

The Informer



The Newsletter of Clincarthill Parish Church of Scotland

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Letter from the Session Clerk

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Dear Friends,

Christmas has passed and Epiphany too; time marches relentlessly onward and so another year begins. I imagine in most people's minds is the thought that surely 2022 will see an end to all the Covid restrictions and an easing up of the strains on our National Health Service, and with that a gradual move back into 'normal working'. That's not necessarily saying back to do things the way we did before the pandemic hit us. There are some good things that came out of it; the world got time to clear away some pollution and humanity got some time to slow down and take stock. People in Delhi were able to see the Himalayas and the smog disappeared from many major cities. I think we all enjoyed all be it briefly, a period of cleaner air, and less noise.

Who knows how 2022 will work out, but I remain hopeful that our political leaders across the globe might have learned some lessons, and that whatever is planned it is ultimately God's plans that will see us through. This will be a challenging year for the Church of Scotland as we grapple with re-organisation at local and national level. Ministry, congregations and buildings will undergo significant changes and I have no real idea as to the outcome and speculation is unwise. Again, God's plans will become clear in due course and I hope we have the courage to implement them.

As we move through January, please take time to pray for and support each other. If the last 22 months has taught me anything, then it is the importance of personal relationships between the various people in our church and beyond. It is hard going at times to maintain and build these relationships, but ultimately that's what life is about, looking after others and those who need support. Easy to say, often difficult to do, but with prayer and God's help I have no doubt we will.

Again, my thanks to all for your support and to the many who contribute to leading us in Sunday worship - it is much appreciated. Please let me know if you wish to help in this way by reading scripture or leading in prayer on Sundays, we have room for you on our rota! On behalf of the Kirk Session I wish you all a Happy New Year and hope that you keep safe and well.

Roger Gann, Session Clerk.

God Knows (3rd verse)

God knows. His will
Is best. The stretch of years
Which wind ahead, so dim
To our imperfect vision,
Are clear to God. Our fears
Are premature; In Him,
All time hath full provision.

Minnie Louise Haskins (1875-1957)

The usual reminder that you can still connect with our services of worship online, in the following way:

If you have a computer, laptop or smartphone, you can either use the Zoom app, or visit www.zoom.us.
Alternatively, on a normal telephone, you can dial 0131 460 1196. Either way, when asked, please input the following information:

Meeting ID: 960 694 6264 Passcode: 012230

On YouTube Simply visit www.youtube.com and search for Clincarthill Church.

You will be directed to our YouTube channel. The live stream will become available at around 10:55am.

LISTEN, CARE, HELP... ATTENTIVE, SO CARING AND HELPFUL..
GLASGOW STREET PASTORS..

Christian's ...
Volunteering...

Supporting the homeless and the vulnerable

Those who are in need for a safe journey back to their comfort zone..

JOINING THE STREET PASTORS ON A FRIDAY NIGHT INTO THE EARLY HOURS OF SATURDAY MORNING, was a wonderful experience. One I will never forget..

Thank you Glasgow street pastors.

Lindsay Amati

Congregational Donations

After the Christmas Gift Service, £225 was collected and passed onto the following organisations.

Lodging House Mission - £100

Glasgow City Mission - £95

Preshal Trust - £30

They have asked me to pass on their thanks for your generous donations to support their work.

Regards

Mary MacCallum

Weekly Freewill Offering Envelopes 2022

Hopefully by the time you are reading this, those who donate through the WFO envelopes will have received their 2022 envelopes but in case you haven't - don't worry they will be delivered shortly.

If anyone wants to start or change their standing order, please use the standing order portion of the forms attached to this month's newsletter and send it to your bank.

If you are a UK income tax payer and want the church to claim the tax you have paid on your donation, please complete the Gift Aid portion and returned it to Helen Pattie.

Thanks

Mary MacCallum

Labyrinth

This month's prayer focus is a labyrinth that will be set up in the sanctuary.

One meeting room will house twenty adult stations, so hopefully, there will be something for everyone. The other meeting room will house a variety of hands-on activities for children to explore with a parent/grandparent...

Outside of the adult/child labyrinth room there will be a serve yourself fellowship table with drinks and snacks where folks can gather and enjoy each other's company.

The sanctuary will be open Thursday 20th January 19:30 - 21:00; Friday 21st January 13:00 - 16:00; and Saturday 22nd January 11:00 - 14:00.

However, the rooms will remain set up on Sunday morning giving an opportunity for a final look before the Pentecostal church service begins.



Telephone Prayer Circle

0141 632 4206



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Baird Penny Collection

Thank you to all the people who donate their spare change to the Baird Penny Collection and also to Doris Stott who continues to gather all the donations for banking. In 2021, I was able to send £60 to various groups.

MacMillan Cancer Support - £20

The Well - £20

Tearfund - £20

Mary MacCallum

Next Issue deadline Sunday 30 January

Email any items for inclusion in the next Newsletter to sessionclerk@clincarthill.org.uk

Mission and Outreach

By the time you read this Christmas will be over and we may have some new restrictions in place. We have much to give thanks for and look forward to. We were blessed to be encouraged in our faith with Willie Black who preached in December.

As we prepare ourselves to be a people of faith over fear the same recurring issues strike me:

- ⇒ Loneliness
- ⇒ Isolation
- ⇒ Fear of the future

How do we respond to the needs of people? - By listening to each person who is made in the image of God. We are looking for new ways to be church and family. Building a community of faith is difficult, it involves listening to others and listening to God.

I had been approached by Charlie Bennett who recently started working with Queens Park Football club as they had food hampers to give to local folk. We delivered a number to local folk who were on their own. These were so warmly received. We look forward to working with others to help support our community. We do need some new folk to help take this work forward. Please speak to me if you can help.

Your views on what we can do to build up our sense of being a family are very welcome. Everybody's views are welcome as we rebuild the church after a most challenging time.

Wishing you all a peaceful New Year

Stephen Kennedy

Mission and Community Outreach team

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[Charity Gift Aid Declaration](#)

Clinicarhill Parish Church can boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate.

Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box below:

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Please send this to the Gift-Aid Convenor at Clinicarhill Parish Church

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A Happy New Year to you!

As we begin 2022 the readings are a reminder of Jesus' willingness to, not only answer your prayers, but to come and be with you through each and every day of your life. His desire is for you to want Him to be your closest friend in all that lies ahead this year.

This month's reflection is a very simple one based on the two readings below. The questions are to enable a look back at 2021 and look forward to what you desire for yourself, your family and friends, your church and community as well as in the wider world. As usual use only what is helpful, stay with whatever seems to linger as you pray, that will be Jesus inviting you to pay attention to what He wants for you.

- When you look back over 2021, what would you like to give thanks for? What would you rather forget?
- As you look forward, what do you hope for? What can Jesus do for you to fulfil your hopes and dreams?
- What is He asking from you in this new year?

There is no limit to what you can hope for, that's the wonder of living with Jesus.

The picture reminds you He wants *you* to open the door to Him, there is no handle where He stands!

Bible Reading: Matthew 7: 7-8

⁷ 'Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

Revelation 3: 20

²⁰ Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, thank You for the ways in which You speak to me—in my prayers, through Your Word, through my Christians friends and family.

I want to follow You more closely, to see You more clearly and love You more dearly throughout this year.

Amen

Perhaps you would like to add your own prayer to this one



By William Holman Hunt