

Monkton and Prestwick North
Parish Church
HOME CALL EASTER 2010



Servant
King

AN EASTER MESSAGE from our LOCUM MINISTER

Dear friends,

I would like to thank you all for the warmth of the welcome you have extended to me in the short time since I was asked to be your Locum Minister. You have made me feel I 'belong' and I really appreciate that.

What a lovely time of year this is ! The days are beginning to 'lengthen' again and signs of Spring are already around us. Snowdrops have appeared and soon we will see the crocuses and daffodils reminding us that summer is on its way. Yes, warmer and sunnier days will be welcomed by us all!

There is another reason for our optimism of better things to come however! We are now in the season of Lent and Easter is not far away. Easter is surely the most wonderful season in the Christian Calendar for at Easter we celebrate the glorious resurrection of the Lord. Without the resurrection it is unlikely that there would be any church in our land or beyond it. It was at Easter time that the first disciples began to become aware that their Lord was indeed the Son of God, that all they had seen and heard of Him as the Lord of Life was indeed true. This awareness was confirmed and reinforced at Pentecost but it all began with the resurrection.

CHRISTIAN AID 2010

Many thanks for your response to the Haitian Appeal which raised £610. Please remember to fill those penny jars for collection at the beginning of May.

Dates for your diary:

Christian Aid Week: Sunday 9th - Saturday 15th May.

Fun day Saturday 8th May at the South Church.

Christian Aid Service Sunday 9th May at MPN Church.

Christian Aid Committee: Marie Cuthbert, Jim Goodlad
Margaret Ferguson, Mary Yuille.

FAIRTRADE

I do enjoy a cup of tea - do you? Lots of people in Britain must like tea as 165 million cups of tea are drunk every day! Sadly only 1 in 10 cups are Fairly Traded. The top 5 tea companies, Tetley, PG Tips, Yorkshire Tea, Twinning and Typhoo supply 72% of the market - if they changed their business to earn the Fairtrade Mark, what a difference it would make to the 20 million people in the Developing World who depend on the tea industry for their livelihood. Picking tea is physically demanding work. Pickers have to work long hours, often in high temperatures and small scale farmers are often cheated by middle men. The theme of **Fairtrade Fortnight 22nd February to 7th March** is to swap the brand of tea you use for a Fairtrade Brand eg Traidcraft or Co-op. Think about it - you could help improve the standard of living of many disadvantaged workers.

Extra stalls during Fairtrade Fortnight:-Saturday 6th March at BB Coffee Morning. Sunday 7th March after Morning worship and at Joint Praise Night Service at St Nicholas church at 7.00 pm. Hope to see you at one of the stalls. Malawi rice still available.

Margaret Goodlad

MALAWI BOUND

God willing David and I are off to Malawi at the end of May/ beginning of June. We are being accompanied by Rev. George Fiddes and Sandra McCall from St Nicholas Church and hopefully another four to six members of Ayr Presbytery.

We intend, as usual, to have a busy time visiting the various projects with which we have become involved and spending time at Lweya Church (the congregation with whom we are twinned).

On our past two visits we have sent gifts on ahead of us but the cost of this exercise has become prohibitive and so we have decided to fundraise and take the cash with us. On arrival at Bandawe we will visit a Cash & Carry and buy sweets, soap, jotters etc for the orphans and widows. We will then distribute these items when travelling through the region.

Please continue to pray for us as your support is what makes the difference.

DAVID & LIZ GEDDES

We would like take this opportunity to thank everyone in our Church Family for their cards and good wishes we received on becoming Grandparents to our new and very precious wee Granddaughter Amelie.

Our Daughter Elaine & husband Damian wish to pass on their thanks and appreciation too for all the lovely gifts they received from everyone.

Amelie is such a blessing to us all and we feel very blessed.

Kindest Regards.

JIM & JENNIFER BOND

We all enjoy the Praise at Monkton and Prestwick North Church led by our able organist David and at Easter we should all realise that we do indeed have something to sing about for **Christ is risen** from the dead and he brings us new life and hope for those who trust him will share in his resurrection life. What a wonderful message. Those we still love who have passed on from this world have inherited that promise and wait patiently for our arrival! And here and now we have nothing to fear for we are surrounded by God's love and he asks us to be busy in showing that love to those around us!

May you have a very happy Easter as you remember the Good News brought to us by God in and through Jesus Christ our Lord.

May God bless you all.

Ken Yorke.

EASTER SUNDAY

A short open-air service will be held in Monkton Old Churchyard on Sunday 4th April 2010. Those attending are asked to meet at the cemetery gates at 9.00 am. Thereafter breakfast will be served in the Pioneer Café. A donation to offset costs would be appreciated.

CHURCH DIARY

MARCH			
Sunday	7th	11.00 am 7.00 pm	Morning Worship Joint Evening Praise at St Nicholas Church
Sunday	14th	11.00 am & 3.00 pm 6.30 pm	Communion Evening Communion at Monkton Community Church
Monday	15th	7.00 pm	Trustees Meeting Prestwick Church Hall
Thursday	18th	12.00 noon	Lunch Club Monkton
Sunday	21st	11.00 am 12.15 pm	Morning Worship Stated Annual Meeting Prestwick Church Hall
Wednesday	24th	10.00 am	Monkton Primary School Easter Service at Prestwick North Church
Sunday	28th	11.00 am 6.30 pm	Palm Sunday Evening Worship at Monkton Community Church
Monday	29th	8.00 pm	Holy Week Services start at St Ninians Church with Rev Kenneth Yorke & Canon Patrick McSorley

SNIPPETS

Families and Nations

God set the world in families
And families in nations
That we might learn to live as one
By living with relations.
If you and I can make our home
A kindly sort of place
Then we could make one family
Of all the human race.
The black keys and the white keys
Could all their music bring,
And we'd play a tune together
For everyone to sing.

A happy man or woman is a radiant focus of good will, and their entrance into a room is as though another candle has been lighted. Robert Louis Stevenson.

A Church is not what the people inside says it is
A Church is what the actions of the people inside is.

Leo Tolstoy, the great Russian writer, tells of the time he was walking down the street and passed a beggar. Tolstoy reached into his pocket to give the beggar some money, but his pocket was empty. Tolstoy turned to the man and said, "I'm sorry, my brother, but I have nothing to give". The beggar brightened and said, "You have given me more than I asked for – you have called me brother". To be loved, a word of affection is a morsel, but to the love starved, a word of affection can be a feast.

The following letter came to us as a result of our donation of two boxes of non perishable goods for "Wheels in Motion" a new venture started by Suzanne Holden. These goods were left over from a stock handed in to our Church for Rev Arthur Christie to give out to the needy people who either called at the Manse or the Church Office for help. Since Arthur left no one has called for help with food.

Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for the gift of the non perishable goods. It was very kind of you and they will be used for the homeless people that we come into contact with.

We have used the bus for a month now, taking it out on a Thursday night in Ayr. It has been encouraging to see quite a few people, some regular, some new turn up.

God has been so amazing providing for this venture and we want to see Him glorified through it. He has guided us so far and I am sure that He will continue to do so.

Thank you once again for your thoughtfulness.

Your prayer support would be greatly appreciated.

Suzanne

CHURCH DIARY

APRIL			
Friday	2nd	11.00 am	Walk of Witness from Kingcase Church arriving at New Life Church for a light lunch
Sunday	4th	9.00 am	Easter Service at Old Monkton Churchyard
		11.00 am	Easter Worship
Wednesday	7th	12.00 noon	Lunch Club Prestwick
Sunday	11th	11.00 am	Morning Worship
		6.30 pm	Evening Worship at Monkton Community Church
Sunday	18th	11.00 am	Morning Worship
Thursday	22nd	12.00 noon	Lunch Club Monkton
Sunday	25th	11.00 am	Morning Worship
		6.30 pm	Evening Worship at Monkton Community Church
MAY			
Sunday	2nd	11.00 am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	5th	12.00 noon	Lunch Club Prestwick
Sunday	9th	11.00 am	Morning Worship Penny Jars for C. Aid
		7.00 pm	Christian Aid Service Transport provided from Monkton
Sunday	16th	11.00 am	Morning Worship
Thursday	20th	12.00 noon	Lunch Club Monkton
Sunday	23rd	11.00 am	Morning Worship
		6.30 pm	Evening Worship at Monkton Community Church
Sunday	30th	11.00 am	Morning Worship

OUR CHURCH STAFF

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ACTIVITIES

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday 10.00 am

Alan Brown 01292 476458

FOCUS GROUP

Wednesday 10.00 am

James U. Riach 01292 476458

THE YOUNG CHURCH

Sundays 11.00 am

Angela Henderson 01292 470661

BOYS' BRIGADE

Friday pm (Various)

Pat Simpson 01292 477289

GIRLS' BRIGADE

T. B. A.

GUILD

Thursday 2.00pm

Jan McGill 01292 477112

MONKTON BROWNIES

Thursdays pm

Monkton Community Church

Irene Boyle

KIDDIEWINKLES

Mondays 10.00 am

Fiona Curran 01292 477167

TOTS-TOWN

Wednesdays 10.00 am

Monkton Community Church

Karen McIntosh 01292

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CHURCH GUILD

We have had a very interesting session. Excellent speakers on a variety of subjects. Several DIY days that we all enjoyed. We have had a good attendance over the session. We have a roll of 44 members including three men. We have plenty of room for anyone who would like to join us.

DO COME!

Is there anyone interested in helping us by being secretary or treasurer?

All blessings to all our Church Family

JAN MCGILL

BOYS' BRIGADE

Our Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 6th March 2010 and we look forward to seeing you there. There will also be the chance to purchase from the following stalls: Home-Baking; Books; Toys & Games; DVD's/CD's plus a Traidcraft Stall.

Tickets are priced at £2 for Adults and £1 for Children available from any boy or officer or you can pay at the door.

PAT SIMPSON

PRESTWICK & TROON

ARMED FORCES VETERANS ASSOCIATION

Coffee Morning Saturday 27th March 2010 in Prestwick in the Church Hall 10.00 am - 1.30 pm.

Tickets are priced at £2.00

PIONEER CAFÉ

If anyone has an hour or two to spare any day and would like to spend some time helping at the café we would be delighted to see you as we are in need of more volunteers. Please contact Sallie or Pat at the café on 01292 678932 or pop out for a coffee and a chat:

Monday - Friday 11.00 am - 3.00 pm.

Thank you.

Sallie & Pat

KINDNESS

Have you had a kindness shown?

Pass it on;

"Twas not given for thee alone,

Pass it on;

Let it travel down the years,

Let it wipe another's tears,

"Till in Heaven the deed appears-

Pass it on.

You can't light a candle to show others the way,
Without feeling the warmth of that bright little ray;
And you can't give a rose all fragrant with dew,
Without some of its sweetness remaining in you.

FLOWER LIST - PRESTWICK

DATE

DONATED BY

March

7th	Evelyn Reid
14th	Ella Livinstone Joan Wardrop
21st	Emily Kerr
28th	Elizabeth Mitchell

April

4th	Margaret Goodlad
11th	Dorothy McCaig
18th	Linda Welsh
25th	Mary Gordon

FLOWER LIST - MONKTON

DATE

DONATED BY

March

14th	Mrs. M Paton
28th	_____

April

11th	Mrs M Yuille
25th	_____

May

9th	Mrs I Shields	Mrs E McHarg
21st	Mrs H Megraw	

LUNCH CLUB

Come along and join us at our Church Family lunch clubs which are open to anyone wishing to join us in jolly fellowship over a meal and a blether.

Prestwick meet on a Wednesday and Monkton meet on a Thursday both at 12 noon.

Cost is £3.00 per person for two courses and tea/coffee and a biscuit.

If transport is required for Prestwick please contact Nan Boyle at the Church Office telephone 678810 and for Monkton please contact Mary Yuille telephone 475680.

Love from the Lunch Club Team.

LUNCH CLUB DATES 2010

March:	3rd 18th	Prestwick Monkton
April:	7th 22nd	Prestwick Monkton
May:	5th 20th	Prestwick Monkton
June:	2nd 17th	Prestwick Monkton

GIRLS BRIGADE

It was with great regret that our Girls Brigade company was unable to resume after the summer break last year. This was as a result of the loss of several leaders including the Captain, Eilidh Orr, due to her continuing health problems.

The Kirk Session have been most anxious to have the company re-activated but discussions held so far with some of those previously involved have proved unsuccessful. The company had a good number of girls attending and is financially sound.

We have now reached a situation where, unless suitable volunteers come forward, there will be no alternative but to disband and close down the company completely. The Girls Brigade Headquarters are also keen to restore the company to good working order and are prepared to provide some practical assistance in the short term through their local representative.

If you are in a position to help save the company please contact Margaret Ferguson, Marion Balish, Sam Gilmour or Jim Riach who form the small sub-committee which is attempting to resolve the situation. Please don't take too long to think about it – we must get things moving if we are to continue to provide this very worthwhile activity for the girls in our congregation and community.