



# The Proclaimer

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## Message From The Manse

*“If your absence doesn’t bother them, then your presence never mattered to them in the first place.”*

This was a quote I came across recently and as I stood in the pulpit on the 28th of July (my first Sunday back after my summer holiday break) I was glad to see the many faces there, but also acutely aware of those who were not.

Some faces were missing because they were lucky enough to be away on holiday. Some faces were missing because they were working. Some faces were missing because they had been out the night before and needed more sleep. Some faces were missing because the schools were off and they didn’t realise there was a summer SonHouse for the young ones to attend. Some faces were missing because they or their loved ones were not well. Some faces were missing because they were not physically able to get to the church on a Sunday morning any more. Some faces were missing because they had moved to live in other places. Some faces were missing because they had joined other churches. Some faces were missing because the church building is too painful a place to be in, flooding them with unbearable memories. Some faces were missing because they have fallen out with other members of the congregation or with me. Some faces were missing because their time had come and they had passed

on to be with the Lord.

If you were missing that Sunday or any Sunday, whatever the reason, know that your absence matters. It matters to me, it matters to the Kirk Session, it matters to your sisters and brothers in Christ sitting in the pews, and I'm sure it matters to God.

It would be great to see your face in Burnhead again

*“Make allowance for each other’s faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.”  
(Colossians 3: 12-15)*

Yours in Christ

Les Brunger (Minister)



## **The Grady Memorial Garden**

*'The kiss of the sun for pardon, the song of the bird for mirth,  
One's nearest to God in the garden, than anywhere else on earth.'*

This short verse summarizes the feeling that some people get when they enter the church garden.

It's strange how you can walk through the gate and after a few minutes feel the calmness around you.

It is an ideal place to go if you are feeling a bit lost and just need somewhere to sit or walk around and gather your thoughts. I know I feel a great deal of peace when I am working in the garden.

Don't get me wrong, I sometimes feel like weeping when I enter the garden and see the damage the foxes or something else has done to the plants during the night but that's just nature.

Looking after the garden is an all year round task. There's no start and no end. Sometimes there may be a slight lull but paths still have to be swept and weeds pulled out. Believe it or not there are time when the whole garden has to be watered.

Once autumn starts, the leaves have to be swept up every day. Just when you think you have seen the last of them the new growth in some of the early blooming trees start. This means small husks fall when the buds start to burst out and so it goes on.

Spring is such a lovely time in the garden with the snowdrops, the crocuses, the daffodils and the primroses. There was such a big space to be filled when the garden first came into being in 2013 and it has taken until now to get it the way that it is. There is still a way to go. Soil has to be hoed, plants have to be deadheaded and old leaves removed. Sometimes plants are lost during the winter and these need to be removed and replaced. Not all of the plants are perennial and that means a lot replanting every year. During the summer, again, plants need deadheading, soil needs turned over and those weeds, they just keep coming up. There is also the important job of cutting the grass and that's a big job to do. I'm sure we have two lawnmowers, if you're interested. If this was not done the garden would not look as good as it does. There's a dozen other jobs that need to be carried out, so if you're interested, please speak to Ann Russell or Stewart Grady. You don't need be a gardener, just willing to help out.

*The Grady Memorial Garden is open Sunday, Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays between 10am and 4pm.*

## **Stewart Grady – Session Clerk**

Hi Folks,

Life seems so difficult at times. Worry and fear can take control of us so quickly. Things seem to be a lot worse than they really are. Lately, I wondered if I would still be working for North Lanarkshire Council. Due to serious cuts to services, my job has become something that I no longer enjoy. When I started way back in 1987, it was a great job, one where everyone helped each other.

Nowadays, it seems everyone has given up as they face tasks that are just impossible to complete with such a small workforce. The job is now something that people do to earn money, rather than what they can do to help people.

Sadly, I had let the job become like that for me. Times have been so hard, and I should have been stronger. I should have been more aware of the fact that though we struggle, God is there. We just need to hand our worries over to him and have faith to leave them there. I found this poem and would like to share it with you:



*Lord, I often wonder what, you ever see in me*

*I more than often let you down, and am not what I should be*

*It seems it's the little things, that I struggle with each day*

*I find it hard to focus on you, and know not what to pray*

*I want to rise above this, Lord, but fail so many times*

*The steps of progress that I take, seem harder each day to climb*

*I lack the energy that I need, to do what I know is right  
I start to stumble and lose my way, I'm just too tired to fight  
Lord, I feel like screaming out, are you listening to my cry?  
Can you see the state I'm in, or have you closed your eyes?  
But then, I have to remind myself, that you care more than I know  
You see the turmoil that I'm in, and your love, you always show  
It is not you that have closed your eyes, but it's I that cannot see  
I overlook your steadfast love, and your tender mercies for me  
Jesus, I pray you'll come and touch me, with your love once more  
And draw me deeply into yourself, to rejoice as I have before*



This poem really made me think – God was always there, and always will be there when we need him. What are we worrying about?

Look forward in faith, all time is in God's hand. Walk humbly with him and trust his future plan.

I hope you all enjoy what is left of the Summer

Stewart.



## God in the Mountains – Biblical, Physical & Spiritual Part 3

In September 2018 I took three weeks Study Leave and include in this magazine the third part of my journal. It was for me the first time I had taken any Study Leave and it gave me a chance to spend some quality time with the Lord.

**Objective** - To examine why the mountains were so significant Biblically, to explore the benefits we can receive from meeting with God in the mountains today, and to discern where God wants me to take my ministry in the future.

### **Scafell Pike – 978m (3,209ft)**

#### Day Eleven – Thursday 13th September

Drove to the Lake District, checking in to the Skelwith Bridge Hotel at North Ambleside near the start of one of the many routes up Scafell Pike.

#### Day Twelve – Thursday 14th September

Weather forecast was for rain in the morning, lifting around about noon then showers for the rest of the day until the rain returns in the evening.

I delayed my start until 11.15am to get the best of the weather.

I chose a long route to the summit, as according to the guide, this route was one of the easiest with a long slight incline along a valley at the start. However, at the end of the valley there was a very steep climb up a boulder staircase (which reminded me of the Devil's Staircase at Glencoe).

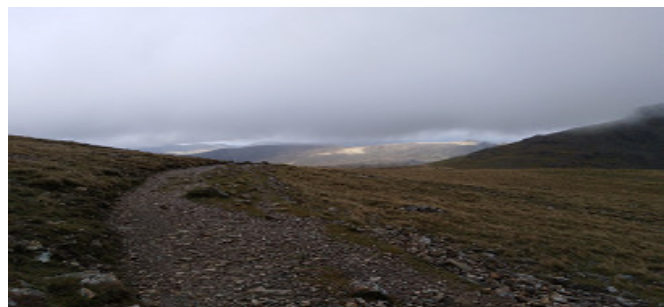


At the top of that climb I still had about 4 miles to walk and about 2,000 feet to climb – I thought to myself, I would like to get my hands on the person who wrote this guide and labelled this an easy route.

At one point, as I continued climbing false summits and descending into gullies for the next 4 miles, I thought about giving up. My legs were tired and I was all too aware that every step I took up had to be re-taken on the way back down. I knew that it would be painful for my knee and there was also a scramble section of loose stones that was particularly difficult. Who would know if I just turned around and headed down? I could tell people that I'd made it to the top and the weather was so bad that photos were pointless – who would know?

Of course, I would know, but God would know and so I kept going.

As I neared the final ascent I encountered the clouds, although not raining it looked like I would again be denied a view from the top.



There are many paths up Scafell Pike and many others that cross over – I had to pay particular attention to where I had come from so that I would be able to get back to where I started from – the map was obviously really useful, but when the cloud became dense it was hard to see far enough to know for sure you were on the right path. My new best friends – the people who built the many cairns that marked the route to the summit especially through two very slippery boulder fields.



When I reached the summit, there were a good number of people about, all had climbed other routes than the one I took, all had got there quicker and walked a shorter distance, all were disappointed that the weather had not cleared enough to give us any kind of view.

As I descended the clouds darkened and the wind increased. I started to speculate what would happen if I went over on my ankle while descending the boulder section and the many millions of steps – the landscape was very bare and I could not see anything I could use for a shelter – maybe I’m getting too old for this!

Felt isolated at times – only person for miles, especially on the descent as night was drawing in. Wind was thunderous at times and yet there were moments when it suddenly stopped – it reminded me of the impact it must have had on the disciples when Jesus calmed the storm, to have such power over nature.

At one point during my descent my phone suddenly had a signal and I used the opportunity to phone my wife Carol, to let her know how late I would be. Later found out it was difficult for Carol to hear what I was saying because of the rushing wind and I forgot to switch my phone off. So as I started to climb down the boulder wall, all Carol could hear was my grunts and groans. She later told me she was worried I was having a heart attack!

Final walk out along valley floor was when the heavens opened. The rain lashed down and as I walked the final two miles I was joined by flocks of sheep coming down from the hills looking for shelter. They walked at my pace and seemed to be drawn to me. I could not help



but get images of Jesus as the shepherd leading us, especially through storms. As I neared the end of the valley I came to a gate where another 40 to 50 sheep stood silently waiting, they all looked at me as I passed through the gate and left them behind.

Reached car park at 7pm; 7 hours and 45 minutes after starting – knackered and wet. Laughed at the thought that some people called this a holiday – the physical challenge for me is so demanding.

Returned to hotel to find Carol had been phoning and I had to call home as soon as I arrived.

### Day Thirteen – Saturday 15th September

Drive home.

### Day Fourteen – Sunday 16th September

Rest and recovery.

*Next Time – The Climax – Ben Nevis, the big one!*

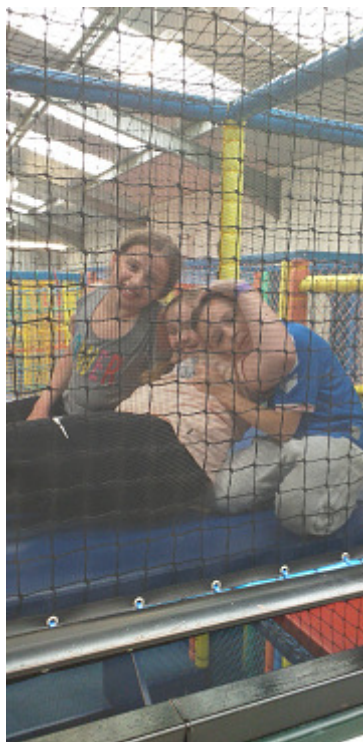
*Will I have my longed for meeting with God?*



## The SonHouse

By the time you read this article the summer holidays will be over, the kids back at school and we will have started our new session.

Our trip to Heads of Ayr Farm Park in June was a great success with lots of positive feedback. There was something for everyone with the adults enjoying the slides as much as the young folk!!



The following week was our presentation of books and what a wonderful service it was. One of our children moved on to the Bible Class, namely Sophie Parry. Sophie has been with us since nursery & has been a joy to teach, enthusiastic & always willing to take part. We wish her well as she continues to learn about God's love.

Every so often we donate some of our collections to a charity the children choose. We have now sponsored a guide dog & his name is Archie. He is a Labrador & was born in April. We have access to his Facebook page & get regular updates on his progress. As you can see he is absolutely adorable.



Please encourage any young folk you know aged between 3 – 11 to come along and learn about God’s love for them through stories, songs, games, crafts & dramas.

Lastly, we ask that you keep all our children in your prayers.

God Bless

Anne Morton

## Pre-5 Praise

Calling all children! (birth to 5 years)

Please talk to your parents and carers.

Tell them you would like to come along to join us on Tuesday morning's between 10 and 11.30am.

Tell them that you want to learn about Jesus' love for you; and for them.

Tell them that you want to join in with the stories, songs, art and play with some new friends.

If that doesn't work, tell them they'll get a cup of tea or coffee and some friendly adult company. And, it's all for FREE!!

Hope it works and you can join us when our new session begins on the first Tuesday in September.

May God Bless You

Carol Brunger



## Bible Class

Do you attend secondary school?

Are you in first to fourth year?

Have you friends or family who fit the above criteria?

If so do you know about the Bible Class?

We are a small friendly group who meet in the Jubilee Hall on a Sunday morning at 11am. We have fun, laughter and community, while we learn of the Lord's love for each of us.

You would be made very welcome, so why don't you give us a try!  
The 2019/20 session begins on

the first Sunday in September, hope to see you there.

## Youth Fellowship

The Youth Fellowship finished up for the summer holidays, with taking the youth club to Flip out they all had a great time. The leaders were exhausted just watching them jump around. Hope all have a great break and come back full of life, fun, and spirit. And we're all looking forward to our weekend away in September. Thanks to all who attended the recent Mock Auction and took part in other fund raising activities. We managed to raise a whopping £1,989.60 towards the cost of a defibrillator for the church and to subsidise future youth work.

## Young People's Team

The Young Peoples Team are getting ready to help run summer club. Looking to encourage the young people to come and join in. The theme this year is The Flood-Zone ageing from P1 – P7 and with help from the Lord hopefully through the club we can encourage the kids to come and join us in fun and worship.

## **THE GIRLS' BRIGADE**

Since the last magazine issue, we have enjoyed a weekend at Inchinnan with our Junior and Brigader sections.

We had our annual display on Wednesday 29th May – a very big thank you to those who attended on that evening to support the girls. Our display this year was based around fun things that the girls had covered for badge-work during the session. A very well done to all of our girls on achieving their awards this year and also to the following:-

- Best Junior: Skye Miller
- Sandra Roy Cup Winner: Macey Wilson
- Best Brigader: Nadine Miller

We also had divisional certificates given to Neve McInnes, Jane Marshall and Eva Stewart on winning the Explorer Sports Competition and also to Nadine Miller for coming runner up in the Brigader 2 craft competition. We have a number of girls moving from the Explorers into the Juniors, and a number of girls moving from the Juniors into the Brigaders next session.

A fundraising Ladies Night was held on Friday 7th June in Burnhead Bowling Club. A great night was had by all and we raised the fantastic sum of £680.00. I can't thank everyone enough who supported this event, whether it was by coming along on the night or donating raffle prizes. A huge big thank you also goes to our our local businesses who also supported us with raffle prizes – people are so generous and it really is appreciated.

Our new session will start on Wednesday 4th September at the following times:-

- P1-P3 (6:00pm – 7:30pm)
- Juniors P4-P7 (7:00pm – 8:30pm)
- Brigaders S1 upwards (7:00 – 8:30pm)

Enrolment forms will be available to fill in on Wednesday 28th August from 6:15pm – 6:45pm – this will run in line with the Kids Club registration on that evening.

We look forward to hopefully welcoming some new girls into our company, and we hope that those who have come through the sections will join us for another session – if you know any girls from P1 upwards please let them know about us.

Michelle Miller

Captain



## **PRAYER TEAM**

To comply with guidelines from the Church of Scotland on confidentiality, the prayer team has updated the form (which has always been available on the prayer table in the church sanctuary) from which you can make a prayer request. It also contains information on how to request immediate prayer from our prayer circle and or WhatsApp group. A copy of which is printed on Pages 31 & 32 for you to tear out and keep for your personal use.

The prayer team's next meeting is on the first Tuesday in September at 7.15pm in the manse. If you would like to find out more about us, please don't hesitate to speak to any member of the team or come along and join us at the meeting.

God Bless You

Carol Brunger

## Recycled Teenagers



Recycled Teenagers is a group for the older generation who are still young at heart. The group is led by Rev. Brunger and we meet in the Jubilee Hall on the first Tuesday of each month between the hours of 1:30pm and 3:00pm. We start the afternoon with tea, cakes, biscuits and a good chat with friends. We then move on to do gentle chair exercises which are good fun and there is always much laughter. We play board games, card games, bingo, reminisce or have a speaker. Everyone has fun and we share good fellowship. All are welcome and we would be delighted to welcome you.

Elizabeth Green

## Property Report

The manse has had painting work done to kitchen and rear sitting room.

We would like to thank all who keep Church buildings clean and tidy, also the people who tend the gardens and cut grass and put the bins out.

Terms and conditions for regular lets have been issued and returned.

There was a rodent infestation in kitchen and crèche traps laid to eradicate, it looks as if it has worked but it will be monitored.

A knapsack sprayer and solution of no grow weed and moss killer was purchased to clear weeds and moss in garden and round manse driveway.

There has been a problem with blue bin not being emptied as it is only cardboard and paper that should be put in all other material should go into green bin.

Again I would ask if faults are found can they be put in book on the side cupboard outside kitchen if you put anything in Health and Safety Book and it relates to property can you also put it in Property Book.

The church gutters have been cleaned. The whole of the property is in good condition.

Douglas Pearson, Property Convenor.



## Financial Report

Figures for May and June

### **May 2019**

Income: £10,995.07      Expenditure: £4,386.81      Surplus: £6,608.26

Surplus because the Gift Aid HMRC rebate was received an amount of £7,613.34. Nothing unusual this month just usual expenses.

### **June 2019**

Income: £3,945.47      Expenditure: £5,442.40      Deficit: £1,496.93

We did have extra expenses in June including...

- Gas: £748.25
- Electricity: £205.86
- Prizes for the Sonhouse, Pre-5 Praise and the Young People: £107.19
- Donation to the Viewpark Gala Day: £200.00
- Photo Copier Bill: £220.79

Figures for the 6 months to date have us running at a deficit of £474.24

The HMRC Gift Aid rebate is claimed on a quarterly basis so we should get that soon. As you can see if we didn't get the Gift Aid rebate we would be running at a loss all the time - the rebate is a lifesaver to our Church.

Can anyone who pays tax and is not in the Gift Aid scheme please have a think about if you are eligible and if so signing up to participate. Any questions on this please ask myself or David Green.

We have used money from the Jubilee fund in June for a new notice board for outside the Church to publicise what goes on on the Church to the wider community. This cost £350.93.

A new window film was put on the jubilee hall doors at a cost of £70.29.

These expenses were approved by the Kirk Session.

### Retiral Offerings

- May: £87.20 donated to Christian Aid
- June: £95.19 donated to Lanarkshire Cancer Care Drivers

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**Margaret Muir, Church Treasurer**

## **SOCIAL & WELLBEING TEAM**

### **Music Through The Decades**

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July, the Social & Wellbeing Team held their 'Music Through The Decades' night with songs from the 50s, 60s, 70s & 80s. About 40 eager people, some in fancy dress, arrived at the Church Hall at 7.30pm to begin a night of memories and laughter. And laugh we certainly did when Les & Scott, our DJs played the great music of these eras and the dancing started!!! Never let it be said that the young ones can enjoy themselves better nowadays... us oldies certainly gave them a run for their money on Friday night, although the old bones started creaking a bit towards the end!

We had the Fancy Dress Parade in between the dancing and eating the pies, sausage rolls, peas & beans and the winner was... *Lesley Mills in her 70s Hippy Outfit!!!*

A big thank you to everyone who turned up and made this, our first Social night a great success.

### **Macmillan Nurses Appeal**

The team decided that this year we would do something for The MacMillan Nurses Appeal, so instead of the usual tea & cakes, there will be Soup & Sandwiches on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September in the Church hall after the service. Donation boxes will be on the tables in the hall for anyone who would like to contribute to this Charity.

### **Christmas Cards**

Help us reduce our environmental footprint.

The church over the past few years have been looking at ways we can reduce our carbon footprint, and have made some changes in the way we do things. We recycle our rubbish and changed our lighting to more energy efficient ones. We have to

continually look for ways where we can help save the environment.

The Social Team have been thinking about this, and would like to make another change where we at Burnhead can reduce our carbon footprint.

At Christmas time when there are hundreds of Christmas cards exchanged between members of our congregation every year, do any of us take time to think about of the huge environmental impact all these cards have had on our beautiful planet.

Although we all like to receive cards, the environmental cost has a massive impact on our planet every year. Starting from the pollution caused by the heavy machinery needed to fell and transport the thousands of trees required for the raw material needed to make the cards, to pollution caused by the manufacturing process of turning the trees into pulp then paper and plain card before it goes through the design and printing process. Then of course large vehicles are required in the transporting of the cards to the shops. Many cards have foil or glitter on them and are not suitable for recycling so end up in land fill.

This year at Burnhead we would like to propose that everyone in the congregation instead of exchanging lots of cards with each other, we only send one single card to the whole congregation which will be used to decorate the walls of the church vestibule.

There will be a post box in the vestibule from the first Sunday in Advent for the cards. There will also be a St Andrew's Hospice collection box for anyone who wishes to donate a pound or two from the money saved from buying fewer cards.

*The Social Team*

## WELCOME TEAM

*“Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you”*

*Romans 15:7*

Are we a welcoming church?

Do we make everyone who comes to worship in this church feel they are among friends?

Have you ever felt unwelcome at this church or that you didn't belong?

Do we welcome the community particularly disadvantaged groups?

Looking back at my own experience when I joined this church a few years back, my answer would be yes, we are a friendly church but is it the same for everyone? To truly follow Christ's example of welcoming all, a lot more work is required.

Following the introduction of the new Church Constitution, the Welcome Team was set up to look at this particular issue –

To look at ways we as a church can improve on how we welcome people who come here to worship.

To look at ways we can make everyone who comes to worship in this church feel that they are among friends.

To consider ways we can welcome those in our community who are marginalised, who feel they don't belong, who are excluded for whatever reason into our church.

So since the team was formed what have we been doing?

Firstly, the team created two versions of a Welcome Leaflet. The first one is intended for welcoming people who move into a new home in Viewpark. For example, a leaflet will be delivered to all of the 64 new houses at the Cruden Development at Laburnum Lea. This leaflet will also be issued to any house where a new occupier / family has moved in. The second leaflet will be handed to visitors to our church, welcoming them and providing hopefully some useful information.

Secondly, in conjunction with the Communication Team, a Notice & Information Board has been purchased and will shortly be erected at the Main Entrance to the Church. This Board will reflect the personality and values of our church, reaches out and communicates with community, invites new members in and offers messages of hope, friendship and inspiration to everyone. It will also be used to advise passers-by on what activities are on.

Thirdly, members of the Welcome Team will be on duty for any services in the Church such as Baptisms etc. to specifically welcome any visitors and provide any assistance required.

In the future we will continue to look at how we can make our church welcoming to all, looking at things such as considering the physical aspects of the church buildings - how can we make it more appealing and welcoming to all who come here. For example, are there things we can do to help people who are visually impaired.

We want to welcome people on the margins of society into our church and will continue to explore how we can achieve this.

Finally, I am sure you understand that the members of the Welcome Team cannot do this alone and that we all have a part to play in creating a church that tries to follow Christ's example of welcoming everyone and making no exceptions.

So how can you help?

We all have a responsibility to engage with visitors, the community and each other and create a welcoming church. A church where all can feel they are among friends.

If you become aware of any new families or individuals moving into a house in our area, let a member of the Welcome Team or your Elder know and we can drop a Welcome Leaflet into their new home.

If you have any ideas that could help the team, again let one of the team know, we would be grateful for your assistance.

*David Combe*

*Welcome Team Convener*

# The Man Who Gave His Life To Find A Beautiful Rose

**D**O you have roses in your garden?

If you do, you owe a great debt to Francis Meilland.

Francis loved roses from the depth of his soul. He would hold a rose only by the stem in case a finger should bruise a delicate petal.

He spent his life seeking out the perfect rose.

In his early twenties he used his savings on a trip to America. There, in an old car, he toured the rose growers and learned all he could of their methods of selecting and crossing rose with rose.

After he returned to his native France, his own roses became lovelier than ever, and they were sought all over the world.

With infinite care and patience he cross-bred thousands and thousands. There were often six years between his creation of a new rose and its first appearance to the world.

Then, one day, there emerged a rose more beautiful than any he had ever seen.

He called it Madame Meilland, after his wife—an honour he had given none other.

Some of these roses were captured and taken away by the Germans during the occupation. But enough were left to continue production, and after the war they reached Britain and America.

They were all the rage.

Here and in America the rose was called Peace because it came with peace.

One day it is yellow, next it opens out a deep gold with a pink flush.

Unlike the other roses that go off as they get older, Peace becomes more intensely pink and lovely in form.

And now, indeed, it has become the rose of a lifetime, for only a few weeks ago its creator died among his roses in the south of France.

Francis Meilland found and gave great beauty to the world in such roses as Peace, Baccara, Bettina, Message (Grandmere), Grandma Jenny, Eden Rose, and Happiness. Yet he died of cancer when he was only 46.

The Peace rose, correctly Rosa 'Madame A. Meilland', is a well-known and successful garden rose. Over one hundred million plants had been sold, as of 1992. It is a Hybrid Tea rose with large flowers of a light yellow to cream colour, slightly flushed at the petal edges with crimson-pink. It is hardy and vigorous and relatively resistant to disease, making it popular in gardens as well as in the floral trade.

It was developed by French horticulturist Francis Meilland in the years 1935 to 1939. When Meilland foresaw the German invasion of France he sent cuttings to friends in Italy, Turkey, Germany, and the United States to protect the new rose. It is said, that it was sent to the US on the last plane available before the German invasion, where it was safely propagated by the Conard Pyle Co. during the war.

As Meilland sent his cuttings just before the war, communication between the cultivators was not possible, which is why the rose received different names. In France it was called 'Madame A. Meilland', in honour of his

wife. This is the formal cultivar name; all other names are selling names. In Italy it was called Gioia (Italian for joy), in Germany Gloria Dei (Latin for glory of God) and in the USA, Peace.

The rose became known as Peace in the following way. In early 1945 Meilland wrote to Field Marshal Alan Brooke (later Viscount Alanbrooke), the principal author of the master strategy that won the Second World War, to thank him for his key part in the liberation of France and to ask if Brooke would give his name to the rose. Brooke declined saying that, though he was honoured to be asked, his name would soon be forgotten and a much better and more enduring name would be "Peace".

The adoption of the trade name "Peace" was publicly announced in the United States on 29 April 1945 by the introducers, Messrs Conard Pyle Co.. This was the very day that Berlin fell, officially considered the end of the Second World War in Europe. Later that year Peace roses were given to each of the delegations at the inaugural meeting of the United Nations in San Francisco, each with a note which read:

*"We hope the 'Peace' rose will influence men's thoughts for everlasting world peace".*

Peter Beales, English rose grower and expert, said in his book *Roses*:

*"'Peace', without doubt, is the finest Hybrid Tea ever raised and it will remain a standard variety forever."*



*Francis Meilland and the 'Peace' Rose*

***In Memory of David Wood who passed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2012.***

***His flower was the Peace Rose.***

# BURNHEAD PARISH CHURCH – A BRIEF HISTORY

## PART TWO

Following the departure of Rev. A Macdonell, Hamilton Presbytery appointed Rev. John Lough M.A. minister at Kirkfield and Woodean, Bothwell (no longer in existence) as interim moderator. Mr Lough in his time at Burnhead was a great and encouraging influence on the very new congregation.

The Church of Scotland extension committee acted very quickly to fill the vacancy.

Rev. R.A Fishwick, a Yorkshire man, had applied to fill the vacancy and was unanimously accepted by the congregation. He was admitted as minister of Burnhead on December 1963. He had previously been minister at Cupar in Fife.

Mr Fishwick had quite a remarkable background. He had a degree in music and had been a church organist. During the war he was badly injured (more on that later) and whilst in a long recovery period decided he wanted to join the ministry of the Church of Scotland. As a result of his wounds he was partially disabled.

Mr Fishwick, his wife and his sister Miss Chinnery, came to Burnhead and enthusiastically entered into the life of the church. The yet very new congregation created a great demand on the minister. There were many baptisms, weddings and of course funerals.

Being a former church organist Mr Fishwick established a strong musical tradition in worship with the organist Edith Ferguson. The choir thrived and included members such as Rae Pollock, Angus Young, Margaret Ramage, Jean & Jim Armstrong, Tom Smith, Wilda Wood, Tom Downs and others.

One very unfortunate happening brought much upset at the church. The congregation arrived on Sunday morning to find the gable end of the church covered in graffiti. To allow Mr Fishwick to conduct morning service I visited the chapel house at St. Columba's R.C. church. Rev. Father Dooley was outraged that this had taken place. He profusely apologised on behalf of his church. From bad can come good. A group of members from both churches got together and very quickly restored



the church to normal. Relationships between the two churches improved at that time.

During Mr Fishwick's time at Burnhead the Church of Scotland was compiling a new Hymn Book. He was invited to participate in this major project and certainly contributed to the Hymn Book we now use.

After a five year ministry in which he developed and advanced the new Church Extension in Burnhead, Mr Fishwick moved to the beautiful Island of Arran. He became minister in a joint charge at Shiskine and Kilmory and remained there until his retirement.

Mr Fishwick had been severely wounded in action in World War 2 which gave him a disability. Some time after he left Burnhead I was shown a newspaper article which featured Mr Fishwick. In an act of great bravery, as an army ambulance driver, he had rescued a crew from a burning tank before it exploded. For this act of bravery he was awarded a Military Cross, one of the highest awards in the British army. A remarkable man.

Following the departure of Rev. R. A. Fishwick, Hamilton presbytery appointed Rev. Ron Blakey, minister at Bellshill West Church as Interim Moderator. Coming from the neighbouring parish Mr Blakey was well known in Burnhead and greatly supported and advised the new congregation. He was very popular in his time as Interim Moderator.

The Church of Scotland Extension Committee carried out the procedure of finding a candidate to fill the vacancy.

Rev. Gavin J McFadyen was admitted as minister of Burnhead on March 1969. He had previously been minister at Trinity Parish Church in Dalry, Ayrshire. He had worked in Industry and Commerce before becoming a minister. At the same time as Mr McFadyen's appointment, Mr Ian Gorman was appointed as a full time missionary at Burnhead. Coming from the Island of Yell, Ian worked with the young people of the church and community and became very popular indeed.

It is unfortunate, but true, Mr McFadyen's ministry at Burnhead was full of controversy. The situation within the Kirk Session and congregation deteriorated to the extent that the Church Extension Committee in Edinburgh and Hamilton Presbytery became involved.

I had a visit from the Moderator of Hamilton Presbytery Rev. John Brown, minister of Hamilton Old Church (his son is Gordon Brown, ex

Prime Minister of Britain) to discuss the problems at Burnhead. Mr Brown was very wise and helpful in his recommendations to resolve the situation.

Mr McFadyen left Burnhead in September 1971 to become minister at Gordon Park Church, Dumbarton Road, Glasgow. At the same time Ian Gorman resigned to take up a new appointment out with the Church.

In a meeting with Mr McFadyen when he first came to Burnhead he indicated when he applied for the vacancy he mistook Burnhead for Burnside on the south side of Glasgow.

He continued his application for Burnhead in the belief that it was the Lord's meaning for him. How different things could have been.

Burnhead was once again without a minister. That situation was about to change in a big way.

To be continued in the next issue of 'The Proclaimer'

Bill Wood –Former Session Clerk

### Week to Week at Burnhead

Sunday:	11:00	Service of Worship
	18:30	Communion Service (First Sunday of the month)
	11:00	SonHouse, Bible Class & Crèche
	19:15	Youth Fellowship
	13:00	AA
	19:00	AA
Monday:	19:30	Women's Guild
	19:30	Choir
Tuesday:	10:00	Pre 5 Praise
Wednesday:	09:30	Crochet Club
	10:00	Vestry Hour (till 11:00)
	10:00	Citizens Advice Bureau (till 13:00)
	13:00	AA
	18:30	Girls' Brigade
Thursday:	09:30	Mid Week Reflections
	11:00	Rock Café (till 14:00)
	19:00	Girl Guides
	19:00	Al Anon
	19:15	Bible Study
Saturday:	19:00	AA

*Hall lets are available for birthday parties, etc. Please contact Rev Les Brunger (01698 813716) or Douglas Pearson (07480 928597) for more information.*

## Helen McKellar

This year during the month of June I lost a dear friend. It may have been rather inanimate but it has been with me and stood by me for over 60 years.

It was there in the church hall during the many years I was teacher and then leader in Primary and Junior Sunday Schools and also Telstars.

It was there in the Session House at board meetings when I delivered Finance Reports.

It was there when I counted the church offerings on Sundays and funds raised from summer and Christmas Fayres.

Over the years it has been of use to many not just me.

It gave a long and faithful service and I would consider it had not come to the end of its usefulness.

I am of course referring to the table which was gifted to Burnhead Church by Lady Clementine Churchill.

It may have been knocked about a bit over the years (and had no provenance – which to me has no relevance) but it was still sturdy and stood on firm legs and I for one am sad to hear it has disappeared from Burnhead Church.

Helen McKellar

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*Thank you to Helen for the expression of her feelings in this article.*

*This was a decision by the Church Board. Following many intimations looking for someone who would like the table and receiving no replies the table was removed from the Church as per the decision of the Church Board.*

### ADAM'S RIB

In Sunday School, they were teaching how God created everything including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill and said, 'Johnny what is the matter?' Little Johnny responded, 'I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife.'

### TWO LITTLE BOYS

A couple had two little boys, ages 8 and 10, who were excessively mischievous. The two were always getting into trouble and their parents could be assured that if any mischief occurred in their town their two young sons were in some way involved.

The parents were at their wits end as to what to do about their sons' behavior. The mother had heard that a clergyman in town had been successful in disciplining children in the past, so she asked her husband if he thought they should send the boys to speak with the clergyman.

The husband said, 'We might as well. We need to do something!' The clergyman agreed to speak with the boys, but asked to see them individually. The 8 year old went to meet with him first. The clergyman sat the boy down and asked him sternly, 'Where is God?'

The boy made no response, so the clergyman repeated the question in an even sterner tone, 'Where is God?' Again the boy made no attempt to answer. So the clergyman raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face, 'WHERE IS GOD?'

At that the boy bolted from the room and ran directly home, slamming himself in the closet. His older brother followed him into the closet and asked what had happened. The younger brother replied, 'We are in BIG trouble this time. God is missing and they think we did it.'

### PANCAKES

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5, and Ryan, 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait.' Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, 'Ryan, you be Jesus.'

## THE TINY FROGS

Once upon a time there was a bunch of tiny frogs... who arranged a climbing competition.

The goal was to reach the top of a very high tower. And so a big crowd gathered around the tower to see the race and cheer on all the contestants.

The race began....

But quite honestly no one in the crowd really believed that such tiny frogs would reach the top of the tower. They were saying “It’s way too difficult!!, they will never make it to the top,” and “Not a chance that they will succeed. The tower is too high!”

The tiny frogs began collapsing. One by one... Except for those who were a bit stronger and kept climbing higher and higher.

The crowd continued to yell” It is too difficult!!! No one will make it!” More tiny frogs got tired and gave up....

But one continued higher and higher and higher long after all of the others had given up and dropped back down to the bottom and he, after a big effort, actually made it to the top!

All of the other tiny frogs naturally wanted to know how this one frog managed to do it.

One contestant asked the tiny frog how he had found the strength to succeed and reach his goal! But he didn’t hear him, and he shouted the question again but he still didn’t hear, so he shouted at the top of his voice, which was really loud for such a tiny frog. But he still couldn’t hear him, he was deaf!

How much more could we do if we, like the frog turned a deaf ear to all those who say we can’t?



# The Rock Café

If you're looking for quality, freshly cooked food at great prices then why not pop in to the café every Thursday during school term time between 11am and 2pm. Our menu shown below includes home-made soup, toasties, hot & cold filled rolls, sandwiches etc.

## SOUP OF THE DAY

Homemade Soup            £1.30  
With fresh roll and butter   £1.55

## ALL DAY BREAKFAST

Including Tea            £3.60

## HOT ROLLS

Doublers - add            60p  
Bacon                        £1.10  
Black Pudding            £1.10  
Burger                      £1.10  
Burger with Cheese      £1.30  
Egg                          85p  
Potato Scone              85p  
Sausage                    £1.10

## OMELETTES

Plain                        £2.50  
Cheese                     £3.50  
Ham                         £3.50

## FILLED ROLLS / SANDWICHES

Ham                         £1.00  
Ham & Cheese            £1.20  
Cheese                    £1.00  
Cheese & Onion        £1.10  
Cheese & Tomato       £1.20  
Tuna                        £1.05  
Tuna and Onion         £1.15  
Chicken Mayo            £1.20  
Chicken Mayo and Onion £1.30

## BAKED POTATO

Plain with butter        £1.50  
Ham                         £1.80  
Ham & Cheese            £2.20  
Cheese                    £2.00  
Cheese & Onion        £2.10  
Cheese & Tomato       £2.20  
Tuna                        £2.00  
Chicken Mayo            £2.20  
Beans                      £1.70  
Cheese & Beans         £2.20

## TOASTIES

Cheese                    £1.40  
Cheese & Onion        £1.45  
Cheese & Tomato       £1.60  
Cheese & Ham           £1.70  
Tuna & Onion            £1.40

## TOAST

Scrambled Egg            £1.10  
Egg & Cheese            £1.60  
French (per slice)- add   £1.50  
Bacon                      £1.00

## DRINKS

Tea                         50p  
Coffee                     50p  
Cold Drinks               70p

## CAKES

A selection of Home Baking from 50p  
Please ask for details

*Thank you for*

*The food    The friends    The love  
before us,   beside us,   between us,*

*And Your presence among us,  
Amen.*

*Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again"*

Thank you to all who have contributed to this edition of The Proclaimer. All contributions are very much appreciated and please know that the members of the congregation enjoy reading them very much.

Remember, this is YOUR magazine! If you have any interesting news, stories, poems etc., please consider them for the next edition of The Proclaimer. The closing date for submissions to the next edition is Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019 and can be made by emailing to [dgreen1886@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dgreen1886@yahoo.co.uk) or in person by handing to the minister or a member of the Communications Team.



## UDDINGSTON BURNHEAD PARISH CHURCH PRAYER FOCUS / REQUEST

As a church we like to pray for those in need. If you know of someone who would be helped by prayer, we as members of the 'Prayer Team' offer the following options...

### **Prayer List:**

These are updated on the first Sunday of each month and are situated on the prayer table at the back of the sanctuary. All members of the congregation and visitors are encouraged to uplift a list and add the people named to their own daily prayers. Names can be added to this list by filling in the form on the reverse and leaving it on the prayer table.

### **Prayer Circle / WhatsApp Group:**

These are two groups which pray for people and situations which are of a more immediate matter or that the person nominating does not want to be made public. These groups are made up of the Prayer Team and members of the congregation. All members of the groups agree to treat all messages with confidentiality.

### **Minister:**

This allows you to discuss your prayer need with the minister.

### **The Proclaimer:**

Our church magazine is produced every quarter and is made available to our congregation, to our local community and is on our church website. If you would like a particular person (whom you must have their permission) or situation prayed for, this more public platform is available to you.

All of these options are available on the tick list provided overleaf.

**PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS**  
**PLEASE TICK THE APPROPRIATE BOX OR BOXES**

**Prayer List**

Person in need of prayer.....

Proposed by.....

*(It is your responsibility to ensure the person you are nominating is aware and consensual to it)*

**Prayer Circle / WhatsApp Group**

Person and / or situation in need of prayer

*(This can include as much or as little information as you feel necessary)*

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**Minister**

Contact Name and Telephone Number.....

- **Church Website** – There is a link on the homepage which sends your prayer request directly and confidentially to the Prayer Team Leader (Carol Brunger). Visit [www.burnheadchurch.com](http://www.burnheadchurch.com)
- **Text / Phone** – Contact the Prayer Team Leader directly on 07426 170261
- **In Person** – Speak directly to a member of the Prayer Team.





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