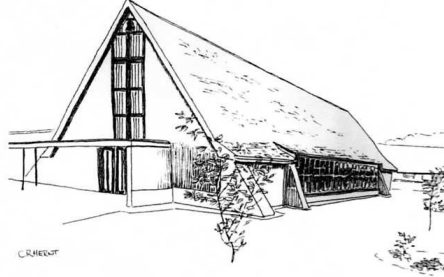


# KIRK OF THE HOLY ROOD

## KIRK MESSENGER



*MAY YOU ALWAYS BE JOYFUL IN YOUR UNION WITH THE LORD, I SAY IT AGAIN –  
REJOICE. (PHILIPPIANS 4 v4)*

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**Parish Register**

Deaths:

Mrs Ann Campbell	8 Garry Place
Mrs Margaret Jenkins	60 Craigleith Road
Mr William Fenton	5 Oldwalls Place



**The late William Fenton.**

*The following tribute was paid to Bill Fenton at the Kirk Session meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018.*

As you will all know, Bill Fenton passed away on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Bill was a very friendly family man and churchman with a great sense of humour, a conscientious elder and a friend to the people in his elder's district. He was a faithful attender at Kirk Session and Congregational Board meetings and at meetings of other committees in which he was involved. He was delighted to have been presented with a Certificate last December marking 50 years of service to his Church as an elder. Bill was interested in financial matters pertaining to the Church and actively persuaded others to become involved in Church activities. He produced the Order of service each week along with various tickets and posters for the production of which he employed his computer skills and he worked in partnership with his wife Ann for the Senior members for over 40 years. A proud Portonian, Bill was a good and faithful servant of his Lord through his service to and in the Kirk of the Holy Rood and although he will be much missed he will be remembered fondly for many years to come. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ann and the family at this time.

## DIARY DATES

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**



Communion 11am  
Giving Day  
Foodbank Sunday

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August to Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August**



K.H.R. Nearly New Shop  
Mon – Friday: 10am – 4pm  
Saturday 10am – 12noon.

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

Holiday Club  
(Primary Age Children)  
Abbotsgrange Church



Heavenly Father doesn't time go by so quickly, I remember when you led me by the hand to walk with you.

To spend quiet times with you, when I could feel your touch stirring in me

To hear your word being said to me, and I would stay silent and listen.

To obey your commands for one another in love and forgiveness

To feel the concerns for our fellowship with one another and show our compassion

To be able to hand over our hurts and disappointments

To come to your church and love especially when hurting

Time has flown by and we can all look back but we are better for having had the bible's knowledge and the teaching you have given to each one of us

This I ask Lord for your blessing on everyone who is reading this right now.

Amen.

Please remember the folks on duties who open up and organise the church on a Sunday morning and welcome you at the door.

The heating, music, flowers, tea and much more that goes unseen thank you!

**Eleanor Neilson, Prayer Co- ordinator**

### **Outreach**

Our Smartie tube appeal this year will be put towards our Jubilee Project for Nepal. Your generous filling of the tubes realised £450 which will make such a difference to the lives of the people supported by the United Mission to Nepal. The charity to benefit from the Harvest Thanksgiving will be "Let the Children Live". This organisation works with the children in the shanty towns of Columbia. At Christmas we hope to send a gift to the Aberlour Child Care Trust.

Thank you so much for your continuing support for these appeals, and for your thoughtful and generous monthly donations to the Foodbank.

## **A wee Pentecost thought for the day**



Yes, I know Pentecost was 20<sup>th</sup> May but that doesn't stop us thinking about it a couple of weeks late! If you're interested in the Will Graham Celebration of Hope in Falkirk in the middle of June, you may find it helpful too.

First, read Acts Chapter 2. A long chapter to read but it portrays such a wonderful story of the birth of the Church and worth the effort.

As believers, we are called to proclaim the message to those who do not believe by being faithful to the truth. That's really all that Peter did at Pentecost but his speech produced dramatic results adding 3,000 believers to Christ's small band of followers.

In the same way each of us needs to speak up as best we can when the opportunity presents itself. That may not sound as impressive as Peter but at least our message will be real, based on our own experience and belief. Peter did not ask for an immediate response and only when they asked for help did he explain what they ought to do.

Pray for the people you know who do not yet have Jesus in their lives. Pray too that you will not miss an opportunity to help them have their day of Pentecost.

Arthur Priestly

### **Teacher and Pupil**

A teacher was winding up a discussion in her fourth grade class on the importance of curiosity.

Teacher: "Where would we be today if no one had ever been curious?"

Child: "In the Garden of Eden?"

## **Rev Colin Mailer**

Just recently I met a lady whom I had last seen on a pilgrimage my wife and I paid to the Holy Land seven years ago. We were discussing an incident aboard a small boat on which we had been sailing on Lake Galilee during what was a rather stormy voyage. It was memorable to say the least.

For a start, not long after we boarded and were holding a brief service, one of our number attempted to read a passage from Scripture. That was precisely the moment when a crew member, upon learning where we came from, played a tape featuring “Flower of Scotland.”

We couldn’t help but burst out laughing. And, as we recalled that incident a week or so ago, smiles lit up our faces. I don’t think God would have been displeased with us. At the time we thought it funny and still funny all those years later.

Two thousand years earlier the disciples hadn’t thought such conditions funny when sailing with Jesus on Lake Galilee. Scripture (St Mark – Ch. 4 v 40 GNB) tells us that “suddenly a strong wind blew up and the waves began to spill over into the boat so that it was about to fill with water.” Jesus had been asleep at the back of the boat with his head on a pillow when the disciples woke him up and said: “Teacher, don’t you care that we are about to die?”

Scripture tells us that Jesus stood up and commanded the wind – “Be quiet!” and he said to the waves – “Be still.” The wind died down and there was a great calm.

Then Jesus said to them: “Why are you frightened? Have you still no faith?” And that’s what all of us at the Kirk of the Holy Rood have to have as we consider the charge has been vacant since Easter 2017. We have to have faith that out there will be someone interested in the challenge posed by the Kirk of the Holy Rood vacancy. Yes – have faith but we don’t need to be afraid. God will work his purpose out.

God bless – Colin, your friend and locum minister.

## **Finance**

You will hopefully be pleased to hear that our accounts have been approved by the joint Board and Session, and are currently being audited by our independent examiner. Once that has been completed, they will be sent to Presbytery for attestation before being lodged with the trustees at 121 George Street, and also with OSCR (Office of Scottish Charity Regulator). May I take this opportunity to convey my sincere thanks to all who submitted their organisation accounts to me, and to Susan, our independent examiner.

It is a legal requirement that I must make the accounts available to anyone who wishes to see them, and I am also quite happy to answer any questions that you may have about the church finances. Please let me know if you have a question or wish to see the accounts.

Our fundraisers never fail to disappoint with their innovative ideas for events, and inspiration and hard work. Hopefully the fundraising events get the support they richly deserve.

Our recent Fashion Show was a resounding success, raising over £600 for church funds, and also raising badly needed funds for the British Heart Foundation. Can I take this opportunity to thank everybody who was involved in any way. It was a very enjoyable night, and it was fantastic to see the hall so full. Being able to raise valuable funds for both ourselves and BHF is hugely positive, and it is very encouraging to the fundraising committee and all the volunteers, to see their hard work rewarded. The ladies from the BHF shop were delighted with their half of the prize draw proceeds, and also with the sales of clothes on the night. Your generosity never fails to astound me. Please also pass on my thanks to any friends you brought with you. I hope they all enjoyed their night too.

A huge well done to all of those who worked so hard, whether before, during and/or after, and to those who came along to support the event. May I just apologise to anybody who had to suffer the sight of my legs when I was “modelling” those shorts. I noticed a few taking their glasses off, just to save them a little!

## **Our Day of Christian Giving Day is fast approaching.**

There will be a combined celebration of Communion and Giving Day on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June this year, and a light lunch will be served in the Hall after the service. Donations towards the lunch will be gratefully received.

We raised the grand total of £2594.00 from Giving Day last year (up from £2163.19 in 2016). Thank you to everyone who returned their envelopes. If you have already registered for Gift-Aid with Kirk of the Holy Rood, please just put your name on the little slip of paper, and place it in your Giving Day envelope along with your donation.

If you have NOT already registered for Gift-Aid with Kirk of the Holy Rood, please just put your details (name, address, signature, date) on the bottom of the large form, and place it in your Giving Day envelope along with your donation.

**Please help our church at Giving Day, one of our major sources of income.**

In closing, may I thank you all for your help so far this year.

**Stuart Blackwood (Treasurer)**

### **Fashion Show**

Just a word of thanks from the fund raisers for the support on Wednesday evening 2<sup>nd</sup> May at our Fashion Show by the congregation and their friends. The hall was full and appreciative of the clothing from the British Heart Foundation shop in Grangemouth. The clothing was selectively picked out by Anne Trevis to suit the models in the charity shop and tried on by them prior to transportation to the Kirk.

The models did their stuff, strutting the stage and hall floor displaying the fashions, nicely described by our compere Betty Sutherland. Thanks to the dressers and the ladies of the committee manning the refreshments, tickets, and prize draw at the door, too many to name but did a great job.

The ladies from the charity shop felt that we did them proud on the evening and thank the audience who bought from them.

The total for church funds on the night was £615.30 and £330 for the charity shop, giving a magnificent total of £945.30

A great result all round and well worth all the work put into it.

Look out for our next fund raiser which will be the Nearly New Shop and then a Car Boot Sale sometime in August. More details to follow soon.



### **Nearly New Shop**

Following on from last year's very successful shop last August we again require your help. We need the usual stock for the shop including clothing and we also need prizes for the tombola. If you would like to volunteer in the shop then please get in touch with me by emailing [rosie27.ab@gmail.com](mailto:rosie27.ab@gmail.com) or phoning 07804657770 and leave a message. Alternatively catch myself or Doreen Morrow on Sunday mornings. We are a bit short on supplies this year and curtains, bedding sets etc. are very good sellers. Thank you all very much for your continued support. The shop will be open from Monday to Saturday 6th to 11th August.

### **Allyson Black**

### **Women's Association**

Our A.G.M. and 56<sup>th</sup> Birthday Tea was held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018 when we welcomed our new President Mrs Helen Scott and newly elected committee for 2018 – 2019.

On the Wednesday evenings in March and April we have welcomed guests from the Maggie's Centre, Lachlan McGowan and from Central Scotland Regional Quality Council, Aneel and Casha when we heard of the continuing work and dedication of their organisations.

The 18<sup>th</sup> of April was our Closing Concert when we were entertained by the Bohemian Concert Party. Our Mystery Tour on 25<sup>th</sup> April took us to Kirkcaldy where we spent some time at the Rejects Shop Outlet then to Pettycur Bay in Kinghorn where we enjoyed High Tea at the Horizons Restaurant. A good day was had by all.

As Helen now leads us forward I say thank-you to everyone for their support now and in the future.

### **Mary Wood**

## **Holiday Club**

The Holiday Club will be held in Abbotsgrange Church from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

The various representatives from Grangemouth Churches have met to take the plans for the Holiday Club forward. Helen Scott and I represented Kirk of the Holy Rood.

The details of the Polar Explorer Theme for the week were discussed with leaders and helpers all playing a valuable part in the message for the children. The advertising for this event is in hand and will be distributed through primary schools and Churches.

## **Mary Wood**

## **Messy Church**

The Kirk of the Holy Rood will host the next “Messy Church”. The proposed date is Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2pm – 4pm. Our theme will be “Harvest Thanksgiving”

This is the first time we have held Messy Church and plans for the event will be discussed soon.

We ask for the support of our congregation as we will require help with the organisation of the day. Representatives from the other churches in Grangemouth have volunteered to assist us where needed.

## **Mary Wood**

## **Prayers for the Holiday Club and Messy Church**

Please keep us in your prayers as the plans for these events are discussed and decided on and pray for guidance as the leaders and helpers who come to help and to be all part of the telling of the Gospel message. Let us offer prayers for the children who will come along and share this time together, may they through the bible passages, crafts and games receive and understand the love God has for us all now and always. Amen



## **“Get Baking”**

Home baking is always popular, indeed never fails, at church events whether they be coffee mornings, sales or fetes. It always goes down well (excuse the pun).

Here are two of my recipes, “fail-me-nevers” if you like.

### SHORTBREAD FINGERS:

4oz softened butter  
4oz softened margarine  
1 teacup cornflour  
1 teacup icing sugar  
8oz plain flour (2 cups)



At one time I used to knead it on the worktop but now I use my food processor, adding gradually to the butter and marg. Roll out to fit your usual tin. Prick all over with a fork – and bake at 180 until golden brown. Cool slightly then cut into fingers and dust with caster sugar.

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### OLD FASHIONED TEA LOAF

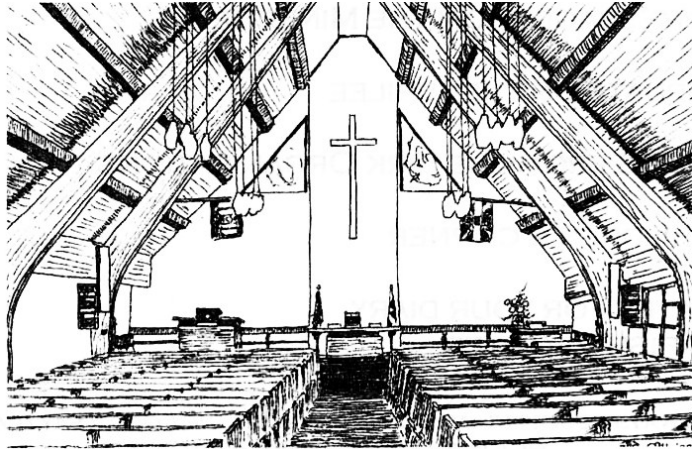
2lb loaf tin with liner.  
2oz margarine  
1 teacup sugar  
1 teacup water  
6oz raisins or sultanas



Put in pan and bring to boil. Take off from hob and add 1 teaspoonful of bicarbonate of soda, 2 cups of self-raising flour and 1 egg. Mix carefully and turn into lined tin. Bake in a medium oven – 180 – for 1 hour or until a skewer comes out clean. Cool on rack.

Hope you enjoy these tried and tested favourites.

**Jessie Mailer**



**Kirk of the Holy Rood  
“Christian Day of Giving”  
Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018**

Light Lunch served after Worship  
(Donations Welcome)