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Dear Friends

The journey towards the first Easter was a rollercoaster ride of emotions for Jesus' disciples.

They must have felt bewildered as Jesus predicted what would happen to Him in a few days' time.¹

They saw Jesus shed tears, both at the tomb of Lazarus and as He approached Jerusalem.²

But there was great joy as Lazarus was raised and as Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.³

They saw righteous anger as Jesus cleared the Temple and as He debated with the Pharisees and challenged their hypocrisy.⁴

They saw examples of great love as a woman anointed Jesus with perfume and as He washed His disciples' feet.⁵

They had to get their heads round some very challenging parables, and lots of new teaching about the Holy Spirit.⁶

It was no wonder that they were struggling to stay awake in the Garden of Gethsemane as Jesus prayed so fervently, showing such courage and obedience.⁷

Then there was the shock of seeing Jesus betrayed by Judas and all the horrors that would follow on Good Friday.⁸

And the fear that they might be next in line for such a terrible fate.⁹

But then they had the shock, the joy and amazement of seeing the risen Jesus standing among them, giving them His peace and promising that His presence would go with them.¹⁰

However I can't help feeling that the rollercoaster ride that went before the joy of Easter Sunday would have been much easier for the disciples if they had really listened to Jesus' words about what was to come, especially about his rising again.

¹ Instead they allowed themselves to be overtaken by fear and doubt.

Two thousand years later, we can still find ourselves on a journey through life that is full of ups and downs. And at the end of that journey, we too will be in the presence of Jesus, experiencing heavenly peace, joy and amazement forevermore if we put our faith in him. But I suspect we will also find the journey that goes beforehand much easier if we really listen to His words and take them on board, rather than letting fear and doubt creep into our lives. Or as Jesus himself put it:

'Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.'
(Matthew 11:29-30)

Wishing you every blessing for Easter,

Louis

- ¹ Matthew 20:17-20
- ² John 11:33-35, Luke 19:44-47
- ³ John 11:43-44, Matthew 21:1-11
- ⁴ Matthew 21-23
- ⁵ Matthew 26:6-13, John 13:1-17
- ⁶ Matthew 25, John 14-16
- ⁷ Matthew 26:36-46
- ⁸ Matthew 26:47-27:50
- ⁹ John 20:19
- ¹⁰ John 20:19-23, Matthew 28:20

COMMUNION

Our next Communion service will take place on Sunday 10 March (which this year is also Mothering Sunday). The retiring collection will go to Tearfund's Middle East Emergency Appeal to help those impacted by the current crisis.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

24 March 2024 – Palm Sunday Service at 11 am

28 March 2024 - Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 7.30 pm

29 March 2024 - Good Friday Service at 7.30 pm

31 March 2024 - Easter Sunday Service at 11 am

MINISTER'S HOLIDAYS

Louis will be on holiday 1-12 April and 10-17 June. Rev Monica Michelin-Salomon will provide emergency pastoral cover and Douglas will take the services on 7 April and 16 June.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Louis will be away on General Assembly duties 18-27 May. He will be at Shettleston New to lead worship on 19 May but Douglas will take the service on 26 May.

PRAYER MEETINGS

Wednesdays at 1.15 pm in the small hall. All welcome.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS

This is an ecumenical event, where we join with members of other denominations to walk along Shettleston Road, starting at St Paul's RC Chapel on Shettleston Road at 11 am and finishing at St Barnabas' on Darleith Street. We walk behind a large cross, singing Easter hymns and stopping for prayers and readings at various points along the way. It is a powerful witness to the Cross of Christ and to Christian unity so please consider coming along on Good Friday.

DISCIPLESHIP FACILITATOR

I love the observations of children, as they frequently bring about observations that we adults have never thought about. One such example came at the SU group at Thorntree when one of the children asked me about something that they had been thinking about. I was asked about the names of the two thieves who were crucified beside Jesus. I had never given it any thought! Of course, the Gospels don't name the thieves, and I explained this to the child. However, a little research found that tradition has given the thieves names! The "good thief" (is there really such a thing?!) is called Dismas, whilst the unrepentant thief is given the name Gestas! It's very true – every day is a school day and even we adults can learn!

I have now started an SU Group at Eastbank Academy. At the time of writing no children had come to the group, but hopefully we can have some young people come along.

In terms of working with the young people in our own church, the latest events we have been engaging with have been Magnitude. They have had a couple of worship nights at Queen's Park Baptist Church. Louis has introduced one of the songs sung at that to a Sunday morning, so it is great to be evidencing that the two events of Magnitude and Sunday morning worship are not opposite events, and ultimately are about worshipping God. In the summer we are hoping to take some of the young people to the Magnitude Festival at Lendrick Muir

We still have two Bible studies throughout the week. Please speak to me for more details. On Monday we have a group that meets on Zoom, and a face-to-face study on a Thursday morning. Those who attend greatly appreciate the spiritual growth both these groups bring.

Many thanks for the continuing support and prayers

Douglas

EASTER PRAYER EXPERIENCE - SATURDAY 23 MARCH

We are hosting our Easter Prayer Experience on Saturday 23 March between 10 am and 12 noon or 1 pm and 4 pm. We have 10 areas to help you reflect and pray. Please do drop in and go round at your own pace. We look forward to welcoming you then.

WEDNESDAY LUNCHESES

Since returning after the Christmas and New Year break, we have gone from strength to strength. Our weekly numbers are now in the 40s - near enough our maximum capacity. The team are amazing, each one a vital part of the team. As we head toward Easter, we may take a week off, more information on this nearer the time.

Thanking all our customers for their continued support.

TRUSTEES' MEETING

The Trustees' Meeting (Kirk Session and Congregational Board) will be held on Tuesday 30 April at 7.30 pm.

CONGREGATIONAL BOARD

Next meetings Tuesday 19 March and Tuesday 28 May at 7.30 pm.

KIRK SESSION

Session Meetings Tuesday 30 April immediately after the Trustees' Meeting and Tuesday 25 June at 7.30 pm.

SHETTLESTON NEW COMMUNITY CHOIR

Shettleston New Community Choir will be performing a selection of Country and Western songs as part of the Voice Project Gala Concert at 7.30 pm at Newton Mearns Baptist Church on Saturday 23 March. Tickets are available online at <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/newtonmearnsbaptistchurch/1148999#> (or see Janie for help with booking) - adults £6, children £4.

The choir will take a 3-week break over Easter, finishing on Thursday 21 March and starting back on 18 April.

COME AND SING CAFE

In Christmas week we had a very successful Christmas party with visits from the man in red and a group of youngsters from a local nursery who very much entered into the spirit of things with our guests and also entertained us.

We are very grateful for several donations towards our party - an anonymous donation of £50, a selection of delicious cakes from Sinclair's Cakes Bridgeton and Christmas pies donated by Co-op Funeral Services Shettleston, who regularly supply us with tea, coffee and biscuits. We had 31 guests, including carers, on the day which was good. Have you ever played The Grand Old Duke of York seated? We have!

We have decided there will be no Cafe during the month of July due to staffing at care homes and centres and also no cafe on Easter Monday. Our attendance varies due to circumstances, but reports from carers and guests alike are very positive and we as a team really enjoy our afternoons. If you know of anyone living with Dementia please make our Cafe known to them and their carer as they are assured of a warm welcome. The person's carer must stay with them at the Cafe which is normally 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month from 2 pm -3.30 pm approximately.

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Pearl: 07702383315

Margaret Watson

GUILD NEWS

Several Guilds in the district have closed, several do not meet every month during the winter months and some no longer meet weekly. We do and our membership is now in the high teens with our members attending regularly each week. We have had a varied syllabus.

Our Guest Day was a great success with approximately 40 attending. Our speaker was Jonathan Buchan, President of Bridgeton Burns Club. We did not have traditional haggis, neeps and tatties for our guests, but Scotch pies, Haggis bites and potato scones were enjoyed. Bet you wish you had joined us! Perhaps next session?

Our current session comes to a close on 26 March but feel free to come along on Tuesdays at 2 pm and enjoy the rest of our session with us.

Margaret W

CHURCH FLOWERS

"In Sweet Remembrance and with Grateful Thanks"

Mar 3 –
Mar 10 – Margaret L
Mar 17 – Betty F
Mar 24 –
Mar 31 – Aileen B
Apr 7 – Georgie McP in memory of Kenneth
Apr 14 – Douglas HR
Apr 21 – Christine W
Apr 28 –
May 5
May 12 – Betty D
May 19 –
May 26 –
Jun 2 –
Jun 9 - Margaret S and Christine H
Jun 16 – Susan C



There are also a few blanks later in the year. Many people like to mark a special birthday or anniversary (either their own or that of a loved one) by donating flowers for the vases in the church. Unless you wish to arrange flowers yourself, flowers to the value of your donation will be purchased and arranged for you. Please note that if you are registered for Gift Aid the church will automatically claim back the tax you paid on the amount of your donation for flowers. Anyone wishing to give flowers on any of the open dates, or to pay for flowers for a date already arranged, please contact Margaret Stevenson. If you wish to make a contribution towards flowers on an Open Date, there are boxes at both church doors. Thanks to everyone who has donated the flowers we see in the church every Sunday.

If you know of someone who should receive church flowers please tell Margaret Laing, Christine Hooper or Margaret Stevenson.

DEATHS

"Blessed are the Dead which die in the Lord"

Archie Stevenson -10 December 2023

Archie's association with Eastbank Church went back a long way as his father had been the minister from 1957 to 1965, and it was at the Eastbank Youth Fellowship that he met Christine, going on to get married in 1964. After a short stint in the Army, most of Archie's working life was spent as a bus driver for Glasgow Corporation. He was also a committed member of Mount Vernon Bowling Club and relished the roles he played as husband, dad and grandad. We continue to hold Christine and all the family in prayer.

Barrie Armstrong – 14 December 2023

Barrie was a very committed member of Carntyne Old and then Shettleston New. She served as a Sunday School teacher for many years and, after retiring from a long and distinguished nursing career, she was also ordained as an elder. Although she hadn't been at church for the last two years due to health reasons, she enjoyed the monthly services in Springboig Care Centre and continued to be fondly remembered at Shettleston New for her warmth, vivacity and great faith. We continue to remember her sons, David, Craig and Billy, in our prayers.

Grace Copeland – 29 January 2024

Grace was a long-standing and much-loved member of Carntyne Old and then Shettleston New. She was a committed worshipper, with her son, Andrew, faithfully bringing her along on a Sunday morning. She continued travelling to New Zealand and Canada until she was well into her eighties, going out to visit her daughters Christina and Allison. Grace was also well-known for her love of singing as well as being a member of the North British Bowling Club. We continue to uphold Christina, Andrew and Allison in prayer.

Allan Hollingsworth – 15 February 2024

Allan was well-known for being 'Allan the Tiler', and had done tiling work for many members of the congregation over the years. He was also a keen gardener and loved spending time with his grandchildren. His last 9 years were spent at Springboig Care Centre where he was looked after wonderfully well by the staff. Please remember Sandra, his daughters Karen and Fiona and all the wider family in your prayers at this sad time.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

ANNUAL GIVING DAYS – Saturday 16 March/Sunday 17 March 2024

We plan to have this year's Giving Days on Saturday 16 March and Sunday 17 March. Envelopes for the Giving Day are enclosed with this magazine. Giving Day envelopes can be handed in at the Coffee Morning on the Saturday (see below) or, if you are unable to attend then, can be put in the offering basket the next day or on a later Sunday. If you are registered for Gift Aid please remember to put your offering envelope number on the gift aid envelope so that the Church can claim back the income tax you have paid on your contribution. If you give your offering direct to the church bank account and therefore do not have a number, please put your name on the giving day envelope. Envelopes for those who receive the Messenger online will be available at the Church on Sundays and at the Coffee Morning or you can use any other envelope you wish.

GIVING DAY COFFEE MORNING WITH HANDCRAFT STALLS

The Giving Day Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 16 March from 10.00 am until 12.30 pm. Admission will be free but a charge will be made for the Tea Room. This year the stalls at the Coffee Morning will be a bit different. We shall be selling goods we have made ourselves eg knitted items, home baking, marmalade, crocheted items and? This will free up more space for the tea room, hopefully making it a more enjoyable experience

Crafty People – anyone wishing to provide and sell their goods please see me with regard to table space. You can have a table, half a table or a little bit of a table – we shall be more than happy to accommodate you. Please let me know what you need by Sunday 10 March so that we can plan the table layout.

A4 size posters advertising the Coffee Morning are now available. Could you take one or two from the cafe shelves and ask local shops, etc, to display them? The more publicity we can give the Coffee Morning, the more people are likely to come in the door. We have seen the benefit of this at previous coffee mornings.

It goes without saying that Home Baking is requested, not only for the stall but also the tea room. If any of the goodies are unsold you can buy them back at the end!

NB This year we intend to set up the stalls on the Saturday morning instead of on the Friday. This means that we do not have to ask the Boys' Brigade to give up their usual meeting. The Church will be open on Saturday from 9 am so that we are ready to open at 10 am and help with setting up the tables will be appreciated. Assistance with clearing up at the end is also requested.

Why not invite friends and neighbours to come for a cup of tea/coffee and a browse through the stalls? Please support this effort in any way possible.

Grace Dunlop

"FILL A BAG" EVENT

We intend to have another "Fill a Bag" event this year during the week from Sunday 10 to Saturday 16 March. Anyone wishing to clear out their wardrobe is welcome to fill a bag and leave it at the Church any day that week (not any earlier please as storage is a problem). Just fill bags, large or small, with clothes, shoes, household goods (if possible in separate labelled bags), etc, and bring them to the

Church during that week (note Organisation members can bring them to meetings and leave them in the small hall. We will sell these in bulk to a cash for clothes company. Please note they do not accept duvets or pillows. This is a great opportunity to have a clear out and to help friends and neighbours by inviting them to do so too. This takes only a little effort – no money cost is involved. Further information from Grace Dunlop.

TEDDY AND DOLLY OUTFITS/BABY AND CHILDREN'S JUMPERS, CARDIGANS, HATS AND MITTS, KNEE RUGS AND PRAM BLANKETS

Thinking about Easter gifts? Our goods would be a healthier option than Easter eggs! They also make ideal gifts for birthdays, new babies, etc. If we do not have the size or colour you would like, you can place an order. Although the stall is not out on a Sunday you can still buy goods. Just see Margaret Stevenson or Christine Hooper after the service and ask – it is no bother to get out the boxes and let you purchase what you want. Goods are usually available at the Wednesday Lunches (11.45 am to 1.30 pm), the Tots' Group on Thursdays (12.15 pm to 2.30 pm) and the New Place on Fridays (10.30 am to 12 noon). Grateful thanks to these groups for allowing us to display and sell goods. All proceeds to our Building Fund.

Sales are not yet back to pre-Covid levels, but are slowly improving. Our last payment to the church was £1,200 for the 3-year period to the end of March 2023, a time badly affected by the pandemic. We now have £750 for the current year and hope to increase that before the end of March. Thanks to everyone who has bought goods from us or has donated wool.

ALTERATIONS 4 U

If you would like to have clothes repaired or altered to fit, and help our Building Fund at the same time, then Alterations 4U is just what you need. Just bring the garment/s to church with a note of the change you wish. All proceeds to Building Fund. See Christine Hooper.

STAMPS, COINS, SPECTACLES, MOBILE PHONES AND WOOL

Recycle and help the environment. Collections continuing as usual. Boxes in Church Vestibule, Large Hall and Cafe area. Needed –

- Used Postage Stamps (British or foreign) for Marie Curie Huntershill Hospice, preferably with about 1 cm/1/2" envelope round them. Stamps already off the paper are also accepted but do not make any more money.
- Foreign or obsolete British coins and banknotes for Marie Curie Huntershill Hospice
- Spectacles for third world countries
- Wool for knitting blankets for sending to places where they are badly needed and for knitting goods for sale for our own Building Fund
- Old mobile phones for Oxfam

Knitted and crocheted blankets have recently been taken to Refuweege, a charity based in Glasgow which helps refugees who usually arrive with nothing. They were very grateful for them. Spectacles have also been delivered recently, while stamps, coins and banknotes will be delivered soon.

240TH GLASGOW RAINBOWS/BROWNIES/GUIDES/RANGERS



RAINBOWS

The Rainbows have been working towards their Innovate Badge as part of the Express Myself Theme, which gives the girls a chance to unlock their creativity with ideas, experiments and problem solving.

We've also had lots of fun making our own tartan for Robert Burns Day, making lanterns for Chinese New Year and thinking about how we can be more environmentally sustainable as part of World Thinking Day.

We were very excited to welcome Grace Dunlop and Marion Linton recently as part of their elders' visit and some of our girls shared what they love most about Rainbows - making things, playing games, colouring in and getting badges!

Our unit leader Jemma Kirkwood was recently awarded her 20-year long service award from Girlguiding. We are very grateful to Jemma for her dedication to Girlguiding and the 240th Glasgow Rainbow unit. Congratulations Jemma!

BROWNIES

The Brownies have been working hard on the Express Myself unit. Many girls have successfully completed the Painting Badge or the Performance Badge. We had a lovely visit from our Elders, Grace and Marion, who got to see some of the girls' performances and admire their paintings!

GUIDES

The Guides have been working on tasks related to the environment as this is the theme for this year's World Thinking Day which was celebrated on 22 February.

RANGERS

The Rangers took part in preparing and leading this year's Division Thinking Day Event at St Mungo's Academy on 24 February. This was a great success and the Rangers worked very hard for it and earned their Event Planning Badge. Well done to all 10 girls who made their Ranger Promise together on 21 February to celebrate Thinking Day.

240TH UNIT LEADERS

Big congratulations to our leaders who recently received long service awards. 5-year awards went to Emma Henderson, Sara Kirkwood and Abbie Irvine. Jemma Kirkwood received her 20-year service award. Well done to Jemma, Emma, Sara and Abbie and big thanks to all of you for your long service.

Meeting times:

Rainbows: Wednesday 6.15-7.30 pm Cafe door.

Brownies: Wednesday 6.15-7.30 pm Front door.

Guides/Rangers: Wednesday 7.30-9.00 pm Front door.



94th GLASGOW (1st SHETTLESTON) COMPANY, THE BOYS' BRIGADE

Founded 1894

We meet in the halls on Fridays from 7.00 pm. New members are always welcome.

Anchor Boys (P1 to P3) 7.00 to 8.00 pm
Junior Section (P4 to P6) 7.00 to 9.00 pm
Company/Senior (P7 to S6) 7.00 to 10.00 pm

COMPANY and SENIOR SECTIONS

The Company has been enjoying another good session at Shettleston New.

The Recruits in the Company Section who joined us this Session have continued working their way through the award scheme and we are pleased to report they have all gained their first awards.

Our Senior Boys are approaching the end of their Queen's Badge course, having completed independent work in community service, BB service, skills and physical activity.

As part of their award scheme the younger Boys built and installed a hydration station for use of residents at Springboig Care Centre. Everyone at the care home appreciated the work the Boys have done.

This session the Brigade worldwide has been celebrating 140 years of the Brigade. A team of Boys took part in the BB 140th Monopoly Challenge, in which they had to travel around Glasgow, taking selfies at various locations, earning the Brigade's unique 140th Anniversary Badge.

Apart from our regular Friday Parade Night programme, we have enjoyed a trip to laser tag, and taken part in Glasgow Battalion's virtual quiz night.

Within Shettleston New, we attended church parades to mark annual dedication and Remembrance Sunday, and Boys have helped out with the maintenance of the grounds and at the Christmas Fayre.

We held a very successful fundraiser café morning, and Boys took part in the Glasgow Santa Dash 5K run. We would like to thank everyone who supported these events. We are extremely grateful for the ongoing support we receive from everyone at Shettleston New.

Congratulations to NCO's who took part (for the first time) in the Battalion NCO Drill Commander Competition. They all achieved very high marks, and Cpl Arran Wilson came overall second, which means he will form part of the Battalion Colour Party at the Presentation of Queen's Badge Certificates later this year. Squads from the Company also took part in the Eastern District Drill Competition, with A Squad achieving second place. We will also be participating in the Battalion Drill Competition in March.

Mark Rennie

THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone for visits, phone calls, cards, letters and flowers following my operation. They were all greatly appreciated.

Jean Clegg

My family joins me in thanking everyone who sent cards and flowers on the death of my husband Archie. Also thanks to Louis for his visits and service at the Crematorium, and for the flowers from the church.

Christine Stevenson

MESSENGER

Because the print of the Messenger is too small for some people to read comfortably, they receive a copy with each page A4 size instead of A5. If you too would like this, please ask your elder or Margaret Stevenson to add your name to the list.

NEXT MESSENGER

We plan to publish the next edition of the Messenger mid June. Items to be included should be given to Margaret Stevenson no later than Sunday 2 June.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"He is risen"

