

Paisley Abbey



Abbey Herald

June 2022

*Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.
(Psalm 84:3)*

We cannot escape the news at the moment of the awful plight of those fleeing Ukraine because it is so unsafe to live there. The message I hear from those who have arrived in the UK is that they are very grateful to be here and to be safe, but they would much prefer to be at home, with their families, in the places where in the past they have felt the most comfortable.

I don't know about you, but I am sometimes relieved to get back home after a spell away, even though I might be returning from a holiday. It is good to be somewhere where we feel safe and secure and are surrounded by familiar things.

I love the verse above which is from Psalm 84. The sparrows and swallows all can find their home where they feel comfortable enough to lay their young. We are very lucky to have sparrows nesting in the eaves of the manse. I love seeing them flying about with twigs and moss for their nests and food for their young.

We are very grateful for our new manse which is now feeling like home. We have more or less unpacked (just a few boxes to go) and are settling in. The dogs love the garden; there is plenty of space for them to run around and also to sun themselves and we are close to Brodie Park too. The cat also likes to sit at the windows and watch the world go by, that is when he is awake!

The house itself was built in the 1880s and was used as a doctor's surgery over a number of years in the mid/late 20th century. My study was where the doctor saw his patients and our library was the waiting room. It is in a very quiet position with not many cars going by and it is a very friendly neighbourhood.

So, it is great to be able to settle into a new house, to feel comfortable and be surrounded by our familiar things.

I hope you all have a good summer and if you are going away, that you have a good and refreshing break and ready to return to all that is familiar at home.

Elsbeth

PARISH REGISTER – MAY 2022

Baptism

15 May Theodore Bertie McPherson

New Members

Anne & Gordon Wallace

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

The stated annual meeting will take place after the morning service on Sunday 12 June.

All members are invited to attend the meeting when the Abbey's Annual Accounts for 2021 will be presented and there will be the opportunity for questions.

CHRISTIAN AID

The total collected for Christian Aid was £460 .77
Thanks to all who donated.

LENT APPEAL 2022

The Abbey Lent Appeals have become almost a permanent part of the financial landscape and this year raised £6,800. With Gift Aid the total will be over £8,000.

This was a great effort by the congregation and reflects the love that our members have for our wonderful church, taking in the services, ministry, pastoral care, music and the buildings.

The money raised will go towards meeting our commitment to the Church of Scotland and as you know this is increasingly difficult in a time when inflation is at its highest level for many years. Therefore, it is essential that regular weekly and monthly income is not only maintained but increased where possible.

Following the Covid 19 restrictions, the Abbey is slowly getting back to normal with our staff and volunteers working hard to restore visitor numbers and to make our wonderful suite of buildings a desirable place to hold concerts, recitals and meetings.

It is essential that these take place to augment the regular giving by Abbey members.

We are convinced that the Abbey has a great future but that will need the input and co-operation from all its congregation.

Therefore, many thanks for you generous giving towards our Lent Appeal 2022.

Stewart McDougall
Treasurer

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NYCOS Renfrewshire Summer Concert

Wednesday 8 June at 7 pm

Tickets (adult £8 & under 26 - £5)

available from www.nycos.co.uk/events

LUNCHTIME RECITAL

Saturday 11 June at 12.30 pm

Peter Shepherd (Assistant Organist, Paisley Abbey)

Tickets £5 payable at the door

BRADFORD YOUTH ORCHESTRA (in aid of Accord Hospice)

Sunday 24 July at 4 pm

Tickets £5 available at the door

EDINBURGH YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Thursday 4 August at 7.30 pm

More details to follow

NATIONAL YOUTH ORCHESTRA OF SCOTLAND

Durufié Requiem

Sunday 21 August at 7.30 pm

Tickets (adult £8 & under 26 - £5)

available from www.nycos.co.uk/events

ART EXHIBITION

An exhibition of the work of Paisley artist Audrey Hawthorne will open on Saturday 28th May - Friday 24th June. Audrey has exhibited with the Royal Society of Watercolourists in Edinburgh and was elected an artist member of Paisley Art Institute in 2001. Audrey will be attending the opening on Saturday, from 2pm - 3.30pm, where many of her works will be available to purchase.



VIRTUAL KILT WALK

This will take place in early October 2022. People might like to support the Abbey by registering, being sponsored, and benefitting from the 50% top up from Sir Tom Hunter.

AUCTION AND VINTAGE TEA EVENT

We hope to hold a Handbag and Vintage Tea Event in the autumn – watch the website and Abbey Herald for details.



DEALS IN THE ABBEY SHOP

For the shopaholics we have a new range of Sheila Fleet jewellery in stock and also taken in a new range of confectionary by traditional chocolate makers Threepwood Fayre, based in Beith. Their vintage van was selling sweets at the Food Festival. Bags of handmade chocolates and tablet are only £2.50, so no excuse for not treating yourself!!

FOODBANK

The next collection will be on 26 June, and we will still collect through July and August as some families find the holiday period difficult when there are no school meals.

Thanks to all who donate cash and goods.

Margaret Sharp

THANK YOU

I wish to say thank to everyone who sent cards and good wishes for my 60th birthday.

It was most kind of everyone and much appreciated.

Thank you

Fiona Small

SIX-LETTER CONNECTING WORDS COMPETITION

The Competition was drawn during the Christian Aid Lunch on 14th May by the Minister and the winners were. First - Michael Craig of the Isle of Man and runner-up – Jess McFaulds of Castle-Douglas. Congratulations to them and to everyone else who sent in all-correct answers.

The answers are:

- 1) TEA - **LEAVES** (or **BREAKS**) – OUT:
- 2) FALSE - **CLAIMS** - ADJUSTOR:
- 3) BLACK - **CHERRY** – BRANDY:
- 4) LEAD – **PENCIL** – SHARPENER:
- 5) LAST – **MINUTE** (or **SECOND**) - HAND:
- 6) TWIN - **SISTER** – ACT:
- 7) AIR –**TRAVEL** – AGENT:
- 8) LOOSE - **CANNON** - FODDER:
- 9) ROCK – **BOTTOM** – DRAWER:
- 10) SHOE - **POLISH** - OFF:
- 11) SITTING - **PRETTY** - MUCH:
- 12) TRACK - **RECORD** – PLAYER:
- 13) SECOND - **NATURE** - TRAIL:
- 14) BIG - **CHEESE** - GRATER:
- 15) STOCK - **MARKET** - RESEARCH:
- 16) RECORDING - **STUDIO** - FLAT:
- 17) MARATHON - **RUNNER** - BEAN:
- 18) GOOD - **FRIDAY** – NIGHT:
- 19) QUEEN - **MOTHER** - TONGUE
- 20) JULIUS - **CAESAR** - SALAD.

Thanks to everyone who contributed in any way – by giving a donation, by sending in an entry or simply by filling in the clues just for fun.

I hope it was enjoyable.

Again, congratulations to the 2 winners and particular thanks to them who, although not members of Paisley Abbey and like so many others, support our Abbey so generously through their continuing participation in these little quizzes. We greatly appreciate that support.

Thank you all.

SGC

MUSIC FOR JUNE

5 June 2022

11 am

Introit

Psalm 104

Anthem

Day of Pentecost

If ye love me

Tallis

I was glad

Parry

12 June 2022

11 am

Psalm 8

Te Deum

Anthem

Trinity Sunday

Morning Service

Vaughan Williams in G

Data est mihi omnis potestas *MacMillan*

4.00 pm

Responses

Psalm 73 1-3. 16-29

Canticles

Anthem

Choral Evensong

McPhee

Dyson in D

O beata Trinitas

Philips

19 June 2022

11.00 am

The Lord bless you and keep you

Psalm 22 19-28

Anthem

Trinity 1

Morning Service

McPhee

Lobe den Herrn

Schütz

26 June 2022

11.00 am

Communion setting

Psalm 16

Anthem

Trinity 2

Holy Communion

Vaughan Williams in G minor

O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit *Tallis*

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