



From the Minister

In the Church we are well used to the idea of 'seasons', and I don't mean the winter, spring, summer, autumn ones. We have significant dates in the Church calendar such as Christmas and Easter, but around those dates we have seasons. Advent and Lent would be the examples here. In the secular world we are perhaps used to it more subconsciously, depending on what seasonal products fill the supermarket shelves (and often appear before one season is even over with). Around this time of year the key date that seems to have become a season is the celebration of our national bard, Robert Burns. Burns was seen as a strong critic of the Kirk, witnessed through some of his poetry. Anyone familiar with his history will be well aware of how often he fell afoul of the judgment of the Kirk Session. That may have jaded his opinion of the Kirk, but there are clear threads of faith running through some of his works. However, I don't want to draw on his critique of the Kirk to make a point, but rather on an aspect of Burns' works that can sometimes be overlooked.

We know Burns is much-lauded as a poet and I'm sure many of us can quote many of his pieces either in whole or in part. We also know that he wrote many songs and, again, most of us will be able to sing the odd verse or two, and we've all enthusiastically muddled our way through Auld Lang Syne on many an occasion. What's maybe less well known is that during what some may consider Burns' 'barren time', when few poems were penned, his output of songs was prolific.

When we look at the Kirk, I wonder if we are seen as going through a 'barren time' just now. Certainly congregational numbers are falling (for many), ministry provision is reducing, buildings are closing, and the Kirk's resources, financial and donated time, are diminishing. I also wonder though how much is going on that is unseen and unremarked. I know many from our congregations are involved in voluntary work that supports our vulnerable and needy. I know many offer friendship and companionship to overcome loneliness and loss. Many too continue to raise awareness of issues and situations beyond our local communities, out into the world.

These are the songs of God's love that brighten the darkness of the world and speak of hope and love. We need to find ways of highlighting such work that shows an active, not a barren, church. As a church we should also recognise that these works are not just for a particular day, or even a season, but are the full-time activity of our life of faith. As such, we must recognise, and respond to, the need for support of the work of our church in practical and prayerful ways. *John*



Kirriemuir Parish Church



Cortachy Church



Oathlaw Tannadice Parish Church

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Caring for God's Creation

Fairtrade Church



Book Sale

in the Parish Church Hall

Saturday 28th January

10am – 4pm

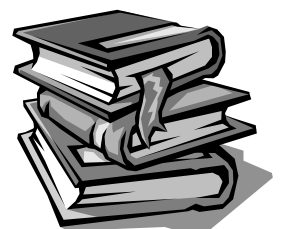
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Monday 30th 10am – 4pm

Tuesday 31st 10am – 2pm

Free Entry All Welcome

Please hand books in to the office on
Thursday 27th & the morning of Friday 28th January
Thank you



(Glens & Kirriemuir Charitable Trust SC041609)

Angel Tree

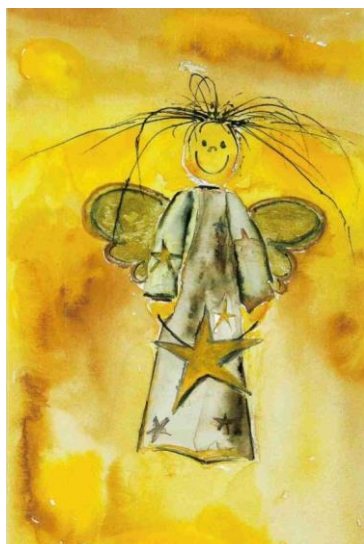
I message on behalf of Jenny, Shawnee and myself to thank everyone for their kind contributions towards the Angel tree appeal. The kindness of our local community is overwhelming and with another difficult year, these gifts were so greatly appreciated by our families.

Wishing you all health and happiness in the year ahead.

Kind regards

Lynn, Jenny & Shawnee (Health Visiting Team)

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year and a huge Thank You from Lorna and all at the Homeless Team.



("Angel" thank you card from an original painted by Markus Kolp – mouth painter)

GKUPC Kirk Session Meeting

The next KS meeting will be on Thursday 9th February at 7.30pm in the Parish Church hall.

Kirriemuir Churches Together

The February KCT meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church on Wednesday 22nd February at 7pm. All Welcome.

The KCT AGM will be held on Wednesday 29 March at 6.30pm in St. Anthony's.

Tannadice News

Our Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday 3rd December was very well attended and raised £350 for Church Funds.

Our Bronze collection in November/December for Christian Aid raised £25. In addition funds raised at Sunday Coffee in October to December totalled net to £82.50. Therefore a total of £107.50 was forwarded to Christian Aid Scotland with best wishes from the Membership of Tannadice Church.

John Rome

Oathlaw Tannadice Parish Church

Coffee Mornings

10am – 11.30am

Saturday 4th February

&

Saturday 4th March

Tannadice Church Extension

In aid of church funds

Entry £3.00 for adults

Children under 18 free of charge

(Scottish Charity No: SC006317)



Details for the

Spring Coffee Morning

on Saturday 1st April to follow.

February Worship Diary

5 February -

9.45am **Tannadice**

11.15am **Kirriemuir** Worship Group

Café Style Service

11.15am **Cortachy**

12 February -

9.45am **Tannadice**

11.15am **Kirriemuir**

19 February -

9.45am **Tannadice**

11.15am **Kirriemuir**

11.15am **Cortachy** Worship Group

26 February -

9.45am **Tannadice** Scouts and Guides

Founders' Day / Thinking Day Service

11.15am **Kirriemuir** Scouts and Guides

Founders' Day / Thinking Day Service &
Bacon Rolls

March Worship Diary

5 March -

9.45am **Tannadice**

11.15am **Kirriemuir** Worship Group

11.15am **Cortachy**

12 March -

9.45am **Tannadice**

11.15am **Kirriemuir**

19 March -

9.45am **Tannadice**

11.15am **Kirriemuir**

11.15am **Cortachy** Worship group

26 March -

9.45am **Tannadice**

11.15am **Kirriemuir** Bacon Rolls



Deaths

"I am the resurrection and the life"

Jean Lowson



GKUPC Dates for your Diary –

28 Jan

Book Sale

Parish Church Hall 10am

30 Jan

Book Sale

Parish Church Hall 10am

31 Jan

Book Sale

Parish Church Hall 10am

2 Feb

Film Night

Parish Church small hall 7pm

6 Feb

Guild Meeting

Parish Church Hall 2pm

7 Feb

Cost of Living Roadshow

Parish Church 11.30am

20 Feb

Guild Meeting

Parish Church Hall 2pm

21 Feb

Proposed Event - **Grow Your Own Food Advice Session**

Parish Church Hall 11.30pm

GKUPC Dates for your Diary – March

2 Mar

Film Night

Parish Church small hall 7pm

3 Mar

World Day of Prayer Service

Parish Church 2pm

6 Mar

Guild Meeting

Parish Church Hall 2pm

20 Mar

Guild Songs of Praise & Afternoon Tea

Parish Church Hall 2pm

Photo Competition /2024 Calendar

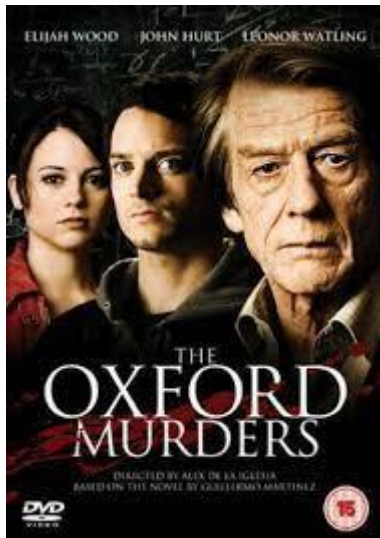
Do you enjoy taking photographs of Kirriemuir and the local area? If so, please enter your photos into our photography competition and your pictures could be in with a chance of featuring in the 2024 Calendar!

Photos should reflect the outstanding beauty of Kirriemuir and the Angus Glens in any season. The closing date is **Friday 7th April 2023**.

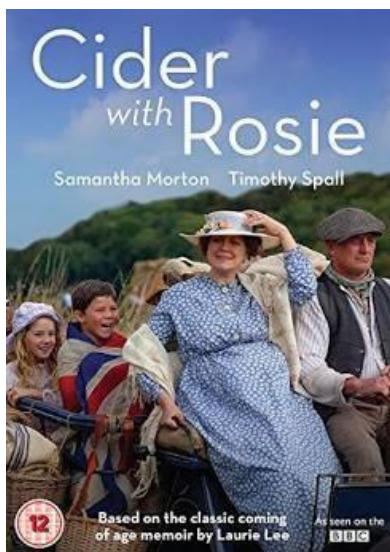
Entry forms will be available nearer the time from the Church office and on www.gkopc.co.uk.

Film Night

The next film night will be on Thursday 2nd February at 7pm. There will be a short cartoon and the feature film will be The Oxford Murders.



The next film night will be on Thursday 9th March. Please come and join us to watch Cider with Rosie. Just a donation is requested. *Alex Rae*



 **WaterAid**
Jars of Change

We will be supporting the WaterAid Lent Appeal: Jars of Change again this year. More information about the work of WaterAid in the next Newsletter.



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Kirriemuir**



SILENT AUCTION

Kirriemuir Parish Church Hall

Sat 25th February 7.30pm

£5 entry includes refreshments



Proceeds to
Scotland's Charity Air
Ambulance
SCO41845



TRADITIONAL
MUSIC & SONG
ASSOCIATION OF SCOTLAND

Spring Concert

Saturday 11th March

7.30pm

Kirriemuir Parish Church

A concert of traditional Scottish music
and song featuring artistes from "A' the
'airts the wind may blaw"

A good evening of great entertainment is
assured!

Tickets at the door £10

Thrums Tots & Kirriemuir Clothing Hub

We have had lots of fun at Thrums Tots already this year. Kirriemuir Clothing Hub have been along to the group with a lovely selection of cozy clothes for children. They will be coming along once a month to the Wednesday group 10am – 11.30am. The clothes are all in really good condition and are free to all!



Kirriemuir Clothing Hub

Helping save money and reduce clothes waste. For more info contact 07394 087007 or Facebook - kirriemuirclothinghub

World Day of Prayer

Friday 3 March
2pm

Kirriemuir Parish Church

I have heard about your Faith

Ephesians 1:15-19

Written by Taiwanese Christian women.

All Welcome



Artist - Hui-Wen HSAIO

Presbytery Update

On the 1st January 2023 the Presbytery of Angus united with the Presbyteries of Dundee, Perth, Dunkeld and Meigle, and Stirling as part of the overall Church of Scotland reorganisation processes. In theory the larger presbytery should have a greater resource base from which to draw for its support of the mission of local congregations. It is this focus which is the crucial element of all the reorganisation that is happening at Presbytery and local levels. Our resources are simply spread out too thinly to be effective. Expensive maintenance on little-used buildings reduces what could be used to develop missional ministry. Within the next year the agreed Presbytery Mission Plans will be put into effect and will be updated to reflect the changed boundaries and changed relationships with our neighbours. This will result in local change too, all with a focus on shaping our congregations for mission. More information will be released as plans take shape. Please hold in prayer those who are shaping these plans and make decisions which will impact on our churches. *John Orr*



Traidcraft plc going into administration

We are sad to say that Traidcraft PLC, (the company we buy Fairtrade products from) are going into administration. We will source Fairtrade coffee from other companies to sell in the office and we hope to be able to continue to sell Christmas cards in the office too.

Guild Update

The Guild members enjoyed a Christmas party with a delicious buffet meal provided by Alison Beattie. This was followed by games and a quiz. After everyone had received a present from Santa's sack, we sang carols accompanied by Alastair Morrice on his accordion.



The new year began with a most interesting talk by Andy Mills about the history of the Church buildings with special emphasis on the beautiful stained glass windows. We look forward in the next few months to a talk by Robert Alexander of the Vine Trust, one of our Guild Projects, about Kazuna Village of Hope in Tanzania.

Karena Bakker will have the current Guild Theme, "Wee Seeds, Big Trees", as her topic and Kate Munro will tell us about Sustainable Kirriemuir. The Rev. John Orr will be our speaker at the AGM.

Our last meeting of the season will be a Songs of Praise in the Church to which everyone is invited including neighbouring Guild members and members of the Congregation. We would like to know if you would like to attend, as there will be afternoon tea served in the hall after the Service.

Looking ahead, it is our turn to host the Angus West Guilds Together annual Songs Of Praise on 25th May at 7.30pm in the Church.

Whose we are and whom we serve.

Charlotte

Guild Songs of Praise & Afternoon Tea Monday 20th March 2pm

The Songs of Praise will be in the Parish Church followed by afternoon tea in the hall. If you would like to come along, please contact Jean Elder by 13th March.

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Prompted by us following the new Women's Lectionary on a Sunday, one of our member's, Sandy Thom, was reminded of this short reflection in a Pray Now book:

First Sarah laughed,
then Miriam sang,
and Hannah mumbled in the pew;
and Ruth confessed
deep loyalty,
and Rahab hid spies right on cue;
while Martha kept
an open door,
Joanna financed Jesus' crew;
and countless others
watched and prayed
and testified how it was true
that God,
the midwife of our race
made women to be means of grace.

- author unknown

The Glens & Kirriemuir United Parish Church



SOUPER TUESDAY Drop-in

Kirriemuir Parish Church Small Hall

Tuesdays 11am - 3pm from 11th October

Tea, coffee and biscuits
Homemade Soup 12.30 - 1.30pm

Come along and enjoy warmth
and company

Everyone is welcome

FREE

**Please come and join us on Tuesday 7th February for this joint event
Souper Tuesday and the Cost of Living Roadshow!**

Kirriemuir Cost of living Roadshow



Tuesday 7 February
11.30am - 2.30pm (TBC), Glens and Kirriemuir
United Parish Church Hall, Bank Street

Come along to find out about support available with...

- bills • housing issues • council tax • money matters
- mental health • food & nutrition • and much more!

Free tea/coffee, soup and cookery demonstration.

All welcome. Free event.



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