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A message from the Minister



Until recently I would first see The Link as everyone else when it was published. As I am now essentially the publisher I find myself being the last person to see it before it goes out. What a lot there is to see too. This edition brings together thoughts from a wide range of contributors, enriching us in word as they enrich our mission by worship, service and giving. How fortunate we are.

Living in quite exceptional times we are both under restriction and at a time of opportunity. New ways of being the Church are having to be found; don't we just know. Giving us the opportunity to stretch our mission. At the same time some of the previous ways are necessarily being set down. None of this is easy.

I am reading a book at the moment entitled 'The Faith of Leap' in which I came across these words:

'our function here is not merely to endure but to effect change in Jesus's name as commanded by the King whose reign we announce and demonstrate.'

I do believe that we are in our own way contributing positively to the effecting of change in Jesus' name, even when, perhaps especially when, it is different, disturbing, challenging, a bit of a leap.

Grace and peace, **Jeff**

Some reflections from the Session Clerk

In the June edition of The LINK I reflected on the man who once said, 'Man can live for 40 days without food, about 3 days without water, about 8 minutes without air, but only for 1 second without Hope'. Our church buildings were empty then.....and as I write, they are still empty.....but I said we must have Hope in our hearts that someday soon they would be bursting with life and ready to face a new way of carrying out God's



work in our Parish. I am pleased to say that the journey of Hope towards this new way starts on Sunday 30th August at 11.15am.

There has been a substantial process undertaken by a team within the congregation. This involved a detailed submission to Stirling Presbytery which included Risk Assessments and Protocols, backed up by photographs on how these procedures were to be implemented within the Kirk. I am pleased to say that Presbytery accepted our submission and gave us clearance to open the church for Sunday Worship and funerals. Thereafter, the Kirk Session gave its support to proceed to open the building.



I would like to sincerely thank our Safety Team: Gill Alexander along with Sarah Gold and Elinor Gordon for taking forward all the necessary requirements to secure this process through Presbytery. It was a large undertaking, but an important one. I would also like to thank all those who have kindly agreed to be part of the Safety Team on a Sunday with Stewarding and Cleaning. To open any building requires a team of people who can rotate to provide all the cleaning and stewarding. If you can help in anyway please be in touch with me, or a member of the Safety Team.

As we take this tentative step to open the church for Sunday Worship, we must be aware that many things will not be the same. There are many rules and regulations attached to this process which are compulsory and indeed, very wise. I encourage you to make yourself aware of these rules and regulations.

They have been emailed out on many occasions, but they are also available on our Facebook page along with a video and in the Stirling Observer.

At this time, the Church Office, Callander Kirk Halls and Trossachs Church remain closed. The same rigorous process will be required in due course for these buildings.

I am sure many of you are wondering what has happened to Kirk Session Meetings. I am pleased to say that on two occasions we have successfully organised a 'Zoom' Meeting. Sadly, this does not work for everyone and I am very conscious of this, but in such times it is one way we have of trying to conduct Session Business. For those who managed to join, it was lovely to see them 'on screen'.

The search for a Manse continues.....the property market is opening up, but properties that have come on the market over the past few weeks have not been there for long. No sooner are they on the market and flooded with viewings than a closing date appears. I would like to encourage people to keep their 'ears to the ground' and if you hear of anything that is about to come on the market which might be suitable as a manse, then please be in touch with me.

As we head into the 'new normal' of Sunday Worship, I look forward to seeing 'weel-kent' faces appear at the Kirk door, but equally I will continue to think of those who are still with us in Spirit at home, continuing to engage with the worship that has been provided by Jeff over these past 5 months. This has been a real blessing to so many. Thank you, Jeff. Thanks to Rob also for his support with technology Sunday by Sunday, but also for his worship services when Jeff was on holiday. Thank you to Lara for all she does to upload the services to YouTube and Facebook.

The church family has still been at work...just in slightly new ways.

Blessings to all,

[Linda Cantlay](#) Session Clerk

Rev. Jim Brown passed away peacefully on 28th August 2020.

This is indeed very sad news for the Callander Kirk Family. As a congregation we were so blessed when Jim and Moyra retired to Callander from Helensburgh and joined Callander Kirk. They both, in their own unique ways, became very much part of the life of the Kirk. Jim was such a blessing to us through the two recent vacancies and in particular the most recent one just before Jeff arrived. So many memories of his worship services, but in particular his Advent Themes and services.

You will want to keep Andrew, Elspeth, Kirsty and the rest of the family in your prayers at this time.

Is prayer your spare wheel or your steering wheel?



Life is mostly froth and bubble but two things stand out like stone,

Kindness in another's trouble, - courage in your own.

A.L. Gordon

A surprise gift

A few weeks ago, a parcel was delivered to me via Royal Mail and I just could not think what it contained. On opening, I was delighted to find a beautiful book sent to me by Douglas Connell, younger son of Thomson and Hazel Connell both of whom will be remembered by many of you as stalwarts of Callander, The McLaren High School and St. Kessog's Church.

Douglas and his wife return to Callander whenever possible and Douglas always expresses his appreciation of his upbringing here and of his education at the High School, to which he is extremely generous.

Anyway, my lovely gift is a book of poems, prayers and graces collected by Catriona Monro, a friend of Douglas. It is called "We'll say the Blessing II". She had already written a similar book and had been persuaded to produce a second volume. It is illustrated by friends and family and is a fascinating read, as many of the items have been written by those same friends and family.



Catriona is a daughter of the manse and had been brought up to say Grace before or after meals so is well equipped to produce such an anthology.

I have included a few here...some known to me previously; others quite new. Some are humorous - others more serious but all suitable for use in our homes.

*For every cup and plateful, Lord make us truly grateful.

**Doon heid, up paws, thank God for jaws.

***Lord, thanks for breakfast lunch and dinner

If it wasn't for you, we'd all be much thinner.

****God who blessed the loaves and fishes

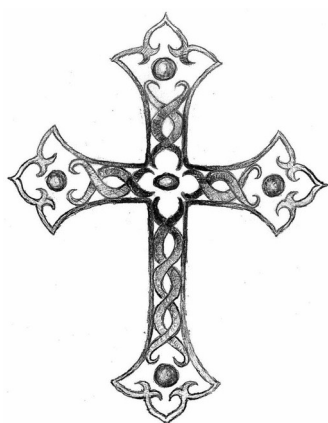
Bless to us these splendid dishes.

*****For food in a world where many walk in Hunger

For faith in a world where many walk in Fear

For friends in a world where many walk Alone,

We give You our grateful thanks, O Lord. Amen



The Guild

Our meetings and programme finished rather abruptly due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and no AGM could be held at the end of the 2019/2020 session of the Guild.

In July, permission was given by the National Guild to allow our Treasurer to disburse Guild funds. The Committee was in agreement that we should give a donation of £500 to Callander Kirk, in line with its previously agreed recommendation from the meeting held on 11th February 2020. The Treasurer was also instructed to send cheques to Guild Office to forward to our Project Partners for the last session, these being Malawi Fruits and The Boys Brigade, who each received £271.50.

The Guild worked hard to achieve these magnificent totals by holding a Coffee Morning and saving all their small coins along with their generous offerings and some donations.

At the time of going to press no firm plans have been made for session 2020/2021. We are waiting for instructions re social distancing in the hall and rules about the use of the kitchen.

The Committee has prepared a draft syllabus but are reluctant to proceed further with booking speakers, etc., until we are aware of what is permissible. By the late autumn we should, hopefully, have some idea of how our next session can proceed. We are as anxious as all the other groups in Callander Kirk to get out of 'lockdown' as soon as possible and look forward to that day.
May McGregor



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Flowers always make people better, happier and more helpful: they are sunshine, food and medicine to the soul.

Many are the plans in a man's heart but it is God's purpose that prevails. Proverbs 19:21

Pastoral Care

It is approximately twenty-five weeks since the start of lockdown and although much has eased now, very few of church groups and activities have been able to continue or resume.



The same cannot be said for our Pastoral Care Group, the members of which have been extremely diligent, showing the love and care which is poured into our community, from God's church here in Callander.

Many people, (around seventy, at present), are visited or telephoned on a regular basis. Information is passed in confidence and where there is a need, appropriate action is taken – perhaps communication with the minister; a special card sent; flowers taken; a visit made; an invitation given or some need met. This is all done quietly and efficiently, under the excellent leadership of Anne McLachlan, who not only organises this but also, on a weekly basis, delivers to twenty homes, printed copies of our services.

If you are aware of any way in which the group can assist people in Callander, Church members or not, please contact Anne on 330 301.

D.C.K. #



Youth Work

Euan Murphy has done a great job over the summer supporting the young people, especially with the 'Holiday club' video earlier in August.

He will be leaving us next month as he heads off to Edinburgh University and we need to find new ways of working with young people over the coming months, so would value your prayers for the decisions that need to be taken in order to find the way forward.

Please also pray for Euan as he starts a new chapter in his life.
Once the school situation has settled down it may be possible to resume our work with the young people in the Primary School and at McLaren High.

Sue Hewitt

Thursday Club



We like our games in the Thursday Club but the only one we can play at the moment is a Waiting Game. We wait for three events. The first is for the Social Distancing regulation to disappear, the second is for us to be able to car share and the third is for the Kirk Library to be available again. As we missed our AGM the Committee, by telephone, agreed to us making a donation of £150.00 to the Kirk in lieu of our hall rent from January to March and treasurer Ann also paid our final taxi bill.

We were saddened during this period to hear of the deaths of our greatly valued members Joyce Lynn and Douglas Stewart followed by the death in Ashlea of a longstanding member and committee member Jean Howie. We extended sympathy to the families of all three and more recently to Committee member Jacqueline Brotherton on the death of her husband Peter, a good friend of the Club.

The Club was well represented at a very happy occasion when secretary Marion Doherty had a Surprise Doorstep celebration of her 90th birthday. The video will be enjoyed at the Club on some future occasion.

M. Doherty

To make you smile - seen on a church noticeboard:-

“THOU SHALT WEAR A MASK,,,,,,,,,,,,,HyGenesis 20:20

CHURCH GARDEN

As many of you are aware, I enjoy working in my garden. It is not large and I am no expert but it gives me tremendous pleasure, particularly in the summer months when I wait with eager anticipation to see what will bloom again and I love to see the different colours appearing day by day.

I'm afraid I was pretty boastful this year about my peonies which were outstanding and fortunately bloomed at a time when the sun was shining and they were saved a battering from wind and rain.

One aspect of a garden is that, like our spiritual lives, it needs regular attention otherwise the weeds grow and the grass sprouts and the whole thing becomes a mess.

Our church garden also needs regular attention.



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The hedge has been cut professionally, (at no cost to the Kirk), and the area between church and hall has been weeded and planted by two ladies who have also tackled a little weeding in the front garden. However, the front garden needs further attention and we are looking for a 'team' of volunteers who might just manage to keep those weeds and that grass under control. We really need a few men to tackle this and a couple of hours on a Saturday morning or early evening during September and October, before the clocks change, would probably produce miracles and see us through the winter. If you are able to give even a little time to this task please contact D. Kinloch on 330 238. There is no financial commitment - only time, and it is time given to the Lord in the hope that our church looks loved and welcoming to all those who pass by,,,,,and who may well wish to join us.

D.C.K.

To be happy for a day, kill your pig

To be happy for a week get married

To be happy for a lifetime plant a garden

Whoever plants a garden believes in the future



I was making tablet one day, and thought it's like this:

Sugar is the sweetness of the Lord

Milk is the nourishment of his word

Butter is the oil of salvation.

It's all put in a vessel which is us - and warmed by God's love.

Then it has to be laid out like the life of Christ...and then, of course, it has to be shared.

Grace MacDougall from "We'll say the blessing II"

Crossreach The Social Care arm of The Church of Scotland

In March, Crossreach launched a Covid-19 Emergency Appeal and the result has been tremendous. Over £270,000 has been raised to help with costs incurred because of the virus...PPE, extra staffing and digital technology to name but a few.

It is probably not too late to donate and it is *certainly* not too late to pray for this aspect of our Church.

And here is another way to help, sent directly from Crossreach.

This past year has certainly been a year like no other, but the good news is that **Christmas is happening!**

Like you, we will be especially enthusiastic about reaching out to friends and family this year. With this in mind, it's a good time to let you know that the CrossReach Christmas Card and Calendar Collection 2020 will be available from 1st September 2020.

With new, exciting, bright cards and ever popular traditional cards, there really is something for everyone!

From 1st September you can see and order the Christmas Cards and Calendars on-line at shop.crossreach.org.uk

Paper copies of the Catalogue will be sent to previous Customers the end of this week. You can request your paper copy of the Catalogue by emailing us at webshop@crossreach.org.uk, or by phoning us on 0131 454 4374.



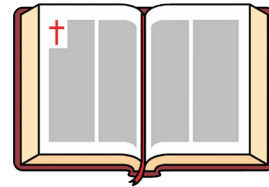
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'I pray that the eyes of your heart may be opened in order that you may know the hope that is within you'. Ephesians 1:18

Opening our hearts, being enlightened can be such a challenge. So much of what we do is head based, especially at the moment, when even walking down the street entails thinking about how to keep separate from each other.

On a stormy day this summer in Benderloch I heard this prayer on the radio. It stopped my thoughts as I followed the advice to breathe slowly, in and out with each line, and my heart was touched.

*I receive your love....
and release my insecurity
I receive your joy....
and release my unhappiness
I receive your peace...
and release my anxiety*



Sheridan Voysey

From the treasurer

During the past months when all our church buildings have been closed our free-will offering income has reduced to about 75% compared to this time last year. Income from hall letting has dried up totally. This obviously has had an impact on our finances as bills still need to be paid. Please would you prayerfully consider if you can give any extra at this time, no matter how small. Our God is a big God and can do amazing things when we give our money, time and talents willingly.

We are trying to limit our contact with cash and cheques due to coronavirus and therefore if you are able to set up a regular standing order from your bank to the church bank it would be appreciated. If you need further details on how to do this then please see me at church or phone me on 01 877 330 101.

Remember if you are a tax payer and can gift aid your donation then the kirk can reclaim 25% of the amount from the government, at no additional cost to you. Please ask me for a gift aid form if you haven't already completed one in the past year.

If you are no longer a tax payer don't forget to let us know so gift aid will no longer be claimed on your donations.

Many have continued to give faithfully and we give thanks to God for this.

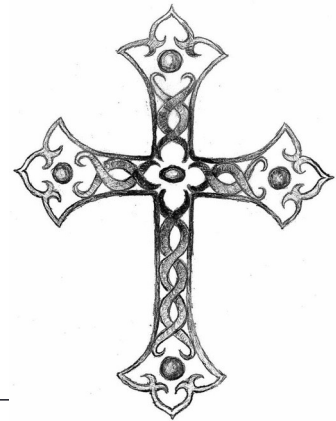
God bless,

Fiona Murphy.

Fiona also sent this passage,,,,,,

Our lives have all been impacted this year by an invisible enemy, the coronavirus. Tom Wright, a Christian theologian, has written an article entitled 'Christianity offers no answers about the coronavirus: it's not supposed to'.

He states that 'perhaps what we need is to recover the biblical tradition of lament. Lament is what happens when people ask 'why' and don't get an answer. At this point the Psalms, the Bible's own hymn-book, come back into their own. "Be gracious to me, Lord," prays the sixth Psalm, "for I am languishing; O Lord, heal me, for my bones are shaking with terror." "Why do you stand far off, O Lord?" asks the 10th Psalm plaintively. "Why do you hide yourself in time of trouble?" And so it goes on: "How long, O Lord? Will you forget me for ever?" (Psalm 13). And, all the more terrifying because Jesus himself quoted it in his agony on the cross, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Psalm 22).



The Church is the only Society that exists for its non-members."

William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury 1942

The Editorial

Did you watch the VJ Day commemoration programmes on television on 15th August?

How moving it was to listen to those men who felt that they were the forgotten army of the Second World War. What a terrible time they had fighting not just the Japanese army but the mud, disease, hunger and cruelty of that time. I cannot imagine what it must have been like for those men who suffered so much in the concentration camps often for years, not just months,

and managed to keep their faith and their humanity in such appalling circumstances.

What struck me particularly was that those still alive, were only boys at the time. Some were as young as eighteen and I hoped that some of our young men of today were taking note and truly appreciating what had happened. I would like the films to be shown to those, (few), destructive hooligans who are pretty careless and selfish in today's society.

I do not know anyone who was in a concentration camp but I think I understand that many who were, or whose family were, just cannot find it in their hearts to forgive. I also have to say that having been in Japan on four different occasions, I was met with nothing but kindness and I still have friends in that amazing country.

I have been to both Hiroshima and Nagasaki and will never forget some of the scenes, photographs and stories of the destruction and can still see the A-Dome building very clearly in my mind's eye. Perhaps it *was* necessary to drop the atomic bombs. I am not at all sure but I am very sure *that it should never happen again*.

Towards the end of the evening programme on TV, a Japanese lady whose married name was Macdonald, told of her horror when she saw the Japanese flag being burned in The Mall twenty two years before. So distressed was she that she has since worked tirelessly to improve relations between the two countries. The Consul-General of Japan is based in Edinburgh and is very keen to work for harmony. He strongly supports work at the Edinburgh Fringe some of which, through artistic mediums of dance and music, try to convey the atrocity of the bombing. The Japanese survivors were known thereafter as 'Hibakusha' and they suffered not only from the effects of the bomb but the isolation and discrimination which followed.

We can only be grateful that we are spared the bomb and the concentration camps and, like Mrs. Macdonald and similar people, try to move on, remembering these words of Pope Francis....."Those who seek to build walls instead of bridges are not Christian".

At this time of the coronavirus pandemic, many are finding life really trying. These words were in my Bible notes recently and seem most appropriate. "Faced with the mystery of suffering and loss, prayer and silence are the only

response left. *'The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him'.*
Habakkuk 2:20 D.C.K.

Jeff's apple - from the August issue of our monthly newsletter 'The Skein'

"An apple a day keeps the doctor away."

I want to suggest a new "apple" to share with the folk we meet. I'll spell it out for you!

A is for Applaud. Applaud - don't complain.

P is for Pray. Pray for the folks you know who are working away at things.

P is for Praise. Praise them when opportunity allows.

L is for Listen. Take time to hear what they have to say.

E is for Encourage. Find reason to celebrate

Revd. J. McCormick

Do not let the supermarket staff take your temperature. It melts your brain!

I went in for bread, milk and a paper and came out with chocolate, wine and sausages!!



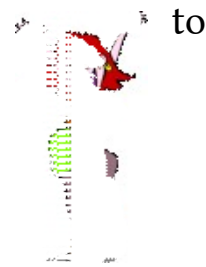
Teapot Café

Little did we think when we began the café a few weeks earlier this year that we would actually have fewer meetings in the course of 2020.

I miss seeing everyone. Some come in before 10.30, some much later because of hair appointments or shopping, others pop in when they can and Jeff breezes in most weeks unless work takes him elsewhere. He chats to the men, who are so pleased to see him and he usually manages some time over with the ladies.

Please God we will be able to plan some meetings for 2021.

The helpers are all so committed and cheery and we have tried to communicate with our 'clients' and with each other over this period of 'lockdown'.



Sadly, we have lost some faithful members over recent months. Willie Reid was probably our most regular client over many long years, Dougie Stewart was another regular who was always appreciative of the company and Jean Howie was a most valued helper in the early years of the Café. We are so sad at their passing.

D.C.K.

Music and Memories is not actually a Kirk organisation but is held in the hall and run by, and attended by, many Kirk members. We pray that they too can resume before too long.



The Moderator of the Church of Scotland

A link in an email from May MacGregor pointed me to what was being done at the time of lockdown by our Moderator, Rt Rev Dr Martin Fair, to encourage and guide us forward. I have found his Sunday Services, his interviews under the title of "A Fair Question" on a Thursday, and, last week, his "Week of Prayer" a great blessing and encouragement. When I mentioned this to Dorothy, she suggested I write my comments for The Link.

His very first Sunday service was **Pentecost Sunday** and it was totally appropriate during Lockdown.

His first words were:-

God's house is shut.

The Church is not the building. It is the people.

Let us worship God in Spirit

Pentecost is the Church's birthday

We are told to "Go into the world

The Holy Spirit came to give us the tools and the knowledge to Go.

A small family then sang,

I am the Church, you are the Church, We are the Church together All who follow Jesus, all around the world, We are the Church together

Go! And start on your doorstep. To do that, the Church needs to lay down its baggage and trust and depend on God.

He asked, “Are you ready to go where God is leading us? We need to allow God to make us into the Church needed for OUR Community. This is our opportunity. And for that, God has given us his Spirit.
Every word in bold was what he actually said.

Interview --- It's a Fair question.

Many subjects have been covered in the Moderator's interviews including,” What is it like to be black in Scotland?, You had the virus, what was it like?, How can we support our communities?, God and Science?. What can we do about Poverty and Injustice?”.

One discussion that I found really thought provoking, was with Steve Aisthorpe, who has recently written a book called ‘Rewilding the Church’. Steve is a climber who loves nature and in the discussion often compared the growth of natural, wild areas with the growth of the church. He said the Church/church was too predictable and wondered if we really are following Jesus who was very unpredictable. We need to reconnect with the adventure of faith.

When Steve read Matthew's gospel seriously, he found Jesus to be a compelling person.

There is in nature an inbuilt urge to regenerate. It bounces back unexpectedly so often.

At the heart of the Church is the immeasurable power of its creator so Steve sees no reason why it could not bounce back too.

We need to focus more on following Jesus instead of following traditions Let go and allow the natural in following Jesus and we will see change.

There are so many people who believe in God but who are disconnected with church.

I think we all know maybe even a few people who have said that.

He feels that rewilding, (i.e. letting God have His way), the church may make a difference to that

Be more like Jesus. What comes out of that is Church. We don't know the outcome. Trust that Jesus will lead us in the best way for us.

In the first half of August, the Moderator called all Church of Scotland members to join in a Week of Prayer for The Church and The Country from 17th-22nd August. It consisted of Morning Reflexions —a scripture reading, followed by a time for silence and contemplation

We were then given guidelines on how to use what we see around us as prompters to pray throughout the day....recognising how great our God is as well as how great is His love for us; bringing our hopes and fears to Him; asking Him for help ; thanking Him for blessings and listening to what He may be saying to us.

Evening Prayer— lay down what is troubling you; open your heart and mind to God's Spirit, to hear what he would say to you; be still.

This is a wonderful pattern for us to continue on a daily basis.

This was followed by a guest partner from another denomination leading us in prayer. This was to remind us of our unity of faith despite differences and to draw us all together.

All who wanted to join a Zoom prayer meeting were randomly put into groups to pray for our own Church, the whole Church of God and our country. I don't know numbers but there seemed to be a huge number of people involved in these.

(Point of interest....on the final day, the guest was from the Quaker tradition....Adwoa Burnley , who went to school and Brownies in Callander.) Services, Interviews and the Week of Prayer can still be seen on the Church's Facebook and on YouTube.

Jean Brownrigg

Church Opening – Callander Kirk

As the Session Clerk has said, church services in the near future will be rather different from previously. Here are a few points just for information

- Numbers are limited to 50
- Face masks are required
- Contact details will be required
- A one way system will be in operation
- Stewards will guide people to their seats.

These points are for *information* and should not cause anyone not to come unless they are shielding or have Covid symptoms.

The Mask prayer ,,,,,,, slightly adapted

Creator, as I prepare to go into the world, help me see the sacrament in the wearing of this cloth.

Let it be “an outward sign of an inward peace”. A tangible and visible way of living – love for my neighbours, as I love myself.

Christ, since my lips will be covered, uncover my heart, that people would see my smile in the crinkles around my eyes. Since my voice may be muffled, help me to speak clearly, not only with my words but with my actions.

Holy Spirit, as the elastic touches my ears, remind me to listen carefully – and be full of care, to all those I meet.

May this simple piece of cloth be Shield and Banner,
and each breath that it holds be filled with your love.
In the name of love, I pray these words. Amen

Christian Aid Scotland - Another Way to Remember

Christian Aid will celebrate '**Another way to remember**' on
Saturday 12th September and you are invited to participate.

This year we invite you to walk somewhere local to you, perhaps
a woodland walk that holds special memories or a favourite
country park. Then we will come together online at 12pm for a
short moment of reflection and to light candles. Further details
can be found by visiting the

website: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/events/another-way-remember>

TAKE ACTION

The Green Team

At the end of the last Green Team article in The Link we issued a challenge to our readers to help us “Build Back Better”. In case you can’t quite remember, that challenge was: “Can each of us remind our elected officials that it is their duty to protect its citizens, so that the world will be full of resources and habitable in 10 or 100 years time?”

Not that easy? What specifically should we be asking of our politicians? Here is an idea:

Stop Climate Chaos Scotland (SCCS) is a diverse coalition of over 50 civil society organisations in Scotland campaigning together on climate change.

Members include environment, faith and belief groups, international development organisations, trade and student unions and community groups (see <https://www.stopclimatechaos.scot/>)

They believe that the Scottish Government should take bold action to tackle climate change, with Scotland delivering our fair share of action in response to the Paris Agreement and supporting climate justice around the world.

SCCS is running a campaign asking people to tell their MSPs to support an amendment to the Agriculture Bill, which is currently going through Parliament. The amendment requires farm payments to have purpose.

Leaving the EU means the Scottish Parliament must replace the EU Common Agriculture Policy and farm payments. SCCS is campaigning to ensure we take this key opportunity to ensure farm payments support action for nature and the climate.

Agricultural policy at the moment sees almost £650 million given to farmers each year based on how much land they have. These payments come with relatively few environmental or other conditions attached to them. But we know that how farmers manage their land has a vital role to play in tackling the nature and climate emergencies. Our agriculture systems must be more resilient and contribute to a more sustainable food system in Scotland.

You can sign the SCCS petition at <https://tinyurl.com/y3kdsa24> and tell MSPs that farm payments must be tied to actions that:

- maintain, restore and enhance biodiversity and
- help the agriculture sector transition to meet net-zero emission targets
- are based on principles that are ecologically sound
- facilitate local supply chains and
- improve food security for healthy sustainable diets

Agricultural payments must have purpose. They should be tied to the measures farmers take for nature and the climate.

Tell your MSPs to support an amendment to the Agriculture Bill requiring farm payments to have purpose.

Thank you!

The Green Team.

I woke up today;

I had a roof over my head;

I had food to eat;

I have running water.

I am thankful

Church Register

Bereavements

Mr. Hamish Menzies

Mrs. Helen Buchanan

Mrs. Joyce Lynn

Mr. Douglas Stewart

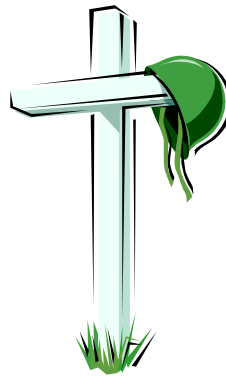
Mrs. Jean Howie

Miss Margaret Kennet

Mrs. Nancy Anderson

Mr. Peter Brotherton

Revd. Jim Brown



A final thought-

Sometimes, all you hear about is hate
but there is more love in the world than
you could possibly imagine.



Kirk Session Members

Gill Alexander 331 747

Mark Brownrigg 330 562

Congregational Board Members

Mark Brownrigg* 330 562

John Miller 376 242

Rae Bell	330 230	Chris Gillespie*	331 703
Linda Cantlay	331 635	Mairi Menzies*	331 351
Chris Gillespie	331 703	Joan Barrie	330 710
Sarah Gold	330 671	Margaret Kemp	330 232
Sue Hewitt	330 956	John Paterson	331 776
Dorothy Kinloch	330 238		
Mairi Menzies	331 351	* denotes Session member	
Margaret Milligan	330 396		
Sheila Morrison	331 084	Elders Emeritus	
Anita Murray	331 266	John Richard	
Anne McLachlan	330 301	Linda Sutherland	
Carol Palmer	330 888		
Rob Rawson	339 324		
Ann Ross	01786 825 990		
Ray Sly	01786 841 984		
Dakem Tenzing- Jenkins	331 447		
Robert Vanhegan	330 372		
Margaret Warnock	330 159		



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Clerk to the Board	Chris Gillespie	331 703
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Fabric Convener	vacancy	
Organist & Choir Master	Ian Milligan	330 396
Prayer Promoter	Sarah Gold	330 671
Safeguarding coordinator	Alison Hall	331 138
The Link Editor	Dorothy Kinloch	330 238
Co-ordinator, Early Services	Gill Alexander	331 747
Youth Elder	Sue Hewitt	330 956
Youth Worker	vacancy	
Flower Convener	vacancy	
Fund Raising Convener	Angela Gillies	