

Friends of Guiding will be delivering Christmas cards for the local area again this year to support the Rainbow, Brownie & Guide Units.

BOXES are in – The Kintillo Shop & Davidson’s Chemist
Cards can also be posted through the letter box at the
Session House at Dunbarney Church

from 2-10th December.

COST IS 25p PER CARD

Please leave your contributions with the cards and address clearly,
Kintillo, Bridge of Earn & Oudenarde areas only

We appreciate your support over the YEARS

Linda Jones/CAPOD

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

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Parish Voice

Winter 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

Do you remember the song “Turn, Turn, Turn” which was performed by The Byrds? It was released in 1965 and reached No 26 in the UK Charts. The lyrics are essentially the first eight verses of the third chapter of the Book of Ecclesiastes in the Bible: *There is a time and a season for everything.*



Part of God’s great design of this earth is the rhythm of the seasons. We experience the four seasons of winter, spring, summer, and autumn (sometimes all on the one day in Scotland). Each year we see creation moving through the seasons of planting and harvesting and, at other times, we experience our own seasons - of sadness, loss, joy, newness and growth.

Whilst on holiday in Majorca at the end of October, I noticed that the summer season was ending there too. Hotels, pavement cafés and restaurants were packing up for the winter and taking a well-earned break. It was a reminder that summer was well and truly over for another year and change was coming. I know that some people like this time of the year and enjoy the need to ‘coorie-in’ in for the evening but for others the situation is different.



We find ourselves in a new season where many people face personal issues that makes them feel anxious and stressed. The cost-of-living crises, climate change and the political unrest here and abroad are having an effect on us all. To compound this, the Church also finds itself in a changing season when serious questions are being asked about how it’s structured and the direction it should travel in the coming years.

In such a season therefore, it is also important to remember the good news found in this familiar text, "There is a time and a season for everything." The writer is keen to pass on that the things that we go through in life are not futile. God is sovereign which means God is in control of all things. God is with us – even in the hardest of times. He guides our steps from one season to the next. No matter what season

***This season will
not last forever***

we find ourselves in or what might be ahead of us, God is always present and always leading us through. Though life does not always make sense, the invitation to each of us is not to be lost in despair but instead to find comfort and hope in God for just as winter will eventually give way to spring, this season will not last forever. God will bring us through to better days marked by comfort, love and new life.

This is what we remember when the church moves into the season of Advent and Christmas. Advent is all about yearning, waiting, anticipating and praying the words of the well-loved hymn, "Come, O Come Emmanuel". And Christmas is a time when we celebrate the promises of God being fulfilled and of God sending us the most precious gift of his son - our Lord Jesus Christ. The true meaning of Christmas is the celebration of the Saviour. Through belief in Him we become daughters and sons of God. What encouragement this offers us today!



The current season might be challenging but let us also find hope and encouragement. In this edition of *Parish Voice*, you will read of our interest to create a cosy space in the Church Hall for one day in the week where people in our community can meet together and enjoy the warmth of a comfortable environment in the company of others. We want to reach out to the young people in our community in partnership with KYTHE and offer them a space where they can relax and 'decompress' with others. And of course, there is our dream to make the sanctuary in Dunbarney a more modern and comfortable space that will meet the needs of the worshipping congregation and those outside the walls. All of this is on top of the ongoing wonderful work that we do as a Church to try and show God's love and compassion to others.



GUIDES CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

The Coffee Morning is in Dunbarney Church Hall on the 10th December from 10-11am. Please come along enjoy your festive coffee, a chance on the tombola stall and support the girls.

Adults £3 - Children £1.



Post your Christmas cards here too for last delivery and support Friends of Guiding too. 25p per card, local areas only.

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 5th March 2023.

Please send your contributions to Anne Rodgie in the Church Office with a copy to Anne Larg.



MOVING HOUSE



If you are moving house please would you give your new address to Anne Larg 01738 812805

CHRISTMAS CHARITIES

The collections at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services will be donated equally to two charities:

Cycling Without Age who will use the funds in the Perth area. The CWA Scotland Charity number is SC048128

KYTHE (Kinross-shire Youth Enterprise)
Registered Scottish Charity number SC045043

You will have read about both charities in this and the last issue of Parish Voice and further detail is available on our website www.dfpchurch.org.uk
Go to our website too for the Order of Service each Sunday and more information about the life of our church.

WORSHIP DATES

December 2022

4 Forgandenny at 10.30am
(Communion)
11 Dunbarney at 10.30am
18 Forgandenny at 10.30am
24 Dunbarney at 6.30pm
(in the garden unless wet) and
at 11.30pm
25 Forgandenny at 10.30am

February 2023

05 Forgandenny at 10.30
12 Dunbarney at 10.30am
19 Forgandenny at 10.30am
26 Dunbarney at 10.30am

January 2023

1 Dunbarney at 10.30am
8 Forgandenny at 10.30am
15 Dunbarney at 10.30am
22 Forgandenny at 10.30am
29 Dunbarney at 10.30am

March 2023

5 Dunbarney at 10.30am
(Communion)
12 Dunbarney at 10.30am
19 Forgandenny at 10.30am
26 Dunbarney at 10.30am

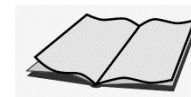
May God guide us from one season to the next. And as we do so, may we experience for ourselves and as a congregation, God's peace, hope, joy and love as we journey together.

With all good wishes and every blessing,
Allan

CHURCH REGISTER

DEATHS: *Left this world but not forgotten*

03/08/22 – Arthur Westbrook Milne, aged 83 years
08/09/22 – William (Billy) Stewart Honeyman Folan, aged 81 years
29/09/22 – Joan Marie McKenzie Foster, aged 88 years
13/10/22 – Peter John Clayton, aged 81 years
22/10/22 – Jeanette McDonald Sheach, aged 64 years



WEDDINGS

30/07/22 – Jennifer Ruth Wilson & Alexander (Sandy) Robert Galloway in Forgandenny Church
06/08/22 – Victoria Jane Lyall Miller & James Nairn Baillie in Forgandenny Church
03/09/22 – Laura Sally Richardson & Douglas John Meikle in Forgandenny Church
15/10/22 – Naomi Christina Eleanor McGinness & Craig Leigh Marshall in Forgandenny Church
19/10/22 – Judith Mary Kathleen Neeson & Steven John Cameron Segaud in St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Edinburgh.

FROM THE SESSION CLERK

A huge thank you to everyone who volunteers their time to support morning worship and the various activities that are on in Dunbarney Church Hall. From your baking to your actual presence it is all very much appreciated.

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



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 4th December 2022

Forgandenny Church at 10.30am.

Sunday 5th March 2023

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) if you would like to receive home communion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Thank you to everyone who supported our chosen charities following this year's Harvest Thanksgiving Service. Not only did CATH and the Perth Foodbank benefit from the many donations of food and other provisions, but they also each received £95 from our retiring collection. I am sure they will have no trouble in putting these very generous donations to good use.



I am delighted to say that we have been successful in securing some funding from the National Lottery Community Fund to help us set up and run a 'cosy space' in Dunbarney Church hall. Whilst we are also

exploring other funding options to help with this, the Lottery funding will enable us to open the doors one day each week to provide a

Unfortunately, the number of people arranging the flowers has dwindled over these past few years and we really are looking for more people who would like to help put them in for a Sunday morning. It may be only a few times in the year but helps spread the load.

If this is something you feel you can help with, please get in touch with me.

We look forward to seeing the Church decorated again for Christmas and I would like to thank the Woman's group for taking the time to help with this in December.

If you wish to discuss anything with flowers, please get in touch on 07751577771

Happy Christmas

Helen Jackson, Flower Convener.

BLYTHSWOOD CARE

Very many thanks to all who contributed to the 2022 Shoe Box Appeal.

Twenty two filled shoe boxes, cosy hand knits and filler items along with donations of money were delivered to the Perth Baptist Church on Friday 4th November prior to Customs checking before heading to Ukraine & Eastern Europe in time for Christmas.

Your support is greatly appreciated in this difficult year.

THANKS - MARGARET FOLAN

Margaret, Douglas, Judith and family wish to thank most sincerely Allan, all fellow Elders and friends in Dunbarney and Forgandenny Church for the kindness shown during the past few years and especially at this time after the sudden death of Billy. We were overwhelmed by the very many cards, flowers, calls and visits. Thanks to Flower Group for the lovely flowers. Also for the huge attendance at the funeral service.

This has been very much appreciated to get us through this difficult time.

JARS OF GRACE

Filled ones can be returned to either church on a Sunday or the office.

MONTHLY SOUP LUNCHES

We are restarting Wednesday Soup Lunches on Wednesday 9th November, 12.00 noon to 1.30pm in Dunbarney Church Hall and thereafter on the second Wednesday of each month. Cost £5. If you would like to come and need transport please contact Colin, Charlene or Anne in the office.

If you can help with serving, baking, soup making or transport please contact as above.

Charlene Hunter.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE - Dates for your Diary.

You are invited to come along to enjoy Carol Singing together at the cross in Dunbarney Church Garden on Wednesday 21st December at 6.30pm. This will be followed with refreshments being served in the hall.

On the Saturday 14th January 2023 Dennis Dees will give an Organ Recital in Dunbarney Church at 10am. Dennis has been playing our organ for his own pleasure for some time now and he has agreed to play for us. He will play some tunes and we will then have a break for refreshments and then back into church for more tunes. Look out for more details on both of these events nearer the time but in the meantime get the dates into your diary.

Wilma McCullough

DUNBARNEY FLOWERS

I would like to thank everyone who has given donations towards the Church Flowers over the past year. The flowers are arranged by a few members of the Church, dismantled and then delivered throughout our congregation and village folks.

I receive many cards of thanks which we truly appreciate you taking the time to write them and Thank You for this.

Over the past few years due to covid we have been mainly using green dishes to arrange the flowers in so as not to have to handle as much and if you have any of these lying around your house, we would be happy to collect from you or you can drop into the church office, and I will get them. We can reuse the dishes but bin the oasis.

Many years ago, I was asking you to save flower sleeves but as we have so many now, I would ask that you don't drop any off meantime but again thank you for doing this.

warm, welcoming environment with hot drinks and food to anyone worried about keeping themselves warm over the winter months.

If you are planning to do any Christmas shopping online, there are a couple of ways to support the Church without it costing you an extra penny.

Our easyfundraising account provides a FREE fundraising service when you shop online. When you shop using the links on the site, up to 15% from every purchase you make is donated to the Church.

easyfundraising
.org.uk

To register, simply follow these steps:

1. Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk
2. Click on the 'Support a good cause'
3. Enter Dunbarney & Forgandenny Parish Church
4. Click 'support this cause'
5. Create an account
6. Activate the donation reminder (this will then remind you every time you shop online to use Easy Fundraising)
7. Start shopping and raising money!

smile.amazon.co.uk

Smile Amazon is similar to easyfundraising in that donations are made directly to the Church when you order eligible products

through the site. Please follow these steps:

1. Go to smile.amazon.co.uk (rather than searching for the 'usual' Amazon web address)
2. When prompted to select a good cause, please enter Dunbarney & Forgandenny Parish Church
4. Click 'support this cause'
5. Smile Amazon will automatically remember your chosen charity and will make a donation to the Church each time you purchase through the site
6. Start shopping and raising money – and remember to use Smile Amazon if you're ordering from Amazon!

As always, thank you all for your continued committed support of everything we do as a church family.

Alison Jolliffe, Treasurer
Tel: 07809 293045

CROSSREACH NEWS

The September edition is available in the vestibule of both churches. It's free and filled with articles about how the Church of Scotland is involved in social care throughout the country. This edition also has an order form and details of their Christmas card and calendar collection. Please help yourself to a copy.

Their Mission Statement is 'In Christ's name we seek to support people to achieve the highest quality of life which they are capable of achieving at any given time'.

THE BIG BRIG YOUTH PROJECT

Our Church Action Plan is committed to nurturing and supporting our local youth. We are hoping to build on good contacts made by KYTHE when their mobile unit visited Bridge of Earn and Oudenarde over the summer and again in the October school break.

Our plan is to offer a space in Dunbarney Hall where young people will feel safe. This will be supported by KYTHE's expertise alongside volunteers from our own church and community. If you would like to know more or feel you can offer an hour of your time, then please get in touch with me asap. There are envelopes at Dunbarney Church if anyone wishes to support the KYTHE charity.

CYCLING WITHOUT AGE

Several local people have had a wee hurl on the trishaw, some in Perth and some in Bridge of Earn.

There is more detail and some photographs on the noticeboard in Dunbarney Hall and on our church web page. Get in touch with Anne Larg if you are interested in going out in the trishaw. It's free!

Anne Larg

PASTORAL GROUP

Thank you to everyone who helps with this group, it is so important to keep in touch with members of the congregation.

To help with this, there are now postcards on the ends of the pews in both churches giving details of the Pastoral Group and if anyone in the congregation feels they would like to get in touch on a pastoral matter, they can either do so by phone or pop a note in the Pastoral Care box, there is one in the vestibule of both churches. These are checked regularly and someone will be in touch.

Christian Macdonald

- Ladies Keep Fit Class 2 (Aerobics & Circuits) - 10.45 - 11.45 for 2 Spaces!
Afternoon - Men's Keep Fit Class (Aerobics & Circuits) - 3.30 - 4.30 Spaces!
Evening - Yoga - 7.15 - 8.45

TUESDAY

Morning - RVS Lunch Club 11-1pm

Afternoon - Carpet Bowls 2-4pm

Afternoon - Banner Group (Forgandenny Church - Laird's Loft) 2-4pm

WEDNESDAY

Monthly Soup Lunches 12-1.30 on 2nd Wed of each month Nov to May inclusive

Women's Group - 3rd Wed of the month 7.30 - 9.30 Sept to April

THURSDAY

Morning - Chatterbox for 0-3 yrs 9-11am

Afternoon - Bridge Club (beginners are welcome) 1.30 - 4pm

Evening - Earn Singers 7.30 - 9.30pm

SATURDAY

Dandelion Group 10-12 1st Sat of the month

SUNDAY

Fortnightly teas and coffees after the church service - an opportunity to socialise, catch up with friends and make new friends.

The hall is also very popular for birthday parties and celebrations, coffee mornings and fundraising events so please do get in touch if you'd like to book.

*Charges (includes use of the hall, kitchen and toilets)

Per hour - £16

Half a day- £50

Whole day- £90

Grateful thanks to all the organisers and volunteers who help to run the various clubs and groups, it's lovely to see our hall so well used.

Avril Fulton, Hall Convenor
a.f.fulton@icloud.com or 7977290268

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 was a very successful concert by Perth Rock Choir on Friday 7th October in Dunbarney Church and proceeds amounted to £1350 which will be split between the two charities. Huge thanks to everyone who supported this event.

Programme 2022 /23

16 November - Beekeeper, Steve Fulton will give a talk about the production of honey followed by craft workshops using bees wax. There will be a small charge of £1 for each 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 Katie 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.

Avril Fulton

CHURCH HALL

We are delighted that our church hall is busy again with a variety of clubs and organisations for different age groups and interests. Most of these are open to anyone so if you are interested in something, please get in touch and I can give you the details of who to contact.

MONDAY

Morning - Ladies Keep Fit Class 1 (for the less mobile) - 9.45 - 10.30
Spaces!

COSY SPACES

We have been awarded some funding to provide a Cosy Space in our community during the winter months. The initiative will be open to everyone living in our communities, whether a church attendee or not.

We plan to open Dunbarney Church hall on 1 day per week for 6 hours. Potentially from 10am-4pm on a Friday. This is dependent on helpers volunteering to be there when the hall is open, to chat and serve teas and coffees, soup and bread, perhaps some home baking. We are looking for 2 people to volunteer for a 2-hour slot, that's 6 people required each Friday. Obviously, the more people who volunteer the fewer sessions will have to be covered. Ideally if 24 people volunteered this would mean each doing 1 x 2-hour session per month.

If you can help by attending in person for a 2-hour slot, and/or by providing soup, bread or home baking please contact Margaret Bell on Tel: 0773 237 5038,

Email: deputysessionclerk@outlook.com.

Many thanks, I look forward to hearing from you.



Margaret Bell

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE THIS ADVENT !

Keep your eyes peeled this Advent, for if you do, you may notice some SURPRISES in amongst our village decorations!

This Advent our wonderful volunteer window dressers in Bridge of Earn will be adding something unexpected to their festive displays. In Forgandenny budding artists will be drawing wonderfully decorated Christmas trees for the school railings, to which will be added the same surprise items as will be appearing in the windows.

As previously, windows and the school railings will be numbered from the first of December. Your job each day in Advent is to try and spot what doesn't look like it belongs.

Answer sheets with clues as to what to look for (and village maps) will be made available at the back of our churches and on the parish website. Happy hunting!

Kirsty Jackson

DUNBARNEY CHURCH REFURBISHMENT PROGRESS

We now have a schedule agreed with the architect for the work to update the sanctuary, and it is hoped contractors will get started on the renovation works just after Easter. The pews and old heating system will be removed, the vestibule area opened up, and new flooring, insulation, heating and lighting installed. A folding glass rear partition and various kitchen improvements will be followed by new floorcovering, seats and redecoration to complete the changes. If all goes to plan we should have our new flexible worship space ready for use by October 2023. Watch this space!

George Bell

ECO GROUP CHURCH GROUNDS

The lovely labyrinth in our church grounds will be bursting with colour next March as it has been planted with daffodils by 12 children from Dunbarney School Nursery and volunteers Ali, Janice, Kirsty, Anne, Christian, Kathleen, Susan, Steve and Avril. The nursery children are coming back in March 2023 to see the fruits of their labours.

HEDGEHOG HOME

This has now been positioned near the wall beside the scout hut. We hope it will provide a cosy home for our prickly friends. Please remember if you are putting out food this winter for hedgehogs, tinned dog or cat food is best and water to drink.

Avril Fulton

ECO CHURCH RECYCLING OPPURTUNITIES

Ink cartridges, batteries, used stamps, books - in Dunbarney Hall. Stamps also in Dunbarney vestibule and stamps and books at the rear of Forgandenny Church.

I can also collect and deliver household items to Starter Packs; they now accept working electrical items or you can deliver yourself on a Tuesday or Friday morning in Perth. More information is on the noticeboard in Dunbarney Hall.

The blister pill packs can be recycled at Superdrug pharmacy in Perth.

Soft plastics and crisp packets can be placed in the receptacle in the Co-op or at supermarkets in Perth.

Bins have been labelled in the kitchen area at Dunbarney Hall for food waste and other recyclable items.

Thank you to everyone who regularly recycles.

Anne Larg

THE FOOD BANK

There are boxes in both Sanctuaries or just pop something in the box at the Co-op or at the supermarkets in Perth

BRIDGE OF EARN RVS LUNCH CLUB

We meet in the church hall every Tuesday during school term time for a lovely two course meal provided by PKC. at a low cost.

The services main goal is to provide a hot meal and friendship for local people who live alone. People from Forgandenny are also welcome but due to demand we are unable currently to provide transport.

There is no waiting list at present but anyone wishing to attend must book in advance, for more details call Sheila on 07746228931

TEA @TWO

We meet on the 1st FRIDAY of the month in the lounge of Caledonia Sheltered Housing Complex between 2 and 4 pm . Our aim is to support older people in the community our volunteers have a wide range of knowledge and experience if help is required but mostly we are there to share tea and cakes and friendship. We organise a variety of activities music, games, quizzes and social events as well as talks from other organisations. No need to book just come along all welcome.

Sheila Stewart

WOMEN'S GROUP

There's still a lot of interesting and exciting meetings on our calendar and as always we extend an invitation to anyone who'd like to come along to our friendly and welcoming group.

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.