# CARNOUSTIE PANBRIDE CHURCH UPDATE August 2023







ANXIOUS ORGANISER, WAITING FOR THE BUS

WE ARE ON OUR WAY - SWEETIE TIME

CONGREGATONAL OUTING 2023
GOOD COMPANY, SUNNY, WARM DAY
ENJOYABLE LUNCH, RETAIL THERAPY
WELL ORGANISED, SUCCESSFUL DAY



TIME FOR LUNCH STATION HOTEL STONEHAVEN



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### **Musings from the Manse**

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As I write this letter, we are right in the middle of the Holiday Club for Primary 1 to 7 children. The Holiday Club is led by all the church leaders in the town ably assisted by members of their congregations and our theme this year, is "Diary of a Disciple", telling the story of Jesus through the eyes of Luke.

There has been story telling as well as little drama sketches, a workout to get us all active, and a craft that children work on and take home with them.

Children's Ministry is a very important part of my call to ministry and so I was delighted when I came to Carnoustie to find that I would be welcome as chaplain to Carlogie Primary School, and later to the Scouts, and I am always made very welcome at the Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association and the Guides.

I have to say that I am always disappointed in the numbers we get at such things as Messy Church and the Church Holiday Club. We usually struggle to get a dozen or so children at these things and that's a poor uptake in a town the size of Carnoustie.

The Scripture Union material we are using this year has been written specifically for the group of children and young people who are not associated with any church - that is 95% of children and young people. As Christian people in this town we have been working hard at events such as Messy Church and the Holiday Club to connect with these children and young people from the 95% and give them an opportunity to find out about Jesus and, of course, these events are open to our own children who come to church every week.

Former Archbishop of Canterbury, William Temple, once said

"The Church is the only institution that exists primarily for the benefit of those who are not its members".

But doesn't that fulfil Jesus' command to us to "go and tell" and isn't that the first of the "Five Marks of Mission: to proclaim the good news of the Kingdom

It is true that most ministers spend a great deal of time interacting with people whom they are never going to see on a Sunday morning. And the Kirk Session, the court of the Church which is responsible for the life and witness of the Church of Scotland, is called to have pastoral and spiritual care not only of the whole congregation but also across the Parish including the 95% of children and young people who have no church connection.

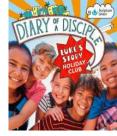
This might all sound like hard work - and it is, ask any of our volunteers. However, the rewards are great. The highlight of my week, being hi-fived by Finn aged 7 at the end of the Holiday Club today!

Blessings,

Annette

# **Scripture Union Material**





# F.O.G. Squad

We are looking forward to resuming on **3rd September**.

Our focus will ne on animals of the Bible. We have lots of fun planned. Everyone from Age 3 to P7 welcome, Alison S

# **Union of Congregations**

By the time you receive this issue of UPDATE each household of members should have received a copy of the letter about the Union of Barry, Carnoustie and Carnoustie Panbride congregations, If you have not received the letter please contact the Session Clerk Lyn Ross, Her contacts details are Telephone 859905 and e-mail lyn.ross2@btinternet.com

The congregations of the three churches will have the opportunity to vote, in a closed ballot, on whether to accept the Union.

The vote, by members and regular adherents will take place on Sunday 3rd September 2023 at the church where they are members at a Congregational Meeting after the morning service.

You must be at the service to vote. There is no provision for voting in any other way.

## **Flamingo Cards**

Unfortunately, Flamingo Cards are no longer in business. Attempts to get new investment or sell the business was not successful and the business closed earlier this year.

As a result, there will be no Christmas Brochure this year. The local representative for the business with whom I dealt with sends her thanks to the loyal customers at Panbride Church who had supported the company for several years.

Pat Taylor

# **Dates for your Diary**

#### **August**

- Vote by Trustees on PMP for Carnoustie7pm Panbride Hall and followed by KS Meeting
- 27 11am Service Panbride Church with CommunionRetiring Collection for F.O.G. Squad4pm Congregational BBQ Manse Garden

#### September

#### MORNING SERVICES RETURN TO NEWTON CHURCH

- F.OG. Squad resumes
  Congregational Vote on PMP for Carnoustie
- 21 Finance Committee 7pm Session Room Congregational Board 7.30pm Panbride Hall
- 27 Musical Memories restarts Panbride Hall 2 3.30pm

#### October

- **3** Friendship Circle resumes Panbride Hall 2pm
- 19 Kirk Session 7.30 Panbride Hall

#### November

- **12** Remembrance Service 10.45am
- Finance meeting Session Room 7pmCongregational Board Panbride Hall 7.30pm
- 19 11am Service with Communion Retiring Collection for JAFFA

# More pictures from Outing



WHAT DID I TELL YOU?



GEORGE, PINK FLOWERS MIGHT HAVE BEEN BETTER

Panbride Musical Memories
Restarts Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September
2.00-3.30pm
in the Panbride Hall

Come and join us for a fun afternoon as we sing-a-long to well loved songs and enjoy chatting over a cup of tea or coffee, biscuits and home baking in caring company.

This group can be enjoyed by all who love to sing or just listen to uplifting songs including those with dementia and their carers.



# **JAFFA**

# (Jesus And Fun For All)

welcomes all senior school pupils

restarts on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 11.00am in the Panbride Hall Come and join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month



# **Congregational Register**

#### By Certificate of Transference

Mrs Cindy Forbes from Monikie & Newbigging and Murroes & Tealing

Mrs Jacqueline Sutherland from Strathmartine Church, Dundee

By Resolution of the Kirk Session

Mr Jim Walker

## **Congregational BBQ**

This is to take place on Sunday 27th August in the Manse garden from 4pm. Burgers and Hot Dogs will be provided. Tickets priced £5.00 are available from Mary Bushnell, Marion Palmer and Lyn Ross. Proceeds to church funds. All welcome. Look forward to seeing you there.

## **Summer Days**

Summer has been resplendent in all its finery. The trees wear their verdant cloaks with pride creating a canopy of greenery which glistens in the summer sun and summer rain. Flowers cultivated and wild are in full bloom. Gardens and other floral displays are splashes of vivid colours which add to the joyous nature of bright summer days. On damp, drizzlier days they add cheer. Along the hedgerows and verges wild flowers more muted, still create their own pastel beauty. The fields with their green and gold patchwork provide a colourful backdrop. Everywhere there is colour and an abundance of life is on display.

There is the recognition that this will wane as summer draws to its natural close. In our own timelines this is brought to the forefront as the children return to school mid August. School holidays! Looking back, it seems an idyllic time. Summers were definitely different -in lots of ways-but they were not endless days of sunshine. I do remember days of raincoats and wellies. However, it seemed mostly to be a time spent in my "Startrite" sandals which were such a welcome relief from my "Tuf" school shoes.

I was very lucky. My Dad worked in the Anderson Grice and he had the "Dundee Fortnight" off. We went away on holiday, usually over to the West coast, Dunoon being a favourite spot. We travelled by train which was excitement in itself. Before we went on our holiday my Grandad's twin brother came during the Glasgow Fair to Carnoustie for his holidays. He used to take me to the shop on Dundee St opposite The Stag to buy me a summer dress. (For the life of me I can't remember the name of the shop - can anyone help?). He also gave me a ten shilling note for my holidays. Such riches!

Holidays away from home were great but the school holidays at home were equally good. Providing it was dry, my pals and I now old enough to have "big" bikes, were out and about. With picnics in our saddlebags off we went. Carnoustie House Grounds, Craigmill Den, The Fairy Steps were wonderful places to play and explore but our favourite was the beach. Even wearing my rose-tinted specs of nostalgia, I know it wasn't always warm. I've vivid memories of us trying to shelter in the dunes huddled together with the wind whipping sand into our jam sandwiches. The beach itself was different – no sea wall just dunes and hillocks to shelter and play in. The beach itself was a delight whether it was scavenging in the rock pools, splashing and chasing the waves or building sandcastles. We could all swim but we knew not to if we were by ourselves- one rule we did stick to.

At other times we were happily occupied in the organised activities for local and visiting children led by the Beach Leaders. There were games on the links, pavement artists, talent shows, fancy dress competitions, a pets' parade. At the latter I was in the audience as Dad said my tortoise, Mrs Brown, didn't like going on parade!! My favourite were the Paddling pool sports which were held in the old paddling pool. Races were held in the paddling pool with the audience seated around getting equally soaked.

Now, the beach has changed beyond recognition but its lovely to see it still holds its magic. On a summer's day the sound of laughter echoes from the wonderful new playpark. The walkway is well used as are the stopping places and benches to sit and watch the world go by. If the tide is out then sandcastles are still being built and waves are being chased accompanied by shrieks of laughter.

Soon summer will draw to a close and no doubt we shall be moan the vagaries of the weather. Yet, countries not far away have blistered and burned. I am thankful I live where I do. I hope the beach will still be able to give joy to future generations.

Gillian Cook

#### **Flower Calendar**

#### August

20<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth Wason 27<sup>th</sup> Rosanne Porter

#### September

3<sup>rd</sup> Jackie Beattie 10<sup>th</sup> Moira Cowan Joan Forson

17<sup>th</sup> Ann Brown 24<sup>th</sup> Alison Scott

#### October

Janice Sturrock
Elaine Devanay

8<sup>th</sup> Eleanor Whammond 15<sup>th</sup> Kathleen Fulton 22<sup>nd</sup> Margaret Easton

June Jones Anne Clark

29<sup>th</sup> Anne Clark Diane Smith

#### November

5<sup>th</sup> Pat Geekie 12<sup>th</sup> Maureen Low 19<sup>th</sup> Alison Scott 26<sup>th</sup> Gillian Cook

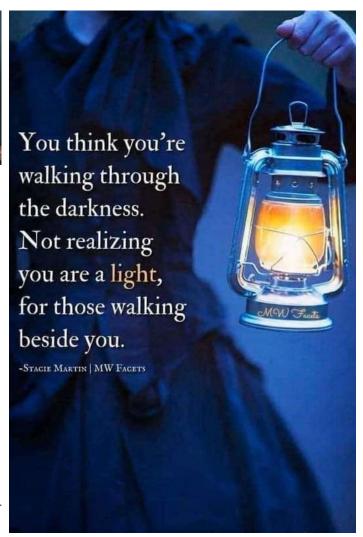
#### December

3<sup>rd</sup> Rita Clark

10<sup>th</sup> Allyson McDonald

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, or would like more information please contact Dorothy Booth in person or phone 01241 852061 or 07922 084036

#### Moment for Meditation



# **Thinking Ahead Group**

An article in the June UPDATE said that an outline proposal for Newton Church had been presented to and agreed by the Congregational. Board.

A fully costed proposal has now been received and was scheduled for presentation to the Trustees on 23 August. The proposal envisages the replacement of the Audio system in Newton Church which with new speakers and microphones. These would require a control desk in the sanctuary in a position yet to be determined. It also provides for the installation of visual screens and includes options to improve the technical quality of streaming services.

The sound system currently in Newton church would be installed in Panbride Hall and this, along with acoustic panels which have recently been installed in the Hall should greatly reduce the echoing experienced in the hall since it was built and which has been worse since the carpet was lifted and replaced by the wooden floor.

DMT.

# **Gala Day Thanks**

The Social and Fund-Raising committee would like to record their sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the church stall at the Gala Day at the start of July. £565 was raised for church funds from the sale of strawberries, raspberries, surprise bottle bags and items made by Needles and Pins.

# **Treasurer's Report**

Income	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual
	2021	2022	2023	YTD end June
Weekly FWO donations	4,356	3,621	3,500	2,274
Standing order donations	45,444	43,807	40,000	23,486
Plate	2,857	5,052	6,500	3,238
Gift Aid	12,652	12,913	12,750	4,894
Total	65,309	65,393	62,750	33,892
Other Income	14,781	26,802	23,732	13,122
Total Income	80,090	92,195	86,482	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Expenditure	72,364	86,699	84,634	40,358
Operating Surplus	7,726	5,496	1,848	6,656

On 2023 overall costs as at end of June are tracking slightly below budget.

Many thanks,

John Gray, Pat Hay & Stan Beattie

# **Church Directory**

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Treasurer	Mr John Gray	Heughhead Farm, Muirdrum	01241 855690		
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	Contact via: secretarypanbride@hotmail.co.uk				
Organist	Mrs Marjorie Rennie	31 Newton Crescent	01241 855230		
Church Officer	Mrs Mary Bushnell	25 Lowson Avenue	01241 854499		
Fabric Convener	Mr John Porter	Milldam, Woodhill	01382 532502		
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		
Creche Organiser	Mrs June Black	22 Broadlands	01241 410196		
Safeguarding Co-ordinator	Mrs Linda Nicoll	70 Caesar Avenue	01241 420047		

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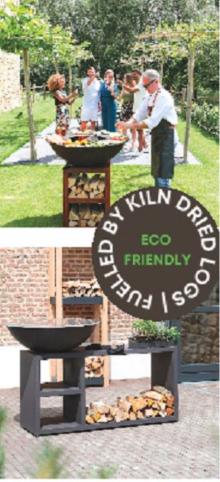
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