came the bellow, "Back to work.". So, bend pick, scrabble, ad infinitum until the whistle sounded, "Dinner time!". We wolfed down our packed lunches. Mine never varied. Boiled ham sandwiches a bit of Granny's gingerbread and shortbread and another drink. The quicker we ate the longer time to play. Our games were always a variation on a theme of tig. After dinner and it was "Hi Ho its back to work we go" but the afternoon always seemed to drag. The final whistle would blast eventually and came the welcome shout of "home time."

The return journey was quiet. We sat in the bogey, filthy, sore, and exhausted secure in the knowledge we would do it all again tomorrow and the next day and the next day and..... Home and the fire would be on, and the living room was toasty warm. After tea I would coorie down in the big chair and fall asleep. Dreaming of what I would spend my wages on. As I recall we were paid in shillings a day for a whole bit, so my pal and I went halfers, but it was still a veritable fortune. Halloween next. Out guising in our home- made costumes, usually made from black, white or red. We carried our hand carved neepie lanterns. Dad carved mine though I did the face. Candle inside made them very smelly indeed. Sometimes, we used our bicycle lamps to stick under our chins to make us scary. Round the doors, unaccompanied by adults, and invited in to "do a turn." I usually recited "The Sair Finger" After we did our turns, we were given our rewards - oranges, apples, penny dainties, sometimes even chocolate. We just had one bag and we shared our loot when we had done our rounds. Happy Hallowe'en!

Next on the calendar was Guy Fawkes. We had the bonfire and fireworks in my garden. All the neighbours came. Most people brought something to throw on the bonfire This was under the supervision of Billy next doors Dad. My Dad and Colin across the road's Dad oversaw the fireworks. Rockets in milk bottles, Catherine Wheels pinned to the shed, Barking Doggies skiting about all over the place, Roman Candles, and Volcanoes. We all had Sparklers. It was always a good display. Best of all was inside. Mum made hot sausages on sticks and Granny made a clottie dumpling. We got Hot blackcurrant, made from the jam to drink. No wonder I loved Autumn. Still do in an adult way.

Divine Dusters

A big pat on the back to all our Church cleaners. You've done a great job in keeping our buildings clean and safe over the last year.

I am always looking for new people to help, either as part of a team or as a reserve to cover holidays, etc. For more information, contact me either at the end of the service on Sunday or phone 853919.

Pat Taylor

The Carnoustie Panbride Friendship Circle was delighted to welcome back previous members and meet some new friends when our season started on 4th October.



The positive input of organisations and individuals at work in our community is our syllabus focus this season. We hope that by gaining an insight into their work we will be able to inform others about these valuable resources.

We first heard about the work of First Responders with a demonstration of CPR and Defibrillation.

The next meeting was when we found out about the mutual support the Westhaven Bikers Drop In Centre provided after the accidental death of a young biker friend and their ongoing provision of an invite to all to drop in for coffee.

November started with the North East Sensory Service demonstrating a range of amazing aids provided after individual assessment of deaf and blind clients to maximise their independence and on 15th November we are looking forward to Rev Annette Gordon telling us about 'A day in the life of a Parish Minister'. Our December meetings will include a visit from the Monifieth Singers and an afternoon of Christmas fun and games with afternoon tea.

We meet in the Panbride Hall on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 2.00 – 3.30pm and enjoy tea/coffee and a chat after an interesting talk. Everyone is welcome to join us regularly or just to come along to hear specific speakers.

Susan Hamill

Carnoustie Scout Christmas Post

This Christmas period will see the return of the Carnoustie Scout Christmas Post. This charity postal service allows the public to post their Christmas cards into a number of post boxes in Carnoustie. The Scout group will then sort and post these cards for only 25p per card and this will cover Carnoustie, Kellas, Newbigging and Monikie. Cards can also be posted in the boxes for Arbroath, Monifieth and Broughty Ferry and this will cost 40p per card.

Our young people really enjoy raising funds for our Scouting group and the money raised is used for maintenance and activities throughout the year. This is one of our biggest fundraisers and we appreciate the support we receive from you all.

Post boxes will be in the following places:

Co-op, High Street	Library, High Street	Boots, Barry Road
Longpark, Monifieth	Co-op, Barry Road	The Carnoustie Golf Hotel
Ravensby News, Barry Road	Premier, High Street	Visions, High Street
Boots, Dundee Street	David Lloyd, Ethiebeaton Park	

Post boxes will be open from Saturday 26th December and will close on Friday 16th December. Please note that the last post for outlying areas is Tuesday 13th December.

JAFFA REPORT

We are currently meeting on the first and third Sunday morning of each month but would love to have a monthly evening session if we had more young people in the group. We would love to welcome any new senior school age young people to join us for single sessions if they are unable to come regularly.

The JAFFA team have been working in the church courtyard garden, tidying it for the Winter and Cara and Krishnan have been planting bulbs and plants. Our focus is on helping to beautify this small part of our church grounds whilst caring for God's world through careful use of resources. Our garden project is promoting discussion about green issues, our throwaway world, upcycling, using our skills and working well together. We are reusing viable bulbs, using free soil improver made by the council from green bin waste instead of buying commercially produced compost and are recycling the old pots which were there previously rather than buying new ones.

Recycled wood is also being used to make a new plant container and the bird feeder and garden ornaments will be renovated with leftover rust remover and paint. We are indebted to Dougal who is kindly providing pansies and polyanthus for our Winter pots and we intend to sow seeds in the Spring to produce our own summer plants.

Cara and Krishnan are very keen to help with church activities and have so far enjoyed assisting with the after service coffee, the Christian Aid Coffee Morning, the Family Film night scout jamboree fundraiser and Soup and Sweet. They are delighted that they have been invited to decorate the windowsills in the church for Christmas and are looking forward to taking part in the Christmas Service. Thank you for continuing to support them through your prayers and encouragement.

Susan and Janie

Panbride Musical Memories

'A song can bring back a thousand memories'

On the last Wednesday of the month from 2.00 – 3.30pm in the Panbride Hall

Our first session took place on 26th October. A happy afternoon was spent singing along to CDs with the words provided in large print, accompanied by tambourines, maracas and Jock on his mouth organ with tea/coffee and biscuits at the interval.

We hope more folk will come along to future sessions, those with dementia and their carers plus anyone who enjoys singing songs old and new who would love to spend an afternoon in caring company.

Please tell others you know who might benefit from joining us.

Phone Susan for more information 854944

Update

The scheduled date for the next issue of UPDATE is 26 February 2023

If you would like to change to an e-mail copy please send me an e-mail (dmct1@btinternet.com) and arrangements will be made to send future issues by e-mail. We also do some large print copies of UPDATE. If you or someone you know would like to get a large print copy please let me know and arrangements will be made to provide you with a large print copy.

David Taylor



Flower Rota—2022-2023

December

4th Rita Clark
 11th Allyson McDonald
 18th Dorothy Booth
 25th Muriel Gordon
 Allan Crozier

January

1st Kathleen Porter
 8th Marjorie Rennie
 15th Linda Miller
 22nd Pat Taylor
 Pauline Johnson
 29th Charlotte McWhirter
 Margaret Jamieson

February

5th Sheena Ruark
 12th Allan and Joyce Brown
 19th George and Annette
 Gordon
 26th Jean Granger

March

5th Marion Palmer
 Dougal Grant
 12th Karen Penrose

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Congregational Register

Deaths:

Lillian Beckett 11/08/2022*
 Katherine Paton 08/09/2022
 Eric Reid 08/10/2022*
 Donna Lyall 28/10/2022*
 Ken Ingram 01/11/2022*

*Member of congregation

Flamingo Cards

Thank you to all in the congregation who have bought cards and paper from Flamingo Cards this year. I have some very loyal customers!

The proceeds from sales so far is £160 which will be donated to Church funds. I'll have the new brochure in the Spring.

Pat Taylor

Update Delivery

It would be helpful to have some additional help to deliver Updates to members. Usually take no more than 30 to 40 minutes each time. There are 5 issues per year.

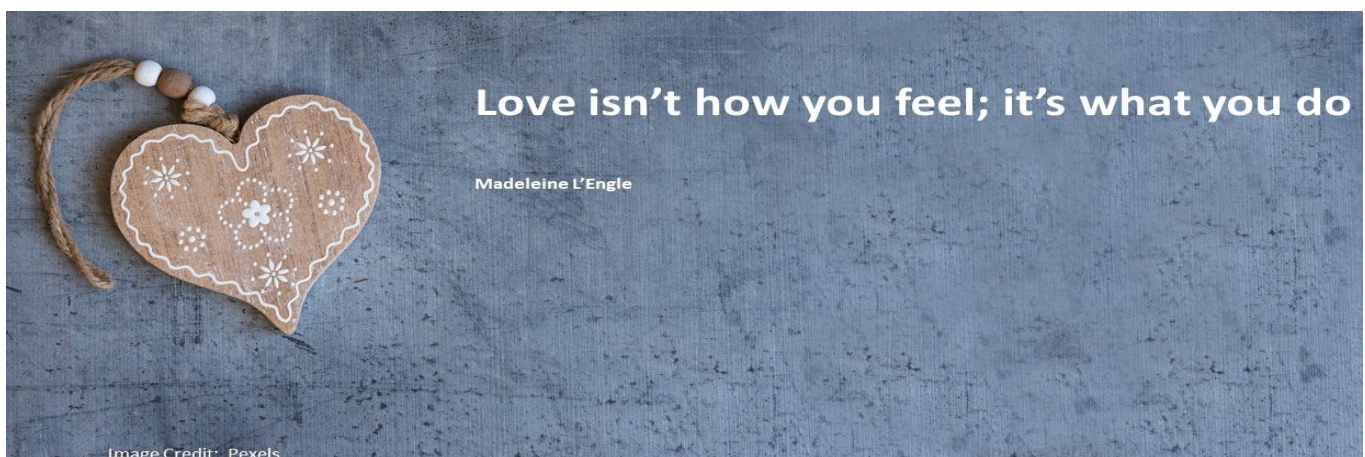
If you would like to help please contact David Taylor whose contact details are in the Church Directory.

F.O.G Squad

It is nearly Christmas and we are looking forward to performing our Nativity. This year it is from the Angel's point of view. We hope you can come on Sunday 18th December!

Alison

Moment for Meditation



Love isn't how you feel; it's what you do

Madeleine L'Engle

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