

Outlook
Gullane Parish Church
May 2019



Summer

You are warmly invited to join us in the
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
Sunday 26 May 2019
9.45am and 6.30pm
All welcome

Thy Kingdom Come:

Ascension (30 May 2019) until Pentecost (9 June 2019)

Brian Hilsley writes: Following an invitation and encouragement from the Moderator of the Church of Scotland, Susan Brown, I have registered Aberlady and Gullane Churches to participate in this year's Thy Kingdom Come initiative. The article below, written by the current Archbishop of Canterbury, explains what this is about.

The plan here in Aberlady and Gullane is that, in addition to our own personal daily prayers on the theme, we will also hold a short prayer time every day from Ascension to Pentecost, between 12 noon and 12.15pm. This will be held in Aberlady and Gullane Churches on alternate days and will be open to all. I hope that some will manage to attend every day, but you are very welcome even if you can only make it once. The schedule is as follows, each day at 12 noon for 15 minutes:

Thurs 30 May: Gullane Church

Fri 31 May: Aberlady Church

Sat 1 June: Gullane Church

Sun 2 June: Aberlady Church
(part of service)

Mon 3 June: Gullane Church

Tues 4 June: Aberlady Church

Wed 5 June: Gullane Church

Thurs 6 June Aberlady Church

Frid 7 June: Gullane Church

Sat 8 June: Aberlady Church

Sun 9 June: As part of both morning services.

Archbishop Justin Welby writes: Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will

- *Deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ*
- *Pray for God's spirit to work in the lives of those they know*
- *Come to realise that every aspect of life is the stuff of prayer*

After the very first Ascension Day the disciples gathered with Mary, constantly devoting themselves to prayer while they waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Like them, our reliance on the gift of the Holy Spirit is total – on our own we can do nothing. Through the centuries Christians have gathered between Ascension and Pentecost to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit. 'Thy Kingdom Come' picks up this tradition. Over the past three years more and more worshipping communities have dedicated the days between Ascension and Pentecost to pray 'Come Holy Spirit'.

We are praying that the Spirit would inspire and equip us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our friends and families, our communities and networks. It has been amazing how many varied ways there have been in which people from every tradition have taken up this challenge. The effects have been remarkable. It is our prayer that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and his love for the world will hear it for themselves, and respond and follow Him. Specifically, we again invite each and every Christian across the country to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 friends who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call.



Worship Calendar

- Sun 26 May Holy Communion will be celebrated as follows:
9.45am Gullane Parish Church
with children participating
11.15am Aberlady Parish Church
6.30pm Gullane Parish Church
- Sun 2 June Sunday nearest Ascension
9.45am Gullane Parish Church
11.15am Aberlady Parish Church
- Sun 9 June Pentecost
8.45am Sunday 30 Aberlady Kirk Stables
9.45am Gullane Parish Church
11.15am Aberlady Parish Church
with Kirking of the Gala Queen
- Sun 16 June Trinity Sunday
9.45am Gullane Parish Church
11.15am Aberlady Parish Church
- Sun 23 June Refugee Sunday
9.45am Gullane Parish Church
(JAM Club celebration)
11.15am Aberlady Parish Church
- Sun 30 June Thanksgiving and Blessing
9.45am Gullane Parish Church
11.15am Aberlady Parish Church

On Sunday 30 June we will decorate our Churches with gifts of flowers (bunches and posies) as well as pot plants which you are invited to bring along on the morning. After the service, when the gifts will be blessed, the congregation will be asked to take the gifts away with a special card from the congregation. These should then be given to individuals or families in need; perhaps a neighbour in your street; perhaps a work colleague; perhaps someone in your family. Please put this in your diary now and make a special effort to participate as we give thanks to God for his blessings and seek to share that blessing with others in God's name.

Children and Holy Communion

It is now 27 years since the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland passed legislation allowing children to participate fully in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. In the intervening years many congregations have opened their practice to include children and have found this to be very rewarding. Gullane Kirk Session has now decided that the time is right for us to explore ways in which our children might be given the opportunity to share in the Sacrament. I am delighted with this decision, having had very positive experiences of this in my last charge. Preparations are being made to allow children, accompanied by parents or other responsible adults, to participate in the celebration of Holy Communion on the morning of Sunday 26th May 2019, in Gullane. We will evaluate the experience thereafter.

As I write this, a letter is being made available to all parents and an information sheet will also be made available in the Church vestibule. Instruction will be given to the children of JAM Club, beginning with teaching during worship on Sunday 28th April, when I will also preach on the theme. My hope is, that on 26th May some children will share in the Sacrament, accompanied by their parents or grandparents during the service. Children whose parents are not present will be with the staff of JAM Club as usual. The children will take a part in leading the service and the celebration of the Sacrament. I hope that you will find their presence uplifting and enhancing.

I recognise that some of you will have reservations and concerns about this and I want you to be assured that these will be taken seriously. In the week following the 26th of May I will be available in the Gullane Vestry from 12.30pm until 1.30pm for an open reflection and discussion on the experience.

Brian Hilsley

Exploring Christian Discipleship:
A three-part introductory series

On Wednesday 12,19 and 26 June between 7.30pm and 9.00pm I will lead a three-part introductory series to Christian discipleship. If this proves of interest, then I will follow it up with other short series in the future. This introductory series is aimed, specifically, at those who have not previously made a formal profession of faith or been "Confirmed" but it is open to anyone who would like to attend. I aim to make the sessions as informal as possible, encouraging participants to ask any questions they like, while also offering a structured approach. To register your interest please email me BHilsley@churchofscotland.org.uk or send me a note by post to The Manse, Hummel Road, Gullane. EH31 2BG. Once registered I will send you details of venue.



**Important: enforced change in contact details
for the Church Office**

Please note that it has been necessary to change the office email address. The new address is

agpcsecretary@outlook.com . PLEASE alter your address book / contacts details in all your devices as the old address will soon be closed.

Keith and Janet Anderson

On Sunday 24 March, at the Stated Annual Meeting, Keith Anderson stepped down as Session Clerk of Gullane after eight years in post. Many of you will also be aware that Janet Anderson has decided to discontinue Junior Choir and the Joint Adult Choir, with effect from the end of this current 2018 / 2019 session of worship and witness. Janet has led these groups for many years and they have been very much valued.

Whereas Keith and Janet continue as active elders in the congregation, variously involved in our life and work, we cannot allow this time to pass without registering our heartfelt thanks to them both for their sterling service in these roles. They have operated very much as a team, supporting one another and have brought much blessing to both congregations in the charge as well as the wider community. I know that you will join with me in thanking them both for all that they have done in service of Christ and his Church.

Brian Hilsley



Robbie and Janet Trainer

In June 2019, Janet will step down from membership of Gullane Kirk Session after a period of 40 years' service. For many years Robbie Trainer (supported by Janet) has looked after the gardens around the Church, ensuring that they are always neat, tidy and colourful; a credit to the congregation and a blessing to the village. Robbie has also decided that it is time to pass on the mantle. We join in offering heartfelt thanks and congratulations to Janet and Robbie for all that they have done in these capacities in service of Christ and his Church.

Brian Hilsley



The Guild

A message from the Church Guild
"Whose we are and Whom we serve"

The Guild had a very good season last winter. As usual we enjoy each others company, catch up with the news and listen to a good speaker.

On February 18th we were delighted to have Orlando Mason and Janet Anderson singing and playing for us. We heard some well known pieces from musicals and were thrilled by it all, realising how privileged we are.

Our very popular lunch at Craigelaw took place on February 25th, we are always delighted to see that a few gentlemen are also interested to come and join us.

March 9 saw us all hard at work, baking, selling, serving coffee and enjoying a good chat. This was our annual Coffee morning and Sale, to raise funds for the causes we selected to support this year. I don't think I have ever seen so much wonderful baking in one coffee morning. Everyone enjoyed themselves and over £600 was raised. Thank you to every one who took part.

On March 18th we had the Annual General meeting where the members approved of a dual presidency consisting of Janet Anderson and I. We hope, along with the committee to organise an interesting and lively programme for the winter.

Angeniet Black

Sunday Club

In Sunday Club during on a Sunday morning the children are still exploring.

In March they explored the story of Daniel, backed up with the songs they were learning for the production of Daniel with the choir. The Daniel Craft Afternoon was a great success. Lots of families attended to make props for the production, lion masks, and lions den door hangers! Once the Daniel theme was exhausted we moved on to appreciating Mother's Day and looking forward to Easter.

On Easter Sunday morning, having initially enjoyed the service, the children headed over to a local garden for a Easter Egg Hunt. We were lucky to have a sunny morning, lots of chocolate was eaten before it melted. Thank you To the Walker family.

Now that we are back after Easter holidays we will be exploring Holy Communion. The children will be joining their families and the congregation to celebrate communion on the 26th May, in Sunday Club we will be learning about why we take communion and what it means to take part.

Sunday Club are always happy to see new members, the crèche looks after any under 3-year olds, in JAM Club the children are currently aged about 3-10yrs. We enjoy stories, games and crafts during the morning service at 9.45am.

If you wish more information please contact me,

Rachel Wallace



Business News

On Sunday 24 March 2019 at the Stated Annual Meeting the Congregational Accounts were presented to the congregation. The results for the year to 31 December 2018 showed a continuation of the recent trend with our income comfortably covering our costs.

The highlights of the accounts are summarised below.

Donations & Legacies

£64,801 0.5% down on previous year

Charitable Activities (Weddings, Funerals, Teas & Coffee)

£4,991 36% down

Investment Income

£3,364 3% up

Total Expenditure

£63,627 8% down

Net Income

£9,529 (2017: £6,925)

The maintenance of Donations and Legacies, which represents almost 90% of our income, is testament to the continued support of the congregation through their weekly and monthly donations. The Net Asset position remains healthy.

Bank Balances

£41,623 (2017: £33,073)

Investment Portfolio

£74,011 (2017: £81,230)

The drop in the value of the investments reflected the general position of the stock market at the year end.

The Church continues to pay its way and is in a healthy financial condition

Joe McGrane

Safeguarding: Protocols

Steering Group has recently approved our Joint Safeguarding Protocols. These outline the Policies and Procedures which have been put in place to Ensure a Safe Church for All. They are also to ensure that we are compliant with Church of Scotland Procedures. A copy of the Protocols is available in the Church Office during the Secretary's working hours. It is hoped that a copy will be on the joint website in the near future.

The Protocols have been drawn up around the Church of Scotland "Safeguarding Audit Checklist", a self-assessment tool which is effectively a set of standards about what good safeguarding should look like in practice. This self-assessment has to be submitted to Presbytery at the Annual Inspection of Records.

The Protocols and Self-Assessment Documents were introduced to both Kirk Sessions at their April meetings. Elders were made aware of the Church of Scotland's Policy for managing those who pose a risk and the procedures for their safe inclusion in worship or other church activities. Similarly, elders are now aware of the Disciplinary Code, as detailed by the Church of Scotland.

Finally, both Kirk Sessions were made aware of their responsibilities regarding the safe recruitment of paid staff and volunteers, who can no longer help out with activities on a casual basis. It was also explained that such workers must undergo the appropriate Safeguarding training and will have to become members of the PVG scheme if they are doing regulated work with children or with vulnerable adults.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or if you would like further information about Safeguarding.

Val Morrison (Mrs)

The Choirs

This Spring brings the Junior Choirs and Joint Choir to a final flourish at Aberlady and Gullane Parish Churches.

The children of P1 and P2-7 Junior Choirs, together with JAM Club, and the many wonderful helpers, worked so hard to present the musical, "Daniel", at the end of March.

What an array of talent and generosity of spirit! From every little lion cub to the mighty King Darius himself, we couldn't have hoped for a better cast, or a better outcome.

Soon the Joint Choir will present a programme of lovely music in memory of Jess. Jess has been very much in our hearts while we have been rehearsing some of Jess' favourite songs, and we are looking forward to our two concerts on 10th and 12th May, paying tribute to a special girl, very sadly missed.

The performance of "Daniel" raised £650 for the Jess Mackie Fund for Music Therapy at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh, and we hope that our Joint Choir Concerts will add to that sum considerably.

How fortunate we are to have had our rafters ringing with such beautiful singing. Thank you singers, loyal supporters and faithful friends for eleven years of marvellous musical memories.

Nun danket

All praise and thanks to God
Who reigns in highest heaven,
The Father and the Son
And Spirit now be given:
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

Janet

Daniel an appreciation

We are so fortunate in this Community to have such a wealth of Junior talent and this was amply demonstrated at The Junior Choir and J.A.M Club's recent production of Daniel a Hard Act to Swallow. From start to finish this was a delight. Every child down to the smallest Lion played their part.

Spoken parts were clear and expressive. Songs and Dance routines well rehearsed and Daniel's special solo brought tears to the eyes.

None of this could happen without a great deal of organisation, hard work and commitment and we are indebted to Janet Anderson and all her team. To the parents who made sure children attended rehearsals, to those who made costumes, who built the stage and fetched and carried and the back stage graphics and music people. A packed Church provided an appreciative audience and enabled a generous donation to be made to the Jess Mackie Memorial fund. Congratulations to all who contributed in any way to this success

June Campbell



Sunday 22 September
Open Air Ecumenical Worship Service, Goose Green,
Gullane

The Kirk Sessions have given approval to plans for an ecumenical open-air worship service to be held in conjunction with St Adrian's Scottish Episcopal Church on Goose Green, Gullane on Sunday 22nd September 2019. Fuller details will be published in the next issue, on posters and in the Church service sheets. It is likely that this will be held at 11.00am, taking the place of morning service in all three participating congregations and followed by an informal picnic. Please put the event in your diary now and give it your support on the day.

Brian Hilsley



Some notes from the 2017-18 Annual
Report

Total number of parcels delivered, year ending 31 October 2018 – 2162 (1399 in 2014) with an average of 43 per week

75% went to single people and to single-parent families

Beyond the provision of food parcels, projects included

- Red Box project providing sanitary products to schools
- Support for School Easter Holiday Lunch Club at Sanderson's Wynd Primary School and Prestonpans Infant School
- Jingle bags

“I Daniel Blake” Ecumenical Lent Study Group

For the first time since I came to Aberlady and Gullane I was able, this Lent, to commit to attending the ecumenical study group. It was a very enjoyable and helpful experience; not least in being able to get to know folk from our neighbouring congregations. The film “I Daniel Blake” is a very powerful analysis of the plight of those who are required to call upon our State Benefits system and raises important questions for any thinking person. The accompanying book was a useful guide to discussion and devotion. I have the film on DVD and would be pleased to lend it to anyone.

Brian Hilsley



This year's **Stamp Appeal** is for the ladies of Chigodi Centre, Blantyre, Malawi. The centre aims to increase the women's socio-economic status and increase their future chances of employment by widening their skill range through training. People have, as always, been very good about supplying me with stamps and I would be delighted if you could carry on doing so. They can be left at the church, given to me on a Sunday or dropped in to my house.

Betty (Rankine)



As always we are on the lookout for items of interest and events worthy of mention, perhaps something that came your way over the summer. It all helps Ed

In all things of Nature there is something of the marvellous – Aristotle



As some of you may already know Nigel and I are fascinated by nature and particularly in insect life. I didn't always feel this way but as I have got older I have found myself more intrigued and engaged by the tiny life forms which live alongside us

and are often seen as pests or something to be vaguely fearful of.... moths are no exception to this!

In the British Isles we have 59 species of butterfly, many sadly threatened or at risk, however we have about 2,500 species of moths mostly little known or ignored. Many of them are also under threat due to habitat destruction and general human carelessness of our beautiful God-given world.

Moths have both night and day time flying species but are often much drabber in colour and far less easy to spot unless you go looking for them. Like all wild creatures once you have your 'eye' in you will notice them more frequently in the summer. The



main identifying differences between the groups are the way they fold their wings and their antennae. Moths tend [mostly] to have their wings folded flat and their antennae are thicker and often 'feathery' in appearance – if what you've seen has the little bobbles on its antennae it is a butterfly . Nigel and I are members of the Butterfly Conservation Society and have for the last 4 years captured and recorded numbers and species of moths which visit our little garden in Longniddry at night. Trapping involves using a specially lit trap to attract them overnight then checking in the morning and recording and photographing what we have caught before releasing

them. This information is then fed to a central record holder linked to the Butterfly Conservation Society.

Whilst often rather pale and dull in appearance moths can have the most detailed and complex patterning on their wings when you take the time to look and many of our common ones do. They can also have furry ruffs around their 'necks' and on occasion fantastically shaped wings. In East Lothian we are also lucky to see some spectacular and brightly coloured day time moths which it is worth looking out for when walking or on the beach. Like butterflies they appear in greater numbers when the weather is warmer and there is a plentiful nectar source, starting from April onwards, peaking in July and August then diminishing again. Eye catching moths to look out for are:

The Six Spot Burnet and the Cinnabar – both largish red and black moths with a buzzing flight found on the coast and grasslands and down near Barns Ness. The caterpillars of both are yellow and black and Cinnabar are often found on yellow ragwort.



The Carpet moths – several different types and colourways, found in the coastal grasses and on shrubs.

The *Light Emerald* – we found our first one last summer at Pressmennan Wood – a large moth which was just sitting on leaves about the same shade as it was.





The Silver Y – lots of these last summer! A large silver-grey moth with a distinctive silver comma shape on its



wings. This moth is included in the Great British Butterfly Count list of common species.



In addition, we have less common visitors. I was stunned and delighted last summer to see a Hummingbird Hawkmoth in Mum's garden. We had only seen these in the Dordogne region of France before but they are more common south of the border in Britain.

It would be very easy to continue to wax lyrical about these amazing [and hugely important] insects. In common with all our tiny invertebrates and insects they are both pollinators and the bottom of the food chain so need to be cared for and preserved particularly in the light of recent research and concerns about our world's insects and the threat they are under. When designing your bee and butterfly friendly gardens include some night scented plants to attract the moths too. Andlook out for unexpected splashes of colour and odd shapes on your walks or in your garden. If you see something take a photo....

This is the best site for identification of British moths and there is a page where they are listed month by month.

<https://butterfly-conservation.org/in-your-area/east-scotland-branch>

Let us know how you get on ☺

Fran and Nigel

...if you follow up on Fran and Nigel's lead, you can then find the moths in beautiful colour

COMMUNITY LINKS

The **Bethany Shop** in Gullane and the **Village Hall Ceilidh Band** are delighted to announce the **Ceilidh** we are organizing at Gullane Village Hall.

This will start at 7 30 pm on Friday 7 June. Supper will be provided but please bring your own bottle (and glass if possible).

Tickets (donations please) will be available from Bethany shop Gullane from Monday 13 May. The funds raised will be shared between Bethany Christian Trust which helps homeless and vulnerable people throughout Scotland and the Village Hall for its refurbishment programme of the little hall.

This should be a lively and sociable event: do join us!

Ann Hay
Bethany shop Gullane

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## Scotland's Gardens Scheme

This year **Gullane House** on Sandy Loan is opening its garden on Saturday/Sunday, 22/23 June, 2pm - 6pm  
Admission £6.00, children free.

With proceeds being shared by Save the Children UK and St Adrians Episcopal Church

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Aberlady Gala Week begins on Saturday 1 June and this year's Queen is to be Martha Blacklock, with her Consort, Ethan Glancy. The Queen and her court will attend morning service in Aberlady Church on 9 June, which is also Pentecost Sunday.

Gullane Gentleman's Afternoon



Gullane Library are keen to set up a gentleman's afternoon for men of any age. coffee, chat, play Dominoes, Scrabble, Bridge and socialise with others. If you might be interested or know someone who would benefit from this group, please contact Gullane Library on 01620 820645, email gullane.library@eastlothian.gov.uk or pop into the library and speak to a member of staff. We look forward to hearing from you.

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## Hadley Court Singers

### *Summer Concert*

A programme of Light Music including "There Was a Lad" a selection of Burns Songs arranged by Brian Bonsor

Wednesday 5 June 7:30pm Holy Trinity Church, Haddington.

Saturday 8 June 7:30pm St Baldred's Church, North Berwick.

Tickets £10 (under 16s free)

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Garleton Singers

Summer Concert 2019

The Italian Collection featuring choral music from the Italian Baroque including:

Gloria in D major (RV589) by Antonio Vivaldi

Stabat Mater by Antonio Caldara

and music by Gabrieli, Banchieri and others.

Monday 27 May 7.30pm St Mary's Parish Church, Haddington

Tickets : £12 adults, £8 students, £3 school children available from Choir members, Kesley's Bookshop in Haddington and online

If the world were a village of 100 people..

61 would be Asian, with 20 being Chinese and 17 Indian
14 would be African,
11 would be European,
9 would be Latin or South American,
5 would be North American,
and none would be from Australia, Oceania, or Antarctica.

At least 18 would be unable to read or write but 33 would have cellular phones and 16 would be online on the Internet.

27 would be under 15 years of age and 7 over 64 years old.

There would be an equal number of males and females.

There would be 18 cars in the village.

63 villagers would have inadequate sanitation.

33 would be Christians,
20 would be Muslims,
13 would be Hindus,
6 would be Buddhists,
2 would be atheists,
12 would be non-religious,
and the remaining 14 would be members of other religions.

30 villagers would be unemployed or underemployed while of those 70 who would work, 28 would work in agriculture 14 in industry and the remaining 28 in the service sector.

53 villagers would live on less than two U.S. dollars a day.

One villager would have AIDS, 26 would smoke, and 14 would be obese.

By the end of a year, one villager would die and two new would be born so thus the population would climb to 101.

*From: Rosenberg, Matt. "If The World Were a Village..."
ThoughtCo, Jan. 6, 2019, thoughtco.com/if-the-world-were-a-village-1435271. (and a suggestion by Agnes Bell)*

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

Baptism

24 March 2019 Hamish Smyth Gullane

Deaths of members

8 March 2019 Michael Cox Gullane

15 March 2019 Margaret McDonald Gullane

~~ Directory ~~

Minister	Rev Brian Hilsley
Session Clerk	Tom Walker
Treasurer	Joe McGrane
Gift Aid	Morag Black
Free Will Offering	Carol Murray
Beadle	<i>currently vacant</i>
Roll Keeper	Ken Wright
Sunday Club	Rachel Wallace
MAC group	Church Office
Cradle Roll	Elsbeth Walker
Safeguarding	Win Wright
The Guild	Church Office
Presbytery Elder	Janice White
Christian Aid	Rachel Wallace
Flower Convener	Anne Dobie
Life and Work	Tom Walker
Church Centre Bookings	John Holm
Secretary	Zena Shand
Newsletter	Anne McCarthy

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