

CARNOUSTIE PANBRIDE CHURCH

UPDATE June 2023

PASTORAL CARE TEAM SEE ARTICLE ON PAGE 8



The prepared Table awaits the Guests



Some of those invited who enjoyed their afternoon

PANBRIDE MUSICAL MEMORIES SEE ARTICLE ON PAGE 5
Unfortunately no photographs but this new group is proving popular. See article on Page 5

MEN'S BREAKFAST SEE ARTICLE ON PAGE 8



Breakfast prepared



And enjoyed



Then its on with the bowls



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Musings from the Manse

Remember who you are.

This year I was a commissioner at the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. I decided not to go through to Edinburgh but to attend online. The technology worked very well and although the days were long, it was good to have the evenings free to catchup on work and to be able to prepare for Sunday.

The Moderator this year is Right Reverend Sally Foster Fulton and her theme for this year is "Remember who you are."

As Sally celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Communion on the Monday morning, she told the story of how she grew up in South Carolina and how her grandmother would say to her as she left the house to go out, "Remember who you are."

A family mantra that was supposed to instil good behaviour. Sally says it didn't always work but the words always made her pause and think of what her grandmother was saying.

"Remember who you are when nobody else is looking, and when no one else will ever know."

"Remember who you are."

I can imagine most of us can relate to that in some way either from our own parents or from the experience of being parents ourselves.

Being told to watch our behaviour and what we say outside the door of the house - that we shouldn't let ourselves down or bring disrepute on the family by behaving differently depending on the people we are with.

To treat the people, we meet outside the walls of our home with as much love and respect as we treat our own loved ones.

"Remember who you are when someone hurts you and anger is justified, and you are right, and you know it!"

"And when you feel that red mist coming down blocking out your sister or your brother."

"Remember who you are."

It made me think about how we behave outside the walls of the church. How we treat our brothers and sisters, how we speak to the stranger in our midst, what we do for those who cannot repay us.

Do we bless people with our words or are we all too often critical and full of scorn?

Do we always speak in love?

Jesus was radical in his emphasis on love. Love is the greatest commandment - love for God, love for our self, love for our neighbour, love even for our enemies. Love takes priority over everything else.

As Sally said in her sermon, "We are the Body of Christ - our eyes see the world as good, see other human beings as stand ins for God."

"We are part of something that is so much bigger than anyone of us."

The words of a hymn go through my head, "And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love."

That is who we are.

Remember who you are.

You are God's.

Beloved, Accepted, Welcome.

Blessings

Annette



Union Discussions

Conversations between office-bearers of Barry, Carnoustie and Carnoustie: Panbride have continued for some months now, and the Basis of Union and Basis of Team Ministry are being finalised. This will lead to a single Kirk Session to govern the Church throughout our communities, with regular Sunday worship in Carnoustie Church and Newton Church. The future of Barry Church is yet to be determined, and worship will continue there in the meantime. A Team Ministry of two is planned – currently to be Rev Mike Goss and Rev Annette Gordon, so there will not be immediate significant changes to our worship.

The Office-bearers as a whole will be asked to vote on the Bases on:

Monday 21st August: 7 pm – Barry; 7.30 pm – Carnoustie

Wednesday 23rd August: 7.30 pm – Carnoustie: Panbride

The congregations will have their say – members and adherents of all three congregations will be invited to vote on:

Sunday 3rd September after morning worship

More details will be sent out to homes towards the end of July / start of August, so keep an eye out for these coming through your letterboxes.

Proxy votes or other forms of remote voting are not currently permitted for these meetings in the Church of Scotland – you must be in attendance on the day in order to vote.

Prayer published in April Life and Work

Spirit of God,

Wherever You hover,
Wherever You stay,
Your Church is to be found.

Spirit of God,

Wherever You move,
Wherever You breathe,
Your Church is to be found.

Spirit of God,

We pray that in this time of challenge and change,
Your blessing and guiding
Will be with Your Church
As we ponder and plan,
As we decide and act.

Reveal to us as we think and talk,

As we gather and meet,
What Your will is for us today.
Remind us of past success and failure,
Make us examine our reasons and work today,

And open the door of the future to us

That we might see the far horizon
To which You point us,
And towards which You will lead us.

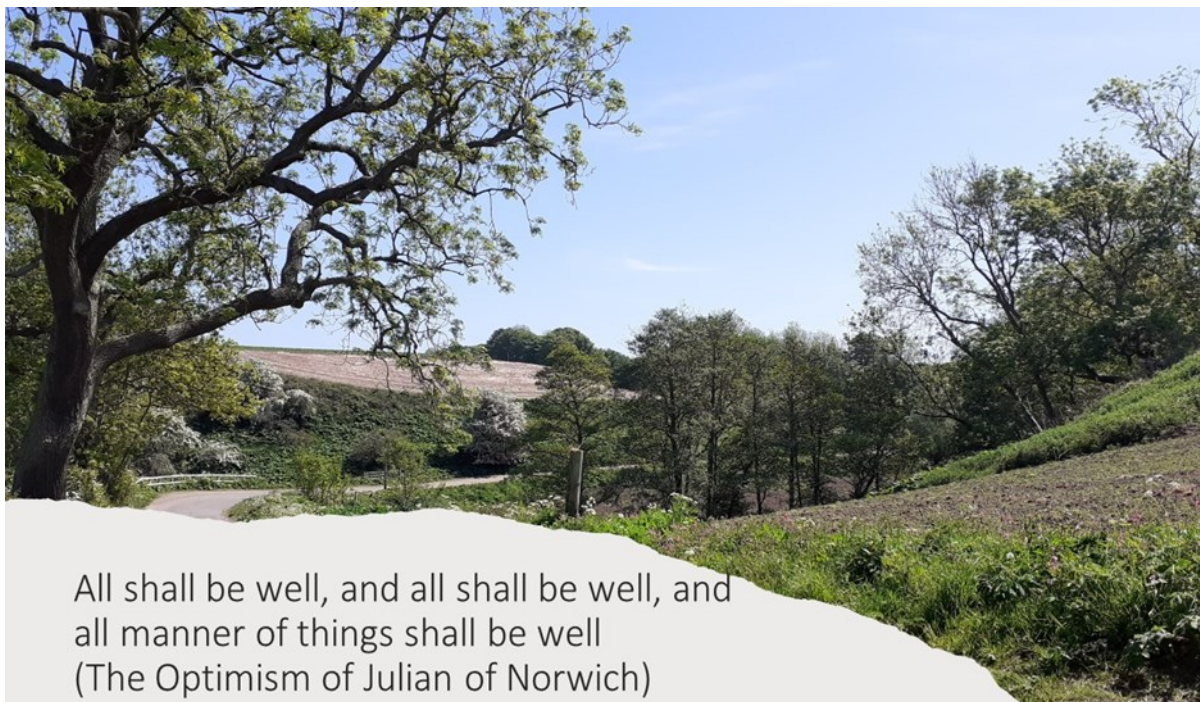
Give us enough vision,

Give us enough courage,
Give us enough strength
To dream and work and walk with You,
And may the brightness of Your presence
Shine in our hearts and souls,
And empower our hands,
And impel our feet
As we move onwards, forward,
With You, for You, beside You.

Spirit of God,

Comforter and Guide,
Healer and Inspirer,
Bless Your Church today.
Amen.

Moment for Meditation



All shall be well, and all shall be well, and
all manner of things shall be well
(The Optimism of Julian of Norwich)

Presbytery of Perth Video

Message sent to all members of Presbytery and all Session Clerks

On behalf of the Presbytery Clerk

Dear all,

I am writing to let you know that we have produced a short video to introduce the Presbytery Staff and to say a little about the new Presbytery.

I would be grateful if you could pass on the link to the video below to your congregations, via intimations or church magazines.

You may also wish to consider showing it at a service of worship, it lasts for just under 11 minutes.

The video can be found here: [\(141\) Presbytery Staff video - 2 June 2023 - YouTube](#)

All best wishes

John

Kind regards,

Ed Morton

Administrator - Presbytery of Perth



Dates for your Diary

Sunday Morning service 11am at Panbride (Country) Church until 27 August 2023

1st July Gala Day church have a stall

16th August Kirk Session 7.30pm in Panbride Hall

3rd September Sunday Morning services return to Newton Church

3rd September Provisional date for congregational vote on Union with Barry linked with Carnoustie and Team Ministry as part of Presbytery Mission Plan

Panbride Musical Memories

It has been lovely to welcome more new guests and see them really enjoying singing along. More folk, including a wheelchair user have also been dancing to their favourite songs. Beaming smiles all round as happy memories are evoked.

Our May session 'Cruising with Musical Memories' with songs and scenes from each country on screen and lots of choruses of 'Sailing' and flag waving in between each 'port' was very well received.

Our next meeting in the Panbride Hall will be on Wednesday 28th June from 2.00 – 3.30pm and we would love to welcome more new friends.

Due to the holiday plans of our team we will not be able to run sessions in the Panbride Hall in July or August but we will be back there again on September 27th. Everyone is, however, welcome to join in our sessions in Kinloch Care Centre on July 12th and August 9th from 2.00 – 3.30pm. All our Musical Memories 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.



A Day In The Life of a Pilot

I became involved with Cycling Without Age Carnoustie after attending a Friendship Circle talk by Lorraine Young. After a short training course with Bruce Crawford, I went through a test and passed as a trishaw pilot for CWAC.

Initially, CWAC was set up to give residents from the various care homes a wee "hurl" along the Carnoustie seafront and to experience the thrill of a nice fresh breeze on a warm summer's day. Now that we are up and running with a large pool of pilots and two trishaws operating seven days, we can broaden the availability of trips to the wider community of Carnoustie.

So, if you would like to just go out for a wee "hurl" along the seafront to Westhaven with a friend or relative having a special occasion all you need to do is contact Lorraine Young and arrange a day and time that suits you. We can stop off at Madisons and we can treat you to a wee cuppy, coffee or favourite ice cream which you can enjoy as we travel along.

Trishaw rides begin and end at Kinloch Care Centre.

George Gordon



THE WRITTEN WORD

I've always enjoyed reading. I grew up in a house of books. Reading was encouraged but the messages surrounding it were confusing. They alternated between, "Get your nose out of THAT book," or "Sit quietly, read your book and BEHAVE." The latter was a frequent reminder when my Granny took me to visit an elderly friend of hers. There, I had to speak when spoken to and not fidget, which was very hard sitting on a scratchy horsehair chair with bare legs. It was worth it however, as I was frequently given a monetary reward by the old lady. I added this to my weekly comic money from Granny.

Comics were wonderful. I graduated from "Look and Learn" to "The Bunty" and others of that ilk. I grew up in a street of boys so swapped my comics for "The Dandy, Beezer and Beano". My Bunty booklets were exchanged for "Commando" books. The knowledge gained from these allowed me to become an active participant in war games. No longer did I have to be left as a prisoner of war or remain at the "camp fire" preparing the "food". I graduated to "The Romeo" and "Valentine". At one point my school pals and I decided to change our names to the more fashionably and exotically named characters we read about. My attempts to only answer to Vanessa (an air hostess - how glamorous was that?) did not meet with approval!!!! Once at secondary school then the highlight of the week was the purchase of "The Jackie", every Wednesday morning - a blissful read, followed by much discussion.

As an only child, books were my companions. From an early age Saturday morning included a trip to Mr. Simpson's bookshop on the High St. Clutching my half crown, I could choose from hardbacks or paperbacks, all conveniently priced at 2/6d. The exploits of The Bobbsey Twins, The Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew kept me entertained. Anything by Enid Blyton enthralled me. I particularly enjoyed stories about boarding schools - Mallory Towers, St Clare's or The Chalet School. Added into my favourite mix were tales about a nurse - Jean SRN and Christine Pullen Thomson's stories about ponies. I've no idea where this fascination came from as I'd never been near a pony.

The local library, then situated across from the War Memorial was a key to other worlds. It was a haven with its musty shelves full of yet to be explored treasures and its all-pervading silence. As I outgrew my childhood books, Dad's recommendations included Alastair Mclean and Neville Shute. Mum introduced me to Agatha Christie and Dorothy L Sayers. I visited the library weekly until I left home.

Growing up, books featured both at Kinloch Primary School and at Sunday School prize giving ceremonies. Often the prizes were "the classics" but occasionally you got to choose your book. When I was clearing my parents' house, I found not only my own prize books but those of my Mum and Granny. There was quite an eclectic mix! Bible stories featured very much at school and Sunday School. My favourite story was that of Daniel in the Lion's Den. This does not stick with me due to its theological significance. Rather, in Primary 6, we had a very young teacher. Not only did she break with tradition and let us sit in groups, but she allowed us out of our seats to act out Bible stories. My group's rendition of Daniel in the Lions' Den remains with me to this day.

The Bible remains a book of inspiration and discovery. I have never attempted to read it in chronological order always preferring to dip in and out as I feel the need. My favourite book of the Bible is Psalms. I've always found words there to comfort and inspire me. Regardless how I read it, I have always found the Bible to be written beautifully and with a message relevant to me. It is a very powerful book.

The written word continues to bring me joy and I hope I shall continue to read anything and everything.

Gillian Cook

JAFFA REPORT

We were delighted to be asked to help decorate the church for the Pentecost Service. Planning then making the fire installation was challenging but good fun and we really appreciated Peter's help which enabled us to safely provide the flame effect we wanted. Practicing the readings for the service helped Cara and Krishnan to get a better understanding of Pentecost and they were delighted to be presented with prizes of Youth Bibles during the service.

We will be tidying the JAFFA garden and putting in our summer plants in June and we are all looking forward to our end of year fun outing to an Escape Room. When we restart after the summer holiday it will be wonderful to have Jai joining JAFFA. We would love to welcome other secondary school pupils too!

Thank you for continuing to support JAFFA through your prayers and encouragement of our super young people.

Susan and Janie

Thinking Ahead Group

During the past few months, the Group has considered a number of aspects, relating to Newton Church and the Manse. It was, decided that improvement of the audio system and installation of visual screens was the most important way to enhance services for the congregation and their outline proposals have been presented, to and agreed by the Congregation Board.

There were several reasons for this decision. The sound reproduction particularly for those sitting under the balcony was very variable as it was for those with hearing aids and for those viewing the streamed services since the Wi-Fi installation. Improving the sound system was also considered the appropriate time to install screens on which hymns can be seen, The screens can also be used to information on the order of service and they can be used to display material relating to the children's address or key points from other parts of the service.

Hymn books will still be available for those who prefer the traditional method of seeing the words of hymns but experience from many of the other churches who have installed screens is that the congregation quite quickly like the screens and it has improved the quality and volume of the singing.

We have now reached the point of getting quotes for the work from a number of firms who specialise in this type of installation and final approvals will be required from the Congregation Board and possibly the Presbytery. Once this is done a installation timetable will need to be agreed with the contractor and information about that will be provided for the congregation.

F.O.G. Squad

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of another FOG Squad session. We ended with our annual prize giving service and we would like to thank George Gordon for presenting the children their books.

Thank you to all the children and their families that come along each week.

We hope you have a lovely Summer and look forward to seeing you in September.

Alison Stuart

Gala Day

There will, as last year, be a church stall at the Gala Day on Saturday 1st July.

Items made by the Needles and Pins group will be on sale.

There will also be £1 Surprise Bags.

Contributions for this can be handed in to Marion Palmer at 16 Spencer Crescent up to the Friday evening.

There will also be Strawberries for sale

Flower Rota—2023

June

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

July

2nd Joanna Stout
9th Lyn Ross
16th Elizabeth Adam
23rd Allan Crozier
30th Margaret Laird

August

6th Mary Bushnell
13th Susan Hamill
20th Elizabeth Watson
27th Rosanne Porter

September

3rd Jackie Beattie
10th Moira Cowan
Joan Forson

Thanks to everyone who supplies and arranges flowers for the Church. New contributors to the Flower Ministry would be welcome. Anyone who would like to join the flower rota, please contact Dorothy Booth in person or phone 01241 852061

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Congregational Register

Deaths: Charlotte Nicoll 14/5/2023—(member of congregation)

Pastoral care Team

The team of 8 (5 ladies and 3 men) has been established and will assist the Minister in the following ways:

- ◆ Visits with Minister where home communion has been requested
- ◆ Services at Care Homes
- ◆ Home visits but initial requests at this time should be via the Minister
- ◆ Support for Minister at Annual Service of Remembrance and Hope

Members of the team who are to be involved in regular home visiting have been PVG checked

They recently provided an Afternoon Tea for some senior members of the Congregation and some more events are being planned.

Men's Breakfast

Over the last year the Men's Breakfast has been a regular Saturday morning date for around 12 members. Who meet from 10am to 11.30 am and enjoy a plentiful supply of favourite breakfast food, all cooked to perfection, juice tea and coffee.

Each person makes a voluntary contribution towards the costs and any excess goes to church funds

A wide range of conversation over many topics relating to current topics and of course sporting events local and national.

There is also Indoor Bowls to enjoy and get the day underway with a bit of bending, stretching and walking up and down the hall

Who is the best player at the bowls - well you just need to come along to find that out

All Welcome - no need to pre-book. Just turn up and enjoy a relaxing start to your weekend. The date is variable depending on other events but will normally be announced in the Order of Service a few weeks before the actual day.

Treasurer's Report

Approaching the mid way point of the year overall income is tracking slightly ahead of budget as illustrated in the table below and costs are tracking slightly behind. Therefore overall we are in a good position being just ahead of budget.

Please note that we make 4 gift aid claims per year, one for each quarter and the reason for being significantly ahead of last year is that at the same point last year we had made one claim compared with two claims to the same point this year.

Hall lets were boosted in 2022 by the Angus Centre for the Performing Arts being frequent users. This no longer being the case hall let income is significantly less this year however this has been budgeted.

	change %	2023 (to end May)	2022 (to end May)
Weekly FWO	16%	1,915	1,655
Monthly	16%	20,445	17,565
Plate	33%	2,724	2,044
Gift Aid	123%	4,894	2,196
Total giving income	28%	29,978	23,459
Hall lets	-40%	4,181	7,023
Fundraising		386	-
Total other income	-35%	4,567	7,023
Total	13%	34,545	30,482

Many thanks,

John Gray, Pat Hay & Stan Beattie

Church Directory

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Fund Raising & Social Convener			
Flower Convener	Mrs Dorothy Booth	New Downie House, New Downie, Carnoustie,	01241 852061
Magazine Convener	Mr David Taylor	29 Newton Crescent	01241 853919
Friendship Circle	Mrs Susan Hamill	37 Craigmill Gardens	01241 854944
Health & Safety	Mrs Linda Nicoll	70 Caesar Avenue	01241 420047
FOG Squad Team Leader	Mrs Alison Stuart	6D Dundee Street, Letham	01307 818638
JAFFA Youth Group Leader	Mrs Susan Hamill	37 Craigmill Gardens	01241 854944
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Safeguarding Co-ordinator	Mrs Linda Nicoll	70 Caesar Avenue	01241 420047

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