St Luke's & Queen Street Church

Congregational News

The Dighty during my walk for exercise

May 2020

Dear friends

With hardly any new programming on the telly, I have taken to watching sporting events from the past. Now one was this year's Dakar Rally held in Saudi Arabia. This epic motorsport odyssey is the toughest off-road race on the planet. Always held across the world's deserts, vehicles constantly get bogged down in the sand, have punctures from the sharp stones or capsize on the soft dunes.

However, the most courageous competitors are undoubtedly the motorcyclists. This year, one came a cropper and was so badly stunned, he wasn't sure where he was. Yet he still had one overriding ambition (excuse the pun) and that was to finish.

The medics allowed him to try as they followed him in a helicopter. He did finish the stage with a further journey of 100 km. It was only then they discovered he had multiple fractures to his arm!

In the normal course, we would never attempt such a gruelling challenge. But today we all are on a similarly difficult contest and the finishing line seems far away.

But our faith borne out of the cross and empty tomb of Easter reminds us that sometimes we do need to go through bad times to reach a better place.
So, let us press on by staying at home and away from friends and family. Let us work hard at keeping in touch to offer companionship, comfort and hope. Above all, may the example of the risen Lord encourage us to give up something now in the certainty of saving the lives of others. Since by making these sacrifices, we will not just be playing our part, we will be booking our place on the winners' podium!

With every best wish
For good health
To you and yours

Graham

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Deaths
"And whosoever believeth in me shall never die"

Mr Douglas M Smith, 19 Balgillo Road

Mrs Agnes Reid, Menzieshill Care Home

Mrs Jean Lawson, 17a Ferndale Drive.

20 Pence Pieces

With the church closed the total collected remains at £16,818. I would, however, ask you to continue to save your 20 pence pieces as the church finances sadly will be depleted during this period.

Les Mackay

March Summary of Offerings

Summary of Offerings	2020	2020	2019	2019
	MAR	YTD	MAR	YTD
OPEN PLATE	232	1272	455	1449
FWO ENV	60	532	209	676
FWO SO	344	767	214	712
GA CHQ	500	600		800
GA SO	1572	4825	1702	5255
TOTALS	2707	7996	2580	8891
GIFT DAY DONATION	0	0	0	0
GA TAX RECOVERED	0	2824	0	0
20P COIN BOXES	30	185	127	466

Covid Lockdown & St Luke's financial situation

Dear friends,

As a result of the lockdown, the Congregational Board has agreed that our annual Gift Day be put on hold. This is unfortunate as we continue to run at a significant deficit.

This situation will only be made worse by the closure of our buildings. However, let me reassure you that worship continues via our website and our Facebook page. Should you not have access to these, we can provide you with a DVD recording of our short services; please contact Marvin (778089).

Similarly, our pastoral concern for each other continues with regular phone calls from our eldership. We are even restarting our social life with a Quiz Night on 2 May at 7 pm via Zoom!

However, we also have continuing bills such as insurance and accountancy services and also commitments to the central Church of Scotland.

Now be assured that we are reducing costs wherever possible. But we would ask you to consider giving St Luke's a little extra financial support at this time of 'stretch'.

Should you be able to do so, then I would ask you to contact Mary, our treasurer, (803245) to discuss how best this could be done. Additionally, if you make your donations either by 'the plate' or Freewill Offering envelopes, please consider setting up a direct debit. Once again, Mary would be delighted to advise.

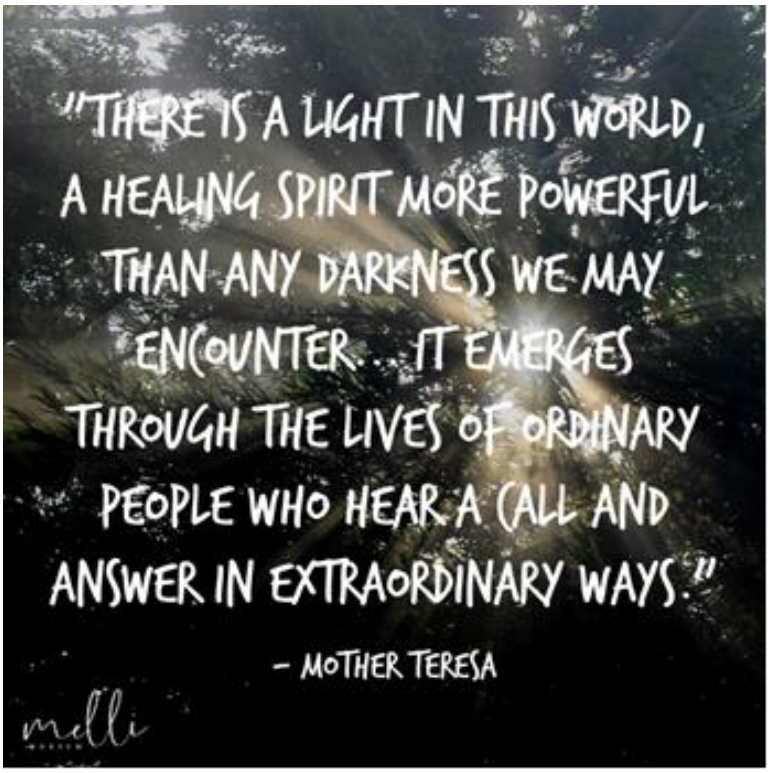
We live in unprecedented times. If someone had told me a few months ago that I would be writing to you with such a specific request I probably would not have believed them. Yet, doubtless you

will understand the reason for my making such a direct appeal. I know you will respond as generously as you have done in the past for which I give you immensely grateful thanks.

Graham

Useful Links

Website: http://www.broughtystlukes.co.uk
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/broughtystlukes/
YouTube Channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVEqnyNl1SDIFm0BKKEjkVA



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Thank you

This is just some of the nursing staff on the Covid-19 ward in Ninewells.
Gavin McKenzie is the son of my neighbours Rhona and Ronnie

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Forthcoming Event – Quiz – 2 May

The St Luke's family plan to host their first online quiz on Saturday 2nd May at 7pm. Teams will need access to a laptop or smartphone as we will be using our cameras to see some of the clues. We'll connect up using Zoom, which is the format we have been using for the Board and Session and the Business Committee meetings. You'll be sent a link to Zoom shortly before the quiz starts.

Let me know if you want to join in so we can add your name to the invite list. Teams may contain as many people as you can safely squeeze onto your sofa!

Daryl
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If this can look like this after 20 years in my garden, then we'll all be ok when the lockdown is lifted. Keep safe.

Marvin

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Fiona Cochrane

This is a picture of my great niece celebrating her 1st birthday in New York. She is my brother Colin's only grandchild and they were due to fly out to celebrate her special day with her.

The American Medical Association has weighed in on America's Corona strategy: The Allergists were in favour of scratching it, but the Dermatologists advised not to make any rash moves. The Gastroenterologists had sort of a gut feeling about it, but the Neurologists thought the Administration had a lot of nerve. Meanwhile, Obstetricians felt certain everyone was labouring under a misconception, while the Ophthalmologists considered the idea short sighted. Pathologists yelled, "Over my dead body!" while the Paediatricians said, "Oh, grow up!" The Psychiatrists thought the whole idea was madness, while the Radiologists could see right through it. Surgeons decided to wash their hands of the whole thing and the Internists claimed it would indeed be a bitter pill to swallow. The Plastic Surgeons opined that this proposal would "put a whole new face on the matter." The Podiatrists thought it was a step forward, but the Urologists were pissed off at the whole idea. Anaesthesiologists thought the whole idea was a gas, and those lofty Cardiologists didn't have the heart to say no. In the end, the Proctologists won out, leaving the entire decision up to the asses in Washington.

It is with great sadness that I have to mention the loss of a few further local businesses around the town. The bra manufacturer has gone bust, the specialist in submersibles has gone under, the manufacturer of food blenders has gone into liquidation, a dog kennel has had to call in the retrievers, the suppliers of paper for origami enthusiasts has folded, the Heinz factory has been canned as they couldn't ketchup with orders, the tarmac laying company has reached the end of the road, the bread company has run out of dough, the clock manufacturer has had to wind down, the Chinese has been taken away, the shoe shop has had to put his foot down and given his staff the boot and finally the launderette has been taken to the cleaners!

I was delighted two weeks ago to see the first Scottish Virtual Induction took place at Liberton Northfield Church in Edinburgh.

As my brother-in-law Rev William H Thomson was the minister there for a number of years I was sent a link and it was amazing to watch the induction of a young minister from South Africa. My brother-in-law was remembered fondly for his enthusiasm during the service.

Brenda Moffat

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16 April, 2020

Rev Attie van Wyk, 38, a Kirk minister originally from South Africa who has yet to move to his new congregation of Edinburgh's Liberton Northfield Church, was inducted remotely on Tuesday (14 April) at 7pm.

Rev Attie van Wyk was formally inducted as minister of Liberton Northfield Church in Edinburgh using Zoom and Facebook Live.

PRAYER

Lord, in a world turned upside down,
where daily life is far from normal,
we come to you,
the One from whom our help comes.
The One who is the same,
yesterday, today and for ever.

We come to you,
giving thanks that
you have promised to always be with us.
In your presence we find the security
for which our hearts cry out at this time.

In this time of personal and national crisis
help us to believe this is true.
Help us to trust in you.
Give us a faith that will be an anchor,
firm and secure, in the storms we are
going through.

Lord, we pray for all directly affected by
the Coronavirus Covid-19.
For those who have been infected;
those who have been hospitalised;
those who have lost loved ones.

We pray also for all who are caring for
and supporting those with the virus.
Medical staff, health workers, carers.
The emergency services.
Families and friends.
Give them strength, compassion
and love in these difficult days.

Lord, you knew abandonment and isolation.
In the Garden of Gethsemane
you were abandoned by your disciples.
They slept while you prayed.
In your anguish they could not keep watch with you.
On the cross you felt abandoned by your Father.

We pray for all who feel abandoned or isolated
because of the emergency we are going through.
Help us, in these difficult days, to be good neighbours.
To reach out in love
to our neighbours
in our communities and beyond.

Lord you said,
'By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another.'
We give thanks for all who by their acts of love
and selfless service are standing by their neighbours
especially in these challenging days.
Amen.

Fiona's Quiz – Answers (last item)

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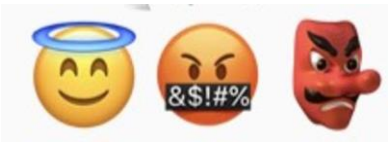
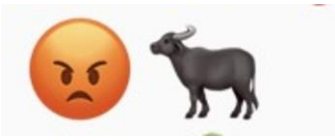
16. 
17. 
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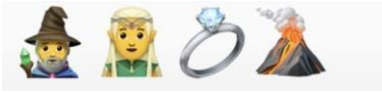
24. 

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Church bulletin board

The following appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing 'Break Forth Into Joy'.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm – prayer and medication to follow.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours.'

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

Compiled by Max Bowen

THE ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING ARE ALL TYPES OF CHOCOLATE/SWEETS – Answers (Last Item)

1. Sky giggles	11. Garden flowers
2. High class thoroughfare	12. Assorted girls
3. Money making royalty	13. Dairy holder
4. Dark occult	14. Arrange marriage partners
5. Mother's local	15. Edible fasteners
6. Clever folk	16. Wobbly infants
7. Various black items	17. Talk quietly
8. Sport for Princes	18. Big bus
9. Good children get these	19. Gem orchard
10. Feline equipment	**20.** Spin around

Church Garden

We have a beautiful garden in our grounds which is gathering some weeds during this lockdown period. It was suggested that if you find your own garden is all tidy, or you just want a wee change, then you may be able to use your exercise time to have a walk and pull a few weeds out of our garden. This would be beneficial as we could perhaps have garden services when permitted.

Church Notes

If you have an article you would like to share with the congregation, please send it on to me and I'll do my best to incorporate it in the next edition of the Notes. Articles for the June edition should be with me by Sunday 24th May 2020. This is a week earlier than usual but it is in anticipation of more information being available by that time.

As there are no printed copies of the Church News at the moment, and if you know of anyone who would like to receive an email version, please ask them to email me at brenda@broughtystlukes.com and I will confirm receipt to let them know that I have received their request.

Brenda Moffat

ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ

1. Silence Of The Lambs
2. Four Weddings And A Funeral
3. Castaway
4. E.T.
5. The Sixth Sense
6. Edward Scissorhands
7. Blood Diamond
8. Psycho
9. Les Miserables
10. Brokeback Mountain
11. Moneyball
12. King's Speech
13. Finding Nemo
14. Wolf Of Wall Street
15. Blade Runner
16. The Good, The Bad and The Ugly
17. Raging Bull
18. A Clockwork Orange
19. American Beauty
20. Casino Royale
21. The Blair Witch Project
22. Trainspotting
23. Fight Club
24. Lord of the Rings

ANSWERS TO THE SWEETIE QUIZ

1. Snickers
2. Quality Street
3. Mint imperial
4. Black Magic
5. Mars Bar
6. Smarties
7. Liquorice Allsorts
8. Polo
9. Treats
10. Kit Kat
11. Roses
12. Dolly Mixture
13. Milk Tray
14. Matchmakers
15. Chocolate Buttons
16. Jelly Babies
17. Wispa
18. Double Decker
19. Opal Fruits
20. Twirl

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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GUILD	Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 2 pm from October to April	
PRESIDENT	Mrs Aileen Adamson, 35 Blake Avenue	776770
80th RAINBOWS	Meets on Mondays at 6 pm	
LEADER	Mrs Mairi Clark, 15 Guthrie St, Carnoustie	01241 853410
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80th GUIDES	Meets on Mondays at 7.15 pm	
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20th RAINBOWS	Meets on Fridays at 6 pm	
LEADER	Mrs Mairi Clark, 15 Guthrie St, Carnoustie	01241 853410
20th BROWNIES	Meets Thursdays at 6.30 pm	
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