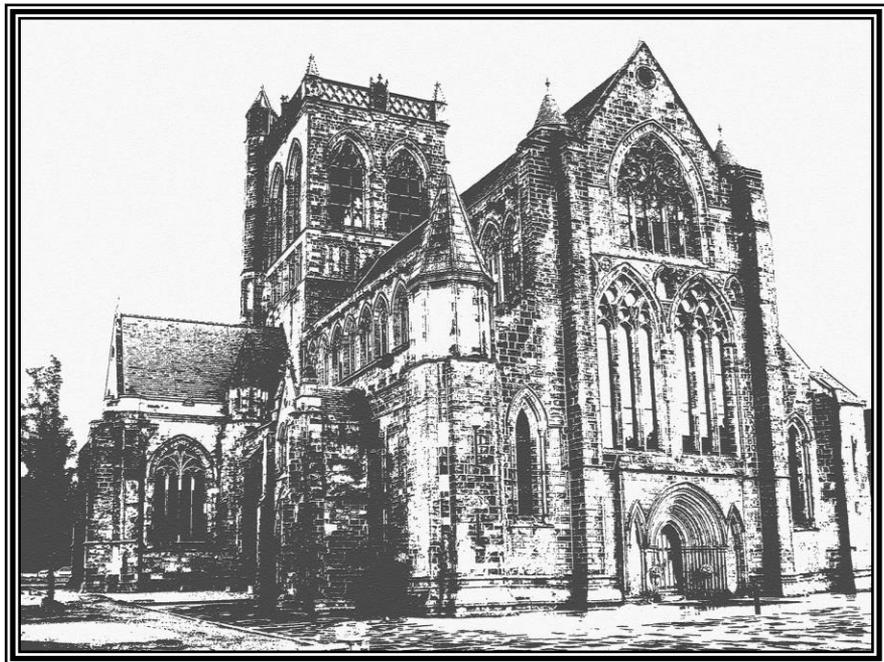


# **Paisley Abbey**



## **Abbey Herald**

**February 2018**

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Dear Friends,

Those of you who have managed to come to the Abbey recently will have noticed the marvellous screen and door in the cloisters. These greatly enhance the appearance of the 'way-in' to the Abbey and make access for people in wheelchairs or with prams so much easier. As you will see in this year's Lent Appeal pack, we have several projects in mind to further enhance the Abbey's ability to 'be the Church' in 21st century Paisley - and those words 'to be the Church' are crucially important. All we do is grounded in the belief that the church exists as a divine creation in order to offer worship to God and to witness to his love. Those are the fundamentals that govern what we do today as they have guided our forebears down through the centuries. How we worship and witness does change and must change as the world in which we live changes from age to age; but the fact that we worship and that we witness never changes. For that is what it is to be the Church.

Lent begins this year on 14 February. As last year I offer a guide to praying for the life of the Abbey during the days of Lent and you will find this in the centre of this magazine. Lent is also a good time for us to consider our own spiritual life and the place the Church has in our life. Many of you volunteer in various ways to support the worship and witness of the Abbey and every such gift of your time and talent is truly appreciated. I would like to use this Lenten edition of the Herald to ask you to consider two 'new' ways in which you might be able to offer service to the Abbey. One is to join one of our 'duty' teams on a Sunday welcoming worshippers, taking up the offering and distributing the elements at Holy Communion. The other is to be part of a team that will undertake certain maintenance and 'housekeeping' tasks around the Abbey and the Place of Paisley: there is an article about this elsewhere in the magazine. Do consider if you might be able to offer to help with either or both of these. Neither needs to involve a huge commitment of time but both will be, I believe, very rewarding ways of serving our Lord and his Church. If you could offer to help please let me know or hand in your name and contact details to the office.

Alan D Birss  
Minister at Paisley Abbey

**CELEBRATORY LUNCH**  
**SUNDAY 4 MARCH**  
**12.30pm**

All members of the Abbey family are invited to join our guests, Alan and Carol, at a special buffet lunch in celebration of the 30th anniversary of Alan's induction to the Abbey in March 1988.

The lunch will be provided by members of the congregation and will take place in the Place of Paisley at 12.30pm after the morning service.

To assist with catering arrangements, all those attending should pick up tickets in advance, either at the table in the cloisters on a Sunday morning or by leaving their names at the Abbey Office.

Tickets should be collected by **Sunday 25 February, at the latest.**

**PARISH REGISTER – JANUARY 2018**

**Baptism**

|             |                             |
|-------------|-----------------------------|
| 31 December | Holly Christine Adele Catto |
| 31 December | Sam Stewart Catto           |
| 31 December | Carter James Stewart        |

**Funeral**

|                 |                    |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| 28 December     | Peter Deans        |
| 16 January      | Robert Logan       |
| 25 January      | Margaret Hutchison |
| Funeral Private | Ina Saunders       |

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

**PAISLEY ABBEY CONCERT**  
**SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018 AT 7.30<sup>PM</sup>**

PAISLEY ABBEY CHOIR

MEZZO SOPRANO - PAMELA HAY

BARITONE - COLIN MURRAY

BASS FLUTE - EWAN ROBERTSON

CONDUCTOR - GEORGE MCPHEE

THREE DONNE LYRICS (1ST PERFORMANCE)  
- EDWARD MCGUIRE

MASS FOR DOUBLE CHOIR  
- FRANK MARTIN

REQUIEM OP9  
- MAURICE DURUFLÉ

**TICKETS £15**

AVAILABLE FROM ABBEY SHOP OR BY PHONE 0141 889 7654

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## **WORLD MISSION UPDATE JANUARY 2018**

Sandy Sneddon (COS Asia Secretary) recently visited Arunima Hospital in Kolkata. Sandy tells us about his visit –

### **Re Building lives in Kolkata, India**

Arunima Hospice in Kolkata cares for men, women and children infected or affected by HIV and AIDS (PLWHA). There are very few hospices in India and Arunima is the only such facility run by the Church of North India and was initiated by Rt Rev P.S.P Raju, former Bishop of Calcutta, CNI in 2005. The stated aim is to provide care, support and treatment for PLWHA to regain their physical, mental and social wellbeing. They provide social and vocational rehabilitation and strive to ensure that their clients live as healthy a life as possible.

There are residential facilities for men and women who need additional or palliative care. This is a valuable facility as PLWHA are prone to opportunistic infections and need in-patient care. When we visited all of the seven men in-patients were being treated for tuberculosis.

Arunima also does outreach work with people who are vulnerable, for example, commercial sex workers in Kolkata's Kalighat neighbourhood. Many of these women have migrated from villages or even neighbouring countries, some will have been trafficked. By raising awareness of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections, offering advocacy and training some women have been rescued and been able to return to their home villages. Their living conditions on Kalighat are among the most wretched I have seen anywhere. Arunima helps with giving money, food, and medicine to women who have nowhere else to go, no-one else to turn to for help.

The training programmes that Arunima Hospice offer include making jam and jelly, Eco-friendly paper packets, pickles, tailoring and potato chips.

Adjacent to the hospice is a children's home which currently has 43 school-aged children, most of them have HIV.

Perhaps the biggest difference made by Arunima Hospice is treating the men, women and children in their care with respect and giving them opportunities to rebuild their lives.

Arunima Hospice is supported by the Church of Scotland through its HIV Programme.

## **PRESBYTERY NOTES**

### **STEPPING FORWARD THROUGH THE YEAR**

Whenever we have doubts, may we remember to whom we can always turn

Eternal loving God, in our daily lives, help us to resist the temptation of taking the easy option, of going with the flow. Help us not just to say what people want to hear, or conform to the norm.

Jesus, our guide, stands up and stands out for what is good, for your will.

May we follow his footsteps and his example

Amen

(From Douglas Scott, Presbytery prayer coordinator)

## **FOOD BANK**

The February collection for the Renfrewshire Food Bank will be on Sunday 25.

Please make a note in your diary and add a few tins to your weekly shopping to help those struggling to make ends meet.

Many thanks to all who donate

## **ELDERS ON DUTY**

### **FEBRUARY 2018**

Jim MacGregor's Team

### **MARCH 2018**

Marjory Noble's Team

Articles for inclusion in March 2018 issue of the Abbey Herald, should be handed into the office or e-mailed to [cathycraig73@aol.com](mailto:cathycraig73@aol.com) or [robincraig73@aol.com](mailto:robincraig73@aol.com) **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT NO LATER THAN 12.30 PM ON SUNDAY 18th FEBRUARY**

## **THE FRIENDLY HOUR**

The two informal February meetings of the Friendly Hour will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2.00pm in the White Room.

Do come and join us.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- Saturday 17 February      Coffee Morning followed at 12.30pm by a recital by Ronnie McNiven
- Saturday 17 March      Coffee Morning followed at 12.30pm by a recital by Peter Wilson (Tenor) and George McPhee (Organ)
- Saturday 7 April      Coffee Morning followed by a recital at 12.30pm by Graham Scott (Organ) former Assistant Organist of Paisley Abbey and Bryanston School, Dorset
- Saturday 21 April      Coffee Morning followed by a recital at 12,30pm by Abbey Strings, Margot Smith & Catriona McGilvray, Claire Griffiths (Viola), Priscilla Routley (Cello)
- Saturday 26 May      Coffee Morning followed by a recital at 12.30pm by Ayr Choral Union, Conductor Gerry Doherty
- Saturday 23 June      Coffee Morning followed by a recital at 12.30pm by Andrew Laird (Clarinet) and Ronald McIntosh (Piano)

Each recital £5 payable at the door

## **SHOP NEWS**

Stock take has happened and our post-Christmas sale is now on with many bargains (new items being added often- when space on trolleys is available!) so do come and have a look! We have a large on-going card sale as well - in cafe corridor.

New stock is gradually coming to the shop and Easter stock will soon be on show. New items from the Trade Fair being held at the end of January will appear in the coming months.

A huge thank you to all Shop and Events staff whose hard work meant that we had a good financial year in the shop in 2017, (made even better by the large Events which were held throughout the year in and around the Abbey). Hopefully we will be able to keep this success going this year and be able to support the finances of the Abbey once more.

A new item which is in the shop this month is our new brochure about our wonderful organ. Well worth a read. The cost is only £2.50.

A couple of our old guide books are for sale at a greatly reduced price at the moment in order to make way for a planned new guide book, hopefully to be produced later in the year.

Carol Birss

## **CALLING ALL SHOP VOLUNTEERS AND CHURCH STEWARDS:**

### **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**COFFEE MORNING-FRIDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY  
10.00 a.m.-12.00 NOON in the PLACE of PAISLEY**

We would like to invite you to a Coffee Morning to say "Thank You" to all our volunteers for their help and support throughout the year, and we do hope that you will be able to attend.

So that we have some idea of numbers, could volunteers please add their names to the list in the shop, or contact Margaret either on 889-4019 or by email to [margaret.craig3@ntlworld.com](mailto:margaret.craig3@ntlworld.com) or Robin on 01505 323532 or by email to [robincraig73@aol.com](mailto:robincraig73@aol.com)

Look forward to seeing you on the 23rd.

### **COMPETITIONS IN 2017**

The four competitions which were drawn in 2017 (the "Cryptic Christmastide Competition", the "Easter Teasers", the "Connecting Words" and the "Pictionary Competition") raised a total of £1134.

From this, prize monies of £100 were paid out, so the nett total given to the Abbey during 2017 was £1034. Quite a useful sum!

I would personally like to thank everyone who sold – and will, I hope, continue to sell – these competitions to their friends and families; without their support this source of income would cease to exist. So thank you all so much.

Very often the competitions are sold to people who have no other connection with the Abbey so support is being given to our Abbey by many people who would otherwise make no contribution – and, according to feedback, they even enjoy this form of involvement

# Pray through Lent

Let us lift up to God the life of  
the Abbey each day during Lent

## General Collect for Lent

Almighty and everlasting God, you  
despise nothing you have made and  
forgive the sins of all who are  
penitent. Create and make in us  
new and contrite hearts. Give us  
grace worthily to lament our sins  
and acknowledge our brokenness,  
that we may receive from you, the  
God of all mercy, perfect remission  
and forgiveness; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord, Amen

- 14 February The Worship of the Abbey on Sundays and special days such as today, Ash Wednesday
- 15 February The Friendly Hour meeting fortnightly providing fellowship to members of the congregation and friends
- 16 February The Flower Guild providing fitting floral arrangements in the Abbey throughout the year
- 17 February The members of the congregation who read from the bible at our Sunday services
- 19 February The Sunday School and crèche, their leaders and the children who attend
- 20 February The Talk-it-over group and mothers suffering from post-natal depression.
- 21 February The Alcoholics Anonymous and Alanon Groups who meet in the Place of Paisley and in the Lawn Street halls
- 22 February The Choristers and their musical training that enriches the Abbey's worship and life
- 23 February The Property Committee and the fabric of our historic and nationally important buildings
- 24 February The stewards and 'welcomers' in the Abbey who greet all our visitors and offer them a warm welcome in Christ's name to the Abbey
- 26 February The Finance Committee with its task of ensuring that there is sufficient income to meet our expenditure
- 27 February The Abbey's guided tours
- 28 February The Scout Group, young people and adults
- 1 March The gift shop and coffee shop volunteers and those who draw up the rotas of helpers
- 2 March The Senior Choir, the Director of Music and the Assistant Organist
- 3 March The Saturday Cloister Café
- 5 March The Parish and Community Committee and the community projects it supports such as the Renfrewshire Food Bank

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| 6 March  | Our church officer and assistant church officer   |
| 7 March  | The duty teams of elders who welcome people to services   |
| 8 March  | The Kirk Session  |
| 9 March  | Civic events that take place in and around the Abbey, e.g. Armed Forces Day, Hallowe'en Festival, the switch-on of the Christmas lights |
| 10 March | The pilgrimage walking group that as they walk the may be drawn closer to God   |
| 12 March | Our visitors from overseas and other parts of the UK  |
| 13 March | The Pastoral Committee organising visitors and events for senior members no longer able to attend services in the Abbey                 |
| 14 March | The Abbey stitchers   |
| 15 March | Those who visit the Abbey in times of need to pray and seek peace   |
| 16 March | The Psalmody Committee and its work relating to the choir and music of the Abbey  |
| 17 March | Our Safeguarding co-ordinator and the work that is done to protect children and vulnerable adults                                       |
| 19 March | Paisley Abbey Music Society and its work supporting the music of the Abbey  |
| 20 March | The editors and distributors of the <i>Abbey Herald</i>   |
| 21 March | The Society of Friends of Paisley Abbey   |
| 22 March | The Visitors' Committee looking at ways to welcome people into the Abbey  |
| 23 March | The Abbey office, the secretary and volunteers who help there   |
| 24 March | Abbey Aid projects raising much needed funds through yoga, guitar classes and singing lessons   |
| 26 March | The University and West College Scotland who hold award ceremonies, dinners and other events in the Abbey                               |

- 27 March Paisley Grammar School attending services in the Abbey and other schools who visit to learn about their town and Paisley's mother church.
- 28 March The Abbey Strings, the Abbey Brass, the Christmas and Easter orchestras who provide music for special services and occasions
- 29 March The Holy Week worship of the Abbey
- 30 March Good Friday - kneel at the foot of the cross and pray for all in the Abbey family, known and unknown, who are in need of our prayers
- 31 March Holy Saturday - pray for those preparing the church for Easter

May we all have a prayerful and spiritually enriching Lent

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.....**

### **THE ABBEY NEEDS YOU!**

You are bound to have some skills that can be used in the Abbey. You may be good at painting, or an expert carpenter. Perhaps you are a dab-hand at housekeeping or have ‘green fingers’

Nothing is too daft.

The reason we are looking for volunteers is that there are a thousand jobs in and around the Abbey that need doing and it makes sense to maximise the use of Abbey members to bring the buildings and contents up to tip-top condition. That way, we use our available money to realise our wish-list of future projects.



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Please give us some of your time and call me as below  
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## **IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE ROYAL STEWARTS**

It has been some time since the Paisley Abbey 850 Pilgrims have been able walk but the first of the final set of walks of the “Walking in the Footsteps of the Royal Stewart’s” will be from Paisley Abbey to St Columba’s Church, Kilmacolm in February. Our final destination will be Mount Stewart on the Isle of Bute. Dates for walks Paisley Abbey to the Isle of Bute

Saturday 24th February 2018 - Paisley Abbey to Kilmacolm;

Saturday 24th March 2018 - Kilmacolm to Gourock

Saturday 19th May 2018 - Gourock to Wemyss Bay

Saturday 23rd June 2018 - Isle of Bute

Additional congregation, friends and non-walkers will be invited to join us in June, on the Isle of Bute

S Jenks



## SCOUT NOTES

At the time of writing all sections are just getting started again after the Christmas break. Both the older sections (Scouts and Explorers) have been involving the young people in planning the term's programme as part of Scouting's 'YouShape' initiative. Youth Shaped Scouting empowers young people to decide, design and implement their own programme and experiences guided by the leaders and the Abbey Scout Group has fully embraced this initiative. The Cub section has started the year with another camp, a District winter weekend camp at Lapwing Lodge, and several inches of snow ensured great fun was had by all. All our sections offer a great programme of badge work, games and outings with camps continuing to be the highlight of their scouting year for many of our young members. Although we have very healthy numbers, there is always room for more so if you know of young people aged 6 to 18 who are not already part of the Scout Group, do encourage them to give Scouting a try. We are sure they will love it and want to be part of it. The sections are Beavers (ages 6 - 8), Cubs (8 -10.5), Scouts (10.5 - 14) and explorers (14 -18). All sections are open to girls and boys.

The highest award a Cub can gain is the Chief Scout's Silver Award and recently two of our Cubs gained that award. Well done to Brodie and Erin.



## **SOME PUZZLES FOR WINTER COMPETITION**

The draw for the “Some puzzles for winter” Competition to place on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January and out of all the 25 all-correct answers received the first to be drawn, and therefore the winner, was Joy Doorghen of Inverurie and the runner up was Liz Gray of Renfrew. Congratulations go to both of them

The answers are as follows:

**S**now

**H**ogmanay

**R**um

**D**ecember

**P**resents

**T**urkey

**B**yzantium

**F**izz

**C**arols

**C**andle

**D**ickens

**F**rost

**H**olly

**S**crooge

**W**ine

**T**insel

**W**enceslas

**S**anta

**M**arley

**M**anger

A number of entrants submitted “Silent” as the answer to “Stile goes North to arrange a decoration” – which is, indeed a correct anagram but fails as the decoration!

As ever thanks to everyone who bought a competition and congratulations again to the two winners.

SGC

# **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

**FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH**

**PAISLEY ABBEY AT 2.00PM**

This year we will be praying for Suriname in South America whose Christian people have prepared this service.

M. Campbell



## **ANSWERS TO THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE WORD SCRAMBLE**

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Proverbs     | 11. Deuteronomy |
| 2. Revelation   | 12. Zechariah   |
| 3. Lamentations | 13. Numbers     |
| 4. Romans       | 14. Philippians |
| 5. Genesis      | 15. Ephesians   |
| 6. Hebrews      | 16. Philemon    |
| 7. Exodus       | 17. Jeremiah    |
| 8. Hosea        | 18. Judges      |
| 9. Galatians    | 19. Obadiah     |
| 10. Jonah       | Esther          |

## CHRISTIAN AID

In 2018 Christian Aid will continue to expose the scandal of poverty. They will continue to challenge structures and systems that favour the rich and powerful over the poor and marginalised.

### NOW THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS BEGINS

(Howard Thurman. Theologian and civil rights leader)

When the song of the angel is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
the work of Christmas begins.  
to find the lost,  
to heal the broken,  
to feed the hungry,  
to release the prisoner,  
to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among the people,  
to make music in the heart.

M Sharp



The new Cloister entrance

# BOOKS OF THE BIBLE WORD SCRAMBLE

1. svrbproe .....
2. ervleaonit .....
3. smtletanaoni .....
4. omrnas .....
5. gnsesie .....
6. bwserhe .....
7. uxsd .....
8. haeos .....
9. snaaltagi .....
10. ojnha .....
11. eudtermooyrn .....
12. rcahahezi .....
13. nbuesmr .....
14. nsppailiiph .....
15. seiephans .....
16. oieplmnh .....
17. eihemjra .....
18. eugjds .....
19. hobaaid .....
20. hrtsee .....

## SERVICES: 11 FEBRUARY TO 4 MARCH 2018

### Sunday 11 February – *The Last Sunday after the Epiphany*

#### 11am Morning Service

Readings: 2 Kings 2. 1-12  
2 Corinthians 4. 3-6  
St Mark 9. 2-9

Music: Jubilate Deo *McPhee*  
O nata lux *Tallis*

#### 12.15 pm Holy Communion

#### 4pm Choral Evensong

Readings: 1 Kings 19.1-16  
2 Peter 1.16-21

Music: Responses *Clucas*  
Psalm 6  
Canticles *Thalange (Paisley Service)*  
Lux aeterna (Requiem) *Duruflé*

## LENT BEGINS

### Wednesday 14 February - *Ash Wednesday*

#### 7.30 pm Choral Communion

Readings: Joel 2: 1-2; 12-17  
2 Corinthians 5: 20 - 6. 2  
St. Matthew 6: 1-6; 16-18

Music: Psalm 51 *Allegri*  
Communion setting *Plainsong*  
Lord for thy tender mercy's sake  
*Farrant / Hilton*

### Sunday 18 February – *Lent 1*

#### 11am Holy Communion

Readings: Genesis 9. 8-15  
St. Mark 1. 12-15

Music: Communion Setting *Fauré Messe Basse*  
Hear my prayer *Batten*

**Sunday 25 February – Lent 2**

**11am Morning Service**

Readings: Genesis 17. 1-7; 15-16

Romans 4. 13-25

St. Mark 8. 31-38

Music: Psalm 63. 1-8

Venite

*Weelkes (Short Service)*

O Lord in thy wrath

*Gibbons*

**12.15 pm Holy Communion**

**4 pm Evening Service**

Readings: Genesis 12.1-9

Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16

**Friday 2 March**

**2 pm World Day of Prayer Service**

**Sunday 6 March – Lent 3**

**11am Holy Communion**

Readings: Exodus 20. 10-17

St. John 2. 13-22

Music: Communion Setting for congregational singing –

St. Anne Mass

*MacMillan*

Civitas sancti tui

*Byrd*