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Session News: April 2018

March is a particularly busy time for the 'formal' side of church life. Firstly, the attestation of our records by Presbytery takes place. You'll be pleased to hear that we passed! Thanks to all who contribute to this process. Secondly, we have the preparation, approval and presentation of the church accounts. This is a significant effort by all involved. I know that many of you have already seen the account via Kirk Session or the Annual Meeting, but for those of you who haven't, here is a quick summary of the process and the highlights.

The Kirk Session (as Trustees) have the job of approving the accounts, and walking through these is a major part of our March meeting. Assuming we approve them (which we did), then they are 'presented' to the Congregation at the Annual Meeting. The accounts are made up of four main elements (i) The Trustees Report, which I write on behalf of the Trustees. This sets out our objectives, achievements, structure and governance model, (ii) the Independent Examiner's Report, which is undertaken by Nelson Gilmour Smith, (iii) the financial activities and balance sheet, which gives the high level numbers, and (iv) the notes to the financial statement, which actually make up half of the accounts and give a more detailed breakdown on the high level numbers. Our accounts are also submitted to Presbytery, 121, and to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator.

The first thing to say is that the accounts are available to any member of the congregation who would like a copy, and I'd encourage you to do that. Speak to Eliot Soutter, our Treasurer, myself or ask at the Church Office. We'll be happy to get a copy for you. Our financial position remains good, and our total funds are virtually identical to those in 2016 (with a marginal increase). But we shouldn't be complacent about that. Stewardship is a key part of our role, and while we rightly concentrate on the 'annual' nature of the accounts, the Finance Team are looking at trends and highlighting points to both the Trustees and the congregation at large, which we may have to consider.

Final thing. The Accounts and the management of our finances don't happen without a lot of work. Led by Eliot, the Finance Team and many other individual contribute to this process throughout the year, and what we do simply would not happen without that diligence and commitment, so on behalf of the Trustees I'd like to simply say 'thank you' to all involved.

Graeme Dodds
Session Clerk

April 2018

MESSY EASTER



ST JOHN'S CHURCH





DATE FOR YOUR DIARY



Sunday 8th April at 3pm: "Give thanks for life!"

A service of thanksgiving for those who may be gone from our midst, but are never forgotten.

Following on from the Bereavement Service of previous years, "Give thanks for life!" is an opportunity in the season of Easter to remember those you (or others) have loved and lost but whose memory and legacy most definitely lives on. If you want to give thanks for the influence someone has had on your life come and join us for this short worship event.

Family Record

Death It is with sadness that we acknowledge the deaths of the following members of our congregation:

Mrs Helen Bannister, Bothwell - died 2nd March 2018

Mr T Neil, Hamilton - died 15th March 2018

May Magazine Deadline



All material for the **April** issue of the Centre magazine is to be with the Editor by **Sunday, 22nd April. NO LATER.**

From the Editor

Items can be left in the top right basket marked **Magazine Editors** in the rack outside the office, or by email to: office@stjohnshamilton.org.uk

Our Magazine is available to pick up from our Information boxes at the entrance to the Centre.

Or you can view/download a PDF copy here: www.stjohnshamilton.org.uk/category/centre-magazine

Thank you very much to everyone who bought Christmas Cards from me in December. Together we raised £167.79 for Beatson Cancer Charity.



Love Amy Noble

Dear Karen & Amy

On behalf of everyone at Beatson Cancer Charity, I am writing to thank you for your kind and generous donation of £167.79 raised from selling Christmas Cards at St John's Church Sale. Please pass on our thanks to everyone who contributed in some way.

Be Part of Something Special

Working in partnership with one of the world's leading cancer centres, The Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre, Beatson Cancer Charity exists to enhance the experience, treatment, outcomes and wellbeing of current and former cancer patients and their families.

Thanks to your ongoing support we can continue to provide vital funding for enhanced patient and family support services and facilities, innovative medical equipment, novel research, a range of specialist posts including nursing, radiography, physics and research-based staff as well as additional staff training and development.

We also provide a range of services including complementary therapies and patient and family support. Our unique wellbeing centre offers sanctuary and comfort away from the ward environment where we provide relaxing therapies including reiki and reflexology which are also delivered throughout The Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre and related facilities.

Be Determined

We simply could not make a difference to the lives of so many cancer patients, former patients and families without your support which allows us to help to give thousands of people the best possible chance of beating cancer. We are determined to beat cancer, and with your continued support, we believe we can.

Thank you once again for thinking of Beatson Cancer Charity and we wish you a Merry Christmas.

Yours sincerely



Maisie Hamilton
Community Fundraising Manager

Midweek Service

If you find it difficult to attend a full Sunday morning service, why not come along to our Midweek Service?

The service is held every Thursday from 12.15-12.45pm, and is conducted by the congregation, which means each service is very different. The group now also has several Ministers and lay people taking part.

Mind your language

The English language has been evolving for hundreds of years. Words which were common even 50 or 60 years ago are no longer in use and new words are making their way into our dictionaries.

As for the spoken language we could certainly understand what they said in Victorian times. Going back to the days of Shakespeare we would be able to understand most of it but going still further back to Chaucer's times most of it would be incomprehensible. Did you know Shakespeare 'invented' many of the phrases we use today:

Green eyed monster (Jealousy) (Othello)
All that glistens is not gold (Merchant of Venice)
Neither borrower nor lender be (Hamlet)
Hoist by his own petard (Hamlet)
The lady doth protest too much (Hamlet)
The unkindest cut of all (Julius Caesar)
Discretion is the better part of valour (Henry V)

Also: "It's Greek to me" "Salad days"
"Vanished into thin air" "Fast and loose"
"Tongue tied" "Cold comfort"
"Too much of a good thing" "The game is up"
"Foregoing Conclusion"

Those and hundreds more came originally from the pen of William Shakespeare.

Kenny Morrison

Japanese Adaptation of Psalm 23

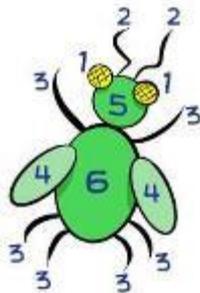
The Lord is my pace-setter, I shall not rush;
he makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals
He provides me with images of stillness,
which restore my serenity.
He leads me in ways of efficiency
through calmness of mind,
and his guidance is peace.
Even though I have a great many things
to accomplish every day,
I will not fret, for his presence is here;
his timelessness, his all-importance,
will keep me in balance.
He prepares refreshment and renewal
in the midst of my activity,
by anointing my mind with his oils of tranquillity.
My cup of joyous energy overflows;
surely harmony and effectiveness
shall be the fruits of my hours,
for I shall walk in the pace of my Lord,
and dwell in his house forever.

Toki Miyashina



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Beetle

**Monday 23rd April 2018
7.00pm-9.00pm**

Tea/Coffee/Juice & Cake
Tickets: £1 adults, 50p children

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Tickets available from David Austin or Janet Howson

St John's Singers



St John's Singers was established in March 2008 in order to allow a small group of women to sing and socialize on a Sunday evening. Under the leadership of Musical Director Anne Mackie it has blossomed into a choir with almost 60 members.

If you have an event at which you would like us to perform then please contact Fiona Anderson or Anne Mackie by email on: stjohnsingerg@sky.com

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It seems no time at all since Fiona Anderson asked Anne Mackie if she would be able to find time to have a wee sing around the piano on a Sunday Evening at the end of a busy week.

Well ,Anne put out an Intimation to see if anyone was interested and 17 Ladies turned up.....then 40 on the next evening and as we saythe rest is history.
That was 10 years ago this month (March)

Since then the Ladies have continued to meet on alternate Sunday evenings after the evening service .The Choir has sung in various places and for many different causes the most recent at the Old Parish Church to raise funds for this year's Passion Play in our town.

If you enjoy singing a variety of music, do come along. We work hard but really enjoy our evenings together (always having a nice break for supper).

Our Summer Concert is on Saturday 2nd June at 7.30 in St. John' s Church.

We hope you can come and join us for what will be a very enjoyable evening.

Guild

April 16th AGM & Dinner - Riccarton Golf Club **7.00pm**

The AGM and Dinner is our last meeting of this session. We wish you all a lovely summer, and look forward to seeing you all again in October when our meetings recommence.

Marion Baird (Secretary)



I would like to extend my grateful thanks to the members of the congregation who have taken the time to send me cards and flowers and visited me during my recent spell in hospital.

Bill and I both appreciated the expressions of support which we received in knowing that you are in the thoughts and prayers of so many. It is greatly appreciated Thank you.

May God Bless you all.
Margaret Murray.

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you!

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2018
(SUNDAY 13 MAY – SATURDAY 19 MAY)



The Hamilton Christian Aid Committee held their 2018 AGM last month. Due to the difficulty of finding new volunteers it was decided to stop doing door to door collections and can collections.

Instead this year the Christian Aid representatives from each Church will supply envelopes to their congregations at the beginning of Christian Aid week, and these can then be returned to the Church via the offering plate and the representative will count and bank any monies raised in the usual way.

The committee also continues to encourage congregations to hold any other fundraising events to support Christian Aid. These events do not necessarily have to take place during Christian Aid Week.

St John's Forum Café will still be used in the same manner during Christian Aid Week and, plans are afoot to ensure the smooth running of each day.

Thank you all for your continued support of Christian Aid.

Flower Rota

April

- 1st Mr R Craig
- 8th Mrs F Anderson
- 15th Mrs R Douglas
- 22nd Mrs S Wilson
- 29th Mrs I MacGregor

May

- 6th Mrs F Errett
- 13th Mrs E Hart
- 20th Mrs J Farrell
- 27th Mrs G King & Mrs P Hardie

June

- 3 Mrs F Dodds
- 10 Mr D Austin
- 17 Mrs A Noble
- 24 Mrs E White



Office Bearers Sunday Duties

Welcoming you at the Church door at morning services:

April

GRAEME DODDS

LESLEY AULD
JUNE BROWN
ROBIN DOUGLAS
ANNE GILLESPIE
ELIZABETH GORDON
CHRISTINE McARTHUR
CAMPBELL McGUGAN
BILL MURRAY

May

SHEILA THOMSON

SANDRA BORDON
IAN FORSYTH
ANDREA GRANT
ROBERT JACKSON
NAN LAW
DOUG LESLIE
ANNA MCLUCKIE
GLADYS OFILI

June

ANN AULD

HELEN HUNTER
HAZEL LEES
ANDREW McLEAN
HUGHINA NAYLOR
MAY RUSSELL
ELIOT SOUTTER
MARY SOUTTER
GEORGE WADE

Evening Services

April

- 1st **EVENING SERVICE AT HAMILTON SOUTH**
8th Mary Stark & Hughina Naylor
15th Nan Law & Fiona Anderson
22nd Elizabeth Muir & Gordon Rankin
29th George Spence & Katrina Spence

May

- 6th **EVENING SERVICE AT HAMILTON SOUTH**
13th Karen Limond & Janet Boyes
20th **NO EVENING SERVICE - HEART & SOUL**
27th Bill Howson & George Wade

June

- 3rd **EVENING SERVICE AT HAMILTON SOUTH**
10th Hazel Lees & Lesley Auld
17th Ann Auld & Doug Leslie
24th **COMMUNION**
Marilyn Graham & Anne Bibby

Meetings

Kirk Session	Team Meetings
9th May	11th April
	13th June

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