

CARNOUSTIE PANBRIDE CHURCH

UPDATE April 2023



**THE SIMPLE TRUTH IS WE MUST
PUT OUR TRUST IN THE LORD
HE HAS A PLAN FOR US ALL**



The Cross and other Easter Decoration were prepared by JAFFA

May the Lord bless you, may the Lord keep you,
may the Lord make His face to shine upon you,
May the Lord bless you, may the Lord keep you,
May the Lord make His face to shine upon you,
and give you peace, and give you peace



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Musings from the Manse

“Life goes on.”

A few months back I was in Glasgow visiting my daughters for a few days. The highlight of my trip was to be a visit to an Italian restaurant in the west end of Glasgow. Our table had been booked and I had already looked at the menu online and made my selections. That’s how much I was looking forward to it.

So, we get to the restaurant.

It was a busy Friday night in Glasgow. The restaurant was crowded with diners. There was a joyful hubbub of merriment. Not a seat to be had. Lots of families enjoying dinner and folks out celebrating all sorts of festivities.

At the table next to us there was what looked like an office night out. They looked like professionals, fairly sedate and well behaved as you would expect from people who appeared to be in their 40s. They were just finishing their meal. All of a sudden one of their number, slumped forward and there was a scream from someone at the table who then gestured desperately to the waiting staff. A first aider was quickly despatched as the man’s friends gently lowered him to the floor. It seemed for a few moments that there was no sign of life. The whole restaurant held its breath.

However, within a few minutes the man was back in his seat surrounded by concerned colleagues and looking a ghastly shade of grey. An ambulance was sent for and the man was able to walk out to the street unaided.

Several minutes later one of those who had been with him at the table came back to report that the man had been checked out and he was ok.

When the drama was over, we went back to our meal although our appetites were now somewhat diminished.

I said to my daughters, “Well, that is their night out well and truly ruined. They probably just want to get home now. They will be so worried about their poor co- worker .”

So, we were rather surprised when several bottles of wine and various cocktails arrived at the table and the party continued.

My daughter offered her take on the events, “Life goes on”. Indeed, maybe there was cause for celebration - they thought their friend was dead and to find he was alive and well must have brought a sense of relief.

In these weeks after Easter we hear the stories of those who witnessed or heard about Jesus death on a cross, and those who met the post resurrection Jesus.

The women at the empty tomb, the disciples in the upper room, the folk on the road to Emmaus.

We can imagine their shock and deep disappointment at Jesus’ death and their sense of joy and excitement to find that he had beaten death and was alive.

I am sure they celebrated.

Life went on.

We know from the gospels that they sat around a table with Jesus again. Cleopas and his fellow traveller recognised Jesus as he broke bread at the table in Emmaus, the disciples served Jesus a meal of broiled fish in the upper room in Jerusalem, and Jesus in turn served them breakfast on the seashore.

And so, I don’t think too badly of the office party table. They had come close to witnessing death that night and perhaps they had a new sense of how precious and fragile life really is. Perhaps they were toasting their friend who was not dead but alive.

Something we remember every time we come to the Lord’s table to share bread and wine together. That because of Jesus death on the cross, life goes on for us even after death.

Thanks be to the God of life, who is faithful even until death, and beyond.

Blessings, Annette



Friendship Circle

In February we learned about Angus Citizen Advocacy and Mrs Pat Sawers told us about her very special role as the Lord Lieutenant of Angus. 'Food is Free' and 'Parish Nursing' were our interesting talk topics in March. Our final speaker for this season was Dr Linda Morton who told us how we can age healthily followed by our Easter Bonnet Competition.



The winning bonnet was decorated by Mrs Shirley Murison.

We plan to close our 2022/2023 season with a bus outing on April 18th to the Garden Centre in Cupar. Meetings will start again on October 3rd and will continue until late April on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 2.00 – 3.30pm.

A very warm welcome is extended to anyone who would like to join us as a member or as an occasional guest with an interest in particular topics. We always follow our talks with tea, coffee and chat so the Panbride Friendship Circle provides a great opportunity to make some new friends too.

Susan Hamill

Needles & Pins

The group meet in the Session Room at Newton Church on the first and third Tuesday of the month, at 10.30am. We are planning on meeting until the end of May. New members are very welcome to come and join us. Some of the ladies have been learning how to crochet while others have been knitting squares for knee rugs. We must have given out approximately 20 rugs over the last few months, a very worthwhile community project.

Our stall at the pancake morning made £150 for church funds, an excellent sum. We are hoping to be part of a stall at Gala Day in July.

If anyone requires more information, please contact me on 853919.

Pat Taylor

Panbride Musical Memories

We are delighted that more folk have joined us and that after enjoying the Panbride sessions they are also coming along to our Kinloch Care Centre sessions on the second Wednesday afternoon of each month. Themed sessions have been popular as well as lots of favourites from the 60s and 70s. We are preparing an ambitious 'World Cruise' session for May with songs and scenes from each country on screen and lots of choruses of 'Sailing' and arm waving in between each 'port'. No foreign foods to try though just our usual cuppie, biscuits and baking!

We meet in the Panbride Hall on the last Wednesday of the month from 2.00 – 3.30pm and we would love more people to come and join the fun. Our sessions are suitable for those with dementia and their carers as well as anyone who would find an afternoon spent singing and chatting over a cup of tea in caring company uplifting. Please phone Susan 854944 for more information.

Susan Hamill

Fundraising Report

The Coffee/Pancake morning on Saturday 25th February raised £386.00 for Church funds. This included £150.00 from Needles and Pins. No further events have been arranged at this time.

Helen Harley

JAFFA REPORT

After discussing the devastation and huge loss of life caused by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, Cara and Krishnan wanted to raise funds to help those affected. It did not feel right to be asking the same people, who were so generous last year when we were fundraising for Ukraine, to give large donations again especially when high fuel bills are a big worry for so many. We decided instead to focus on the bible stories of 'the widow's mite' where Jesus highly valued the lady giving what she had and the little boy offering his packed lunch of loaves and fishes to help feed the 5000.

We thought inviting members of the congregation to put any loose change they could spare from pockets, tidying drawers etc. in our collection buckets in the church vestibule during March could generate some funds. We were amazed each week when we counted the wonderful donations, and **we were able to send the magnificent total of £342 to the DEC TURKEY-SYRIA Appeal.**

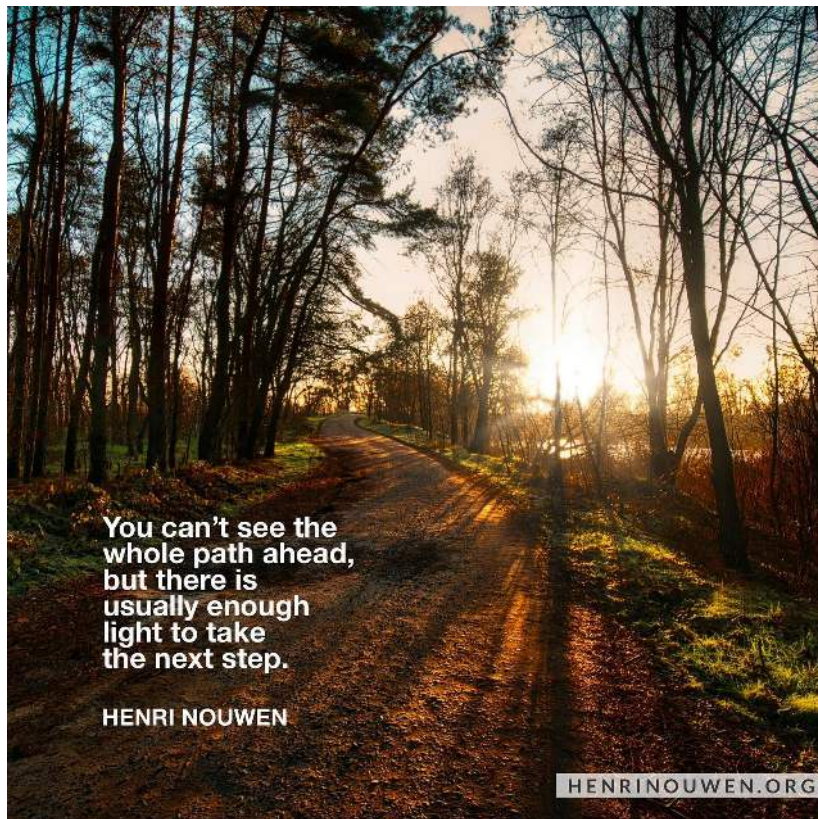
Thank you all so much for your wonderful support of our fundraising effort which has also provided a practical demonstration to Cara and Krishnan that great things can happen when lots of good people pull together.

Cara and Krishnan are now looking forward to helping to decorate the church for Easter. They will soon be busy renovating the bird feeder and garden ornaments and sowing seeds to produce summer bedding plants for the containers in the JAFFA garden.

Thank you for continuing to support JAFFA through your prayers and encouragement, your kind donations to our fundraising initiatives and gifts of seeds for the JAFFA garden.

Susan and Janie

Moment for Mediation



Flower Rota—2023

May

- 7th Val Nicoll
- 14th Dorothy McCallum
- 21st Gill Manson
- 28th Kathleen Fulton

June

- 4th Janice Jackson
- Sheila Davidson
- 11th Anne Howlett
- 18th Nancy Don
- 25th Lyn Ross

July

- 2nd Joanna Stout
- 9th Anne Stewart

Waste Not Want Not!

At this time of year especially, I find great pleasure watching the birds feeding in the garden. There's something very peaceful and therapeutic about leaning on the window sill and watching the birds bustle about, busy with the intention of finding food. We have bird feeders in the trees in the front and back garden. The ones in the front are more exposed and not quite so popular and are mainly used by larger birds. The feeders at the back however can be emptied in the blink of an eye.

I find it fascinating watching the various feeding techniques used by the birds. The coal tits and blue tits are definitely masters of the "grab and go" method. They swoop onto the feeder, grab a seed, nut or whatever and flit off again to the safety of a higher branch where they take time to savour their pickings. Starlings arrive en masse and perform amazing acrobatics to balance on the feeders, pecking continuously. Their aim seems to be to grab all they can while they can. This can continue for quite some time then it's as if there's a hidden signal and they scatter as quickly as they came. In the meantime, the sparrows join the melee and cling resolutely to the feeders, methodically picking what they want. The pigeons, often unsuccessfully, also try to balance on the feeders. However, all is not lost for the sparrows and starlings spill as much as they eat. The pigeons then strut their stuff at ground level. Soon, they will be joined by the blackbirds who scuttle out from their hidey hole in the bushes and peck contentedly at the "leftovers". The thrush arrives and easily shares the space with the blackbirds. Our robin emerges and perches on the bird bath commandeering a watchful position before he too feasts at ground level. Not to be outdone, the pigeons and sparrows rejoin this happy gang. Nothing is wasted – waste not, want not!

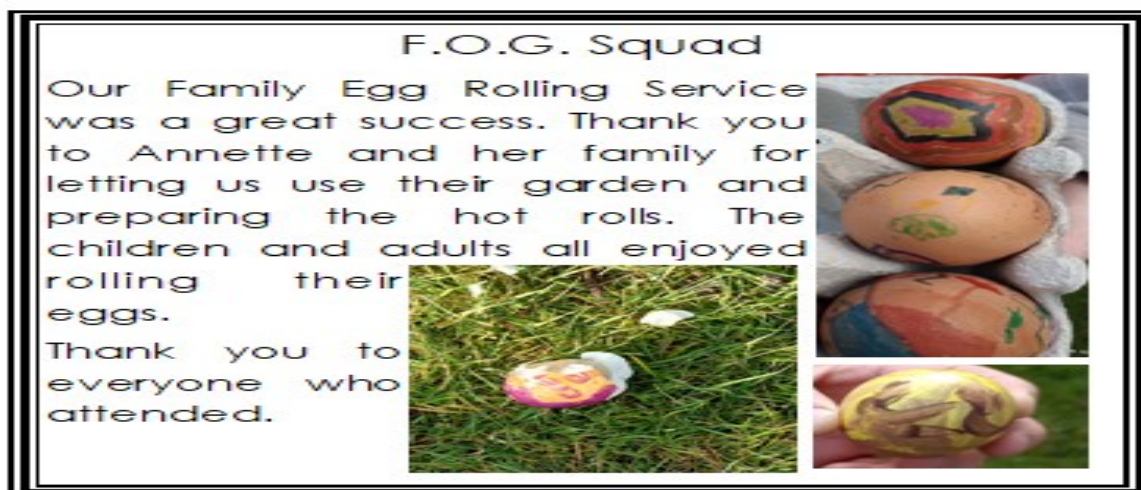
It makes me think of the household waste which is produced nowadays. Where does all this waste come from? There are only two of us in our house and yet we easily fill our bins, grey bin, purple bin, brown bin, green bin. I find it interesting travelling around that you don't need a sign telling you, you are in a different district, Dundee, Fife, Perth and Kinross or wherever, just look at the changing colour and style of the bins! In addition to the bins there is also a trip to the supermarket with a bag of "soft plastics" for recycling. Soft or hard, it is plastic that is the problem.

I was thinking back to when I was wee and we had one bin-an old galvanised thing which was emptied weekly. I just can't remember what went in it. Can anyone reading remember what went in the dustbin? We had a coal fire so anything that could be burnt was burnt. "Go and throw that on the fire," was a repeated request. Most things were paper and the fire fairly ate up the rubbish. My Dad had a compost heap at the foot of the garden- the midden – and any food waste was deposited there. There was seldom any food itself wasted. It was for the tattie peelings, veggie scrapings, egg shells and such like. Times were different, we definitely didn't produce anything like the amount of household waste we do nowadays and so it remains a mystery- what went in our dustbin?

Our planet is such a wonderful creation. Nature and beauty are all around us wherever we care to look. Whether it is the awesome wonder of lochs and mountains and huge panoramas or the simple beauty closer to home, our garden, the seashore, the park it is there in all the seasons. It's ever changing yet ever constant. I think the least we can do is to do what we can to be better custodians of God's creation.

"But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky and they will tell you; Or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you. Which of these does not know hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind." Job: 12 v 7-10

Gillian Cook



Update

The scheduled date for the next issue of UPDATE is 25 June 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. With rising postal charges this would be particularly helpful if those members who get their copy by post were to change to 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.

It would be helpful to have some additional help to deliver Updates to members.

It will 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.

David Taylor

Coffee Morning 22May 2023 & Congregational Outing 24th June 2023

There will be a Coffee Morning in Panbride Hall on 22nd May 2023 from 10am to 11.30am. Tickets £2. It is planned to have a number of stalls at this event.

The event is being held to raise fund to help with the costs of the Congregational Outing. It is anticipated that costs of this will be considerably increased compared to last year but with a successful Coffee Morning it is hoped that the charge for the outing will be similar to last year (£30).

Congregational Outing 24th June 2023

The bus will leave from Newton church at 10am and will head for Banchory. Lunch will be included but venue for this has not, at the time of going to print, been finalised. Time will also be included for a visit to Raemoir Garden Centre.

Names of those wishing to go on the outing should be given to Mary Bushnell as soon as possible. This is always a popular event. Numbers will be restricted to 52 so book a seat on the bus early.

Further information about these two events can be obtained from Mary Bushnell.

Congregational Register

Deaths:

James Carlile 11/2/2023

Ken Leiper 15/2/2023*

William Reid 22/2/2023

Bob Cameron 25/2/2023*

Richard Gordon Rae 9/3/2023

Mary Ramsay 13/3/2023

Douglas Beeching 18/3/2023*

June Thomson 23/3/2023

* Member of congregation

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