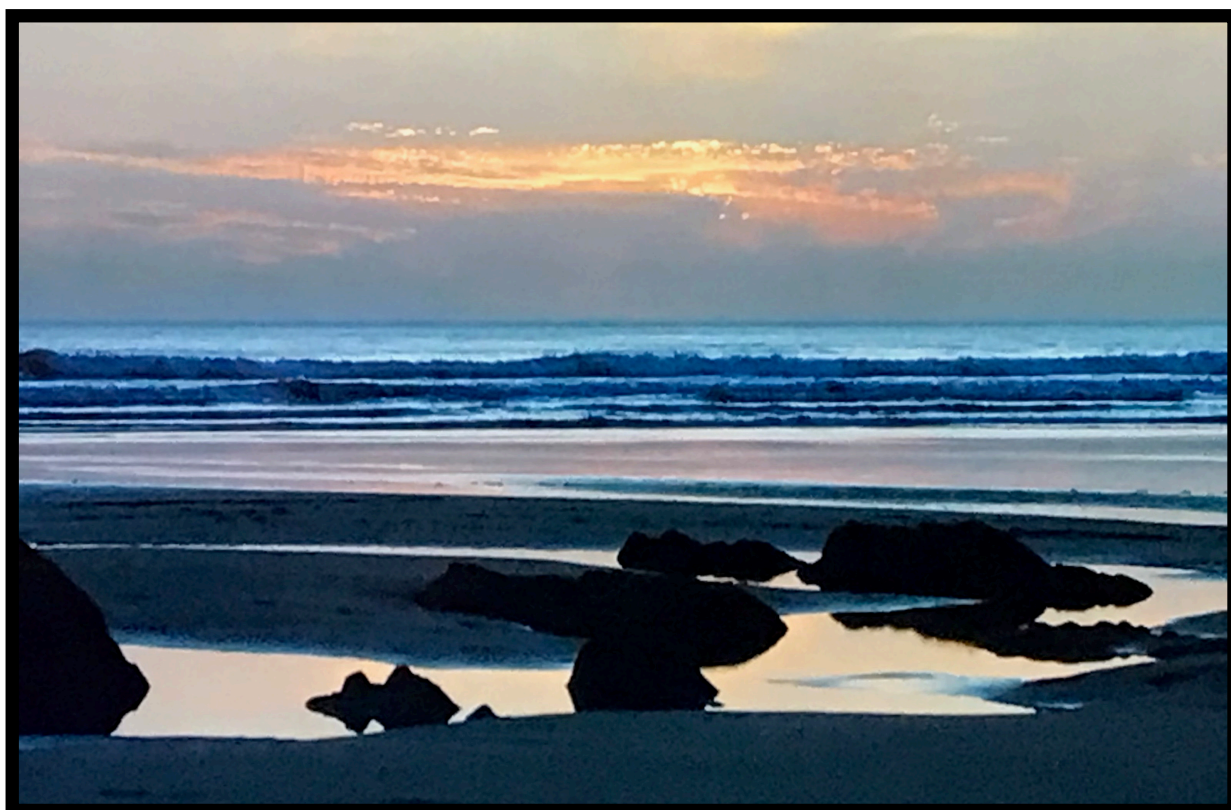

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You are warmly invited to join us in the
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
Aberlady Parish Church
Sunday 28th August 2022
11.15a.m.



INTERIM MODERATOR

In Luke's Gospel there is a familiar story of the woman with a haemorrhage who crept through a crowd to touch the Lord. She is healed, and in response to his 'Who touched me?' comes and kneels at his feet. Jesus then says to her, in Eugene Peterson's translation, "You took a risk in touching me, and now you are whole."

Risk is part of human life – indeed part of the enterprise of God in creating and holding the universe in being, since chance is part of its fabric. For us, approaching a new 'wholeness' in the union of congregations, there is risk also (though not as much as in many unions, since there will be no loss of worship place). But I do want to invite you to consider this story (Luke 8:43-48) afresh as an invitation to touch Jesus for healing, whether it is in your own life and relationships, or concerns something you know about in congregation or community.

So far I have been impressed by the willingness of each congregation to make sure the other one is listened to, and well represented in the process we have been engaged in. Let us continue this attitude when we come to set up our Nominating Committee to find a new minister. And while it is unusual to be seeking a half-time minister, let us all be praying in exactly the same way that we would pray for any sort of appointment: 'Lord, show us and send us the right person!'

Your Interim Moderator,



LOCUM MINISTER

I pray that the summer has been kind to you, and if, like my wife and I, the summer has included doing some childcare, I pray the children have been kind to you too.

It wasn't until we became parents that we realised how the children need their summer holiday to recharge their batteries, but typical of human beings some need longer to recharge than others. Likewise, some children are ready to go back to school sooner than others and that can be a challenge for some. Siblings get a bit tetchy with each other as frustration begins to set in.

I have to take my hat off to parents who can manage the summer without the support of friends or grandparents. Limited holiday entitlements can place just as big a strain on married life as the length of holidays can frustrate the children. I feel that families need to take time out from church altogether or is a change of church all that is needed? What do you feel?

Custom tends to have parents leading the church for the children, and when that happens, I think the family will without a doubt need time away from the church. If they don't then the parent will possibly find themselves sitting thinking about how they might introduce the reading or the message to the children at church. Having said that, I personally, if I can be selfish for a minute, miss the children on a Sunday morning when they are away.

The children will be back with us on the 28th which is when we next share Communion together and I look forward to seeing them back with us again. I could probably spend a lot of time finding out what they have been up to, so I will need to keep a check on that, even if I do want to hear all about their holidays.

If I then think about those without children and childcare, what have you been up to I wonder!

It is hugely important for adults to get time away for exactly the same reasons that the children need their holiday year on year. For us adults, our breaks get us away from our own door so we can't see the list of things that we have forgotten to do. They also allow us to recharge our batteries too and gives us a wealth of stories to share with others when we come back. If you haven't been able to get away anywhere, I pray it is a "Yet" and not an "As usual". I know that for myself I am finding I am making silly mistakes with the number of verses in hymns on the PowerPoint so I look forward to my holiday which will see us catch up with friends and tour Fife I think, but not until September this year.

When God called the world into being, even he needed a rest and that is a good model for us too. On the seventh day God rested but if we are honest with ourselves, when do we actually have a day of absolute rest? A day when there isn't some housework or cooking to get on with, for me it is usually things like a last check at the files for the following Sunday before I send them off, or it might be as chauffeur for grandchildren that punctuates my Sabbath. That is one of the good things about having a hobby! I like to fish, not that you would think it by the number of times I go fishing! But recently I was given a painting by numbers kit. I am sure you will have either heard or seen the Highland Cows painted in all sorts of unusual colours, well that is the style of painting I was given, but it is of a lion's head. It reminds me of Aslan from the 'Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe' by CS Lewis where the Lion represents God and his majesty and Power. I look forward to completing it but I think I will look for another one as I am finding it an excellent way to get my mind to switch off the list of things I need to do and give my brain a rest.

If time off is important to God, and I believe the evidence says it is, then it needs to be important to us too. If you can't get away, I pray you can at least get a brain rest through a hobby and a physical rest too. May you too be able to look over what you have done week by week and say, "It is good".

God bless you all and keep you safe.

Regards Fred

Rev Fred Harrison - Locum Minister

Aberlady with Gullane Parish Churches 07703527240

If you haven't managed to church for a week or two, I hope you will put the 28th in your diary and come to Communion. Likewise, there will be a joint service in Aberlady Church about the proposed Union of Aberlady and Gullane on Thursday the 25th, both in August, and I look forward to seeing you there.

Session Clerk's Report

Worship Plan for Aberlady Parish Church

Weekly Sunday Service at 11.15am

25 August – Service of Union for Aberlady and Gullane churches at 7.00pm. This will be followed by refreshments in Aberlady Kirk Stables. Two meetings of the Kirk Session are scheduled in September which should get us to the point that we can then appoint a Nominations Committee to progress the call of a new minister. The Steering Group for Aberlady and Gullane churches (referred to in our May magazine) have meanwhile been drafting our Parish Profile.

Moving from a linkage to a union with Gullane will mean that one set of office bearers will be responsible for both churches. These changes will be communicated in due course. In the meantime the directory on the rear cover will guide you to someone who can help.

28 August – Sacrament of Holy Communion

Church Roll

Deaths

22 June 2022 – Albert Cummings, Astley House, North Berwick
(previously School Road, Aberlady)

1 August 2022 – Connie McKenzie, 2 Rig Street, Aberlady

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of Mr Cummings and Ms McKenzie at this time.

Trees at Church Entrance

The Tree Officer, East Lothian Council has informed our Property Convenor that the ash trees which have recently been felled due to ash dieback will be replaced this coming winter with cherry trees.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Church Finances-Treasurer's update

I am happy to report an improvement in our finances at Aberlady. I am very grateful to everyone for their generosity in continued donations. I am grateful for your continued support in your giving through your offerings. The current balances in our accounts are reasonably healthy. Please continue to support the church. You can do so by cheque or by Standing Order via the bank. You are also able to put your donations in the plate as you enter the church, preferably in your offering envelope in cash. For further information, please speak to me by phone.

Very soon we shall become one united congregation and all the finances of the two churches will be joined and held in accounts in our new joint name with one treasurer who will remain me. I may need to contact people who have Standing Orders when the bank accounts become one but this will take a little time. I shall try as much as possible not to inconvenience people but may need your help

Please continue to stay safe and keep well

Kaye Macaskill (Treasurer)

Fellowship and Outreach

With the imminent union of the two churches this committee has not been able to meet therefore no events are currently planned. It is hope that we shall be able to continue to hold some social and fundraising events. Watch out for information in the Intimations once the union has taken place.

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

Kaye Macaskill (Convener)

Kirk Stables

There is some availability during the week for groups to meet there, both during the day and in the evening and, it is also possible to hire the Stables for family events e.g children's parties. Please spread the word and further information is available from me either by email: kayemac23@aol.com or by phoning me on 01875 870371.

Kaye Macaskill (Church Treasurer)

ABERLADY CHURCH - IN THE BEGINNING

On this spot local people have worshipped for more than twelve centuries. The present Parish church of Aberlady is an old building standing upon an ancient site. Part of the edifice links us to years long before the Reformation, which the ecclesiastical associations of the site bind us to much earlier centuries. The Aberlady Stone, part of an Anglo-Saxon Cross shaft, brings us near to the beginnings of the Faith in the land now called Scotland; and the Culdees, an early monastic order, flourished here between the 6th and 13th centuries.



A POEM FROM MARTHA

I didn't desert you Lord, when I wasn't in the Church.
Although my mind was willing - my body hurt too much.

The pain I felt is nothing, compared to yours for me.
You suffered much more in silence when they nailed you to a tree.

And now the world is suffering with war, hate and disease,
And we all fail to call on you to ask you to give us ease.

Whenever I walk through your beautiful Church, I find such peace and calm.
And when I sit and talk to you - You know me as I am.

So give us your strength to listen, as You talk to every one,
and give us strength to face our fear, till each new day is done.

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Edinburgh Kiltwalk 18th September – there is still time to register and walk for CrossReach. On top of the money you raise, The Hunter Foundation will add 50% to your fundraising total. The Kiltwalk is fun for all the family.

[The Kiltwalk | The Kiltwalk returns in 2022.](#)

Social Care Sunday

I wanted to share an exciting project we're starting that you can be on the lookout for. On the 20th of November, it is Social Care Sunday. We are thinking of different ways of celebrating the work that CrossReach does. This may mean having someone speak at your local church, having a coffee morning in the name of CrossReach, or some other way of showing your support. Get in touch to receive more information and help us enhance, change and save lives. You can email supporters@crossreach.org.uk or telephone 0131 657 2000

And finally

At CrossReach, we appreciate the different ways in which individuals use their creativity to support us. One area that often goes unnoticed but which is invaluable is prayer. You can support us through praying for our services. To learn more about our services, have a look at our Prayer Diary which is also now downloadable as an app from the Google Play store or the Apple store. Whichever way you choose to support us, please know that we appreciate your partnership with us.

A HISTORICAL GUIDE TO ABERLADY: SOME NOTES ABOUT THE VILLAGE

Aberlady, on the coast by the mouth of the Peffer Burn, was a natural anchorage where larger boats and small ships could approach quite close to the shore at Kilspindie Point - a rarity in this area of shallow and sandbanks. A Royal Charter made it a port in 1149, and in 1633 it was confirmed by Act of Parliament as the Port of Haddington. At Spring Tides, vessels of 60 or 70 tons were able to come within a few yards off the shore and to rest safely to be tied up at the shore at the foot of the present Sea Wynd. Volume of trade was probably not great, but the establishment of a port enabled Haddington to maintain its royal burgh status and form trading privileges. The free trade brought prosperity to the village of Aberlady which was also a local centre for weavers in the 18th century - and a noted centre for smugglers.

Aberlady had its own Town Council then; its council chamber survives as part of a private house in the Main Street. However, by 1840, with the coming of the railways, the trade became trifling and the weavers - and the ships - departed. The last load ever to be unshipped in Aberlady Bay was a shipment of stone from Fife for the building of Aberlady Manse in 1863/4.

There were still five alehouses, which were regarded by the minister as too many since Aberlady had ceased to develop. Aberlady is now characteristic of the villages with cottage-lined streets which may be found along the coastal road, and probably one of the oldest. The long main street has a right-angled turn down to the north bay at the eastern end. As one enters from the west, the kirk is on the north side, with its "Loupin' on Stane". In the old days, when the farmer went to church on horseback, his wife would sit behind on the horse's rump. To mount the horse, she would walk up the few steps of the stone platform and sit on with decorum.

In the High Street can be seen a sequence of 18th and 19th century houses. Red Row is a line of early 19th century cottages with Gothic windows and doors and nearly opposite there is more building in the same style, dated 1827. The houses are mostly of one or two storeys built of rubble, often with pantile. The 18th century Market Cross is a reminder that Aberlady was more than a village at that time, and near the head of the Wynd is a maltings dating from the days of Aberlady's existence as a port.

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BEATITUDES FOR THE ELDERY

Blessed are they who understand
my faltering step and palsied hand.

Blessed are they who know my ears today,
must strain to catch the things they say.

Blessed are they who seem to know,
That my eyes are dim and my wits are slow.

Blessed are they with a cheery smile,
Who stop and chat for a little while.

Blessed are they who never say,
“You’ve told that story twice today.”

Blessed are they who know the ways,
To bring back memories of yesterdays.

Blessed are they who make it known,
That I am loved, respected and not alone.

Taken from an article entitled ‘respect for the elderly’ by Dt James Simpson

*Loving care, understanding and a willingness to listen
can work miracles in the lives of the elderly.*

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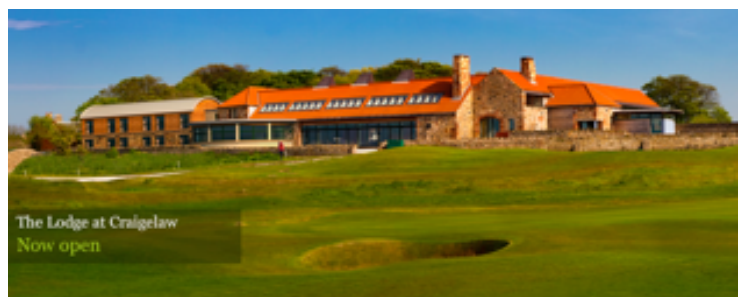


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