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Dear Friends

How can it be April already? I remember being warned that the days, weeks and months passing more quickly was something that came very naturally with age, but when you discover that every year seems to pass increasingly more quickly it all becomes rather alarming.

It's almost two years since I celebrated my 40th birthday, it's almost seven years since I made the move to Hamilton, it's over 15 years since I was ordained, it's already almost four months beyond our Christmas celebrations which still feel like yesterday, and the big days that were planned for the new year (the HeartEdge Conference and the Sing with the Swing Band Day that I spoke about in our last issue) have come and gone with immense success but, as these days of 2019 are speeding by I realise something else too.

Those who have lost someone or something in life, have had to live *feeling* that loss throughout all these days. Landmark moments and dates that commemorate something far more sobering than turning 40 have been lived out and honoured and grieved over. Anniversaries that now break hearts rather than make them burst with joy have also come and gone and in all these things, our successes, our happy days, our sorrows, our painful memories we are invited to remember that we are not alone in them, not ever. Some of these life events are easier to share with those around us than others. Sometimes we find ourselves surrounded by friends or family who are seeking to help when we find it difficult to accept that help. Sometimes we are surrounded by people who struggle to know *how* to help and so feel far away. We don't always get everything right. We don't always offer the right things to people at the right times and sometimes we don't offer anything at all, at the moments when *something*, no matter what, might have helped more than we knew. But even in those moments when we fail to make the right call or when we push people away because they are getting it wrong for how we are feeling and what we think we need, even in solitary moments – we are assured by our God of love that we are not alone. Every year when we reach the month that is going to bring us Holy Week and Easter I am glad to know that. I am glad to know as we approach this significant anniversary that deserves to be commemorated, honoured, grieved over, and celebrated (all within the space of seven emotional days of real-time journeying with Jesus) that we are not alone in what we do here.

April 2019

We are particularly blessed within this town because we get to share Holy Week and Easter with those from other congregations and other denominations across the town and in recent years those who have never previously experienced these, or not for a long time, have found a new presentation of the Easter Story in drama has allowed them to reconnect with that God who has never left them alone.

I remain unsure as to how it can possibly be April already, but I am reassured throughout this month of worship and reflection and sharing and journey and emotion and courage that no matter what we find ourselves dealing with, in relation to our faith, our church, our personal lives, our health, our relationships, our sense of self, we can be sure that we are never alone, not ever. May the harrowing week of Christ's final steps towards his death and ultimately his resurrection, bring us all the opportunity to know our God better, the God who never leaves us, even for a moment. With love and best wishes for a meaningful and blessed Easter,

Joanne

Session News

April 2019

It's been that governance time of year for us. You will be glad to know that I took all of our official documentation to Presbytery during March for the annual attestation of records, and we got a clean bill of health for another year. Phew! Thanks to those who contribute to that exercise. At our March meeting we approved the accounts in our role as Trustees and recorded thanks to our Treasurer, Eliot Soutter, and the Finance Team for all their work over the year. I won't steal Eliot's thunder as the Finance Team will separately be passing on some high level information on the accounts in the magazine, but it is important from the Trustees perspective that we draw your attention to the fact that offerings have remained largely static and our costs increase year-on-year. From a stewardship perspective, we always talk about three elements together; giving of time, talents and treasury to the work of the church. So, a very simple ask. Could you take a few moments to look at your giving; if it's right for your personal circumstances then that is perfectly fine. But if you find you are able to give more across any of the three areas, then that would be gratefully received. Thank you.

Graeme Dodds
Session Clerk

Gift Day

The past year has seen the congregation raise, directly and indirectly, large amounts of money to support a variety of charities. We have always had a keen sense of this as part of our mission, and will continue to do so. Last year, we restarted 'Gift Day' to give the congregation the opportunity to directly support St John's in all that we do; our priorities as a church, and our base (the Church and Centre) that provide such a valuable asset for our work. The Kirk Session has agreed that Gift Day this year will take place on Saturday 27th April 2019. Envelopes are enclosed with the magazine, and are also available at the Church Doors and in the Church Centre. We hope you will support this giving opportunity generously as you did last year. Donations can be made on the day, or by placing the special envelopes in the offering plate on any Sunday during April, or by sending to the church marked for the attention of the Treasurer. Remember to use the Gift Aid facility if it is applicable.

Thank you for supporting this initiative.

Graeme Dodds
Session Clerk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Sunday 7th April 2019
Saturday 13th April 2019
Sunday 14th April 2019

Avonbridge Care Home Monthly Service
Messy Church: Easter
Drama Kirk 'The Passion of Jesus'
6.30pm South Wishaw Parish Church
Joint Churches Holy Week Services

Monday 15th April 2019

7.30pm Hamilton: United Reformed Church
Holy Week Reflections: Digging Deeper
12 noon Hamilton: St John's Parish Church
Drama Kirk: 'The Passion of Jesus'
7.30pm Hamilton United Reform Church
Joint Churches Holy Week Services

Tuesday 16th April 2019

7.30pm Hamilton: United Reformed Church
Holy Week Reflections: Digging Deeper
12 noon Hamilton: St John's Parish Church
Drama Kirk: 'The Passion of Jesus'
7.30pm Dalziel: St Andrews Motherwell
Joint Churches Holy Week Services

Wednesday 17th April 2019

7.30pm Hamilton: United Reformed Church
Holy Week Reflections: Digging Deeper
12 noon Hamilton: St John's Parish Church
Drama Kirk: 'The Passion of Jesus'
7pm Lanark: Greyfriars
Joint Churches Holy Week Services

Thursday 18th April 2019

7.30pm Hamilton: United Reformed Church
Holy Week Reflections: Digging Deeper
12 noon Hamilton: St John's Parish Church
Joint Churches Holy Week Services
7.30pm Hamilton: United Reformed Church
'The Watch'

Friday 19th April 2019

9.15pm St Mary's Episcopal Church
Good Friday Vigil
12 noon Hamilton: St John's Parish Church
Drama Kirk: 'The Passion of Jesus'
7.30pm Carluke: St Andrews
Joint Churches Holy Week Services

Saturday 20th - Monday 22nd April 2019 (incl)
Saturday 20th April 2019

7.30pm Hamilton: United Reformed Church
Centre Closed for Easter
Easter Vigil
7.30pm St Mary's Episcopal Church

Sunday 21st April 2019

Easter Sunday: Services at 6.30am Chatelherault or
Hamilton: Old Parish Church, 9.30am - Early in the
Garden ... Family friendly service with sharing of
Communion at St John's and 10.45am traditional Easter
Sunday service with Communion.

Saturday 27th April 2019

St John's Gift Day

Monday 29th April 2019

St John's Guild AGM: Riccarton Golf Club 7pm

Sunday 5th May 2019

Avonbridge Care Home Monthly Service

Sunday 12th May 2019

St John's Christian Aid Lunch

Sunday 12th - Saturday 18th May 2019

Christian Aid Week

Monday 20th May 2019

Beetle Drive 7-9pm

Dear Friends of St John's,

I write this article ahead of my final Sunday with you and already know just how much I will miss you all. From my very first Sunday you have invited me into your faith family with open arms, and for that I am most grateful. I have really enjoyed getting to know you all and feel incredibly blessed to have spent my third placement here. The fellowship, the outreach, the heartfelt care for our neighbours, has all been truly inspiring to me. St John's Parish Church is central to the town of Hamilton, and centres its focus around loving wholeheartedly.

My time spent at St John's has been guided by Joanne, who gracefully took me under her wing and has made this experience such a valuable one! Joanne's passion for her role is exceptional, and her joyful personality and infectious laughter have been a blessing. It is certainly no wonder that COS candidates are lining up to have Joanne as a Supervisor, and I only hope to take everything I have learned with me as I follow God's plan.

Love and blessings to all at St John's,

Jade M Boyd

Sunday morning worship for all ages

On the Sundays in February, April and May this year when Sunday Blast is on holiday, morning worship will use our Time to Worship format. Using this format means all ages are catered for.



After some time together at the start of the service worshippers of every age are asked to choose whether they would like to listen to a sermon or participate in an activity in another room. We come back together to conclude our worship.

Families are encouraged to continue to be part of our worshipping congregation even when Sunday Blast is on holiday as there is something for everyone in this format of worship.

Time to



Holy Week

This years evening services during Holy Week will be hosted by Hamilton United Reform Church, Kemp Street. Services will take place every evening at 7.30pm from Sunday 14th April to Friday 19th April. An Easter Vigil will be held at St Mary's Episcopal Church at 7.30pm on Saturday 20th April.



On Easter Sunday there will be a 6.30am service Chatelherault and at Hamilton: Old Parish Church. There will also be a 9.30am service at St John's - Early in the Garden ... Family friendly service with sharing of Communion and 10.45am service at St John's - a traditional Easter Sunday service with Communion. Details of all these services are noted in dates for your diary.

In addition to these services, lunchtime services will be held at St. Johns on Monday to Thursday at 12 noon during Holy Week. These services are entitled 'Digging Deeper' and are short reflective stories allowing us to dig deep into all that was happening in this last week of Jesus' life. There will also be a Good Friday Vigil held at St John's from 12 noon to 3pm.

Drama Kirk: The People's Passion

This year's script is a very different approach to a Passion Play. "The People's Passion" was devised by Riding Lights Theatre Company, based in York, who have a long history of supporting churches to use drama in worship. It is a wonderful mix of theatre and worship. My prayer is that you will enjoy being part of it as much as we are enjoying working on it.

This Pasion Play is not simply an audience watching a performance. We are all part of His story and the script encourages us to see our own part in it. There are some responsive moments in the text where the congregation will join together as one voice, just as they did in the first century. There is also congregational singing at poignant moments in the action. This year, **"We are not spectators. We are part of the story!"**.



The performances will take place as services of worship as follows:-

Palm Sunday	6.30pm	South Wishaw Parish Church
Holy Monday	7.30pm	Hamilton URC
Holy Tuesday	7.30pm	Dalziel St Andrews
Holy Wednesday	7pm	Lanark Greyfriars
Good Friday	7.30pm	Carluke St Andrews

You will meet many familiar characters who are pivotal in telling the story of that fateful week. There are new people too, including Mary, Martha and Lazarus. Isn't it wonderful that even in our third year, there are characters we have still to meet, each of whom have something fresh to tell us about Jesus?

Each church we visit will have an opportunity for mission through The People's Passion. Through fliers, press and social media, they can promote the performances in a way that can be challenging to promote a church service. Perhaps these performances will create for other towns the same buzz we experienced for the first time in Holy Week 2017, with increased attendance and engagement – and of course for usual attenders a new way to look at familiar events.

I remain grateful to those who help in so many ways in bringing the gospel to life, including our wonderful cast and crew and all the support from our churches.

You can follow our progress on Facebook ([Facebook.com/DramaKirk](https://www.facebook.com/DramaKirk)) or twitter (@PlayLanarkshire). Please do support us on social media.

Liz Blackman

What's On at St. John's

The Guild: Monday 7.30 - 9pm

Meetings in April 2019

April 29th AGM and Dinner - Riccarton Golf Club 7pm



The Committee would like to thank all members for your continuous support and friendship. Have a lovely summer.

Nan Law

Hamilton & District Probus Club: third Wednesday 9.30am

Hamilton and District Probus Club now hold their monthly meetings in the Clyde Room in the St John's Church Centre.

The Probus is a local, national and international association of retired or semi retired people from all walks of life and which provides regular opportunities for members to meet others in similar circumstances, with similar levels of interest, make new friends and expand their interests.

We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, 9.30am for 10.00am in the Clyde Room

If you wish to join with others who have similar interests you are most welcome to come and join us for a cup of tea and a blether and to enjoy our speakers.

If you are interested, have a word with **Bill Howson, Bill Murray** or **Alex Magowan** or any member.

Bill Murray (Secretary)

Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid week is running from **Sunday 12 May - Saturday 18 May 2019.**

There will be no door to door collection or street collections. Instead envelopes will be handed out at church on Sunday 12 May and can be returned via the offering plates, to the Church Office or handed to myself. Envelopes will also be left in the Forum.

We are looking for volunteers for the Saturday in the forum cafe and also for homebaking for the baking stall on the Saturday and volunteers to help with the baking stall.

There will also be the Christian Aid lunch on Sunday 12 May so we are looking for volunteers to make soup and help serve.

Thank you so much again for all your help. Christian Aid week would not happen without you.

Sheila Thomson

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St John's Mini Cubs

Mini cubs runs in St John's on a Friday night from 6-7pm and has a very healthy attendance. Unfortunately, our leader, Tony Carter, is retiring at Easter after 13 years of service and our thanks go to him for carry out this role well for so many years. The remainder of our leadership team is continuing to the summer where after they too will be retiring. The leadership team is keen to get a new leader and support team in place before then to allow them to assist the new leadership team. We are looking for some volunteers to take on these roles and allow the mini cubs to continue. If you know of anyone would might be interested in getting involved with this active group, please encourage them to contact Lianne McNally, Julie Lamont or Colin MacLeod.



Messy Church at St John's got to explore the theme of Lent for the first time since Easter is a bit later this year.

Lots of families joined us to take part in the many crafts and activities that were available such as building tall towers, playing in the barren desert, walking in paint to signify lent being a journey, creating sandpaper cross jigsaws, designing pet prayer rocks, making fondant snakes (many sugar rushes will have been experienced after consuming one!), tossing and decorating pancakes, designing Mardi Gras carnival masks & shakers, creating a lent journey card of different landscapes to reflect how you feel each day during lent and also a survival trail of items you might need if you were going in to the desert for a long time.



After the activities, all went through to the church for the celebration where everyone listened very well to the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert.

Joanne told this story using Godly play which everyone was engrossed by and some incredible responses were given to the wonderings Joanne shared.



Our morning ended with a lovely lunch with everyone all together.

Join us for Messy Easter on Saturday 13th of April from 10.30am – 12.30pm.

This will mark 5 years since Messy Church at St John's started. We had our first Messy Church which was a Messy Easter on the 29th of March in 2014. I've added a throwback picture from our first Messy Church to show how much some of the people attending have changed!

Messy Church is church with a difference! It is a place for children and their families to be creative, hear bible stories, celebrate and share a meal together. The activities are focussed for children in prams to P7 (but can be enjoyed by all). All children must come with an adult.

It would help with our planning if you can let us know if you are coming. Contact us at stjohnsmessychurch@gmail.com or via our Facebook page: Messy Church St John's Hamilton

Hamilton Deaf Afternoon Club

Founded at St John's Church Centre in 2006

It is really hard to believe that it has been fourteen years since I had a conversation with your previous minister, Rev Bob Kent, about establishing a new home for a weekly afternoon club for the deaf in the Hamilton area since our previous clubs in Union Street and Clydesdale Street had closed down. It was his kind suggestion that we should try out your premises at St John's Centre and the membership has grown from around 15 to the current membership list of 104. Over the years since 2006 we have graduated from the smallest room to the largest hall in the centre in order to accommodate our ever growing membership.

The Club meets weekly on a Tuesday for approximately 6 months of the spring/summer season and weekly on a Friday for approximately 6 months over the winter/spring season. We usually have around 50 to 60 people in attendance on a weekly basis. Many of the deaf members live in Lanarkshire and some come all the way from Glasgow because they enjoy the location of the Hamilton town centre venue, the friendship and the atmosphere that the Church Centre has to offer.



The main function of the club is for deaf people to socialise, play bingo for a short time and communicate among their own kind in sign language. They see this as an important event of their weekly life. After all they live in a world of sound and where people communicate via the spoken word. Many deaf people often find themselves lost and lonely until they come to St John's Centre where they come alive meeting their equals in the deaf group scheme of things.

Until a few years ago the club was under the direction of the John Ross Memorial Deaf Church with myself as minister overseeing the club

activities. Since around 2013 the Deaf Club has been independent of the deaf church with their own office bearers but ever since its formation I have, as Community Minister, provided deaf people access to pastoral support on a weekly basis and short worship services on a monthly basis. During my recent sick leave Anna Weir, retired teacher of the deaf and elder/session clerk of Claremont Parish Church in East Kilbride, has generously helped me out with pulpit supply and hopefully will continue to do so until I return to work.

In 2016 we celebrated the 10th anniversary of the foundation of the club. The occasion was marked with a scrumptious finger buffet, speeches (in sign language of course!) the cutting of the cake by two of our oldest members Christine Copeland of Motherwell and Cathie Morrison of Hamilton. I also received a trophy in recognition of my founding of the deaf club (see photographs).

Over the years we have had, on an annual basis, visitors to our club from the Dundee Deaf Club, Glasgow Deaf Senior Citizen Club, Ayrshire OAP Deaf Club and the Falkirk Deaf Club. Likewise our club members have visited their deaf centres. On the 10th April this year the Hamilton Deaf Afternoon Club members will be visiting the Falkirk Deaf Club where we will enjoy lunch and an afternoon of socialising. We have periodically also have visits from organisations such as the British Deaf Association, NHS and Lanarkshire Deaf Forum who come to disseminate information that would be of interest to deaf people.



I want to say a big thank you to everyone for the many "Get Well" cards I received since my accident on 5th October 2018 when I broke (open leg fracture) my leg after slipping from my car. I was in hospital three times (October then November to January and again in January) and stayed a total of three months and had 5 major operations to try and save my leg because of the problems of infections. I really appreciate the many kind words, good wishes, support and prayers from all my friends both deaf and hearing. I also appreciate the monetary gift along with a get well card from our Deaf Afternoon Club and I was able to purchase a lovely warm winter coat. I may be expected to be off work for up to one year (since October 2018) but I am not sure. With the help of my car and my crutches I am still able to pop along to the Deaf Club at St John's whenever I feel able to do so.

On the 1st of August 2018 I celebrated 40 years of working with deaf people in Glasgow and the West of Scotland firstly as social worker before becoming a minister. On the 5th July of this year I will celebrate my 30th anniversary of my ordination.

Our quarterly deaf church newsletter is available to pick up from the information boxes at the entrance to the Centre. If you prefer a PDF copy please e mail me at richard.durno@btinternet.com

In closing I wish to say on behalf of all my deaf friends (mainly those that have attended the Hamilton Deaf Club) a big thank you to Robin Douglas, the Halls Convenor, the Church Office bearers and the volunteers working in the café for their support, enthusiasm and love.



Best wishes
Richard

Rev Richard Durno
Community Minister
John Ross Memorial Deaf Church
Glasgow & West of Scotland

Drama Kirk

In May, Drama Kirk will be launching a new series of events, using drama to discover scripture. The focus will be on enjoying the Word together and deepening our understanding in a creative and fun way.

We are looking for a title for this series. If you would like to contribute to this, some brainstorming has been established online, where you can see other people's ideas, comment on them and contribute your own. It is important to us to find an appealing title that conveys what we plan to do. You can find the forum here –

<http://www.tricider.com/brainstorming/2bippYBIF5B>

Easter Blessing

May the promise of springtime, cheer you
And the magic that it brings, thrill you
May the healing of the sunlight, warm you
And the blessings of Easter, fill you.

May the peace of flowing waters, calm you
And the strength of the hills, uphold you
May the joy of waking earth, enrich you
And the blessings of Easter, enfold you.

May the music of the morning, lift you
And the hope of the world, guide you
May the love of those you love sustain you
And the blessings of Easter, stay beside you.



Family Record

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

Mrs Eleanor Haddow - Died 7th March 2019

Thank you

I wish to convey my appreciation to the congregation of St. John's for Sympathy Cards, flowers, visits, words of comfort and prayers following the death of my dear sister Margaret.

I was also greatly touched by the work Sunday Blast are doing and for their personally designed 'Thinking of you' Card. It was so thoughtful.

Thank you all and God Bless.

Sandra Gray

Hamilton: St John's Parish Church



Beetle Drive Fun for all the family

Monday 20th May 2019
7.00pm-9.00pm

Tea/

Hamilton: St John's Parish Church of Scotland, Registered Scottish Charity No SC008779

Tickets available from Janet Howson, David Austin or Christine McArthur

May Magazine Deadline



All material for the next issue of the Centre magazine covering **MAY** must to be with the Editor by **Sunday, 21st 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**

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2018 CHURCH ACCOUNTS - POINTS FOR NOTING

The above Accounts in the usual prescribed format were approved by the Kirk Session on Wednesday, 13th March and a signed copy of same has been submitted both to Presbytery and to 121. The Accounts were presented to the Congregation on Sunday, 31st March. Copies of the Accounts are available on request from myself or Claire in the office.

The regular offerings of members still constitute our main source of income, but our income position in 2018 was boosted very significantly by the fact that, in addition, we had donations totalling £14,286. Anonymity has been requested and so further details cannot be disclosed. Donations (other than legacies) on anything like this scale in a year are rare and we are most grateful to have received them. The Accounts show that TOTAL income for 2018 from ALL sources was £184,294 compared to £172,878 in 2017, an increase of £11,416. However, without the donations referred to, total income in 2018 would have been DOWN £2,870! To what extent any donations are received in 2019 is an unknown, but the figure is likely to prove to be much less than it was in 2018. In these circumstances, and notwithstanding St John's commendable record when it comes to financial giving, it seems appropriate to ask members to consider REVIEWING the level of their regular givings if they have not already done so recently. I recognise the reality of different personal circumstances. The last ten years have been difficult years financially for many people of all ages, including those of senior age on fixed annual incomes. On a review some will feel they are not in a position to increase their regular givings, and that I understand, but if others were able and willing to increase them, that would be welcome. Also, if more offerings than at present could be gift-aided that too would be helpful.

On the expenditure front in 2018, this was up £3,393 on the figure for 2017 (£178,610 compared to £175,217). At the end of 2018, ignoring any value attributable to the Manse, our total funds (comprising investments and cash) stood at £163,921, up £3,388 on the comparable 2017 figure.

On the expenditure front, we should look for any areas where there could be potential savings. One such area might be in relation to the current bookkeeping set-up and associated Accountants' fees. Forum Cafe bookkeeping has, since the start of 2017, been done in-house by Bill Anderson, a member of the Finance Team. Since August 2016 when Fiona Anderson felt the need to resign as Treasurer because of other commitments, all other bookkeeping work has been undertaken by Nelson Gilmour Smith. That set-up remains in place. When I took on the role of Treasurer in November 2016, I advised the Kirk Session that I would not be able or willing to personally take on any of the formal bookkeeping aspects and Session agreed to this continuing to be done by the Accountants. They, in my opinion, provide a good bookkeeping service, but naturally it comes at a cost. Since August 2016 their annual bookkeeping fee has been £3,000 plus £600 VAT, a total of £3,600. This is a significant cost, but it does provide operational continuity, which in my view is a big plus. However, the current set-up is not written in tablets of stone, and accordingly if a member of the Congregation has the inclination and the time and ability to take on the bookkeeping work currently carried out by the Accountants either on a voluntary basis or on the basis of a modest honorarium, he or she should inform Graeme as Session Clerk and he will conduct due process. If a suitable applicant emerges and Session decides to change the set-up, there will be no resistance from me and I would envisage then stepping down as Treasurer. In November 2016 I did not take on the role of Treasurer for the long term. Currently I am happy on the basis of the present set-up to continue in the role, but I am in no way opposed to a change of set-up if Session thinks this best.

Turning to the Forum Cafe, taking account of all monies taken in by the Cafe and all outlays incurred in 2018, and also taking account of the sum of £12,000 transferred to General Funds during the year from these monies taken in (being a notional share of the overall Church expenses for caretaking, cleaning, heating, lighting, insurance, maintenance, etc.), the Cafe in 2018 ended with a surplus of £1,341. A sum of just over £4,000 was donated to the charity box during the year and £500 was distributed to four local charities. Cash held in the Church's Forum Cafe's bank account as at 31st December, 2018 totalled approximately £23,500. Although turnover in 2016 was down about £4,000 on 2015 and turnover in 2017 was down about a further £4,000 on 2016, the turnover in 2018 was still down on 2017, but only by about £2,000.

In short, our overall finances remain in good order, but we must try and increase income or decrease expenditure, or both, going forward to maintain that good order.

As has been the case in recent years, the Accounts (Note 14 on page 15) recognise in that Note the benefits accruing to St John's from the contribution made by volunteers (not all of whom are members of St John's) who give of their time and talents willingly in the work we do as Church. There is no means of valuing these benefits in money terms; suffice it to say that the commitment of these volunteers allows us to continue various areas of congregational life which we couldn't do otherwise.

Finally, I take this opportunity of thanking all members of the Finance Team and all others (of whom there are many) involved in any of the financial aspects of Church life at St John's for the help and support they continue to provide and which I greatly appreciate.

Eliot Soutter.

Office Bearers Sunday Duties

Welcoming you at the Church door at morning services:

April

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SANDRA BORDEN
IAN FORSYTH
ANDREA GRANT
ROBERT JACKSON
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LIZ MAGOWAN
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May

ANN AULD

HELEN HUNTER
HAZEL LEES
ANDREW MCLEAN
HUGHINA NAYLOR
MAY RUSSELL
ELIOT SOUTTER
MARY SOUTTER

June

ALEX MAGOWAN

JANET BOYES
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DELIA HART
DENNIS HART
COLIN MACLEOD
GEORGE SPENCE
KATRINA SPENCE

Evening Services

April

- 7th Evening Service at Hamilton: South
- 14th Palm Sunday - Joint Churches Holy Week Services
- 21st Easter Sunday - No Evening Service
- 28th Alex Magowan & Liz Magowan

May

- 5th Evening Service at Hamilton: South
- 12th Anne Gillespie & Graeme Dodds
- 19th Heart & Soul - No Evening Service
- 26th Sandra Grey & Bill Anderson

Meetings

Kirk Session	Team Meetings
8th May 2019	12th June 2019

Flower Rota

April

- 7th Mrs F Anderson
- 14th Mrs R Douglas
- 21st Mrs S Wilson
- 28th Mrs A MacGregor

May

- 5th Mrs J Erret
- 12th Mrs E Hart
- 19th Mrs J Farrell
- 26th Mrs G King & Mrs P Hardie



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