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*The Link* welcomes articles and letters, which can be sent by e-mail to **cafair-holm@outlook.com** or by post (Claremont, Hartfell Cres. Moffat DG10 9AL). All communications should bear a name and, if possible, a telephone number. Anonymous contributions will not be accepted.

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May I ask you to ensure that any article submitted is either one you have written yourself or one that you have had permission to reprint.

I would like to thank all those who have contributed to this edition of the Link Magazine— Local businesses and of course our regular contributors. All the contributions make for an interesting and varied read.

We wish all readers a great summer holiday, stay safe.. The Winter/Christmas edition of the Link is due out late November The Editor.

## THE POWER OF LOVE

The power of love is greater than the love of power.

George MacLeod.



PASTORAL CARE

### Collection of food items for local families.

May I remind you that this is still continuing and the school is always very grateful for all contributions which they ensure are delivered to those in our communities who need a helping hand.

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# Recipe: Banana Pumpkin-seed Bread

Date: 01 May 2020

This is a different take on the standard banana bread loaf, introducing new textures and delicious flavours. Coconut sugar can be substituted with normal sugar, if you can't find it.

## Ingredients

2 ripe bananas — the riper the better

4 tablespoons nut or seed butter,  
eg. almond

100g (4 oz) coconut sugar

1 teaspoon real vanilla extract

1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda

½ teaspoon baking powder

1 egg

200g (8 oz) plain flour (wholemeal flour works well)

a handful of pumpkin seeds

a handful of sunflower seeds

## Method

1 Preheat the oven to 180°C/350°F/Gas 4, and line a square tin with baking parchment.

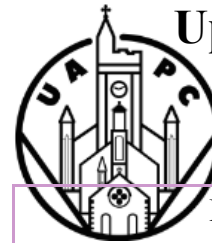
2 Mash the bananas and add the seed or nut butters.

3 Add the rest of the ingredients except the flour, and mix well. Then fold in the flour. Alternatively, whizz the whole lot together in a food processor or mixer.

4 Spread the mixture evenly in the tin, and bake for about 50 minutes to an hour, depending on the size and shape of your tin, until a skewer or a knife will come out cleanly.

5 Cool for a few minutes in the tin, and then on a wire rack.

*This recipe is from the Church Times, adapted by Terence Handley-Macmath.*



## Upper Annandale Parish Church

(Charity registration number: SCO12236)

<https://www.uapc.co.uk>



**MINISTER**

**Rev. Elsie Macrae**



[Elsie.Macrae@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:Elsie.Macrae@churchofscotland.org.uk)

**OFFICE BEARERS**

Session Clerk: Donald Walker

Treasurer: Mrs Jackie Shuttleworth

Dear Friends,

I cannot honestly believe that half the year is past, before we know it 2024 will soon be gone. These last few months have been a challenge on so many levels, I was starting to believe that it was only me. After chatting with different people, I realised I was not alone in this. During my short break I found myself drawn to the words of Moses for in Exodus 33:16, 'How will we be distinguished from all the other people on the face of the earth?'

A challenge to many of us who are Christ followers, as a believer how do we set an example when we are faced with serving others and showing love? Jesus told his Disciples in John 13:35, 'People will know you are my followers if you love each other'. In a world of plenty we are still witnessing hunger, poverty, hate and greed. Reading the Stories of the Israelites in Exodus I am starkly reminded how easy it can be to break Gods covenant, it can be so easy to be a grumbler, it can be so easy to build ourselves a golden calf to worship- when everything is so overwhelming breaking God's covenant can be done easily. What made the Israelites do different was their evidence of God's presence amongst them. God journeyed with them; I wonder if this is something that we can be challenged with as we head into the last half of the year. How can we be set apart from the rest of the nation as Jesus says in Matthew 28:20, 'I will be with you always', Jesus demonstrates His presence through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, who empowers us. Can I invite you to join me in meditating on Gods presence as you journey on, Can I invite you to face whatever comes your way with confidence and courage knowing we are never alone for we serve those around us in His name and indeed- we can do anything through Him who gives us strength- Phillipians 4:13 we too can be set apart as Gods people.



# Dates for the Diary

## What's on at UAPC Regular activities

The hall has been very well used for a number of groups and classes throughout the year

These are the regular activities going on, but the hall is often used for other activities including coffee mornings, ceilidhs, birthday parties etc.

Our calendar is on the front page of the website [www.uapc.co.uk](http://www.uapc.co.uk) or contact us if you want details about hiring the hall -Alison 07715574666.

<p><b>Monday</b> 5:30-6:30pm Exercise Class 6:00-7:00pm Pilates</p> <p><b>Tuesday</b> – 11:00-12:00 Exercise Class 12:30-1:15 Active Lives 5:00-7:00 Slimming World</p> <p><b>Wednesday</b> – Drop in Wednesday (Usually 1st &amp; 3rd Wed) 10-11 6:30-7:45pm Yoga</p> <p><b>Thursday</b> 11:00-12:00 Exercise Class 1st Thursday each month—Masons 2nd Thursday each month—SWI 3rd Thursday each month—Moffat Crime</p>	<p><b>Fridays</b> – 10-11.30am Toddlers</p> <p><b>Saturdays - 10:00-12:00 Zumba</b></p> <p>Men's Breakfast club 8.30-9.30am ( last Saturday of Month)</p> <p><b>Sundays-</b> Teens on Sundays 6-8pm (once a month) check calendar for dates</p> <p><b>Tea/Coffee after service at 11:30</b></p>
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Date	Time	Event	Entry
24 August	7.30pm	Scottish Fiddle Orchestra	Tickets
1 September	6pm	Praise Service – Johnstonebridge	n/a
7 September	7pm	Moffat Eagle Festival	Free
8 September	2.30pm	Dowding Memorial Service	n/a
15 September	10am	Communion – Wamphray	n/a
29 September	10am	Harvest Service – Wamphray	n/a
6 October	10.30am	Harvest Service – Moffat	n/a



**September 1st Johnstonebridge Community Centre**

**December 1st UAPC Hall**



## Teens on Sunday



Come join a safe space where you can wrestle with your thoughts and share your faith opinions in a safe and friendly environment.

2024 Dates: 7<sup>th</sup> April, 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 8<sup>th</sup> Sept, 6<sup>th</sup> Oct, 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov, 1<sup>st</sup> Dec

**UAPC Hall**

## UAPC Teams

**Session Clerk: Donald Walker & Helen Braid**

	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Pastoral &amp; Fellowship</b>
<b>Team Leader</b>		<b>Hilda Saville</b>
<b>Vice</b>		<b>Laurie McVeigh</b>
	Kate Durran	Linda McMinn
	Jane Paterson	Anne Colledge
	Arthur Milton	Peter Newsome
	Robert McVeigh	Margaret Richmond
	Jeff Brown	Ally Kirkwood
	Hilda Saville	Jeff Brown
	Ann Gordon	
	Peter Newsome	
	Andy Shuttleworth	
	Erin Bullard	
	<b>Mission &amp; Outreach</b>	<b>Finance</b>
<b>Team Leader</b>	<b>Jane Paterson</b>	<b>Jackie Shuttleworth</b>
<b>Vice</b>	<b>Fiona McLean</b>	
	Chris Moore-Poole	Elizabeth-Jane Wilson
	Janice Welsh	Sheila Thomson ?
	Ann Gordon	Marion Little
	Mary Brown	Donald Walker
	Fiona Paton	
	Helen Moore-Poole	
	<b>Property/Fabric</b>	<b>Fund Raising</b>
<b>Team Leader</b>	<b>Fiona Paton</b>	<b>Ann Gordon</b>
<b>Vice</b>	<b>Andy Shuttleworth</b>	<b>Ally Kirkwood</b>
	Hazel Macdonald	
	Graeme Paterson	
	Neil McIntosh	
	Peter Bower	
	David Richmond	
	Jim Paterson	
	Donald Walker	20

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Entry</b>
13 October	2pm	Ethiopian Coffee Ceremony for TEAR FUND	Donations
17 October	7pm	Sale of ladies clothing (wine + nibbles)	Entry at door
25 October		Whist Drive Wamphray village hall	
2 November	7pm	Christian Aid Ceilidh	tbc
10 November	10.50am	Moffat War Memorial	n/a
10 November	11.15am	Remembrance Service Upper Anandale Church	n/a
10 November	10.45am	Beattock War Memorial	n/a
10 November	10.55am	Remembrance Service Wamphray Church	n/a
17 November	2.00pm	Bruce Davies (tea/coffee/biscuits)	Ticket
17 November	10.30am	Communion – Moffat	n/a
23 November	10am – 3pm	Christmas and Craft Fayre (tea/coffee/mince pies)	Free entry; charge for tea etc
24 November	1.30pm – 3.30pm	Christmas tea/coffee/mince pies – FOR CHARITY (Moffat Christmas Lights switch on)	Charge for tea etc
29 November		Whist Drive Wamphray Village Hall	
1 December	6pm	Praise Service – Moffat	n/a
1 December	6.30pm	Advent service (ACTS) venue tbc	n/a
8 December	6.30pm	Advent service (ACTS) venue tbc	n/a
15 December	6.30pm	Advent service (ACTS) venue tbc	n/a
18 December	6pm	Christmas Carol Service (tea/coffee/mince pies)	n/a
24 December	11.30pm	Watch night service	n/a
25 December	10.00am	Christmas Day service	n/a

*Services are held weekly on Sundays at 10.30am, after which tea and coffee is served.*

## Local support services

Minister- Rev Elsie Macrae 01683225146	Samaritans. Tel. 01387 253555
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Citizens advice 01387 252456	Dumfries Council. 030 3333 3000
Social Work Dept. 01387 273660	Criminal Social justice 0303 333 3001
Dentist's surgery 01683 220753	Chemist Moffat. 01683 220024
Town Hall 01683 221102	Food train. 01556 288427
Alcoholics Anonymous 03301 596 494	Women's Aid. 07710 152772
Childline 0800 1111	Health Visitors 01576 205531
School Nurses 07795 291296	

### Rev Dave Whiteman (this notice appeared in a Lochmaben Church magazine)

Dave Whiteman, minister of Annan Old was appointed as our interim Moderator in 2021 when Rev Paul Read retired . Rev Dave, as he was happy to be called, steered us through the initial stages of the vacancy, including the approach from St. Mungo and the adoption of the Presbytery Plan, until he took ill in 2023. Dave knew that he would have to go through a gruelling regime before stem cell treatment could be started at Christmas. Unfortunately he had his operation cancelled five times before his treatment began in March. However, on Easter Sunday, Dave received the wonderful news that the transplant had taken and that all blood test results were improving. He expects to be home before the end of April. We send our very best wishes to Dave and Doreen

An update regarding Rev. Dave Whiteman's health was provided to a reader last month.

He is now off medication and has been given the "all clear"

We send best wishes to Dave and Doreen, and look forward to seeing them hopefully over the summer in Moffat.

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## CHURCH FLOWERS - August to November 2024

### UAPC—Moffat

The flower list is now displayed in the church vestibule and you can enter your name against any of the vacant spaces if you wish. One of our team will contact you in the week prior to your chosen date to remind you and provide any assistance.

### UAPC—Wamphray

4th August	Elizabeth Harper		
11th August	Moira Hogarth		
18th August	Sandra Johnstone		
25th August	Sandra Laidlaw		
1st September	Gayle Lamont	3rd November	Flora Stewart
8th September	Linda McMinn	10th November	REMRANCE
15th September	Fiona Richardson	17th November	Loaura Forrester
22nd September	Kirsty Scott	24th November	Lynne Thomson
29th September	HARVEST		
6th October	Lynne Scott	1st –29th Decem-ber	December will be Christmas Decorations
13th October	Margaret Shearer		
20th October	Lorna Sloan		
27th October	Mary Starkey		

**SWI We meet monthly** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month in WAMPHRAY Hall. New members always welcome. Last session we had over 25 members. If you feel you want to lean new skills come along from September – May.

**Death Notice:** On a sadder note Jim Steele Johnstone from Lockerbie formerly Wamphray died suddenly on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June. Jim was one of a family of four. Margaret, Alfie , David and Jim. Alfie is the only one left. Jim had a daughter Dena who survives her dad. Jim was in the Army for a number of years, worked at Tyron and drove vans as well. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time.

**THE THURSDAY MESSAGE**

The Thursday Message is an online resource which we send out each month either by E mail or by personal delivery. It contains a reflection based on a bible reading, a prayer and a hymn all of which act as a stimulus for thought and worship. It is only sent out to those who request it because they may not be able to come to church or they wish additional material to develop their spiritual life. Evelyn and Bryan Atkins print the material and hand deliver it and Jeff Brown sends it online.

If you wish to be added to the list contact 01683 220475 and we will add your details to the appropriate list.

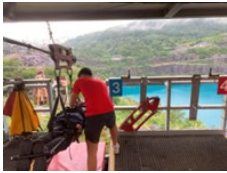


**The Masons at Upper Annandale Parish Church**



On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2024, the Reverent Elsie Macrae, along with the three mad Masons, i.e. Bill Wells, Colin Johnston and Danny McMeek-en completed the Velocity Zip Wire at Penryn Quarry, Bethesda, North Wales.

The day started with Elsie and Bill leaving Moffat at 7am and then travelling to Gretna to pick up the other two, Colin and Danny. We then continued down the M6 and along the north coast of Wales to the quarry arriving there about 11am which meant that after booking in we were able to get something to eat and drink before getting kitted up for the flight.



It was then a walk in the rain to the short zip flight, just to see if you really wanted to go on with it. Although this was reasonably short ride it was still very invigorating. This then brought us to the big red lorry which



was to take us up to the final take up point. The trip in the lorry was I considered more of a challenge than the zip wire. It took the lorry about fifteen minutes to get up to the top as it was very steep and twisty. I was at times wondering if the lorry would make it all the way as it never seemed to get out of first gear and was struggling even then.

We finally made it to the top and we were surrounded by low lying clouds and could see absolutely nothing of the view. Eventually we were all connected up to the wire, and after numerous safety checks we were let loose, initially we could see nothing but the clouds and then we were below them and over this azure lake some considerable distance below us, we would have been at this time travelling about 125mp, but with nothing around you it hardly seem it although you could feel the wind pressure. The forward scenery was rushing towards you and once over the lake there were slate ridges and trees ahead of you and you were just wondering and hoping you were going to clear them but happily, we did and then it was all over. Fifty-eight seconds from top to bottom, but what a fifty-eight seconds.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience before travelling home arriving about 8pm.

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We must thank everyone who sponsored us in this venture and the figures at present have not yet been finalised, but we raised somewhere in the region of £3,000 and the defibrillator which was the main target has been paid for and waiting delivery and fitting. The residue of what will be left is to be distributed amongst Children's Charities in Dumfriesshire and Galloway. Once the total sponsorship has been verified and the Charities decided on, further details will be made known.

Bill Wells

## Men's Breakfast

Join us for  
food, faith, and  
fellowship



Jesus said to his disciples "Let's have breakfast!" What a good idea to follow!

The Men's Breakfast takes place between 8.30 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. on the last **Saturday** of the month, unless the hall is required for another function. As well as tucking into bacon, although there are more healthy options on offer, there is the opportunity to enjoy tea, coffee and most of all chat about a wide variety of topics. I am sure that several football and rugby teams together those in power in our country at a local and national level would benefit from the banter and sage advice offered in our conversations. There is lots of fun and laughter and by the end of the hour the men leave replete, refreshed and ready for the month ahead. There is no charge but folks are generous with their donations and the church funds have increased by £341.60 between autumn and spring.

Please come and join [us in the church hall on any or all of the following dates](#) .

[Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> September, 26<sup>th</sup> October, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024.](#)

We look forward to welcoming you!

## Heritage walk.

Took place on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May. At 1.30pm at the church and surrounding area. A good turnout on a lovely afternoon. Everyone learned from this adventure. Tea and coffee was served on return. Thank you to all involved.

**Readers** : We are truly grateful to Jeff Brown, Bruce Edensor and Arthur Milton who help us out very regular with church services.

Robert McVeigh helped out as well but recently retired as he felt the time was right. Robert and Laurie received gifts from Wamphray Church. We enjoyed your services very much. Enjoy your retirement. You will always be made welcome at Wamphray.



7<sup>th</sup> July, Andrew Johnstone and his wife Amanda received gifts from Wamphray Church as Andrew moves on to pastures new as he develops in the Ministry after Graduating on the 26<sup>th</sup> June Andrew will be at Lockerbie Drysdale and Lochmaben for the near future. Andrew was around for 10 weeks and did various services at Wamphray.

**The WAMPHRAY Hub** is still meeting on a Monday morning between 10am and noon. It is being well supported Laughter and Chat is always the aim. Dominoes, cards on offer. Everyone is welcome so come along and enjoy the camaraderie at the hall in WAMPHRAY.

## Wamphray Village Hall

The second of four Praise Services was held in Wamphray Village Hall on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. There was quite a good turnout on the night. Tea was served after the service.

Wamphray Village Hall is having major Renovations since 1<sup>st</sup> June. Insulation, New windows, Air Source Heating and decorating. It will be like a new Hall when finished.

**WAMPHRAY Carpet Bowling** is held every Thursday 7.30pm Old and New members always welcome .From October to March..2024/25.



## U A P C Wamphray Parish Church Summer

Summer where is it?

Bulging flesh and suntan oil, Children home from school. A feeling of freedom, from light summer clothes, And barbecue smells on the breeze.

Alfresco meals and fresh summer fruits, Postcards from abroad.

The garden needs watering every day,

Hope a hosepipe ban's not enforced. But plan for an outing, or an event outside, And you can guess what will happen. The sky that was blue, will be a shade of grey, And umbrellas and coats will be needed.

Whist Drives held in March , April and May all made £100.00. Good fun and laughter was enjoyed each night. This is very important so will continue in September 2024.

Tea and Coffee after Church Service on a Sunday raised £100.00 from January to March which will be sent to Guide Dogs and April to June raised £100.00 which will be sent to Moffat Mountain Rescue. Thanks to everyone who supports this every week.



**Wedding.** A lovely wedding took place in Wamphray Church on Saturday 13 th April. Laura Thomson twin daughter of Kenny and Sheila The New Bungalow, Plantationfoot, Wamphray, Moffat and Calum Forrester son of Alistair and Karen from Glasgow. A reception was held an Kinmount afterwards. A wonderful day had by all Congratulations to

### KNIT and NATTER

September-May held once a fortnight in the Wamphray village hall 7pm-9pm. Come along and join us if you feel it's for you. We have around 20 people at present.

**Organist,** We are very grateful to Marilyn for helping us each week with the music. When away on her holidays in Fuerteventura Helen Braid does the music. Thanks for that Helen.

## Painting—Help to identify?



Anyone have any idea about this print? The owner writes:

We were given the print, which we have always called “Laughing Jesus”, by an elderly friend when we lived down south. She was with the Queen Alexandra Royal Army Nursing Corps in the Second World War and had so many stories to tell.

If anyone can give any information about the picture then please contact Rosemary at

[rosemary.thomson1@btinternet.com](mailto:rosemary.thomson1@btinternet.com)

Thank you in anticipation someone might just know a bit about the print.

### DOERS OF THE WORD

I expect to pass through this world but once, any good thing therefore I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature , let me do it now, let me not defer or neglect it for I shall not pass this way again.

# Session Clerk Report

The year draws on with Spring merging into Summer and our church approaching its first anniversary of being open in the new format. Besides the structural changes to the church, the structure of the Kirk Session has also changed with the formation of Teams to take charge of Worship, Mission and Outreach, Pastoral Care, Presbytery, Fundraising, Property and Finance. These teams consist of volunteers who are interested in the governance, promotion and control of the various facets of church life. Meetings are held in advance of each Kirk Session meeting with a report being presented to the latter for any major decision making. The system seems to be advantageous and working well now that it has settled in.

We have been instructed by the General Assembly that Elders will now be known as Trustees who will have collective responsibility for many aspects of our local church.

In general, the feedback coming from members and visitors in regard to the new church layout is favourable. Many people regret the removal of the pews, but realise the advantages of having an open space with movable furniture. We have had visits from various churches such as Eaglesham, Gretna and Upper Clyde Guild, who have come to see what the changes look like in practice.

I think it is fair to say that the atmosphere before, during and after our Sunday morning services, has changed, with much more of a buzz, friendly chatter and fellowship taking place in the less formal format of the church building. Having the servery in the church seems to have been particularly beneficial with many more people staying behind after the service and enjoying refreshments and fellowship.

The addition of the new projector and screen has also been very beneficial and allows good visibility on the screen of hymns, readings and on occasion videos. An unforeseen benefit of the screen has been the ability to show family photographs during funeral services. This flexibility seems to be popular, resulting in an increase in the number of funeral services being held in the church.

We are attempting to have the church open for visitors on Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays, with volunteers doing either a morning or afternoon shift of about 2 ½ hours. We would welcome more volunteers to do this hosting duty, which may possibly extend the number of days or shifts that we can provide this service to the visiting public. The attendance varies from sometimes no visitors, up to over 40 on a recent Monday. Visitors from all over the World come in to see, appreciate and enjoy the Spirituality, tranquillity and beauty of our church.

The Church of Scotland Law Department has now advised us that there is nothing further which can be done to either retrieve the goods or the money paid in respect of the new chairs. It is therefore our intention to write to each donor who sponsored a chair, with an offer to refund their money in the light of the failure of the company concerned to supply the chairs.

With best wishes and kindest regards to all our readers. Donald Walker



I would like to thank everyone who donated toothbrushes, toothpaste and money towards buying items that we either bought and took over (like musical instruments, craft goods and a parachute) or passed to the centre for them to buy locally. They were appreciated so much and brought a lot of excitement and happiness to all.

Ally Kirkwood



## “Drop – In Wednesday”

“Drop- In Wednesday” has become a regular feature of fellowship in our church. It takes place between 10-11 a.m. on certain Wednesdays. The format is really simple, but effective! Tea or coffee scones and lots of chat and laughter. Since the new heating system has been installed and the church hall has been painted the hall provides a very welcoming and cosy environment for fellowship.

We have several regulars who attend but also a good number of other folks from our own and other communities join us. Those who attend have been keen to tell us how much they enjoy the fellowship. There is no charge but as always folks are very generous and as a result between last autumn and spring, we raised £521.94 from donations for church funds.

Most importantly it is a time for sharing so please consider joining us for an informal chat and lots of fellowship. All are welcoming and you can come and go as you please. The dates from Autumn to Winter are 21st. August, 4th September, 18th September, 2nd October, 16th October, 6th November, 20th November, 4th December and the 18th December 2024 .



## Kitega Community Centre 25th Anniversary Celebrations

My younger daughter Jenny and I headed back to Uganda in May this year to help kickstart the 25th Anniversary celebrations of the Kitega Community Centre. It was so good to be back and see not only the welcoming smiles but all the changes and developments and of course to spend time with the children.

We are so encouraged by what we have seen. Many of the children are now able to read, write and understand English as well as Luganda and are also learning American sign language so they can communicate with the deaf children.

We were delighted to hear that three of the deaf children who were at the centre on our last visit are now working and one has gone to college – considering these children had no means of communicating with others far less hope of a future with college and work. There is more structure now to the school day for the children with afternoons filled with crafts, music and PE.

We visited several VICOBA groups including the maize mill, which provided life-saving maize for hundreds of families during COVID. One group were making liquid soap and another were farming rice. A group of young mums were meeting regularly to make affordable re-useable sanitary products, which will allow teenage girls to continue attending school throughout the month. Many of the groups farm but by working together they are able to buy seed in bulk and together they work to grow and harvest the crops, but we were also made aware of the other benefits of the groups -friendship, motivation, support.



We also visited the new health centre at Katungalu. Although initially disappointed that it is still not completed, once we were there I could totally understand why. It is in a very remote location and all the work clearing the land and actually building the health centre is all being done by hand. The

health centre is very impressive and much bigger than we expected, allowing for a waiting room and reception, maternity ward and delivery room, pharmacy, treatment room, 2 doctors' surgeries, a female ward, childrens' ward and mens' ward as well as a conference room and toilets. We are hopeful it will finally open later this year..

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Since the last magazine the fundraising team have been busy and I am pleased to say that at the time of writing we have raised £3036.70 so far this year.

In May we welcomed the Glasgow Madrigals who performed a series of songs based on “the dark skies” which was well received by everyone. A fantastic opportunity to appreciate the acoustics of the church as the group sang a cappella.

Following the music theme members of Glasgow Chamber Orchestra visited Moffat in early June. The music was varied including pop, folk and classical and was performed by different ensembles. A brilliant evening which was enjoyed by all.

At the end of June we welcomed Carolynn Hoy who gave an informative and inspirational talk on her career in motorsport. From working with the champions of Formula One to her drive from the Antarctic to the Arctic – her stories were fascinating to listen to.

Watch out for information on our future fundraising events. Activities are advertised on Sundays through the intimations and the information screen prior to services, as well as in local shops, websites and on social media. Look out for our posters in the churches and church halls. To wet your appetite here are a few dates for your diary:

Saturday 24 August 2024 7.00pm Scottish Fiddle Orchestra

Saturday 7 September 2024 7.30pm Moffat Eagle Festival (Hamza Yassin presentation)\*

Thursday 17 October 2024 7.00pm Sale of Ladies clothing

Saturday 2 November 2024 10.00am Table top sale (children's toys and Clothes)

Sunday 17 November 2024 2.00pm Bruce Davies in Concert

\*tickets are free but limited, booking is essential via the Eagle Festival

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/evening-talks-hamza-yassin-peter-cairns-tickets-923695607427?aff=oddtcreator>

### MISSION

Mission is being with Christ where the pain is.

John V. Taylor.



Date: 01 July 2019

### To be taken with a pinch of salt...

**Dynamic progressive vicars** are on the increase these days. They are easy to spot – in fact, you can't miss them. They are generally elephantine characters who blunder into parishes and make a clean sweep. That is, they alter everything that has been done before – whether it's for better or worse. The vicar keeps on saying and doing Dynamic, Progressive things, and in due course he or she is noticed by the Bishop, who soon hustles them off to a nice job in a cathedral or a fashionable church. And from then on they settle down happily, leave things exactly as they are, and is never any further trouble to anyone.

**Musical vicars** are often not very musical at all. But the less they know about music the more they strive to create the impression that they are experts, and they take a great deal of trouble in finding out what they are supposed to like and dislike, to be in the prevailing musical fashion. Thus, they feel it their Christian and artistic duty firmly to suppress all popular hymns that happen to be Victorian. Despite the vicar's efforts at enlightenment there is, however, always someone who dies and has instructed that a famous Victorian hymn, which is popular at football matches, shall be sung at their funeral. And with disappointment and sorrow the vicar allows this, bravely striving to keep the expression of pain from their face and discreetly withholding their own voice from the swelling and dreadful sound.

**Artistic vicars** often suffer a great deal, particularly when they take over new parishes and find the church full of dreadful Victorian stained-glass windows representing saints with dinner-plate halos and long red and blue garments that look like nightshirts. Then, of course, there are the heavyweight brass lecterns. Artistic vicars often don't like these, but there is always someone who has polished and cherished the brass lectern for 40 years and refuses to give up the job. There is a chance that an artistic vicar will find a fellow spirit in their parish and then they do feel a little happier and finds that he or she can endure the surrounding Philistines with a slightly more cheerful and forgiving spirit.

**Public spirited vicars** are not often seen in church. They are too busy getting themselves elected on to town committees and into local papers. ('Vicar hits out at antiquated sewerage works') Public spirited vicars are, of course, very keen on their flock's being public spirited also, with the result that half the congregation find themselves members of every conceivable organization in the town, and the other half form a sort of opposition group and remain in a perpetual state of inactivity and disgrace.



*Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."*

*Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?"*

*The King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:34-40*

### PASTORAL CARE AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP OF U.A.P.C.

This group relies on receiving prompt, accurate information about members who have become ill, lost loved ones and also those about to celebrate significant birthdays and anniversaries. We are able to make contact, provide a listening ear, send cards, and give flowers and offer comfort and prayers. Please provide information to Rev. Elsie Macrae, Hilda Saville, Jeff Brown, Laurie McVeigh, Peter Newsome, Linda McMinn, Margaret Richmond and Alison Kirkwood.

### CHURCH FLOWERS

Thank you, most sincerely, to all of you who provide flowers to decorate the church each week. Very often flowers are given to commemorate a special event or in memory of a loved one. Or, a donation can be made to the flower fund and we can put flowers in church for you on a day of your choosing.

We have two or three Sundays in each month until the end of the year that are available. Do give us a ring to "save your day" in advance. After the service, the flowers are promptly delivered to someone to "brighten their day".

The flower list is now displayed in the church vestibule and you can enter your name against any of the vacant spaces if you wish. One of our team will contact you in the week prior to your chosen date to remind you and provide any assistance.

Hilda Saville Pastoral Care Team Leader