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PULPIT SUPPLY ROTA - OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2015

DATE	LASSWADE (10.00 am)	COCKPEN & CARRINGTON (11.30 am)	ROSEWELL (please check times below)
4.10.15	Service at Rosewell	The Guild Dedication Service Rev M Schofield	Rev M Schofield 10 am HARVEST THANKSGIVING
11.10.15	Rev Ian Dick	Rev Ian Dick FAMILY SERVICE	Eddie Yeoman 11.30 am
18.10.15	Rev M Schofield	Rev M Schofield	TBA 11.30 am
25.10.15	Rev M Schofield	Rev M Schofield	Service at Lasswade 10 am
01.11.15	Service at Rosewell	Rev B Armitage (COMMUNION)	Rev B Armitage 10 am with Sunday School
08.11.15 Remembrance	Rev Ian Dick: 9.30am at the War Memorial; Church 10 am	Rev Ian Dick	Rev B Armitage 10.50 am
15.11.15	Rev M Schofield	Rev M Schofield	Janet McKenzie 11.30 am
22.11.15	Rev M Schofield	Rev M Schofield	Service at Lasswade 10 am
29.11.15 1 st Sunday in Advent	JOINT SERVICE AT ROSEWELL 10 AM	JOINT SERVICE AT ROSEWELL 10 AM	JOINT SERVICE 10 am Rev Fred Harrison
06.12.15 2 nd Sunday in Advent	Service at Rosewell	Rev B Armitage	Rev B Armitage 10 am Sunday School
13.12.15 3 rd Sunday in Advent	Rev B Armitage	Rev B Armitage Nativity	Eddie Yeoman 11.30 am
20.12.15 4 th Sunday in Advent	Rev M Schofield Nativity	Rev M Schofield NINE LESSON AND CAROLS 7 PM	Janet McKenzie 11.30 am
27.12.15	Janet McKenzie	Janet McKenzie	Service at Lasswade 10 am

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES (Thursday 24 December 2015)

ROSEWELL: E Yeoman – 6 pm;

LASSWADE: Prof Kerrigan (CHRISTINGLE) – 7.30 pm;

COCKPEN – 11.20 pm: Prof Kerrigan

COCKPEN & CARRINGTON PARISH CHURCH

BAPTISMS

We were delighted to welcome the following babies who, along with parents, families and supporters joined us at recent Baptismal Services. We hope that all felt happy being amongst us at such a special time.

- 10th May Blair Andrew **SKIRVING**, infant son of Steven and Kim
Baptised by the Rev Melville Schofield
- 24th May Cain Neil **HAY**, infant son of Neil and Emma
Baptised by the Rev John Fraser
- 7th June Ellis **CLUGSTON**, infant daughter of Mark and Lynn
Baptised by the Rev Bill Armitage

'May the Lord Bless Thee and Keep Thee.'

WEDDINGS

We congratulate the following couple who were married in Church and wish them every happiness.

- 28th March Siobhan **MULVEY** to John **PHILLIPS**
(*Rev. Fred Harrison*)

(See Church website at www.church.cockpen.co.uk for information on weddings for all three Churches)

BEREAVEMENTS

- 7th June 2015 Rev Dr James **BROWN** BD. (Former Minister CCL)
(*Rev. Tom Cuthill, formerly of St Cuthbert's Parish Church*)
- 25th July 2015 Robert (Bob) **DONALDSON** (Shepherd, Stow)
(*Funeral at Borders Crematorium, Melrose*)
- 15th July 2015 Duncan C **THOMSON** (Corstorphine/ Bonnyrigg)
(*Late husband of Annette (née Smart)*)

We pray for Jim, Bob and Duncan's families and, any others (from our Congregation(s) and outwith) who grieve at this time of loss. As a Church, we are here for any who feel that we can help in any way.

'Jesus said, 'I am the Resurrection and the Life'.

From the Cockpen and Carrington Clerk

As I write this, I can scarcely believe that it is approaching six months since taking on the role of Session Clerk. Time seems to have passed so quickly and for me, many things have taken place in such a short period.

The Job has indeed proved to be a steep learning curve, and I am honoured and privileged to have been given the opportunity by the Session, to take on this role to work with so many dedicated, talented and hardworking people within the Church.

I thank the Session for having the confidence in me to undertake this position, hopefully as efficiently as past Clerks, although following George after 25 years is no small feat. That said, George has been generous with his knowledge, and a great “Reference Library” to have.

I thank everyone at Cockpen & Carrington for their support and encouragement, and although I do not normally like to single people out, I thank unreservedly, the Rev. Melville Schofield for his great advice, encouragement, and guidance during the last six months. This has been of tremendous help in my settling in to this position.

The Church of course, is still without a Minister and as such, we must all pull together and work as a team. We are all cogs in the wheel and should all be working to create a satisfactory result. I would ask that we all consider what part we are playing in this. I know many do a power of work (not only those with titles) for our Church and it is greatly appreciated, however, there are many willing to take but not give. If you are able to do something in any small way, please come forward and speak up. It may only be a suggestion you give, but could be something towards improving a situation. Whether as a member of our Church, you have been with us for 4 or 40 years, everyone must be heard. If we are to encourage people to work and support our Church, we must listen to them.

I have heard it said that no one listens and no one wants to change anything. It is essential that we do listen and if necessary, make changes. Not hopefully drastic or huge but everyone has a voice and must be heard. We must learn to move with the times and get away from the “its aye been done this way” doctrine. Lets move on to a more open-minded approach if we are to survive at Cockpen and Carrington.

Over the last couple of months, many of our members have suffered a period of ill health. I dare not mention anyone by name for fear of missing somebody out and causing offence. We do, however, wish all concerned a speedy recovery, and, as a Church, we are here for everyone. Please remember whether you are able to be with us in Church or not, you are always in our thoughts and prayers.

Finally, I thank the editorial team for all they do in producing such a fine magazine which enables us all to keep up to date with Church life, especially those who don't get out and about so much but love to read of what is happening in their Church. I ask that all consider contributing something to future editions of the magazine. No matter what you write, we all will appreciate it.

Yours in Friendship

Liz

Session Clerk



Bert and Cathie Robertson

Warmest congratulations on the wonderful occasion of your Diamond Wedding on 8th August 2015. Sixty years of marriage is a marvellous achievement, and you have both been such wonderful examples of kindness and consideration to all who know you.

Communion Services

At a meeting of the Kirk Session it was suggested that perhaps the time had come to consider everyone sitting downstairs for Communion Services.

It is appreciated that those who sit upstairs have done so for many years. However since this is now a very small number, and many of the Elders are not so nimble as in the past, it is felt that this would be a better way forward.



We only have three Communion Services a year and the practice of sitting downstairs would bring it into line with the services for Holy Week, Nine Lessons and Carols, and the Guild Rededication.

While it is appreciated that this may not be a popular decision with a few, we do have to consider what is best for everyone, as we are now becoming an ageing congregation.

Common Cup or Individual Cups

It was discussed at a recent Kirk Session meeting about whether everyone should use the Common Cup or should we continue to provide individual cups for the very few who wish this.

Please make your views known to your District Elder or speak to the Session Clerk.

Death of the Rev Dr James Brown, BD

We were sad to learn of the death on 7th June of the **Rev. James Brown** a past Minister at Cockpen and Carrington with Lasswade.

Mr. Brown came to Lasswade and ourselves from Maybole and Fisherton and, was with us from 1978 - 1991 until he received a call from Crawford Parish Church in Lanarkshire where he was Minister for a few years before moving to Dalmeny with Abercorn from where he retired. In retirement he resided in Bo'ness and, for a number of years acted as Locum Minister with various Churches in the area.

The funeral Service was conducted at Lasswade Cemetery on Monday 15th June by the Rev. Tom Cuthill (formerly of St. Cuthbert's Church, Edinburgh) when quite a number from our own Churches as well as his other Churches attended.

During his time here in the Presbytery of Lothian, Jim was chosen to be Moderator of Presbytery but, due to a serious road traffic accident at Lugton Brae in Dalkeith, his tenure was cut short. Jim was in Hospital for quite a long time and, I think he suffered for the rest of his life as a result of that accident.

His various congregations benefited greatly by his preaching and this became more apparent on speaking to folks from previous Churches he had served in at the funeral Service on 15th June. Jim, although a small man, had a strong voice and held the attention of all in his many sermons preached.

George Sweeney

SESSION CLERK NEWS

As you know from our Easter magazine, Liz Mills was recently chosen as our new Session Clerk at Cockpen and Carrington. Liz wasn't an Elder at that time but, the Church of Scotland rules state that a Session Clerk need not be an Elder (but, preferable if they are).

The Kirk Session was unanimous in the decision that Liz should, without delay, be considered for Eldership and the necessary intimations were duly made with the date of Ordination decided for the 14th June when the Rev. Melville Schofield was with us.

The Service was a lovely and a very moving Service with a reasonable congregation and we had the joy of being able to welcome some family members of Liz.

A welcome cuppa was on offer after the Service and it was so nice that most stayed back for tea or coffee and, the opportunity to 'catch up'.

We look forward to working with Liz as Session Clerk, Elder and, just as importantly, dear friend.

G.S.

LONG SERVICE

Recently, we as a Congregation were delighted to congratulate Agnes Dalgleish and Graham Burnside on the 30th anniversary of their Ordination to Eldership. We thank them both for all they do and, have done over these many years. Church of Scotland certificates signed by the Moderator of the General Assembly were presented to both Agnes and Graham by the Rev. Melville Schofield during the Service. *G.S.*

CONGREGATIONAL ROLL

Due to personal circumstances, Ian Fowler has decided to step down from the position of Roll Keeper.

Ian took the position back in 1999 and we thank him for 16 years of dedicated time and attention given to the job.

Ian is being replaced by Nancy Richardson and we are extremely grateful for her agreeing to take on this role.

Death Certification in Scotland

Although it is something many of us dislike talking about, when a death occurs in a family many folk have no idea where to start. The simple answer is to contact an Undertaker of your choice where you will receive expert guidance.

A doctor still must complete a Medical Certificate of Cause of Death.

However changes have been introduced since May this year. The main change is that details cannot be finalised until a death has been registered and a Certificate of Registration Form (known as Form 14) given to the person registering the death. The Undertaker needs *this* before FINAL arrangements are made. If the funeral is to be cremation, there is now no longer a need for two doctors to sign what were known as “cremation papers”. This will mean that there should be no delay in releasing the body into the care of the Undertaker and no longer will there be doctors’ fees.

There is one caveat however, and that is a random selection of certificates will be selected for review by experts to check the quality and accuracy of these. If the death you are registering is selected for review you may not immediately be able to complete registration and this may delay the funeral service. The Registrar or Undertaker will be able to explain further (provisional arrangements can still be made and you shouldn’t delay contacting the Undertaker).

If the death is reported to, and investigated by, the Procurator Fiscal (PF) it will not be selected for review and the PF will determine when the body can be released. Again people should not delay in contacting the Undertaker (as has already been said, provisional arrangements can be made).

Ian Bee

Cockpen & Carrington Church Flower Rota

September

6th Liz McDonald
13th Maureen Peden
20th Dorothy Bennett
27th Nancy Richardson

October

4th Jim Dyer
11th Jean Sharpe
18th Margaret Robson
25th Wilma Sweeney

November

1st Agnes Dalglish
8th Lindsay Stevenson
15th Cathie Robertson
22nd Liz McDonald
29th Bill Taylor



Due to declining health, Irene has reluctantly decided to step down as Flower Convenor. Irene has always ensured that the Church looks resplendent with its lovely show of flowers, week after week, and we thank her for the time she has devoted to this.

Taking over the job from Irene is Nancy Richardson. We thank her for stepping in so quickly to take up the position. I know that with Nancy's love of Floral Art she will feel quite comfortable in this role. *Liz.*

FRIENDS OF CHITAMBO

After having a Member of the Guild speaking on the missionary work in Chitambo, the Guild held an Afternoon Tea in June 2014 in the hall in aid of this charity raising about £450.

In June 2015 an article appeared in the *Edinburgh Evening News* advertising that the charity had raised thousands of pounds to boost medical care in the African Village where David Livingstone died.

Friends of Chitambo have helped to buy a new ambulance, reopen the Nurses' Training School, and sponsor Nursing Scholarships.

The latest project aims to set up a small version of NHS 24 linking the hospital to rural Health Centres.

We wish them all the very best with this project and pray that continued support and financial aid helps them to realise their goals.

THE HOLY HIKERS



"Two roads diverged in a forest and I - I took the one less travelled by and that has made all the difference."
Robert Frost.

Our weekend away in March seems a long way off now but we had a great time. The Birnam Wood walk was by far the most spectacular as the path climbed to the top of Birnam Hill giving wonderful views of the river Tay as it wound its way to Perth. After dinner the Hotel had a Neil Diamond Tribute night. Some of us even had energy left over from the walk for dancing!

The second day the "Rob Roy Way" proved to be an interesting walk finishing at an old stone circle high above Pitlochry. Fun was had back at the hotel with a few games after our lovely meal. On Monday morning we drove to Dunkeld for a pleasant walk to the Loch of the Lowes before returning home. The weather

was good throughout the whole weekend.

In April we travelled to Newtown St Boswells for a circular walk via Dryburgh Abbey and the Wallace statue. May saw the group in the Pentland Hills for another circular walk from Nine Mile Burn to the Font Stone. Our walk in June was on a lovely sunny evening, led by Hilary and Glen who took us from Cameron Toll to Craigmillar Castle grounds via Inch Park. On the following Saturday 4 members did a longer walk to the Waterloo Monument from Harestanes Visitor Centre in the Borders. Denise & Ian led our evening walk in July round Newbattle Estate and Lord Ancrum's Wood.



In August a longer walk took us to Cockburnspath, Pease Bay and Cove. The photograph is at Cove Village and looks over the small harbour there. On the morning of Friday October 14th 1881, or Black Friday as it came to be known, the combined fishing boats of Eyemouth, Burnmouth, St Abbs and Cove were caught in a freak storm which came out of nowhere and decimated the fleet of small vessels. 189 fishermen lost their lives that day and the small village of Cove lost 21 out of 28 men. The memorial shows the women and children looking anxiously out to sea. The group “photo-bombed” my efforts to take a picture of the memorial. Cove harbour was also used as a setting for one of the scenes in “Mrs Brown” starring Dame Judi

Dench and Billy Connolly. It was a lovely day and a beautiful scenic walk. Finally on Wednesday 12th August (“the glorious 12th”) we kept well away from the Grouse Moors with an easy low-level walk from Loanhead to Straiton pond. This followed the old railway line from

Loanhead to Lasswade Junction on the by-pass. There are plans to extend the path to Gilmerton, Danderhall and Portobello but I think the full cycleway/footpath will take some time to complete. On the way back we popped in to Straiton Pond for a wander round the water. Another Midlothian Gem! A beautiful sunny evening and we sat by the pond watching the fish jump and feeling the midges bite!! We then returned to the railway walkway and back to the cars. Although the summer has not been brilliant this year we have been fortunate to have had good weather for all our walks. The Power of Prayer!!

If anyone is interested in joining our group please get in touch with me on 0131 660 1147.

Happy Hiking
Jim Scott

Singing is Good for You

According to Sven Brown, Director of Glasgow UNESCO City of Music, who organised the Big Sing in 2012, singing is good for you.

There is a huge amount of research into why singing has such a beneficial effect on health. The most basic, that bringing an increased amount of oxygen into your system helps to stimulate the brain.

Research has shown that singing can stimulate different parts of the brain and there would appear to be many positive neurological and physical side effects to singing in a group. So why not Join the Choir, or come along to the weekly services and Sing your Heart Out – you'll feel the better for it.

Tea or Coffee?

It was decided that a cup of tea or coffee would be served after Worship on the first Sunday of the month, (***second*** Sunday* when Communion). Below is a copy of the rota for this.

AUGUST

Helen Renton
Moiria Scott
Vi Gibson

SEPTEMBER

Dot Scott
Mary Logan
Wilma Sweeney



OCTOBER

Susan McKechnie
Isobel Watson
Betty Finlay

NOVEMBER *

Nancy Richardson
Bill Taylor
Andrew Gibson

DECEMBER

Liz McDonald
Andrew Jack
John Adamson

NEED A LIFT TO CHURCH

It doesn't matter who you are
You might even have a car,
If you need to get to Church –
Please don't get left in the lurch.
All the people down below –
Are happy to give a lift, you know
So give them a ring, and if they can –
They'll pick you up
That's the PLAN.

Nat and Cathie Fisher	0131 663 7842
Denise and Ian Thomson	0131 663 1916
Irene and Jim Ramsay	0131 663 1825
Liz and Bill McDonald	0131 654 1838
Wilma and George Sweeney	0131 663 6546
Vi and Andrew Gibson	0131 663 7646
Dorothy and Jim Scott	0131 660 1147
Mary and Malcolm Logan	0131 561 9509
Nancy and Ian Richardson	0131 663 8517
Bill Taylor	0131 663 7852
Helen and Walter Renton	0131 663 1489

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### **News**

The Rev. Fred Harrison has accepted the position of technical services Manager at the Mining Museum, Newtongrange with effect from 1st September 2015 and as a result is standing down as our locum minister from 30th September 2015.

We wish Fred every success in his new position.

### **Help required please...**

Dena de Sonsa, treasurer of the Edinburgh and Lothians family support branch of the Scottish Huntington's Association has requested any help that could be given for a 'backpack' at Tesco supermarket Hardengreen on 10th November 2015 from 10am onwards. They are looking for anyone from teenagers upwards to give an hour of their time; anyone who may be able to help should contact Dena on 0131 660 9073.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER



I cannot say “OUR” If my FAITH has no room for other people, their needs, and their differences.

I cannot say “FATHER” If I do not accept others as brothers and sisters in my daily life, and unless I come to Him as a child.

I cannot say “WHO ART IN HEAVEN” If all my interests and pursuits are limited to earthly things.

I cannot say “HALLOWED BE THY NAME” If I, who am called by His name, do nothing to praise, honour, and please His name.

I can not say “THY KINGDOM COME” If I am unwilling to give up the “good” of my selfishness and accept the reign of God’s love.

I cannot say ‘THY WILL BE DONE’ until I put what He wants first.

I can not say “ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN’ unless I am truly ready to give myself to His service in the here and now.

I cannot say “GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD” if I am lazy and expect ‘to receive and not give’ and If I continue to ignore the needs of others.

I cannot say ‘FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS’, unless I am first willing to say FORGIVE MY DEBTORS.

I cannot say “LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION” if I deliberately choose to remain in a situation where I am likely to be tempted.

I cannot say “DELIVER US FROM EVIL” if I am not prepared to fight against the evil in my life and injustices in the lives of my brothers and sisters.

I cannot say “THINE IS THE KINGDOM, THE POWER AND THE GLORY” if I’m seeking my own glory, or if I do not listen to God and His way, or if I fear what neighbours and friends may say or do for seeking God’s Kingdom first.

I cannot say “AMEN” unless I can also say “cost what it may, this is my prayer”. Yes LORD, fulfil your will in me.

**MATTHEW 6:9 ‘THIS, THEN, IS HOW YOU SHOULD PRAY!’**

## NEWS FROM THE GUILD

Once again we have had an extremely successful and exciting time and this being our 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday made it a really special year.

We closed our session with our usual social and were entertained by *The Second Row Singers* who were extremely talented singers and entertainers.

On the afternoon of 29<sup>th</sup> April, twenty of our members enjoyed a visit to The Mining Museum where we had a guided tour and afterwards, a very welcome bowl of soup and platters of beautiful sandwiches. Despite it being a cold, wet and windy afternoon, it did not dampen our spirits in any way.



An afternoon tea was held in May with the proceeds going to the Sick Children's Foundation and proved to be as popular, as those of past years. The sum raised this year was £515 and we thank everyone for their donations and support.

Thanks to the tremendous work of our ever-efficient secretary, Nancy Richardson, our 2015/2016 session looks to be as interesting as ever.

Our service of rededication will be held on **Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> October** and our first meeting will take place on the following evening of **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October**.

The Strategy for the next 3 years is BE BOLD BE STRONG and the theme for the first year is GO IN PEACE.



Although not confirmed yet, we hope to have the following speakers for October/November

*Prestonpans Tapestry*  
*Adventures of a Cruise Ship Doctor*  
*Roy Baxter Travel*  
*Fun with an Accordion*

## CAKE STALL

We thank you (*and Bonnyrigg Church*) once more for the continued support you give us at our monthly cake stall at the Pitcairn Centre. The following are the dates for your diary.

27th August, 2015.  
24th September, 2015.  
22nd October, 2015  
26th November, 2015

*Helen, Isobel, Wilma.*

## BRIC A BRAC

We are back (fully refreshed!!) after our summer break and look forward to welcoming old and new friends each Thursday. The Hall is open from 10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. Like the cake stall, we appreciate your continued support.

*The Thursday Team.*

## CHURCH DANCE

The Church Dance is to be held on **October 16th 2015** in the Masonic hall, Bonnyrigg, at **7.30pm**. Tickets are £6, which includes the price of the buffet, and can be obtained from Jean Sharpe, Wilma Sweeney, Dorothy Peat and Helen Renton.



## **THE SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Doesn't time fly... that's the summer over, let's share with you what's been happening since we last met...

### **PRIZEGIVING**

Our Sunday School prizegiving was in May and as always a lovely day, it was extra special as Baby Blair Skirving was baptised and all his family and supporters joined us. We were delighted that George Sweeney, our retired Session Clerk presented the prizes. George has been a great supporter of the Sunday School over the years so it was only fitting that he finally carried out this task. This is the time when the entire Sunday School comes together from both our congregations and every child received a book and certificate. The Rev Melville Schofield, our very dear friend, conducted this lovely service.

### **PICNIC**

A wonderful day was had by all at the Scottish Deer Centre - a first visit for most. Special thanks to Sharyn Crombie & Kathleen Whigham for looking after everyone as Rosalind couldn't be there. Follow the wonderful report form Brodie Boyle who was the official Journalist on the day which tells us more. Thanks Brodie.

### **OVER THE SUMMER**

Gracie Adam and Drew Crombie were both Gala Queens at Poltonhall Gala - don't they look fabulous. Well done, girls.

Jessie is recovering from her heart surgery in April, and plans to return to Sunday School. This has been a difficult time and Rosalind is really grateful to Sunday School colleagues for covering for her during this period.

## **PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE GROUPS (PVG)**

Over the summer, all our teachers and helpers have gone through full disclosure and hold PVG certificates.

### **AND WE RETURN...**

We return on 23 August 2015 with our traditional Family Service at Lasswade. Our theme is "**A right Royal Occasion**" to celebrate the arrival of the new Royal Princess Charlotte; our own 2 Gala Queens and on 9 September, our own Queen Elizabeth will be our longest-reigning monarch. To celebrate this, everyone's to come along dressed as Kings/Queens/Princes & Princesses! We hope to welcome some new children and will share this in the next edition.

## **HARVEST**

Our harvest service will be held on 20 September at 11.30 in Cockpen & Carrington Parish Church. Again this year, donations are welcome for Midlothian Food bank. Fresh produce can be distributed to our own parishioners. Goods for the food bank are ideally:

- Milk (UHT or powdered)
- Sugar
- Fruit Juice (Long life) or Squash
- Soup
- Pasta sauces
- Tinned sponge puddings
- Tinned tomatoes, meat, fish, vegetables
- Cereals
- Tea bags / Instant coffee
- Rice / Pasta
- Instant mash
- Tinned rice, custard, fruit

## OCTOBER FAMILY SERVICE

The Family service in October is on 11 October when our youngest member of Sunday School, Molly, will be baptised.

## PANTOMIME

We've booked for Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs at the Kings Theatre on Sunday 29 November - 5pm performance. Booking forms are available in church vestibules. Payment & bookings must be received by 20 September.

## CHRISTMAS

Nativity Plays are planned for 13 December 2015 in Cockpen & Carrington and 20 December at Lasswade. Details are top secret!



Gracie



Drew

# The Scottish Deer Centre

We set off on the bus to the Scottish deer centre. We passed the Forth Road Bridge and saw the new bridge being built. When we arrived we were split into two groups. The rangers took us round the park and showed us all the animals. We also got to feed some deer! Some of the other animals we saw were lynx, wolves, bears, wildcats, elks and otters.

After we saw the animals we had our lunch in the barn and played at the park on the zip wire and the slide. Then we went and saw the otters get fed and the ranger told us about the otters. Next we saw the falconry display. We saw a barn owl called Einstein and a Harris hawk. The barn owl and the Harris hawk were allowed to fly free and sat on people's picnic benches and the barn owl flew onto a boy's arm!

After that we saw the rangers feed the Carnivores {meat eaters}. We saw them feed the wolves, the wildcats, the bears and the lynx. They got fed meat and also the bears got fed rotten eggs and fruit like watermelon, and bunches of grapes.

Next some of us tried to feed the deer again but they weren't interested. Finally we had a browse in the shop and we left on the bus to travel home. On the way home there were lots of rosy cheeks and chatting!

Over all we had a great day out and we all had an excellent time!

*Brodie Boyle (Age 9)*  
*May 2015*



## Lasswade and Rosewell News ...

On behalf of everyone at Lasswade and Rosewell I would like to say congratulations to Liz Mills who has recently been appointed as Session Clerk at Cockpen and Carrington Church. Liz succeeds George Sweeney who, after 25 years, decided it was time to retire and best wishes are extended to George and Wilma for a long and happy retirement.

I look forward to working with Liz and already we have been in touch on various matters.

*Dorothy.*

### **Tribute to the late Cameron Dalgleish by Andrew Renwick:**

We were all very saddened to hear of the passing away of Cameron Dalgleish on Wednesday 18 March 2015. Cameron was ordained as an Elder on 27 May 1979 and was greatly involved in the work of the Church. He took an active part in the organising of the Summer Fair and for many years was Clerk to the Congregational Board. He had a great interest in the Boys' Brigade and he was involved in Project Stedfast, which celebrated 125 years of the Boys' Brigade in Scotland. The project carried out by the Bonnyrigg, Loanhead, and Livingston companies was to raise money to build a school in Kenya. It was through Cameron that our Church in Lasswade got involved in the project. Cameron had a great interest in Kenya having worked there for many years as an Employee of Post Office Telephones prior to the change to BT. Cameron was also a keen golfer and was a member at Broomieknowe. He enjoyed classical music and also played the organ. He and Margaret also enjoyed holidays abroad. He enjoyed the company of all his family and our thoughts are with Margaret, Catriona, Fiona and Stuart and their families.

### **Police Choir Concert and various Artistes:**

Many thanks to everyone who supported the above concert. £725 was raised for 'Thornton Rose Riding for the Disabled' and, at Morning Worship on Sunday 3 May, Dorothy presented a cheque to Jeff Allan, Chairman of the Charity, who was delighted to receive such a generous donation for the Group which provides people with disabilities the opportunity to ride and enjoy all the activities connected with horse riding.

### **Gift Day:**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Gift Day, to date the sum of £1721 has been raised.

## DIARY DATES:

### **Sunday 6 September 2015**

Rosewell Parish Church 10.00 a.m. Sacrament of Holy Communion: Everyone welcome.

### **Doors Open Day in Midlothian – Saturday 12 September 2015**

Rosewell Parish Church will be open from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon; and Lasswade Parish Church from 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Stewards are required.

### **Harvest Thanks Giving : Sunday 4 October 2015**

Service at Rosewell Parish Church 10.00 a.m. The Sunday School Children are invited to bring gifts for the Midlothian Food Bank.

### **Kirk Session Meetings:**

The Kirk Session will meet on Tuesday 22 September and Tuesday 10 November at 7.00 p.m. in Rosewell Parish Church Hall.

### **Annual Christmas Fair:**

The Christmas Fair /Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 12 December in Rosewell Church Hall from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon. Stalls will include home baking, candy, books, bric-a-brac, crafts, plants, tombola and a raffle. Donations for any of the above and helpers would be appreciated.

### **Cake Stall:**

A huge thank you to everyone who supports our monthly Cake Stall at the Pitcairn Centre.

Forthcoming dates are: 11 September, 8 October, 12 November and 10 December. If you can help at the stall please speak to Norma Sangster. Many thanks from the Team.

### **What Happens when we place £10 in the offering plate on Sunday?**

It provides a powerful ministry, locally, nationally and globally.

- About £4.20 is kept by the local church for all sorts of costs including maintaining the building, mission, worship and supporting church groups
- About £5.00 goes to the Parish Ministries Fund. This ensures we have ministries in every part of the country
- About 80p supports congregations with services such as Safeguarding, Law Department General Trustees and Stewardship and Finance. Some of this money also ensures the mission of the Church is strengthened through the work of Councils.

## ***A big thank you***

I would like to thank all for their kindness, cards and flowers when I was in hospital and when I came home. To the members who came in every week to visit – my sincere thanks.

The cards sent by the youngsters each week was a great help in my recovery. I would say we have special young people in the boys and girls in our Sunday School. To the teachers, I say thank you.

It has been a long dark road to climb but with God's help and all your good wishes I will get there. Once again, my thanks.

*With God's Richest Blessings.*

*May Murdoch*

There is no doubt many members of our Churches will remember Rev. George McCabe's pilgrimages to the Holy Land and, indeed, some of you will have gone on them.

In the mid Nineteen Eighties, May and I visited Israel under the auspices of the Israeli Tourist Board and we had to admire how this country survived its early years despite being surrounded by treacherous Arab States albeit the country of Israel was assisted by the USA.

While we were there, we were constantly reminded of the Six-Day War of 1967 when Israel seized parts of Syria and Jordan which are now parts of their country. We were taken from our hotel in Tel-Aviv to some of the now occupied territories. We were shown a salt factory which had been one of King Hussein's palaces. He was spoken of with contempt by our Israeli hosts. At Bethlehem we were confronted by sellers of Christmas cards and gifts. I wonder what Jesus would have made of this. I am sure he would have sent them packing as he did with the Temple money changers.

We would all hope and pray for peace between Jews, Christians and Muslims in this troubled part of the world and an end to bigotry among those of all faiths.

*Ian Murdoch*

## **CELEBRATION**

On 21 June Kenny Wight (Organist at Rosewell) celebrated 40 years as organist at Rosewell and was awarded a 'Long Service' Certificate, which was presented by Rev James Sinclair Minister at Rosewell 40 years ago. Mr Sinclair encouraged Kenny to fill the post temporarily until such time as a

replacement organist was found - a long substitute!! Kenny is self-taught and must have spent many hours practising to attain his present standard.

Agnes Anderson presided over the evening, which took the form of ‘Songs of Praise’ (Kenny’s favourite hymns) followed by supper in the hall.

Family, friends and supply preachers who had worked with Kenny over the years joined us on this special occasion. Everyone who attended agreed that this was a very happy occasion and the singing was wonderful.

Agnes Anderson presented Kenny with a gift from his friends in Lasswade/Rosewell Church.

Kenny thanked everyone for coming along this evening and for those who organised the evening and making it such a memorable occasion.

*Agnes Anderson*

## **Lasswade and Rosewell Choir Summer Reflections**

Once again this provides me with an opportunity to thank the Choir for their support throughout the summer months. Without that support the singing on a Sunday morning would have been all the poorer. I would also like to thank Andrew Jack for covering for me in June and for agreeing to do so again on 20th September.

The congregation will have noticed that over these last months we have been without two of our stalwarts, May Murdoch and Cathy Drysdale, who are both recovering from operations. We hope progress made to date, May and Cathy, will be maintained and that it will not be long before we see you both back in your “usual” place on a Sunday. Other members of the choir have also had problems – and they know who they are – and we hope that these will be resolved in time.

In June, Moira and I were in Canada, enjoying the awesome

majesty of the Canadian Rockies, the vastness of the country and the forests of British Columbia and the seascapes, green places and mountain backdrops of Vancouver and Victoria. I would like to share two incidents with you. In the little town of Jasper, in the heart of the Rockies, there is a memorial in one of the streets to a local gentleman with the words of Psalm 121 engraved thereon “I will lift mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh mine aid”. These words are very appropriate and inspirational considering the natural environs among which the town is located. We also spent an hour or so wandering around the little town of Chemainus on Vancouver Island. Chemainus, as the billboards tell people, is “The Little Town That Did” referring to the once thriving lumber business. However when the local sawmill closed the townspeople “did” again when the community created

its own tourist attraction by painting and erecting a number of murals throughout the town depicting its industrial and cultural history. While wandering round looking at these murals (on a Sunday morning) we passed the local church and, through the open front door, we heard the singing of a hymn with which we are familiar "Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpets". Five thousand miles away we are linked with home through the power of hymnody.

Nearer to home the places of worship which constitute our linkage may be struggling number-wise but think of this. Each has its own organist, thus providing real music every Sunday and between us we have given 105 years of service. Graham has given 43 years at Cockpen, Kenny has done 40 years at Rosewell and yours truly makes up the difference.

I would now like to add some personal memories of our former minister, the Rev. James Brown. I was one of the few people who voted against Mr. Brown when he came to preach as sole nominee, and I mentioned this to him shortly after he became our minister. I could have stopped coming to the church but I persevered and came to realise that he was a very sincere man and, while I did not agree with everything

he said, he had a very deep understanding of the scriptures and I feel grateful for his ministry among us. I had the privilege of serving as Clerk to the Congregational Board for a few years during Mr. Brown's ministry.

Like many of his parishioners at a time of bereavement I had reason to be grateful to him for his services when my Mother died. I was also involved in a difficulty with someone who held office in the congregation and Mr. Brown diplomatically helped to resolve the problem otherwise, had the incident been recorded in the minutes of the Kirk Session, it would not have looked good considering the age of the other person. People listening to Mr. Brown were often struck with the way he moved around the wide preaching pulpit in Lasswade. Apparently in his previous charge of Fisherton linked with Maybole the pulpit in one of these churches was built in such a way that, unless he moved about, he could not see all of his congregation and he kept up the moving about when he came here.

In conclusion I refer again to my voting problem. I think it is very difficult having to vote after hearing someone preach one sermon but that is the way it is and I cannot come up with an alternative. HLRD

## CASABLANCAN CRUISE

While on our holiday cruise this year our first port of call was Casablanca, which gave us the opportunity to visit Hassan 11 Mosque.

The mosque is located between the harbour and the El Hank lighthouse and rises above the Atlantic Ocean. The historical context of the mosque began with the death of King Mohammed V in 1961. In 1980 during his birthday celebrations Hassan 11 had made his ambitions very clear for creating a single landmark monument in Casablanca by stating, 'I wish Casablanca to be endowed with a large fine building of which it can be proud until the end of time.... I want to build this mosque on the water, because God's throne is on the water.' Therefore, the faithful who go there to pray, to praise the creator on firm soil, can contemplate God's sky and ocean. Work commenced on 12th July 1986 and was conducted over a seven-year period. Twelve million people donated to the cause, with a receipt and certificate given to every donor. The construction costs were estimated to be about 585 million euro.

The prayer hall is on the ground floor. The central hall is centrally heated, and provides spectacular underwater views of the Atlantic Ocean. It is so large it

can easily accommodate Notre Dame of Paris or St Peter's of Rome. On either side of the hall, there are mezzanine floors with carved dark wood furnishings, which are reserved for women. The roof is retractable, illuminating the hall with daytime sunlight and allowing worshippers to pray under the stars on clear nights. The ablution room and a vast public hammam (steam room) are in the basement with its own entrance, although also accessible from the prayer hall. At 690 ft in height the minaret is the tallest religious structure in the world. It has a laser beam fitted at the top, which is electronically operated in the evening and is orientated towards Mecca.

The Mosque has capacity to accommodate 25,000 devotees for prayers in the main hall and another 80,000 in the plaza squares around it.

This was a fascinating visit and helped us better to understand a different religion.

While on the ship, as we usually do, we attended the Interdenominational Church Service. The hymns were 'Dear Lord and Father of Mankind', 'I Danced in the Morning', and 'Sing Hosanna'. The following item was also included in the service along with prayers and Bible Readings.

## The Seafarer's Version of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm

The Lord is my pilot, I shall not drift  
He lighteth me across dark waters  
He steereth me in deep channels. He keepeth my log.  
He guideth me by the star of holiness for his name's sake.  
Yea, even midst the thunders and tempests of life,  
I dread no danger; for Thou art with me,  
Thy love and Thy care, they shelter me.  
Thou preparest a harbour before me in the homeland of Eternity.  
Thou anointest waves with oil – my ship rides calmly.  
Surely sunlight and starlight shall favour me on the voyage I take,  
and I will rest in the port of my God forever. Amen.

*Andrew Renwick*

## **Bonnyrigg & Lasswade Local History Society**

The Society meet on the ***third Wednesday in the month*** in the Pitcairn Centre and for the coming session a varied programme has been arranged.

New members are always welcome and you can join by attending the first meeting, which begins at 7.30pm or at any subsequent meeting. If you do not wish to become a member but are interested in anything in the programme, you can come along as a visitor on that particular evening.

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| Weds 21/10/15 | “8th Royal Scots (Territorials) in the Great War” – John Duncan |
| Weds 18/11/15 | “Fisherwives of Fisherrow – Simon Fairnie                       |
| Weds 20/1/16  | “There’s Been A Murder” – George Masterton                      |
| Weds 17/2/16  | “The Kings’ Master Masons” – Rosemary Garrod                    |
| Weds 16/3/16  | Dr Mary Noble Memorial Award Presentation                       |
| Weds 20/4/16  | “Secrets of World War 2” – Rev John Mitchell, followed by AGM.  |

*Andrew Renwick*

# Rosewell Church Flower Rota

What a pleasure it is to walk through the village past all the carefully tended gardens bursting with summer blooms in spite of the cool weather.

Thank you to those who tend the flowering tubs and hanging baskets outside the church and hall.

Thank you again to all those who provide flowers for the church on Sundays, and to the ladies who faithfully organise their arranging and distribution each week.

*Jean Lindsay*

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| <b>September</b> | 6th  | Isabel Henderson              |
|                  | 13th | Ella Thomson                  |
|                  | 20th | Betty Thomson                 |
| <b>October</b>   | 4th  | Kenny Wight                   |
|                  | 11th | Ella Livingstone              |
|                  | 18th | Billy Grant                   |
| <b>November</b>  | 1st  | Una Warden                    |
|                  | 8th  | Billy Chapman<br>Jim Campbell |
|                  | 15th | Celia Kinmont                 |
|                  | 29th | week 5 from Flower Fund       |
| <b>December</b>  |      | Christmas flower arrangement  |



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Answers to quiz on back page



1. Harvest
2. Leaves
3. Scarecrow
4. Yellow
5. Bonfire
6. Pear
7. Rake
8. Acorn
9. Squirrel
10. Apple
11. Orange
12. Fall
13. Red
14. Brown

Lasswade Church Flower Rota

This summer has been a strange one in that the weather has varied so much from day to day. Just when I have looked out my summer clothes the weather has changed. The weather has certainly kept us on our toes! In spite of this there have been lots of flowers for sale so the sun has been shining somewhere!

One of the most spectacular summer flowers is the sunflower. At two family weddings it has been the focus of the decorations in the church and wedding reception. When one of my former pupils was murdered the mourners were asked to remember her by bringing sunflowers to the church and cemetery. In both cases the flowers shone as beacons of light and hope.

Thank you to all the “flower” folk who enable our church to glow on a Sunday morning.

If there is anyone who would like to be added to the list I would be very happy to hear from you.

Thank you.

Moira Dryden

September 13th Margaret Stewart
 20th Gillian Renwick
 27th Margaret Thomson

October 11th Mary Campbell
 18th Dorothy Spence
 25th Marion Haggerty

November 8th Joan Campbell
 15th Elizabeth Hay
 22nd Morag Rennie

December 13th May Murdoch
 20th Pat Lawrie
 27th Cathie Connor



Ladies' Night
In Aid of Lasswade High School Concert
Band
10th September 2015
6 - 8.30pm
Lasswade High School

As well as various local businesses selling jewellery, handbags, cards and gifts you will be entertained by the school concert, jazz and ceilidh bands.

There will also be a ladies tombola, and a home baking stall. Tickets are priced at £3, which includes refreshments and entry into the raffle.

**Tickets are available from the school office,
Helen Renton or Lorna Wood (07703 504717).**



Autumn Scramble

Can you unscramble the Autumn words below?



1. vhtsear _____
2. aveesl _____
3. cesowrrac _____
4. lowlye _____
5. binrefo _____
6. prae _____
7. aker _____
8. racon _____
9. isrqeulr _____
10. alppe _____
11. nagreo _____
12. lfal _____
13. rde _____
14. owbrn _____



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Answers on Page 29.

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