

News from Cathcart Trinity Church

March 2018



A word from our Minister:

Most of you will know that February saw us move from the manse on Merrylee Road around the corner to a new manse on Muirhill Avenue – where I'm sitting writing this now.

One week on from "Move Date" I can say that it has been a good move for a whole variety of reasons. However, one unexpected benefit, has been it forced me to look at all the possessions that I have accumulated over the last 33 years and work out 'does this really need to come with me? Do I really need this?'

Whether it was clothes that no longer fit, DVDs that were no longer watched, books that were recommended at University, but have proved to be useless or furniture that was too big there were lots of things that I had that would be far more useful in someone else's hands than in mine.

Looking back, I have always struggled with the concept of travelling light. On weekends away I always took one set of clothes more than I ever needed. When it came to books or DVDs – I always wanted to complete the set, rather than be content with what I had. However, travelling with the right load is precisely what God calls us to do.

In Matthew 11:28-30 Jesus says 'Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.'

On one side there are things we carry with us that we don't need to. For the people that Jesus was speaking to at that time it was the burden of having to fulfil the religious law that people had attempted to add to the law of God. For us, it could be our efforts to earn God's favour – which fail to hear his words 'It is by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God' (Ephesians 2:8); it could be the way

we carry around the guilt of our sin – and fail to hear his words ‘If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness’ (1 John 1:9); it could be our fear which cripples us and consumes our thoughts – and forgets that God says “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.’ (Joshua 1:9)

And the list goes on... But whatever it is we are carrying that we don’t need to, Jesus remind us – ‘You don’t need to carry that. Give it to me.’

On the other there are things that we should carry with us that we don’t. When it came to the house move, I had prepared piles to go to charity and was going back over them and found some things that I needed. Things that I definitely couldn’t put out – including a book I refer to all the time. In the same way, in our search to divest ourselves of personal baggage that we don’t need to carry, we cannot miss the fact that Jesus calls us to carry something – ‘his yoke; his burden.’ While Jesus calls us to give him all the useless things we don’t need to bring with us – he gives to us the most useful thing of all time.

An invitation, a calling, to join him as he makes his Kingdom known in words and action and leads the world back to a relationship with God. There is no greater thing.

At the moment, in terms of the Christian calendar, we find ourselves in the middle of Lent – a period where traditionally the Church has given things up so that it can draw closer to God and refocus our love on our neighbours.

This Lent, I would invite you to join me as I come before the throne of grace in prayer asking Jesus ‘What am I carrying that I don’t need to?’ and then giving it over to him. And then asking ‘What would you like me to do?’ and then asking his help to do it and then to get on and do it.

With love,
Alasdair.

Thank you:

Following my recent stay in hospital, I would like to thank my church family for the cards, telephone calls, visits and most of all, the prayerful support. This means a lot to me.

Margaret Brough.

Stated Annual Meeting

The Stated Annual Meeting of Cathcart Trinity Church will be held in the Sanctuary on Monday 19th March at 7.00pm. At this meeting the Minister will give his annual report and the 2017 accounts and 2018 budget will be presented. Elections for vacancies on the Board will also be held. All members and adherents of the congregation are invited to attend.

Art and Craft Club Show and Sale of Work & Coffee Morning

**Saturday 24th March
10 a.m. – 12 noon**

**Cathcart Trinity Church
90 Clarkston Road**

**All donations of home baking would
be welcome.**

Easter Gift Bags

After our successful distribution of gift bags to the local community at Christmas we are planning to visit



different streets in our parish this Easter with a small gift of Easter eggs.

We want to visit as many homes as we can so it would be great to have a good number from our congregations being involved. There are two ways you can help.

Making up the gift bags:

Sunday 18th March after the morning service at Cathcart Trinity

Distributing the gift bags:

Sunday 25th March
meeting at 4.30 pm Cathcart Trinity

Prayer Breakfast

**Saturday 31st March 2018 08:30 - 10:00am
United Free Church, Struan Road**

This is our Easter prayer breakfast when we will be able to reflect on the enormous sacrifice Jesus has made on our behalf. Breakfast is served between 8:30 – 9am and the remainder of the time is spent in prayer. It would be good to see you there.

All welcome.

"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"
John 11 v 25 & 26.

Thank you!

We would like to thank everyone for all the support we have received as we moved to the new manse and our new home on Muirhill Avenue.

We are aware that so many of you have been praying for us, as well as all those who have helped us in practical ways – building beds, stripping wallpaper, lifting carpets, offering cardboard boxes or helping out with too many other jobs to mention here – every bit of help has been truly appreciated.

We would like to offer particular thanks to the manse team – Iain Duff, Roy Kinnear, Bill Martin and Karen Beveridge – as well as to John Jones for everything he has done around the house alongside all the other contractors who have done such a brilliant job.

Thank you all,
Alasdair and Kirsty MacMillan

New Contact Details for the Manse
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Glasgow
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New Manse/Minister telephone
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Memorial Corridor

Three new items have been added to the Memorial corridor.

The first is, The Boys Brigade 85th Glasgow Cathcart Company Roll of Honour 1894-1915.

Almost all of the names can be found on our former churches memorials, including the captain of the company Mr Roy C Maver who was killed in action in 1918.

The second item is, a photograph dated 1894/1895 showing the original members of the 1st Cathcart Company The Boy's Brigade.

These have been placed either side of the Boy's Brigade Memorial Window

The third item is the Roll of Honour for, The Cathcart Branch Glasgow Foundry Boys Religious Society. 'Here-on are written the names of the monitors of the Society who went out to serve their country in the great war beginning 1914.'

Almost all the names appear on both our former churches memorials including Alexander C Kelly who was killed in action 1915 and Grace Etherington a nurse.

'In September 1894 another new organisation made its appearance- the 1st Cathcart Company of the Boy's Brigade. About the same time the Cathcart Branch of the Foundry Boy's Association came into our fold, by affiliation, as this branch had existed before the congregation was formed.'

The First Hundred Years 1887-1987

The Glasgow Foundry Boys Religious Society, instituted in November 1865 evolved from the response of a young woman, Mary Anne Clough, who was concerned about the welfare of young boys in local iron foundries in Glasgow.

Most of the boys could not read or write and Mary got permission to use an office in a foundry in the evenings in order to educate the boys. These boys aged 10 years upwards, worked 12 hour shifts then came to learn.

From an office in a foundry to a hall in Grove street (near St Georges Cross) the work developed.

Four Christian businessmen were responsible for the establishment of The Glasgow Foundry Boys Religious Society, an organisation that resulted in many branches being formed, in Glasgow, the Central belt of Scotland and elsewhere.

The organisation originally for boys, soon catered for girls and as they grew older their attachments to missions and churches became their place of worship. The four main areas of operation covered education, religion, social welfare and provident, matters. Central to the effort has always been the focus of leading people, young and old, to Christ.

From the 150th Anniversary
Thanksgiving Service of The Glasgow
Foundry Boys Society

Bill Martin

Queen's Park Probus Club

The presentation at the meeting of the Queen's Park Probus Club on Tuesday 27th March is entitled 'Watt Brothers', a name familiar to many Glaswegians. The speaker has asked that this be an open meeting at which, particularly ladies, be invited. However our invitation extends to gentlemen as well as ladies.

Please come along to the Kent Hall at 2.00pm for an enjoyable afternoon.

Alex B Harris

Parking

Our neighbours in Linwood Court have, once again, found it necessary to write to complain about the use of parking space in their development.

They are concerned that in some instances carers and residents' visitors are unable to park in the development due to the use of spaces by those using the Church on a Sunday morning.

The majority of the parking spaces in Linwood Court are private and allocated to individual houses. There are a few 'public' parking spaces in the development however it would good for neighbour relations if we could restrict our use of those whenever possible. There is plenty of parking space over the railway bridge in Elrig Road and I would encourage the use of this as an alternative to Linwood Court.

Iain Duff

Session Clerk

The Guild:



As I start to write this insert for the magazine, I can hardly believe we are coming to the end of our session.

Already our syllabus secretary Nancy has booked speakers for when we start back in October.

However we have a few meetings left in March as listed below.

- March 6th – Mrs Wilma Morrison
Leopold The First King of Belgium
- March 13th – AGM, Office Bearers,
Daffodil Tea, Sales Table.
- March 20th – Mr G Shankland
Clincarthill Puppets
- April 3rd – Fellowship Dinner
Williamwood Golf Club

Although our Tuesday night meetings end in March, our afternoon teas will be resuming on the last Wednesday of the month starting on April 25th at 2pm and a warm invitation is extended to everyone to come along.

Margaret McHarg

Stamps: I was sorry to learn that David McMillan is no longer in a position to collect used stamps and postcards from Cathcart Trinity members. However, Church of Scotland Crossreach will be very happy to accept these. If members would like to continue to collect them and place them in the tray marked 'Stamps' I will be pleased to pass them on.

Thank you, **Margaret Brough.**

Please pray for SU Holidays happening this Easter

Could you join in prayer for all the SU Holidays and Missions that are coming up in the coming months?

Every year we run an email-based 'Prayer Hotline', where we can share news and urgent needs from events as they're taking place!

Could you be part of the team, giving vital prayer support to the Easter and Summer programme of events that SU Scotland runs?

Sign up for whatever weeks you can manage at **suscotland.org.uk/prayer/prayer-hotline**.

What's happening:

31 Mar-9 Apr ESK1
Snowsports in Austria for S2-6 led by Stephen Jones

2-7 Apr EA1 for P6-S4 at Alltnacriche led by Jackie Ringan

2-7 Apr ELM1a
Creative Arts for P5-7 at Lendrick Muir led by Jenny Cheung

2-7 Apr ELM1b for P5-S3 at Lendrick Muir led by Bruce Lockhart

2-7 Apr ELM1c study holiday for S4-6 at Lendrick Muir led by Angus Moyes

2-7 Apr ES1 for P5-7 at Scoughall led by Gordon and Jane Roy

2-7 Apr EAN1
Motiv8 event for S1-3 at Auchengillan led by Libby Lobban & Gordon McKie

2-7 Apr EGS1 Motiv8 event for S1-3 at Glenshee led by David Clipston & ML Stone

7-14 Apr EA2 for P5-7 at Alltnacriche led by Elaine Watt

7-13 Apr ELM2a for P6-S6 led by Kenny & Alison McKie

7-13 Apr ELM2c study holiday for S4-6 at Lendrick Muir led by Colin Carmichael

10-14 Apr ES2 Drama holiday for P5-S1 at Scoughall led by Fiona Stewart

10-14 Apr Kirkcaldy Mission led by Chris Beattie

Some general prayer points:

- Give thanks that numbers booked to Easter events are up on last year. Pray that everyone will have a great holiday.
- Give thanks for those who volunteer to be part of the teams and pray for them as they get alongside young people, care for them through the week and share something of Jesus in all they do and say.
- Pray for safety in travel and activities, and for good weather to allow all outdoor activities to take place.
- Pray for the staff at the SU centres, Lendrick Muir and Alltnacriche, as they work to ensure the smooth running of the centres and to support teams as they deliver activities.
- Pray for that as the seed of God's Word is sown it would find take root and be fruitful. Pray that everyone attending an event grows in faith and understands more of God's love for them.



CYMP NEWS: MARCH 2018

Cathcart Youth Ministry Partnership SC039290

Cathcart Youth Ministry Partnership (CYMP) is the joint youth ministry of Cathcart Baptist Church,
Cathcart Trinity Church of Scotland and Cathcart United Free Church

UPCOMING CYMP ACTIVITIES

DAY	ACTIVITY	DATES	TIME	LOCATION	CONTACT
TUESDAY	ILLUMINATE Youth discipleship for P7-S3	6th, 20th & 27th	6:30pm until 8pm	The Hamilton Room, Cathcart UF Church	Andrew or Cara
TUESDAY	KAIO Youth discipleship for S4-S6	6th, 20th & 27th	7:30pm until 9pm	The Hamilton Room	Andrew or Cara
TUESDAY	ILLUMINATE AND KAIO Evening with a Mission Team from America	13th	6:30pm until 8pm	The Hamilton Room	
WEDNESDAY	THE POINT After school drop in for S1-S6	7th, 14th, 21st & 28th	3pm until 5pm	The Gateway, 100 Merrylee Road	Andrew or Cara
WEDNESDAY	YOUTH ALPHA PIONEER For young people in P7-S6	7th, 14th, 21st & 28th	7:30pm until 9pm	Darnley United Free Church Travel to and from Cathcart can be arranged	Andrew or Cara
THURSDAY	BRAIN GYM Homework club for S1-S6	1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd	3pm until 5pm	The Gateway	Andrew or Cara
THURSDAY	BRAIN GYM REWARD TRIP	29th	After school	TBC	Cara
FRIDAY	THE POINT After school drop in for S1-S6	2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd	3pm until 5pm	The Gateway	Andrew or Cara
SATURDAY	MONKEY BUSINESS For P1-P7	10th	3pm until 5pm	The Gateway	Andrew or Cara
SATURDAY	MINIONS TRAINING Leadership training for S1-S6	10th	5:15pm until 6:45pm	The Gateway	Cara
SATURDAY	YOUTH CAFÉ For P7-S6	10th & 24th	7:30pm until 9:30pm	The Gateway	Andrew or Cara
SUNDAY	CHECK OUT YOUR LOCAL CHURCH				

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<https://www.facebook.com/cathcartyouthministrypartnership/>

POLAR EXPLORERS EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

- We need kitchen roll holders
- Please contact Cara directly if you would like to purchase anything from the shopping list

CYMP PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray for the The Vibe: Skills for Living Project BRAIN GYM
- Please pray for the upcoming Easter Holiday Club: Polar Explorers Wednesday 11th April until Friday 13th April 2018. For all young people in primary school, 10am until 12 noon at Cathcart Baptist Church

Shining Hospitals

Pat O'Hanlon and Ruth Watson were among the first missionaries to arrive in Pokhara, Nepal in 1952. They wanted to offer medical help immediately and so erected small buildings made of bamboo and thatch. However, it wasn't long till a storm blew the roof off.

They found an Indian firm that made prefabricated aluminium huts. They bought two, and the shiny material, which could be seen for miles from the surrounding hills, created great interest. Soon people were turning up to see for themselves what these 'shining houses' were. And the nickname stuck – 'The Shining Hospital' and is used even by the Government.

Over the years the hospital grew and developed, treating all sorts of illnesses, with TB being the major one, so much so that a special TB unit had to be opened. As more and more patients with leprosy came for treatment, a new hospital was opened - Green Pastures, which has treated thousands of patients, earning a reputation for delivering quality care to the poorest and most marginalised people.

Today, it is the biggest rehabilitation centre in Western Nepal, expecting to serve around twenty thousand patients in 2018. People come seeking help for leprosy, spinal cord injury, general disability, cerebral palsy, hearing loss, and palliative care, a new concept in Nepal, where INF (International Nepal Fellowship) is leading the way. Green Pastures is one of only three leprosy referral hospitals in Nepal, the only spinal cord injury hospital outside the capital and the only centre in the western half of the country for prosthetics work. Medical services have recently expanded, with clinics in Banke on the Indian border and Surkhet in the hills; so from one Shining Hospital 60 years ago, INF has expanded to three Shining Hospitals.

The three centres have been officially registered under the name 'Shining Hospitals' and their vision is to be a leading example of medical care, setting new standards in Nepal's health sector. The leadership team are very clear; they want Christ to be at the centre. Medical Director Dr Dipak says 'Patients should get the best treatment that resources allow - clean wards, kind nurses, kind doctors. We want to give them a complete treatment and be able to share God's love.'

An additional problem in a country with the cultural and religious beliefs held by many Nepalis, is that diseases and disabilities are regarded as a curse which people have because they deserve them, and so the sufferers are often excluded from society, sometimes abandoned even by their family. When someone is cured of leprosy it may be impossible for him or her to return to his or her village. This means that in the Shining Hospitals the aim is not just rehabilitation, but to restore a damaged self-image and give a sense of hope and confidence and an awareness of the God who loves them.



A good example would be Purna, a man in his 30s with a wife and one child who was shocked to discover he had leprosy, and quickly came to Green Pastures for treatment. Because it had been caught early, he was soon cured, but knew he would not be welcome back in his village where no-one would employ him. There happened to be a vacancy for a garden supervisor at Green Pastures Farm.

Purna applied, was accepted and is now responsible for growing vegetables to supply the hospital plus a surplus to sell to the public.

Two or three Sundays ago when we sang in church "Shine Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory," I thought of how, in Nepal, the Shining Hospitals are helping to fulfil that vision.

Bill Seaman

Safeguarding at Cathcart Trinity

The Church of Scotland aims to have all volunteers trained so if you are a volunteer working with children, young people or vulnerable adults and have not attended Church of Scotland training, please look at the dates below and decide on a date which suits you. To book a place, please contact me by email or in person.

- Wednesday 25 April – Croftfoot Parish Church 7 – 9.30pm
- Tuesday 1 May – Cardonald Parish Church 7 – 9.30pm
- Monday 4 June – Sandyford Henderson Memorial Church 7 – 9.30pm

Please do not hesitate to speak to Donald or Linda if you have a safeguarding query or concern.

Linda Burke L829burke@btinternet.com

March at a Glance

Sunday 4th March	11.00am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Monday 5th March	2pm	Moment's Cafe
Tuesday 6th March	6.15pm	Snowdrops (currently full)
	7.30pm	The Guild
Thursday 8th March	12.45pm	Lunchtime Service
Wednesday 7th March	7.30pm	Live Lent (UF Church)
Friday 9th March	6.30pm	Radar
Sunday 11th March	11.00am	Morning Worship
	2.45pm	Cartvale Service
	6.30pm	Evening Worship (UF Church)
Tuesday 13th March	6.15pm	Snowdrops (currently full)
	7.30pm	The Guild
Wednesday 14th March	7.30pm	Live Lent (Baptist Church)
Thursday 15th March	12.45pm	Lunchtime Service
Friday 16th March	6.30pm	Radar
Saturday 17th March	4pm	Messy Church
Sunday 18th March	11.00am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Monday 19th March	2pm	Moment's Cafe
Tuesday 20th March	6.15pm	Snowdrops (currently full)
	7.30pm	The Guild
Wednesday 21st March	7.30pm	Live Lent (UF Church)
Thursday 22nd March	12.45pm	Lunchtime Service
Friday 23rd March	6.30pm	Radar
Sunday 25th March	11.00am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Tuesday 27th March	6.15pm	Snowdrops (currently full)
	7.30pm	The Guild
Thursday 29th March	12.45pm	Lunchtime Service
Friday 30th March	6.30pm	Radar
Saturday 31st March	8.30am	Prayer Breakfast (UF Church)



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