



Service recognised

**Congratulations to Lorma Bell, right, for long service in the choir,
and Moira Cannon, who was made an Elder Emeritus**

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Arts & Crafts group

St Mary's-Greyfriars' Church

2nd & 4th Tuesdays

14:00-16:00



Why not Come and join us?



From the Manse

Dear friends,

It is a joy to write to you once more from the Manse especially during the period of Lent and then Easter. Despite the best efforts of chocolate manufacturers and card shops this season remains resolutely a Christian festival. The six-week period of Lent is meant to be one when we examine ourselves and our relationship to God.

We travel through Holy Week from the joyous entry to Jerusalem to the darkness of Good Friday. This is a period of time when other denominations strip all colour and decoration from their churches so that the contrast of a church full of flowers and colour is made complete on Easter morning.

This year, during Holy Week, I will be showing the film the Passion at the Manse followed by a short service in the church on Good Friday (to be confirmed). I hope that these meetings will bring freshness to your approach to the sacrifice made by the Lamb of God on our behalf. On Easter Sunday we will welcome a Praise Band to lead our worship in the church.

This is going to be a trying year for St Mary's-Greyfriars' as we will face many different problems together. Rather than focus on that for now, let us focus on the promise of Easter and rejoice that we have the Risen Lord who loves every single one of us.

Your Minister and friend,

From the Guild

Our February meeting took place in the afternoon when we had a speaker from Cross-Reach telling us about the current Guild project, Join Up the Dots. This is a project aimed at tackling loneliness and isolation by exposing the problems and providing solutions for them.

In March we welcomed David White, assistant pastor at Dumfries Baptist Church, who gave a very personal and thought provoking talk on the current Guild theme: One Journey, Many Roads.

Our April meeting is our AGM and our summer outing on June 18 is a visit to the newly (end of May) opened Moat Brae followed by a meal together.

On a wider front there are events planned by Nithsdale Guilds Together with an opportunity to meet members of the National Council and a Big Sing in Edinburgh as part of the General Assembly on May 21.

Liz Tanner



Christian Aid

Lent lunches at St John's Church have been well supported so far with Dumfries and District Churches playing their part in raising funds for Christian Aid – the focus this year is on climate change and how we can help.

St Mary's-Greyfriars' will be responsible for the sales table on Friday April 5. Minimum donation for entry is £3.50.

Christian Aid week runs from May 12-18 when we will again be house to house collecting within the town – to help underprivileged countries fight poverty. We hope that as many of those who helped last year will be able to do so again this year – if you would like to join the team please contact any elder.



Anne Twiname

What's on ...

April

Tuesday 9: Arts and Crafts

Wednesday 10: Garden Club, Ian Wilson, Shackleton Journey

Monday 15: Buzz, Victorian Scenes, Bill Holland

Tuesday 23: Arts and Crafts

Wednesday 24: Garden Club, Duncan Ford, Hoddom Ranger

Saturday 27: Nithsdale Guilds Together, St George's Church Hall

Sunday 28: Communion

Monday 29: Communion service and soup

Monday 29: Buzz, For your entertainment

May

Saturday 4: Coffee morning

Wednesday 8: Garden Club, Ian Warner

Monday 13: Buzz, Skin care and beauty

Tuesday 14: Arts and Crafts

Wednesday 22: Garden Club, V+P Russell, garden wildlife

Saturday 25: Garden Club coffee morning and plant sale

Monday 27: Service and soup

Monday 27: Buzz, Talking newspapers

Tuesday 28: Arts and Crafts

Date to add? Get in touch! Details on page five.



The Power of Love

Love is a powerful sentiment like no other,
It has no wings but can fly even further.
It has no brakes but many a gear.
Determined it can jump many obstacles with no fear.
Courageous it climbs higher mountains,
Sails across the mighty ocean or passes any frontiers.
Love is special, it is strong and to separate one who is in love with another,
Is like taking away a hungry baby from the breast of its mother.
Love cares and is honest and kind.
With it peace and joy you will find.
The heart is the safe where love's secret is kept,
If you can open it, love you will get.
For defeating hate there is only one way,
To love one another each and every day.

Peter Angelini

Church register

Deaths – “I am the resurrection and the life”

February 24: Miss J Scott

March 18: Mr J Wright

Please let me know of any changes of address:

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About the magazine

Welcome to our April/May edition. The deadline for our next edition is **Sunday May 19** for items through the church – and 3pm that day for those sent direct. Many thanks as always!

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From the flower team

The flower list for 2019 is now displayed in the vestibule. There are several vacant dates now, especially in the second half of the year, if anyone would care to make a donation for the church flowers.

No need to be put off by thinking you can't arrange flowers – someone else can do them for you, though we are always pleased when people like to do it themselves.

Many thanks to all volunteers who donate, arrange and deliver flowers. Members of the congregation who are ill, housebound or bereaved receive flowers and they are very appreciative.

Flower team contacts: Norna Francis (250199), Moira Cannon (720394) Betty Jardine (257691), Margaret Thomson (253484) or Maureen Wilson (255008).

Notes of thanks

I would like to say thank you for the lovely flowers which I received before and after my stay in hospital. Thanks also for the cards, gifts and telephone calls received. It was very much appreciated.

Cheryl Smail

Thanks for the Christmas present from Ina Thom.

Neiria Watson sends thanks for the flowers received on her birthday.

A thank you from Bunty Hogg for the Christmas present from the church.

Marion Bennett sends thanks for the lovely yellow roses.

Freda Hunter would like to say thank you for the flowers she received and all the well wishes, which were very much appreciated.

Thanks from Mrs E Galloway for the lovely gift of flowers, which were very much appreciated.

Flower rota

Apr 14.....	J Gormley
Apr 21.....	M Lorimer
Apr 28.....	L Tanner
May 5.....	F Hunter
May 12.....	A Mackie
May 19.....	M Thomson
May 26.....	M Bennett
June 2.....	M Stenhouse



Rena Ball would like to thank everyone for the beautiful flowers she received when she was recovering from her operation.

Helen Holland says thanks for church flowers given after her recent illness, they were much appreciated.



Buzz update

Over the past couple of months the Buzz has had a wide and varied programme. We have heard about charitable giving in Dumfries through the Massive Outpouring of Love charity, in a whole host of different forms – be it donating money, clothes for Syrian refugees, or people becoming befrienders and helping the homeless. Then two weeks later, just after Valentine’s Day, we welcomed Ian Kirkpatrick who introduced us to a selection of tunes and stories.

At the start of March, we had a speaker from Tesco Express in Dumfries, who told us about her work as a community champion.

At our meeting on March 18 we had a talk from Iain and Frank from Telecare (Care Call) about how to live independently within your own home. They are pictured at the top of this page. A varied range of services are available and they can make a real difference to people’s lives. For further information on the service, call 030 33 33 3001.

Freda Hunter



Fairtrade breakfast

Approximately 40 people came for breakfast in the hall on Sunday February 24.

They enjoyed sampling Fairtrade muesli, jam, marmalade, fruit juice, bananas, dried fruit and chocolate. One young visitor was heard to declare that it was the best breakfast ever as he got to eat different kinds of chocolate! This was particularly fitting as the emphasis this year was on supporting the cocoa bean farmers.

Liz Tanner

