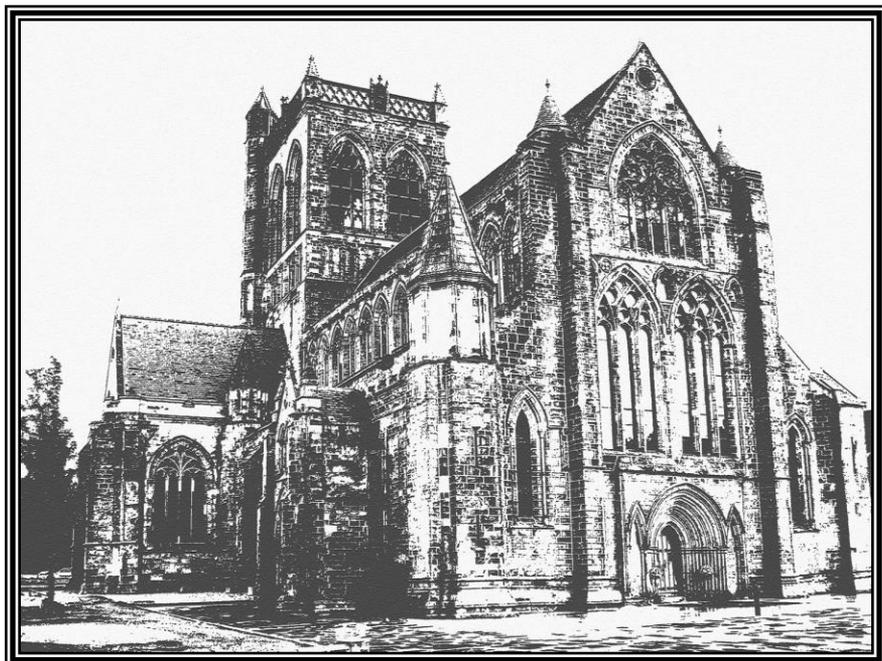


Paisley Abbey



Abbey Herald

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Dear Friends,

A very happy New Year to you all

January, coming after what is always a very hectic time in Advent leading up to Christmas, might be thought to offer a slightly quieter and less hectic schedule. However, that is certainly not the case in Paisley Abbey. No sooner will we have celebrated the Epiphany than we will be in to the annual stocktaking in the shop. This is always a major undertaking but an essential one to ensure that the Abbey has an accurate record of the stock we hold in the shop. The shop is an important part of our witness and the 'ministry of welcome' that is a hallmark of the life of the Abbey. Hard on the heels of the stocktaking will be a book launch event in the St. Mirin Chapel quickly followed by a three day recording session when our Choir will record various pieces of church music written by modern Scottish composers. Then later in the month we will have the third of our annual carol services, the Epiphany Carol Service and on the same day (26 January) a Scots themed lunch and a 'Come and Sing Handel's Messiah' when an invitation is extended to anyone who would like to sing that great work to come long and experience the joy of singing The Messiah with an orchestra under the direction of our own Director of Music George McPhee. So you can see January will be anything but quiet! And that is of course a very good thing. Worship and witness are two key ingredients of what it is to be the Church. Worship is at the heart of all we do and leads to witness (or service) in the parish and community. Both worship and witness depend on fellowship; the fellowship we have with God in Christ and the fellowship we have with one another. So events like the Scots Lunch are really important and worthwhile - for sharing a meal together will, I think, both deepen our worship and enrich our witness to the community.

ELDERS ON DUTY

JANUARY 2020

Marjory Noble's Team

FEBRUARY 2020

Robin Craig's Team

Articles for the February edition of the Abbey Herald should be emailed to Cathy Craig at cathycraig73@aol.com or Robin Craig at robincraig73@aol.com by Sunday 19th January.

FOODBANK

The next collection will be on Sunday 26 January.

Tinned potatoes, cartons of juice, tinned fruit, custard, rice, jam, tinned fish, shampoo and shaving gel are needed.

Margaret Sharp

PARISH REGISTER – DECEMBER 2019

Funeral

5 December	Mary Whitehill
5 December	Ann Brown
17 December	Wm. Alan McNicol

NEW MEMBERS BY CONFIRMATION

Annie Pickard
Stephanie Ritchie

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 25 January Recital at 12.30pm with Alistair
Savage and Friends

Sunday 26 January Scots Lunch
Come and Sing Messiah

ADVANCE NOTICE

Saturday 8 February Olivia Giles “500 Miles” 12.30pm
St. Mirin Chapel

Friday 21 February Volunteers Coffee Morning

Saturday 22 February Recital with Ralph McDonald
(Baritone) with George McPhee
(Piano)

Entry to recitals each £5 payable at the door

Tuesday 25 February Beetle Drive with a difference

**Come and Sing HANDEL'S MESSIAH with
orchestra
In Paisley Abbey on Sunday 26 January 2020**

Directed by Dr George McPhee

**Rehearsal 2.30 with entry from 2.00 Performance
6.30**

Ticket Prices

Adult singers	£15
School pupils and Students	£5
Audience	£5

All singer applications are welcomed, but places are allocated on a first come, first served basis, enabling the conductor to achieve as balanced a choir as possible. Early applications are appreciated

On this occasion scores will not be provided.

You are welcome to make copies of this registration form for friends. Only applications returned with payment will ensure a place is reserved.

Cheques to be made payable to **Paisley Abbey Music Society**
Forms and payment to be returned to Miss P. Routley, Paisley
Abbey Choir, c/o Paisley Abbey, Abbey Close, Paisley, PA1 1 JG

Email enquiries to proutley@talktalk.net

Please register using the tear – off slip below

All funds raised support the music in Paisley Abbey

Name of singer

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S A T B (Please circle)

Contact address/contact number/ email

Do you require confirmation/receipt of payment yes/no?

FIND BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

GIVE UP? HERE ARE THE ANSWERS:

I once made a **remark** about the hidden books of the Bible (merely by a **fluke**). It kept people **looking** so hard for the **facts** and for others it was a **revelation**. Some were in a **jam**, **especially** since the names of the books were not capitalized, but the **truth** finally struck home to **numbers** of readers. To others it was a real **job**. We want it to be **a most** fascinating few moments for you. **Yes, there** will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require **judges** to help them. I will quickly admit **it usually** takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud **lamentations** when it is found. A little lady says **she brews** a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can **compete**. **Relax now**. There really are sixteen names of books in this story.

SCOTS LUNCH

We are holding a Scots Lunch on Sunday 26 January 2020.
Tickets are on sale for this event in the Shop and in the Cloisters on a Sunday.

Adults £8
Children £3

Do come along and join us

“BEETLE WITH A DIFFERENCE”

Our February fund raising event will be a Beetle Drive with a difference. Information will follow.

Tickets will be on sale soon in the Shop and the Cloisters on a Sunday.

Do come along to this family fun night

CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH

Thank you to everyone who attended the Congregational Lunch on 8 December.

Judging by the amount of conversation going on everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves. It was a happy occasion and people were able to chat with and get to know others they do not normally meet on a Sunday.

Thank you also to everyone who donated prizes for the raffle. It was very much appreciated. Thank you also to Finlay who helped to distribute the prizes to the winners.

Marion and Cathy

FIND BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

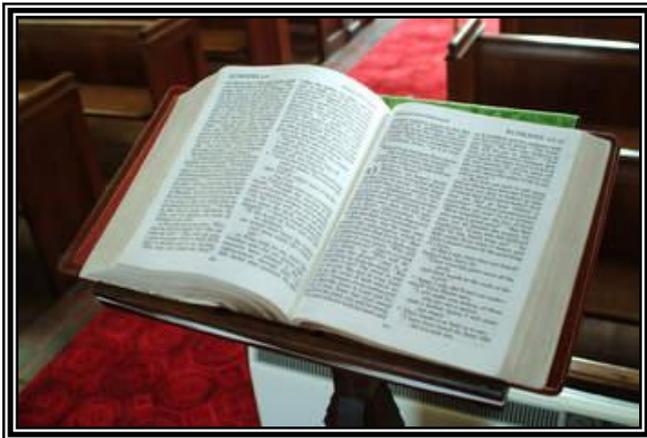
There are 16 books of the Bible hidden in the following story. Spacing of letters, words, and punctuation are not to be considered. Can you find all 16?

“I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu — ke pt people looking so hard for facts, and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam; especially since the names of the books were not capitalized, but the truth finally struck home to numbers of the readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others might require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a preacher to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found! A little lady says she brews a cup of tea, so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now, for there really are 16 names of books of the Bible in this story.”

Author Unknown

Answers are on another page in the Abbey Herald

Good Luck



SENIOR MEMBERS OUTING TO DOBBIES

The Pastoral Committee would like to thank all the willing volunteer drivers who transported our guests to Dobbies on 12 December.

32 of us enjoyed the lavish tea – so lavish that many left with a doggy bag so that they could continue to enjoy the sandwiches and cream cakes once they got home.



It was, I think a very happy afternoon and could not have happened without the help of the drivers.

Particular thanks to Marion McDougall who made all the transport arrangements and whose organisation was again flawless.

From the guests and from the Pastoral Committee – thank you all.

S.G.C.



SCOUT NOTES



At the **Cub** sleepover in December, the cubs completed the Disability Awareness and Scientist activity badges. Cubs were also awarded the Teamwork challenge award that they had been working on since September, and also nights away badges.

Cubs have also been working on their My Faith activity badge. They were learning about how children celebrate Christmas in different countries in Europe (mostly around how they get chocolate gifted to them!). They also made boots which they put out for Saint Nicholas to gift them some chocolate coins as it was St Nicholas day on the night of our sleepover. A visit to the Abbey will follow in the New Year to help complete that badge.



The **Beavers** have also been working on international theme learning about different countries and scouting in these countries. For example, the youngest section in South Africa Scouting is called Meerkats and their promise is 'I will love my God, be kind and stand tall.' Beavers and Cubs came together for a film night to mark the end of the term and a great time was had by all.

The Scouts have also had a varied and full programme over the past month including a visit to the Scottish Parliament as part of an event celebrating the impact Scouts have in the community and taking part for a second year in the Wee Sleepout, a project that aims to highlight the issue of homelessness. The scouts spent the night in the Renfrewshire Council carpark which enabled



them to experience something of what it must be like to be a 'rough sleeper' while still in a secure environment. The support of Renfrewshire Council in making this event possible is greatly appreciated. The term ended with an evening trampolining - an event that definitely went with a bounce!!

All three sections resume for the new term on Friday 10 January, with the Beavers and Cubs meeting in the halls and the Scouts off to a Winter Weekend camp.

There are some vacancies in the Beaver and Cub sections. Beavers meet on a Friday from 6.30pm to 7.30pm and cater for girls and boys aged 6 to 8 and Cubs also meet on a Friday, in their case from 7.30pm to 9.30pm, and is for girls and boys aged 8 to 10.5

Do encourage any child you know in those age groups to give it a go as we are sure that if they come once they will want to come back again and again!!



OLIVIA GILES O.B.E.

500 MILES

In 2002 Olivia contacted the blood poisoning form of Meningitis as a result of which both her lower legs and lower arms had to be amputated. After months of rehabilitation she made a full recovery and is fully mobile on prosthetic legs.

In 2007 Olivia founded the charity, 500 miles, which helps people in Malawi and Zambia who have lost limbs or the use of limbs to enjoy maximum mobility and body function by helping them to get access to artificial limbs and limb supports.

Olivia will be speaking about 500 miles and about how her experience led her to set up the charity.

**Paisley Abbey
in the
St. Mirin Chapel
on
Saturday 8th February 2020
at
12.30pm**



Services: 5 January to 2 February 2020

Sunday 5 January – *Epiphany*

11am Holy Communion

Readings: Isaiah 60. 1-6
St. Matthew 2. 1-12

Music: St. Anne's Mass *MacMillan*
The Three Kings *Cornelius*

Sunday 12 January – *Baptism of Christ*

11am Morning Service led by The Revd Margaret Whyte

Readings: Isaiah 42. 1-9
Acts 10. 34-43
St. Matthew 3. 13-17

Music: Benedictus es *McPhee*
The Lamb *Taverner*

12.15pm Holy Communion (short service in the St. Mirin Chapel)

Sunday 19 January - *Second Sunday after the Epiphany*

11am Holy Communion

Readings: 1 Corinthians 1. 1-9
St John 1. 29-34

Music: Missa Brevis *Palestrina*
Omnes de Saba *Handl*

Sunday 26 January – *Third Sunday after the Epiphany*

11am Epiphany Carol Service

Readings: St. Matthew 2. 1-11
The Epiphany - Godfrey Rust
Isaiah 60. 1-6
Journey of the Magi - T S Eliot
Colossians 1. 11-20

Music: Benedictus es *McPhee*

Here is the little door *Howells*
In the bleak midwinter *Darke*
Gaude Maria Virgo *Johnson*
Almighty God, who by the leading of a
star *Bull*

12.15pm **Holy Communion** (short service in the St. Mirin
Chapel)

6.30pm ‘Come & Sing’ performance of the ‘Messiah’

Sunday 2 February – *Candlemas*

11am **Holy Communion**

Readings: Malachi 3. 1-4
St. Luke 2. 22-40

Music: Missa ‘iste confessor’ *Palestrina*
 Hail! Gladdening Light *Wood*
 Senex puerum portabat *Byrd*
 Nunc Dimittis

