



October November 2019

### From the Manse

There has been a lot of publicity and news reports recently about the activities of the group called 'Extinction Rebellion'. This movement has dramatically drawn attention to its cause by holding demonstrations and closing roads and bridges in London (and around the world). What is driving the passion of the people involved? What is so important to them? Their core concern is expressed in what they call, 'The Truth', which states: Based on their concerns, they are calling for radical action to change the situation as it appears.

I am not unsympathetic to the key concern – it is after an important part of the Christian message

that God's creation is precious and should be respected.

We are facing an unprecedented global emergency. Life on Earth is in crisis: scientists agree we have entered a period of abrupt climate breakdown, and we are in the midst of a mass extinction of our own making

Christians have always, rightly so, been passionate about caring for the environment and for every living creature. In the book of Genesis, God made things 'good' and we are called to be wise stewards of what has been gifted to us.

For the bible-believing Christian, there is, however, an even more pressing problem we need to address and that is the problem of eternal life and death. The environmentalists may well be correct that radical action will be required to secure the future for our grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We have a more pressing immediate problem – what about the eternity of our family and friends? The Bible is very clear about eternal life which can be seen in these two verses from Johns Gospel in chapter 3

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them. John 3:36

Extinction Rebellion calls everyone to act now for the sake of generations to come. Christians call on everyone to act now, in turning to Jesus, for this current generation here on earth – before it is too late. Environmental catastrophe is scary but missing out on eternity is even more so. I hope, in light of this revealed truth, we will all want to take a stand and call people to change. Allan Vint

New Elders

On Sunday,29<sup>th</sup> September, Mrs Hazel Gordon and Mr William Shaw were ordained as Elders of our Church. Mr Iain Ross, who had been an Elder in another Church in another Church was admitted to the Eldership in our Church



## An Unfinished Story

Over the past few months, we have been tracing the story of the Church from being a simple group of believers following the preacher and wonder worker Jesus of Nazareth, to becoming a mighty movement reaching right to the centre of power in the Empire of Rome itself. This change came about through some truly miraculous events and these events are firmly grounded in history. First there was the crucifixion of Jesus which was proclaimed as an act of sacrifice reconciling the world to God – so bringing hope and forgiveness and salvation. This was immediately followed up by the resurrection which proved that Jesus was no ordinary preacher but nothing less

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than the Messiah, the chosen one of God. The resurrection showed his true identity. Then there was the coming of the Holy Spirit – a spirit of great power that filled the believers with courage and purpose and the certainty of trust in the message of Jesus they were to proclaim. These mighty acts together were the core reason for their success. Now of course, this advance was not achieved without difficulties and problems as the infant church encountered real situations as they endeavoured to live out the teachings of Jesus. Here are some of the problems that are spoken of in the New Testament. What are they to do about the Old Testament practice of circumcision? How should they deal with Gentiles who come to believe and want to become members of the Church? How can they manage to preach and lead the worship and discipling of believers and still find time to care for the needs of those who are in poverty? How are they to cope with the hostility of the Jewish community and persecution by the Roman Authorities? The New Testament give the details of how all these problems were solved. Oh it will be many years before Christianity becomes the religion of the Empire, but it is a glorious and exciting story. Now we shall be leaving this story with our November "Memory Verse" which brings the Church right to Rome and shows just how things have changed in a few short years: but it is an unfinished story. If you want to take the story beyond the New testament and I hope you might, then I recommend a fairly old book that I used when I was a student. It is called "The Spreading Flame" and was written by the late Professor F.F. Bruce from Manchester. For the December "Memory Verse" we will turn to the beginning of the "Christian Year" and the coming of Christ to Bethlehem, the ultimate act in God's plan for our Salvation OCTOBER We have already noted that the infant church had to deal with a vast number of problems as it worked out how the Gospel could be proclaimed in a world that didn't understand the background to its message. One of these problems was what to do with the Gentiles who were convinced about the truth of Christianity and wanted to become members of the Church. This arises sharply with the case of Cornelius, a respected Roman Centurion who was widely known as a good man. He had been instructed by the Spirit to speak to Peter about baptism, but Peter would not be able



to help him for Cornelius was a Gentile. However, in what Acts calls a vision, Peter sees a sheet being lowered from Heaven and on it were many creatures, many of which it was against Jewish law to eat. A voice instructs him to 'stretch forth his hand and eat', but he complains that this is impossible for these are unclean creatures. In the vision Peter is reminded that God has created everything and he dare not call what God has made unclean. Peter wakes and now understands that when Cornelius asks for baptism, he dare not refuse for it is by the calling of God that he has

come to this place of believing, so Cornelius is baptised. This is accepted by the Church and so suddenly membership of the Church is now open to Gentiles as well as to Jews. So one problem is answered. This is typical of how the Church developed and, in this way, opened the door for worldwide evangelism.

#### Acts 10 Vs 47

"Can anyone keep these people from being baptised with water? They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have"

#### **NOVEMBER**

It looked like an unfair fight. The little band of followers of Jesus against the might of the Roman Empire. To begin with the Church would be of little concern to the Romans, but little by little people were hearing and believing. By the close of the New Testament we hear that Christians were right at the centre of Caesar's house. The quality of their lives, their care for one another, their willingness to suffer for their faith all brought people into the Church. As the old proverb says "The blood of the martyrs seed" and from that seed the Church grew. Here we find Paul writing his most famous work to Christians living and working right in Rome. The Church is winning the battle and making progress and it is the Gospel of Christ that they are proclaiming. This Gospel of which Paul says he is not ashamed. They know and believe and live out that faith in the glory of God. Oh it is by no means a final victory. Both Paul and Peter are martyred in Rome under Nero and there are centuries of persecution and suffering ahead, but Christ is proving to be a powerful saviour. So here are Paul's words in the memory verse below standing firm for the truth.

#### Romans 1 Vs 16

"I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes; first for the Jew, then for the Gentile."

#### DECEMBER

We leave the story of the Church as it progresses beyond the New Testament and we turn to the great event that stands at the beginning of the Christian Year, namely the birth of Christ. Now the coming of Christ was humble and in a stable in Bethlehem. Here was no high-born king, his birth heralded by trumpets and his cradle of fine silks in a royal palace. To be frank beyond the shepherds' fields it made hardly a ripple. That being said it has to be added that his coming was not a secret. It had long been looked forward to, for in the pages of the Old Testament the prophets constantly looked forward to that day. None did this with more power and passion than Isaiah whom I think must surely have been the greatest of these old prophets. Here we have the writer's account of how he foresees this great event. The huge emotion that is attached, the joy no doubt and finally that long list of titles the baby will be worthy of. No wonder the early Church picked up this passage and loudly proclaimed that Jesus was the expected Messiah and should be welcomed as such. The only real

response that such a confident prediction provokes must be "Halleluiah, AMEN"! Isaiah 9 Vs 6

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



## The Story Behind The Hymn

### When We Walk With The Lord. (Trust and Obey)

John H. Sammis was the writer of the Christian hymn *Trust and Obey* in 1887 with music composed by Daniel Towner the year before. Sammis was born in 1846, in Brooklyn, New



York and died in 1919 in Los Angeles, California. A man of business who later turned to preaching for a Presbyterian church, John Sammis additionally wrote the popular hymn *He's a Friend of Mine*. He also was a teacher at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles.

The inspiration for this hymn began in 1886 when the composer of the music, Daniel B. Towner, was the music conductor during one of Dwight L. Moody's renowned revivals. Towner offered the following testimony cited by Moody's musical partner, Ira D. Sankey, in his biography, *My Life and the Story of the Gospel Hymns*:

"Mr. Moody was conducting a series of meetings in Brockton, Massachusetts, and I had the pleasure of singing for him there. One night a young man rose in a testimony meeting and said, 'I am not quite sure—but I am going to trust, and I am going to obey.' I just jotted that sentence down and sent it with a little story to the Rev. J. H. Sammis, a Presbyterian minister. He wrote the hymn, and the tune was born."

### Beautiful Message in the hymn:

The hymn covers two aspects of everyone's salvation which are our faith and willingly or unwillingly obey the words of Almighty God. However, if we follow Him willingly, it will be much better. Let's try to understand the message of this hymn:

**Stanza 1:** If we trust and obey the commandment of God, we will walk in the light. If we do so, the Lord will shed his blessing and glory on our way. Thus, Christ will definitely abide in us because we abide in His words. **Stanza 2:** Shadows and clouds are most often considered the tribulations and trials of life. His smile expresses grace and He helps us when we want or need help. Whether we have doubts, sighs, tears, and fears, the Lord promises that if we trust Him and leave everything to Him, He will give us our desires.

**Stanza 3:** Each and every Christian has a burden to bear. So keep in mind that God is not unjust and doesn't forget to repay what we do for Him. Even in a severe loss or grief, if we turn to our Lord and trust Him instead of putting confidence in men, He will certainly hear us and bless us.

**Stanza 4:** We can never appreciate the delights of His love until we surrender all at his altar. The secret to spiritual success is to trust and obey Him. We should sacrifice our most beloved things for Him and in return, He will reward us for our acts.

**Stanza 5:** "Sit at His feet" means listening to the words of Jesus carefully. To "Walk by His side in the way" shows that we should do what we heard from Jesus. If we do what Jesus says us to do and we go where He sends us to go, it means we trust and obey Jesus, and this will lead us to salvation.

Found on Facebook

Joshua Dyer (aged 14) was tasked at school to write a poem for Remembrance Day. An hour later (without any help) he produced this.

#### **One Thousand Men Are Walking**

One thousand men are walking Walking side by side Singing songs from home The spirit as their guide they walk toward the light milord they walk towards the sun they smoke and laugh and smile together no foes to outrun these men live on forever in the hearts of those they saved a nation truly grateful for the path of peace they paved they march as friends and comrades but they do not march for war step closer to salvation a tranquil steady corps the meadows lit with golden beams a beacon for the brave the emerald grass untrampled a reward for what they gave they dream of those they left behind and know they dream of them forever in those poppy fields there walks one thousand men

Joshua Dyer 2019 (aged 14) Goes to show that the young can still surprise us. *Lest we forget* 



## **BIBLE QUIZ: Cain & Abel**

#### Who was Eve's first child? (Genesis 4:1) Enoch Abel Cain Seth What was Cain's profession? (Genesis 4:2) Shepherd Tiller Tailor Hunter What was Abel's profession? (Genesis 4:2) Shepherd Tiller Hunter Tailor Why did Cain become angry? (Genesis 4:3-5) Abel was favoured by his parents more than Cain was Cain wanted to marry Abel's wife The Lord accepted Abel's offering but not Cain's Cain was jealous of Abel's success What DOESN'T the Lord tell Cain when Cain is angry? (Genesis 4:7) That if Cain is not righteous, he will fall to sin The Lord tells Cain both these things That if Cain is righteous, the Lord will accept him After Cain murders Abel, what is the first thing the Lord asks Cain? (Genesis 4:9) Who killed thy brother? What hast thou done? Where is Abel thy brother? Why didst thou so this thing? Because Cain murdered Abel, the Lord curses him to a life as a: (Genesis 4:12) Leper Beggar Hermit Vagabond What was Cain's biggest worry concerning the Lord's curse on him? (Genesis 4:13-14) Everyone would laugh at him Everyone would want to kill him Everyone would despise him Everyone would avoid him The Lord declared that if Cain were to be killed: (Genesis 4:15) Cain's murderer would be sentenced to the same punishment The entire family of Cain's murderer would be killed Cain would be avended seven times over Cain's murderer would be hunted as Cain was hunted Why did the Lord set a mark on Cain? (Genesis 4:15) So that he would be humiliated So that people would recognize him and kill him So that people would know to persecute him So that people would recognize him and not kill him How was Cain's punishment similar to the punishment of his parents, Adam and Eve? (Genesis 4:16) God hated him from then on He gained more knowledge God would send Cain to hell He was separated from God

#### Where did Cain dwell after being cast out by the Lord? (Genesis 4:16) Eden Sodom Nod Gomorrah Cain built a city and named it after his son. What was the name of this city? (Genesis 4:17) Mehujael Irad Lamech Enoch How did God say He knew what Cain had done? (Genesis 4:10) Lucifer told the Lord what Cain had done He was watching Cain from behind a bush Abel's blood cried to the Lord from the ground Adam told Him Which of these were NOT part of God's curse on Cain? (Genesis 4:11-14) He would have poor harvests all his life He would be a wanderer for life His first-born son and those of his descendants would all be born malformed He would be separated from the Lord



## Our Family Baptism

Children are a gift from the LORD; they are a reward from him. (Psalm 127:3, NLT) 15<sup>th</sup> September: Sam Cox, son of Ruth and Liam Cox and brother of Farren & Charlie. Sam also received a New Testament & card from the JAM Club

### Special Birthday

Belated Birthday wishes to Margaret Waddell who celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday on the 25<sup>th</sup> of September

### Death

**Psalm 23:4** Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil 26<sup>th</sup> August: Annie Shorthouse, Craig-en-Goyne Nursing Home



# With Thanks

The Cox family would like to thank the church family for support and good wishes on the wonderful occasion of Sam's christening. A special thanks to Mr Vint who made all our extended family feel so welcome in the church, it was a lovely service. It was also a lovely touch to receive the church flowers and just added to a great day thanks again. Liam Ruth Farren, Charlie and baby Sam. I think this picture sums up Sam's feelings on the day.



### Ruth Cox

Many thanks to everyone for offers of help and kindness shown after my fall, also for the visits, cards, phone calls, flowers and church flowers which were all appreciated, Thanks again

#### Aileen Mitchell

Just to say thank you for the church flowers and that I appreciate everyone's thoughts and prayers, thank you xx

#### Donna Cook

I would like to thank you for the lovely flowers. I am 80 on the 25<sup>th</sup> September and they are making my home lovely for my Birthday week. It was very nice of you to think of me

Thank you for your kind thoughts

#### Margaret Waddell

Sorry I have taken so long to thank the church for the flowers we have received and to the Minister for his visit to both the hospital and our home. Thanks to Molly & Andrew

#### Annabel & John Smith

John and I would like to thank the Guild for the flowers and cards we received on our Blue Sapphire Anniversary (65<sup>th</sup>), also Margaret Martin for her visit and the lovely anniversary cake

#### Annabel & John Smith

To everyone in the Anderson Church, Thank you for all the cards, gifts and best wishes on the event of my 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday. So kind of everybody to think of me. Much love and appreciation

#### Elsa Gordon

Warmest Thanks, Babs and I would like to say a sincere thank you for all the lovely bouquet of flowers we received during our recent illness. Special thanks to Hazel & Dorothy who delivered them and to Molly & Andrew who arranged them. It's nice to be remembered and when people say "you have been missed", it is a warm reminder of the real nature of the Church – a strong supportive and caring community. So once again thanks to all

Alex & Babs Fleming

## Church Recipe Book: update

Thanks very much to everyone who has donated recipes so far. It's been an interesting job so far looking through previous editions and seeing how food fashions have changed over the year. The final deadline for recipes is the end of October as the book is to be ready for the Christmas Fayre.

If you happen to have photos of the things you've made, it would be great if you could email them to me at <u>ronamac@live.co.uk</u>

## **Church Conference**

Notice: Annual Kirk Session Conference (open to all). Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 10am – 3pm. We again invite leaders of our organisations along with interested people from the congregation to come along and participate. We will be meeting this year in our own church hall. Our speaker and facilitator for the morning session will be Rev Neil Urquhart, whose church in Irvine provides an



excellent example of what can happen when we better connect with our community. As we continue to plan for the future, we would appreciate your input and suggestions. A light lunch will be provided. If you wish to come, please let our Session Clerk know

## Can You Help?



Everyone agrees that our beautiful Church and Halls are being well cared for, all credit goes to our happy band of volunteer cleaners, men as well as ladies. Eight years ago, forty very willing volunteers offered their help. Five teams of eight, either on a Thursday or Saturday morning working happily for an hour or so every five weeks. While we all feel that we are doing something worthwhile, the time just flies in as we enjoy each other's company. Our appeal is that some of our members are no longer able to help and therefore we are looking for some new

volunteers. Bring your Marigolds!

Please speak to Margaret Waddell if you can help. Thanks

## **Christmas Fayre**

The Church Fayre Group has started to make preparations for the Christmas Fayre, which this year will be held on Saturday, 30th November from 11.00am – 1.30pm. The group will meet on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October @ 7.00pm in the Wyper Hall. Please come along if you would like to help.





Harvest

A big thank you to everyone for their contributions to our Harvest Thanksgiving Appeal. A large amount of non perishable food items went to our local foodbank and monetary

donations of £370.00 (including gift aid) went to "All We Can" a charity supporting the Hurricane Disaster Appeal in the Bahamas

### TABLETOP SALE & COFFEE MORNING

On Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> October a very successful Tabletop Sale & coffee morning was held.

The excellent total of £703.00 was raised for church funds. Thanks to all who participated and help on the day.



Special thanks to Ann Barrons who organised this new adventure



# Díary

Sunday:	<u>Morning worship</u>	11.00am					
	<u>Evening worship</u>	6.30pm					
Monday:	Ladies Bowling	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>Bible &amp; Blether</u>	2.00pm					
	<u>Praise Group</u>	7.30pm					
	Manse Discussion Group	7.30pm					
	<u>Boys Brigade:</u>						
	Anchor Boys (P1 -P3)	5.45pm					
	Junior Section (P4 -P6)	6.30pm					
	Company Section (P7 + Secondar						
Thursday:	<u>Mid-week Fellowship</u>						
	Wyper Hall	7.00pm					
Friday:	<u>'Drop in Café</u>						
	Wyper Hall	10.00am - noon					

DATE	DOOR DUTY	INTIMATIONS
6 <sup>™</sup> OCT	MRS A ANDERSON/ MR T ANDERSON/ MR J GORDON	MRS D BARROWMAN
13 <sup>TH</sup> OCT	MRS L ANDERSON/ MR D ANDERSON/ MRS J GILMOUR	MRS M BROWN
20 <sup>TH</sup> OCT	MRS C MCILWAIN/ MR W MCILWAIN/ MRS B REYNOLDS	MISS O BRITTIAN
27 <sup>TH</sup> OCT	MRS M BROWN/ MR H SMITH/ MRS A SNEDDON	MR B SMITH
3 <sup>RD</sup> NOV	MRS A BARRONS/ MISS C JOHNSTON/ MRS W LEISHMAN	MR J WEIR
10 <sup>TH</sup> NOV	MR B SMITH/ MR J WEIR/ MRS B SMITH	MR W SHAW
17 <sup>™</sup> NOV	MRS D BARROWMAN/ MRS A MITCHELL/ MRS P KERR	MRS M BROWN
24 <sup>™</sup> NOV	MRS M COWIE/ MRS H GORDON/ MR C STURROCK	MRS D BARROWMAN
1 <sup>ST</sup> DEC	MRS H PROVAN/ MR I ROSS/ MRS B KENNEDY	NEW ROTA

Contact for urgent Pastoral Care

Minister: Rev Dr Allan Vint

Session Clerk: Mrs Elizabeth Strang

# Dates for your Diary

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Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct:	Rev Ronnie Craig	11.00am				
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct:	Managers Meeting / W	yper Hall 7.00pm				
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct:	Church Fayre Group	7.00pm				
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov:	Church Conference 10.00am – 3.					
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov:	Film Night: 'Breakthrou	gh' 6.30pm				
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov:	Praise Group	7.00pm				
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov:	Remembrance Service	11.30am				
	(Service at Cenotaph 11.00am)					
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov:	Communion	11.00am & 6.30pm				
Tues 19 Nov:	Kirk Session / Wyper H	lall 7.00pm				
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov:	BB Quiz Night					
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov:	Christmas Fayre	11.00am – 1.30pm				
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec:	Gift Service	11.00am				
	Cottage Hospital Servi	ce 3.30pm				





6 <sup>TH</sup> OCT	Helen Provan
13 <sup>™</sup> OCT	Marion Cowie
20 <sup>TH</sup> OCT	Winnie Leishman
27 <sup>™</sup> ОСТ	Margaret Kennedy
3 <sup>RD</sup> NOV	Berta Kennedy
10 <sup>™</sup> NOV	Ray Goodwin
17 <sup>™</sup> NOV	Elsie Short
24 <sup>™</sup> NOV	Mae Shaw
1 <sup>ST</sup> DEC	Anne Strang

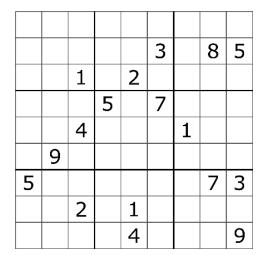
# **Elijah Prays Word Search**

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AHAB FIRE ANSWERED LISTENED BAAL MIRACLES BELIEVED OBEYED BREAD PRAYS BURNED PROPHET CARMEL RAVEN CLOUDS SHOUTED DROUGHT SIMPLE FED THREE WATER







Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

## Two Builders Anagram



How many different words can you make from the words:

## Jacob's Ladder





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WEBSITE/INTERNET www.kilsythandersonchurch.org If you wish to listen to the morning service again, it can be found on the church website

### **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 24<sup>th</sup> November 2019

If I have forgotten an item you gave me, please accept my apologies and let me know for inclusion in the next magazine. Helen x

1.Cain 2.Tiller 3.Shepherd 4.The Lord accepted Abel's offering but not Cain's 5.The Lord tells Cain both these things 6.Where is Abel thy brother? 7.Vagabond 8.Everyone would want to kill him 9.Cain would be avenged seven times over 10.So that people would recognize him and not kill him 11.He was separated from God 12.Nod 13.Enoch 14.Abel's blood cried to the Lord from the ground 15.His first-born son and those of his descendants would all be born malformed