

Kilsyth Anderson News



April/May 2017

From the Manse :

I must begin this word from the Manse with a heartfelt appreciation for your prayers and kindnesses during these past weeks of ill-health and surgery. The news is that I hope to take up duties again very soon and I look forward very much to being able to do that with a new energy.

New things have become a theme for spring and for us, as Christians, we remember the dramatic new thing demonstrated to us at Easter – Christ has won



the victory over sin and death and now is alive and reigns! New life is at the heart of the Christian message and one which we must proclaim loudly and surely with enthusiasm. Recently I had a walk around the old section of Kilsyth graveyard, in part to see if I might find the gravestone of the Anderson ministers whose name is memorialised in the title of this building and congregation. One of the very old gravestones caught my attention. It was very ornate, inscribed with a date and some initials and

a variety of symbols. In looking more closely there were also references to four bible texts which speak volumes of the Christian faith held and of sure and certain hope which awaits those who place their faith in Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 4:16

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

Job 7:6

My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle

1 Corinthians 15:52

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

Ezekiel 37:9(?) Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live

What an amazing declaration of faith found on that one gravestone.

My search for the Anderson gravestone, by contrast, was met with the sad situation of the memorial having broken into three parts. The stone was also so badly affected by damage that most of it is now illegible save for the name of Rev Robert Anderson. It would be my sincere hope that during this

anniversary year for Kilsyth Anderson Memorial Parish Church we might, as part of our thanksgiving, replace that which is broken by something new – a reminder of our part within the great company of believers past, present and future.



Hebrews 12:1 "Since we have such a huge crowd of men of faith watching us from the grandstands, let us strip off anything that slows us down or holds us back, and especially those sins that wrap themselves so tightly around our feet and trip us up; and let us run with patience the particular race that God has set before us" (NLT)

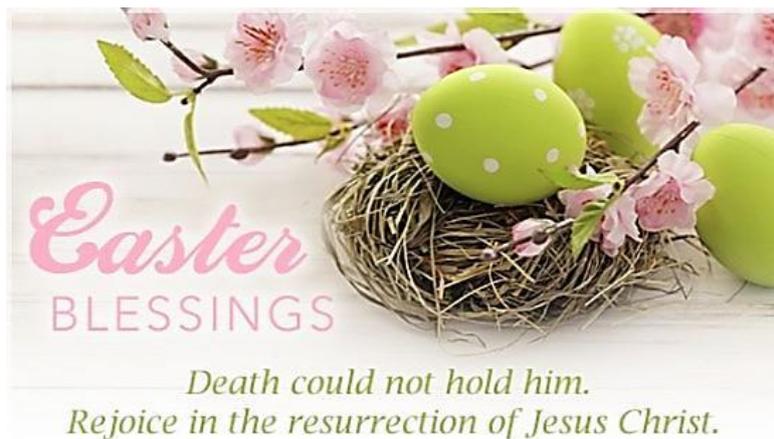
Blessing to everyone in this glorious Easter Season.

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Holy Week Services

Sunday 9th April:	Palm Sunday	11.00am Twechar
Thursday 13th April:	Communion	7.30pm Kilsyth Anderson
Friday 14th April:	Walk of Witness	10.00am
<i>Starting at St Patricks and finishing at Kilsyth Anderson for refreshments</i>		
Friday 14th April:	Good Friday Service	7.30pm Burns & Old



Contact for urgent Pastoral Care
Session Clerk: Mrs Elizabeth Strang

THE ANDERSONS TEA PARTY



The Andersons were overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness of everyone who supported their afternoon tea last Sunday (19th March) for Blair as he gets ready to go out to Malawi this summer. An amazing total of £790 was raised on the day.

Blair will be in Malawi for 6 weeks working with a university society, Students for Kids International Projects (SKIP). While there he

will be working in the community of Nancholi, Blantyre, promoting sustainable development through healthcare and education. The group will be working in local schools, youth groups, women's groups and a young

offender's

prison, focusing on areas including nutrition, HIV/AIDS prevention and mental health education.



All the money raised from the

afternoon tea will go towards the personal costs of getting Blair out to the project. If you couldn't make it along on Sunday but would still like to support Blair, he will be running the Stirling Marathon on 21st May and there is an online fundraising page where you can donate at

[justgiving.com/crowdfunding/blairanderson](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/blairanderson).





HOLIDAY CLUB 2017 July 31st - August 4th

This year's exciting theme for Holiday Club is.

Guardians of Ancora

It is an imaginative programme produced by Scripture Union.

The programme has an accompanying app which can be downloaded, used safely by children and will keep them amused at home as well as at the club! Graeme Moore and Jayne Machray will be our leaders again this year and we anticipate a great week of fun, challenges, stories and crafts. We look forward to welcoming back lots of youngsters and meeting the primary 1 group for the first time. All children currently at primary school are welcome and there will be room for everyone. The club will run from 10 am until 12.30 every morning and is absolutely free! What a bargain!

At the end of March we ran a Saturday event for holiday club from 4 until 6.30pm. Around 40 youngsters attended and had a great time, enjoying games, the story of Zacchaeus, and a tasty 2 course meal.

The teenage trainee leaders did a great job, as did all the adult helpers. These events keep us in touch with the children throughout the year and provide a valuable ongoing link with families.

Please pray for God's blessing on this outreach to the children in the town and for wisdom as we plan the summer event in the weeks ahead.

Flowers

DATE
 2nd April
 9th April
 16th April
 23rd April
 30th April
 7th May
 14th May
 21st May
 28th May



Elizabeth McNiven
 Nan Kinvig
 Sandra Allan
 Margaret Martin
 Linda Bassy
 Liz Grant/ Jean Barrie
 Anne Harrower
 Annabel Smith
 Hazel Gordon

Easter Prayer

Lord, in our fearfulness, we remember the intense fear of death and separation you faced in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Lord, in our loneliness, we remember how your own friends let you down when you needed them, sleeping whilst you wrestled in agonising prayer.

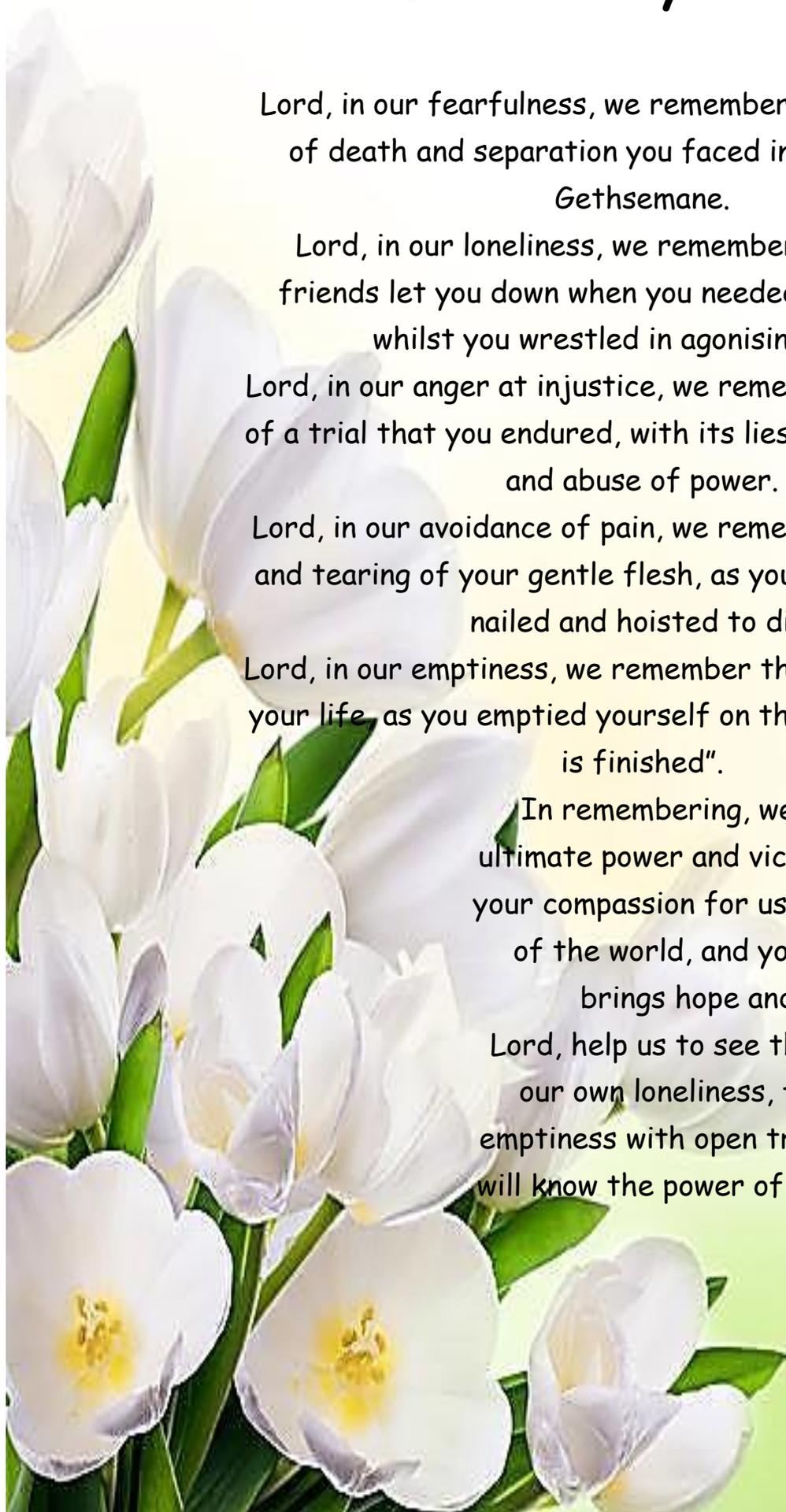
Lord, in our anger at injustice, we remember the mockery of a trial that you endured, with its lies and manipulations and abuse of power.

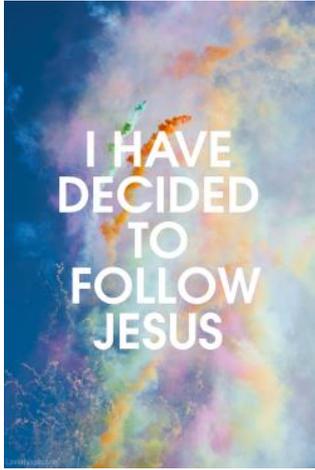
Lord, in our avoidance of pain, we remember the flogging and tearing of your gentle flesh, as you were hammered, nailed and hoisted to die.

Lord, in our emptiness, we remember the draining away of your life as you emptied yourself on the Cross, saying "it is finished".

In remembering, we recognise the ultimate power and victory of Love; that your compassion for us overruled the evil of the world, and your death for us brings hope and salvation.

Lord, help us to see that when we face our own loneliness, fear, anger and emptiness with open trust in you, we too will know the power of your resurrection





Story Behind The Song

I have decided to follow Jesus” was

made popular by the Billy Graham's crusades; it is inseparable from the concept of altar calls and emotional pleading. For some, it stands as a sort of Arminian anthem—a testimony to the power of human volition and an example of all that is wrong with modern Christian lyrics. For others, it is a song celebrating the simplicity of conversion—simple and sincere.

But when you know the story behind the song, you realize that it is not a statement about free will, nor about the ease of placing your faith in Christ. It actually stands as a monument to the international nature of the gospel, as well as a radical call to suffer and die with Jesus.

The late 1800's saw an evangelistic explosion in India. Entire provinces formally closed to the gospel were swept up a missionary movement perhaps unparalleled in history. Wales in particular sent hundreds of missionaries to Northern India, and they were joined by Indian evangelists, as well as missionaries from England, Australia, and the United States. This movement was remarkable for two reasons; first, it was led mostly by Indians themselves, and those men became national figures. Second, this missionary endeavor was focused on Northern India, which was firmly in the grips of the most oppressive forms of Hinduism. It was a place where the caste system was entrenched, and where headhunters ruled.

These provinces often prided themselves on the hostile reaction they gave foreigners. Dozens and dozens of these missionaries were martyred, but despite the opposition and violence (or perhaps because of it) the gospel made inroads into this previously off-limits area.

In the 1880's a Welsh missionary who had endured severe persecution finally saw his first converts in a particularly brutal village in the Indian province of Assam. A husband and wife, with their two children, professed faith in Christ and were baptized. Their village leaders decided to make an example out of the husband. Arresting the family, they demanded that the father renounce Christ, or see his wife and children murdered. When he refused, his two children were executed by archers. Given another chance to recant, the man again refused, and his wife was similarly stuck down. Still refusing to recant, the man followed his family into glory.

Witnesses later told the story to the Welsh missionary. The reports said that when asked to recant or see his children murdered, the man said: "I have decided to follow Jesus, and there is no turning back."

After seeing his children killed, he reportedly said, "The world can be behind me, but the cross is still before me." And after seeing his wife pierced by the arrows, he said, "Though no one is here to go with me, still I will follow Jesus."

According to this missionary, when he returned to the village, a revival had broken out, and those that had murdered the first converts and since come to faith themselves. The Welsh man passed along these reports to the famous Indian evangelist [Sadhu Singh](#). Singh had risen to prominence in India because he was training foreign missionaries, and a theme in his teaching had been the necessity of avoiding the cultural trappings of Western Christianity. He insisted that the missionaries now pouring into India focus on the essentials of the gospel while allowing the now vibrant Indian Christian community to develop their own Christian customs.

The accounts of the family that had been martyred in Assam were so astonishing and widely circulated that most Indian believers were familiar with it. So Singh took the martyr's last words, and put them to traditional Indian music in order to make one of the first uniquely Indian hymns. The song immediately became popular in Indian churches, and it remains a mainstay of worship music there to this day.

Eventually some of the American missionaries returned from India and they brought that song with them. Finally, it ended up with Canadian song writer George Beverley Shea, and he made it a staple at the Billy Graham crusades.

Girls Brigade

It has been such a busy and exciting year for our Girls' Brigade Company. As we near the end of this year we would like to thank everyone in the church for their prayers and support this year. It means so much to us. Thank you to the parents and grandparents who faithfully bring along their girls on a Tuesday night.



We would like to say big congratulations and well done to two of our leaders Leslie Marshall and Mhairi McFarlane, who have completed the first part of their induction training.

Three of our Brigaders, Abigail Shaw, Karis Abercrombie and Katie McDowall are returning next year as trainee leaders. They also have completed the first part of the induction training.

We wish them the best of luck as they go ahead to complete the one day training in May.

During March some of our Explorers, Juniors and Brigaders went with Jacqueline, Helen, Margaret, Jean and Linda to the Greater Glasgow GB Gathering held in Springfield Cambridge Church in Bishopbriggs. The girls took part in games, crafts, and were entertained by a clown/illusionist. The day concluded with a worship service followed by something to eat & drink. It was great to meet up with girls from all over Glasgow as well as share in fun times.

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Beetle Drive which was held on Tuesday 21st March. We raised the magnificent sum of £250 through donations and a collection on the night. This money will be split between the literacy boxes which the Explorers have been collecting money for and company funds.

We would like to welcome everyone to join us at our family and friends evening on Tuesday 2nd May in the church hall at 7pm. We will be showcasing some of the work we have been working on throughout the year and there will be refreshments provided as well.

On a sad note we have to say farewell to Mrs Linda Bassy who has decided to move on to pastures new. We would like to say thank you for all her help in the Explorers and we wish her all the best for the future.

BB NEWS

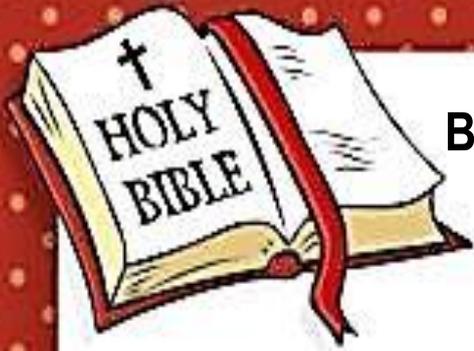


It's coming near to our Easter holidays and then it won't be long until Parents' nights. Badge work is progressing satisfactorily, and so Boys will be able to be presented in May with the badges they have earned during the session.

Many thanks to Mark Anderson who kicked off our fund raising for Malawi 2018 with a swim and a few climbs on the canal and locks at Maryhill. I think it was called Neptune's steps (but don't quote me on that!) Mark said that it was the toughest thing he's ever done, but I say..... it's CHARACTER BUILDING! Just glad it wasn't me having to do it! Well done Mark. Congratulations are extended to our newest member of the Company - Lt. Jim McCormack who joined us just earlier this year. Jim used to be the organiser for the BB for Duke of Edinburgh Expedition work and led and assessed the open expeditions in the Cairngorms for many years. He retired from this position and offered his services to a company - 3rd Kilsyth were quick off the mark! Anyhow, the congratulations to Jim are in recognition of his being awarded a Lifetime Achievement award from Youthlink Scotland at the ceremony held in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Glasgow on Thursday 16th March. It was good that there were a number of BB folk there to see the presentation and share in Jim's special night, including Aileen Mitchell and myself. We are so pleased to have you in 3rd Kilsyth, Jim. We look forward to benefitting from your skills and experience.

As many of you know, we are intending to return to Malawi in 2018 to build 3 new classrooms. The cost of the building work alone will be around £22000, and so we need to get a move on with our fund raising. You may remember that in September we held a very successful Fashion Show in the Masonic Hall - a show arranged by a firm called Colours who offer for sale ex High Street clothing (eg Wallis, Next, Monsoon, M&S etc. depending on availability) at discounts of 50% or more. The clothing is available in a large range of sizes. The proceeds of the last show went to provide a new bore hole for the village.

The Fashion Show was so successful that we have booked another for Friday 28th April - again in the Masonic Hall - tickets again priced at £5 are available now. We need to guarantee 100 people in attendance to have our deposit refunded. Please get in touch with any of the BB staff if you would like to support this venture. Models show some of the clothing, supper will be served, you can try on and buy any clothing that takes your fancy, and the bar will be open should you wish a refreshment!!! However, can I please add that we really need people who buy a ticket to turn up on the night. We MUST have 100 people in the hall - not necessarily all buying goods, just being there..... and no doubt being tempted, otherwise we lose our deposit.



BIBLE QUIZ ON LUKE

(Answers on back page)

- 1. Which two books of the New Testament did Luke write?**
Galatians & The Acts Colossians & Galatians
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- 2. What was Luke's occupation? (Colossians 4:14)**
Soldier Tax Collector
Fisherman Physician
- 3. Which famous missionary did Luke travel and teach with? (2 Timothy 4:11)**
James Paul Peter John
- 4. Which of these narratives was recorded only by Luke? (Luke 1)**
Raising Lazarus From The Dead The Turning Of Water To Wine
Visit Of The Wise Men Visit Of Gabriel To Mary (The Annunciation)
- 5. Which of these narratives was recorded only by Luke? (Luke 2:8-18)**
Visit Of The Shepherds To Baby Jesus Visit Of Nicodemus
Jesus' Ascension The Woman At The Well
- 6. Which of these narratives was recorded only by Luke? (Luke 2:41-52)**
Jesus' Sermon On The Mount Jesus Washing The Feet Of His Apostles
Jesus Cleansing The Temple Jesus Teaching In The Temple As A 12-Year Old
- 7. Which of these narratives was recorded only by Luke? (Luke 22:44)**
Jesus Being Spit Upon Jesus Being Nailed To The Cross
Jesus Being Fed Vinegar Jesus Sweating Blood
- 8. Which of these narratives was recorded only by Luke? (Luke 23:39-42)**
The Woman Washing Jesus' Feet With Her Hair
Jesus' Discussion With The Thief On The Cross
Jesus' Baptism Jesus Forgiving The Women Taken In Adultery
- 9. Which of these narratives was recorded only by Luke? (Luke 24:42-43)**
Jesus Eating Fish And Honey Following His Resurrection
Jesus Giving Sight To The Blind Man Jesus Casting Out Devils
Jesus Healing The Woman With The Issue Of Blood
- 10. Which of these narratives was recorded only by Luke? (Luke 10:1-24)**
Jesus Raising The Daughter Of Jairus
Jesus Appointing And Sending Forth The Seventy
Jesus' Discussion With Zacchaeus Jesus Being A Carpenter

Our Family



Birthdays

Congratulations to Mrs Ethel Docherty who celebrates her 90th Birthday on the 22nd April

Deaths

February 2017: Mr Bill Barrie, Craig-en-Goyne

15th March 2017: Mrs Madge Kelly, John Wilson Drive

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mark Anderson, who recently graduated from the University of Glasgow with a B.Eng with honours in Civil Engineering

Mark is the son of Tom & Aileen Anderson and is one of our BB officers. Well done Mark!



With Thanks

We would like to thank our Anderson church family for the flowers, cards and kind words on the death of our sister

Anne & John Johnston

We would like to thank you for the flowers delivered by Marion to mark our Golden Wedding Anniversary. The thought is very much appreciated

Anne & Irvine Pringle

I would like to thank my friends at the Anderson Church for the beautiful flowers I received recently

Margaret Hughes

To all my friends at the Anderson Church, thank you for sending your kind regards to me following my accident. Your good wishes have helped tremendously. Special thanks to Mollie for delivering lovely flowers

Betty Gordon

I'd like to say thank you for the flowers I received. They were very much appreciated It's good to know I am still in your thoughts & prayers

Donna Cook xx

(If I have forgotten to put your thank you in, please let me know and I will include it in the next issue. Helen x)



Church Diary



Sunday:	<u>Morning worship</u>	11.00am
	<u>Evening worship</u>	6.30pm
	(fellowship after service in main hall)	
	Time for prayer Wyper Hall	6.00pm
Monday:	<u>Ladies Bowling</u>	10.30am
	<u>The Guild</u>	7.30pm
Tuesday:	<u>Girls Brigade:</u>	
	Explorers (P1-P3)	6.00pm
	Juniors & Brigaders (P4 +)	7.00pm
Wednesday:	<u>Praise Group</u>	7.30pm
	<u>Boys Brigade:</u>	
	Anchor Boys (P1 -P3)	5.45pm
	Junior Section (P4 -P6)	6.30pm
	Company Section (P7 +Secondary)	7.30pm
Thursday:	<u>Mid-week Fellowship</u>	
	Wyper Hall	7.00pm
Friday:	<u>'Drop in Café</u>	
	Wyper Hall	10.00am - noon

Dates For Your Diary

Sunday 2 nd April:	Rev. John Fairful	11.00am
Sunday 9 th April:	Palm Sunday Service in Twechar	11.00am
Thursday 13 th April:	Maundy Thursday Communion in Anderson	7.30pm
Friday 14 th April:	Good Friday Walk of Witness	
	Good Friday Service in Burns & Old	7.30pm
Sunday 16 th April:	Easter Sunday Service	11.00am
Friday 21 st April:	Columbian Singers Concert in Anderson	
Tuesday 2 nd May:	GB Parent's Night	7.00pm
Saturday 13 th May:	Christian Aid Coffee Morning Burns & Old	

DATE	DOOR DUTY	INTIMATIONS
2 nd April	Mrs A Anderson/ Mr T Anderson/ Mrs A Sneddon	Mrs D Barrowman
9 th April	Palm Sunday Twechar Parish Church	
16 th April	Miss C Johnston/ Mrs H Provan/ Mrs M Sturrock	
23 rd April	Mrs M Brown/ Mrs A Harrower/ Mrs L Grant	NEW
30 th April	Mr B Smith/ Mr J Weir/ Mrs B Smith	SHEET
7 th May	Miss A Strang/ Mr A Strang/ Mr C Sturrock	HAS BEEN
14 th May	Mr H Smith/ Mrs D Barrowman/ Mrs F Smith	GIVEN OUT
21 st May	Mrs L Anderson/ Mr D Anderson/ Mrs E Miller	
28 th May	Miss E Graham/ Miss O Brittan/ Mrs B Beaver	

Places to find us

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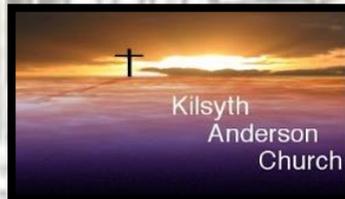
Twitter@ Kilsyth Anderson

WEBSITE/INTERNET

www.kilsythandersonchurch.org

If you wish to listen to the morning service again,
it can be found on the church website

To view the service online go onto YOU TUBE and search
for Kilsyth Anderson Church. Look for this page



CD MINISTRY

A copy of the morning service can be provided.
Please speak to your Pastoral Care visitor
who can arrange for a copy

Items of news, special occasions, etc. for the next
Newsletter should be given to
Helen Shaw by Sunday 21st May 2017

BIBLE QUIZ ON LUKE ANSWERS

- 1.Luke & The Acts
- 2.Physician
- 3.Paul
- 4.Visit of Gabriel to Mary (The Annunciation)
- 5.Visit of the shepherds to baby Jesus
- 6.Jesus teaching in the temple as a 12-year old
- 7.Jesus sweating blood
- 8.Jesus' discussion with the thief on the cross
- 9.Jesus eating fish and honey following His Resurrection
- 10.Jesus appointing and sending forth the Seventy