

Kilsyth Anderson News

October/November 2018



1918 - 2018
Lest We Forget

From the Manse

This year we mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War. As the years roll by it is however still important to 'Remember'. To remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for the cause of freedom. To remember those who suffered in body and in mind as the result of conflicts through the years. To remember all those families whose lives are affected, even down the generations, by this and other wars.



This October holiday period Lynne and I went in search of our family history in the Black Isle (North of Inverness.) Our travels were a time of uncovering places, people and history, most of which we didn't previously know. Among the information we discovered was that of a great, great Uncle of Lynne's, a man called John Urquhart. John was a corporal in the Seaforth Highlanders. He died in combat in the August of 1916. The chaplain afterwards wrote to his grieving parents in these terms.

“Corporal Urquhart was one of the best soldiers that ever joined the Seaforth Highlanders. Strong, capable, full of life and vigour, he was a splendid specimen of the sturdy Highlander. True as steel, courteous and obliging, he was the staunchest of friends. With both officers and men he was most popular and there is not a man in his company but regrets and mourns his loss...he has given all, and died a noble death, fighting for liberty, and now he rests in a soldier's grave.”

It is hard not to be moved even by the loss of someone we never personally knew. On reflection we also can imagine the many letters in a similar tone sent out to grief-stricken parents and families.

Cpl John Urquhart was buried in Cite Bonjean Military Cemetery, Armentieres. Next to John lies a Kilsyth man, Pte George Burns, who died on the same day.

His parents, living then at Craighend Cottage in South Barrwood also received a letter from Rev McLeod also seeking to pass on words of consolation.

In 1918 the family of George inserted the following verse into the Kilsyth Chronicle

*“You answered, dear George, the call of the brave;
You are buried in France in a soldier's grave
What more or what better could any lad give
Than his life for his country that others might live?
Like hundreds of others, he died to save the homeland
he loved so well;
His fresh young life in the cause he gave; like a
solider he bravely fell*



To remember the tragedy of war and the sadness of loss together with a determination to strive always for a peace that endures, is hugely important. The graves of Cpl Urquhart and Pte Burns are

engraved with a cross, the symbol of God's desire for us to know ultimate peace through our lord Jesus. This peace was also bought with the price of a man's sacrifice and death. The Christian hope is that through Jesus we will, with him, finally conquer sin and death and know everlasting peace.

Jesus said, "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command...This is my command: Love each other." John 15:1



The Poppy Lady - Moina Belle Michael

(August 15, 1869 – May 10, 1944)

was an American professor and humanitarian who conceived the idea of using poppies as a symbol of remembrance for those who served in World War I.

Michael was born on what is now known as 3698 Moina Michael Road in Good Hope, in Walton County, Georgia.

She was the eldest daughter and second of the seven children of John Marion Michael and Alice Sherwood. She was distantly related to General Francis Marion on her father's side, and the Wise family of Virginia state governors on her mother's side. Both sides of her family had Huguenot ancestry, with origins in Brittany and Flanders respectively. Her family was wealthy and owned a cotton plantation until 1898. She was educated at Braswell Academy in Morgan County, and the Martin Institute in Jefferson, Georgia.

She became a teacher in 1885, initially in Good Hope and then in Monroe, Georgia. She taught at the Lucy Cobb Institute and Normal School, both located in Athens, Georgia. She studied at Columbia University in New York City in 1912-13.

Michael visited Europe in June and July 1914. She was in Germany when the First World War broke out in August 1914 and travelled to Rome to return home to the US. In Rome, she assisted around 12,000 US tourists to seek passage back across the Atlantic. She returned to the US on the RMS *Carpathia* and returned to teaching at Normal School in Athens, Georgia.



She was a professor at the University of Georgia when the U.S. entered World War I in April 1917. She took a leave of absence from her work and volunteered to assist in the New York-based training headquarters for overseas YWCA workers.

On 9 November 1918, inspired by the Canadian John McCrae battlefront-theme poem "In Flanders Fields", she wrote a poem in response called "We Shall Keep the Faith". In tribute to the opening lines of McCrae's poem – "In Flanders fields the poppies blow / Between the crosses row on row," – Michael vowed to always wear a red poppy as a symbol of remembrance for those who served in the war.

After the war was over, Michael returned to the University of Georgia and taught a class of disabled servicemen. Realizing the need to provide financial and occupational support for these servicemen, she pursued the idea of selling silk poppies as a means of raising funds to assist disabled veterans. In 1921, her efforts resulted in the poppy being adopted as a symbol of remembrance for war veterans by the American Legion Auxiliary, and by Earl Haig's British Legion Appeal Fund (later The Royal British Legion) later that year.

Known as the "Poppy Lady" for her humanitarian efforts, Michael received numerous awards during her lifetime. She retired from the University of Georgia in 1934, and published an autobiography in 1941, "The Miracle Flower: The Story of the Flanders Fields Memorial Poppy".

In 1944, a Liberty ship constructed in Georgia was named *SS Moina Michael* in her honor. In 1948, four years after her death, the U.S. Postal Service issued a commemorative 3-cent stamp honoring her life's achievement. In 1969, the Georgia General Assembly named a section of U.S. Highway 78 the Moina Michael Highway. In 1999 she was named to the Georgia Women of Achievement Hall of Fame.

We Shall Keep The Faith
Oh! You who sleep in Flanders Fields,
Sleep sweet – to rise anew!
We caught the torch you threw
And holding high, we keep the faith
With All who died



We cherish too, the Poppy Red
That grows on fields where valour led;
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies,
But lend a lustre to the red
Of the flower that blooms above the dead
In Flanders Fields



OUR CHURCH

As a new Manager, I wanted to share some of the concerns I have for our Church. The Board of Managers meets on a bi-monthly basis to deal with practical matters ensuring the smooth running of our church. Our duties include upkeep of the fabric of church and manse, health and safety matters, insurance, equipment purchase and/or repair, decoration and of course oversight of the financial affairs of the congregation.



For various reasons we had missed meeting over the summer and so the October meeting had to consider four months' accounts from May to August all at once. This was quite a wakeup call. It was with quite a sense of dismay even shock that we recognised that our congregation is in a very precarious financial position and that together we will have to take action to remedy this situation or we face an uncertain future.

The Board decided that the first step is to make everyone aware of the details and we will now be publishing a regular financial update in the intimations and the magazine.

Income

Over this 4-month period the monthly collection, our main source of income, brought in between £2,977 and £3240. This is between £41 (August) and £255 (June) LESS compared with the same months last year.

Expenditure

Our Church of Scotland dues alone mean outgoings of £3535 every month - before any other bills are taken into consideration - so straight away it can be seen that this is more than our total income.

Other regular bills include photocopying and office supplies, phone, electricity (heat and lighting), gas, insurance, pulpit supply (for visiting ministers), the minibus, rates, cleaning materials and a variety of other small ad hoc items. Obviously, the amount varies each month, but this averages out at approximately £2189 per month, giving a deficit of somewhere in the region of £2.5K every month.

As you will know, the church also has a fabric fund which is used to pay for specific projects or planned expenditure such as the upgrade of the kitchen. Income generated from events such as the Christmas Fair are fed into this fund and it is solvent.

The only reason we can keep going in these circumstances is (amazingly) thanks to HMRC. For every £1 paid to the church by tax payers, 25p can be claimed back as gift aid and in June we were able to claim £12,526 for this year.

These are the bald figures but what do they mean and what can each of us do about it?

Firstly, please pray about it.

How long is it since you reviewed your giving? Many of us don't think too much about this and just put in to the plate the same amount every week. Is this still appropriate and proportionate to your income? Please consider this prayerfully.

Are you a tax payer? (Remember some retired people pay tax.) If so, have you signed a gift aid form to allow the church to collect the 25p? Please see the Treasurer if you want to do so or are not sure if you've already done it.

If you miss the occasional Sunday do you make up the missed week's giving? Could you consider paying by Standing Order instead (ie via a regular bank transfer that you control)?

The Treasurer can give you the bank details and it is easy to set up online or in your branch. This means you never miss a week even if you can't attend. If your circumstances change, it's easy to adjust.

Do you have any ideas for saving money? We already clean the church ourselves to save on the expense of a cleaner – are there other things we could do ourselves? If you have a suggestion and are willing to help, then please speak to a member of the Board to bring it to the next meeting.

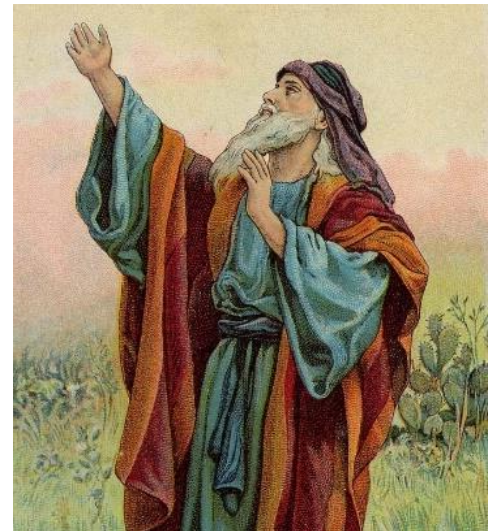
Another thing we can do is to increase the number of people who worship with us – the possibility of a mission has already been mentioned and we will all need to get involved in this to swell our numbers and ensure the future of our church. There are lots of younger, working people and families moving into the new housing springing up in Kilsyth. Pray that they will respond positively when we invite them to come – and pray for the start of an exciting new era for the Anderson.

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October 2018.

Isaiah, Prophet & Poet

The Prophets played a big part in the story of Israel. The Old Testament contains the writings of several men who are referred to as "Prophets". These include such as Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel, known as the "major prophets" because of the length of their books. There are also twelve shorter books known as "minor prophets" for no other reason than that their books are shorter. These include Hosea, Joel, Amos, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi. Now all of these books are fully regarded as "Holy Scripture", meaning that God has spoken in them, so giving them authority.



Sometimes it is said that the prophets are "foretellers" rather than "forthtellers" that has to be examined further. Certainly, the prophets spoke to their own day and their own situation. They did not, however simply offer a personal opinion or give practical advice or moral judgements. No, they spoke in thundering terms "Thus says the Lord". They looked at their society through the eyes of their faith and spoke the word that God had given for their situation. Sometimes that opened up the course they should take, sometimes it recalled them to faith and sometimes warned of coming judgement, should they refuse to repent. We have many instances of these recorded in these books. That is not all, however, for they also looked further ahead and spoke of God's plans and God's solution to their problems and to Gods ultimate promise of redemption, restoration and the consummation. In that sense they were undoubtedly "foretellers".

Of all the great prophets and the divine insights they share with us I find none as powerful or as moving as Isaiah. When I read his words I am often moved to tears. I have not the slightest doubt that the presence and inspiration of God shines through his writings. He is, for me, both a prophet and a poet. His use of language and the pictures he paints are sublime and I never tire of them. It is because there is that strong foretelling aspect clearly in his writing that I have chosen three memory verses from Isaiah for the months leading up to Christmas. Each one has significance.

October: Isaiah Ch 11 Vs 10

This is a message of hope. It contains a promise of something special that God has planned for his people. It doesn't say what the particular situation is that gives rise to this promise, but some think it could have been the attack by the Assyrians which devastated so much of the country before it ended. The prophet, looking ahead, sees a new start with one of David's line leading them to a new and more glorious day. For Christians, we pick up this hope and see the promised leader of David's line as none other than Christ the Messiah, whose coming begins to fulfil all that this section promises and will continue to do so in future

"In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples: the nations will rally to him and his place of rest will be glorious".

November: Isaiah Ch 40 Vs 3

The background to this passage seems to be a time of judgement and even punishment. However, that time is past and they are on the cusp of something truly sensational. God has forgiven them and they are once again his people. They are told to prepare a way for their God. Many feel that this all fits in well with the ending of the time of exile in Babylon, although this was later than the time of Isaiah. It's a very hopeful and positive message whatever the background. Again, Isaiah is looking forward and giving the message God has called him to proclaim. The future is bright and they must be ready. For Christians, this is read as a prophesy regarding the coming of Christ. Indeed John the Baptist picks up this very message of being one who is called to prepare the way for the Messiah

"A voice of one calling: in the desert prepare the way for the Lord, make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God".

December: Isaiah Ch9 Vs6

This again is a message of joy and hope. The child referred to has not been identified, but the background seems to be one where Judah was in great danger. However, the child conceived when that danger was at its fiercest can be named "Immanuel" when he is born, for the whole picture will have changed so dramatically in that short time and the Lord alone has done it. Truly Isaiah is saying God with us beyond doubt. Again, the attack by the Assyrians that totally wiped out the neighbouring kingdom of Israel and led to the siege of Jerusalem could be the source of the danger, for it ended suddenly and Jerusalem was spared. This, Isaiah saw as a great new start and confirmed Gods grace and love for them. For Christians there is no doubt that the prophet was looking into the future and seeing the coming of the one who would be God's Messiah – Jesus Christ. He alone deserves the titles Isaiah mentions in this verse.

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given and the government will be on his shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace"

So here are the three verses that help to take us forward into Christmas and remind us of the promises made years before, that were fulfilled by Jesus coming. The prophets were far from being all doom and gloom!

Time For Prayer?

The minister has been looking at the theme of prayer in his sermons these past few weeks. This is essential teaching and must be near to the hearts of all believers. That being so it is perhaps timely to remind you that we have little cards on which "Prayer Requests" can be written. These lie on top of the "Prayer Request" box by the west door of the church. Simply give a note of the person or situation you wish to be prayed for and it will be taken up at the various meetings for prayer that are held regularly. The card can be left unsigned and totally anonymous or you can put your personal details on it as you feel is appropriate. All requests will be dealt with confidentially.



Hope you find this helpful.

John Brown (Rotary Club of Kilsyth)

The Rotary Club of Kilsyth and Aquabox would like to thank the congregation for the generous donation at the Harvest Thanksgiving service of approximately £633 including Gift Aid. All the money has been transferred to Aquabox in Matlock to provide Aqua Family Filters for families to provide them with clean drinking water. Aquabox has only one part-time administrator so all the money in - goes out in a box.



Kilsyth Community Food Bank

We are still accepting non-perishable donations especially meat that could be used for dinners and have a box out in the vestibule or goods can be handed in at the drop-in on a Friday or put in the box in the vestibule on a Sunday morning.

An Evening With The Kirkintilloch Male Voice Choir

On Friday evening 26th October as part of our Church Anniversary celebrations, we were entertained by Kirkintilloch Male Voice Choir. It was good to see a such a good turnout. A magnificent sum of £460.00 was raised for Strathcarron Hospice. Thank you for your support.



Harvest Thanksgiving



Thanks to everyone who contributed non perishable goods to be donated to the Kilsyth Food Bank. Many thanks to those who contributed monetary gifts in aid of the Rotary Club Aquabox Appeal.

Church Box Money

The money recently collected from church boxes amounted to £1068.14 Thanks to all who contributed and those who uplifted the money and assisted in counting it. Should you wish to have a box please contact Anne Lauder or Bill Smith If you wish to sign up for Gift Aid please contact Helen Shaw.

Bill Smith, Church Box Convener



Church Diary



Sunday:	<u>Morning worship</u>	11.00am
	<u>Evening worship</u>	6.30pm
	(fellowship after both services)	
	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

Contact for urgent Pastoral Care

Minister: **Rev Dr Allan Vint**

Session Clerk: **Mrs Elizabeth Strang**

Dates For Your Diary

1 st Oct	Guild resumes	7.30pm
7 th Oct	Dedication Service	11.00am
14 th Oct	Harvest Thanksgiving	11.00am
26 th Oct	An Evening with Kirkintilloch Make Voice Choir	7.00pm for 7.30pm
28 th Oct	Bible Sunday	11.00am
28 th Oct	Evening Service	6.30pm
4 th Nov	Prayer Evening	6.30pm
6 th Nov	Kirk Session (Wyper Hall)	7.00pm
11 th Nov	Remembrance Service	11.30am
(Note change of time as there is a service at the Cenotaph at 11.00am)		
18 th Nov	Prayer Evening	6.30pm
20 th Nov	Board of Managers (Wyper Hall)	7.00pm
24 th Nov	Christmas Fayre	11.00am- 1.30pm
25 th Nov	Communion	11.00am

DATE	DOOR DUTY	INTIMATIONS
7 th Oct	MRS C McILWAIN/ MR W McILWAIN/ MRS B REYNOLDS	MRS M BROWN
14 th Oct	MRS H PROVAN/ MR H SMITH/ MRS L GRANT	MISS C JOHNSTON
21 st Oct	MRS I TENNANT/ MR B SMITH/ MRS B SMITH	MISS O BRITTIAN
28 th Oct	MRS M BROWN/ MRS A MITCHELL/ MRS E MILLER	MR D ANDERSON
4 th Nov	MRS D BARROWMAN/ MR J WEIR/ MRS J WEIR	MRS C McILWAIN
11 th Nov	MISS A STEVENSON/ MR W SHAW/ MR J GORDON	MR B SMITH
18 th Nov	MISS A STRANG/ MR A STRANG/ MRS A SNEDDON	MR W SHAW
25 th Nov	MISS C JOHNSTON/ MRS H GORDON/ MRS J GILMORE	MRS M WADDELL

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

SATURDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

11.00 AM – 1.30PM



Our Family

Deaths:

21st September: Miss Annie Robertson. Craig-en-Goyne

Oct: Mr Harry Scotland, South Barrwood
(Sorry don't have exact date)



Celebrations:

Congratulations to
Jacqueline Brown and Craig Gore
who recently got engaged

Flower List

7th Oct	Marion Cowie
14th Oct	Helen Provan
21st Oct	Margaret Kennedy
28th Oct	Liz Meechan
4th Nov	Berta Kennedy
11th Nov	Ray Goodwin
18th Nov	Elsie Short
25th Nov	Mae Shaw (Communion)



Thank you to all who have gifted flowers during the year and thank you to the talented ladies who arrange them so beautifully to adorn our church for the Sunday Services and to those who deliver these flowers too.

These floral gifts are very much appreciated by those members of our church family who are unable to join us in fellowship. Should you wish to donate flowers for a Sunday in 2019 please add your name to the list which will be available on the Vestibule Table from mid November. Thank – you



With Thanks

We very much appreciated receiving the Church flowers and the prayers and support of the Minister and Congregation following their recent operations.

Margaret & Charlie Waddell

Thanks to everyone for the flowers, cards, gifts and prayers during my time in hospital. Your kind wishes are appreciated so much. Please keep praying that I will be home soon and able to thank you personally.

Love from Donna Cook x

We wish to thank you for the beautiful flowers. It's good to have such support at this time .I admired the flowers at the service this morning and the bouquet we received were even nicer close up and are a cheerful reminder of the Anderson family

Jane & George Barclay

I would like to thank my Anderson family for the lovely flowers I received recently, they were a great pick me up and it's lovely to know that I am in your thoughts although I cannot be with you on a Sunday. Many thanks

Margaret Hughes

If I have not included your thank-you this time, please let me know for the next magazine. Helen x

Bible Quiz: 40 years In The Wilderness



1. How did Moses heal the bitter waters of Marah?

(Exodus 15:25)

He poured olive oil in them

He washed himself in them 7 times

He cast a tree into them

He touched them with his rod

2. What did God send to feed the murmuring children of Israel?

(Exodus 16:13-15)

Deer and fish

Wheat and seeds

Corn and barley

Bread and quail

3. What did the children of Israel call the bread? *(Exodus 16:15)*

Rama

Onani

Manna

Kafesh

4. What brought forth water when Moses struck it? *(Exodus 17:6)*

A rock

A pit

A pot

A tree

5. The army of Joshua (the children of Israel) prevailed against the army of Amalek as long as: *(Exodus 17:11)*

Moses' hands were upheld.

the children of Israel had the bread in their pockets.

the Israelite flag was standing. the elders sang hymns.

6. Whose idea was it that Moses should delegate his responsibilities as leader of Israel? *(Exodus 18:15-22)*

Joshua

Jethro

Zipporah

Aaron

7. The Lord covenanted: "If ye will obey my voice indeed and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a _____ unto me above all people;" *(Exodus 19:5)*

precious nation

holy race

blessed people

peculiar treasure

8. Where did Moses receive the Ten Commandments? (Exodus 31:18)

The Hill of Olives Eleon-Zeber Mount Sinai Mount Ararat

9. What structure did the Lord command the children of Israel to build? (Exodus 25:8-90)

A tomb A fountain A tabernacle A statue

10. What special item(s) was/were included in Aaron's breastplate of judgement? (Exodus 28:30)

Urim and Thummim Vials filled with holy water

Medicine bag A golden caduceus (symbol with wings and snakes on it)

11. What did the children of Israel do to repent of their sins? (Exodus 30:10)

Perform a sin offering through animal sacrifice Carve idols of the Lord

Spill small amounts of their own blood on the altar Meditate

12. Why did Moses break the stone tablets that contained the ten commandments? (Exodus 32:19)

Moses was grieving because the Israelites were being destroyed in war

Moses tripped on his way down the mountain

Moses was angry because the Israelites were worshipping an idol

Moses was frustrated at being in the wilderness with little progress

13. Why were Nadab and Abihu slain by the Lord? (Leviticus 10:1-2)

They defiled the Sabbath They plotted against Moses

They stole from the tabernacle They performed unauthorized sacrifices

14. How many elders did Moses choose to assist him? (Numbers 11:16)

40 12 512 70

15. When rods were placed in the tabernacle of witness, what grew on Aaron's rod? (Numbers 17:8)

Moss Olives Thorns Almonds

16. What was the "antidote" for the venom of the fiery serpents that bit the children of Israel? (Numbers 21:9)

Receive a blessing from the high priest Look at a brass serpent

Perform a healing offering Bathe in the river 7 times

17. How many people survived from Sinai to the plains of Moab (near Jericho)? (Numbers 26:64-65)

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18. Who replaced Moses in his position as leader of the children of Israel? (Numbers 27:22-23)

Joshua Ammon Caleb Eleazar

19. Who was the greatest prophet in Israel? (Deuteronomy 34:10)

Joseph Moses Ephraim Joshua



Story behind the Hymn: "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"



is a hymn traditionally associated with seafarers, particularly in the maritime armed services.

The original hymn was written in 1860 by William Whiting, an Anglican churchman from Winchester, United Kingdom.

Whiting grew up near the ocean on the coasts of England, and at the age of thirty-five had felt his life spared by God when a violent storm nearly claimed the ship he was travelling on, instilling a belief in God's command over the rage and calm of the sea. As headmaster of the Winchester College Choristers' School some years later, he was approached by a student about to travel to the United States, who confided in Whiting an overwhelming fear of the ocean voyage. Whiting shared his experiences of the ocean and wrote the hymn to "anchor his faith". In writing it, Whiting is generally thought to have been inspired by Psalm 107, which describes the power and fury of the seas in great detail:

Some went out on the sea in ships; they were merchants on the mighty waters. They saw the works of the Lord, his wonderful deeds in the deep.

For he spoke and stirred up a tempest that lifted high the waves.

They mounted up to the heavens and went down to the depths; in their peril their courage melted away. Psalm 107: 23–26.

Within a year the text appeared in the influential first edition of *Hymns Ancient and Modern* (HA&M) in 1861 and its circulation became widespread throughout England. The text was substantially revised by the compilers of that edition. In response Whiting continued to revise his own text, releasing another version in 1869 and third in 1874, the last one incorporating most of the suggested changes by HA&M.

Meanwhile, John B. Dykes, an Anglican clergyman, composed the tune "Melita", to accompany the HA&M version of 1861. Dykes was a well-known composer of nearly three hundred hymn tunes, many of which are still in use today. "Melita" is an archaic term for Malta, an ancient seafaring nation which was then a colony of the British Empire, and is now a member of the Commonwealth of Nations. It was the site of a shipwreck, mentioned in Acts of the Apostles (chapters 27–28), involving the Apostle Paul. Certain verses have been changed in modern hymnals for various reasons. The first verse refers to God the Father forbidding the waters to flood the earth as described in Psalm 104. The second verse refers to Jesus' miracles of stilling a storm and walking on the waters of the Sea of Galilee. The third verse references the Holy Spirit's role in the creation of the earth in the Book of Genesis, while the final verse is a reference to Psalm 107

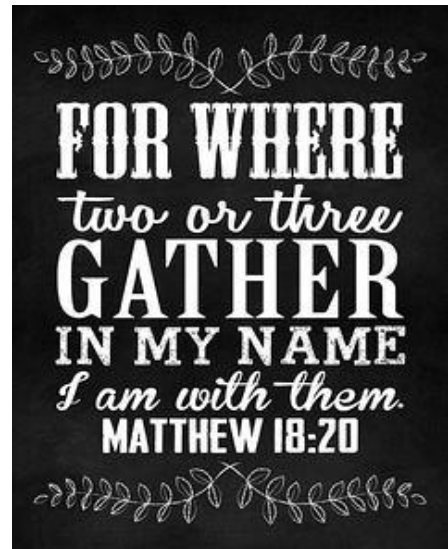
Manse Discussion Group

It's not always easy to find a connection, and it can be difficult to lose Christ in the crowd. Work, family commitments, committee meetings, sports teams...there's a myriad of ~stuff~ going in a week. In a time of constant connection to the world, there's not always a minute to stop and think and focus on God.

How wonderful then, to be offered the opportunity to come together in a group of friends once a week, put our toils and troubles second for a while and focus on Him. The Manse Discussion Group offers a safe space to study the Bible and discuss all areas of the Scripture. In getting to know the Bible better, we also learn more about one another as we share with each other about our week. It's a chance for faith development and fellowship.

Wherever you find yourself on your faith journey – close and comfortable with your relationship with God, questioning or doubting His ways, or even if you're not sure where you are, there is a place in the group for you. Come along every week; make an appearance every month or so; or even join us one evening to try out with no fear of commitment. Whoever you are and wherever you are you will be most welcome. As someone who is not a member of Kilsyth Anderson, and who can't attend every Sunday, I can testify that this group is for anyone, and the warmest welcome will be extended to you.

We have reached the end of our current series, so what better time to come and join us for the next few weeks as we begin the next group of studies? For more information, speak to Allan or any of the group – we will be happy to chat more about it with you when you join us.

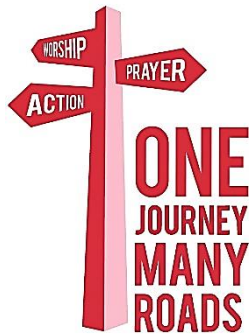


The Guild

In August the Guild committee organised a bus trip to beautiful Roslin Chapel and then on to Edinburgh where we soaked up some of the Festival atmosphere.



Now the 2018 /19 session of the Guild has begun and we are starting a new 3 year topic where we are “Seeking



the Way”. However in particular for this session our focus will be on “One Journey, Many Roads”. As Christians we are all on a journey and the roads we follow can have many twists and turns but we can be assured that God is always with us. As the Guild motto reminds us – Whose we are and Whom we serve.

After raising over £754,000 in the last 3 years the Church of Scotland Guilds will be supporting yet another 6 new projects and this session we, in the Anderson, are finding out about 2 of these project partners. The Free to Live Trust is aiming to build a home for abandoned street children from the red-light district of the city of Pune, in India. Meanwhile our second project partner is the Sailors’ Society which is an international Christian organisation working in ports across the world.

If you are not already a member why don’t you give the Guild a try and whether male or female, you will be made most welcome on a Monday evening at 7.30pm. Our syllabus is varied and we have worthwhile projects to support. Join us on our journey as we seek the way forward.

Margaret Brown, Convener.

Girls Brigade

Our new session started on Tuesday 4th September. We currently have 16 girls enrolled, we may be a small group, but the girls in each section are great and a pleasure to be with.

The Explorers are ‘exploring’ Scotland and learning about St Andrew and how he became a ‘fisher of men.’ They are also practising their singing, ‘O You Cannae Shove Yer Granny Aff The Bus’ is one of their favourites



Our Juniors are learning about different types of bees and how they collect pollen. They enjoyed making cakes and decorating them as bees. They are also learning about the amount of rubbish that is clogging up space and our planet and what harm it is doing to our environment.



Our Brigaders are a lively bunch, we’ve made scarfs out of cut-up t-shirts. They have started on the Educational and Spiritual sections of their badge work. We have been making collages using different apps on their phones and tablets as well using

magazines to create ones on paper. 'Amazing Grace' is where the girls are learning about the 'Story Behind The Hymn'. Now where have we heard this before? If you read



our Church magazine, you'll know all about this. The girls pick a hymn, find out who wrote it and what compelled them to do so. There are some quite interesting stories!



We've had a couple of visitors so far this year, Lauren came from Bliss, the charity that supports premature babies and their families and we were happy to present her with a cheque for £150 that we collected last session. We also had a visit from Claudius England who shared some reggae and faith messages with us, it was a lively night! We are looking forward very much to the session unfolding- please look out for GB news-thanks for all your support!

BB NEWS

Early in October 6 of our Senior Boys participated in a course called 'Enhancing your skills' run by the Battalion. This is a necessary part of the work they must do for their Queen's Award. The same six have begun their Company service by working with the Anchor Boys and the Junior Section. Most of them have chosen photography as their skill and we are grateful to David Cameron for coming to work with them on this topic.



The rest of the company - Company Section, Junior Section and Anchor Boys have had a busy time working towards their badges.

Many of the Boys from the Junior Section had an enjoyable night at the BB Sleepover held in the Glasgow Science Centre on 2nd November. This is always a fun filled night and although it's called a 'Sleepover' I'm not sure how much sleeping is actually done! Thanks to the staff who accompanied them and to the parents who provided transport.

MALAWI 2020

We have begun planning our next trip to Malawi. It looks as though this is going to be the biggest group yet, so we need to raise lots of money! Our first fundraiser held on Friday 26th October was a great success. The ever-popular company, Colours, ran a fashion show and pop up shop for us in the Masonic Hall which is always given to us free of charge. Although it is a tight squeeze to get the necessary 100 people in attendance, I think everyone enjoyed the evening and we came away with £920. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way - putting out tables, helping with the catering, providing raffles and just by being there. It is very much appreciated.





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A copy of the morning service can be provided.

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Items of news, special occasions, etc. for the next Newsletter should be given to Helen Shaw by Sunday 25th November 2018

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1.He cast a tree into them 2.Bread and quail 3.Manna 4.A rock
5.Moses' hands were upheld. 6.Jethro 7.peculiar treasure 8.Mount Sinai
9.A tabernacle 10.Urim and Thummim 11.Perform a sin offering through animal sacrifice
12.Moses was angry because the Israelites were worshipping an idol 13.They performed
unauthorized sacrifices 14.70 15.Almonds 16.Look at a brass serpent 17.2 18.Joshua 19.Moses