

Outlook
Gullane Parish Church
November 2019



You are warmly invited to join us in the
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
Sunday 24 November 2019
9.45am and 6.30pm
All welcome

Dear Friends

As I write this article it seems certain that the UK will be holding a General Election during Advent 2019. The stated hope is that this will give voters the opportunity to end the current political paralysis by changing the personnel who occupy the green benches of the House of Commons and by giving a clear mandate to a Government with a working majority. There is, nonetheless, widespread acknowledgement that this could well prove to be a vain hope. The issue of Brexit has divided the nation in such a way that neither the Leave nor the Remain side can be confident of prevailing.

Quite apart from the crippling effects of this political paralysis on the other issues facing the nation and the planet, there is every possibility that it could lead to an even longer-lasting paralysis if we also become embroiled in renewed debate regarding the Union itself. Many will consider the paralysis a price worth paying to achieve their preferred goals but few, surely, will not admit, at least to themselves, that our parliamentary system, and much of what surrounds it, has been found wanting by the challenges currently faced. There is already a clamour for constitutional reform. That, like so many other difficult matters, may simply be kicked into the long grass if the prevailing political issues are resolved. Another possibility to which experience points, is that it will give rise to knee-jerk changes which usually create more problems than they solve.

The witness of the Jewish and Christian Scriptures highlights the needs which give rise to laws and political systems, but it also highlights the truth that there is no such thing as a perfect law or a perfect system of government. As human creations they will, inevitably, be flawed and our flawed human condition will further ensure that they are regularly abused to serve the demands of self-interest and personal ambition. It is to address this truth that God acts in Jesus Christ.

Jesus, famously, replied to those accusers who sought to trap him, that they should render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's and unto God that which is God's. Despite the hopes and expectations of many of his followers, Jesus refused to become a political revolutionary. Instead, and knowing that every system is only as strong as its weakest link, Jesus addressed himself to the individual human condition. Embodying his message in himself, he challenged everyone to look to themselves with honesty and integrity. For most people this was a deeply uncomfortable experience but for many it proved to be liberating beyond their wildest dreams. Sometimes that experience of liberation is depicted in the Gospel narratives by way of physical healing; as the blind are given sight; the deaf hearing and the paralysed the joy of mobility.

As we enter Advent once more; this time with the prospect of being called upon to exercise our democratic privilege and responsibility to vote in a General Election, we render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's as we place our cross on the ballot paper. That is a one-off action. Rendering unto God that which is God's is an altogether more demanding call, requiring daily, hourly, continuing action. It is also the call and the response which will have real and lasting effect. The self-interest and personal ambition to which I referred earlier are otherwise described in the Bible as sin --- the desire to be God. There is only one answer to sin – only one cure --- and that lies in Jesus Christ. It is accessed by bending the knee; by rejecting pride and by opening one's heart to God in Christ. That is the true hope and promise of this and every Advent.

As I close, Dorothy and I join with Michael, Amy and Sofia to thank you all for your kind and generous good wishes and gifts on Sofia's birth, which coincided exactly with the 29th anniversary of my Ordination as a Minister.

May God bless you and yours this Christmas and in the new year to follow.

Yours sincerely, Brian

Advent and Christmas Season Services

Sunday 1 December (Advent 1)

- 9.45am Gullane Morning Worship for first Sunday of Advent.
11.15 am Aberlady Morning Worship for first Sunday of Advent.
3.00pm Gullane Christmas Crafts Afternoon for families
5.00pm Gullane Advent carols at St Adrian's Scottish Episcopal Church

Sunday 8 December (Advent 2)

- 9.45am Gullane Christmas Gifts Service (Homestart article)
11.15am Aberlady Christmas Gifts Service (Homestart article)
3.00pm Longniddry Church
Christmas Carols in support of Muirfield Riding Therapy
Led by Brian Hilsley and Robin Hill

Sunday 15 December (Advent 3)

- 9.45am Gullane All Age Nativity Service
11.15am Aberlady All Age Nativity Service
6.30pm Gullane Service of Lessons and Carols with the Community Choir

Sunday 22 December (Advent 4)

- 9.15am Gullane Morning Worship
11.15am Aberlady Morning Worship

Christmas Eve

- 6.30pm Aberlady Family Carol Service
11.30pm Gullane Watchnight Lessons and Carols
11.30pm Aberlady Watchnight Lessons and Carols

Christmas Day

- 10.30am Gullane United Family Service
Children please bring a gift to show the congregation

Sunday 29 December

9.45am	Gullane	Morning Worship
11.15am	Aberlady	Morning Worship

Sunday 5 January 2020 (Epiphany Sunday)

9.45am	Gullane	Morning Worship
11.15am	Aberlady	Morning Worship



United Services in 2019/2020

The two congregations will worship together at 10.30am as follows:

Christmas Day 2019	Gullane
26 January 2020	Aberlady
29 March 2020	Gullane
28 June 2020	Aberlady



Midweek Communion Services are held every week on Wednesday at 1.00pm and will last no more than 30 minutes. Services will be conducted alternately in Gullane Church Centre and Aberlady Kirk Stables to avoid heating the main churches. All welcome.

6 and 20 November	Aberlady Kirk Stables
13 and 27 November	Gullane Church Centre
4 and 18 December	Aberlady Kirk Stables
11 December	Gullane Church Centre

Sunday Club

Since Sunday Club resumed in September the children have been exploring 'The Church in the Community and Wider World'. We are keen to keep up the link we have with our friends, the Castle family, in their church in the USA. We are also enjoying learning about the church in North India that we are now twinned with and are planning to write letters, send pictures and maybe make a video.

We are talking about churches closer to home too, looking at other churches in our community. We also want the children to know church life can extend outside the walls of our building, into the community, sports clubs, neighbourhoods and local clubs.

We usually have a craft afternoon at this time of year, and it has been planned for the 27 October with an 'Eco' theme this year with crafts, stories and refreshments. It is always well attended, and the families enjoy their Sunday afternoon.

There will also be a Christmas Craft Afternoon on **December 1st** from 3-5pm. All are welcome.

Our nativity service will be on **15 December**.

Sunday Club is for children aged 3yrs upwards, held in the Church Centre, during the 9.45am service. The creche is available in the vestry for under 3yr olds

For more information see the Church website or Facebook page.

www.aberlady-gullaneparishchurches.org.uk

www.facebook.com/AberladyAndGullaneChurchForChildren

Rachel Wallace

Muirfield Riding Therapy Carol Service
Longniddry Parish Church
Sunday 8 December 2019, 4pm
to be led by Rev Robin Hill and Rev Brian Hillsley

A special service reaching out to the community, an all-age address, music (singing and instrumental), including an In-trot and an Out-trot and a special collection in support of MRT.

Followed by refreshments



Ecumenical Service held in September

On 22 September our three local churches (Gullane Parish Church, Aberlady Parish Church and St Adrian's Episcopal Church) joined together for an "open air" ecumenical service. This was held in the grounds of St Adrian's church and about 60 to 80 members, friends and children joined together in worship. Our ministers, Simon Metzner and Brian Hillsley officiated. Fergus Malcolm was at the organ.

It was a fine day, as we generally expect in Gullane, and there was a very good mix of children and adults enjoying communal singing and creative activities for the more active. We were all encouraged to sing with "gusto" to spread the sound around the village. Stones were being painted and built into a cairn and left in the grounds of the church as a permanent memorial for the future.

Many remained after the service for refreshments and a picnic.

It was a most successful event which we are sure should be repeated at least annually.

Ken Wright



East Lothian Foodbank

These days Gullane is well represented at the Foodbank. Only a few emergency food parcels are delivered here but we more than do our bit supplying volunteers up to the Tranent-based organisation. There are 10 of us that I see regularly in the Foodbank, 5 of whom are members of our congregation, but there may be others that do deliveries or work quietly behind the scenes.

One of the things we do is help at the one-off Tesco collection days. We stand at the doors of either North Berwick, Haddington or Musselburgh Tesco and encourage shoppers to buy food for the Foodbank as well as their usual food shop. Most people are very generous, and the Foodbank certainly needs this boost to donations in the pre-Christmas period. The Tesco collection this October supplied 3054kg of food. But there is also always a collection point at Tesco, beside the tills. This is picked up by volunteers on a fortnightly basis and taken up to Tranent.

Harvest also helps at this time of year with many Churches and schools now collecting for the foodbank rather than the traditional harvest collection of fresh food. Gullane Parish Church donated 97kg of food this Harvest (up 17kg on 2018). Following harvest and Tesco collections the food always needs gathered up, brought to the Foodbank, sorted, date sorted, put onto the shelves and then packed into parcels for delivery throughout the county. This is all done by volunteers. In September 208 food parcels were delivered, feeding 443 people of which 173 were under 16yrs. We gave out 2971kgs of food and were donated 2931kgs.

Volunteers also help deliver other projects that are funded by small grants. Projects that allow us to supplement basic food parcels with household starter packs, fresh food, toiletries and sanitary wear. Our volunteers also help with the Fa'side Fridge project in Tranent, This support group teaches budgeting and cooking skills as well as bringing companionship.

As well as the box in the Church porch where food can be deposited any day, this Christmas we will again be

participating in **Jingle Bags**, a special initiative which is additional to the ongoing regular distribution of food parcels. It is to ensure that those in need are given an extra parcel to ensure that they have a proper Christmas meal. There will be leaflets about this in the Church, but the essential items looked for are Tinned Turkey; Tinned Potatoes; Tinned Vegetables; Packet stuffing; Cranberry Sauce; Christmas Pudding; Tinned Custard; Christmas Crackers. Donations can be put in a carrier bag marked Jingle Bag Appeal and left at the Church anytime from now until the 15 December

Most of the volunteers at the Foodbank are busy people who give their time as they can whether on a weekly, fortnightly or less regular basis. East Lothian Foodbank could not run without its volunteers.

Please continue to give to the Foodbank, donations of both food and money are very gratefully received. There are staff and rent to pay as well as tummies to fill.

You will find up-to-date information at:

<https://eastlothian.foodbank.org.uk> or find us on Facebook.

Rachel Wallace

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Tuesday Coffee: an appreciation

I noted Eppie Dobson's recent appeal for help for Tuesday coffee at the Church Hall. I know that as a newcomer to Gullane, I have appreciated the welcome and fellowship both on Sunday after Church and on a Tuesday morning. I understand that for younger members a weekday commitment can be difficult with work and family responsibilities and for older folks increasing disability can be a problem

However it would be sad to see this element of pastoral care suffer. The more volunteers there are the less onerous it becomes. Do think about it and get in touch with Eppie

June Campbell

Christmas Gifts for East Lothian Children

Home-Start East Lothian is a free, confidential home befriending service for families with children under 5 years of age who live in East Lothian. They are one of 32 independent Home-Start schemes across Scotland and receive funding from East Lothian Council and the Big Lottery.

At Christmas, Home-Start East Lothian helps to collect gifts for distribution to East Lothian children via partner social work agencies. If you would like to donate something, then you are invited to bring your gift to Church on **Sunday 8 December**.

Gifts should be left unwrapped and there are notes below giving ideas of what is hoped for.

0–3: Dolls, teddies, cot mobiles, baby clothes, bath toys, etc.

3–5: Dolls, action figures, cars, colouring sets, books, puzzles

5–9: Educational toys and games, colouring sets, school pencils etc, puzzles, etc

9–12: Games, toys stationery, books, craft supplies, puzzles etc.

13–16: Books, games, puzzles etc



You will notice the number of different people who have contributed to this edition of the magazine (and even another which has gone into my precious reserve file). These are much appreciated and is hoped encourage others to offer articles and items for inclusion. All are welcome. Ed.



Guild Thanks to Nigel and Fran

At our first meeting of the new session, we were delighted to welcome Nigel and Fran Goodman, who took us on a wonderful journey of photographs and facts gathered on their recent visit to the Holy Land.

As the days grow shorter, the night skies wider, darker, our hearts are drawn again to the wonder of the Advent weeks and Christmas. How amazing, at this time, to be transported in sight and sound to Israel, from the cosy comfort of Gullane Church Centre, to experience the holiness, peace and wonder of Bethlehem, Jerusalem and all the places where Jesus lived, taught, worked, the place of his birth, where he died and where he rose again.

We all agreed that we were moved and inspired by the narrative and photographs, and, in our own individual ways, memories, thoughts, dreams and experiences of Israel were brought to life. For me, my own longing to visit the Holy Land was deeply confirmed, and my current fascinating challenge of learning Biblical Hebrew took on a new perspective as I absorbed the energy of these ancient places, buildings, rivers, seas, landscapes, where this wonderful language evolved.

What struck me most was the tangible peace and spiritual tranquility emanating from the pictures, a feeling which is with me still.

Thank you Fran and Nigel, from all of us at Gullane Guild, for your most entertaining and inspiring presentation. It was a very special and memorable afternoon.

Our next Guild meeting is on **Monday 18 November** when Frank Prior will be entertaining us with music and visuals. Please do come and join us for another great afternoon of fellowship, fun, tea and delicious baking.

Janet Anderson

...and a taste of what Fran and Nigel had to tell

Holy Land Trip

Last autumn Nigel and I were lucky enough to go on a ten day tour of Israel. We went as part of a pilgrimage run by the Catholic Church and had the most amazing and uplifting time. We were based in three different places and from each we visited churches and places of historical and spiritual significance in the surrounding area.

Our first stop was Nazareth which is a bustling Palestinian town built on a hill and overlooking the Jesreel Valley – a verdant and fertile land. Here we visited the beautiful and modern Church of the Annunciation which is built over the site of an ancient house believed to be where Mary lived when she received the news of her pregnancy.

Whilst staying in Nazareth we spent a day on the shores of the Sea of Galilee which has to be one of the most peaceful places I have ever been, from the banks of the pools of the Jordan to the middle of the sea itself. There are several simple and beautiful churches here as well.



Leaving Nazareth in a hurry to get to Bethlehem before the Israelis closed all the security posts and shut down all travel for Yom Kippur (the Jewish Day of Atonement), we travelled on via Jericho (the oldest place of continuous human habitation in the world) where a cable car took us almost to the top of the Mount of Temptation.



Having made it to Bethlehem by 4.30 pm we found it to be a friendly, bustling town with Christmas decorations (unlit) on every building. The Church of the Nativity was for me a huge disappointment as it is looked after by the Greek Orthodox Church

and, as is their style, very gaudy and overwhelming where I had hoped for simplicity and calm. Whilst here we visited a hospital and went also to the Walled Off Hotel, owned by the artist Banksy and facing a part of the wall which is decorated with a wide variety of graffiti at this point.

The wall, which separates Palestinian and Israeli territory, dominates Israel and is a constant reminder of the huge political problems and the conflict in this small land seen by so many differing people as 'home'.

Our final stop was Jerusalem where we visited many of the sacred sites including the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Jerusalem is fascinating....noisy, diverse, beautiful, hot. So many people from so many races. During this stopover we travelled out through the desert to Masada and the Dead Sea. The latter really is as buoyant as they say....and the mud is very smelly!



It would be easy to ramble on there was so much to see, so many experiences. It is hard to convey the heat and the colours, the flowers and the desert and above all the sense of timelessness, history and deep spirituality. I am going to end by saying that if you ever have the opportunity to gotake it. We will!

Fran and Nigel Goodman

COMMUNITY LINKS

The Gullane and Aberlady Community Chorus

held its first choir practice at the beginning of October. We have just over 50 members and meet every Tuesday at 7.30pm (during term time) at Gullane Church Centre. We are a totally inclusive choir and we aim to bring together local people of all ages and musical ability, and to provide a warm and friendly welcome to all who wish to sing with us. We are keen to take music out into the community and where possible, to raise money for charity.

Janet Anderson is our Musical Director and she is supported by a small choir team to help manage the smooth running of the choir.

We are delighted to have been invited to sing at the Lessons and Carols Service, 15 Dec, 6.30pm at Gullane Church, and we are also going to be singing carols on the steps of the Dome on Saturday 7 December, 2-4pm to raise funds for Edinburgh Children's Hospital.

Anyone interested in finding out more about our choir can contact Susan Ritchie



Gullane Eco Group

Some members of Gullane Parish Church have been involved in setting up Gullane's new environmental group, The Gullane Eco Group. They held their inaugural Eco Fair on Saturday 21 September in the Gullane Church Centre. This served as a launch for the group and provided everyone with a taste of initiatives which it could take forward. A huge thank you to everyone who helped organise and run the stalls.

Our mending café provided advice on how to breathe new life into old clothes through simple repairs and children enjoyed sewing their very own face cloths from old towels. There was

lots of information and activities available at the hugely informative and fun wildlife garden stall, from making natural bird feeders to identifying the plants and animals in your garden. Many of the children were also engaged in making Eco bricks from old pieces of plastic destined for landfill and searching for plastic nurdles in our sandpit. A local eco friendly company, LIL, provided lots of opportunities to purchase environmentally friendly household goods, Earth Matters showcased their bottle refill stations and People's Energy shared an insightful presentation about switching to a renewable energy provider. Our local Co-op also put together an information stand highlighting the Fair Trade and environmentally friendly choices we can all make every day when shopping. Our recycling station, which was set up on the day, has been extended and you are now able to recycle pens, batteries, milk top lids, crisp packets and baby food pouches in boxes stored at the church vestry. Finally, we were very grateful to East Lothian Council's Biodiversity Officer who brought a wealth of information about council initiatives and spent time talking with visitors and organisers alike to canvas views and ideas for future projects.

The Gullane Eco Group is very much in its infancy and we are looking for as many as possible to be involved in this start-up process as we establish how a local environmental group can best work with (and for) the numerous community groups, businesses and services already established both in Gullane and further afield as well as the individuals and families who live and work in the area. We also plan to set up an Eco Club with the children to provide them with a forum to learn about the environment, create their own initiatives and express their concerns and interests with the support of the adults involved in Eco Group.

Once established, we hope that Eco Group will meet at regular (though not too frequent) intervals, probably in the evening, with a core group of committee individuals and as many members of the community as can make it each time. We would anticipate that the group would come up with environmentally friendly initiatives that people can carry out in their own homes (e.g. local green energy options, make

gardens wildlife friendly), measures we can take collectively as a community in our local area (e.g. sew wild seeds, set up local used pen/stationery recycling, set up a community clothes mending service) and put pressure on our leaders, both local and national, political and business, to put the environment at the core of all decision making.

If you, or anyone you know, might like to be involved in this group in any capacity (from receiving e-mails, helping with the children's Eco Club or mending cafe to joining the steering group), please contact Dorothy Hilsley, Rachel Wallace or Hilary Smyth or sign up through the link on our Facebook page www.Facebook.com/GullaneEcoGroup or e-mail GullaneEcoGroup@Gmail.com.

Hilary Smyth



Village Panto

This year we are being presented with
Sleeping Beauty in 1980s Wonderland
on 10,11, 12 and 14 December.

(but watch out for any General Election disruption)



Gullane Flower Club *Upcoming Meetings*

- 5 December - Supper and demonstration
Lilias Hoskins . Christmas Joy
at the Glen Golf Club, North Berwick, 6pm for 6.30
- 6 February - Members' night and AGM
in Church Centre at 7.30pm

Gullane and Dirleton History Society

Meetings until February

Weds in Gullane Village Hall, Thurs in Dirleton Kirk Hall

All at 7.30

Thurs 5 Dec: David Sowerby on Saltcoats Castle and the Livingstone family

Wed 8 January Hanita Ritchie on Catherine Blair who started the Scottish Women's Rural Institute in Longniddry in 1917

Thurs 30 January Frances Woodrow on The Marquess of Dalhousie – and Colstoun House

Wed 19 Feb Olwyn Owen: Landing in Paradise - the Vikings in Scotland



The Scottish Ornithologists' Club (SOC)

Waterston House, Aberlady

Open daily: 10am - 4pm

Darren Woodhead whose work makes up the next exhibition at Waterston House (**22 Nov – 15 Jan**) is locally-based. He is a pure field painter who stands in the landscape, immersed in the natural world and depicts, and works from direct observation in brush and watercolour. There is no studio. He observes and reacts in the moment to the sight of a bird or the fluttering of butterflies. Rain or ice only add to the life that he seeks to capture.



Hadley Court Singers

Gloria in Excelsis

7th December, Abbey Church, North Berwick

At the Liberation of Bergen-Belsen

Rev John Ross was a Church of Scotland minister and army chaplain in World War II. He was a quiet man, originally from the Isle of Lewis, and like so many, rarely spoke of his wartime experiences. Then only very recently his daughters came across hand-written notes for what they believe was the basis of a talk. What follows are extracts from these notes.

My regiment, 113 Light Anti-Aircraft, Royal Artillery had just crossed the Rhine when the summons came to proceed for duty to Belsen Concentration Camp. We did not know what we were in for but the summons was urgent so we set off with all our equipment and arrived at the Camp and took over our job there on 18 April 1945 – three days after the first British soldiers had entered it – and remained until the 21 May.

These five weeks were spent in surroundings we never dreamed possible; the sights were more gruesome by far than anything we had seen on the battlefield. Every officer and man worked harder than he had done in five and a half years of war but we felt that we were working with others of the Military Government, the RAMC, Red Cross, Friends Ambulance Units and London Medical Students, on the best job we had been given during this time. Having been trained to kill and destroy, we were helping to save and rebuild.

We had also attached to us a platoon of Royal Army Service Corps and a Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers workshop. The former at once understood the job of drawing and re-supplying food to the inmates and workers and the latter's first job was to restore the electricity supply on which, among other things, the water supply of the camp depended.

As a chaplain, my work for five years had been among soldiers and, as a Scotsman attached to an English regiment, I had met and ministered to many men who had never seen Scotland and I had been in touch with many branches of the Church other than my own. Now I had to spend the greater

part of my time doing what little I could to help men and women of many races and creeds who had come through most harrowing experiences, and whose problems and burdens were beyond anything that most of us could imagine.

We first entered the camp through an administrative block before reaching the entrance to the camp proper. In the guardroom was one of the most significant exhibits: the 'Parade State' blackboard, ruled off with nationalities down one side and crimes along the top. The nationalities numbered, if I remember correctly, 35 representing every European nation, our own included. The crimes listed were homosexuality, pacifism, Jewishness, antisocial attitudes etc. Many people were wandering about. Many more were lying in various stages of exhaustion; some seemingly dead except for an almost imperceptible movement of an eye or a limb.

Then came one of the half dozen or so cook houses of which this was the largest and at the first period catered for 16,000. An armed Tommy was on guard to prevent people rushing the doors. Inside soup was being prepared in huge boilers. With a large proportion of the inmates bedridden and many incapable of feeding themselves, the task of food distribution was no easy one especially as, at the beginning, the only containers available were a few large dustbins. This distribution had to be entrusted to the block leaders, but until the arrival of the Medical Students, many of the sick were overlooked and died of hunger, while others died of overeating.

The camp was terribly overcrowded. There are no complete records but it is reckoned that, when the British took over, there were 40,000-50,000 inmates so that huts which would normally house 60 persons, housed 500-600. At the worst periods, the well and the ill, the living and the dead, were all mixed up together. There was typhus, dysentery and other diseases; children were being born, a very high proportion with congenital venereal disease; there were many orphans.

The bath house was run by a REME sergeant. When the first mobile bath units arrived, many of the inmates were very

reluctant to use them - a bath was too closely associated with the gas chambers – but when it was realised that this really was the genuine thing, the NCO was surrounded by naked women clamouring for their first bath in months, if not years.

When we took over the camp, the death rate was 400-500 a day. Between 19 and 26 April, 9,200 bodies were buried in common pits. We know from one of the few records found that 17,000 died in March '45. There were notice boards with GRAVE and approximate number of bodies: 1,000, 2,000, even 5,000 – and the date. Approximate – the tragedy of that word. The individual was lost among the thousands and few, very few, could ever be identified. We did try to identify those who died in hospital or in the new camp but even that was difficult. They were buried with as much respect as possible in trench graves and the Jewish, Roman Catholic and Protestant chaplains each held short services at the grave side.

There was no gas or torture chamber at Belsen; starvation, disease and physical degradation were the weapons used. Certainly at least 60% of the internees were Jews and a very high proportion were cultured men and women: doctors, lawyers, journalists, Rabbis and business people. Among the rest were some Hungarian gypsies but also Roman Catholic priests and Protestant pastors. As well as Germans I met many French, Belgian, Dutch, Polish, Czech – and others.

The first British troops entered Belsen on 14-15 April and on 19 May the evacuation was completed. On 21 May the last hut was ceremonially burned. That evening I wrote home to say that I had just witnessed the burning of hell. Belsen was as near hell on earth as anything I could imagine.



*This is a still from
Newsreel footage*

*Holocaust Memorial
Day is on Monday
27 January 2020*

TEN SUGGESTIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

- 1 Treat strangers and friends to an abundance of goodwill
- 2 Give away many smiles and kindness
- 3 Give thanks again and again
- 4 Give soft answers and mend quarrels
- 5 Listen laugh and encourage more
- 6 Do good turns to people in need
- 7 Give generously to the poor and starving
- 8 Give your presence to the lonely
- 9 Make time for Worship
- 10 Light many candles and give them to the darkness

Contributed by June Campbell



CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

Baptisms

4 August 2019	Hamish Crossan	Aberlady
18 August 2019	Astrid Fleetwood	Aberlady
27 October 2019	Daniel Wallace	Aberlady

Marriages

23 August 2019	Anna Hards and Richard Hawkins	Aberlady
28 September 2019	Anna Black and Toby Hannan	Aberlady
2 November 2019	Julie Lockhart and David Campbell	Aberlady

Joining us

Anne Warnock	Gullane from Dalsersf, Lanarkshire
Donald and Linda MacDougall	Gullane from Houston, Paisley
Andrew and Jane Bamford	Gullane from Humble

Deaths of members

6 August 2019	David Thompson	Aberlady
19 August 2019	Bill Cockburn	Aberlady
26 August 2019	Elizabeth Timson	Gullane
25 September 2019	Arthur Neil	Gullane
10 October 2019	Isobel Heenan	Aberlady
23 October 2019	Alexander Douglas	Gullane

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Minister	Rev Brian Hilsley
Session Clerk	Tom Walker
Treasurer	Joe McGrane
Gift Aid	Morag Black
Free Will Offering	Carol Murray
Beadle	Bill Scott
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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