

# *The View Magazine*



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## ***Sunday Services 11:00am***

**Communion: Sunday 8th March 2020**

**11am Morning Service**

**7pm Freedom**

**ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF GOD,  
AND IS PROFITABLE FOR DOCTRINE, FOR  
REPROOF, FOR CORRECTION, FOR INSTRUCTION IN  
RIGHTEOUSNESS: THAT THE MAN OF GOD MAY BE  
PERFECT, THOROUGHLY FURNISHED UNTO ALL  
GOOD WORKS.**

2 Timothy 3:16-17



*Hi Everyone,*

A lot of people have a big misunderstanding about God. They know God planned their existence and has a purpose for their lives. But they have the wrong idea that every detail of life is preplanned. They think they have no choice. The Bible teaches the exact opposite. Yes, God has a plan and a purpose for your life, but it's not automatic. You can miss it.



That's because God won't force you to enjoy the plan he has for you. He gives you the choice to accept or reject his love. He gives you the choice to obey or disobey his directions. He gives you the choice to follow or ignore the purpose for which you were created. Far too many people miss the purpose of their lives because of their poor choices.

The Bible says repeatedly that God will not force you to do his will. When Moses led the Jews out of Egypt and into the desert after 400 years of slavery, he told them about a land of milk and honey — a land of great, bountiful blessing — that God had promised them. It would be so different from their years of slavery.

But before they went into the Promised Land, God, through Moses, said to the people the same thing he says to you:

*"Today I am giving you a choice. You can choose life and success or death and disaster. I am commanding you to be loyal to the Lord, to live the way he has told you, and to obey his laws and teachings. You are about to cross the Jordan River and take the land that he is giving you. If you obey him, you will live and become successful and powerful"* Deuteronomy 30:15-16.

God was giving them a choice. God wanted his people to enjoy the bounty of the Promised Land. But he didn't make them accept it. The choice was theirs.

This is a picture of salvation — of coming out of slavery to sin into freedom in Christ. In order to enjoy life in the Promised Land, the Israelites had to choose to obey God. You, too, have to choose whether you'll accept God's salvation and the good things he's planned for you.

God could have made you a puppet, but he didn't. He gives you the ability to choose. If you choose poorly, that choice is your greatest curse. If you choose wisely, it's your greatest blessing. Today God gives you a choice between life — choosing salvation and his path — or death. Which path will you choose?

Once you make choices, your choices make you. What do I mean by that? It's easy to think your life is defined by what happens to you. But the truth is that your life is defined by the choices you make.

It's undeniable that bad things happen all the time. We live in a broken world. You don't always choose right. Other people don't always choose right. We all get hurt.

But what happens to you is not nearly as important as the way you choose to respond. Some people are built up through difficult situations. Other people are broken by them. For some people, a bad experience is a stumbling block. For others, it's a stepping-stone.

If you take two people and put them in the exact same pain, one may succeed while the other fails. Why? Because of the choices they make.

You cannot control many of your life circumstances, but you can control how you decide to respond. You can choose whether things make you bitter or better.

God gave his people a choice:

*"If you obey [me], you will live and become successful and powerful"*  
Deuteronomy 30:16.

The children of Israel would make their choice, and then their choices would make them.

The same is true for you. God puts choices in front of you every day. What you do with your choices will determine the person you become.

*Yours aye,*

*Michael*

## KIRK SESSION NOTES

The Kirk Session has not met since the last issue of the Magazine but will meet on 10 March 2020.

However I am able to report that the redevelopment of the Manse site can now proceed. North Lanarkshire Council Planning Department initially refused planning permission. An appeal was submitted against this decision and on Monday 27 January the appeal was upheld and the development can now take place. This is a very significant development for the Manse family but also for the congregation. The overall cost for the building work is zero to the congregation since a grant of £47,000 was obtained from the General Trustees to make up the shortfall on the developer's costs. The only cost to us will be the provision of carpets and curtains.

**David S Alexander**

Session Clerk



## **PRESBYTERY NOTES**

Since the last issue of the magazine the Presbytery met on 3 December 2019 and 4 February 2020.

The December meeting noted that the Rev. Dr James Salmond and the Rev. Sheila Spence attained the fortieth anniversary of their Ordinations and extended to each its congratulations.

The Presbytery also noted that the Kirk Session of Dalserf decided to adhere to the traditional doctrine and practice of the Church on Human Sexuality in respect of the search for a Minister of Word and Sacrament. Hamilton: South linked with Quarter were granted a Call on the basis of a five year reviewable tenure. The budget for 2020 was approved.

The February meeting appointed Commissioners to the General Assembly of 2020. Congratulations were extended to the Rev. Robert A Hamilton, the Rev. Bryce Calder and the Rev. Iain C Murdoch on the attainment of the twenty-fifth anniversary of their Ordinations.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Review of the Presbytery Plan provoked considerable discussion arising from the Planning Committee's desire to re-categorise all buildings as 'D', ie, that the Presbytery was unsure of their future. After debate the proposal was defeated and the Committee instructed to revert to the previous position and review the Presbytery Plan on an Area by Area basis. Presbytery also approved a follow-on training exercise with regard to Worship Leaders in congregations.

**David S Alexander**  
Presbytery Elder

## **Pastoral Care**

*The third Monday in January is apparently known nowadays as Blue Monday. Although I am not sure why, my assumptions are that it could be a mixture of miserable weather, going back to work and bills coming in.*

*When low mood takes over and the blues are in our head there can be moments, hours and days when, for some, life seems not just blue but black. When low mood hits us it brings feelings of worthlessness; we only see considerable trials and obstacles that can, at times, make us think there is nothing good about ourselves.*

*When we meet our neighbour, friend, acquaintance or someone who is sitting on the pavement, their mood may be black; they may feel worthless. The Lord calls us to “love your neighbour as yourself” (Mark 12:31) and it is important that we all have hope, so let them know you care. Smile, tell them they are special, focus on the positive and always tell them Jesus loves them.*

*It will help to make a difference in their lives to know that they are loved and cared for.*

**Mary Docherty**

## **The Guild**

There is an old saying that the older you get the faster the years pass. That is certainly the case this Guild year for here we are at the start of the second half of the session. I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break.

In November we had a Songs of Praise, singing some of our favourite hymns, old and relatively new. We also heard the story behind some of the hymns and what they meant to us. This was quite a successful evening and we hope to have one again next session. Our first half of the session ended with our Christmas Celebration on December 9th when we had Christmas readings and carols. A big thank you to all who took part in this. It was a very enjoyable evening and the following week we enjoyed a lovely Christmas Dinner in the Café. A big thank you goes to Linda and the girls who always make us feel so welcome.

Our first meeting of 2020 was the DVD of the annual meeting held last September in Dundee. We have since welcomed Caryl Kyle who spoke on the Guild Theme and had us taking part in a short quiz. Anne Walker came along and spoke about the JP Court and what stories we heard! We had a tour of the west of Scotland in song when Anne Robertson came along and entertained us with a short story of each region visited and we sang a song relevant to the area. We are looking forward to a guided tour of Glasgow at the beginning of March and, two weeks later, going to Bellshill Central to hear the Guild National Convener. Our closing dinner will be on 30th March in the café.

Arrangements are in hand for our outing on Saturday 6th June when we are going to Moffat and on to Peebles for High Tea. If any of the ladies of the congregation who are not guild members are interested in going please speak to me or Caroline Hanson.

We pray at this time for all who are ill, for the lonely and those who are housebound.

*Irene Anderson*  
Team Leader

## Play4all, Zambia

As I closed the door, I knew that I would never be able to shut out this day completely. The faces of those little children would stay with me the rest of my life.

When I set off this morning, I was bubbling with anticipation, my feet were light and a flurry of excitement filled my tummy. I had a wonderful picture of myself being surrounded by laughter as I mingled with the children I was going to meet at the play centre .....

Then the first child arrives and my Disney illusion is shattered into tiny pieces.

I watch him walk bare footed across the rubble filled wasteland. His filthy rags perhaps would have fitted a few years ago, but now they barely cover his bony frame. Silvery welts cover his scalp where his matted hair has given up trying to survive.

The manager of the centre is speaking but I do not hear her words, her voice has been reduced to a dull drone...in fact everything seems to have drifted away, the only thing that stays in focus is this child.....

This is only the beginning and one by one the children gather; each time the fibres of my heart tear a little more. It's the same picture over and over again, they just kept coming.

One of the little girls has her baby brother bound to her body, such a heavy load. She is only seven years of age and already the weight of the world is upon her.

I stand as waves of grief and sorrow wash over me.

Then I receive a jolt .... pity won't bring change.

I spring into action, desperately drawing on childhood memories to search for a key to unlock joy. The children let out shrieks of delight as I encourage them to follow the leader... they are all-too-eager to follow wherever I lead. It doesn't take long for giggles to fill the air; you can feel their anticipation ..... you can feel their need to be held and their need to be loved.

Forced to sit to catch my breath in the blistering heat, some children surround me..... watching and waiting ..... hoping.

I take a tiny hand and start to circle the palm, "round and round the garden like a teddy bear. One step, two steps and tickly under there!" All the children jump and laugh freely and another hand appear in front of me. Touch is so important. To be noticed is so important.



More and more children surround me, big and small; ten years olds reaching out to be tickled. Reaching out to be loved.

I become aware of a little girl who has pulled back from the rest of the children. She can no longer play; her mind is somewhere else. I quietly come alongside her; gradually she notices, and she whispers, "I am so hungry".

She is in pain: this is real hunger, nothing has passed her lips since this time yesterday. The porridge type substance bubbling and popping in a metal bin on top of an open fire, to her, is like nectar.

She takes a few steps closer to the fire and stands watching, waiting.... Her tongue traces her lips; she can nearly taste it; she yearns to feel it's comfort in her emptiness.

A wave crashes against me and I try hard to keep my feet. This is her life! Every day, this is it! A life of hunger, a life seeking comfort for emptiness. Her little dress hangs off the shoulders of her frail little body and the empty cup in her hand is her most precious possession..... soon it will be filled.



The waiting eventually comes to an end and the children crowd round the fire waving their cups in the air. Then one by one they leave. Holding their cups in two hands they disappear into the distance - out of sight but never out of mind.

Tomorrow will be the same, more hunger and yearning to be loved.

I feel so useless.... What am I supposed to do? Why has the Lord brought me to this place?

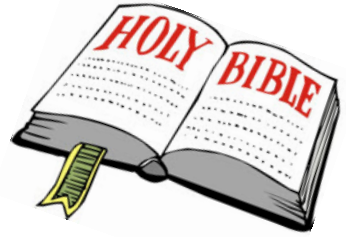
*Play4all was set up by a Scottish Missionary to give children who cannot afford to go to school a safe place to come to play and receive a meal. It is open 5 days a week and depends on donations to help the children.*

*If God has touched your heart through the above story and you would like to know more about Play4all, or give support to the project, please contact me on*

**0755 444 2252**

*Kaye Gardiner*  
Candidate for Ministry

## **Burst into the Book!**



Imagine putting a grape into your mouth and swallowing it without biting into it. What a crazy thought eh?

I think we do that with our faith. We pick up our bible, open it at random and glance into it, a bit like mulling the grape around in our mouth.

We need to burst into the book, pierce our way through the tough skin and probe deeper. Like the skin on the grape, the fibre is good for us, it prepares our digestive system for the food.

We need to understand the difficult bits to be able to appreciate the good bits.

What we find inside is surprisingly sweet and nutritious. The fleshy part of the grape being the whole story of Jesus our Saviour.

And like a grape it contains seeds that can be planted and from that other fruit will grow.

We are in the middle of the 40 days in the Word campaign. This year our focus is on the bible and we are discovering how to read God's book of instruction in different ways.

I would urge you to pick your bible up and open it. Keep going through the tricky parts; savour the sweet parts that bring joy into your heart.

Think deeply about what you have 'tasted', let it digest into your system, then take the seeds and plant them. Let the word become active in your life.

You will never be the same again.

*Siona Llyall*





**HELLO EVERYONE,**

**I HOPE ALL IS WELL WITH YOU. SINCE THE LAST VIEW MAGAZINE, A LOT HAS HAPPENED WITHIN THE VIEWCARE PROJECT. WE HAVE APPLIED FOR OUR OWN SCIO (SCOTTISH CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION NUMBER). WITH THE PROJECT HAVING ITS OWN SCOTTISH CHARITY NUMBER, WE HOPE TO GAIN BETTER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES, AND BE RECOGNISED AS A VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION.**

**THE PROJECT COORDINATORS' MAIN FOCUS FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS IS LOOKING AT WAYS THE PROJECT CAN MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PLANS FOR THE CHURCH EXTENSION THAT WILL HELP ACCOMMODATE ALL VIEWCARE SERVICE. OTHER AREAS THAT WILL BE FOCUSED ON ARE:**

- **PROJECT STRATEGY PLANNING, THAT WILL ALLOW US TO LOOK AT THE OVERALL OPERATIONAL NEEDS, PRIORITIES AND RESOURCES NEEDED GOING FORWARD**
- **SOURCING PROJECT AND CORE FUNDING**
- **ENGAGING WITH MORE LOCAL BUSINESSES, AND MAKING THEM AWARE OF OUR SERVICES AND HOW THEY CAN SUPPORT US**
- **BUILDING ON RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR EXTERNAL AGENCIES, AND DEVELOP NEW ONES**

**WITH THE SUCCESS OF THE FUNDRAISING DINNER EVENT IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR, IT WAS AGREED AT THE LAST VIEWCARE PROJECT MEETING, THAT WE WILL HOLD ANOTHER FUNDRAISING DINNER EVENT THIS YEAR. THE EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2020 AT THE CASTLES ROOMS. I WILL POST MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE EVENT IN DUE COURSE.**

**RELATIONSHIPS CONTINUE TO GROW WITH OTHER LOCAL CHURCHES, CHAPELS AND SCHOOLS, WHICH HAS HELPED US GAIN MORE DONATIONS ETC. FOR OUR SERVICES.**

**IF YOU NEED TO SPEAK ME ABOUT ANYTHING, PLEASE CONTACT ME USING THE DETAILS BELOW:**

**[debbie.wilson@viewparkparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:debbie.wilson@viewparkparishchurch.org.uk) or 07754275506**

**YOU CAN ALSO SPEAK WITH ME ON MONDAYS OR WEDNESDAYS WHEN I WILL BE WORKING IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.**

**LET US PRAY**

**FATHER, LET WORLD VISION'S WORK AND THAT OF OTHER HUMANITARIAN GROUPS BRING THE HOPE YOU DESIRE TO PEOPLE LIVING WITH FEW RESOURCES. SHUT THE MOUTH OF INJUSTICE THAT SEEKS TO ROB FAMILIES OF WHAT THEY NEED TO SURVIVE. OPEN OUR EYES TO THE RICH FAITH YOU HAVE GIVEN TO PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN POVERTY. HELP US LEARN TO HAVE SERVANTS' HEARTS AND LIVE IN HUMILITY AND GRATEFULNESS.**

**GOD BLESS YOU ALL.**

**Debbie Wilson**  
**VIEWCARE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR**

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**CHRISTIANS AGAINST  
POVERTY (CAP)**

**Free Debt Counselling**

**in your community from an  
award-winning charity**

**Contact Our Centre Manager, Billy**

**Watson on 0784 233 6167**

**[billywatson@capuk.org](mailto:billywatson@capuk.org)**

**[www.capuk.org](http://www.capuk.org)**

**[twitter.com/capuk](https://twitter.com/capuk)**

**[facebook.com/capuk](https://facebook.com/capuk)**

Happy New Year from everyone at CAP. We are all humbled by the clients who have overcome their fears and reached out for help over Christmas and the New Year. January and February can be a difficult time financially for many of us and I know CAP services have been a real help for those in need. My hope for the future is that more people can get free advice from CAP or similar services, instead of feeling the need to turn to payday loans. Only last week I was shouting at the television when I noticed an advert for credit which stated, "APR *typically only* 93.6%". The figure is conveniently in small print. That means if you borrow £1,000 you repay £1,936. Interest of £936.

Another challenging issue within our economy today is the abuse of zero-hour contracts. This is something I am seeing more often throughout my time working with CAP and so I wanted to highlight some of the issues I have found.

Whilst this type of work contract offers benefits that may suit some (for example my daughter had a zero-hour contract whilst at University and benefited from the flexibility which allowed her to work around her studies), the misuse of zero-hour contracts is a real concern. Increasingly, these are the types of jobs being offered to unemployed people and the refusal to accept these can lead to having all your benefits removed or "sanctioned" as it is known in universal credit. These jobs offer no guaranteed earnings and this instability can be difficult to manage at the best of times and even more so when already experiencing financial hardship. As well as this, bereavement, illness or holiday cover are not factored into this contract, putting individuals under more financial stress should any of these normal life situations that cannot be helped occur. This is something we are working on at CAP to find out how we can better support clients that are caught up within zero-hour contracts.

It is a real joy when we see clients secure a route out of debt and realise they can now leave behind the harassment of lenders calling them all of the time.

The team have all noticed that clients start to take back control and become more confident with their affairs going forward. At CAP, our role is to support clients by providing a sustainable budget that they can live within and pay back debts at a rate that is acceptable to all creditors. We do not pay debts off for our clients, we help provide them with the tools to manage their own debt and live more comfortably. The headquarters for CAP at Bradford do all the hard work in connection with talking to the creditors on behalf of the clients. When the clients see this happen, it really gives them a belief that something positive is happening. It allows some breathing space from the bullying we see from time to time from creditors. CAP's 21-year history and track record is well known by most lenders in the industry. The befrienders (those volunteering with CAP) all have commented on how the clients start to trust CAP and see that we have their best interests at heart. The creditors follow up with Bradford and, with the paperwork updated, start to review the whole finances of the individual or family.

The befrienders continue to be the backbone of the operation of CAP in Viewpark. From keeping me up to date with the families and going the extra mile, they are the hands, feet and ears of Jesus in this operation. They volunteer to provide support and care for people within our community and do so without judgement. When Jesus meets people, he knows what is in their heart. This is still true today. The truth of the bible is like a double-edged sword keen to search out truth and falsehood. Who knows why Zacchaeus, a chief tax collector, was so interested in seeing Jesus? Can you imagine what was going through Zacchaeus's head when he heard the words "hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." The bible is silent about what was discussed in the house but the change that came over Zacchaeus is there to be seen by all.

*"Half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." Jesus replied, "Today salvation has come to this house ..... for the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost."*

(LUKE 19:8-10)

Jesus was ridiculed for going into the house by the religious police called Pharisees. I still think society makes these same judgements and is keen to put people in categories around wealth, intelligence, race, religion and status etc. CAP meets people of all backgrounds in their own homes. We work for everyone in our community. We can offer to pray for people in their own home if they want it.

At Viewpark Parish Church there is no doubt we have been blessed by the abundance of people that do a fantastic job in supporting our community. To be able to work in this ministry is so rewarding. At the centre of it is Jesus and at the Church this week we have the chance to take part in the 40 days in the Word campaign. Today's verse was,

*"And I am sure of this, he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ"*

(PHIL 1:6 )

Being sure of something is so important. Faith that Jesus will keep working through us to do good things is so important. When the team sees clients becoming sure that the financial bullying is stopping, this encourages them.

Good work can be so many things. Not just the things people see in the spotlight but the unseen good positive things that only God knows about. Matthew chapter six highlights the importance of humility and motive when helping others. As well as this, it is important to consider that, despite good intentions, our 'helping' can sometimes be patronising and disempowering.

To overcome this, we need to recognise our unconscious bias and, to do so, it is helpful to put yourself in the other person's shoes. How would you feel in their situation? What is the most loving way to help? As an example, here is a scenario. January is a 5-week month and can be difficult for many. I notice someone has no milk when I visit. I decide to just drop off an extra one when I pass the local shop. I drop it off without telling either them or their partner. I feel good as I drive away. However, the reality can be that the partner feels disempowered by having someone else deliver milk to the door and worries that others are thinking they cannot provide for their family. This can escalate to embarrassment or anger and become an issue beyond control. So, despite my good intentions, the way in which I tried to help was embarrassing for that person.

This is a simplified example about milk, but I think it is important to remember that, whatever we do, we should take a minute to ask people if they want help. Ask them how we can best help, let them know in advance what to expect and give them the chance to say no. This is something that I am still learning and trying to get right every day.

I continue to count it a real privilege to be able to work in this ministry. It would be impossible to continue to do without all the befrienders, Michael, the Church's support with all CAP fees and, of course, Jesus at the centre. Thanks again for your prayer and support.

*Billy Watson*  
Centre Manager

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## **You're Welcome Clothing and Home Bank**

<b>OPENING HOURS: WEDNESDAY 1 – 3PM      FRIDAY 10AM – 12 NOON</b>
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We provide clothing and home essentials for people in need. Donations of new pants, socks and quality used clothing, shoes and home items would be most gratefully received. You can drop off donations during our opening hours or on a Tuesday evenings between 7pm and 8pm. You can also contact us by email and on Facebook at:

**welcome@viewparkparishchurch.org.uk**

**<https://www.facebook.com/Ywatvpc/?ref=bookmarks>**

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## **Food Bank**

If you wish to donate food items you can leave them in the food trolley within the church foyer any time between 9am and 3pm Monday to Saturday.

**Thank you!**

You can contact us by email at: **foodbank@viewparkparishchurch.org.uk**

**or by phone at: 07481559265**

## The Wednesday Club

Our meetings have been well attended in January and we have been pleased to welcome new members this year. We could still do with more men though. Everyone, both male and female, is welcome to join us on Wednesday afternoons from 1 to 3pm in the Small Hall.



Tea and coffee is on the go from 1.30pm – come and join us just for the tea and chat.

### ***SUNDAY MORNING CRECHE***

Parents, please remember .....

There is no longer a crèche rota, but the facility is still there if required.

Parents who would like their children looked after in the crèche should make this known to the person on door duty and one of our volunteers will be available to provide care.



In December we made the undernoted donations:

To: Wishaw Hospital Neo-natal Unit

– 55 prem baby blankets, 41 prem baby cardigans and 147 hats

To: Salvation Army in Bellshill

– 9 Large Blankets and 16 larger sized Cardigans

To: St. Andrew's Hospice Shop, Uddingston

– 16 Baby Cardigans

To: St. Margaret's Hospice in Clydebank

– 12 Large Blankets

A huge thank you to all who have helped in any way. We get a great deal of assistance from members of the congregation and their friends and relations and gratefully receive donations of wool, buttons, knitted prem baby blankets, knitted prem baby cardigans, squares to be sewn up and more. Without this help we could not donate so much. Well done everyone. Thanks once again to Margaret MacFarlane who does a great job organising the knitting.



***Irene West***  
Convenor

## Mission Committee

### HOME COMFORTS

It is almost 10 years since Scottish Churches Housing Action decided to set up a group to help support homeless people being rehomed in the North Lanarkshire area. From this the Home Comforts charity was born. The number of people being helped by Home Comforts has grown year on year and is showing no signs of reducing. A sad reflection of the times we live in.

We are continuing to collect items for Home Comforts and these can be placed in the two plastic containers in the hall with the green lids. The items are delivered once a fortnight by Ken and Joan Jackson. They, very kindly, take the items to New St Andrews Church in Coatbridge where they are stored and then delivered to individuals.

The full list of items includes:

- toilet rolls,
- dish towels,
- hand towels,
- basins,
- dish cloths,
- washing up liquid,
- plastic brush and shovel,

- pot scourers,
- Black and pedal bin bags,
- bars of soap,
- cream cleaner
- bayonet energy saving lightbulbs,
- foam filled scourers

*Along with:*

- toothbrushes,
- sanitary towels,
- male and female deodorant
- toothpaste,
- shower gel

Although the Home Comforts group are delighted to accept any of the above items, they are **always short of black bin bags, foam scourers** (like Brillo Pads, although brand names are not necessary), and **dish towels**. If you are able to make a donation of one or two items on a regular basis, this is greatly appreciated.

David Kennedy, the chairperson of Home Comforts wrote to Viewpark Church recently expressing their thanks for our support over the last few years and for our future support.

## **The Church Website**

**[www.viewparkparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.viewparkparishchurch.org.uk)**

The church website contains a lot of useful information for visitors and members alike. The Weekly View is added each week and the last month's intimations can also be checked.

There is information on lots of groups and organisations too. The website is updated regularly but we are always looking for new material and suggestions; you can send these to the address below. If you would like an event or sentiment shared on the website please email:

**[website@viewparkparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:website@viewparkparishchurch.org.uk)**



### **Facebook**

The Facebook page is kept up-to-date with the Church's news by **Julie Goedkoop**.

Please send anything you would like to share on the Facebook page to her in any of the following ways:

By email: **[julieg77@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:julieg77@hotmail.co.uk)**

By telephone: **07940 559509**

Or by messaging her via her own fb page: **Julie Goedkoop (Julie Hudson)**

## Church Flowers



Many thanks to all those who have made donations to the flower fund in the last quarter. All donations are gratefully received.

The Flower Fund is used to buy flowers for the church, which are later distributed to folks who are ill or in need of cheering up. If you would like to make a donation to the Flower Fund, please speak to Jacqui Clement. All donations are very much appreciated.

## *The VIEW café*

OPEN  
Monday – Saturday  
9:00am to 3:00pm

All day Breakfast, Lunch,  
Tea & Coffee  
and Much More!!

We can cater for Special occasions  
and Gift Vouchers or  
Afternoon Tea Vouchers are always  
available.

Enquire in the café or telephone  
direct on 01698 802160

## Parish Register

### Funerals.

George Scobie	Highgate Home	22/11/19
David Saunders	1 Kingsly Court	23/11/19
Anna Orr	75 Park Road	23/11/19
Margaret Cameron	Highgate Home	11/12/19
Janette Russell	1 High Beeches	17/12/19



<b>Flower</b>		<b>Delivery</b>	
<i>Apr</i>	<i>5 Janet MacAulay</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>17 Jess Maxwell</i>
	<i>12 Margaret McLeod</i>		<i>24 Margaret Bain</i>
	<i>19 Caroline Hanson</i>		<i>31 Paula Harvie</i>
	<i>26 Bobbie Swan</i>	<i>Jun</i>	<i>7 Janet Burrows</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>3 Una Alexander</i>		<i>14 Lesley Watson</i>
	<i>10 Irene Kerr</i>		<i>21 Claire Brogan</i>
			<i>28 Jean Dykes</i>

If any of these dates are unsuitable, can you please arrange to swap or telephone Jean Dykes on 817258 or Janet Burrows on 815754.

	<b>Flower Arranging</b>	<b>Printing</b>
<b>January</b>	Jean Dykes / Janet Burrows	Una Alexander & Mina Macis
<b>February</b>	<i>Isabel Oswald</i>	<i>Tom &amp; Eunice Brown</i>
<b>March</b>	Janet Burrows	John & Eleanor Lipowski
<b>April</b>	<i>Irene West</i>	<i>Dick &amp; Agnes Burns</i>
<b>May</b>	Fiona Cunningham	Una Alexander & Mina Macis
<b>June</b>	<i>Eleanor Lipowski</i>	<i>Tom &amp; Eunice Brown</i>
<b>July</b>	Janice Carmichael	John & Eleanor Lipowski
<b>August</b>	<i>Ann McCue</i>	<i>Dick &amp; Agnes Burns</i>
<b>September</b>	Jean Dykes	Una Alexander & Mina Macis
<b>October</b>	<i>Bobbie Swan</i>	<i>Tom &amp; Eunice Brown</i>
<b>November</b>	Gay Sommerville	John & Eleanor Lipowski
<b>December</b>	<i>Una Alexander</i>	<i>Dick &amp; Agnes Burns</i>

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**DOOR & COLLECTION**  
**Vestibule / Sanctuary**

**COLLECTION ONLY**

5 April	CA WA	G Macconnochie <u>S Macaulay</u>	CS WS	J Burrows K Campbell
12 April	CA WA	S MacIachlan <u>M MacLeod</u>	CS WS	J Carmicahel S Carruthers
19 April	CA WA	A McCue <u>M McMurdo</u>	CS WS	F Cunningham P Cunningham
26 April	CA WA	A McMillan <u>L McMillan</u>	CS WS	D Docherty J Dykes
3 May	CA WA	T McTavish <u>S McPherson</u>	CS WS	A Fergus D Hannen
10 May	CA WA	J Penman <u>J Penman</u>	CS WS	P Harvie G Hughes
17 May	CA WA	R Ramsay <u>D Ritchie</u>	CS WS	M Hunter L Johnston
24 May	CA WA	I Reid <u>E Reid</u>	CS WS	T Johnstone I Kerr
31 May	CA WA	M Sagar <u>B Swan</u>	CS WS	J Lipowski A Lochrie
7 June	CA WA	W Watson <u>N Adams</u>	CS WS	J Macaulay S Macaulay
14 June	CA WA	M Aitchison <u>U Alexander</u>	CS WS	G Macconnochie S MacIachlan
21 June	CA WA	I Anderson <u>M Bain</u>	CS WS	M MacLeod A McCue
28 June	CA WA	S Boyd <u>M Blair</u>	CS WS	M McMurdo A McMillan

**Bold** - In vestibule, welcome + door  
**Underline** - In Sanctuary, hand out Orders of Service  
**Plain Text** - no door duty, collection only

CA Cross side central section  
 WA Window side central section  
 CS Cross side section  
 WS Window side section



*Let the Word  
of Christ dwell  
in you richly.*

Colossians 3:16

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## Regular Organisations

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<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Hall</b>	<b>Contact</b> (01698 unless stated)
<b>CHURCH:</b>			
Messy Breakfast	Sun 10am	Thornwood	Mr Lyall 813113
Sunday School	Sun 11am - 12 noon	Thornwood	Ms J Millar 07746717241
Youth Fellowship	Sun 11am - 12 noon	Large	Mr Ritchie 810506
Freedom Worship	Sun 7pm (Sept - Jun)	Sanctuary	Mr Lyall 813113
Guild	Mon 7.30pm	Small	C Hanson 323470
Wednesday Club	Wed 1pm	Large/Small	Mrs West 812724
"Angels" (Choir) (Sept - May)	Thurs 7.30pm	Thornwood	Mrs Lyall 813113
<b>THE GUIDES:</b>			
<i>Rainbows</i>			
4th Viewpark	Wed 5 - 6pm	Small	J McNair 07963 597225
3rd Viewpark	Thur 5.30 - 6.30pm	Small	Ms G Thomson 07943892182
<i>Brownies</i>			
1st 'A' Tannochside	Tues 6 - 7.30pm	Large	Holly Boyd 07850582911
1st 'B' Tannochside	Fri 6 - 7.30pm	Small	E Dempsey 07910 855237
<i>Guides</i>			
1st Tannochside	Tues 7.30pm	Large	N McCardie 07540486604
1st 'A' Tannochside	Tues 7.30pm	Small	Mrs Carmichael 814613
<b>THE BOYS' BRIGADE (1ST VIEWPARK COMPANY)</b>			
Junior Section	Wed 7 - 9pm	Large/Small	Mr Penman 818551
Anchor Boys	Thurs 6.30 - 7.30pm	Large/Small	Mrs Penman 818551
Company Section	Thur 7.15pm & Sat 7.00 - 10.00pm	Large/Small Large	Mr Penman 818551
<b>OTHER ORGANISATIONS :</b>			
Weight Watchers	Mon 10am Mon 6.30pm	Small View Café	E Oliver 07475733379 B Graham 07817552395
Daisy Foundation	Wed 10.45 - 11.45am	Thornwood	Julie Keys 07725408011
Tannochside Toddlers	Wed 9.45 - 11.45am	Large	D Collins 07742917789 N Longmuir 07851 267397
Baby Sensory Classes	Thur 8am - 4.30pm	Large/Small	A Findlay 07525372162
Bee Sporty	Mon 2 - 5.30pm	Large	H Runga 07833230441
Praise Band	Tues or Wed 7pm - late	Sanctuary	Mrs Lyall 813113
Shirley Ann Bayley School of Dance	Sat 10am - 3pm Mon 5.30 - 9:30pm Mon 5.30 - 6.30pm	Large/Small Large Small	Mrs Bayley 07974 252 307