

CARNOUSTIE PANBRIDE CHURCH

UPDATE 26th November 2023



A View of the screens in the Church



A screen for use of those in the chancel



The Mixing Desk- (Mission Control)



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Musings from the Manse

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Light in the darkness

As I write this letter it is only just after 4pm and already it is dark outside. What happened to those long summer days when it was still light until after 10pm?

The nights are fair drawin' in indeed. It's that time of year when it is still dark when we get up in the morning and dark again by the afternoon within only a few hours of daylight in between.

Although I often dread the long dark nights of winter, there is something cosy and comforting about the winter sunset. Closing the blinds and the curtains against the darkness and having candles dancing merrily all around the room or the warmth and light from a roaring fire.

The symbol of light in the darkness is a powerful sign of hope.

Candle light and fire light also bring a sense of calm.

In recent weeks there has been such darkness brought into our lives by the terror in Gaza and Israel, hate crime rising around the world, and the terrible devastation and tragedy that the recent storms have brought closer to home here in Angus.

What have we got to be afraid of in the dark when daytime horrors are so evident?

And yet, in amongst all of this gloom we are called 'to be the light of the world', to hold the Christ light for one another even in unbearable times and to testify to the light even when everything seems in shadow and grief.

One of my favourite writers says this,

'Blessed are you in whom the light lives, in whom the brightness blazes, your heart a chapel, an altar where in the deepest night can be seen the fire that shines forth in you, in unaccountable faith, in stubborn hope, in love that illumines every broken thing it finds' (Jan Richardson)

Being light-bearers means being a source of hope and encouragement to those around us who may be struggling or going through difficult times. It means shining the light of Christ's love and truth into every situation, even when it may seem dark or hopeless - 'the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it' (John 1: 5).

As we prepare for Advent, we remember that we will soon light our candles of hope, peace, joy, and love each Sunday, bringing a little more light into the darkness each week and then in the first moments of Christmas morning we light the 'Christ Candle' to remember that Jesus, Light of the World is with us.

Blessings,

Annette

Christmas @ Carnoustie Panbride Church

Sunday 3 rd December @ 11am @ 4pm	Worship for 1 st Sunday in Advent Service of Remembrance & Hope
Sunday 10 th December @ 11am	Worship for 2 nd Sunday in Advent
Sunday 17 th December @ 11am	Worship for 3 rd Sunday in Advent with the FOG Squad Nativity – The Animals' Christmas
Tuesday 19 th December @ 9.45am	Carlogie Primary School Christmas Service
Wednesday 20 th December @ 6.30pm	Christingle with Carlogie Primary School
Sunday 24 th December @ 11am @ 11.30pm	Worship for 4 th Sunday of Advent Service of Lessons and Carols Watchnight Service with carol singing from 11.10pm
Monday 25 th December @ 10.30am	Short Service of Worship for Christmas Day
Sunday 31 st December @ 11am	Worship for the New Year

Congregational Register

Deaths:

Mr Alistair Murray - 20/08/2023

Mr Neil Craven - 24/08/2023

Mr Charles Duncan – 11/10/2023

Christmas

Christmas comes with all its joys,
Of happy children and lots of toys,
But, for some it's not so good,
For they have nothing; not even food!

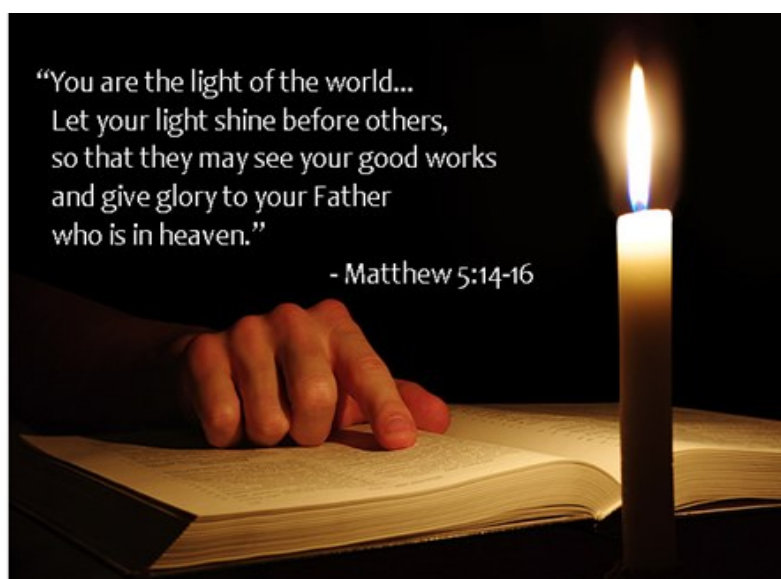
But there is hope, for on this day
Many years ago, and far away,
A CHILD was born! to bring to us
Peace, Love and Joy, that will never
cease.

They named him Jesus, Lord of Lords,
Great Redeemer, the Son of God,
His mother, Mary hugged him tight,
And kept him safe, through the long
cold night.

Yes! Christmas may be bright and jolly.
With lots of presents, lights and holly,
But, we forget, it's true reason.
With all the feasting of the season!
That little Babe, who grew to be
The GREATEST GIFT the world would
see.

The true meaning of Christmas Day,
All those years, so far away,
Is that GOD has given to us,
Our greatest gift, Our Saviour's Birth.

Jim Walker
Christmas 2014



Thinking Ahead Group

This article was written the week after stage 1 of the new sound system was completed. This saw the installation of the new speakers and microphones and the week before stage 2 gets underway. This will see the installation of the screens and the commissioning of the Mixing Desk equipment and the start of training for those who will operate the new systems.

The group was encouraged by the positive response from 15 volunteers to attend training for operating the various systems that will be located on the mixing desk. After careful consideration it was decided to locate the desk in the east transept where the back pew has been removed.

By the time, you are reading the issue of UPDATE it is, expected, the new sound system should be operational including the use of the screens for displaying the words of the hymns. Hymn books, will still be available for those who would prefer to continue using them but experience in churches who have installed screens is that the majority of the congregation opt to dispense using a hymn book.

Services will continue to be streamed and the sound for those viewing at home should be much better. Initially the cameras will continue to focus on the chancel or pulpit, as we need to seek approval from the families of FOG Squad and JAFFA members about the arrangements for the use of cameras during services to comply with Church of Scotland guidelines.

There will also be information on display for members of the congregation as to which pews could be within the camera range and as a result include them on the live stream. If that is of a concern you might want to consider sitting in pews which will not be covered by the cameras. If you want more information on this please get in touch with me.

It will be useful to hear of your thoughts about the changes. Please pass on your thoughts to any member of the Thinking Ahead Group who are The Minister, Lyn Ross, Pat Hay, John Porter, John Gray, Alex Forrester and David Taylor

DMT



Start of the installation Alastair Deacon of TOASTY audio

Final day of installation

The start of training for volunteers to operate the mixing desk

Mixing Desk has been designed and constructed by John Porter

A Prayer for the Time of Year and this Time in our Church's Life

In this season of change as days shorten
As darkness begins to creep upon us
As coolness pushes summer warmth aside
As the hues of autumn appear in all their vibrancy
As the last of the harvest is gathered
At this time of change we turn to God

To God who is unchanging, constant in care
Abiding in compassion, enduring in love

In the changes in church life
As congregations unite
As buildings close
As presbyters merge
As ministries develop in the changes of church life
We turn to God

Lord in the changes and the challenges in life
Be ever near us to strengthen, encourage and
Comfort us in our time of need

Lord, in this season of change and uncertainty
In your church

In our denomination
Give us a vision of the future
Give us courage to embrace change
To welcome new opportunities
To see new possibilities
May we know you are with us
Yesterday, today and tomorrow

To God who is unchanging, constant in care
Abiding in compassion, enduring in love

[Based on a prayer in October Life and Work
but adapted locally.]

Flower Calendar

Month	Date	Names
December 2023	3rd	Rita Clark
	10th	Allyson McDonald
	17th	Dorothy Booth
	24th	Muriel Gordon; Allan Crozier
	31st	Kathleen Porter
January 2024	7th	Marjorie Rennie
	14th	Linda Miller
	21st	Sheena Ruark
	28th	Charlotte McWhirter Margaret Jamieson
	February	4th
February	11th	Allan and Joyce Brown
	18th	George and Annette Gordon
	25th	Jean Granger
March	3rd	Marion Palmer; Dougal Grant
	10th	Karen Penrose

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



Could this help with your Christmas Shopping?

CrossReach

Christmas cards, Advent calendars and wall calendars, gift wrap and money wallets

Buy on-line at shop.crossreach.org.uk or by phone at 0131 454 4374

Christian Aid

Feel-good Christmas gifts that light up the world - for example Fruit trees, Emergency help , Antibiotics

Friendship Circle

Our new season of Panbride Friendship Circle meetings started on 3rd October and it was lovely both to catch up with the members and have new folk coming to join us too. We have a very mixed programme this year and so far have enjoyed quizzes, hearing about lots of crafts from Morag at Monkey Makes and learning about the dramatic changes in grocery shopping over the years from our local author and Grocer's Boy Robbie Murray.

On 21st November we are looking forward to welcoming Ian White the leader of the amazing Inspiration Orchestra, whose members are profoundly disabled. Ian will tell us about this very special group of musicians and is bringing along Olwyn, a young violinist from the orchestra who will play for us. We are also looking forward to welcoming back the Monifieth Singers for a fun, festive mini concert on 5th December and enjoying our Members Christmas Afternoon Tea and games session on 19th December.

Meetings are held in the Panbride Hall from 2.00 – 3.30pm on the first and third Tuesday of each month from October to April inclusive. Membership costs just £5 a year with a suggested £2 donation for tea/coffee/cake and biscuits.

We are always happy to welcome non-members who want to hear specific speakers and chat over tea/coffee and sweet treats afterwards.

PANBRIDE MUSICAL MEMORIES

We were delighted to welcome four new members at our last Musical Memories session. The group continues to enjoy singing along to familiar songs with all the words provided either in an A4 folder or on screen with enthusiastic use of tambourines and maracas adding to the fun. Last month we also included a picture quiz of things from yesteryear. Some of our members love to dance and are up on their feet or being whirled in their wheelchair by their carer as soon as the music starts, only sitting down at the break to enjoy a cuppie and sweet treats with the group.

Our meetings are enjoyed by those with dementia and their carers, people who are isolated or lonely and others who just love to sing happy songs. We have a team of lovely helpers whose aim is simply to create a fun, relaxed, family atmosphere where everyone leaves with a smile on their face and a spring in their step.

We would love to welcome more folk to join us on the last Wednesday of each month from 2.00 – 3.30pm. Please phone Susan for more information 854944



NEEDLES AND PINS

We've been meeting in the Session Room on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. The ladies have been busy making items for our stall at the Christmas Gift Evening which was on the 24th November.

All monies made go to Church funds.

We'd be delighted to welcome some new members to our group.

Pat Taylor



Scout Christmas Post

This Christmas period will see the return of the Carnoustie Scout Christmas Post. We are always overwhelmed and incredibly grateful for the support that the town gives to our Christmas Post Service. 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. We are very conscious of the ongoing Cost of Living Crisis and have decided to keep the cost of our Postal Service the same as last year.



Our young people take a lot of pride in raising money to help the Scouting group. The Christmas Post primarily raises money for maintenance costs 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	Co-op, Barry Road	Visions, High Street
Boots, Dundee Street	Boots, Barry Road	Carnoustie Golf Hotel
Premier, High Street	Library, High Street	Dobbies, Monifieth
Ravensby News, Barry Road	MacDougall's Newsagents	Longparke, Monifieth
David Lloyd, Monifieth		

Postboxes will be open from Sunday 26th November and will close on Friday 15th December. Please note that the last post for outlying areas is Wednesday 13th December.

Many thanks Frances, Lesley and Emily

1st Carnoustie Boys' Brigade & Girls Association Christmas Post

Our Christmas Post service will run from 25th November until noon on 17th December. Cost remains unchanged at 20p per card.

Cards accepted for Carnoustie including the new estate, Barry, Easthaven and Muirdrum but not for any farms.

There will be a collection box at Newton Church. Collection Boxes will also be located at the following

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	

JAFFA REPORT

Instead of an end of year fun outing we opted to have our special trip to an Escape Room after the summer break. We were delighted to welcome Jai as too as a new JAFFA member. Working on the 'Overthrone' challenges to escape from a castle under attack as quickly as possible was a great team builder. Our young people quickly realized that we could achieve greater things faster when we worked together by combining our individual special skills and the different skills of our team mates. Decoding and solving complicated problems, mastering different locks, and using the vital resource of the small UV torch to find hidden codes led us to success in escaping after 47 minutes. Although not bible based the challenge reinforced important bible teachings and we all loved it. We were really proud to see JAFFA placed third on the leader board!

We were delighted to be asked to help to decorate the church for harvest. We made fish to add to our 'harvest from the sea' windowsill display and used a toy farm and tractors with animals, real and knitted fruit and vegetables to show the food produced by our local farmers. We discussed the need for both rain and sun and the devastating impact of failed harvests and famine in other countries.

The topical issues of war and peace formed the basis of our discussions and wordsearches at our next meeting. We tackled difficult issues such as why wars arise, why negotiation doesn't always work and the ruthless quest for power and supremacy. We looked at how Jesus reacted when challenges arose and recognized that he had to deal with many difficult situations and although his way was usually through peaceful explanations and demonstrations, he sometimes got angry and had to stand up for what was right.

The account of how Jesus stilled the storm was the biblical source for our quizzes and discussion at our next meeting. Local torrential rain and pictures of the impact of floods in Brechin were discussed. Dorothy was with us and she showed us pictures of their fields which had been affected whilst Cara told us about the practical difficulties in getting the potato harvest in quickly before the next heavy rain. We also looked at some of the 'storms of life' which arise and how we can gain strength and guidance to help us get through these storms through prayer.

Our aim in our fortnightly meetings is to help our young people to see the value and relevance of bible teaching in life today through discussion and fun activities. We would love to welcome other secondary school pupils to join our group.

Thank you for continuing to support JAFFA through your prayers.

Susan and Janie

F.O.G Squad

In the F.O.G Squad we have been enjoying learning about animals of the Bible. The children were surprised to learn about some unusual animals from the bible such as a skink and chameleon.

To continue the theme of animals we will be performing 'The Animals Christmas' by Aileen Urquhart on 17th December.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Alison Stuart

Time and Time Again

The clocks have changed; not stopped; changed. We gained an hour. Where did that hour come from; I wonder? It made me think about time and how so many aspects of our lives are regulated by it. Its importance to us is reflected in our everyday language.

Night-time,
daytime,
time to get up,
in the nick of time,
save time,
good times,
bad times,
time's up,
move with the times.

How many more can you think of?

The passage of time is strange. When I was wee time seemed to pass slowly; a year was an eternity. Now, time seems to vanish.

"I don't know where the time's gone," is the common cry.

Clocks tick, watches beep and our lives are divided into measured intervals of time.

"There's not enough hours in a day," is the refrain in this hurly burly world.

It's strange, because our houses are full of labour-saving devices and technology which supposedly saves us time. How we choose to spend time appears to be dictated by outside influences.

For me though, it is the time spent with others which is precious time. A laugh and a giggle with friends and family is always a good use of my time. In difficult times, being comforted or doing the comforting is a valuable use of time. It can be a moment in time when that squeeze of the hand, pat on the shoulder, a hug can say so much more than words.

Nature has cycles which offer to me a tempo and set rhythm in this modern world. The days shorten, the nights lengthen. Seasons change. Autumn has now cast off its coat of many splendid colours and winter's stark beauty is all around. Trees patiently stand providing shelter to all. Birds roost earlier now and those creatures who hibernate are all cooied down in their innate knowledge that it is time to do so. Garden birds feed voraciously at regular times. The wild geese know when it's time to move on. Their skeins pattern the skies as their haunting cries pierce the air.

The sea ebbs and flows. Waves of shingle dash the shore and at this time of year the sea can be whipped into a cauldron. The sea extends to the horizon in timeless majesty. I think the natural world is more complex than ever I could imagine. Time spent in nature is never a waste of my time. We all have our own special, unique ways of passing time.

As Christians, we have the time we spend with God. Fellowship is our family time with God. Sometimes that will be in church in communal worship and prayer. At other times, times spent with God can be in private prayer and reflections. It's good I think, regardless of where we are, to stop all our busyness and just be with God in whatever way that suits. God always has time for us. His time is not measured in hours and minutes but is infinite. Our faith is not constrained by time. It can expand and grow when we nourish it. Time with God is, I think, a very good use of time.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

Gillian Cook
November 2023

Dates for your Diary

Moment for Meditation

December 2023

See article on page 3 for Services during December
All services in Newton Church

5th Friendship Circle Panbride Hall 2pm

9th Men's Breakfast Panbride Hall 10am

13th Kirk Session 7.30 pm Panbride Hall

19th Friendship Circle Panbride Hall 2pm

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January

11th Service of Union for Carnoustie Trinity

16th Needles and Pins 10.30 am Session Room

16th Friendship Circle Panbride Hall 2pm

27th Men's Breakfast Panbride Hall 10.00 am

31st Musical Memories Panbride Hall 2pm

Coffee & Chat is held every Wednesday 10am Panbride Hall. All welcome

February

6th Needles and Pins 10.30 Session Room

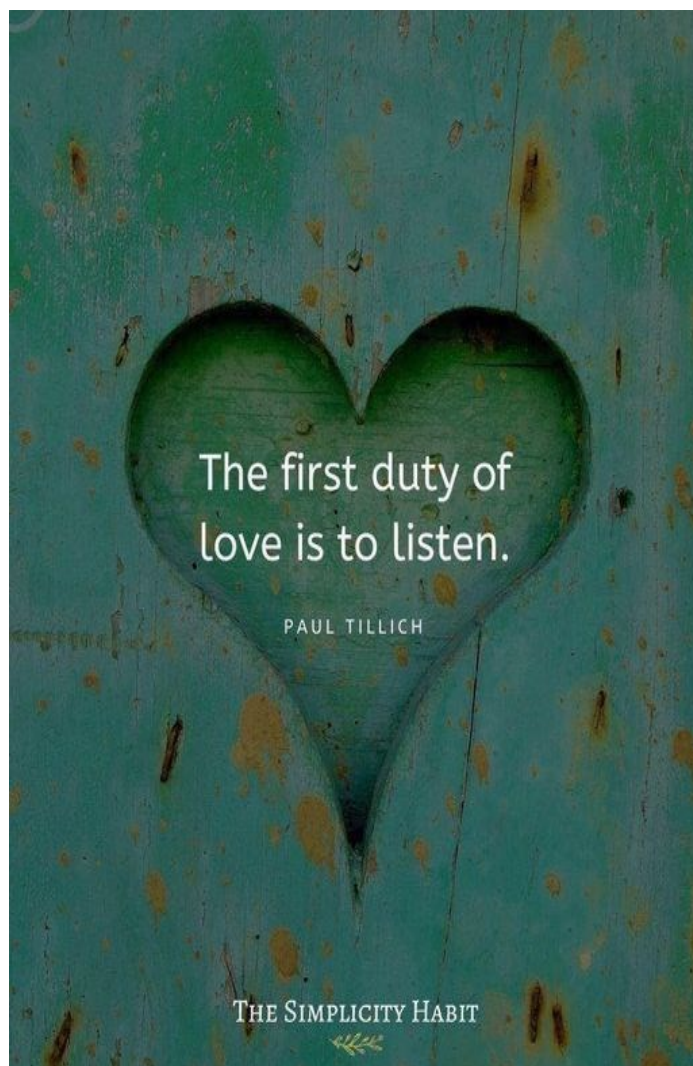
6th Friendship Circle Panbride Hall 2pm

20th Friendship Circle Panbride Hall 2pm

21st Needles and Pins 10.30 Session Room

28th Musical Memories Panbride Hall 2pm

Coffee and Chat is held every Wednesday 10am Panbride Hall. All welcome



Could you Use?

The 6 speakers which were in Newton Church are still in working order. Anyone or any Group who could use one or all of them should get in touch with David Taylor for Further information and if interested to see what is on offer.

DMT

DIVINE DUSTERS



It's at this time of year that I thank all our Divine Dusters for cleaning our buildings over the last year. They faithfully turn up and they all do a great job.

Thank you one and all. It saves our church the expense of a cleaner.

If you would like to help or even go on the reserve list, please get in touch.

I'd be delighted to hear from you.

Pat Taylor Tel 853919

Treasurer's Report

Income	Actual Full Year 2021	Actual Full Year 2022	Budget Full Year 2023	Actual YTD to Oct 2023
Weekly FWO donations	4356	3621	3500	4183
SO Donations	45444	43807	40000	37318
Plate	2857	5052	6500	5681
Gift Aid	12652	12913	12750	10853
Total Giving	65309	65393	62750	58035
Other Income	14781	26802	23732	19987
Total Income	80090	92195	86482	78022
Expenditure	72364	86699	84634	66309
Operating Surplus	8226	5496	1848	11712
One off Cost AV				11659

As you will see from above figures there was a healthy surplus for the year to October of £11,712 which was significantly ahead of budget. The main drivers of this are additional giving income from FWO and Standing Orders and on the expenditure fabric is tracking significantly below budget. The payment for the AV Installation is 50% of the projected total. The remainder will be paid before the end of November.

John Gray, Pat Hay and Stan Beattie

Church Directory

Minister	Rev Annette Gordon	8 Arbroath Road	01241 854478
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	Contact via: secretarypanbride@hotmail.co.uk		
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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
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