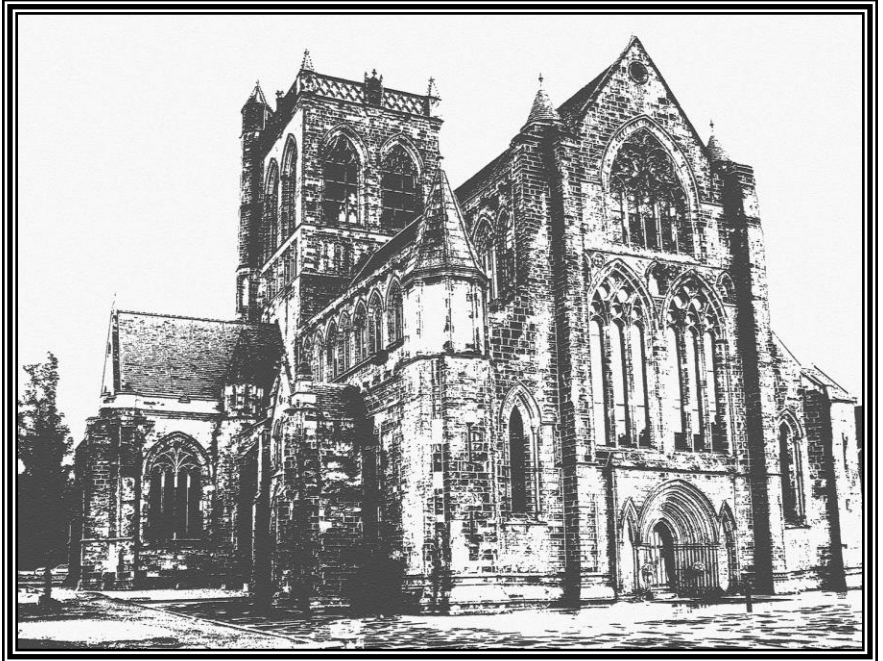


Paisley Abbey



Abbey Herald

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Dear Friends

As once again in this holy season of Easter, we celebrate the triumph of God's extravagant love, we continue on the path of Christian discipleship renewed and refreshed. We affirm again our faith in the triumph of God's way over everything opposed to it and that gives an added impetus to our commitment to be what our baptism made us, the body of Christ in the world today.

During May there is quite a number of events being run. These events, ranging from recitals to a quiz night to a soup and sandwich lunch, serve to deepen our fellowship and our sense of all being part of a family, the Abbey family. They are also important as fund-raisers. We can be in doubt from the reports over the past months and years from our Finance Committee that we need to increase our income in order to meet our necessary expenditure and to maintain our traditions in respect of the wonderful choral music we enjoy and our commitment to welcoming in Christ's name the many visitors who come to the Abbey. This year we are trying to raise an **additional £20,000 of income** - a tall order but one I am sure we shall make every effort to achieve. So do please support as many of the events as you can - you will help us achieve our income target and I am sure you will also derive much enjoyment!

The annual congregational meeting takes place after the Morning Services on Sunday 11 May. Do come to the meeting and learn more about both the challenges and the wonderful opportunities that lie ahead of us. I hope to see many of you there.

Wishing you all a very happy and blessed Easter season

MISSING LINKS COMPETITION

The draw for the winners of the Missing Links competition took place at the Coffee Morning on 19 April and the answers are:

1. Smoke ALARM Clock
2. Sea SIDE Board
3. Shoe HORN Pipe
4. Arm CHAIR or BANDS Man
5. Sweet PEA Nut
6. Washing POWDER Puff
7. Sign POST Card
8. Hand CART Horse
9. Finger BUFFET Car
10. Nail BRUSH Up
11. French BEAN Stalk
12. Blue MOON Beam
13. Land MARK (or Fill) Time
14. Ginger BREAD Roll
15. Green HOUSE Wife
16. Flower POWER Hose
17. Junior SCHOOL Playground
18. Carlisle UNITED States
19. High Rise FLAT Iron
20. Gardener's WORLD Wide
21. Summer HOLIDAY Inn
22. Bird BATH Room
23. Brass TRUMPET Voluntary
24. Pedestrian WAY Forward
25. Ornamental PARK (or WORK) Bench
26. Dining OUT Side
27. Temporary JOB Lot
28. Customer SERVICE (or PARKING) Area
29. Pond LIFE Boat
30. Cheese BOARD Room
31. Wayside BENCH Mark
32. Heavenly BODY (or HOME) Builder
33. Spring CLEAN Sweep
34. Tea BAG Pipes
35. Fur COAT Hanger
36. Robin HOOD Wink
37. Sea HORSE Shoe
38. May DAY Break
39. Hair BRUSH Stroke
40. Border LINE Dance
41. Cabbage PATCH Work
42. Match STICK Insect
43. Chimney POT Luck
44. Egg SHELL (or WHITE) Fish
45. Dust PAN Cake
46. Pine NEEDLE Work
47. Fancy DRESS Up
48. House PLANT Hire
49. Steam TRAIN Fare
50. Short WAVE Length

- and the adjudicator's decision is final!

Well done to those who achieved 100% - and particular congratulations to the winner – J.M. Russell of Troon and the runner-up, Margaret Craig of Paisley.

Many, many thanks too to everyone who bought the Competition – over 400 were sold – and commiserations to the many who sent in completed forms but had at least one incorrect answer. There is now a chance to compete in another such quiz – the EDIBLE ITEMS” Competition – cost still £1 – is available in the Abbey Shop and is commended to you!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 17 May Coffee Morning with home baking organised by the Scout Troop

Sunday 1 June “A Big Congregational Lunch”

Saturday 21 June “Handbag” Silent Auction
Details will be in the June Herald

RECITALS

Sunday 1st June Laurie Gargan (Trumpet) with George
4pm McPhee (Organ)

Sunday 15th June Organ recital by Alex Anderson
4pm

Sunday 22nd June Organ recital by David Gerrard (Assistant
4pm Organist), Paisley Abbey)

Details of these events will follow later

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY 11 MAY AT 12.30PM**

All members of the congregation are invited to attend the Annual Congregational Meeting when the Abbey's Accounts for 2013 will be presented by Mr Sandy Mowat CA.

Thereafter there will be a Soup and Sandwich Lunch in the Place of Paisley.

SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCH

SUNDAY 11 MAY

**After the Congregational Meeting in the Place of
Paisley**

£6 Adults £2 Children

Tickets on sale after services or from the Abbey Shop



THE ABBEY FAMILY BIG LUNCH

A big congregational lunch similar to the one that was held for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee will take place on Sunday 1 June

Tickets priced **£10 for Adults and £5 for children** will be sold after the services on Sunday's during May and also in the shop.

Please come along for some friendly conversation, good food and the chance to support the Abbey.



BRIDGE EVENT

Calling all Bridge players!

On Monday 9th June there will be an afternoon and evening of bridge playing in the Abbey.

If you would like to reserve a table, or request further details, please speak to Jan Norris, or leave your details with the Abbey office

ELDERS ON DUTY

MAY

Peter Bonnar, Robert Brown, Sally Cook, Evelyn Donaldson, Joan Garrigan, Alastair Giles, John Hannah, Ken Mackenzie, Margaret Sharp with Robin Craig in charge

JUNE

Alistair Campbell, Irene Doole, Jean Gardner, Sylvia Jenks, Jan Leeming, Michael McGill, Margaret Neil, Bill Riddell, Kenneth Ritchie, Margaret Wilson with David Goldie in charge

Articles for inclusion in the June issue of the Abbey Herald, which will be the last before the summer break, should be handed into the office or e-mailed to cathycraig73@aol.com or robincraig73@aol.com or to lilykennedy.4077@yahoo.co.uk **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT NO LATER THAN 12.30 PM ON SUNDAY 18 MAY**

COFFEE MORNING

Another successful coffee morning with home baking and children's Easter activities took place on 19 April. Over £300 was raised for Abbey funds.

The "Guess the Number of Eggs in the Jar" was won by Peter Bonnar whose guess was closest the answer of **561**. The next two closest were Val White and Gemma Willman who won little prizes.

Thanks to all who helped with donations of home baking, serving in the café and by coming along and having tea and coffee.

The next Coffee Morning on 17 May will be organised by the Scout Troop.

Do come along and support the Abbey!

THE FRIENDLY HOUR

27 March: Our speaker Dr. George McPhee needed no introduction to the group. After devotions and tea he spoke about how lucky he was that his work was also his passion. He explained how the church calendar influenced the choice of music. Susanne Rooney thanked him for his interesting talk.

10 April: We welcomed Aquila Singh back to visit us. Aquila's talk was entitled "My Journey of Faith". She told us about her background and how she had made the decision to study for the ministry. Susanne Rooney made a very appropriate and meaningful vote of thanks.

By the time you are reading this our last meeting of this session will have taken place. We are sure we will have enjoyed Di Adams talk entitled "The Krays and I".

We thank all who have worked to organise the Friendly Hour meetings and all who support it by attending the meetings.

Please come along and join us in September when the next session will begin.

TALK IT OVER GROUP

Thank you to everyone who collected the Wish Tokens from the Paisley Express for the group.

We have till the middle of May to send them in the Paisley Express office so if you have any lying around please hand them into the Abbey

Thank you

Cathy Craig

ABBEY FLOWERS

Below are the names and choice of dates of those people who have indicated that they wish to contribute to the Abbey Flowers during May and June.

Contact Eileen Murray if you wish to make any changes to these arrangements.

ABBEY

ST MIRIN CHAPEL

MAY

May 4: -

May 11: Mrs M. Neil

May 18: Mr. & Mrs McNicol

May 25: -

Mrs N. McGill

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Mrs M. Carlin

Mr. J. Wardrop

JUNE

June 1: Mrs C. Burgess

June 8: Miss E. & Miss M. Wilson

June 15: Mrs M. Gray

June 22: Mrs H. McAllister

June 29: Mr K. MacKenzie

Miss C. Pringle &

Mr I. Erskine

Mrs L. Gray

Mrs M. Noble

Mrs N. McGill

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Forthcoming Recitals

Saturday 17 May at 12.30pm

Andrew Laird (clarinet) & Ronald McIntosh (piano)

Tickets: £5 at the door

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Tuesday 20 May at 7.30pm

Christopher Stokes (Organist at Manchester Cathedral)
and Mark Rowlinson (Baritone)

Tickets: £10

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Sunday 1 June at 4pm

Laurie Gargan (trumpet) George McPhee (organ)

Tickets: £10

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SCOUT SECTION NOTES

Along with the other sections, the scout section attended the Group camp at the end of March. A range of activities took place including pioneering, backwood cooking, team challenges, mountain-biking and crate climbing. The winner of the award for the best scout overall at the camp was Alfred Millard.

On Saturday 5 April, a group of brave (mad??) scouts and leaders cycled round Cumbrae in torrential rain – at least it started off torrential but eased enough for us to have a picnic lunch three quarters of the way round. Despite the soaking, everyone had a good time and went home with a real sense of achievement!

COFFEE MORNING

The Scout Troop will be organising the next Coffee Morning, with home baking, which will take place on Saturday 17 May from 10.00am till 12.30pm.

There will probably be some other activity which at the moment remains a surprise.

Please come along and support the Scouts and the Abbey

PARISH REGISTER

March 2014

Baptism

23 Ellis McAusland

Wedding

29 March Shirley Ann Clark & William Gallagher

Deaths

Christine Baillie
Margaret Kyle

New Member

Jim McBeath

April 2014

Baptisms

6 April Claire Wallace (Adult)
6 April Thomas Houston
6 April Sophie Grace MacDonald
13 April Finlay James Donn

Services: 11 May to 3 June 2014

Sunday 11 May – Easter 4

11 am *Morning Service*

Readings Acts 2. 42-47
1 Peter 2. 19-25
St. John 10. 1-10

Music: Psalm 23

Responsorial

Te Deum *Stanford in C*
My Shepherd is the living Lord *McPhee*

12.15pm *Holy Communion*

4 pm *Choral Evensong*

Readings: Ezra 3. 1-13
Ephesians 2. 11-22

Music: Responses
Psalm 29 vv 1-10

Turle

Canticles *Gibbons (Short Service)*
The Lord is my Shepherd *Berkeley*

Tuesday 13 May

12 noon *Prayers*

Psalm 87

Readings: Job 31. 13-23
St. Matthew 7. 1-12
St. John 12. 20-36

Sunday 18 May – Easter 5

11 am *Holy Communion*

Readings: Acts 7. 55-60
St. John 14. 1-12

Music: Messe Basse *Fauré*
Gloria in *Excelsis* *Palestrina*
(Missa Papae Marcelli)
O God thou art my God *Purcell*

Tuesday 20 May

12 noon *Prayers*

Psalm 33. 18-22

Readings: Deuteronomy 8. 1-10
St. Matthew 6. 19-34

Sunday 25 May – Easter 6

11 am *Morning Service*

Readings: Acts 17. 22-31
1 Peter 3. 15-18
St. John 14. 15-21

Music: Psalm 66 *sel. Verses* *Thalben Ball*
Benedictus es *McPhee*
Laudibus in sanctis *Byrd*

4pm *Choral Evensong*

Tuesday 27 May – Rogation Day

12 noon *Prayers*

Psalm 138

Readings: Isaiah 32. 12-20
Romans 5. 1-11

Sunday 1 June – Ascensiontide

11 am *Holy Communion*

Readings: Acts 1. 1-11
St. Matthew 28. 16-20

Music: St. Anne Mass *MacMillan*
Gloria in Excelsis *Howells*
(Collegium Regale)
O clap your hands *Gibbons*

Tuesday 3 June

12 noon *Prayers*

Psalm 100

Readings: 1 Samuel 10. 1-10
1 Corinthians 12. 1-1