

## CHURCH REGISTER

### DEATHS: *Left this world, but not forgotten*

26/03/22 - Francis (Frank) Farquharson Stewart, aged 78 years  
01/04/22 - Alfred (Fred) Kydd Waters, aged 102 years  
04/04/22 - Janie Cross Welsh, aged 96 years  
22/04/22 - Norman (Norrie) Francis Pedgrift, aged 93 years  
05/05/22 - Elspeth (Betty) Gardiner Kettles, aged 90 years  
15/05/22 - Esther Duncan Gray, aged 87 years  
19/05/22 - Helen Monteith Williams, aged 94 years  
30/05/22 - Helen Margaret Spencer, aged 98 years  
26/06/22 - William (Bill) Andrew Gorrie, aged 85 years



### BAPTISMS

10/07/22 - Mabel Alexis Dawn Popp, daughter to Loryn and Max Popp  
In Dunbarney Church

### WEDDINGS

10/04/2022 - Shannon Mary Caroline Angeline Warden & Kyle Michael McKinney in Huntingtower Hotel.  
18/06/22 - Erica Jayne Taylor & Adrian Patrick Gamarello in Donegal Parish Church.

### FROM THE EDITOR

Many thanks to those who have contributed to this edition of *Parish Voice*.

The deadline for articles for the next issue is **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022**. It would be helpful if articles could be sent as attachments to Anne Rodgie, Church Secretary at [dfpoffice@btconnect.com](mailto:dfpoffice@btconnect.com). Thank you.



### USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

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# Parish Voice

Summer 2022



*Mission Statement: To be a place of Christian worship and outreach and a hub for the community enabling people to connect with Jesus and one another.*

### FROM THE MANSE

There is great excitement in the manse family as we look forward to the wedding of our daughter Jenny and her fiancé, Sandy. Under normal circumstances, a wedding is a time when members of both families travel the length and breadth of the country to meet together and witness the vows of marriage being shared. After the last couple of years with strict COVID regulations, this is something we are not taking for granted and are looking forward to seeing people once again if they can make it.



One scripture reading that is often used at weddings, is Paul's letter to the Corinthians. *"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup> It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."* (1 Corinthians 13: 4-7) It's timeless isn't it? There is enough here to reflect on for a lifetime and still not exhaust it. One thing about love that stands out for me is the willingness to believe the best in another person. We read about Jesus doing this all the time. Where others condemned, Jesus offered forgiveness, where others saw evil, he saw good. He saw the best in people. It seems to me that this is what we are called to do as Christians. We are to see the positives and not *just* the negatives in people (and the circumstances) in which we find ourselves.

On one wall of Dunbarney Church hangs a lovely banner. It was the first banner that was made during my ministry in Dunbarney and Forgandenny Church and designed by Thelma Pedgrift. It shows light passing through a prism and separated out into all the different colours. Just as all the various colours of the spectrum work together to make

white light, so Paul describes love in its component parts – a rainbow of actions that all work together to make true love. As we read Paul's description, it becomes clear that he is not talking about a warm feeling but rather a conscious decision to love other people no matter what.

For this reason, it is an important reading to listen to at any time and not just at weddings. At a time when there is so much uncertainty and anxiety being experienced by others, we need to hear a call to remain positive, see the best in others and be encouraging.

You will read in this edition of *Parish Voice* of the Presbytery planning process which continues throughout these summer months. This work is necessary and we should approach it with prayer and openness. It must not, however, distract us from the more immediate tasks of encouraging each other in the works of outreach, service, discipleship, to which God has called us and which through the rainbow of actions work together and show God's love. For all the ways that you are doing this already, thank you.

With all good wishes and every blessing,  
Your minister and friend,  
Allan

### INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus said: "I am the bread of life: he who comes to me shall not hunger and he who believes in me shall never thirst; he who comes to me I will not cast out. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness: for they shall be satisfied."

*The Minister and Kirk Session invites you  
to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on  
**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022**  
**Dunbarney Church at 10.30am.***



*Note: Communion elements of grape-juice and gluten-free bread will be provided at this Communion Service*

Please contact your elder or Allan Wilson (01738 812463 or [AWilson@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:AWilson@churchofscotland.org.uk)) if you would like to receive home communion.

polypocket on the noticeboard. I will ensure they raise cash for the Scripture Union.

Anne Larg

### LADIES & MEN'S EXERCISE CLASSES

These are resuming on Monday 15 August in the church hall at the following times:

Ladies Class 1 from 9.45am

Ladies Class 2 from 10.45am

Class 1 is full and Class 2 is half full so if you'd like to join please contact Avril to book a place. The cost is £3 per class and the maximum per class is 20.

Avril - [a.f.fulton@icloud.com](mailto:a.f.fulton@icloud.com) or Tel:07977 290268

Men's Class from 5-6pm is also on a Monday. If you'd like to book a place please contact John Hussen on 07713 349146. We're delighted that all classes, once again, will be taken by Sophie McCollum.

### FLOWER MINISTRY

I would like to thank everyone who takes the time to write or email thank you cards etc after they receive flowers. This is greatly appreciated by the flower group.

We are always looking for people who would like to put flowers into the Church. If you feel you would like to try this but a bit unsure, please let me know on 07751577771. This was the way I started doing the church flowers with a little help from friends many years ago.

Helen Jackson, Flower Convener.

### THANK YOU

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, visits and kindness shown to me and the family over the last few months. The love and support of the church family and folks in the village has been overwhelming, very humbling and appreciated so much. The turnout for Frank's service was amazing and amount collected for kirk funds was £926.25. Thank you all! Frank has left a big gap in our lives.

Blessings  
Pat Stewart

NB We are no longer accepting toothpaste tubes and plastic toothbrushes as we don't have a destination for them!!

Soft plastics and crisp packets can now be recycled at the local CO-OP!!



### Hedgehogs

Thanks to Tayside Biodiversity, we now have a hedgehog house for our church grounds and coming soon is a special camera so that we can keep track of our prickly friends.



### Eco Group stamps



The Scripture Union Stamp Bureau has raised thousands of pounds in the last 16 years alone through the sale of used stamps. Could you help raise even more in this creative way?

Who would have thought that stamps, even those of the common everyday variety, could be worth so much? Enter Scripture Union supporter, Steve Ellis, a seasoned stamp collector from Stoke-on-Trent.

Steve has been running the SU Stamp Bureau since taking over the reins 16 years ago. In that time, he's raised an amazing £24,102 for Scripture Union by selling used stamps. Steve is looking to continue in this creative fundraising venture, but he needs your help.

'I can find a market for virtually any stamp that isn't damaged, even the more common ones,' says Steve. 'Unfortunately, I am receiving fewer stamps to sell nowadays and there are fewer collectors looking to buy.' Can you help Steve keep the bureau alive? Do you have any used stamps (either small amounts or larger collections) or perhaps you collect and could help by buying some of Steve's stamps?

*Top tip! It helps if stamps that are torn from the envelope are trimmed with a small margin. Old stamps (pre-1945) have more value if left on the envelope.*

Please place your used stamps in the box at Dunbarney Church vestibule, Forgandenny beside the books or Dunbarney Hall in the

## FROM THE SESSION CLERK



### Welcomers at both churches and Coffees and Teas at Dunbarney

Sunday morning worship Welcomers: -

Thank you to those who currently greet you at the church door with a smile and a chat.

If you would like to volunteer to be part of this rota then I would love to hear from you, currently a duty is about once every two months.

### Coffees and teas at Dunbarney:

Every two weeks coffees and teas are served after morning worship in Dunbarney Hall. There is a lovely buzz in the hall, and we are grateful to those who have made this possible so far. Charlene and Lynn are happy to brew the coffee and make the tea, but they are looking for more volunteers to serve it to those seated at the tables. If you can help out, please speak to Charlene or Lynn or add your name to the rota on the noticeboard in the church hall (in the corner over beside the books).

Anne Larg, e.anne.larg@gmail.com or 01738 812805

## TREASURER'S REPORT

First of all, thank you to everyone who supported Christian Aid week, either by using the red donation envelopes which were on the pews throughout the month of May, or by donating online. As a Church family, we donated a total of £547.60 to this very worthwhile cause.



Thanks to Pat Paterson for taking the lead on this again and encouraging our support of the appeal. Thank you also to those of you who have been in a position to increase your regular offerings recently. We are very mindful of the fact that 2022 is proving to be a challenging year for many households, but of course the same is true within the Church, with our resources being stretched by increasing costs. Your prayerful giving allows us to continue our good work and participate in God's plan of generosity in the world.

Please also remember that you can help us maximise your donations by signing up for the Gift Aid scheme. If you are a UK taxpayer, this scheme allows us to claim an additional 25p for every £1 you donate. If you're

unsure whether you are eligible to join the scheme or would like to check whether you have already signed up for it (our records go back many years!), please let me know.

On a slightly different topic, the Finance Committee is looking to welcome new members. We meet (usually online for convenience) a few times a year, so it's not a huge commitment in terms of time. However, if you feel you have some time and ideas to spare, please get in touch for more information. It's worth noting that no particular experience is required – the current members are from various backgrounds, so everyone brings something different to the table!

Alison Jolliffe  
Treasurer, Tel: 07809 293045

### **A RADICAL PLAN FOR THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

In 2019, the General Assembly called for a “Radical Action Plan” to refocus the whole Church of Scotland on its core mission. This was also to face realities: falling membership, fewer ministers, declining finances, and too many expensive buildings.

The Assembly defined the core mission of the Church in terms of the “five marks of mission”:

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
3. To respond to human need by loving service
4. To transform unjust structures of society, to pursue peace and reconciliation
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation

Facts are facts: in 2021 the Church had 700 ministers in post, and 137 deacons and parish workers. The Kirk also had 300 vacant congregations, and 35% of ministers will be 65 within 5 years. Something has to change. The General Assembly agreed that there should only be 600 paid ministries – and no more than 60 vacancies - at any one time. That means reducing the number of posts in the current Presbytery Plans from over 1000 to 660. About a 40% cut.

This cannot mean every congregation arguing to keep “their minister”. It means new and imaginative thinking about how we shape the Church in each community, in order that we focus on mission.

We meet in the church hall usually on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits as well as time to chat are always an important part of the evening.

Each year we choose a charity to support and this year we have chosen 2 local children's charities:

- **The Katie McKerracher Trust** - brain tumours (Diffuse Pontine Glioma) in children, supporting children and their families financially and in other practical ways.
- **Siblings Reunited (STAR)** - reunites brothers and sisters separated in the care system, by providing quality and regular opportunities to meet up with siblings.

Our main fundraiser for this will be a concert by Perth Rock Choir on Friday 7th October in Dunbarney Church and proceeds from the concert will be split between the two charities.

### **Programme 2022 /23**

21 September - Sri Lankan Curry Cooking demo by Tyro and Ayesha of Tay Larder, Perth

7 October - Fundraising concert by Perth Rock Choir

19 October - Meal at The Roost

16 November - Rock and Thistle by Kerry Blakey, who will give a talk about her craft followed by a workshop

7 December - Decorate church and hall for Christmas (includes glass of wine and mince pie)

18 January - Wee Travel Company talk by Ailish

15 February - Speaker from the Katy McKerracher Trust

15 March - Speaker from STAR Siblings Reunited

Sat 22 April - Soup n Sweet Lunch in memory of Esther Stenhouse

All meetings are £2.

For more information please contact Avril - a.f.fulton@icloud.com or Tel:07977 290268

### **ECO GROUP Recycling**

Recycling in the church hall includes ink cartridges, books, batteries and used stamps. Many thanks to everyone who regularly contributes to this.

are trained to 'pilot' the trishaws. Perth currently has three trishaws which are out regularly around the Inch, Quarrymill or wherever anyone fancies going for about an hour. One, or more, can be brought out to Bridge of Earn if anyone would like to go out in this area.

Look on their website for some videos and more information on [www.cyclingwithoutage.scot](http://www.cyclingwithoutage.scot)

If you would like to book a ride (they're free) then contact Anne Larg and we can chat about where you would like to go and when. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Anne Larg  
e.anne.larg@gmail.com or 812805.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday worship takes place every week but in alternate buildings. These services start at 10.30am with occasional services at 2.00pm. Live Streaming of services will continue and a recording is available on the telephone broadcast service (01738 239392). The dates of the services are as follows

<b>August 2022</b> 07 - Dunbarney at 10.30am 14 - Forgandenny at 10.30am 21 - Dunbarney at 10.30am 28 - Forgandenny at 10.30am	<b>September 2022</b> 4 - Dunbarney at 10.30am (Communion) 11 - Forgandenny at 10.30am 18 - Dunbarney at 10.30am 25 - Forgandenny at 10.30am
<b>October 2022</b> 2 Dunbarney at 10.30 9 Forgandenny at 10.30am 16 Dunbarney at 10.30am 23 Forgandenny at 10.30am 30 Dunbarney at 10.30am	<b>November 2022</b> 6 - Forgandenny at 10.30am 13 - Dunbarney at 10.30am (Remembrance Sunday) and Forgandenny at 2pm 20 - Forgandenny at 10.30am 27 - Dunbarney at 10.30am (Advent Sunday)

## WOMEN'S GROUP

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back in September and as always, we extend an invitation to anyone who'd like to come along to our friendly and welcoming group.

As for buildings: the Assembly has said we want "well equipped spaces in the right places". That means not just keeping buildings because we like them but planning to have the right buildings, affordable, sustainable, and inviting, to serve our mission in each community.

Every Presbytery must have a new plan by the end of 2022. It must state how it will deploy its share of paid ministries and which buildings are required. The Plan will be implemented over five years.

The Presbytery of Perth published its draft plan in February and the Planning and Development Committee is meeting with every Kirk Session at the moment. This plan can be found on the home page of our website ([www.dfpchurch.org.uk](http://www.dfpchurch.org.uk)) In the plan it is proposed that 1 minister will be responsible for the area from Abernethy to Dunning (with Dunning becoming a Local Mission Church). Pray that we will enter into this, not defensively, but with a Spirit-led imagination, and with openness to God's guiding. If you have any questions, please speak to Allan, Anne or Margaret.

## COFFEE AND CHAT

After more than two years of excellent blethers It has been decided to take a break from Zoom Coffee and Chat on a Tuesday morning for the next few months. This will allow folks to enjoy our returned freedom of movement and the better weather. Coffee and Chat will be revisited in the Autumn and then we will decide if Zoom is the best format for then. Perhaps we could meet face to face?

Margaret Bell

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Since the last issue of *Parish Voice* folk have enjoyed one of our popular Gentle Walks and a Soup and Sweet lunch to celebrate Pentecost and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The Gentle Walk took us up into the Dunbarney Estate to admire the views and the estate's herd of deer. We then enjoyed refreshments and a blether back in Dunbarney Church Garden. Those who are not able for the walk stay behind in the garden for even more blethers until the walkers return. We have been blessed with good weather for all our walks. Look out on notice boards, in the Order of Service or in the Perthshire Advertiser for details of any future walks.

On Pentecost Sunday after communion in Forgandenny Church we joined together for a Soup and Sweet lunch in Dunbarney Church Hall. The day coincided with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee so it was an opportunity for a double celebration. There was an abundance of tasty soup and delicious sweets for us all to enjoy. Our own Joan Blue, who had just had news of receiving the British Empire Medal in the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Honours list, entertained us with appropriate tunes while we enjoyed our coffee and mints. There was a retiring collection for the Perth and Kinross Foodbank on the day.

Look out for information on any further social activities and please come along and enjoy the fellowship. The more the merrier!

Wilma McCullough

### **AN EVENING PRAYER WHEN THE NEWS IS BLEAK**

Sometimes it is hard to know quite what to pray when the news is so dreadful day after day. Our hearts go out to those caught up in events, but we can feel at a loss as to how to pray for them.

When I came across this prayer recently I found it so helpful I copied it down. Written many centuries ago by Bishop Augustine of Hippo (354 - 430) it has stood the test of time, and you'll perhaps see why when you read it. I share it with you now, in case you too find it expresses something of what you pray on behalf of all those who suffer.

Watch, O Lord with those who wake or watch or weep tonight,  
And give your angels charge over those who sleep.  
Tend your sick ones, O Lord Jesus Christ;  
Rest your weary ones;  
Bless your dying ones;  
Soothe your suffering ones;  
Pity your afflicted ones;  
Shield your joyous ones;  
And all for your love's sake.

Kirsty Jackson

### **KYTHE (Kinross-shire Youth Enterprise)**

This is a Kinross based youth initiative whose mission is 'to ensure every young person they meet is given the opportunities they need to reach their potential'. Barry Dougall, the senior youth worker and his team of volunteers have visited Oudenarde and will be in the Victory Park, Bridge of Earn from 1.00pm to 3.00pm on Tuesday to Thursday 2nd to 4th August. At this session they hope to welcome those of secondary school age but are happy for those who are aged 8/9 onwards too. They came last summer and got a good local response. Check out their website for more information and the range of activities they have put on over the summer months in the Kinross area. [www.kythe.org.uk](http://www.kythe.org.uk)

Dunbarney and Forgandenny Church plan to invite Barry to come along to morning worship in the autumn to share what KYTHE do, he has already spoken to the Kirk Session, and we would like, as a community, to support similar work in our local area. A mum and dad, local to Kinross, sent Barry this letter (anonymised) "Thank you so much for all you do for the young people of our community. KYTHE is such an amazing place where Rosie can enjoy herself and be happy, where she feels safe and valued and it's all down to your hard work, dedication and commitment. Kythe has been a lifeline for Rosie and has made a world of difference to her enjoyment of life. We can't thank you enough for everything you do." Wouldn't it be lovely to support something similar in our local area? Nurturing positive mental health, wellbeing, self esteem and bringing young people together. Empowering them to have a purpose and belonging and to have a vital role in their decision making.

For more information contact Barry by email at [barry@kythe.org.uk](mailto:barry@kythe.org.uk) or Anne Larg [e.anne.larg@gmail.com](mailto:e.anne.larg@gmail.com).

### **CYCLING WITHOUT AGE**



Have you, or do you know someone with limited mobility?

Then get in touch, feel the wind in your hair, and enjoy a trishaw ride in your local area or in Perth. They seat two people, but one person can be on their own or with a friend or carer. Volunteers