

Cockpen & Carrington

# The Link

Lasswade & Rosewell  
Parish Churches

Harvest 2024

*We plough the fields  
and scatter*



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# SERVICES SETEMBER to DECEMBER 2024

DATE	LASSWADE & ROSEWELL (10.00 am)	COCKPEN & CARRINGTON (11.30 am)
<b>1 September</b> 15th after Pentecost	The Minister – Rosewell <b>Communion Service</b>	The Minister
<b>8 September</b> 16th after Pentecost	The Minister – Lasswade	The Minister
<b>15 September</b> 17th after Pentecost	The Minister – Rosewell All-age Service	The Minister
<b>22 September</b> 18th after Pentecost	The Worship Team Lasswade	The Worship Team
<b>29 September</b> 19th after Pentecost	<b>Joint Service Lasswade Church – 10.00am</b>	
<b>6 October</b> 20th after Pentecost	The Minister – Rosewell	The Minister and Guild for Guld Dedication Service
<b>13 October</b> 21st after Pentecost	The Minister – Lasswade	The Minister
<b>20 October</b> 22nd after Pentecost	The Worship Team Rosewell	The Worship Team
<b>27 October</b> 23rd after Pentecost	The Minister – Lasswade	The Minister
<b>3 November</b> 24th after Pentecost	The Minister - Rosewell	The Minister <b>Communion Service</b>
<b>10 November</b> Remembrance Sunday	The Lay Pastor - Lasswade* The Minister - Rosewell + at 10.00 am	The Minister
<b>17 November</b> 26th after Pentecost	Minister – Rosewell All-age Service	The Minister All-age Service
<b>24 November</b> Christ the King Sunday	The Minister – Lasswade	The Minister
<b>1 December</b> 1st in Advent	The Minister – Rosewell Toy Gift Service	The Minister Toy Gift Service
<b>8 December</b> 2nd in Advent	The Minister – Lasswade	The Minister Service of Remembering – 3pm
<b>15 December</b> 3rd in Advent	The Minister – Rosewell	The Minister
<b>22 December</b> 4th in Advent Christ the King Sunday	The Minister – Lasswade	The Minister Nine Lessons and Carols – 7pm
<b>Tuesday 24 December</b> Christmas Eve	Rosewell at 6.00 pm Christingle Service	Watchnight Service 11.20 pm
<b>29 December</b> First after Christmas	<b>Joint Service Cockpen &amp; Carrington Church – 11.30am</b>	

\* Lasswade War Memorial at 9.30 am.

+ Rosewell War Memorial at 10.50 am  
Polton War Memorial at 3.00 pm.

## From the Minister ...

As I write, we are in the midst of an exciting summer of sport. Alongside the annual events of the Tour de France and Wimbledon, this year there is also Euro 2024 football to follow and the Olympic Games in Paris.

This year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Eric Liddell winning the gold medal in the 400m race at the Paris Olympics in 1924. It was a remarkable achievement as he had to retrain for that event. He had stood his ground not to run in his preferred 100m race when the heats for that race were on a Sunday, but he threw himself determinedly and courageously into the 400m race and won. His strategy which seemed impossible proved to be true: “The secret of my success over the 400m is that I run the first 200m as fast as I can. Then, for the second 200m, with God’s help I run faster.’ When Liddell won in 1924, he did just that – his first 200 metres were fast but the second 200 metres were faster and he finished in the world record time of 47.6 seconds, 2 seconds faster than his previous best.

The film *Chariots of Fire* tells the story of Eric Liddell as sporting hero and legend. But in his life, he chose in fact to leave behind the distractions of fame and sporting success. His Christian faith was the core and foundation of his life and he would take every opportunity to encourage others to put their faith in Jesus and to follow him.

He likened the life of faith to being like running in a race, requiring concentration of will and energy of soul. As he encouraged his listeners: “If you commit yourself to the love of Christ, then that is how you run a straight race.” This very much echoes the writer to the Hebrews, when he encourages: “... let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, ...” (Hebrews 12:1-2).

In April 1932 in Hawick, Eric Liddell spoke on the fact that to persevere is more important than to win: life is about striving and courage is key. His own life was an example of running the race with perseverance and showing courage throughout.

As Eric left the sporting life behind, he returned to China where he had been born and followed in his parents’ footsteps as a missionary there. He continued persevering in the race in sharing his faith and in teaching in China. Much courage was continually needed, especially as in 1941 the situation in

China became very dangerous due to the threat from the Japanese. Eric sent his wife, Florence, and their two, soon to be three, daughters away to safety in her homeland of Canada but he stayed on the mission field. In 1943, he was captured and imprisoned along with other missionaries in an internment camp, but there, too, despite facing enormous hardships, he continued to give his all, maintaining good humour and busying himself helping the elderly, teaching Bible class and even science to some of the youngsters in the camp and helping with sporting activities.

Eric's race came to an end in February 1945, when he died in the internment camp from an inoperable brain tumour. But one hundred years after his win in Paris, Eric Liddell continues to offer a lifetime of inspiration.

It would always be his intention to deflect attention from himself to Jesus, longing that all would find life in and through the love of Christ. Jesus himself ran the race before him with perseverance, holding nothing back as he went to the cross for us in order to take away all that separates us from God. He lovingly pressed on to bring us forgiveness and lasting life in his death and resurrection.

We give thanks for the race of faith that is ours when we place our faith in Jesus and that we run it always in Jesus's presence, the One who is with us and before us and who gives us the strength to keep going as we look ever to him. May we not grow weary or collapse before the finishing line, but still be going strongly and trustingly for him all the way to the end.

With all good wishes. *Lorna*



# Cockpen and Carrington Parish Church

## From the Church Registers

### Baptisms

If you wish to discuss the sacrament of Baptism, please contact the Minister.

### Weddings

See Church website at [www.church.cockpen.co.uk](http://www.church.cockpen.co.uk) for information and advice on weddings.

### Deaths

17 June 2024                      Mrs Margaret Jane AIRD (Née Johnstone)  
We remember Jim, and Malcolm in our prayers.

We continue to pray for those in our Congregations (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'*



## Car Wash for Summer Camps

In May, the Bonnyrigg youth work held a charity car wash to raise funds to help reduce the cost of our summer camps for the kids this summer. We partnered with our *YoungLife* friends and together we had 14 young people help throughout the day to wash cars, serve customers and be a friendly example of the work we have been doing over the last year! It was wonderful to see so much support from all the Bonnyrigg churches and the Bonnyrigg community during this event, making just over £500 for the morning! This is all money that will go towards bringing young people to camp and bringing the gospel into their lives!

*Josh Keay, Community Youth Worker*





# Sunday Tea Rota

## Cockpen & Carrington

8 September	Helen and John
6 October	Vi and Dot
10 November	Andrew and Wilma
8 December	Moira and Liz MacDonald

## The Teapot Trust

In 2013 the Guild had a speaker from the Teapot Trust. Based in Musselburgh, the Trust was set up as a Charity for children and families living with long term and often painful health conditions through art therapy.

In support of this Charity the Guild held an afternoon tea and raised £400.

It was interesting reading an article in a Magazine recently that the “Teapot Trust Elsewhere Garden” scooped a Gold Medal at the RHS Chelsea garden show in 2023 and that the garden has been relocated to the Royal Hospital for Children in Glasgow.

The garden is described as “A place of calm and inspiration for young patients and their families”.

*A Guild Member*



# Cockpen & Carrington Flower Rota 2024

2024

<b>September</b> 1 8 15 22	Liz MacDonald Dot Scott Dorothy Bennett Ian Bee	<b>October</b> 6 13 20 27	The Guild Irene McGhee Wilma Sweeney John Adamson
<b>November</b> 3 10 17 24	Liz Mills Lynsey Stevenson Bill Taylor Liz MacDonald	<b>December</b> 1 8 15  22 29	Betty Findlay Pat Mitchell Ian Richardson, Helen, Catherine & Dorothy Christmas Flowers Christmas Flowers



## From the Flower Convenor

Hello to all my church friends. Just a wee note to follow on from the Easter Issue when I told you a wee bit about myself.

I hope you are happy with the arrangements I do on your behalf each Sunday, and any other special occasions. It brings me a lot of pleasure doing the flowers for you and I would like to thank you for all your donations of money. This is the only way we can continue doing fresh flowers each week and then giving them out to anybody who is ill or can no longer attend church for various reasons. If you know of anybody who would need a bunch of flowers please let me (or Liz Mills, Session Clerk) know.

We are again taking part in the “Open Doors” day on Saturday 14th September, and I shall have a few displays that weekend as it’s also Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday 15th. My theme for this is the Four Seasons.

If you have any queries regarding the flowers, please let me know, whether it’s to start and give a monetary donation, or put forward any ideas of what you would like to see in church each week, please feel free to phone me or speak to Liz Mills.

Many thanks in anticipation.  
Sending my love to you all.

*Anne Clark*

*Flower Convenor*

Tel: 01875 821717

# Surprise and Wholeness

“I had a surprise recently as I heard a Sunday sermon which I still remember. I must have heard hundreds of sermons which inspired at the time, but I rarely remember them now. This one I still remember - hence the surprise! The reason is that it was about life today and a priest's role in it. The preacher said that these days so many people have highly specialised jobs and if, for example, they are in the medical profession they may know all about one little part of the human body which they are treating for you, but they tend not to look at the whole person. My eye specialist told me that he was a specialist of a one-centimetre square area of the macular at the back of the eye.

We are very fortunate in this country to have highly trained specialists, but we are whole human beings. The preacher of the sermon said his job as a priest was one of the best in the world because he was privileged to be able to relate to his parishioners as whole people and to help them with their needs – spiritual and physical.

Many of us are taking a cocktail of pills for various conditions but no one seems to know what effect each pill has on the others. Just as the pills have an effect on each other, so does everything we do and say have an effect on other people. The politicians elected in this year's General Election are now getting very active ready to work for their constituencies. However our MPs often seem to only look from their own party's point of view when they should be serving the whole of their constituency and everyone in it regardless of which party they represent.

We too need to look at the whole picture whenever we can. We should be able to exchange points of view with other people without the fixed belief that we are absolutely right, and they are wrong. We are a community. The church is a community. We are whole people with differing views, but we are part of the whole community. We need to respect each other and to work together. The world would be a happier place with more tolerance and understanding and if the leaders of different countries worked for the good of everyone. We pray for our world and its leaders in the difficult situations of current times.

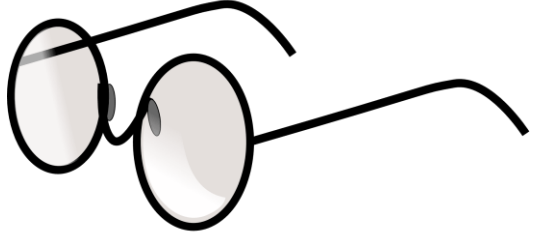
Let us surprise those we meet and talk with, with some positive and tolerant ideas for whole people and whole communities. Let us always try to see and to treat the whole person, and whole groups and communities, with Christian love, hope and care.”

*Attributed to Dot Roxby (with thanks)  
St Mary's Church, Nantwich*

## Old Spectacles

If you have any old spectacles you want rid of, we have a box at the Church where you can deposit them.

They will be taken to the Opticians who in turn will get them sent abroad to be used to make glasses for people less fortunate than us.



We've been handing them in to Specsavers over many years and they are always delighted to receive the glasses and so grateful to our Church for the regular contributions.

Many thanks.

*Wilma*

## HARVEST POEM

*“September”*

Lo’ a ripe sheaf of many golden days  
Gleaned by the year in autumn’s harvest ways  
With here and there, blood-tinted as an ember,  
Some crimson poppy of a late delight  
Atoning in its splendour for the fight  
Of summer blooms and joys  
This is September.

*by Lucy Maud Montgomery*

“September” by Lucy Maud Montgomery is a sonnet that personifies the month of September as a “ripe sheaf” of golden days. The poem highlights the bittersweet nature of September, which brings both the beauty of autumn and the transition to colder months.

The poem’s language is simple and accessible, using concrete imagery to evoke the changing seasons. The “blood-tinted” poppies and “crimson ember” suggest the approaching winter, while the “golden days” and “summer blooms” represent the warmth and vitality of the past season.

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## Not all organs play hymns

James F McKellican, Archivist and Former Chair, Friends of the Caird Hall Organ, reflects in the August 2024 edition of *Life and Work*, on the place of organs not located in churches.

In 1914 James Key Caird, later Sir James, offered £100,000 to build a 'Hall for the people of Dundee'. In this offer he stipulated that an organ was to be included to provide musical entertainment for the populace.



This was at a time when crystal wireless sets were listened to for entertainment.

Under the direction of Dr Alfred Hollins an organ was built. He was an organist, composer, recitalist and designer and was the organist of Free St George's West church in Edinburgh. The instrument was designed by Dr Hollins.

The instrument was the first concert organ built by Harrison and Harrison of Durham. "This concert organ differs from a church organ by having an Orchestral Manual in the keyboard setup. The organ was inaugurated by Hollins in 1923, but he never returned to play it again. In the early days frequent recitals were performed by visiting recitalists. The organ was not tuned to accompany orchestras. It took almost four years to appoint a City Organist."

Things took off in December 1926 when James Hinchliffe was appointed to the post. Weekly concerts were started with Mr Hinchliffe playing popular orchestral music and light classics as well as 'serious' music.

With wartime and the advent of television, the popularity declined and the chance to hear the organ was limited to 'official' events. Changing attitudes and economic factors meant the importance of the instrument slid down the scale and doubts arose to its viability.

In the late 1980s the Caird Hall Organ Trust was set up to resurrect the organ and a complete rebuild by Harrisons costing £150,000 was carried out. No change to the specification was made but the organ was retuned to orchestral pitch to enable organ concerts to be included in the programmes.

In 2009 the *Friends of the Caird Hall Organ* was established as it was felt necessary as the historical importance of the instrument was being uncovered and it was felt that a 'ginger group' presence would encourage the use of it to be expanded especially if financial stability through fundraising was possible. The Friends have also concentrated on the very popular school education programmes for upper primary classes as well as a 'hands on' experience for senior music pupils.

Money is continuing to be raised to ensure the future financial security of the organ by running Organathons, Silent Movie Nights, Come and Sing, recitals by internationalists and local players, as well as helping with the Summer Organ Concerts run by Dundee City Council (via Leisure and Culture Dundee). Other groups are reached out to by talks on non-technical history of how the organ, now recognised as world famous, came to be in Dundee.

*Text rewritten largely from the original article.*

## Cockpen Church Stained Glass Windows

Recently, Wilma and I were lucky enough to have a short break with some time in Chester and St. Annes.

Whilst in Chester we visited the beautiful Cathedral as well as a lovely Church in nearby Nantwich. In both churches we admired the many windows with superb colours and inscriptions.

Seeing these great windows that we can see in any of the grand Cathedrals and Churches throughout the land it made us think of our very own lovely Church here at Cockpen and Carrington and the windows we see Sunday by Sunday and felt that, especially for many who have joined us recently, a bit of history might be useful.

Our Church has three main windows, one behind the organ depicting the 'Burning Bush' which many Churches have, plus two other main windows to the north and south. The window behind the organ was deemed to be safe and has been part of the Church since it opened in 1820.

Many years ago the side windows were becoming dangerous because of age and it was felt that they should be replaced very quickly.

This of course was going to be a very expensive job, money we didn't have - not that different from many Churches then and now. At the time we had a lot of tradesmen and women in the congregation and usually we could depend on help with whatever problem arose. We were so fortunate that many jobs were done without hesitation by a wonderful band of folks and this is where the window story begins.

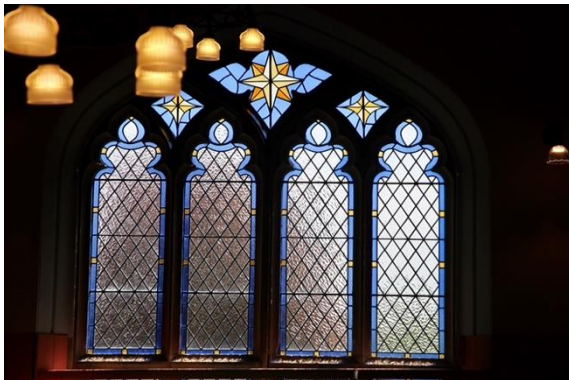
Saying that, we still have many willing hands today and we give thanks for that.

Without any prompting, two brothers stepped in, one was Peter Brown (Betty's Dad) and the other, Peter's brother Willie (Wilma's Dad) an Elder in our Church. Peter was a stain glass window designer/maker and Willie a painter and master of many trades. Between them they decided to make windows for the north and

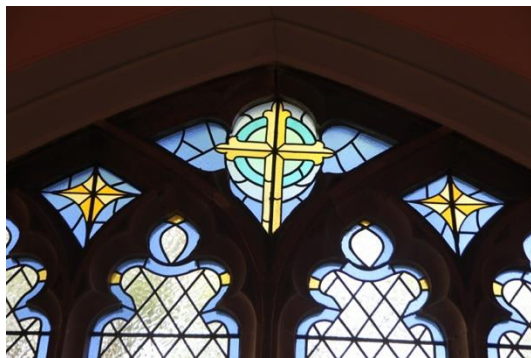


south side. So, sleeves rolled up they set about making the new windows in the respective garden sheds in Waverley Crescent.

They decided that the windows would be much more plain than many of the Churches that Peter had worked in (all over Scotland) but, they wanted to include the Birth and Death of our Lord Jesus. The south window has 'The Star of Bethlehem' and



the north window has 'Cross of the Crucifixion' at the top of the respective windows. Simple but very moving.



beautiful windows made with love by two wonderful brothers.

Peter still had many contacts in his old firm and was able to obtain the help of a number of apprentices to uplift the sections from the respective garden sheds and come to the Church to install the new windows, certainly much more plain than many Churches but, they are **our**

A lovely simple plaque below the north window acknowledges the brothers Peter and Willie.

A last comment, folks would have to move about Church to see both windows as they can't be seen when sitting or, at certain areas of the Church.

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| Burning Bush         | Exodus 3 verse 2.    |
| Star of Bethlehem    | Matthew 2 verse 2.   |
| Cross of Crucifixion | Matthew 27 verse 35. |

*George Sweeney*

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# Faith and the Olympians

One difference between the ancient and modern Olympic Games is that the ancient games were played within the context of a religious festival. They were held every four years from 776 BC until 393 AD in Olympia, Greece, the most important sanctuary of Zeus, the king of the Greek gods. Only men were allowed to compete. A sacrifice of 100 oxen was made to the god on the middle day of the festival.

The modern Olympics were revived in 1896 in Athens, sponsored by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) under the leadership of Baron Pierre de Coubertin, with participants from 14 countries participating in 45 events, including swimming, track and field athletics, cycling, weightlifting, and tennis.

It is 100 years since the 1924 summer Olympics in Paris when Eric Liddell refused to run in the heats for the 100m because they were held on a Sunday. Instead, he competed on another day and famously won the 400m. The religious convictions that influenced him are depicted in the Oscar-winning 1981 film “Chariots of Fire”. The story of his remarkable sporting success, his values and service as a missionary in China continue to inspire people today.

Did you enjoy watching the Olympics from Paris during the summer? There were certainly many hours of coverage, with 204 countries competing in 32 sports and 329 events, with new ones added for the first time in 2024, breaking, skateboarding, sport climbing, and surfing. For most spectators, the Olympics are a display of the highest level of athletic skill, but for many Christian athletes, they provide an opportunity to express their faith to each other and to the world. Besides all the excitement and even stress of watching, did you notice how many of the competitors mentioned their faith?

Adam Peaty had a tattoo of a cross on his torso. He became a Christian in 2022, after struggling with alcoholism and depression. He had just missed out on his 3rd consecutive Olympic 100m breaststroke title by 0.02 seconds, and yet he was smiling at the interviewer. “I’m a very religious man,” he said, “I asked God just to show my heart, and this is my heart. I couldn’t have done more.” Peaty said that when he first visited the church to which he now belongs, the sermon happened to touch on the Olympics. “No one knew I was coming,” he recalled. “I was just at the back and I was like, ‘if this isn’t meant for me, then what is?’”

The diver Andrea Spendolini-Sirieix was almost too overcome to speak when she and Lois Toulson took bronze in the 3m springboard synchro, but she managed “I give glory to God”.

The 100m breaststroke champion, South Africa's Tatjana Smith, got out of the pool and immediately dressed herself in a T-shirt that thanked "God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit".

"Jesus is King!" shouted 19-year-old Canadian skateboarder Cordano Russell when the Olympic announcers introduced him at the men's street skateboarding final. Russell "credits his religious upbringing with instilling the work ethic and mental fortitude needed to excel in the demanding world of professional skateboarding."

Of the 33 Fijian athletes, 24 are rugby players. Besides being great rugby players, the team is also famous for singing praise to God. They gained attention for singing hymns with beautiful harmony in the Olympic Village courtyard. The words of one translate as "Put your trust into the Lord and He will guide your way."

Simone Biles won her fifth gold medal and eighth medal overall, making her the most decorated American gymnast in Olympics history. She is Roman Catholic and keeps a rosary in her gym bag during competitions. She credits her faith in God for her success. "I don't physically understand how I do it," she said. "It is a God-given talent." Novak Djokovic wears a cross to show his Orthodox Christianity and made a sign of the cross over his chest when he won Olympic gold in the men's tennis singles.

Sportspeople thanking God for their wins is nothing new, but the sheer number doing so at this Olympics is noteworthy – especially so in France, which has insisted on its own athletes upholding the country's strict secularist laws. French Olympians are not allowed to display religious symbols while competing.

Social media has also enabled athletes to be bolder in expressing their faith. The International Olympic Committee has strict rules about keeping religious and political statements off the podium, but it can't stop an athlete crossing themselves at the start line, kneeling at the finish, or thanking God when being interviewed.

Research by Christians in Sport, an organisation that provides pastoral support to elite athletes, shows a marked rise in the integration of faith and sport in the past two decades. Faith leaders gathered with Olympic officials in front of Notre Dame Cathedral on 4 August 2024 to celebrate how "faith and sport can complement each other," in the words of International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach. Over 120 ordained and lay representatives from the five major global religions: Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam and Judaism provide spiritual comfort to Olympians. They set up a shared hall in the Olympic Village where the more than 10,500 athletes and their staff can find information about worship and speak with a chaplain. Each religion got 538 square feet of the structure provided by the Paris Games organizing committee, with instructions to comply with France's secularism

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laws that strictly prescribe the role of religion in public spaces. The faith leaders redistributed the size of the different rooms, based on the expected number of faithful. There, they will provide some worship services, prayers and, above all, a listening ear to any athletes or staff in need.

“We’re not there to have them win,” said Anne Schweitzer, who is coordinating about three dozen Protestant chaplains. “My goal is to have a Christian witness there, people who embody the love and care of Jesus, for the athletes who are under so much pressure.

As Isaiah 40 verse 31 in the KJV says “But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.”

*Liz MacDonald*



## GUILD NEWS



The new session will commence with our Service of Dedication on Sunday 6th October. Our new three-year strategy is 'Let Us Build A House' and over the next three years we will be adopting the following themes

- 2024 Sure Foundations;
- 2025 Living Stones;
- 2026 Beyond the Walls

The Dedication Service for the Guild will be held in church at the usual time of 11.30 am. We hope as many of the members as possible will attend this service.

At our Business meeting in May it was proposed that we have ALL our meetings in the afternoons. After a vote was taken in favour of this rather than alternate fortnights being in the evening we will therefore be holding every meeting from 2-4 pm starting from Monday 7th October.

Our secretary, Vi Gibson, has put a lot of work in over the summer to engage with speakers who can come to share their knowledge and expertise with us and the syllabus is promising to be varied, interesting and enjoyable.

As always we invite all those men and women, within and outwith the congregation to come along and join with us at our meetings. The first year is free!

*Helen*

## KNIT AND NATTER

Our Knit and Natter group continues to go from strength to strength with the largest number attending since starting up. We continue with various projects and helping local schools and charities where we can.

After supporting Maggie's with Easter Egg Chicks, it was time to start knitting small mice for our local schools. We have supported the schools with knitting little mice which are given to every child moving up to school from nursery. This year we knitted 131 mice which were very much appreciated by the schools.

Two very special birthdays were celebrated when both Joan Hamilton and Ella Bloomfield celebrated their 90th birthdays.

On 30<sup>th</sup> May we all joined together and enjoyed a lovely lunch at the Coronation Inn, Gorebridge before closing for the summer holidays.

### Special birthdays



**Ella Bloomfield**



**Joan Hamilton**

## Toilet twinning

I was at a full day conference in St John's and Newton Church in Dalkeith recently and not surprisingly needed to use the toilet facilities. Whilst there, I noticed a framed certificate declaring that the toilet had been twinned with one in Africa. I was curious about the toilet twinning concept, so came home and did some research. I discovered that the charity Tearfund, which helps people living in some of the world's poorest countries, has been organising toilet twinning since 2015.

Without proper toilets, people get trapped in a vicious cycle. They are likely to become sick through sanitation-related diseases. Illness keeps people from working, children miss school, parents have to pay for medicines or food and fall into debt.

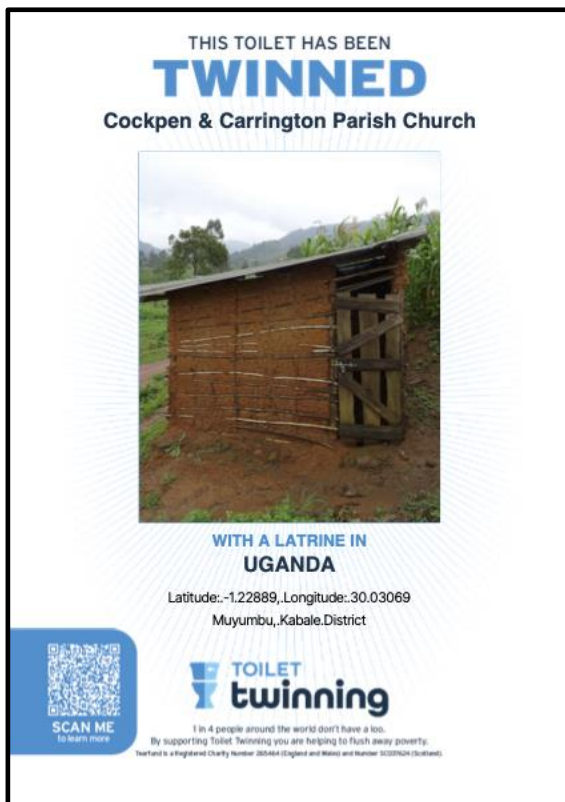
Every day, over 700 children under 5 die from diarrhoea linked to unsafe water, sanitation and poor hygiene. Toilet twinning funds hygiene education via workshops and sourcing local materials for families and communities to build their own toilets and access clean water – a vital combination that saves lives.

The water and sanitation experts within Tearfund's local partner organisations spend quite a bit of time with the community, talking through their sanitation issues and how to best address them. There is not a single, one-size-fits-all model. It is important to make sure that a sanitation programme is owned by the community, so they are able to maintain their toilets in the long term. They choose to build toilets with readily available materials and this means that the toilets differ aesthetically from community to community. Also, in many situations, environmental constraints such as collapsing soils or high-water tables mean that toilets need to be adapted to local contexts, and therefore their structure and appearance will naturally vary.

We take clean running water and proper facilities for granted, but so many people around the world lack these. One in four do not have a

toilet. Tearfund offers toilet twinning in 10 African counties, plus Nepal and Pakistan at a cost of £60 per toilet. The topic was raised at the Cockpen & Carrington Kirk Session and it was agreed the church should use some money from a fundraising event to fund a toilet in Uganda. We chose Uganda, as a speaker at the Guild had previously told us about a project helping young women with urinary problems following childbirth. Tearfund sent us a certificate with a photograph of our Ugandan toilet twin and GPS coordinates so we can even look up the location on Google Maps.

The certificate is displayed in the toilet in the church hall and at the church. Many other churches, including Lasswade & Rosewell have also participated in this worthwhile venture. But it doesn't just have to be churches supporting Tearfund. If you are looking for an unusual gift or a gift for the person who has everything, and want to help people far less fortunate than we are, this could be something to consider. The certificate can be personalised to suit any occasion. As it says, "By supporting toilet twinning, you are helping to flush away poverty".



*Liz MacDonald*



# LASSWADE AND ROSEWELL PARISH CHURCH NEWS ....

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**Vision Statement: 'All journeying together in faith and trust to share God's love'**

Blessed are you Autumn, season of the heart's yearning, you usher us into places of mystery. And, like the leaves, we fall trustingly into eternal unseen hands.

## **Sacrament of Holy Communion**



**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
will be celebrated at  
Rosewell Parish Church  
at 10.00 a.m. on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September.**

**You are warmly invited to share in this  
important part of the life of the Church.**

# The Church Family

## **Baptism at Lasswade on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

Iris Elizabeth Cornet, daughter of Dean and Charly

## **Wedding at Rosewell on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Chris and Kristina Morrish

### **Bereavements**

We would ask that you remember and pray for the families and friends of:

Mrs Ann Macdonald	2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024
Mrs Christina Cairns	21 <sup>st</sup> March 2024
Mrs Mary Byers	29 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
Mrs Ellen Livingstone	30 <sup>th</sup> April 2024

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

### **Toy Gift Service:**

Again, we will be supporting the Salvation Army's Toy Gift Appeal at our service at Rosewell on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Please, if you can, bring along unwrapped gifts suitable for children and teenagers. Your support is much appreciated.

### **Coffee Mornings:**

The popular Coffee Mornings in Rosewell Church Hall, every second Saturday from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon, offer an opportunity to catch up with friends over a coffee or tea, scones and cakes.



## BLYTHSWOOD CARE SHOEBOX APPEAL 2024

It is time once again to start thinking about filling a shoebox – the articles do not need to be expensive but are appreciated whatever the gift. It will take the usual form of shoeboxes for all ages male/female – toiletries, toothpaste/brush,



comb/brush, socks/tights, cosy hat/scarf/gloves, underwear, PJs, t-shirt, pens/pencils, notepads/colouring books, etc. small toy (new) sweets (no choc. or loose sweets) etc. It is sometimes nice to include a Christmas/Greeting card from 'a friend in Scotland'. Please do not feel you have to fill a box - loose donations will be welcome and will be incorporated.

Leaflets are available at both Lasswade and Rosewell churches giving details of suitable items. **Once filled please bring them along on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October to Rosewell Church Hall between 10.00 a.m. and 12 noon.**

Please contact Dorothy Spence (07445139138) if any further details are required.

Blythswood has been on the go for many years, work all the year round, have a base in many of the Eastern European Countries, so please be assured; these donations will go directly to the right destinations!!

Let's make it as big a total of boxes as we can and thank you for your support.

## Harvest Service Invitation



We extend a warm invitation to join us at our  
**Harvest Service**

on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 10.00 a.m.**

at Rosewell Parish Church.

All gifts of non-perishable food, coffee, teabags, diluting fruit juice, toiletry and household cleaning items donated by the congregation, will be distributed to the Midlothian Food Bank.

Your support is very much appreciated.



Messy Church, held in Rosewell Church Hall, begins with a warm welcome so if you have never been to Messy Church before, do come along. Mums, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends, carers accompanied by babies, toddlers, and primary school children – you are all most welcome.

Children are NOT dropped off – come and join the fun with them. Messy Church creatively explores Christian and moral themes through getting messy; with crafts, games, a story, prayer and songs and then it finishes with a special Messy meal together without you having to clear up or cook!

Do come and join us on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September, 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2<sup>nd</sup> November and 7<sup>th</sup> December from 4.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. You can find us on Facebook at '**Rosewell Messy Church**'.

*Lasswade and Rosewell Messy Church Team*

## Butternut Squash and Red Pepper Soup



**Ingredients:** 1 medium sized butternut squash, peeled de-seeded and chopped, 1–2 red peppers de-seeded and chopped, 1 onion peeled and chopped, 1 large potato peeled and chopped, 1 tablespoon oil, 1½ pints stock approx., milk.

**Method:** Heat oil in deep pan, add vegetables and allow to soften without colouring. Add stock, bring to the boil, and allow to simmer for 20 –30 mins until all veg are soft. Allow to cool slightly and then liquidise. Return to pan, adjust seasoning and re- heat. Adjust consistency by adding milk or stock. Can be frozen before adding the milk. Enjoy!!!!

## **More Bibles and Hymnbooks waiting to be Reunited with Families.**

Work is continuing to prepare for the closure of Lasswade Church. The inventory still indicates that there remains a number of Bibles and Hymnbooks which some members and their families may wish to be reunited with.

A list of some of these items follows, together with details of the inscriptions in the books.

New Testament and Psalms. Presented to Susan McDonell. 25/01/1974.

The Church Hymnary. Lizzie Lister. Rossette Cottage, Union Park, Bonnyrigg.

Holy Bible. Church Hymnary. Revised. To Mother from Nan. 25/12/1943. Young Glenview Lasswade.

Holy Bible. William Linton Lochart. Loan Street, Haywood, Lanarkshire. 24/04/1909.

Holy Bible. Mrs Pairman.

Holy Bible. Church Hymnary Revised. To Valerie. From Mum and Dad. Christmas 1964.

Holy Bible. George Wilson. Rose Cottage. Broomieknowe.

Holy Bible. Church Hymnary. John B. Mc??? 6 Dobbies Road.

Holy Bible Illustrated. Beasty. 1707.

Holy Bible. Church Hymnary. Revised. James Stewart. Tynehead Farm. Tynehead.

The Church Hymnary 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. To Monty. From Lasswade Young Wives. December 1974.

Holy Bible. Mrs M N Wilson. From her Father and Mother on her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. 16 Craigs Road, Corstorphine. St Anne's Pew 43.

The Psalms Church Hymnary. Revised Edition. J.A. Howat. 26 Golf Course Road, Bonnyrigg.

Holy Bible. William McAdam. From Liz W.F. Maxwell.???? March 30<sup>th</sup>, 1888.

The Holy Bible. From Granny and Aunt Jean. Xmas 1955.

Holy Bible. Edinburgh Educational Trust. Rita Wood. Sessions 1923- 1924. Blackhall Public School. J.C.F Aitken. Headmaster. 18<sup>th</sup> July 1924. M.A. Geddes.

Holy Bible. Church Hymnary Revised Edition. Magdalene Sneddon.

Holy Bible. Church Hymnary Revised Edition. Mrs Balgarnie. 6 Polton Street, Bonnyrigg. R.B.A 24/06/1951. J.T.W. 01/07/1951.

Holy Bible. Church Hymnary. Revised Edition. (Boxed). To Monty. From Mother-in-law. 20/06/1969.

Holy Bible. Lexie Carmichael. Woodburn Green. Bucks. A.B.Campbell. Haverall Wood. 9 Wadingburn Lane. Lasswade. EH18 1HG.

Holy Bible. Church Hymnary. To Mrs ? from her loving friend Revd Hugh McIntosh and Mrs McIntosh. Edinburgh. Xmas 1920.

If any of these items relate to you or to former members of your family, and if you would like them back, please contact me. It may be that some of you will know the whereabouts of surviving family of those mentioned above who are no longer with us. Presently the books are in my care but will shortly be returned to the church.

Jim Pryde. (07973629914).

## Andrew and Ann Hutley

We had great pleasure in welcoming Mr & Mrs Andrew Hutley on Sunday the 5th of May to Rosewell Church. Mrs Hutley would be better known to some of the congregation as Ann White.

Ann used to play the organ in Rosewell Church in the 60s while still at school, and at Rosslynlee Hospital.

Ann and Andrew now live in the Midlands where Ann still plays the organ at Lilbourn Church and Andrew plays in Crick church.

I met Ann and Andrew on the Saturday at Rosewell Church and they both loved playing the organ. The organ was just as Ann left it all these years ago, and it was great for me to hear someone else playing.

Ann also agreed to play for one of the Hymns at the Sunday service.

It was a pleasure to see Ann and Andrew and enjoy a meal with them on their whirlwind visit to Rosewell.

*Kenny Wight*





## Lasswade Church Flower Rota

September 8th. Elaine Thomson  
September 22nd. Andrew Renwick  
September 29th. Marlyn Davidson

October 12th. Sheila Turner  
October 27th. Moira Dryden

November 10th. Joan Campbell  
November 24th. Anne Wemyss

December 8th. Sheena Blair  
December 22nd. Pat Lawrie

Thank you for all the offers to provide flowers for Lasswade Church.

This may well be the last chance I have to thank all the kind members who have helped over many years.

Your help has been greatly appreciated especially by the recipients of the flowers.

*Moira*

### Quiz Answers

Answers to Harvest Quiz on the back page

1) **b**, 2) **a**, 3) **a**, 4) **c**, 5) **b**, 6) **a**, 7) **c**.

# THE HOLY HIKERS

"There is more to life than increasing its speed."

Mahatma Ghandi



Our walk in March was well attended, with eleven walkers and one dog taking the old railway track from Loanhead to Straiton Pond, and after stopping for lunch by the water we returned by the same route. In April, eight Holy Hikers did a rather wet circular route in Penicuik around Valleyfield and Beeslack this was led by Ann.

Hilary and Glen led our May outing. They took seven walkers and Rocky (the dog) around Roslin and through the Bluebell Woods at the perfect time of year followed by tea in their garden.

The weather was dry and pleasant for Denise and Ian who oversaw our June ramble and led eleven walkers on a lovely woodland walk at Gifford. We did not meet in July.

Finally on a very sad note I have to report the passing of Fern, Hilary and Glen's dog who died early in April. I first mentioned Fern in the Harvest magazine in 2012 and she was a regular with us, always running at least twice the distance we walked. She had been slowing down a bit, as indeed we are! Her last walk with us was to Straiton pond in March.

New members always welcome, contact Ann on 0131 660 0200.

Happy Hiking

*Jim*

## *The Holy Hikers*



## Useful Midlothian Contact numbers

 : [www.facebook.com/MidlothianVoluntaryAction](https://www.facebook.com/MidlothianVoluntaryAction)

### Other Essential Contacts

For all other essential contact details see the Ready Scotland

 : [www.facebook.com/ReadyScotland](https://www.facebook.com/ReadyScotland)

#### Useful Telephone Numbers for Midlothian

Emergency Services	t. 999
Non Emergency Police	t. 101
NHS24	t. 111
Midlothian Council	t. 0131 270 7500 / 663 7211
Midlothian Social Work Services	t. 0131 271 3900
National Gas Emergency Service (if you	t. 0800 111 999
SP Energy Networks	t. 0800 092 92 90 / 105
Scottish Water	t. 0800 077 8778
Midlothian Council Housing repairs	t. 0131 663 7211
Midcare (Telecare) Midlothian	t. 0131 271 3900
Carers VOCAL Midlothian	t. 0131 663 6869
Dementia Helpline	t. 0808 808 3000
Lothian Centre for Inclusive Living	t. 0131 475 2350
British Red Cross	t. 0131 654 0340
Midlothian Community Hospital	t. 0131 454 1001
Midlothian Council — Housing Benefits	t. 0131 271 3201
Midlothian Council — Seif-Directed Support	t. 0131 271 3900
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Midlothian Waste & Recycling	t. 0131 561 5284
Deaf Blind UK	t. 07715 421399
RNIB	t. 0303 123 9999
LGBT	t. 0300 123 2523
Hearing Aid batteries	t. 0131 270 7500
Lothian Buses	t. 0131 555 6363
Traveline Scotland	k. 0871 200 2233
Dial-a-Bus Midlothian	t. 0131 447 1718
Dial-a-Ride Midlothian	t. 0131 447 9949
Citizens Advice Bureau Dalkeith	t. 0131 660 1636
Citizens Advice Bureau Penicuik	t. 01968 675 259
Breathing Space	t. 0800 83 85 87
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# Harvest Quiz

Here is a short quiz on harvest related things, adapted from the BBC website, to test your young people's knowledge...

1. When peas are harvested, how long do farmers have to get them from the field to the freezer to maintain maximum freshness?  
a) 30 minutes      b) 2½ hours      c) 6½ hours      d) 12 hours

2. A harvest Moon is the full Moon closest to the autumnal equinox, when night and day are equal in length.

What is the name for the full Moon that comes after it?

- a) Hunter's Moon      b) Deer-mating Moon  
c) Red-plum Moon      d) Full-beaver Moon

3. In a much-celebrated April Fool's spoof in 1957, the BBC filmed "spaghetti crops" being harvested. In which country did it claim the crop was grown?  
a) Switzerland      b) Italy      c) Turkey      d) Wales


4. Crop Over is the name for the Harvest Festival in which country?  
a) South Africa      b) New Zealand      c) Barbados      d) Zambia

5. What is special about the harvest mouse?  
a) It's the world's smallest rodent      b) It has a prehensile tail  
c) It can only be found in Yorkshire      d) All of the above

6. Many apple varieties are harvested in the UK at this time of year, but why did one apple in Devon make the news?  
a) It was half red and half green      b) It was the world's largest apple  
c) It had no pips      d) It looked like it had the face of Jesus in the centre

7. In ancient Greek religion and myth who is the goddess of the harvest?  
a) Dionysus      b) Ceres      c) Demeter      d) Harvestius

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