



*Kilsyth
Anderson
Parish
Church*

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From the Manse...

Recently I was out walking the dog and the words of a well-known hymn came to mind.....



“And can it be...”

There were two distinct thoughts which I related to those words, the first was a reflection on the passing of time. *And can it be* a year since Lynne and I moved to Kilsyth and began to minister in Kilsyth Anderson Church? It hardly seems possible for that to be the case, but as I reflect I do so with gratitude for the wonderful kindness and support we have enjoyed. We have found the people of this congregation to be warm and welcoming and also very willing to support the work of the church.

The second reflection on the hymn is more directly related to what Charles Wesley sought to convey of the Christian message

As we approach Holy Week and Easter it is good for us to be reminded again of the foundation of our faith. We are Christians because we have recognised the wonder and the depth of God’s love to us in Jesus and have responded by faith. It still takes my breath away to think that Jesus died for me. Looking back to his life, sacrifice on the cross and resurrection I do so with wonder and awe thinking, *And can it be*....knowing that it was and is!

I hope that during this special time of Holy Week and Easter you too will be inspired both by his sacrifice and triumph and so find encouragement for your own Christian walk with him.

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Saviour’s blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain—
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, should’s’t die for me?
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Church Service Times

Can I convey my thanks and the thanks of the Kirk Session for taking part in the congregational survey on the times of Sunday services. There were 120 returned survey sheets with over 70% supporting the suggestion of a change to 11am for the morning service and 6.30pm for the evening service. The Kirk Session, after consideration, decided that from Sunday 13th of April these changes should come into effect.

Please note that the 13th of April is Palm Sunday and there will be a special joint service in Twechar Church at 11am.
If you require transport to attend this service then please speak to an elder.

Contagious Christian Course

Would you like to have more confidence in sharing your Christian faith with others?

Would you like your family and friends to know more about the benefits of knowing Jesus as Lord and friend?

The Contagious Christian course is designed to be a practical help for you. Please sign up for these 6 Tuesday afternoon meetings in the church hall (2pm – 4pm) on April 29th, May 13th, 27th and June 3rd, 10th and 17th.



3rd KILSYTH BOYS' BRIGADE

A lot has been happening over the last couple of months – exciting stuff !



Firstly, at the youth parade on 2nd February, James Caldwell was presented with the President's Commendation in recognition of the courage he has shown and problems he has coped with since he was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia 8 years ago. Alan Hunter, BB secretary for development and training presented James's certificate and then we had a celebration lunch with James at the Scarecrow. Secondly, our plans for our trip to Malawi are moving forward with great speed. I had a meeting on 10th March with Tony Begley who is doing all the organising, helping with the work to be done and making sure that we are safe while in Malawi. Now we just need to finalise how many Boys we can afford to send - probably 5 or 6 (I wish it could be more but at £2000 per head)

Jumping a few dates to 15th March, a sincere thank you to Douglas and Lynda Anderson who organized a fund raising quiz night, which after gift aid is added will have brought in over £700- a great boost to the pot. Many thanks to those who attended and who gave so generously. We always appreciate your support.

Also on 14th /15th March, Darren Smith was attending the completion course for his Queen's Badge. He has worked hard over the past three months to get his record book completed - he had done all the work - Company service, volunteering, a physical activity and a skill - just hadn't got around to writing them into his book! Typical- BOYS!!!!

On 13th March Aileen Mitchell, John Paterson and I attended the National Youthworker of the Year Awards Dinner in the Crowne Plaza, Glasgow. A number of awards in various categories were made the winner receiving a glass trophy and the two runners up receiving framed certificates. A BB captain from 2nd/4th Motherwell, Colin Weir, whom Rev. Vint knows from the company of which he was Chaplain in Motherwell, received the uniformed organisation award. And so it was a great night for the BB nationally, There were a number of full time BB staff present, because Colin was not the only one to receive an award. Unknown to me, John Paterson had nominated me, originally in the same category as Colin. However, Youthlink Scotland, in their wisdom transferred me to a different category (thank goodness - Colin might have beaten me!) At the end of the main awards, three people were presented with a 'Lifetime Achievement' award for their work to help young people - Fraser Falconer who is head of the BBC Children in Need appeal, Ian Boardman who is co-ordinator of the Lothian Association of Youth Clubs and lastly I was awarded one for my work with the BB.

I must say a big thank you to John for nominating me (although I didn't say that when he told me what he had done!), to Aileen for joining us at the dinner, and to all those who have expressed their congratulations. When I entered BB work (volunteered by Christine Abercrombie, a pupil in my first class at Kilsyth Primary, whose dad was Junior Section officer) I did not expect to receive such recognition. In fact, the Boys and staff with whom I have worked, the friends I have made from around the world through BB activities and the laughs, tears and memories over many years have made the past 43 years pure dead brilliant! Thanks Christine for volunteering me for such a great organisation.



And can it be....

The story behind the song

Charles Wesley wrote it soon after He came to Christ. As he looks back on his life, he sees himself as a prisoner in a dark dungeon, chained by the sins that he committed- and even more "made captive" by the sin that was a part of his very being. One night, the gospel of Christ-the good news that Christ had died to meet his need-seemed to flood his own personal dungeon with light, breaking the chains and setting him free. The guilt was finally gone. For the first time, Wesley seemed to be really alive because he possessed the supernatural life of Jesus Christ!



Charles Wesley, founder of the movement known as Methodism with his brother, John, was ordained as a priest in the Church of England in 1735. However, three years later, he had just returned from a "missionary" trip to America. The evening of May 20, 1738, reportedly after prolonged Bible reading he wrote:



"At midnight I gave myself to Christ, assured that I was safe, whether sleeping or waking. I had the continual experience of His power to overcome all temptation, and I confessed with joy and surprise that He was able to do exceedingly abundantly for me above what I can ask or think."

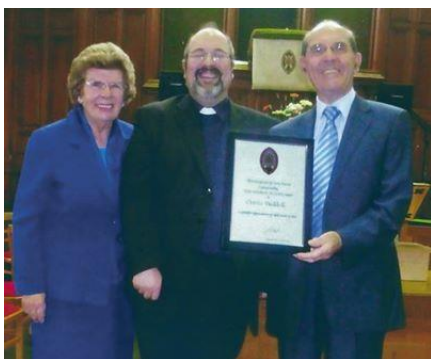
Another writer states that he recorded in his journal: "I now found myself at peace with God, and rejoiced in hope of loving Christ. I saw that by faith I stood."

Two days later, his journal reported that he had begun writing a hymn. This hymn was likely "And Can It Be" because of the vivid testimony of stanza four. This hymn was one of the first of the 6000 plus hymns that he wrote

"And Can It Be" was first published in John Wesley's *Psalms and Hymns* in 1738, then in *Hymns and Sacred Poems* in 1739. From middle of the nineteenth century on, "And Can It Be" has been set to SAGINA.

Long Service award

Congratulations to Mr Charlie Waddell who was recently presented in Church with a long service certificate to commemorate his 30 years' service as an Elder. As well as being an Elder, Charlie became church auditor in 1966, a manager in 1970, work party



treasurer in 1979, Christian Aid organiser in Kilsyth & District for 27 years, served 7 years with KDCCT acting as treasurer, secretary, vice chairman & chairman. For many years, Charlie has assisted all the church treasurers, and prepared the Annual Accounts, which in itself is quite a task.

Charlie's wife Margaret and their two daughters Karen & Lynn, joined him in church to see him receive his award. Well Done!

"Thoughts for Sharing"



This booklet was made available mainly to members of our church and it was indicated that, if they so wished, they could make a donation for the booklet to Strathcarron Hospice.

"Thoughts for Sharing" was very professionally printed by Cowan Print of Kilsyth and I am grateful to Mr. Craig Cowan, a supporter of Strathcarron Hospice, who graciously refused to make any charge for the printing work.

With the addition of Gift Aid, a cheque for £500 has now been forwarded to Strathcarron Hospice. Thank you all for your support.

Margaret Waddell



YES! I REMEMBER THAT!

You will have noticed that we have now co-ordinated the memory verses in the magazine with those shown on the screen in church each Sunday.

The idea is that we will learn these verses week by week as a word or two is removed from the screen each Sunday till there are very few words left. In this way it will be a real memory test!

MARCH VERSE: Mark, Chapter 10 Verse 45

"The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

APRIL VERSE: Mark, Chapter 15 Verse 39

The words of the Roman Centurion bystander at the cross speaking of Jesus-
"Surely this man was the Son of God"


MAY VERSE: Luke, Chapter 24 Verse 29

The words of the two disciples on the Emmaus road after they had spent the day walking with the stranger who turned out to be the risen Christ-
"Stay with us, for for it is nearly evening: the day is almost over"



Thanks

A thank you card from our missionary partner, Helen Scott arrived for the Sunday School. Helen wishes to thank them for their generous gift of £100. In her card, she

 explains that she is going to use the money to help her Girls' Brigade girls to go to a special conference in 2015. They have started saving and this is a great boost for them as they want as many girls as they can attend the conference. God Bless!

Kilsyth Community Food Bank

Thanks to all who have donated non-perishable food items in the last few months.

If you wish to participate, items can be left in the vestibule of the church on a Sunday or at the Drop-in on a Friday.

Thanks go to Anne Lauder and Tom Kinvig for delivering goods to the food bank



There is a Charity Music Night at Kilsyth Academy in aid of the Kilsyth Community Food Bank on Friday 25th April.

7 pm to 10pm

Ticket prices: Adult £5

Concession (Students, 16-17, OAP) £3

Children (12 – 15) £2.50

Live music, Raffles, Refreshments (non-alcoholic).

Tickets available from Café Refresh



2nd Girls Brigade



As part of our Commonwealth badge work we were challenged to organise a fundraiser, on a company night for a Commonwealth country. We chose to hold a quiz night and any money we raised, we would send out to Ekwendeni to Helen Scott and her Girls' Brigade Company. It was a good night and we raised over £100, which we as a company made up to £200. A big thank you goes to Samantha & Debbie for making up the quiz and to those who supported us.

Our Parent's night is on Tuesday 1st April at 7 pm and we hope you will come and see what the girls have been doing on a Tuesday night.

Catherine

What a Resource

How can we know God or communicate with Him?

Now, that is a good question!

There is a huge gap between God and ourselves. He is infinite and eternal, we are mortal. He sees the whole range of history whereas we are confined to our own three score years and ten. He is the mighty creator of all things, we are simply his creatures. Yes all that is true. There is a huge gap between us: yet we can and do communicate with Him, all because God is gracious and want to be there has taken the initiative.

In the last few issues of the magazine

we have spoken about the Bible as one primary way God communicates with us. He speaks through his word, but God has also given us a second tremendous primary resource: that of prayer and through that gift we can communicate with God too. It is about PRAYER that I want to speak about briefly now.

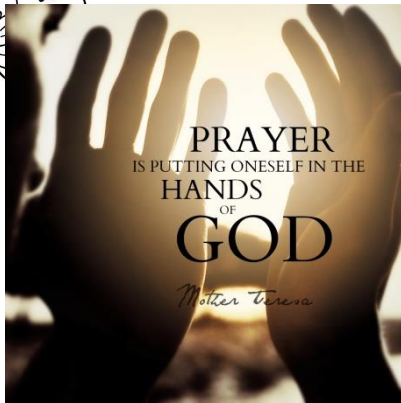
Prayer is not just a sort of divine shopping list telling God of all that we want. Rather it begins with and is centered on Jesus as we contemplate all that he has done for us. That means prayer must begin with praise and thanksgiving. It need not be in formal 'church' language. It can be simply speaking to one whom we love and who loves us... deeply, personal and warm.

Having praised and thanked Christ we are immediately moved to think of the polar opposite which is our own guilt and failure through sin. It is right then that we confess that sin and so get back into a right relationship with this one who loves us by seeking his forgiveness. We then begin to look ahead in our lives and ask God for help to enable us to know his perfect will for us and to ask for the strength to overcome temptation and to follow his way. This enables us to grow more and more like Jesus which the Bible tells us God wants us to do.

It is then that we begin to look outwards to the wider world, praying for our church and for the preaching of the gospel. For fellow Christians, for those in need and under pressure. We also pray for the sick or bereaved, the hungry, those suffering persecution, war or disaster. In this wonderful way we are invited to share in and continue the glorious ministry of Jesus. That is exactly what the Church has been called into being to do. Now we can ask

God to meet our own needs and bring him our personal concerns.

God is gracious. He hears and he answers our prayers. Generations of believers can testify to this, so I cannot encourage you too much to see prayer as a huge gift God has given us to share his whole lives with him.



Contact for urgent Pastoral Care

Minister: Rev. Allan Vint (01236) 822345

Session Clerk: Mrs Elizabeth Strang (01236) 824875



The Jelly Bean Story

Little jelly beans tell a story true
A tale of our Father's love that's just for
me and you

RED: is for the blood he gave

GREEN: is for the grass he made

YELLOW: is the sun so bright:

ORANGE: is for the edge of night

BLACK: is for the sins we made

WHITE: is for the grace He gave

PURPLE: is for His hour of sorrow

PINK: is for a new tomorrow

Now that you've heard the story, you know what
each colour means

The story of our Father's love, as told by jelly
beans



PAUSE for PRAYER

We are planning to introduce a very brief ten minute devotional service soon. It will comprise a bible reading, a prayer and a blessing, with a moment for silent personal prayer.

*WHERE: 'Reading Room,
next door to the Wyper Hall*

WHEN: Friday morning

*TIME: 11.00 am
while the 'Drop in' is on.*

Those at the 'Drop in' will, of course be quite free to come through, or not as they choose. We hope to start just after Easter.

This little gathering will be open to all who care to join in and we are starting it because we believe:

*a moment of prayer at the start of the day can
make such a difference to the whole day.*

Hope you might want to be there.

Sunday School

The Sunday School would like to thank every who helped them raise £100 by collecting coppers. We donated this money to Yorkhill Children's Hospital, who sent us a lovely thank-you.



Our Beautiful Church

There is a happy band of volunteers (men and women) that clean our Church.

There are sometimes when our volunteers cannot make it.

Would you like to help?

We are looking for names to put on a reserve list. We have 5 teams, 3 on a Thursday and 2 on a Saturday.

If you can help please give your name to Margaret Waddell

STAMP APPEAL 2014

The money raised from this year's stamp appeal will go to **DORCAS**, a brand new Refuge House for Women of Domestic violence and their children in Milotopos, northern Greece.



The Greek Evangelical Church responded to requests from women seeking refuge from violent partners by buying a house in 2012, which is now fully renovated. The house provides a safe haven for these women and their children. The first 'tenant' will be a young woman and her new born baby who will move in this spring.

The money raised from selling used stamps will go towards the running costs of the house. It will cost you nothing but it will provide these women and their children a safe place to call home. Thank you for your efforts in the past – keep the used stamps coming.

Olivia Brittan, Mission Representative

LET GOD'S BLESSINGS



RAIN DOWN ON YOU.

Getting to Know You.....**William Shaw**

What brought you to Kilsyth Anderson Church?

I was Congregational Church as I was growing up. My three sisters sang in the choir.

My Gran on my mother's side was Anderson Church.

I started coming to the Anderson before Helen and I were married. Mr Ross baptised both of us in the vestry before both of us joined the Church.

I fell away in Mr McKinnon's time after my mum passed away. Helen brought Cameron and Abigail to Sunday School. During the vacancy our locum, Gordon McNally had a Back to Church Sunday and Helen suggested that I come to that service. Work permitting; I've been a regular since



What involvement do you have in the church?

Charlie Waddell asked me to join the Praise group as I am a member of the Columban Singers; I enjoy singing with the Praise Group. I also recently started catering for the Over 70's dinners. Two years ago I became a member of the Board of Managers and in January of this year I took over as Church treasurer.

What do you like most about Kilsyth Anderson Church?

We have a happy and friendly congregation that are willing to help others. It's nice to be welcomed when coming into Church. After the years of vacancy, it's good to have a minister that can take us forward as a congregation.

What hopes do you have for the future here?

I hope that the Anderson grows and prospers in times when people are turning their backs on churches. It would be great to see more young people attending church as when I came to church nearly 30 years ago, we were the young ones. Present day, apart from the children in Sunday school, I'm still one of the "young ones!"

Liz Meechan would like to thank everyone for their flowers and cards and most of all for their thoughts and prayers at a time that they were needed. Thank you xx

What a lovely surprise to receive the flowers from the church following my recent stay in Glasgow Royal Infirmary. Their bright colours remind me that spring is just around the corner.

Sincere thanks. Jane Barclay xx



Flower list

6th April: Mrs Sandra Allan Arnbrae Road

13th April: Mrs May Shaw Balmalloch Road

20th April: Ms Ena Graham Strone Gardens

27th April: Mrs Linda Bassy Lairdhill Court



4th May: Mrs May Hamilton Inns Park

11th May: Mrs Liz Grant/ Miss Jean Barrie

Donaldson Avenue

18th May: Mrs Moira Gillies Auchinreoch

25th May Mrs Jan Bateman Tak-ma-doon-Road



Our Family

Baptisms:

2nd February: Emily Amy Daisley, High Craighends

Daughter of Lisa & Alexander

Louise Carberry, High Craighends

Daughter of Sharon & Thomas

Deaths:

31st January: Mrs Sadie Keary, Weavers Court, Kilsyth

9th February: Mrs Jean Shaw, Kelvin Way, Kilsyth

2nd March: Mr Robert Kelly, John Wilson Driv



*"Death leaves a heartache no one can heal,
love leaves a memory no one can steal."*



Belated Happy 84th Birthday to Ruby Laing, Queenzieburn

On March 7th

Happy 85th Birthday to Ann McLean, U.P. Lane

On April 1st

Happy 65th Birthday to Jim Scott, Arden Grove

on April 12th

Happy 89th Birthday to Annie Shorthouse, Donaldson Avenue

on April 21st

Happy 82nd Birthday to Anna Taylor, Balmalloch Road

On May 3rd

Happy 80th Birthday to Campbell Sturrock, Barlanfauld Street

On May 20th

Annual General Meeting

**At the meeting on Sunday, March 2nd, the following four new managers: -
Helen Shaw, Dorothy Barrowman, Tom Anderson and Colin Scott.
were elected to join the Board and were given a warm welcome.**

Margaret Waddell, Clerk to the Board of Managers



Church Diary

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



Dates for your diary



Tuesday 1 st April:	Girls Brigade Parents night	7.00 pm
Wednesday 2 nd April:	Praise Group (Church)	7.30pm
Friday 4 th April:	Balmalloch Primary Easter Service	9.30am
Sunday 13 th April:	Joint Palm Sunday service (Twechar)	11.00 am
	Evening service	6.30pm
Sunday 27 th April:	Junior BB award service	2.00pm
Wednesday 7 th May:	BB Anchor & Junior Parents Night	7.00pm
Sunday 11 th May:	Christian Aid Week begins	
Wednesday 14 th May:	BB Company section Parents Night	7.00pm
Saturday 17 th May:	Christian Aid Coffee Morning	
Sunday 18 th May:	Morning service/Kirk Session	11.00am
	Evening service/ Guild	6.30pm
Tuesday 20 th May:	Managers Meeting Wyper hall	7.30pm
Tuesday 27 th May:	Kirk Session Meeting Wyper hall	7.30pm

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Thursday 17 th April:	Maundy Thursday Communion Service	
	Anderson Church/ Methodist Service	7.30pm
Friday 18 th April:	Good Friday service	
	Burns and Old	7.30pm
Sunday 20 th April:	Easter Sunday Service	11.00am



NEW CHURCH SERVICE TIMES



AS FROM SUNDAY 13TH APRIL
(PALM SUNDAY)
OUR SERVICES WILL BEGIN AT
11.00 AM AND 6.30 PM
(Palm Sunday service is being
held in Twechar Parish Church)



Kids Page

The Easter bunny is busy hiding his eggs.
How many eggs can you find?
Here's one to start you off. Good Luck!



Easter Word Search

T H O R N S W Y S M L A P N G
K R I S E N Y C E N O T S E C
R E T S O O R D R K H O T V R
B E L I E V E S E O N H B I U
Y T P M E Z D X S Y S O C G C
E C I F I R C A S E A S D R I
E V I L A L N B M O T R B O F
S I N U I N N A I L S C T F Y
W V G F A E N P I L A T E E S
B R E A D E Y A R P D I E D B

ALIVE
BELIEVE
BETRAYED
BREAD
CROSS
CRUCIFY
DIED
DONKEY
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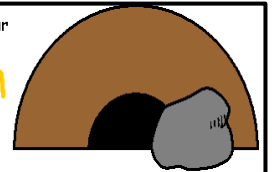


SACRIFICE
SIN
SON
STONE
THORNS
TOMB

Q: What do you call the Easter Bunny after a hard day's work?
A: Tired.

Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

Easter Anagram



aeeghmnst _____

deknoy _____

einrs _____

aeily _____

accefiirs _____

eoornst _____

ccfiruy _____

efginorv _____

hnorst _____

aahnos _____

Places to find us

FACEBOOK/ TWITTER

www.facebook.com/kilsythanderson

Twitter@ Kilsyth Anderson

WEBSITE

www.kilsythandersonchurch.org

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

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