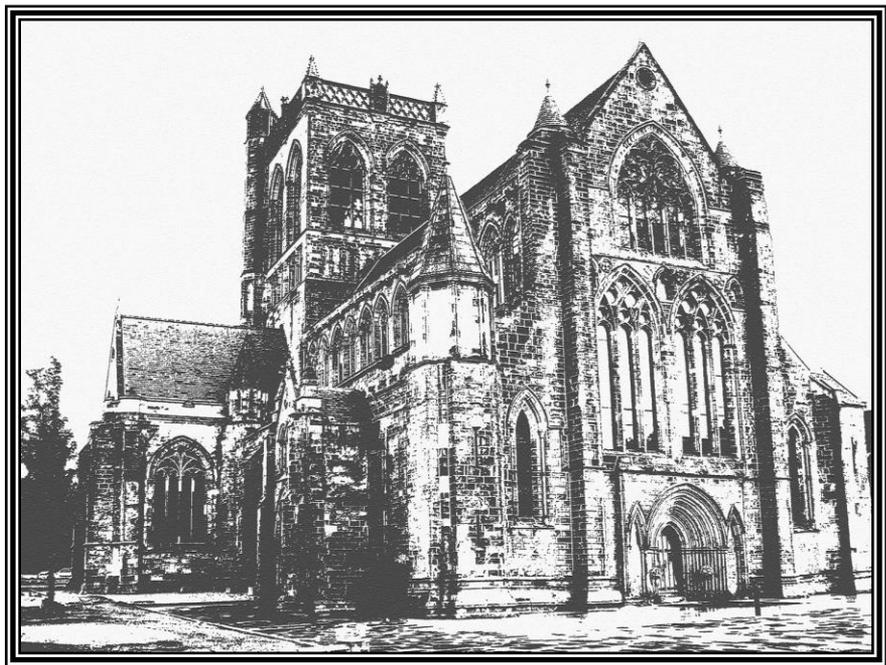


Paisley Abbey



Abbey Herald

February 2019

January 2019

Dear Friends,

In January every year the Church has as its liturgical guide the great message of the Epiphany that the child in the manger born of Mary was the incarnate Son of God, the manifestation of the love of God in our world and for all our world. The Christian kneeling at the crib does so alongside shepherds and visitors from a far land. Before Christ, all that divides one person from another is broken down. Race, religion, political allegiance, social status, gender, sexual orientation - none of these matter as we kneel together before the Christ child. We are all God's children and, therefore, brothers and sisters of each other. As we enter a new year, as individuals and as a church community may it be our endeavour to break down barriers and affirm the worth and dignity of all. I believe that in the Abbey we are committed to being an inclusive church welcoming and affirming of all. May being that kind of church and that kind of people be our vision and our goal throughout this year.

Among the most scandalous and saddest of divisions are the divisions in the Church: which is why the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is, I believe, so important. The week always runs for 8 days from the 18th to the 25th of January and so the Sunday within the week of Prayer for Christian Unity this year falls on 20 January. On that day Paisley Christians will come together in the Abbey at 3pm for an ecumenical service. As we pray together we shall hopefully grow closer and closer together and manifest to society at large the unity that should be the hallmark of those who acknowledge Jesus to be both the Son of Mary and the incarnate Son of God.

Alan D. Birss
Minister at Paisley Abbey

ELDERS ON DUTY

FEBRUARY 2019

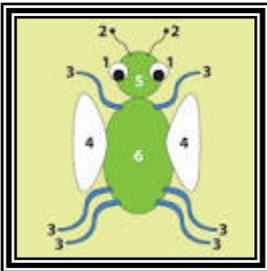
Marjory Noble's Team

MARCH 2019

Robin Craig's Team

Articles for the March 2019 issue of the Abbey Herald could be emailed to cathycraig73@aol.com or robincraig73@aol.com or handed into the office as soon as possible but no later than Sunday 17 February

BEETLE DRIVE



Our next fund raising event will be a family Beetle Drive on Monday 18 February.

This is always a fun evening so do come along and join us.

Tickets are on sale in the Cloisters and the Abbey shop.

Adults £5 Children £1

Some light refreshments included



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 18 February	Family Beetle Drive
Sunday 17 February	Thomas Coats Choral Concert 7.30pm
Sunday 24 March	“I Was Glad” - Paisley Abbey Choir & Orchestra Concert 7.30pm
Monday 1 April	Quiz Night – Information will follow soon

PARISH REGISTER –JANUARY 2019

Funeral

4 January Dr Robert Brown

New Member Lorraine Alexander

FOODBANK

Many thanks to those who donated last month

Any non-perishable food is always welcome as are cash donations. Receipts are always given for cash donations.

The next FoodBank collection will be on Sunday 24 February

Margaret Sharp

I WAS GLAD

PAISLEY ABBEY CHOIR & ORCHESTRA

BARITONE - COLIN MURRAY
CONDUCTOR - GEORGE McPHEE

PARRY
I WAS GLAD
SONGS OF FAREWELL
BLEST PAIR OF SIRENS

STANFORD
SONGS OF THE FLEET

SUNDAY 24TH MARCH 2019 AT 7.30^{PM}

TICKETS £18

AVAILABLE FROM ABBEY SHOP OR BY PHONE 0141 889 7654

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CALLING ALL SHOP VOLUNTEERS AND CHURCH STEWARDS:

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

**COFFEE MORNING – FRIDAY 22ND 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 or Robin on 01505 323532 or by email to robincraig73@aol.com

Look forward to seeing you on the 22nd.

SCOUT NOTES

Although we are just in to the new term, the Cubs and Scouts have already been away on winter camps. The Cubs took part in a District Winter Camp at Lapwing Lodge and the Scouts took part in a national SubZero Camp in Northumberland. Both groups had an excellent time with many and varied activities. Meanwhile, back in the halls, the Beavers have started looking at the night sky and identifying planets and stars - hopefully we'll have many clear nights to help them in their discoveries.

New members (girls and boys) are always welcome in all sections of the Abbey Scout Group. The sections are Beavers (ages 6 - 8), Cubs (8 -10.5) and Scouts (10.5 - 14). Beavers meet on a Friday from 6.30pm to 7.30pm and the Cubs and Scouts on a Friday from 7.30pm to 9.30pm in the Abbey Halls in Lawn Street. In addition the Paisley North Explorer Scout Unit for young people aged 14-18 also meets in our halls on a Wednesday from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

Pray through Lent

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

General Collect for Lent

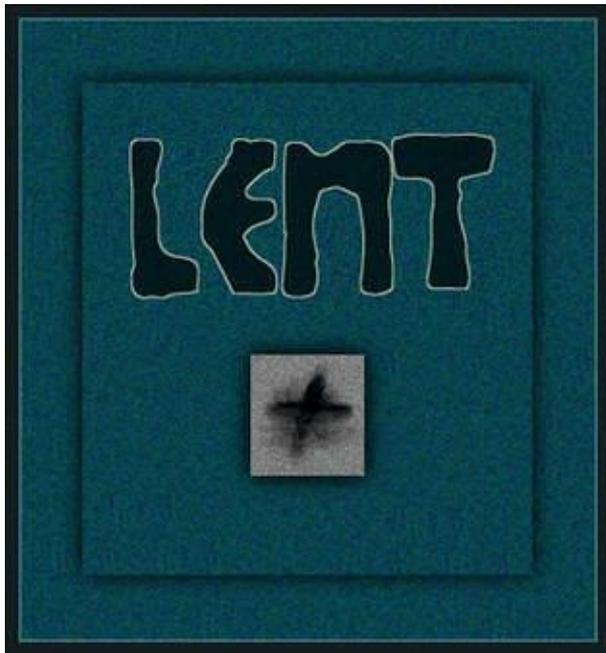
Almighty and everlasting God, you despise nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create and make in us new and contrite hearts. Give us grace worthily to lament our sins and acknowledge our brokenness, that we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission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

- 6 March The Worship of the Abbey on Sundays and special days such as today, Ash Wednesday
- 7 March The Friendly Hour meeting fortnightly providing fellowship to members of the congregation and friends
- 8 March The Flower Guild providing fitting floral arrangements in the Abbey throughout the year
- 9 March The members of the congregation who read from the bible at our Sunday services
- 11 March The Sunday School and crèche, their leaders and the children who attend
- 12 March The Talk-it-over group and mothers suffering from post-natal depression
- 13 March The Alcoholics Anonymous and Alanon Groups who meet in the Place of Paisley and in the Lawn Street halls
- 14 March The Choristers and their musical training enriching the Abbey's worship and life
- 15 March The Property Committee and the fabric of our historic and nationally important buildings
- 16 March 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
- 18 March The Finance Committee with its task of ensuring that there is sufficient income to meet our expenditure
- 19 March The Abbey's guided tours
- 20 March The Scout Group, young people and adults
- 21 March The gift shop and coffee shop volunteers and those who draw up the rotas of helpers
- 22 March The Senior Choir, the Director of Music and the Assistant Organist
- 23 March The Parish and Community Committee and the community projects it supports such as the Renfrewshire Food Bank
- 25 March Our church officer and assistant church officers

- 26 March The duty teams of elders who welcome people to services
- 27 March The Kirk Session.
- 28 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.
- 29 March The pilgrimage walking group that as they walk the may be drawn closer to God
- 30 March Our visitors from overseas and other parts of the UK
- 1 April The Pastoral Committee organising visitors and events for senior members no longer able to attend services in the Abbey
- 2 April The Abbey stitchers
- 3 April Coffee mornings and the opportunity to welcome people to the Abbey with home-baking
- 4 April The Psalmody Committee and its work relating to the choir and music of the Abbey
- 5 April Our Safeguarding co-ordinator and the work that is done to protect children and vulnerable adults
- 6 April Paisley Abbey Music Society and its work supporting the music of the Abbey
- 8 April The editors and distributors of the *Abbey Herald*.
- 9 April The Society of Friends of Paisley Abbey.
- 10 April The Visitors' Committee looking at ways to welcome people into the Abbey
- 11 April The Abbey office, the secretary and volunteers who help there
- 12 April Abbey Aid projects raising much needed funds through yoga, singing lessons, jam making and much else.
- 13 April The University and West College Scotland who hold graduation and award ceremonies, dinners and other events in the Abbey

- 15 April Paisley Grammar School attending services in the Abbey and other schools who visit to learn about their town and Paisley's mother church
- 16 April The Abbey Strings, the Abbey brass, the Christmas and Easter orchestras who provide music for special services and occasions
- 17 April Those who visit the Abbey in times of need to pray and seek peace.
- 18 April Maundy Thursday - The Holy Week worship of the Abbey
- 19 April 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.
- 20 April Holy Saturday - pray for those preparing the church for Easter.

May we all have a prayerful and spiritually enriching Lent



CAPITAL CITIES COMPETITION

The winner of the Capital Cities Competition (drawn on 20 January) was a certain Mrs Catherine Craig of Elderslie – a thoroughly deserved win as Cathy not only regularly sells a number of the competitions on behalf of the Abbey but also invariably sends in an all correct answers.

The runner up was Mr John McGruther of Glasgow – again a regular participant in the competitions and thus a valued supporter of the Abbey.

Congratulations to them both and as ever a warm thank you to everyone who bought a competition.

The answers are:

1. Vienna
2. Beijing
3. Cairo
4. Accra
5. New Delhi
6. Belfast
7. Brasilia
8. Jakarta
9. Tokyo – (Kyoto was also an acceptable answer as for 1000 years it was the imperial capital of Japan and no stipulation had been made on the competition that the answers should be a current capital city)
10. Amsterdam
11. Riyadh
12. Singapore
13. Pretoria
14. Warsaw
15. Taipei
16. London
17. Harare
18. Budapest
19. Sofia
20. Mexico City
21. Canberra
22. Washington

It may be of interest that since these competitions began on a regular basis in 2014 (with a one off in 2012) up until the end of 2018 over £5000 has been given to the Abbey - Truly a worthwhile contribution.

Sincere thanks are due to everyone who helped achieve this sum either by selling or buying them.

It is particularly gratifying to note that, judging by the competitions forms received, well over half of the participants have no immediate connection with the Abbey and very many more come from “furth” of Paisley.

Particular thanks are due to all these kind supporters whose interest and support of the Abbey is really appreciated – but of course everyone who has ever bought or sold a competition, has helped to raise that £5000. So thank you all.

S.G.C.

PAISLEY ABBEY MUSIC SOCIETY (PAMS)

The Annual General Meeting of PAMS will be held in the Place of Paisley at 12.30pm on Sunday 17 February. The AGM will be preceded by a light lunch.

Would members please note that the annual subscription of £20 is now due

For further information contact:

Marion McDougall, Secretary, tel, 0141 889 6463 (h) or 07710 486 462 (m)

mazzamcd@googlemail.com

VISITORS TO THE ABBEY

To quote from a previous article by the minister “to welcome people into the Abbey during the week and on a Sunday is fundamental to our Christian witness and over the years many visitors have expressed appreciation for the welcome they have received”.

To this end the congregation, shop and church volunteers have doubled their efforts to welcome visitors, tourists and pilgrims to the Abbey no matter the reason for their visit.

The after service coffee/tea on a Sunday is a time when visitors are invited to join the congregation for tea/coffee and this can be a daunting experience when you don't know anyone.

For over a year now we have had a nominated volunteer standing at the entrance to the “café corridor” to welcome visitors and to show them where to go etc. This is an easy task that anyone could do – it involves showing visitors where to obtain tea/coffee and finding a seat. Hopefully congregation members already seated will invite visitors to join them. Many conversations with visitors can be interesting and informative. There is no need to help with the tea/coffee as there are others to do that.

Our list for “Welcomers” could do with a few more volunteers as people have dropped out for various reasons.

If you feel you could do this small task please speak to me, to Cathy Craig or leave your name at the office or the shop.

Thanking you in anticipation of your support.

Robin Craig
Convenor of Visitors

SERVICES: 10 FEBRUARY TO 3 MARCH 2019

Sunday 10 February – *The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany*

11am Morning Service

Readings: Isaiah 6. 1-8

1 Corinthians 15. 1-11

St Luke 5. 1-11

Music: Psalm 137 (Responsorial)

Te Deum

Ireland in F

See, see, the word is incarnate *Gibbons*

12.15 pm Holy Communion

4pm Choral Evensong

Readings: Wisdom 6. 1-21

Colossians 3. 1-22

Music: Responses

Smith of Durham

Psalms 1, 2

Canticles *Howells (St. Paul's Service)*

There is an old belief

Parry

Sunday 17 February – *The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany*

11am Holy Communion

Readings: Jeremiah 17. 5-8

St. Luke 6. 17, 20-26

Music: Communion Setting:-

Monteverdi (In illo tempore)

The Beatitudes

Pärt

Sunday 24 February – *The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany*

11am Morning Service with Holy Baptism

Readings: Genesis 45. 3-11, 15
1 Corinthians 15. 35-38, 45-49
St. Luke 6. 27-38

Music: Psalm 37. 1-11, 39-40

Jubilate Deo

The heavens are telling

McPhee

Haydn

12.15 pm Holy Communion

4 pm Evening Service

Readings: Genesis 1. 1 - 2. 3
St. Matthew 6. 25-34

Sunday 3 March – *The Last Sunday after the Epiphany*

11am Holy Communion

Readings: Exodus 34. 29-35
St. Luke 9. 28-36

Music: Communion Setting for congregational singing –

St. Anne Mass

MacMillan

O nata lux

Tallis

Ash Wednesday 2019

Wednesday 6 March

Holy Communion at 7.30pm