
OUTREACH



You are warmly invited to join us in the
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
Aberlady Parish Church
Sunday 29th May 2022
11.15a.m.



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If God answers your prayer,
He is increasing your FAITH.
If He delays, He is increasing you PATIENCE.
If He doesn't answer,
He has something BETTER for you.

-Unknown
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INTERIM MODERATOR

The Church of Scotland is very busy at the moment. On April 28th Presbytery discussed their 'Mission Plan', an attempt to do more with less. You will know that Aberlady and Gullane have already started negotiations towards a union, which is likely to be one of the easier outcomes of the plan. It will also mean that we are allocated 'half a minister'; it is never easy finding a minister, but in an age of portfolio working it may be easier to find a half-time minister than it once was.

One of the signs of any society out of kilter, is that some are grossly overworked (as currently in the NHS) and others lack meaningful work to do. And of course there may be personal issues of 'overdrive' and laziness. We heard of someone recently visiting Pluscarden Abbey, which is an old Benedictine monastery near Elgin dating from 1230. The Abbot greeted him warmly, and asked him how he was.

"I'm busy," he replied.

"Oh, I'm so sorry!" said the Abbot.

It's worth reflecting on the difference between business and busyness. Not always simple, as Jesus found when he tried to take his friends away for a wee retreat, and they were interrupted. Sometimes our only refuge is a place of stillness in our hearts, where the Lord quietens the storm – but if you have other opportunities this summer, may they bless and renew you.

Your Interim Moderator,

Jock Stein

LOCUM MINISTER

As I type this, I am aware that it is now the month of May and will soon be into June obviously, but less obvious might be that it was in June that I was appointed as the Locum Minister here in Aberlady and Gullane.

Much has happened in that time, many changes for people to adapt to. Thankfully whilst Covid case numbers remain high the restrictions continue to become more relaxed. I pray you have been able to avoid Covid but if not, have recovered well.

There have been changes in the management of the Church affairs here too. The Interim Moderator, Rev Robin Alison, has stood down due to other commitments and Rev Jock Stein has been appointed in his place. Thankfully the week-by-week services are still covered by myself which I am enjoying. I also enjoy the opportunity to meet with people when I can and look forward to being able once more to come to Aberlady with our motorhome as that makes visiting a lot more convenient as there is very little travel involved.

We welcome you and yours to join us in our services as I equally welcome the opportunity to visit folks as my time limits dictate (I am only appointed for two days per week). In particular I look forward to meeting with family and friends of the couples getting married over the summer and pray the weather is good for us all

There was an intimation in church just last week about the food bank and I was suggesting people might take a few seconds to look at their food, laid out before them, as they sit down to eat, and if they feel led to, that they might provide an equivalent to their meal to the food bank. A simple act that in itself may be a change from your normal practice but change is not necessarily a bad thing. Even if we feel led to do this once per week or once per day the food bank which is presently struggling might better supply the needs of the many who rely on it to be able to heat the house and feed the family. It is after all a sad incitement on one of the richest nations in the world that we have men, women and children going to bed hungry. Particularly if like many households some food ends up in the bin as it has gone out of date.

I also recognise that as holiday options are also opening up again there is an increased risk of infections as we travel. My prayer for one and all is that the summer is a good one and that you will all remain safe.

May God bless you and keep you

Regards Fred

Rev Fred Harrison: 07703527240

SESSION CLERK'S MESSAGE

Worship Plan for Aberlady Parish Church

Weekly Sunday Service at 11.15am

Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated on 29th May 2022.

It is no longer a legal requirement to wear a mask in church.

With the support of both Kirk Sessions, a small committee from Aberlady and Gullane Parish Churches has been formed to discuss the possibility of and logistics around uniting our churches - moving to a Union from the current linked status. This would mean one Kirk Session with charitable status and consequently one bank account and one set of annual accounts.

The committee members are:

Aberlady - Hazel Phisatory, Barry White, Kaye Macaskill, Paul Casely

Gullane - Tom Walker, Jim Donaldson, Carol Murray, Rachel Wallace.

There is much to discuss and the timetable is largely governed by Lothian Presbytery and Church of Scotland HQ. We have had great support from Rev Graham Duffin, who is leading Lothian Presbytery's restructuring efforts and we will be guided by our new Interim Moderator, Rev Jock Stein, going forward. Importantly, both Aberlady and Gullane Parish Churches will remain open for worship on Sundays. A joint meeting of both Kirk Sessions is scheduled for June to make progress with this proposal.

SESSION CLERK'S MESSAGE

Church Roll

Deaths	20 th February 2022	Mr George Robertson, 14 Kilspindie Court, Aberlady
	7 th April 2022 -	Mr William Purves, 14 The Pleasance, Aberlady

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of Mr Robertson and Mr Purves at this time.

Transfer	24 th March 2022	Mr C and Mrs M Scott to St Andrew Blackadder, North Berwick
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East Lothian Food Bank

East Lothian Foodbank is experiencing an unprecedented number of referrals, up over 100% on this time last year.

It has now reached crisis point with such low stock levels that it was not able to fulfil the usual emergency food parcels. On Wednesday 27th April there was **NO** tinned fruit, spaghetti, fish, puddings, fruit juice, jam, instant noodles, rice or pasta. Please give generously. Thank you.

Items can be left at the church on a Sunday morning or at the Village Hall during post office hours – Tues 1.00pm-3.00pm; Fri 9.45am – 11.45am.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Church Finances-Treasurer's update

2021 was a difficult year with church services curtailed for a large part of the year but I am very grateful to everyone for their generosity in donating, despite the closure. I am delighted to report that that we have a reasonable surplus in spite of the impact of Covid. The accounts were passed by the Trustees (the Kirk Session) and have been approved by Presbytery. I shall be sending them to OSCR (Charities Regulator) shortly for final approval.

I am grateful for your continued support in your giving both through your offering envelopes or in the plates available at both doors on entry to the church. Please continue to do so. You can also do so by cheque or by Standing Order via the bank.

I hope we are moving on and that the Finances will improve as we move forward. The Kirk Stables are in more use and we have a few weddings this year which will increase our income. Please continue to stay safe and keep well

Kaye Macaskill (Treasurer)

Fellowship and Outreach

The Plant Sale on 14 May is a welcome return to our fundraising activities. The committee hopes you will support this event to boost our income. It is likely that there will be some events later in the year.

There is some availability for the Kirk Stables for regular or occasional lets.

We would welcome suggestions for fresh fundraising activities to help boost funds for day to day running. If you have any bright ideas, please let us know by phoning me on 01875 870371.

Kaye Macaskill (Convener)

Christian Aid Week 15-21 May 2022

Christian Aid donation envelopes will be available in church from 15th May. These can be returned to the church or put through the letter box at the Kirk Stables. Deadline for return of envelopes is 5th June.

If you wish to donate but do not have a Christian Aid envelope please use a blank envelope and mark the front Christian Aid.

Note from Christian Aid

This year, our thoughts are focused on those whose lives are affected by climate change. We wanted to let you know of a few things that you can be involved with so that together we stop this climate crisis.

Join us on the Kiltwalk

Given the huge success of Kiltwalk last year, we are again promoting it as a Christian Aid fundraiser in place of our traditional Bridge Crosses.

The Kiltwalk is happening virtually all across Scotland in October, which means that people anywhere can do a challenge of their choice. But there are also in person events, which give walkers the option of three distances. The dates of these are as follows:

Aberdeen	29 th May
Dundee	21 st August
Edinburgh	18 th September
Virtual	7-9 October

Get moving for Christian Aid and The Hunter Foundation will increase your sponsorship by 50%! The Glasgow Kiltwalk last week has already raised over £20,000!

When you register for the Kiltwalk a JustGiving page will be created for you automatically. Fundraising this way will ensure that whatever you raise for us will be topped up by 50%. And don't forget to name Christian Aid as your chosen charity. You can register here: [The Kiltwalk | We Donate 50% On Top Of Whatever You Raise](#)

More details can be found on our website. If you need any support in setting up your page, please do get in touch with us by:

phone 0131 220 1254 or email: edinburgh@christian-aid.org

TREASURER'S REPORT

Flora's Summer Fayre:**Saturday 2nd July (Time TBC)**

We'd like to invite you for some family friendly fun at **The Aberlady Kirk Stables for our Summer Fayre** in aid of Flora's Fight! We'll have tasty treats for hungry tummies, entertainment for the children and stalls with fabulous prizes up for grabs. All money raised on the day will contribute to Flora's treatment.

Pop-Up Breakfast Cafe - Kirk Stables**Sunday 3rd July (9am-12pm)**

We'll be supplying breakfast to the residents of East Lothian at our Pop-Up Breakfast Cafe on Sunday 3rd July between 9am and 12pm. We'll be supplying fry ups and breakfast rolls with tea and coffee to sit in, or to take away! We'll also have some delicious home baking to take away for afternoon tea. All money raised on the day will contribute to Flora's treatment.

We still have to tie up some loose ends, hoping to get a bouncy castle and character mascots for the summer fayre.

For anyone who does not yet know, Flora Kent is a little girl who lives in Aberlady village and is suffering from neuroblastoma stage 4 and her family is working hard to raise funds to send Flora to the United States for necessary treatment.

The Gullane Church Guild

The Guild letter this month is, sadly, most likely to be the last.

We had a committee meeting on November 18, when we decided, reluctantly, that we had to disband Gullane Church Guild. The main reason for this decision is, that our membership is ageing and that new members are not coming forward.

Over the years our Guild has been a great meeting place for people, raising funds for diverse causes, providing interesting speakers and being a place to meet friends and neighbours

So it seemed, sadly, the only action we could take.

I would like to thank the committee for their help over the last years; they have willingly given of their time to support me as president and are expert at organising Sales of Work and Coffee mornings.

My particular thanks go to Marian Chambers, who has been our efficient treasurer over many years and hosted all our committee meetings over time.

We will keep in touch with each other, I have no doubt.

Very best wishes
Angeniet Black

FLOWER CLUB

The latest on The Flower Club meetings!

Our new venue is The Recreation Hall

We are hoping to re-start on Thursday 5th May at 7.30

Our next meetings after that will be depending on COVID

Thursday 1st September

Thursday 6th October

Thursday 3rd November

Thursday 1st December





Article for Church Newsletter May 2022

Flowers in Aberlady Church

We are so lucky in Aberlady to have a number of residents, some of whom are not regular Church attendees, willing to give a little of their spare time and expertise to create a flower arrangement each week for us.

It is so uplifting to have flowers displayed in Church. They are mostly placed on the font but we have room on the window sills and at the entrance too.

We welcome special requests from members of the congregation who would like us to purchase and/or display flowers in memory of a loved member of the family or to mark a special occasion.

We do have two or three months in the year when, if no-one is available, we plan to use a silk flower arrangement. Jackie Thomas has created a number of beautiful displays ready for us to use.

However if there is someone out there who would like to join the flower arrangers' rota they would be very welcome. We have spaces in June, August and October.

Thank you to Elaine Carnie, Sheena Caseley and Isobel Weatherhead who arranged our displays in the first three months of this year, to Gillian Brydon for her flower arrangements in April and to David and Margaret Chalmers who added daffodils for Easter.

Liz Forsyth

Flower Co-ordinator

Crossreach

Mental Health awareness Golf Day

Fantastic Day Out, fore a great cause

CrossReach, invites golfers to join us for our annual Charity Golf Day taking place in June 2022 at the prestigious Glenbervie Golf Club.

TIMINGS:

- 0730 - arrival at course for bacon rolls and hot drinks
- 0830 - Shotgun start
- 1200 - Return to Clubhouse
- 1230 - lunch served
- 1330 - Teas and coffees, short speeches
- 1345 - Prize giving and auction
- 1430 - Fond farewell

FORMAT

- 4 - balls
- 2 best stableford scores at each hole
- Full handicap
- Beat the Pro on a par 3
- Longest Drive
- Closest to the pin



To find out how 'Crossreach' can help people in need, please Google the following articles.

[Michelle's story - People can change! | CrossReach](#)

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Summer Exhibitions at the SOC, Aberlady.

Summer opening hours: Wednesday to Sunday (10am-5pm)

Free entry, no booking required

The SOC is a charity promoting the study, conservation and enjoyment of wild birds and their habitats across Scotland.

Birds, Botany and John Clare - 8 June – 31 July

Established wildlife artist Carry Akroyd has long admired the poetry of John Clare (1793 – 1864). The core of this exhibition in the gallery is a suite of 16 hand-drawn lithographs that incorporate extracts from his poems, while the full text of the poems will be displayed alongside the prints. Although so much of the rural landscape familiar to Clare has changed, his observations and concerns still speak to us two hundred years on. Carry Akroyd lives in Northamptonshire and draws inspiration from the farmed landscape around her where wildlife survives mostly on the edges. Her work, as a painter and printmaker, is characterised by a bold palette and a strong sense of composition.

Nature, Prints & Poetry - 8 June – 31 July

This small exhibition in the corridor organised with the support of the Society of Wood Engravers, presents wood engravings alongside the poems that inspired them. Wood engraving was traditionally used to illustrate books, with Thomas Bewick developing the use of this technique in the late 18th century. Today, it continues to be used by artists who value the fine detail and wide tonal range it offers. Rooted in the illustration of books and natural history subjects, wood engravings are a fitting companion for poetry. Both share a similar intensity: like a poem's few stanzas, a wood engraving encapsulates a whole world despite its often diminutive size.

What It's Like To Be a Bird - 3 August – 25 September

Catherine Rayner is an award-winning author and illustrator based in Edinburgh. She has written over 20 books for children, as well as illustrating other well-known authors. In 2021, she illustrated Tim Birkhead's words for a book aimed at a young audience, *What It's Like to Be a Bird*. The core of this exhibition relates to this project.

The SOC is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation,
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Coronation of Elizabeth II 2nd June, 1953

I was only seven years old when King George VI died in February 1952, and Princess Elizabeth was proclaimed Queen of Great Britain and the Commonwealth. The coronation did not take place until the following year for several reasons which included giving time to mourn the death of King George and to allow time for preparation of the ceremony which was the first coronation to be televised. The BBC was the only TV programme at that time and it was the first to be allowed to film inside Westminster Abbey. The British Cabinet and Prime Minister, Winston Churchill were certainly against the idea but it nevertheless did take place as Elizabeth refused their advice and insisted on the event taking place before television cameras as well as those filming with experimental 3D technology. Prince Philip had much to do with the organisation. It must be pointed out that during the service the taking of the oath and the anointing with holy oil did take place beneath a canopy, therefore being left unseen by the public. The occasion was also filmed in colour, separately from the BBC's black and white television broadcast. Many people watched on small TVs which had been purchased or rented especially for the event. There were also coloured films which were shown on the screen at the cinemas where Pathe News was shown, being brought up to date twice each week.

I remember that special day well. At that time I lived in Portobello, in a small hotel, run by my Mum and her sister, my Nana. The hotel was called the Bellfield Hotel and was situated on the Promenade. I'm afraid it is no longer a hotel. Dad had purchased a television which had a twelve inch screen, of course with black and white pictures. It was set in a walnut casing with, below the screen, a drawer which pulled out housing a record player. The record player could hold six records which dropped down one by one as each record finished playing. Such technology.

Mum and Dad had invited friends and neighbours to come along to spend the day sharing this marvellous event. We were all dressed in our best attire for the day. There had been much preparation for days in advance, changing the dining room into cinema formation with rows of chairs and, all the dining tables pushed to the back of the room, holding an impressive spread of food. Now eight years old I was charged with serving food and cups of tea to all the adults. I seem to remember that everyone stayed on to the very end of the televised programme and some even stayed on to the end of the day. It was a marvellous, unforgettable occasion. What a party!

Post Script: I wonder how all the children of today would manage without their electronic equipment and many gadgets if they were 'transported' to 2nd June 1953?

Val Barrie - Editor

OUTREACH - Thank you so very much

Editor: Our continued thanks and gratitude go to the following people and companies who are continuing to support the Outreach magazine by putting in an advert. The money raised pays for the printing of our issues each year. Please support our advertes if you can. Many, many thanks.

Do stay safe and well during 'Covid' days, even though we are now able to spend more time with friends, families and workmates.

Val Barrie

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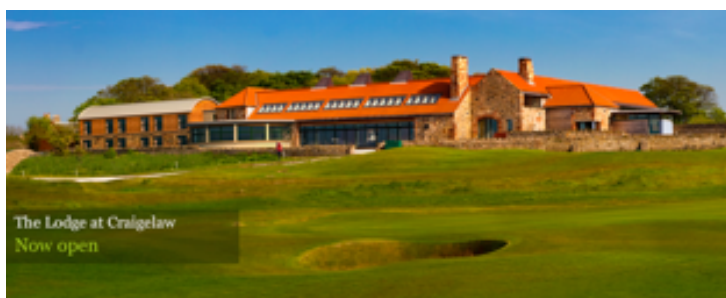


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And finally...

There are only two days in the year that nothing can be done. One is called YESTERDAY and the other is called TOMORROW, so TODAY is the right day to LOVE, BELIEVE , DO, and mostly, to LIVE. **Dalai Lama**

I've learned that people will forget what you said, and people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. **Maya Angelou**

Even the SMALLEST one can change the world. **Peter Rabbit**

Piglet - How do you spell Love?

Pooh - You don't spell it. You feel it -

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