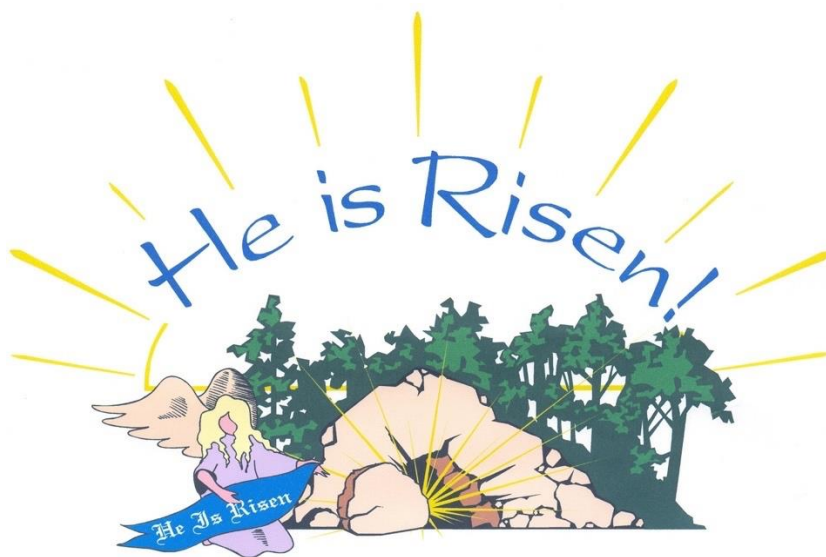


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KNIT AND NATTER

The ladies at the Knit and Natter have been kept busy with a variety of articles being knitted to go to various destinations.

More than one hundred premature baby hats were knitted for midwives to take with them to Tanzania. Knitted hats for seamen were given to the Ports Chaplain based at Leith who came to speak at the Guild meeting on 2nd March.

KNITTING PROJECT

Ladies of the Guild and Knit and Natter group visited Bonnyrigg Primary School for three weeks teaching the children to knit. The Primary 5 pupils assisted the Guild member to complete their knitting project. The children each knitted a square and the ladies stitched them together to make blankets which the children presented to Springfield Bank Nursing Home.

The group meet in the hall each Thursday from 1.30 – 3.30pm with an average of 20 ladies attending each week, but we are always happy to see new faces coming along to join us.



From the Minister ...

This is a special year for Cockpen & Carrington Church celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the current building. As many will be aware there are a number of events taking place through the year as part of the celebrations, and a highly informative historical booklet will also be available to coincide with the main celebration weekend on 28th – 29th March.

Also this year, the Guild at Cockpen & Carrington is celebrating its 90th Anniversary having begun all those years ago in 1930.

Looking back and appreciating our historical heritage is very special, particularly in relation to the Guild and considering its purpose to invite and encourage its members to commit their lives to Jesus Christ and to do so much to support so many needy projects at home and abroad.

Appreciating our church buildings is also significant, each with their own unique character and for many of us, our own special place where we always like to sit. Looking beyond the stonework, we reflect also on all the years of worship and fellowship that have taken place; God's faithful presence and provision; those who have come and gone before us; dear friends with whom we have shared in worship and service in the life of the church over so many years; growing up through Sunday School and the Youth Fellowship; milestone events through our lives with weddings, baptisms/blessings and funerals. All of this is very precious to us in our memories and our ongoing journey of faith.

As well as looking back and giving thanks in celebratory years, it is also good to take in the present and the future. As mentioned on other occasions, our God is a God who is always moving on and as we seek to be present for him and serve him in our communities, we need also to be ready to be moving on as church in order to remain effective and vibrant at every stage.

In Isaiah 43:18-19, God says: "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" While we celebrate and give thanks for all that is good from the past in the life of our churches, we also need to let go of any dream to replicate the past today. There may be a sense of loss in that, but we can be reassured that it is best to remain open to God and to participate in what he is making possible in new ways for today and tomorrow in the life, worship and mission of our churches. As God encouraged Joshua, as he and the people of Israel were on the brink of entering the land God had promised to them: "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and

courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9)

We don't attempt new things in the present on our own, but always with the Lord's timing, leading and enabling. Already as you will be able to read through the different articles in this magazine, there are new things happening and continuing in our churches and through Elisabeth Spence's Pioneer Ministry at Hopefield. We also have the excitement of welcoming Louise Purden as new minister at Bonnyrigg Parish Church in our local group of churches. As we pray into these new things, we can be encouraged to see them develop - building us up as church families and allowing us to build relationships in our community through which we can share and express Jesus' love and care to those around us.

With all good wishes for a joyful Easter when it comes.

Your Minister,
Lorna Souter



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SERVICES MARCH TO SEPTEMBER 2020

Date	Lasswade & Rosewell at 10.00 am	Cockpen & Carrington at 11.30 am
8 March	Minister – Lasswade	Minister
15 March	tbc – Rosewell	tbc
22 March	Minister – Lasswade – all-age service	Minister – all-age service
29 March	Joint Service Cockpen & Carrington Church - 11.30 am – 200th Anniversary Celebration Service – All-age service with The Very Revd. Dr Susan Brown	
5 April Palm Sunday	Minister – Rosewell Communion Service	Fiona Devoy
12 April Easter Sunday	Minister – Lasswade	Minister
19 April	Rev. Andrew Dick – Rosewell	Rev. Andrew Dick
26 April	Minister – Lasswade – All-age service	Minister – All-age service with Baptism
3 May	Minister - Rosewell	Minister - Communion
10 May Christian Aid Week	Minister – Lasswade Big Breakfast after service in aid of Christian Aid	Minister Buffet Lunch after the service in aid of Christian Aid
17 May	Minister - Rosewell	Minister
24 May	Rev. Elisabeth Spence – All-Age Service Lasswade	Rev. Elisabeth Spence - All-Age Service
31 May	Joint Service at 10.00 am at Lasswade Church – Minister	
7 June	Minister - Rosewell	Minister
14 June	Minister – Lasswade – Communion Service	tbc
21 June	Minister - Rosewell	Minister
28 June	Minister – Lasswade – All-age service	Minister – All-age service
5 July	Minister - Rosewell	Minister
12 July	Minister - Lasswade	Minister
19 July	Minister - Rosewell	Minister
26 July	tbc - Lasswade	tbc
2 August	tbc - Rosewell	tbc
9 August	tbc - Lasswade	tbc
16 August	Minister - Rosewell	Minister
23 August	Minister – Lasswade Back to School Sunday – All-age Service	Minister Back to School Sunday – All-Age Service
30 August	Joint Service at 10.00 am at Rosewell Church - Minister	
6 September	Minister – Rosewell – Communion Service	tbc
13 September Harvest	Minister - Lasswade	Minister
20 September	Minister – Rosewell	Minister
27 September	Minister - Lasswade All-Age Service	Minister – All-Age Service

HOLY WEEK SERVICES – 6th – 10th APRIL 2020

Monday 6th April at 7.00 pm - Our Lady of Consolation RC Church

Tuesday 7th April at 7.00 pm - Bonnyrigg Parish Church

Wednesday 8th April at 7.00 pm – St Leonard's Scottish Episcopal Church

Thursday 9th April at 7.00 pm – Rosewell Church

Good Friday 10th April at 7.00 pm – Lasswade Church

2020 Events

Cockpen and Carrington Church Bicentenary

MARCH

2020 Birthday Party

Saturday 28th at 2.30pm
Church Hall

Dedication Service

Sunday 29th at 11.30am
Cockpen and Carrington Church

APRIL

Songs of Praise

Thursday 2nd at **7pm**
Cockpen and Carrington Church

Stainer's Crucifixion
St. Andrew Camerata

Saturday 4th at **7pm**
Cockpen and Carrington Church

MAY

Coffee Morning

Saturday 16th at 10am
Church Hall

AUGUST

Kevoch Choir Concert

Friday 21st at 7.30pm
Church Hall

SEPTEMBER

Doors Open Exhibition and Celebration of Harvest

Saturday 12th
Cockpen and Carrington Church

NOVEMBER

Christmas Fair

Saturday 28th – 10am-1pm
Church Hall

DECEMBER

Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday/Sunday 12th & 13th
Cockpen and Carrington Church

Please note some events starting at 7pm

COCKPEN & CARRINGTON PARISH CHURCH

BAPTISMS and BLESSINGS

10th October 2019	Evie Ann Hope LEE <i>daughter of Gareth and Gillian</i>
17th November 2019	Sadie Rose KIDD <i>daughter of Kevin and Emma</i>
22nd November 2019	Harry John James KAY <i>son of Peter and Catriona</i>
5th January 2020	Lewis David STIRLING <i>son of Fraser and Sophie</i> all baptised by The Minister
26th January 2020	Charlie BEATTIE <i>son of Craig and Kellyanne</i> blessed by The Minister

'May the Lord Bless Thee and Keep Thee'

WEDDINGS

(See Church website at www.church.cockpen.co.uk) for information and advice on weddings for both congregations.

BEREAVEMENTS

15th November 2019	Robert (Bob) Watson
25th November 2019	Laura McCabe
15th January 2020	Christina (Ena) Cockburn
6th February 2020	Barbara McInnes
10th February 2020	Catherine (Cathie) Robertson

We continue to pray for those in our Congregations (and outwith) who grieve at this time of loss. As a Church, we are here for any who feel that we can help in any way.

Jesus said, 'I am the Resurrection and the Life'



I BELIEVE IN EASTER

This is a true story

The lady's name was Edith Burns. She was a wonderful Christian. She was the patient of a fine Christian doctor by the name of Will Phillips. Dr Phillips was a gentle doctor who saw patients as people.

His favourite patient was Edith Burns. One morning he went to his office with a heavy heart and it was because of Edith Burns. When he walked into that waiting room, there sat Edith with her big black Bible in her lap. She was earnestly talking to a young mother sitting beside her.

Dr Phillips knew why Edith was there and what she was doing.

You see, Edith Burns had a habit of introducing herself in this way: "Hello, my name is Edith Burns. Do you believe in Easter?" Then she would explain the meaning of Easter, and many times people would be saved.

Dr Phillips walked into that office and there he saw the head nurse Beverley. Beverley had first met Edith when she was taking her blood pressure. Edith began by saying, "My name is Edith Burns. Do you believe in Easter?"

Beverley said, "Why yes I do."

Edith said, "Well what do you believe about Easter?"

Beverley said, "Well, it's about egg hunts, going to church, and dressing up."

Well Edith kept pressing her about the real meaning of Easter, and finally led her to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Dr Phillips said, "Beverley don't call Edith into the office quite yet.

I believe there is another delivery taking place in the waiting room.

After being called back into the doctor's office, Edith sat down and when she took a look at the doctor she said, "Dr Will, why are you so sad?"

Are you reading your Bible? Are you praying?"

Dr Phillips said, "Now Edith, I'm the doctor and you're the patient."

With a heavy heart he said, your lab report came back and it says you have cancer, and Edith, you're not going to live very long."

Edith said, "Why Will Phillips, shame on you. Why are you so sad? Do you think God makes mistakes? You have just told me that I am going to see precious Lord Jesus, my husband, and my friends. You have just told me that I am going to celebrate Easter forever, and here you are having difficulty giving me my ticket!" Dr Phillips thought to himself, "What a magnificent woman this Edith Burns is!"

Edith continued to come to Dr Phillips every day. Christmas came, and the office was closed through to January 3rd. On the day the office opened, Edith did not show up. Later that afternoon Edith called Dr Phillips and said she would be moving her

story to the hospital and said, “Will, I’m very near home, so would you make sure that they put women in here next to me in my room who need to know about Easter. Well, they did just that and women began to come in and share that room with Edith.

Many women were gloriously saved. Everybody on that floor from staff to patients were so excited about Edith, that they started calling her Edith Easter; everyone except Phyllis Cross, the head nurse. She made it plain that she wanted nothing to do with Edith because she was a “religious nut”

She had been a nurse in an army hospital. She had seen it all and heard it all. She had been married three times, she was hard, cold, and did everything by the book.

Well, one morning the two nurses who were to attend Edith were sick.

Edith had the flu, and Phyllis Cross had to go in and give her an injection.

When she walked in, Edith had a big smile on her face and said, “Phyllis, God loves you and I love you, and I have been praying for you.

Phyllis said, “Well, you can stop praying for me, you religious nut, it won’t work.

I’m not interested.”

Edith said, “Well, I will pray, and I have asked God not to let me go home until you come into the family.”

Phyllis said, “Then you will never die because that will never happen.” She walked out of the room.

Every day Phyllis would walk into that room and Edith would say,

“God loves you Phyllis and I love you, and I’m praying for you.” One day Phyllis said she was literally drawn to Edith’s room like a magnet would draw iron. She sat down on the bed and Edith said: I’m so glad you have come because God told me that today is your special day”

Phyllis said, “Edith, you have asked everybody here the question, ‘Do you believe in Easter?’ but you have never asked me,”

Edith said, “Phyllis, I wanted to many times, but God told me to wait until you asked, and now that you have asked...”

Edith Burns took her Bible and shared with Phyllis Cross the Easter Story of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Edith said, “Phyllis, do you believe in Easter? Do you believe the Jesus Christ is alive and that he wants to live in your heart?”

Phyllis said, “Oh I want to believe that with all my heart, and I do want Jesus in my life.” Right there, she prayed and invited Jesus Christ into her heart. For the first time Phyllis did not walk out of a hospital room, she was carried out on the wings of angels.

Two days later, Phyllis came in and Edith said, “Do you know what day it is?”

Phyllis said, “Why Edith, it’s Good Friday.”

Edith said, “Oh, no, for you every day is Easter. Happy Easter Phyllis!”

Well, two days later, on Easter Sunday, Phyllis came into work, did some of her duties and then went down to the flower shop and got some Easter lilies because she

wanted to go up and see Edith and give her some them and wish her a Happy Easter. When she walked into Edith's room Edith was in bed. The big black Bible was on her lap.

Her hands were in that Bible. There was a sweet smile on her face. When Phyllis picked up Edith's hand, she realised Edith was dead.

Her left hand was on John 14; *"In my Father's house are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you. I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also."*

Her right hand was on Revelation 21:4, *"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes, there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying; and there shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."*

Phyllis took one look at that dead body, and then lifted her face toward heaven, and with tears streaming down her cheeks, said, "Happy Easter, Edith – Happy Easter!"

Phyllis left Edith's body, walked out of the room and over to a table where two student nurses were sitting. She said, "My name is Phyllis Cross. Do you believe in Easter?"

News Update on the Guild

As usual the Christmas Carol Party and the New Year's Nibbles and Natter Night were thoroughly enjoyed by all and we have already had the pleasure of listening to two excellent presentations from Sarah Van Putton from the Scottish Befrienders' Council and Roy Johnstone who without even once looking at his notes told us about the Women who delivered planes in WW11.

This year it is 90 years on the 22nd February since the registration of the Cockpen and Carrington Branch of the Guild, so we are having a meal to celebrate the event at the Laird and Dog Hotel in Lasswade. The members usually give a gift to the Church to mark the special birthdays and this year we have given a new cloth for the Communion table. The old one was presented by the Guild in 1934 and it is many years since it was recognized as being in a rather fragile condition. It was worked on by over 20 of the members

but the new one reflecting the new era was purchased complete.

Our speaker at the meeting on 2nd March is going to tell us about the wonderful help and comfort given to sailors via the Seamen's Mission. The Knit and Natter group which meet in our hall on Thursday afternoons were kindly given a large amount of yarn from someone and with it and some of their own yarn they have knitted at least 40 hats to be given to the Mission Chaplain to distribute to those in need.

Some of you may remember that our theme over this three-year period is "One Journey Many Roads" and during this the second year we have been asked to explore how we can offer assistance or can be helped on our individual Journeys by "Companions on the Way"

Well on the 20th January Dorothy Scott went to greet who she thought was the speaker for our meeting that night.

However, the lady, who lives in Aberdeen but is working in Edinburgh from Monday to Thursday for a couple of months, had been hoping to attend the service at Our Lady of Consolation. On arriving there she had found the church to be in darkness and decided to return to her Air BnB in Gorebridge. As she drove down to the traffic lights and turned into Dundas St., she saw lights on in our hall and thought perhaps she had gone to the wrong venue. I suppose our hall does have the appearance of a church. Having parked her car, she came to find out if she was now at the right place. This lovely lady accepted our invitation to join our company for the evening and at the close she said she had really enjoyed the evening.

On discussing her visit I was told by the ladies she had sat with that she had recently lost a brother and had felt the need to attend Mass to lift her spirits. Now do you agree that this was indeed a wonderful example of how God provides us all with Companions on the Way?

How about being Companions on the Way and coming along for a wee trial to see if you would enjoy gaining much from the excellent speakers and the companionship of others in the Guild which remember is open to men and women.

Liz and Helen

COFFEE MORNING

Cockpen Church Hall
Saturday 16th May 10am – 12 noon

Home Baking Tombola Jams etc

EASTER COMMUNION

A short Easter Communion Service will be held on
Wednesday 8th April at 2pm
in Cockpen Church Hall

Tea Coffee and cakes after the service

From Amy and Simon Milligan

introducing themselves and 'Pop-Up Play' for Mums and Babies on a Friday morning and 'Kairos' for young people out on a Friday night

We moved to Bonnyrigg in February 2018 but didn't settle too much into the community as we were preparing to move our family to Hong Kong soon after. We worked with Jackie Pullinger's ministry St Stephen's Society, living with men coming off drugs and helping them navigate the process of relearning how to look after themselves and receive healing through Jesus' love.

Simon grew up in Egypt to missionary parents, moving to Edinburgh when he was 16 years old to finish his education. He started working casually for Bethany Christian Trust in 2010 before moving to Hong Kong for two years to work with St Stephen's Society. On his return he was a team leader at Bethany Christian Trust's winter care shelter before being appointed deputy manager at Bethany Christian Centre, where he worked for four and a half years.

Amy was born in Edinburgh into chaotic circumstances and adopted at the age of 5. She was raised by a Christian family who brought her to church where she encountered the love of Christ for the first time. As a qualified nurse she has worked from Cambridge to London to Edinburgh and has had roles in accident and emergency, schools, prison and practice nursing.

On our return to Bonnyrigg last year we were keen to put roots down and get involved in the community. One of the things that we immediately noticed was the huge group of youths that congregated in the centre of the town on weekends. Our hearts were moved with compassion for them as we could see they just didn't have anything to do! We wanted to meet them and see if there was any way we could help. From this Kairos was born and has now been running for four months.

Before we go out every night, we pray as we only want to go where God directs. Less of our human ideas and more of His plans. We take hot chocolate, marshmallows & cream. Our conversations cover so many topics! Sometimes people need to have an ear to listen to or sometimes they want to know how to manage their anger. We also try to ensure the safety of our young people while they are dealing with the effects and peer pressure of drugs and alcohol. Most importantly, we share that God loves them and his plans for them are good. We've had some precious moments of laughter and fun too! We're making the transition into the church hall at the moment. Having the hall is a blessing and we want this to be a space of safety and rest for our young people. We are learning more and more

that all they need and want is consistent adults that show up and a comfortable place to sit. Some weeks we've met more than 40 young people on the streets.

Pop up Play has also been born out of a heart for wanting somewhere for parents to bring their children to play, have a snack and a chat. There is also a thriving clothing and equipment bank for families to use without a referral. We wanted Pop up Play to be a place where families could come as they are, without judgement and experience love and acceptance. From first-hand experience we know that it is expensive equipping a house for a baby and can be very overwhelming, a strain on both emotions and budget! In the last five weeks we have given 6 buggies, two cots and hundreds of clothes away. Every Friday morning in Cockpen Church Hall we have around 35-40 parents come with their children 0-5 years old. During holiday times we are open to older siblings. We have an Easter Party coming up soon!

Please pray for Kairos and Pop Up Play and all God is doing in Bonnyrigg.

Simon and Amy

SUNDAY TEA ROTA

Cockpen and Carrington

April 12th Second Sunday	Moira Scott Isobel Watson Helen Renton	August	Dot Scott Andrew Jack Moira Scott
May 10th Second Sunday	Mary Logan Andrew Jack Vi Gibson	September	Isobel Watson Helen Renton Mary Logan
June	John Adamson Liz MacDonald Wilma Sweeney	October	Vi Gibson Wilma Sweeney Betty Finlay
July	Madge Commins Nancy Richardson Muriel Calder		

First Sunday of the month unless otherwise stated.

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Jane Haining

Jane Haining was a farmer's daughter from the village of Dunscore, about 10 miles from Dumfries. She was born on 6th June 1897 and died at Auschwitz in 1944, one of more than a million victims murdered there by the Nazis.

Her name is inscribed near to that of Oscar Schindler's on the Holocaust Memorial at Yad Vashem in Israel, recognised by the Israeli government as one of the "Righteous among the Nations".

Now her story has been included in a collection of heroic figures.

"Priests de la Resistance-the Loose Canons who Fought Fascism in the Twentieth Century" (Oneworld Publications, 2019) by the Rev. Fergus Butler-Gallie; add to her inclusion in the similar collection by former Prime Minister Gordon Brown — "Wartime Courage: Stories of Extraordinary Courage by Ordinary People in World War Two" (Bloomsbury, 2009).

Her first job was with J&P Coats in Paisley before she decided to commit to a life in the service of others, in particular young people in their formative years. First, she completed a domestic science course. Then, in April 1932, she went off to St Colm's, the Church of Scotland's Training College for women missionaries, in Edinburgh. It was for an abbreviated training. She had already succeeded in her application for the post of matron in the Girl's Home of the Scottish Jewish Mission



School in Budapest. She was to spend twelve years there.

In April 1935 the Rev. George Knight arrived from Scotland to take charge of the Mission. According to Jane's biographer, Mary Miller, he was completely against the idea of trying to convert Jews to Christianity. Rather, "The Jews were the Christians' ancestors in faith and Jews and the followers of Jesus must come together to fulfil God's purpose for humanity", he said. He saw the primary objective of the School as to educate Jews and Christians together in order to fight the anti-Semitism that was endemic, not just in Hungary but throughout Europe.

In 1920 the Hungarian Parliament had declared the restoration of the monarchy. Rather than restore King Charles IV however, Admiral Miklos Horthy was named Regent for an undefined period. In 1938 he ordered the first anti-Jewish legislation, aimed at excluding all Jews from the economy, along the lines of the Nazi Nuremburg Laws.

On the declaration of war against Nazi Germany by Britain and France, in September 1939 Hungary was officially 'neutral' but fascism had been going from strength to strength there. At the start of 1941 the country was forced to contribute troops to join in the invasion of the U.S.S.R. Jews were conscripted to slave labour military support units.

On 6th December 1941, recognising the fiction of Hungary's 'neutrality', Britain declared war on Hungary. Jane thereby became, in the eyes of the fascist Hungarian 'Arrow Cross' party and its Nazi backers, an enemy alien in her adopted country.

In May of the previous year the Church of Scotland Jewish Mission Committee had sent a telegram to Jane ordering her to leave Hungary at once, to come home if possible, or to go to Palestine via Istanbul.

Frances Lee, a fellow expatriate and long-time friend of Jane's in Budapest (who was also detained by the Gestapo for a short time) was with Jane when she received and read the telegram. Frances reported Jane's response as —

"No Frances, I'm the only English-speaking person left on the Mission staff. The Jews are now entering their most dangerous period — "nothing would induce me to desert them".

On April 25th, 1944 two Gestapo officers arrived at the Mission. They searched Jane's office and room and gave her fifteen minutes to pack a few belongings. They took her first to their H.Q. at Buda Hill where she was questioned and charged.

The eight charges were

1. That she had worked among the Jews
2. That she had wept when seeing the girls wearing their yellow stars
3. That she had dismissed her housekeeper who was an Aryan
4. That she had listened to news broadcasts on the BBC
5. That she had had many British visitors
6. That she was active in politics
7. That she had visited British prisoners of war
8. That she sent parcels to British prisoners of war.

The absurdity and malice behind these charges must have been evident to Jane. Again, Frances Lee was later able to testify that Jane told her that they were all true except the sixth.

On May 12th or 13th Jane was dispatched with many others in a cattle truck to Auschwitz. Information about her two months there is very sparse, but it is known that on July 17th she was taken to Auschwitz–Birkenau where she was murdered in the gas chambers.

A full and informative account of her life is to be found in the biography by Mary Miller

Jane Haining: A Life of Love and Courage.
(Birlinn Books, 2019)

Bill MacDonald

A 17th CENTURY NUN'S PRAYER

*Lord, thou knowest better than I know myself
that I am growing older and will some day be old.
Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say
something on every subject and on every occasion.
Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs.
Make me thoughtful but not moody: helpful but not bossy.
With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all,
but thou knowest Lord that I want a few friends at the end.
Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details;
and give me wings to get to the point.
Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing,
and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by.
I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others' pains,
but help me to endure them with patience.
I dare not ask for improved memory,
but for a growing humility and a lessening cocksureness
when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others.
Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.
Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a Saint –
some of them are so hard to live with –
but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil.
Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places,
and talents in unexpected people.
And, give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so. AMEN*

Having read similar to the Guild I thought others may enjoy
this and recognize themselves within its lines!

H. Renton

FROM THE ORGANIST

COCKPEN & CARRINGTON CHURCH –

Normally this report is taken up with our plans for Holy Week and Easter. In this special anniversary year however, there is rather more to talk about!

There will be two main services to celebrate the 200th anniversary of our present church. On Sunday 29th March we will have the pleasure of the company of the previous Moderator of the General Assembly to lead our service of dedication. The choir's contribution will be the anthem "How beautiful upon the mountains" by the eminent Victorian composer Sir John Stainer. I have chosen this partly because it is a favourite from our repertoire but also because, as noted below, another of our celebratory events will feature his most famous work. At the conclusion of the service I will be playing the stirring "Marche Heroique" by another English knight-composer from a generation or so later, Sir Herbert Brewer.

As is noted elsewhere in the magazine, the 200th anniversary itself falls on Thursday 2 April and to mark that notable milestone a "Songs of Praise" service will be taking place in the church at 7 pm. On that occasion the choir hopes to perform what is generally regarded as the greatest chorus from Haydn's *Creation*, "The heavens are telling the glory of God". In the oratorio this represents the angels' rejoicing at the completion of God's creation of the whole universe - and what could be better to mark our own anniversary! There will of course be ample opportunity for communal singing, with hymns chosen from across the whole period of our present building's existence. The service will conclude in appropriately festive style with Widor's famous "Toccata".

On the following Saturday, 4 April, we will have the pleasure of welcoming a visiting choir, the St Andrew Camerata, who will be performing Stainer's oratorio *The Crucifixion*. This beautiful and moving work was hugely popular in the latter part of the 19th century and the early 20th. As so often happens, it then fell out of favour for a time but more recently it has come to be appreciated once again. One interesting feature is that, following the pattern set by Bach's settings of the Passion story, the work is interleaved with specially composed hymns which are intended to be sung by everyone attending. At least one or two of these are well known through having come into our hymn books, so for those attending the concert it will, as they say be "interactive". The work was composed in 1887, which makes our own organ, being exactly one year younger, the ideal accompanying instrument! I can vouch for the choir's high standard so I do hope as many as possible will join us for this special occasion - there will be no admission charge, but an opportunity to donate to the church when leaving. The concert starts at 7 pm.

The event is very appropriately timed, as the following day will mark the beginning of Holy Week. This year Cockpen will not be hosting one of the Holy Week services as such but we will of course be fully celebrating Easter when that arrives. The choir

will be singing the anthem “He is risen” by the New Zealand composer Richard Madden, formerly the organist of St Paul’s Cathedral, Dunedin, which I had the privilege of visiting just a year ago as I write.

On a final more sombre note, I can’t conclude this article without mentioning the very sad loss of our long-standing choir member Ena Cockburn, who passed away in January. Ena was a strong supporter of the role of music in the church and a stalwart of our soprano line over many years. She will be much missed.

GMB
February 2020

Christina Marion Cockburn

Christina Marion Cockburn, known to us all as Ena, very sadly passed away on 15th January 2020.

As many of you will know, Ena had not been too well of late but always rallied and maintained an upbeat and positive attitude to life.

Her passing however, did come as a shock because right up to the week before Christmas she had been attending Choir practices and looking forward to the forthcoming Church Services and events. Ena had been a faithful member of the choir for 30 years.

Ena was admitted to the Eldership in 1999 and in that capacity, along with Jessie Hume and Sandra Crawford regularly visited our elderly members in the local care homes.

At the Bric-a-Brac sale, when an item of an antique nature was handed in, Ena's opinion as to its collectable and potential sale value was sought and, if appropriate passed to the Saleroom at Rosewell. Also, every month she baked scones for the Cake Stall held at the Pitcairn Centre.

Over the years Ena held several fundraising events at home for charities, including Marie Curie and the Mark Wright Fund and also for our Church’s Tower Fund.

Her popularity was evident when so many of her friends attended a Funeral Service held in Church and I think it would be true to say that all in all this was a celebration of a life well lived.

Ena will be sadly missed.

Bill Brown

Moderator's Time February 2020

In February, the Church of Scotland Moderator, Rt Rev Colin Sinclair and his wife Ruth Sinclair visited two CrossReach services in continuation of the Moderator's Time visits made in October 2019.

Palmerston Place

Visiting CrossReach's Palmerston Place Perinatal Service the Moderator, and his wife Ruth, met staff and volunteers who offer support to expecting and new parents with "quiet competence" in order to "help them adjust to what family life might mean".



OLD SPECTACLES!

Are you doing your Spring cleaning? If you have any old spectacles there is a box at the Church where you can deposit them.

They will be taken to the Optician who, in turn sends them to Vision Aid Overseas where parts are recycled to make glasses for people in need. Please help! Thanks *Wilma*.

CAKE STALL

Our grateful thanks for all your support for the Cake Stall in 2019. Many thanks also to all our bakers, customers and, Bonnyrigg Church for the use of the Pitcairn Centre. Future dates for the stall are as follows –

26th March 2020
23rd April 2020
28th May 2020
25th June 2020
23rd July 2020
27th August 2020

As usual, goods for the stall can be handed in to the Pitcairn Centre between 9 - 9.30 a.m. on these dates. Best wishes for Easter.

Helen, Isobel and Wilma.

From the book written by the late Eddie Askew - 'Breaking the Rules'

For a number of years, I've included a story from the wonderful books written by Eddie Askew but, for some reason, not recently.

This one has been used before, but I feel it's worthy to be read again especially at this Easter time.

Leonardo da Vinci's painting of 'The Last Supper' is well known. It's a mural - painted directly onto a wall. The twelve disciples are all grouped around Jesus on the far side of the Table and down to the ends.

The near side, nearest the spectator is empty.

It's a convention that's used a lot on stage and in films. The side of any table nearest the viewer is left empty so that nothing is obscured. You can see the faces of everyone involved in the drama. There are no shoulders to look over.

I believe there's another reason too. The viewer takes his place at the Table, not just as a spectator, but as a participant. We share in the drama, there's a place at the Table for us. That's what makes it real.

So too with the painting. A great work of art truly, but rather more. It was painted on the end wall of a refectory - the dining room of a monastery. When the monks sat down to eat, their tables were a continuation of the table on the wall. They were dining with Jesus; every meal was with him.

'This is my body, broken for you,' said Jesus. Not just for the original twelve gathered around, but for all of us willing to take our place at the Table.

We share in the reality, not simply gaze at an interpretation. The Host at the Table invites us to join Him, asks for our involvement.

Eddie died in 2007 but, I would commend his many books to you.

George.

A Sunday School Concert

I was given this some time ago but never got around to putting it in The Link.
It's an old programme for a Sunday School Concert. Looking at the names it must be around the 1950's. **Can anyone give a date for it?**

Choir	There's no Business Like Show Business.	
Group	The Teddy Bear's Picnic.	
A Hannah	Selection	Violin
Group	Nursery Time	
A Blyth	Skirt Dance	Dance
Choir	Ye Banks and Braes - Blue bells of Scotland	
	Bonnie Dundee	
Group	Handkerchief Song	
Group	Hush a Bye Baby	
D Staig	Selection	Recitation
R Fisher	Wyoming Lullabye	Song
Quartet	Sweet and Low	
B Sobik	A Gordon for Me	Song
Choir	Sugar Bush - The Homing Waltz	
	Blacksmith Blues	
Trio	Selection	Mouth Organs
Group	The Golden Bumblebee.	
B Sobik/L Lawson	Lavender Blue	Song
K Hunter	Selection	Dance
Choir	Old Folks at Home - Clementine	
	Uist Tramping Song	
A Blyth	I Don't want to Play in Your Yard	Song
Song	Tiny Tots	
J Kerr/B Christie	Huntingtower	Duet
The Boys	She'll be Coming Round The Mountain	Song
Quartet	The Queen's Marys	
D Staig	Selection	Recitation
Group	Dolly's Mama	Song
A Hannah	Selection	Violin
Trio	Mischievous Imp	Song
Choir	At The End of the Day/ Good Elizabethans	
	The Lord's my Shepherd - Crimond	

Jim Scott

Cockpen & Carrington Flower Rota

2020

March		April	
1	Maria Hall	5	Liz Mills
8	John Adamson	12	Nancy Richardson
15	Cathie Fisher	19	Liz MacDonald
22	Stella McLeish	26	Mary Logan
29	200th Anniversary Service		
May		June	
3	Liz MacDonald	7	Wilma Sweeney
10	Moiria Scott	14	Irene Ramsay
17	Maureen Peden	21	Helen Renton
24	Dorothy Scott	28	Frances Wilkie
31	Joint Service Lasswade		
July		August	
5	Liz Laidlaw	2	Lynn Hansen. Ian Fowler
12	Liz Mills	9	Elspeth Brown
19	Jim Dyer	16	Margaret Porter
26	Liz MacDonald	23	Jim Dyer
		30	Joint Service Rosewell

Thank you for all the donations received and to all who supply and arrange the flowers in the Church. I and the other members in the Congregation who deliver the flowers on Sundays after Church enjoy the pleasure of brightening up someone's day.

Please contact me on 663 8517 or see me in Church if you have any queries.

At Easter, may hope and peace spring up bright as flowers, blessing you with all good things.

Nancy



LASSWADE AND ROSEWELL PARISH CHURCH NEWS

Vision Statement:

**'All journeying together in faith and
trust to share God's love'**

**An Invitation to a Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Sunday 5th April 2020 at 10.00am
Rosewell Parish Church**

**Sunday 14th June 2020 at 10.00am
Lasswade Parish Church
All Welcome**



Impressive Turnout:

A huge thank you to all who supported the Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday 14th December. The sum of £756.50 was raised for Church funds. This was a result of efforts put in by many people – those who baked, donated items, manned the various stalls, served the tea and coffee, worked in the kitchen and others who worked behind the scenes. To all those who came along and supported in any way – a big thank you to them all.

Coffee Mornings:

On the second Saturday of each month a Coffee Morning is held in Rosewell Church Hall from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon. Everyone is most welcome for a chance to meet new people, catch up with friends and enjoy some delicious home baking.



Cake Stall:

A big thank you to everyone who supports our Thursday Cake Stall at the Pitcairn Centre. If you are able to help on the stall please speak to Cathy Drysdale or Norma Sangster. Forthcoming dates are: 9th April, 14th May, 11th June, 9th July and 13th August. We would like to thank you all for your continued support.

Food Bank:

A huge thank you to all who kindly contribute to our Food Bank boxes. Your contributions are extremely welcomed by the recipients – many who have never experienced hardship before, but do so now, due to redundancies, ill health,

unemployment and seeking work but nothing available. Please keep your donations coming as the need is ever present just now.
Many thanks.

Do YOU want to fast this Lent (Do it quickly)?

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Stated Annual Meeting:

The Stated Annual Meeting of the congregation is to take place immediately after worship on Sunday 22nd March at Lasswade Church and as many members and friends of the congregation as possible are asked to attend. This meeting gives you the chance to hear how we have done financially in the previous year and of our plans for the future. With that in mind, your attendance is greatly appreciated.

Church Register

Baptism

Archie William Massey, son of Brian and Jennifer on 5th January 2020 in
Rosewell Church

Bereavements

Mrs Elizabeth Blakebell – 9th November 2019
Mr Kenneth Marshall – 24th November 2019
Mr Walter Ewing – 25th January 2020

Jesus said, 'I am the Resurrection and the Life'



Christian Aid Week 10th – 16th May 2020

This year Christian Aid turns its attention to Eastern Kenya and the challenges faced by communities affected by Climate Change with particular focus on Kitui and Makeuni in S.E. Kenya.

Will you donate this Christian Aid Week to help people like Rose have the water she needs to live? Rose, 67, walks for six hours every day to collect water for her grandchildren. No matter how hard she battles against it, drought leaves her hungry and thirsty.

Do come along and support Christian Aid at our Coffee Morning on Saturday 9th May from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon in Rosewell Church Hall and on Sunday 10th May following morning worship at Lasswade when we will be hosting a continental 'Big Brekkie' consisting of tea, coffee, croissants, with various fillings and fruits.

Messy Church



Messy Church, held in Rosewell Church Hall, begins with a warm welcome so if you have never been to Messy Church before, do come along. Mums, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends, carers accompanied by babies, toddlers, and primary school children – you are all most welcome.

Children are NOT dropped off – come and join the fun with them.

Messy Church creatively explores

Christian and moral themes through getting messy; with crafts, games, a story, prayer and songs and then it finishes with a special Messy meal together without you having to clear up or cook!

Do come and join us on Saturday 7th March, 2nd May and 6th June from 4.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. You can find us on Facebook at **'Rosewell Messy Church'**.

Lasswade and Rosewell Messy Church Team

STEWARDSHIP

HOW TO GIVE TO LASSWADE & ROSEWELL CHURCH

As you may know it costs a lot to keep both church buildings going on a day-to-day basis. There are electricity & gas bills, small repairs and maintenance, insurance, supplies for the kitchen & cleaning and our regular contribution to 121 for the wider work of the Church of Scotland to name but a few.

The Kirk Session is currently looking at ways of increasing our income by holding fund raising events.

We would also invite everyone in the congregation to look again at how they give and what they can give to Lasswade & Rosewell. Whilst one-off donations are very much appreciated, we really rely on **regular givings**. It is very helpful to know what is coming in every month to enable us to budget.

The most effective way to give is by setting up a regular payment for a set amount to the church on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis. This can be done by completing a form to take to your bank or set up via digital banking. This can be changed at any time.

You can, of course, continue to give in the normal manner.

Whichever method you choose, if you are a taxpayer please think about completing a Gift Aid Declaration. This increases the value of your donations by 25% and as the Church is a charity, we can reclaim the basic rate of tax on your gift at no extra cost to you. This means we receive 25p for every £1 you donate.

Regular payment details and Gift Aid Declarations are available every Sunday from our Treasurer, Pat Lawrie.

Thank you very much for your continued support.



Many thanks to everyone who helped raise £333.40 for Church funds at our Fashion Show which was held on Wednesday 5th February in Rosewell Church Hall.



The break-up of a country – is it for the better

No doubt many members of our two congregations watched Chris Tarrant's railway journeys with interest.

He started in Lubsana which May and I visited taking a local bus from Portoroz where we were staying.

Whilst we were there Marshal Tito came to stay in the Grand Palace hotel overnight. We could see his yacht in the distance, but all visitors were confined to their hotel compounds during his visit. Some years later we went on a Viking River cruise and when we were in Croatia and Serbia we could see traces of damage done in the civil war which broke up Yugoslavia. In Croatia the Serbs were regarded as the aggressors and vice versa in Serbia.

When we visited Belgrade we did not see Marshal Tito's famous blue train but as we walked past Novak Djokovic's tennis academy we could see youngsters practising. This was a time when mentioning tennis had to be done with tact and discretion as Andy Murray had just won his Olympic title. One of the few times he beat the local hero of Belgrade.

I am sure should any members visit part of the former Yugoslavia it will prove most interesting and we all hope and pray past differences will be forgotten and the people of Croatia and Serbia live in peaceful harmony with one another.

Ian Murdoch.

Lasswade and Rosewell Choir

A Postlude

As usual, I begin by expressing my deep appreciation to the choir for all their work and support Sunday by Sunday. As I have said before our services would be all the poorer without the input of these ladies and gentlemen. My thanks are also due to the regular choir and to those who augmented it for their enthusiasm which enabled us to sing special music at Christmas and, hopefully, at Easter when Lasswade hosts the Good Friday and Easter Morning services.

This is my last article as the incumbent at the organ at Lasswade because, mainly due to eyesight challenges, I feel the time is right to relinquish that position. This is an opportunity for me to thank all those people, some of whom are no longer with us but who are always remembered, who have been members of the choir – either on a regular basis or who have augmented it when necessary – for all their work and support, without which I could not have functioned. I also appreciated the words of encouragement which some members of the Congregation and the Ministers have given me. Thank you one and all.

In the early years of my stewardship we had a bigger choir and we were able to do more anthems, some of them quite complicated, on a regular basis because we had a range of different voice parts at our disposal. We also participated in Congregational Concerts in which the talents of different members of the congregation were brought to the fore. In more recent years, due to smaller numbers, we adapted to singing music with which we were comfortable. Our numbers are small, but the quality is there. While the choice of music which we sung was left to me I hope the choir enjoyed singing it. With the support of the choir in the early days we introduced our Introit programme and the introduction of Common Ground and subsequently CH4 were highlights of my time at the organ. So thank you to the choir, again, for everything.

As well as Sunday worship we participated in various Songs of Praise and other special services. I have played at more funerals than weddings and one funeral sticks in my mind. It was for a lady who stayed locally and who died abroad. She was not a member of the congregation, but the family asked if they could hold her service in the church prior to her burial at Lasswade Churchyard. Lasswade Church was filled to overflowing for this lady's service, upstairs and down. A few days before the funeral her husband asked if he could come and see me to discuss the music. When I met the gentleman, we talked about one or two pieces which he wondered if I could play before the service, as well as the hymns. He then said he would like a poem sung and produced the words which were unknown to me. He was anxious that it was sung to a reasonably well-known tune, so I metred it out and chose the tune for the hymn "Great is thy faithfulness". Some time later I discovered that the words of this poem, "Fading away like the stars in the morning" with its chorus of "Only remembered ...for what we have

done” were written by Horatius Bonar and it is a hymn set to a tune by Ira D. Sankey. In more recent years this poem and its haunting tune became the theme for the production of Michael Morpurgo’s “War Horse”.

Changes are afoot in different aspects of Church life and witness, but I extend my best wishes to my successor and to the Congregation for the future.

HLRD

Glasgow Disabled Scouts

As many of you will be aware, I am a leader with the Glasgow Disabled Scouts and have been involved in this Charity for over 10 years. The Glasgow Disabled Scouts operates as any other Scout Group with weekly meetings for Young People aged 6 - 25, regular camps and an annual Summer camp. However, the group specifically caters for Young People with complex disabilities and life limiting conditions allowing them to experience the adventure of Scouting, developing skills for life, making new friends and having fun! The group owns Glengoyne Lodge, specially built in the 1970s for the group to allow us to provide residential experiences for our members and whilst it is still a focus for our adventures it is becoming unfit for purpose due to our changing needs. We have therefore set out to redevelop and extend the lodge to allow us to continue to offer these valuable experiences for the young people (and the crucial respite provided for their families). To do this we need to raise £250,000 and we have already raised more than 25%. We have various fundraising events coming up including a sponsored walk in June but if you feel you would be able to support us with our project please get in touch with me or look on our website at www.glasgowdisabledscouts.org. I am happy to explain more or answer any questions, many thanks,



Ross Lyall.

**We need
your help.**

The Glengoyne Lodge Appeal



Lasswade Flower Rota

I have been trying to concentrate on the Flower Rota for the next few months, but I am frequently drawn to look out of the window to see the weather!

The weather changes constantly... snow showers are interspersed with bursts of glorious sunshine and rain showers.

The garden flowers survive and reward us with splashes of colour in spite of the weather.

I often receive lovely 'thank you' letters from the recipients of the church flowers. The flowers are much appreciated and shows the recipients that they are very much in our thoughts.

Thank you to all the 'flower folk' who help us to maintain this valuable service.

If anyone would like to add their name to the flower rota, please speak to me.

Thank you.

Moir Dryden.

May 10th Margaret Gordon

May 24th Elaine Thomson

May 31st Margaret Michael

June 14th Stewart Renwick

June 28th Alison Branch

July 12th Shona Howden

July 26th Yvonne Hillyard

August 9th Margaret Dalglish

August 23rd Moira Dryden

Rosewell Church Flower Rota 2020

May 3rd 17th	Cecile Gillespie Myra Mclean
June 7th 21st	Betty Hogg Wendy Farrow
July 5th 19h	Morag McFarlane Adrian and Linda Fisher
August 2nd 16th	Sandra Ross Muriel Keith

Thanks for everyone's help

Jean Lindsay.



THE HOLY HIKERS

*"It is not talking but walking that will
Bring us to heaven."*

Matthew Henry



In November nine of the group had a lovely walk from Gorebridge Station to North Middleton, on to Borthwick and back via Mossend. I had planned to walk part of the way on a path beside the Gore Water but it had been quite wet for a few days beforehand so I decided we would stick to the road to save wading through mud. As we crossed the Gore on the return leg, I saw that my decision had been right, the fields were waterlogged. Nevertheless, it was a lovely walk.

We had no walk in December but 16 of us met at the Laird & Dog for a lovely Christmas Lunch, a most enjoyable afternoon.

Our January walk had to be cancelled due to bad weather, but, in February, we were fortunate to find a beautiful window in the winter weather when we walked round Dalkeith Country Park. We have done this walk before so, on this occasion, we did it in reverse direction. It is not a walk you tire of, different direction, different seasons, different company. This time there were 13 walkers and 3 dogs. Luckily, they all behaved themselves (the walkers that is, the dogs were fine). We finished the day with a Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate in the Restoration Yard.

We have decided to postpone our "Walking Weekend" in March. We may go away sometimes later in the year. In March we will walk some of the Pencaitland Railway Walk.

If you would like to join our group, contact me on 0131 660 1147.

Happy Hiking
Jim Scott



It has been a busy time over the last months with different events and activities. Christmas was a delight with the Come & Sing Community Choir leading the Carol Singing outside the school, a lovely Christingle Service and the nativity story told by the children of the area. All of these brought the community together and helped people make connections with each other. It was especially pleasing to see

people from Cockpen & Carrington Church supporting these events, particularly the nativity service. It was a real example of bringing the Christmas story and therefore the Gospel message, to where people are and not just expecting them to come to *'our place'*.

The **Friday Coffee Stop** has survived the winter! We only had to call off a couple of times because of weather conditions. It has become more than just a coffee stop and there has been opportunity for pastoral care as we have got to know our 'regulars'. As the better weather arrives come and visit for a coffee and a lovely scone!

Holy Week Stones

Over Holy Week there will be stones hidden throughout Hopefield. The children will be encouraged to look for them and bring them along to the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday where they will swap them for a chocolate egg.

This year we are going to be giving chocolate eggs from the Real Easter Egg Company which has an activity book and the story of Easter as well as some delicious chocolate.



Hopefield Connections Does Springtime

Sunday 1st March at 3pm in Burnbrae Primary.

Activities and crafts to help us celebrate the beginning of Spring.

Hopefield Connections Does Easter

Sunday 12th April

Easter Egg Hunt 12 o'clock around the school playground

Easter activities, crafts, refreshments in Burnbrae Primary 12 30 – 1 30



The Come & Sing Community Choir

is springing back into action once more in May with songs from *'Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat'*

In order to try and encourage families to be able to come along rehearsals will be on Sunday afternoons . of 17th, 24th and 31st May from 2 30 – 4 30pm.

On 1st June there will be a coffee afternoon where everyone is invited to come along to the church hall to hear the performance.

All of these events and activities are the church working amongst the people with a clear message that says :

the Gospel message is for you
the church cares about you.
God cares about you.



We need to continue this work and more so that we can be the church for everyone wherever they may be on their journey of faith.

Elisabeth GB Spence, Pioneer Minister, Hopefield

The Guild Anniversary

Cockpen and Carrington Guild celebrated 90 years since its first registration as the Women's Guild in the Church of Scotland in 1930, although it was in existence long before this doing good works in the community and spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ.

A celebration of the occasion took place on 17th February although the actual anniversary was 22nd February.

As would be expected at any Guild event, a cake was made and enjoyed by those present.

We wish the Guild every success in their future work. New members are always welcome if you wish to join them as *Companions on the Road*.



Share your news, views or ideas in the Easter Issue of "The Link" send them to Magazine@church.cockpen.co.uk by Sunday, 16th August 2020.