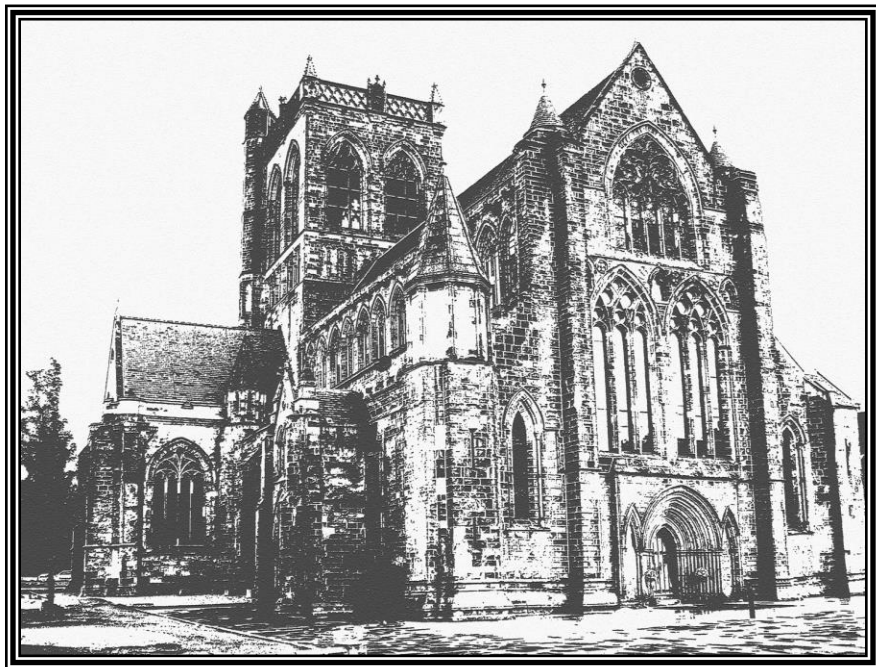


Paisley Abbey



Abbey Herald

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Dear Friends,

Between my writing this letter and your reading it, a very special occasion will have happened in the life of the Abbey, namely the presentation of long-service certificates at the Morning Service on Sunday 26 May to a number of the Abbey's elders, choir members and Sunday School staff by a former Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, The Very Reverend Dr. Lorna Hood. I reckon that the service recognised, not just by us in the Abbey but by the Church of Scotland as a whole, amounts to a total of over 430 years - a staggering figure.

The Abbey is truly blessed in all its volunteers, elders, choir members, Sunday School and crèche staff, flower arrangers, church stewards and welcomers, gift shop, coffee shop and cloister cafe helpers, helpers with aspects of the Abbey's administration and fund-raising - a huge list of people who are not only the life-blood of the Abbey, but who also manifest what it is to be the Church. I am reminded of one of the great prayers of the church which asks God to teach us to 'labour and not to ask for any reward save that of knowing that we do your will.' That is exactly what all of you who volunteer in any way do and it is your effort that enables the Abbey Church to continue its worship of God and its witness to the limitless love of God.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable summer and I wish each one of you every blessing.

Alan D. Birss
Minister at Paisley Abbey

ELDERS ON DUTY

JUNE 2019

Marjory Noble's Team

JULY 2019

Robin Craig's Team

AUGUST 2019

Michael McGill's Team

SEPTEMBER 2019

Team 1

Articles for the September 2019 issue of the Abbey Herald should be emailed to cathycraig73@aol.com or robincraig73@aol.com or handed into the office as soon as possible but no later than Sunday 18 August

CHRISTIAN AID LUNCH

Tickets, prices £6 for adults and £2 for children, for the Christian Aid Lunch on Sunday 9 June after the morning service are on sale in the Abbey Shop and in the Cloisters on a Sunday

Do come along and support this worthwhile cause

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Saturday 8 June Coffee Morning in aid of the Transplant Games (See separate notice)
- Sunday 9 June Christian Aid Lunch
- Saturday 22 June Coffee Morning from 10.00am in aid of the Choristers Fund (see separate notice)
Tickets for the Coffee Morning priced £2.50 are on sale in the Shop and in the Cloisters on a Sunday.
This will followed by a recital at 12.30pm by Andrew Laird (Clarinet) and Ronald McIntosh (Piano)
Entry to recital £5 payable at the door
- Saturday 6 July Sma'Shot Day
- Wednesday 17 July Kammer Philharmonic Concert at 7.30pm
- Saturday 7 and
Sunday 8 September Doors Open Day

SHOP NEWS

New items in the shop this month include mugs, notebooks, prints and cards designed by Jennifer Court.



Glasses case, pouches and purses by local company Canny Squirrel are back in the shop this month.

Local honey, chocolates and tablet are proving very popular.



Lucky sixpences are popular gifts and we now have quite a range of designs available.



As always we are looking for volunteers to help in the shop. If interested please contact Margaret Craig.

If you would be interested in helping with the stock please contact Carol Birss.

SMA'SHOT DAY

Although we are not having our large bookstall outside this year on Sma'Shot Day we hope to have a small one in the Abbey on that day. We would be grateful for books- however please do not hand in Readers Digest books, text books or out of date manuals as these do not sell!

Carol Birss

PARISH REGISTER – MAY 2019

Baptism

12 May Edith Margaret Young Murdoch

Funeral

3 May Con de Lange

SPECIAL OPEN DAYS 2019

It is that time of year again – our two open days are almost upon us.

This year the dates are as follows: **Sma' Shot Day Saturday 6th July** and **Doors Open Day Saturday 7th September** and **Sunday 8 September**(Church only after the morning service).

Sma'Shot Day

Due to the closure of the Town Hall most of the activities will be taking place around the Sma'Shot Cottages.

However the Abbey, Tower, Shop and Café plus our usual books and DVD stall will be open till 5pm.

There will be two events in the Abbey – “Design a Gargoyle” and an “Art Mural” in the Cloister area

Because of these changes we anticipate that we will not be as busy as usual so fewer volunteers will be required.

Margaret Craig (Abbey Shop), Robin Craig (Church) and Jan Norris (the Café) will be contacting people for their assistance

On **Doors Open Day** the Church, Tower, Place of Paisley, Shop & Café will be open to the public all day so stewards are required to welcome visitors and staff to man the Shop & Café.

As last year Renfrewshire Council plan to open the Mediaeval Drain on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th September. Entry to the Drain will be by ballot. The Abbey will remain open on the Sunday after the morning service until 3.45pm to enable visitors to view the artefacts from the Drain that are in the Sacristy museum.

If you can help please complete the form in this issue of the Herald or the one which will be in the Orders of Service during the coming months and return it to Robin Craig directly or via the

collection plate, shop or the Church office. All assistance will be greatly appreciated.

If you have never helped at Open Days before please consider doing so this year – I am sure that you will find it an interesting and enjoyable experience.

Another plea for help – the Abbey, Gift Shop & Café will be open as usual throughout the summer months. It is always difficult to staff the shop and Church during the holiday period. If you can spare some time to help in the shop or steward in the Church please let Margaret Craig (for the shop) or Robin Craig (for the Church) know via the Abbey office on 0141 889 7654 when you are available. Many thanks to everyone who has helped throughout the year

Robin Craig
Convenor of the Visitors Committee

SENIOR MEMBERS SUMMER OUTING

The 2019 summer outing will take place on Tuesday 18 June to Dobbies Garden Centre, Braehead for afternoon tea. Senior members should have had their invitations by now.

Marion McDougall, the transport convenor, will be in touch shortly with members planning to attend, and volunteer drivers about travel arrangements to and from Dobbies.



SPECIAL OPEN DAYS 2019

I am prepared to help on:

Doors Open Day

Saturday 7 September:

Sunday 8 September: (Church only from 12.30pm – 3.45pm)

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I would prefer to be in:

The Church:

The Stall in the church: **(Saturday only)**

The Café: **(Saturday only)**

The Place of Paisley: **(Saturday only)**

I am available:

Doors Open Day: Saturday - 9.30am - 1.00pm, 12.45pm - 4.15pm (includes setting up and tidying up)

All day Saturday:

Sunday: 12.30pm to 3.45pm

Name:

Email Address:

Telephone/Mobile:

If you find you are unable to help at the time you indicated could you please telephone the Abbey Office (0141 889 7654) by Friday 5th July

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN

Coffee Morning



**Come along to our Coffee Morning
on Saturday 22 June
from 10am till 12.30pm**

Proceeds to the Choristers Fund



**There will be a baking Stall with delicious home baking
for you to purchase**

Tickets £2.50

All Welcome

Paisley Abbey (Church of Scotland) - Registered Charity No SC007633

MORE EASTER TEASERS COMPETITION

49 completed forms (or mostly completed – 2 had one answer missing!) were received and the competition raised £241.00. The winner kindly donated the prize money to the Abbey and asked to remain anonymous. The runner-up was Andrew Waldman of Edinburgh and warm congratulations are sent to both.

The Answers were:

**Purple: Rabbit: Isinglass: Buns: Angels: Eostre (or Eastre):
Ash: Tuesday: Oberammergau: Faberge: Green: Bunny Hop:
Flopsy: Mopsy: Vernal (or Spring): Easter: Bach: Passion: Yeats:
Sinnel: and Astaire.**

Congratulations to everyone who completed the Competition correctly and to all those who contributed – by buying or selling – thank you so much.

SGC

THANK YOU

For the past 4 or 5 years Mrs Cathy Craig has been responsible for wonderful displays of a myriad of photographs depicting scenes from W.W.1.

Some of the latest display follows on from the end of W.W.1 showing Paisley's War Memorial with its poignant sculpture of "The Spirit of the Crusader" by Alice Meredith Williams on the top.

Thank you Cathy for all your research, commitment and contribution to the life of the Abbey

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FOODBANK

The next collection date will be Sunday 26 June. Collections will also be made over the summer on Sunday 29 July and Sunday 25 August.

Any basic food will be welcome. There was a very generous response last month.

Thanks to all who donate.

Margaret Sharp

PRESBYTERY PRAYTIME

Let us pray in faith and hope.

Eternal, loving God, amid the shrill cacophony of competing and often enticing ideologies that tempt and sometimes beguile us, help us to keep calm and hold on to the message of hope based on love as illustrated in the gospel of the words and deeds of Jesus.

In confusing and contradictory times, show us your way, and encourage us to follow it over all the obstacles. Amen.

(From Douglas Scott, presbytery prayer coordinator)





Coffee Morning

Paisley Abbey

SATURDAY 8TH JUNE 2019

10AM – 2PM



Enjoy delicious home baking with
tea or coffee
while supporting
The Transplant Games

Paisley Abbey (Church of Scotland) – Registered Charity No SC007633

SERVICES: 9 JUNE TO 1 SEPTEMBER 2019

Sunday 9 June – Pentecost

11 am Holy Communion

Readings

Acts 2. 1-11

St. John 14. 8-17

Music:

Communion Setting:-

Vaughan Williams in G

If ye love me

Tallis

Loquebatur variis linguist

Tallis

4 pm

Choral Evensong

Readings:

Exodus 33. 7-20

2 Corinthians 3. 4-18

Music:

Responses

McPhee

Psalm 33. 1-12

Canticles

Dyson in D

Dominus quis habtabit

Byrd

Sunday 16 June – Trinity Sunday

11 am Morning Service

Readings

Proverbs 8. 22-31

Romans 5. 1-5

St. John 16. 12-15

Music:

Psalm 8

Te Deum

Vaughan Williams in G

O lux beats Trinitas

Philips

12.15pm

Holy Communion

Saturday 22 June – Armed Forces Day

10am Ecumenical Service

Sunday 23 June – 1st Sunday after Trinity

11 am Morning Service

Readings: Isaiah 65. 1-9
Galatians 3. 26-29
St. Luke 8. 26-39

Music: Psalm 22 *selected verses*
Jubilate Deo *Purcell in Bb*
O clap your hands *Gibbons*

12.15pm Holy Communion

Sunday 30 June – 2nd Sunday after Trinity

11 am Morning Service

Readings: 1 Kings 19. 15-16, 19-21
Galatians 5. 1, 13-18
St. Luke 9. 51-62

Music: Psalm 34. 1-8
Benedictus *Stanford in C*
Tu es Petrus *Palestrina*

12.15pm Holy Communion

Sunday 7 July – 3rd Sunday after Trinity

11 am Holy Communion

Readings: Isaiah 66. 10-14
Galatians 6. 7-16
St. Luke 10. 1-11, 16-20

Music: St Anne Mass (*congregational
setting*)
MacMillan
Psalm 66 *Responsorial*

Sunday 14 July – 4th Sunday after Trinity

11 am Morning Service with Holy Baptism
Readings: Deuteronomy 30. 9-14
St. Luke 10. 25-37
Music: Psalm 67 *Responsorial*

12.15pm Holy Communion

Sunday 21 July – 5th Sunday after Trinity

11 am Holy Communion
Readings: Genesis 18. 1-10
Colossians 1. 24-28
St. Luke 10. 38-42
Music: St Anne Mass (congregational
setting)
MacMillan
Psalm 15 *Responsorial*

Sunday 28 July – 6th Sunday after Trinity

Services led by The Revd Janette Black

11 am Morning Service
Readings: Genesis 18. 20-32
Colossians 2. 6-15
St. Luke 11. 1-13
Music: Psalm 138 *Responsorial*

12.15 pm Holy Communion

Sunday 4 August – 7th Sunday after Trinity

Services led by The Revd Janette Black

11 am Morning Service

Readings Ecclesiastes 1 : 2. 12-14, 18-23

Colossians 3. 1-11

St. Luke 12. 13-21

Music: Psalm 95

Responsorial

Other music to be confirmed

12.15 pm Holy Communion

Sunday 11 August – 8th Sunday after Trinity

Services led by The Revd Margaret Whyte

11 am Morning Service

Readings: Genesis 15. 1-6

Hebrews 11. 1-3, 8-16

St. Luke 12. 32-40

Music: Psalm 33

Responsorial

Other music to be confirmed

12.15 pm Holy Communion

Sunday 18 August – 9th Sunday after Trinity

Services led by The Revd Margaret Whyte

11 am Holy Communion

Readings: Jeremiah 23. 23-29

Hebrews 11. 29 - 12. 2

St. Luke 12. 49-56

Music: Psalm 40

Responsorial

Other music to be confirmed

Sunday 25 August – 10th Sunday after Trinity

11 am Morning Service

Readings: Isaiah 58. 9-14
Hebrews 12. 18-29
St. Luke 13. 10-17

Music: Psalm 103. 1-8
Other music to be confirmed

12.15 pm Holy Communion

Sunday 1 September – 11th Sunday after Trinity

11 am *Holy Communion*

Readings: Proverbs 25. 6-7
Hebrews 13. 1-8, 15-16
St. Luke 14. 1, 7-14

Music: Psalm 112
Other music to be confirmed