
OUTREACH



**You are warmly invited to join us in the
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Aberlady Parish Church
Sunday 26th AUGUST 2018**

**11.15am
All welcome**



SUNDAY THIRTY

A short, informal All Age Service led by the Aberlady Worship Team in Aberlady Kirk Stables at 8.45am on the third Sunday of each month, followed by coffee/tea, a chat and something to eat.

Dates for your diary are:

**September 16th, 21st October,
18th November, 16th December**

All are welcome

Please send items for inclusion in the next issue of OUTREACH (November) before **31st October 2018**. Details to contact the editor, Mrs Val Barrie, are on back page. Sincere thanks go to all who contribute with interesting articles. Many thanks also go to the local companies who help Aberlady Parish Church by advertising in OUTREACH. If you can, please give them your support.

“COMMUNITY CAFF”

Aberlady Community Association holds a light lunch in the **Village Hall**, which takes place on the **second Wednesday of each month** from **11.45am - 2.00pm**. Why not come along to join in the fun?

Dates for your diary are: Sept 12th, 10th Oct, 14th Nov, 12th Dec

For further information: Ros Richardson 01875 870 781

If you know of someone who is ill at home, in hospital or in need of a pastoral visit, please fill in one of the cards at the back of the church on a Sunday and let your District Elder or Session Clerk know, in order that a visit can be made.

Minister's Letter

The sustained period of warm, dry weather which we have been enjoying since May has brought many benefits but with each passing week we have seen the landscape around us turn increasingly parched and brown. The farmers are being forced to spend large sums on irrigation and gardeners have had to do daily duty with the watering cans. The value and importance of regular rainfall becomes ever more obvious; a salutary reminder for those of us who might not only take it for granted but even complain about it.

In **Psalm 1** we read: *“Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law, they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.”*

In **Psalm 42**: *“As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.”*

The Biblical writers lived in a part of the world where the essential nature of water is very real. The analogy of thirst to describe longing of the soul for God and the equation of God's grace with an unfailing stream of water are powerful images for God's people; more so for us this summer.

The change of our local landscape from green to brown has been gradual. Living with it all the time it is not as dramatically apparent as it is when you go away and then return - or when you see overhead shots on TV, as during the recent golf championships. In the manse garden, despite my efforts at watering, some plants have died before I had really noted that they were in a bad way. In my experience drying up spiritually is also something that can happen without us noticing. If we are not being fed by God's Holy Spirit, then we can experience serious decline and even stop bearing fruit altogether.

At the end of the 2017 / 2018 session the young people of Gullane Sunday Club reminded us that the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. The degree to which these qualities are manifest in our lives will always be a reliable measure of our spiritual health.

To the Samaritan woman at the well, Jesus said *“Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”*

No matter when, last, we came to him, Christ Jesus will never turn us away and he will never fail to fill up our cup, if we are ready to receive.

Grace and mercy and peace to you; from God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

Brian

Communion Dates 2018 / 2019

The forthcoming quarterly celebrations of Holy Communion will take place as follows:

Sunday 26th August 2018 at 9.45am [GPC] 11.15am [APC] and 6.30pm [GPC]

Sunday 25th November 2018 at 9.45am [GPC] 11.15am [APC] and 3.00pm[GPC]*

Sunday 24th February 2019 at 9.45am [GPC] 11.15am [APC] and 6.30pm [GPC]

Sunday 26th May 2019 at 9.45am [GPC] 11.15am [APC] and 6.30pm [GPC]

Article about Scott

Scott Burton joined us at the beginning of June 2017, to serve a fifteen-month, full-time placement as one of the final elements of his training for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament. How that time has flown! Yet, in other ways, it is difficult to believe that he has not been part of our life and work for much longer. Scott's placement will finish on 31st August 2018 and he is currently waiting for God's call to a charge of his own. I know that I speak for us all when I say how much we have enjoyed, appreciated and benefited from Scott's presence here. He has demonstrated, beyond doubt, that he has a deep faith, a strong desire to serve Jesus Christ and so many qualities and attributes which equip him to be a fine Minister. It has been a privilege to share this part of the journey with him and with Gill and Hope. Please continue to hold them all in your prayers. On the evening of Friday 31st August, we will hold a social evening in Aberlady Community Hall to express our appreciation to Scott, Gill and Hope. This will be open to both congregations and more details will be published in the service sheets in August. Scott will also share in leading a United Worship Service on Sunday 2nd September at 10.30am followed by refreshments in the Kirk Stables.

The event on 31st August in Aberlady Community Hall is being organised by both congregations to allow us to mark Scott's completion of his training. It will run from 7.00pm until 8.30pm, with a short entertainment, speeches and presentations, which will take place about 7.45pm. Wine, soft drinks and canapes will be served. Tea and biscuits will also be available. Tickets priced £6.00 are on sale until 26th August from Joan Lyall 01875 870560 or Allison Frostwick 01620 842629

Brian Hilsley

Blythswood Boxes

For some years now, our congregations have supported the Blythswood Appeal by filling decorated shoeboxes with items intended for under-privileged children overseas. The results of our efforts have been significant and much appreciated. The driving force behind this has been Mrs Zoe McClung who feels that it is time for her to step back from organising the appeal. Recently, the Kirk Sessions reviewed our charitable support and recognised that it is impossible to give support to every good cause. Inevitably, this means that we cannot always support the same causes every year. For these reasons, we will not be promoting the Blythswood Appeal this October but, instead, directing our efforts to the Christian Aid Harvest Appeal. Hopefully we can return to Blythswood at some point in the future. In the meantime, I know that I speak for us all when I offer sincere thanks to Zoe McClung and to all those others in Gullane and Aberlady congregations who have worked so hard to achieve such successful support for Blythswood. *Brian Hilsley*

Register

Deaths of Members

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| 18 th May 2018 | Andy Short, Main Street, Gullane | Gullane |
| 28 th May 2018 | Jan Muir, Astley House, North Berwick | Aberlady |

Removals by Transference

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| 4 th July 2018 | Mr Douglas and Mrs Primrose Dunbar | Aberlady |
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Baptisms

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| 11 th February 2018 | Libby May Munro | Aberlady |
| 1 st April 2018 | Julia Anne Graham-Brown | Aberlady |

Marriages

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| 24 th February 2018 | Claire Morton and Christopher Rutherford | Aberlady |
| 12 th May 2018 | Rachel Carter and Paul Hanson | Aberlady |
| 9 th June 2018 | Louise Watt and Neil Roberts | Aberlady |
| 7 th July 2018 | Sarah Macdonald and Matthew Delaney | Aberlady |
| 14 th July 2018 | Elizabeth Brown and Michael Thomson | Aberlady |

United Services 2018 / 2019

Both Kirk Sessions support the idea of regular united services when the congregations come together for Sunday morning worship. These are most conveniently held at 10.30am. We will begin the new session 2018 / 2019 with a **United Service on Sunday 2nd September 2018 at Aberlady Church** when we will mark Scott's completion of his placement with us. Dates for the rest of the session will be presented to the Kirk Sessions in September and, if approved, published in the November issue. Please note these dates in your diary.

Sunday Evening: First Sunday of the month

On Sundays 7th October; 4th November and 2nd December 2018 at 6.30pm there will be an opportunity to gather for 90 minutes of worship, prayer, discussion and fellowship, as follows:

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| 7th October | 6.30pm | Aberlady Kirk Stables <i>Christian Aid</i> |
| 4th November | 6.30pm | Gullane Church Centre <i>For all the saints</i> |
| 2nd December | 6.30pm | Aberlady Kirk Stables <i>Advent and the Arts</i> |

Harvest Appeal 2018: Christian Aid

Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday will be 7th October 2018 in both congregations. Traditionally, this is a time when we support charitable causes and our principal focus this year, in both congregations, will be the Christian Aid Harvest Appeal. Thanks to support from the European Union, every £1 we raise will be multiplied by 5! Envelopes will be made available for donations, throughout the month of October. The funds will go to supporting women in Burkina Faso, Honduras, Malawi and Ethiopia as well as helping to tackle global warming. Partner charities in these countries are already working with women to help them acquire and use solar panels to improve life at home as well as developing small businesses; thus, promoting better standards of living and self-reliance. **If you would also like to donate foodstuffs etc. for the Harvest Tables**, then you are encouraged to bring along items which can, subsequently, be donated to the East Lothian Foodbank. *Brian Hilsley*

JOINT STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2019

The theme for year three of our Stewardship Campaign will be TIME.
Further details in the November issue of Outreach.

Hazel Phisatory
Stewardship Committee
Aberlady Parish Church

Leading Prayer in Worship

In my last charge I was blessed to have a pool of members who were willing to lead prayers in worship services. Initially, most folk were reluctant; uncertain that they had the requisite gifts. Experience proved otherwise! Over the years we all found rich blessing in the variety of language, voice and content which flowed from simply being willing to take the risk. Those who participated discovered not just a growth in confidence but a deepening of their own relationship with God. I am convinced that there are folk in Aberlady and Gullane who have the requisite gifts and who, with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and some guidance from me and others, could give and receive blessing through serving in this way. If you are interested in exploring this possibility, then I invite you to meet with me in Gullane Church Centre on Sunday 23rd September 2018 at 2.30pm to find out more. Brian Hilsley

Stables Hire

There is availability to hire the Stables for regular meetings, classes at various times in the week both in the large hall and the smaller rooms downstairs or for one of events, children's or family parties, conferences etc in the same venues. To make enquiries about availability, please contact the church secretary in the first instance (Tuesday 9.30 - 1.30 or Thursday 9.30-3.00) or look on the

website: www.aberlady-gullaneparishchurches.org.uk.

Reasonable charges, dependent on whether regular or one off events.

Farewell

Dear friends,

This copy of the parish magazine will be distributed shortly before I finish my probation placement with Aberlady and Gullane Parish Churches – where has the time gone?! “Time passes when you are having fun”, so it is said, and my time with our two congregations has indeed been filled with much joy and encouragement. As there will be a fuller opportunity to say something over the weekend of 31st August to 2nd September, I will limit what I write here. Nonetheless, for those who cannot attend at the end of August, I do want to pass on my gratitude for the honour of ministering among you and getting to know you over the last 15 months – the encouragement you have all given me, along with your friendship, has enabled me to come away heartened about future ministry, and for this, Aberlady and Gullane will always be remembered with much love and admiration.

In this final contribution to the magazine I would like to leave you with the concluding portion of the Apostle Paul’s first letter to the church in Thessalonica. This is one of my favourite letters in the New Testament and I would urge you to read the whole of it at some stage for it is full of encouragement, hope and challenge. In these closing paragraphs (1 Thessalonians 5:12-28) Paul gives a final burst of key exhortations and encouragements to a congregation that he dearly loves, some of which I highlight to you here:

- ‘Rejoice always, pray without ceasing’ (v16-17): your love of music and to praise the Lord has been a joy. I hope you will continue to do so and also increasingly give yourselves to prayer, that by God’s grace and power you will be enabled to live the life He calls you to. Remember, “Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,” says the Lord Almighty’ (Zechariah 4:6) and ‘the one who calls You is faithful, and He will do this’ (1 Thess. 5:24).
- The theme of prayer continues: ‘Beloved, pray for us’ (v25). If I may be so bold – please do pray for Gill, Hope and me as we pursue God’s call to a charge and then take up that charge. The demands of applying, moving, starting are indeed great, and that’s even before I get into the thick of ministry, which also takes its toll, increasingly so in our challenging context. Please pray for us in the coming months.
- Lastly, I pray that ‘the grace of our Lord Jesus [will] be with you [all]’ (v28). Over the summer months I have been appreciating afresh the grace of our Lord – not only His forgiveness and mercy, but also how His grace is at work in and through us to achieve the loving purposes of God. I have particularly benefitted from the sermon series “Unstuck” from Northshore Church (<https://northshore.church/messages>). As a result, as I remember Aberlady and Gullane in my future prayers, I will be praying that you will know, delight in and share abroad the grace of Lord Jesus Christ.

With love to you all,
Scott.

**MESSAGE TO ALL FROM THE MODERATOR OF
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

This is advanced warning – I'm looking for some support and help!

Last year, the Moderator "Slept Out" in Princes Street Gardens on the coldest night of the year to support the work of Social Bite and to highlight the plight of the homeless. Many ministers and church folk joined him and together they raised both awareness and funds.

This year, as someone who likes a good sleep and the comfort of her bed, I'm being asked to do likewise – aaargh! Which is why I need your support and help ... please remember me in your prayers.

But please would you consider joining me? There's warmth in numbers!

This year there are to be four places to sleep out and there is also going to be a "Wee Sleep Out" for younger people (details to be released soon). Could you involve your youth organisations? Local schools? As well as enthuse lots of grown-ups to join in?

The date is Saturday 8 December. I wonder if, at a time of year when we will be remembering a young, homeless couple having their firstborn welcomed into the world in an outhouse, you might consider making this your Christmas project?

The aim is to set Scotland off down the road to ending homelessness through a route that has been tried and tested in other parts of the world. It is ambitious, and aims to bring together all sorts of groups working in this area. It will also be a long term commitment – but for the sake of the all too many on our streets, we need to go down it.

While I might be worrying about being left out in the cold, alone for one night, there are far too many for whom that happens every night of the year. Let's not live with that. Let's be radical and help things to change.

Date: Saturday 8 December 2018

Where: Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dundee, Aberdeen

Why: to end homelessness

Further details – www.sleepinthepark.co.uk

Who: all ages through the Big and Wee Sleep Outs

Thank you for taking the time to read this – and please do consider what you might be able to do where you are.

Wishing you every blessing,

Right Rev Susan Brown

TREASURER'S REPORT

Church Finances-Treasurer's update

The Annual Accounts were sent to OSCR(the Scottish Charities' regulator) for inspection and approval in June and received approval

The current financial situation is reasonably healthy. The courtyard is now a better space which we hope to improve in the near future,. We are grateful to Aberlady Gala for a donation of £500 towards this.

Other expenditure will be on aspects of maintenance in both buildings, particularly the electrics and improvements needed for Health and Safety reasons

With the closure of our bank branch in Gullane, I am trying to use the village Post Office to deposit money received. Cheques have to be presented separately from cash and are proving an issue. At present any written to Aberlady Parish Church are returned by the cheque receiving centre in the south of England. It would help me if all cheques for the church were made payable to **Aberlady Kirk Session** with immediate effect. This is the name on both pay-in slips and cheques. This will make my job a little easier and save me time. I would be grateful for your help with this.

Kaye Macaskill Treasurer

Fellowship and Outreach

There will be a joint social in **Aberlady Village Hall** on **Friday 31st August** to mark the end of Scott's time with both churches. There will also be a joint service on **Sunday 2 September at Aberlady**. Refreshments will be served in the Stables after the service. For details see separate article

The Annual Bridge Afternoon will be on **Wednesday 3 October** in the **Village Hall**. For more details or to book a table contact **Val Barrie**.

Lite Bite lunches will recommence on **Sunday 7 October** and will be held on the **first Sunday** of each month until March. Homemade soup will be served with rolls followed by hot puddings and tea/coffee. This is at the bargain price of **£3.50**. It would be good if more people attended as the cooks put in a lot of work.

The **Christmas Fair** will be held in the Stables on **Saturday 17 November**. Details to follow in the Order of Service and posters

Kaye Macaskill

Aberlady All Eras

11am - 5pm, Saturday 29th September, 2018

Aberlady Church of Scotland

The church will be open and welcoming visitors all day and there will be guided tours of the church available on the hour and on the half hour from 11am with the last guided tour at 3.30pm.

The **Kirk Stables** will be open and providing **refreshments between 11am - 3.30pm** with proceeds going to church funds. You can also collect children's village trail sheets from the Kirk Stables.

Meet at the **Kirk Stables** for the Village Walking Tour - 1pm - Ian Malcolm, Aberlady Historical Society, will lead a guided tour of the main historic buildings and monuments of the village. Booking essential, as the group is limited to twelve persons. To book your place please email aberladyalleras@gmail.com

Aberlady Primary School **Room 1** **All Era Talks**

12pm & 2pm Victorians in the Village Churchyard

Join Dr Susan Buckham, from Edinburgh World Heritage Trust's Graveyards Project, to get an insight into the forms and fashions of the Victorian graveyard. Susan will be using symbols and decorations from gravestone examples found in Aberlady Church's graveyard to help illustrate this session. Everyone is then encouraged to go and explore the graveyard for themselves using this new found knowledge.

Aberlady All Eras - call out for volunteers

From small seeds, grow mighty trees. Or, from a Church Open Day grows a heritage celebration event for the village.

On Saturday 29th September 2018, Aberlady will play host to 'Aberlady All Eras' - a day with a festival feel that aims to engage community and visitors alike with different periods in the history of Aberlady. The Victorian built Primary School will host events relating to the Victorian era, such as 'Victorians in the village Churchyard' and 'Children's Books in the reign of Queen Victoria'. The Georgian's will be represented by a presentation on 'Sir Walter Scott and Abbotsford' and the Duck's will host 'Dining with a Difference: Georgian Food & Fashion' and head to the Village Hall for some Wartime Swing and Lindyhop and a talk on 'Heavy Horses: On the Farm and on the Front'.

All of the above will be in addition to the guided tours of the church, happening on the hour and on the half hour from 11am - 3.30pm and the Kirk Stables being in full swing offering delicious refreshments to all visitors, thanks to Kaye and the catering team.

This event was completely inspired by Aberlady Church being opened on Sat 17th Sept 2017 for Doors Open Month. While the tour guides in the church did have some interested visitors on the day, and the refreshments available in the Kirk Stables were greatly appreciated, it was felt that, if there had been more happening in the village on the same date, the visitor numbers would be greater and so, Aberlady All Eras was conceived.

Aberlady All Eras: continued

Can you help? Yes please! We are seeking support in three key ways:

1. Do you have **any items** relating to the Victorian or Wartime eras that you would be happy to put on loan for the day with a little 'context card' to develop a '**pop-up**' **community curator** display?
2. Do you have some **time prior to the end of September** to help with promoting the event through word of mouth, social media, dropping off promotional postcards to relevant venues and/or developing the content of some of the workshops?
3. **On the day support** - are you available for the day or part of the day on Saturday 29th September to help set up the school rooms / village hall and / or help on the door at events?

If you can help with any or all of the above please either speak to Ruthanne Baxter, 0771 9939651, or email

aberladyalleras@gmail.com

Music at Aberlady and Gullane Parish Churches:

Church music groups will begin for the new session 2018/19 in the first week of September.

Junior Choir

Thursdays, 3.30-4.30pm, Gullane Church Centre

Joint Choir

Tuesdays, 7.30-8.30pm,
Gullane Church Centre

Sunday Choirs

Aberlady, Fridays, 5pm at Aberlady Stables and/or
Gullane, Sundays, 9am, Gullane Church Centre.

Lovely music and a lot of fun ahead for all who love singing.

Please contact Janet at janetflanderson@btinternet.com or call 01620842822 for information. All welcome.



A message from the Church Guild

“Whose we are and Whom we serve”



The saying that you are never too old to learn is true. Did you know that the guild's original badge was different to the current one. I did not know the colours held a meaning. Originally the cross in the middle was red which denoted the blood of sacrifice, the white background denoted purity, blue margins denoted loyalty and the thin gold band denoted binding obedience.

On researching the Guild I noticed that before the merging of St Peter's Church and St Andrew's Church, both churches had flourishing guilds, St Andrew's was led by Mrs Caesar, the minister's wife, and St Peter's was led by Miss E F Donaldson.

Of course with the merging of the two churches into Gullane Parish Church the two Guilds became one. But they would appear to have both ceased until the guild reformed later. There is a great big hole in the records because of the 1914-18 war, the depression of 1926 and the amalgamation of the two churches. Records for Gullane Branch of the guild in 1911 are logged in Session Minutes dated 5th October 1911 and a note in minutes of 1913.

According to the records held at 122 George Street, Gullane Parish Guild reformed on 4th December 1930 and if my maths are correct, the Guild will celebrate 88 years this December. There is a lot about the Guild in Gullane Parish Church History from pages 59 to 63 and it makes interesting reading. In this account there appears to be a break with no Guild after the Rev. Caesar retired, which did not recommence until 11th January 1938. This differs from George St, so we could be 80 years old and not 88.

Therefore, if there is anyone out there who can fill in the eight years from 1930 to 1938 please let me know, because we could have missed the boat with our 80th birthday or about to celebrate our 88th in December.

Meetings were held every Tuesday evening at 7.30 from January to April. From 1938 meetings were held fortnightly and occasionally a speaker would be invited. Currently we meet on the third Monday of the month at 2.30 in the afternoon from October to March. We meet in the church centre and as this was not built then and there is an assumption 22 ladies of the guild met in the Vestry of the church. That would have been cosy.

It is clear that the guild was either a feast or a famine with as few as nine members up to forty three. Today we are down to only twenty.

The guild is still a voluntary organisation where like minded people come together in fellowship and friendship to help build a better world and to raise funds for projects which help make a difference to people's lives.

Yvonne Haycock

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serve”

ONE JOURNEY MANY ROADS “SEEKING THE WAY”

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Although the Guild is on its summer break the committee has been working on the new syllabus and I hope it has something for everyone.

Dates for you diary

Monday 17th September is an invitation by the Church Elders to the Guild for afternoon tea at three pm in the church centre. Can I ask for names of the Guild members who wish to come so I can let the elders know how many to cater for? Please confirm you will be joining us by Monday 10th September.

Monday 1st October is a luncheon at Craigiellaw. Please let me know if you wish to go. This is as usual open to all church members and their friends. This visit has been requested by several Guild and non Guild members. Times and menu will be given hopefully at afternoon tea.

The Guild will commence on Monday 22nd October and our speaker is our own minister Brian Hilsley talking about the Guild Topic “The Unexpected Journeys”.

Dispersal of Funds

- Guild Project Let’s Stick Together (Care For The Family) £300
- Haiti Project (Mission International) £150
- Trust Fund For Jess £150
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Chosen Project

Because 2018 is the year of Young People the Guild is Supporting The Boy’s Brigade (BB’s) “Faith in Young People”.

The Guild

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Monday **1 October** is a luncheon at Craigiellaw. This is, as usual, open to all church members and their friends. More information will follow.

Monday **22 October** the Guild will recommence, and our speaker is Brian Hilsley who will talk about the Guild Topic “The Unexpected Journeys”.

Sunday 18th November: Gullane Parish Guild will celebrate its 130th anniversary with an afternoon tea and entertainment from the young members of the church on **Guild Sunday 18th November**. More information will be given nearer the time, but the Guild would like to thank Janet and Rachel for the celebration to come and the young members of JAM and Junior Choir who are going to entertain us all.

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The Guild welcomes both men and women and would love to see you at all or some of this year's events.

CELEBRATING 130 YEARS

By Yvonne Haycock

In the 1800s a woman's place was in the home looking after her husband and family. Girls were not educated but given the tools to be a good wife and mother. In church she was seen but not heard as it was the men that presided over all of the church's affairs. However, as the century progressed, it was the women who showed care and concern for needy neighbours. In the year Victoria became queen a Ladies Association for the Advancement of Female Education in India was founded and the following year a whole time woman missionary set out for India and Tabetha School for women in Israel was started by a young Scotswoman from Kinross, Jane Walker – Arnott daughter of the Laird of Arlary, and Mary Slessor went to Africa.

Then a boy born in 1835 would bring about changes to the lives of women in the church and that boy was Archibald Charteris, later Moderator of the General Assembly. In 1880 he set up the young men's guild and four years later he made concerted efforts to investigate and report on women's work (- such as that of the fisherwomen - with the possibility of organising an official working unit.

As a result, in 1887 the Church of Scotland Woman's Guild was formed, The original badge was different to the current one; the cross in the middle was red denoting the blood of sacrifice, the white background denoted purity, blue margins loyalty and the thin gold band denoted binding obedience.

The same year Deaconess House was opened as a home and school to train women as deaconesses. Shortly afterwards members agreed to build a girls' 'school in Kalimpong, followed later by a hospital, both of which received further funding for remodelling work in 1937 and in 1954 for a maternity department.

Projects continued with the opening, in 1904 of the Guild Cottage in Lasswade for women who 'had fallen victim to intemperance and in 1918 the start of the Girls' Guild.

The original Young Mothers' Group was formed in 1943, gradually becoming more inclusive as the Young Wives and Mothers and in 1972 the Young Woman's Group. A further step in inclusiveness came about in 1997 when the Church of Scotland Woman's Guild became the Church of Scotland Guild and open to men as well as women.

More recent activities, in Guild week, have included The Extra Mile (2007) when members were encouraged to walk two miles in support of, and in solidarity with, those who have been trafficked and Chain of Peace (2008) when members were encouraged to pass candles and a prayer of peace to other members, Guilds, councils and congregations. After ten years there were 29,000 members and 400 branches this reached a peak in the 1950's of over 160,000 members but by the centenary this halved to 80,000. Today the Guild has about 23,000 members and 900 guilds throughout the UK. It is one of Scotland's largest voluntary organisations.

THE GUILD IN GULLANE

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Before the merging of St Peters Church and St Andrews Church both churches had flourishing Guilds, Following the merging of the churches into Gullane Parish Church in 1937 the two Guilds became one.

It is clear that the Guild membership was either a feast or a famine with from as little as 9 members, up to 43. Today the membership is 20. At the Millennium the banner produced by Gullane Parish Guild was chosen to represent the local Presbyterial Council in the millennium Banners Exhibition. It now hangs in the church.

The Guild is still a voluntary organisation where like-minded people come together in fellowship and friendship to help build a better world and to raise funds for projects that help make a difference to people's lives. To help the Guilds survive we need support from the wider community, church members and non-church members who wish to help make a difference to our world.

More detail about Gullane Parish Guild is to be found in Gullane Parish Church Centenary History and a fuller account of the history of the Church of Scotland Guild, prepared by Yvonne Haycock, can be obtained on application to the Church Office.

A Request

On behalf of the BB's I have been asked if I could find an enthusiastic young person (Someone under 65. Oh dear that is a shame as that counts me out!) to train as a BB leader in Gullane. As there are no BB's in this area she wondered if someone would be willing to set one up. I know that the Guild would find some willing helpers but we are all past the age of starting up a unit. Please have a think about it and if you are interested but not sure, please come along to our meeting on **Monday the 19th November** as the speaker is from The Boys Brigade and she would be better placed to advise you about starting up a unit. Or if you wanted to get started now contact me for details. Please, please, think about it. Remember this is the year of the young people and it would be wonderful to set up a new unit in 2018.

A Potted History

Did you know the Rev. W. Paton Henderson was the instigator of 1st Gullane Company and the first Captain was George Cameron our village postman and the Boys Brigade was established on the 8th June 1954 with three supporting officers and 18 boys. Sadly the Boy's Brigade ceased in the parish in 1985.

As usual I hope to see you all, ladies as well as gentlemen, at our first meeting in October. Please enjoy the rest of our wonderful summer.

Yvonne Haycock

GULLANE FLOWER CLUB

Thurs 6th Sept

Demonstration by Ester Kuck from The Wild Flower Shop - "Harvest Season"

Thurs 4th Oct

Demonstration by Sue Spencer - "A Rhapsody of Flowers"

Thurs 1st Nov

Demonstration by Christine McKenna - "Christmas is only 5 weeks away"

All meetings are at the Mallard Hotel @ 7.30pm.



Muirfield Nursing Home

Thirty years ago in 1988 Muirfield Nursing Home opened their doors in the building, well known by many as Bissets Hotel. Last year, Muirfield Nursing Home moved into phase one of the beautiful, new purpose built Home, in the grounds of the original Hotel. By the end of Autumn this year, phase two will be finished.

Randolph Hill will have delivered on their plans for Gullane, laid down many years ago, a purpose built, state of the art, Care Home, with single ensuite accommodation for sixty residents, over four floors. Well appointed, with lounge and dining areas on each floor, the home also has a Ballroom on the top floor, an Events room opening out into the beautiful, sun trapped, private gardens, and with a Cafe, opening on to the Main Street, Muirfield Nursing Home will be complete.

Care Homes have come a long way in the past thirty years and Muirfield is no exception. With an active philosophy of person centred care and under the leadership and guidance of the manager, Heather Franklin, we have built up a strong connection with people from the local community and surrounding areas, Gullane, Aberlady, Dirleton, Longniddry and further afield. But this is a two way street and the local people have also welcomed us.

Proof of this can be seen on most Tuesday mornings when we set off for Morning Tea in the Gullane Parish Hall to join the Community, or for us to go for a walk along the village streets. This takes twice as long now as we stop to exchange conversation. When we go out in our bus to the many and various places we visit, from Dunbar to Lasswade, Musselburgh to Traprain Law, to take barge trips on the Union Canal, to the Bo'ness and Kinnell Steam Train, or from the Poppy Display at the Aberlady Church or even to Arthur's Seat, wherever we go we can be sure that local people will see us as we pass and give us a wave. This is what a community is all about and Muirfield is very much part of the community.

Our Residents like to live life to the full and they enjoy giving something back to the Community. We see this in their fundraising ventures held at Muirfield. Residents have enjoyed fantastic support from the local people and businesses over the years when raising funds for various charities. Last year we had our first McMillan Coffee Morning in our new home where many local people came along and gave support, raising £251.16 in the process! Our date for this year will be on Friday 18th September at 10.00am. So please mark it in your diary now and come along to join us.

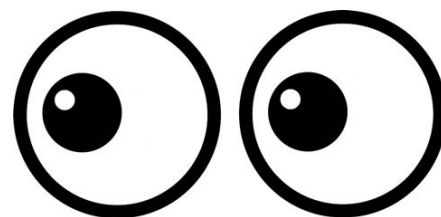
Our Residents, on moving to Muirfield, contribute a huge amount of local knowledge to our lives, when they recall tales of local history, growing up or even holidaying in the area. They may have moved to this area and have brought up their families here. This all adds up to giving a strong feeling of home. It isn't just a beautiful building. Muirfield is more than just that. Often, our staff members, over the years, have been able to meet up with people who had an impact on their younger lives, perhaps as previous teachers or as friends of their families, or even people they worked for. This too adds to our Home.

An important part of Muirfield is our Monthly Church Service where Rev. Brian Hilsley and his merry group join us (and not just for afternoon tea!!) as we are led in a very appropriate service. If you haven't joined us before, please do. Remember you are always welcome at Muirfield Nursing Home. We are part of your Community.

Molly Smith
(Activities Co-Ordinator)



AWARENESS



Stop, Look and Listen,
Mother Nature's showing to you
The beautiful flowers, displaying colour in bowers,
And the birds are all singing too.

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And enjoy the glorious view?
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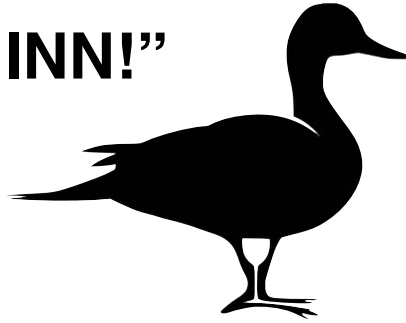
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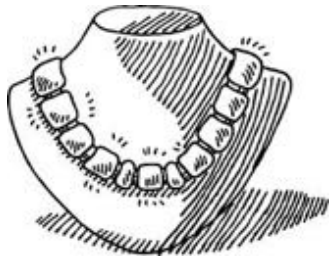
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