

The Informer



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Letter from the Manse

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⁹For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹²and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (Colossians 1 NIVUK)

One of the themes which has emerged during our time reflecting on the Book of Acts is "from where do you find your worth?". This is particularly relevant for me because of my own personal journey of the past year.

It has been almost a year since I was first signed off (where has the time gone!?). As I approach that "anniversary", I continue to reflect on that time, as well as the time since returning. Pleasingly, I am still discovering lessons that the LORD desired to teach me.

When I was first signed off, I struggled with a loss of worth. It felt I had my ministry removed from me; without my ministry, who was I? How could I identify myself, if not as "a minister"? What did this mean for my relationship with God, if I was not serving him as a minister in His Church?

These questions led me to identify one of my critical errors in thinking; one which undoubtedly contributed to my needing time off - I was drawing my worth from my ministry.

What did this mean? Well, when ministry was going "well" (however one defines this), I was well and felt fulfilled. When things went "badly" (again, however you define this... and let us be honest, we all would have our own measure of what counts as "well" and "bad!"), my self-worth was damaged.

Now, it is not my intention to over-share or air my dirty laundry in this pastoral letter! So, I will not go into the detail of exactly how I personally was affected by damaged self-worth. In fact, I doubt I will have to: I am sure each of you will have your own stories of times your self-worth was damaged, and the affect it had on you. Needless to say, and I'm sure we can all agree on this: it is not pretty!

Herein lies the problem with seeking worth in worldly things. Nothing in this fallen world can last forever; everything fades and fails eventually. They will always let us down, and if we seek self-worth in such things, we will always come away damaged.

There is only one thing that can never let us down, from which we can draw our self-worth and never be damaged: Jesus.

This is, in essence, Paul's prayer in the passage from Colossians, quoted above. He is praying that the Church in Colossae are filled with the knowledge of God and strengthened by His power; and that their response to that in-filling would be to live lives which seek His glory as a priority every single day. Why? So that they might discover and know real, lasting self-worth: that, through Jesus, we are brought into God's family as His beloved children.

My self-worth comes from the fact that I am assured of my status as God's child because it is granted to me by Christ; thus nothing can damage, undermine, or change it. Truly, this brings me joy, and great relief as a deep burden is lifted.

Paul prayed that the Church in Colossae would know this. I pray that you might know it too.

Blessings,
Stuart.

How to join us at Cliccarthill Church

see our online publicity at
www.cliccarthill.org.uk and www.facebook.com/cliccarthillchurch



In person	Zoom	YouTube
At Cliccarthill Church 1220 Cathcart Road	Visit www.zoom.us and click 'join a meeting' or dial: 0131 460 1196 (Meeting ID: 960 694 6264 : Passcode: 012230)	Search for Cliccarthill Church

The Guild

The Guild begins its new session on **Monday, October 3, 2022 at 7.30pm in the small hall.** We have a full and interesting syllabus. So why not come along and join us, you will be made most welcome.

October 3 : Opening meeting

October 10: Theme ' Wee Seeds, Big Trees' - Rev. Stuart Love

October 17: Elsie Inglis - Pioneering Doctor - Liz McIntyre Allan

October 24: Life and Work - Thomas Baldwin

October 31: Bingo Night - Violet Robertson

November 7: Aberlour Child Care Trust - Abby Parkhouse



This is advance notice of our annual *Coffee Morning and Christmas Fair* which will take place on **Saturday 19 NOVEMBER 2022 in the Large Hall from 10am till 12noon.**

Message from the Maintenance & Eco. Team

There are six baize covered foldable card tables which are no longer needed. If you are interested, or you know someone who could use them, please speak to either of us.

The stock of dish/tea towels in the kitchen has not returned to the pre-Covid quantity. If you have any of them, we would appreciate their return.

Also, the cutlery drawer is missing a good number of table forks that have gone astray over the last two years plus a large pair of black fabric/silicone oven gloves from the lowest drawer. Again, we would appreciate their return.

Many thanks,

Ian Ritchie & Eleanor Campbell - Maintenance & Eco. Team

The church library now includes a few DVDs which are available for people to take and watch. Below is one of the those movies which I would recommend.

Movie: The Gracecard.

After police officer Mac McDonald loses his son, his life spirals into a life of bitterness and resentment. God however brings an unlikely colleague into his life, and through time they realise that they both need each other to find themselves again.

Overall I found this movie to be hard hitting and thought provoking. Whether we think we are at rock bottom, or living a happy life, it is truly only by grace that we are saved.

Andrew Ford

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CONGRATULATIONS

Just wanted to take this opportunity to say 'WELL DONE' to all our young folk who received / passed their exam results. It's been a pretty tough couple of years for them all and we wish them well for the year ahead.

David McConnell spent the summer at summer school in Grandtully. David enjoyed his time there so much that he has been invited to stay on as a permanent member of staff. Well done David! We will miss you around the church.

Lorraine Kennedy

Youth Team



Telephone Prayer Circle

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Congregational Register

Deaths

Sept 2022: Miss Christine Grant – Flat 8-3 Langside Court, 12 Cathkinview Place, Glasgow, G42 9EW

21/9/22: Mrs Margaret Dundas – previously Flat 2-2, 104 Cumming Drive, Glasgow, G42 9BW

Praise and Prayer Evening

On Thursday 6th October 7pm - 8:30 in the large hall we are having an evening of traditional and contemporary Christian music, hymns and songs. The evening is an informal cafe format with nibbles available from 7pm before the music begins at 7:30. Linda Fraser and Graham Shankland, who are leading the music, are being joined by a few other familiar faces, old and young. You are invited. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Although a free event, it is ticketed to for catering purposes. Tickets are available from Eleanor, Graham Shankland and Agnes.

MISSION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH TEAM UPDATE

Garden Cafe

Over the summer we had the privilege of running the garden café for the second year. We were blessed in so many ways with the large number of visitors of all ages, many of whom have no church connection. One comment we received was "I have looked after people all my life, but in the last 8 weeks you have looked after me". We have made new friends and new contacts in the people who assisted with the music. People were very generous and we raised £934, which included a donation of £120 from the Brass Monkeys' concert. This will go into the Mission and Outreach fund to develop further outreach events such as Pop up Church in a local café every 6 weeks. A big thank you to everyone who came along to support the café and to all our volunteers and bakers over the 8 weeks who helped make this a great success! We look ahead and have a strong sense of the need to do something over the winter months. Once the team meet in a few weeks' time we will have a clearer idea of our plans. Please pray for all involved in Mission and Outreach.

Pop Up Church

Our recent Pop up Church was warmly received and we welcomed some new faces with 16 people attending. Our guest was Rhoda from The Well, Advice and Resource Centre, in Govanhill who spoke to us about the work they do there and the challenges involved in the area. They are always looking for volunteers so if you want more details let me know.



Volunteers required

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Bethany Caring Christmas Tree event again this year which will take place on Saturday 10th December. If are able to help with unloading trees please let me know - it would be much appreciated!

We are also looking for people who have experience of quiz nights to help the church take part in Tearfund's Big Quiz Night on Saturday 19th November. Again, if you are available to help make this happen, please let either myself or Robert Pollock know (especially if you have technical skills).

Stephen Kennedy
Mission and Community Outreach Team

Help Required

We are looking for people to volunteer to help out on the sound and projection systems in the sanctuary. At the moment we only have a few people able to operate the technology and it puts a lot of pressure on those who make it all happen every Sunday. We are looking to train up a number of people so that we can put a rota system in place. It would be a commitment of one Sunday in four if we can get enough volunteers. If you are interested can you speak to Graham Shankland, Carol Bolland or Stuart Buchanan. We can then get the training organised.

The Communications Team

Over the page you will see a list of readings from Isiah that we would like the congregation to read through the months of October, November and December

Next Issue deadline Sunday 30 October

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

Day	Date	Chapter	✓	Day	Date	Chapter	✓	Day	Date	Chapter	✓	Day	Date	Chapter	✓
1	3rd October	Isaiah 1		26	1st November	Isaiah 26		52	1st December	Isaiah 52					✓
2	4th October	Isaiah 2		27	2nd November	Isaiah 27		53	2nd December	Isaiah 53					
3	5th October	Isaiah 3		28	3rd November	Isaiah 28		54	3rd December	Isaiah 54					
4	6th October	Isaiah 4		29	4th November	Isaiah 29			4th December						
5	7th October	Isaiah 5		30	5th November	Isaiah 30		55	5th December	Isaiah 55					
6	8th October	Isaiah 6			6th November			56	6th December	Isaiah 56					
	9th October			31	7th November	Isaiah 31		57	7th December	Isaiah 57					
7	10th October	Isaiah 7		32	8th November	Isaiah 32		58	8th December	Isaiah 58					
8	11th October	Isaiah 8		33	9th November	Isaiah 33		59	9th December	Isaiah 59					
9	12th October	Isaiah 9		34	10th November	Isaiah 34		60	10th December	Isaiah 60					
10	13th October	Isaiah 10		35	11th November	Isaiah 35			11th December						
11	14th October	Isaiah 11		36	12th November	Isaiah 36		61	12th December	Isaiah 61					
12	15th October	Isaiah 12			13th November			62	13th December	Isaiah 62					
	16th October			37	14th November	Isaiah 37		63	14th December	Isaiah 63					
13	17th October	Isaiah 13		38	15th November	Isaiah 38		64	15th December	Isaiah 64					
14	18th October	Isaiah 14		39	16th November	Isaiah 39		65	16th December	Isaiah 65					
15	19th October	Isaiah 15		40	17th November	Isaiah 40		66	17th December	Isaiah 66					
16	20th October	Isaiah 16		41	18th November	Isaiah 41			18th December						
17	21st October	Isaiah 17		42	19th November	Isaiah 42									
18	22nd October	Isaiah 18			20th November										
	23rd October			43	21st November	Isaiah 43									
19	24th October	Isaiah 19		44	22nd November	Isaiah 44									
20	25th October	Isaiah 20		45	23rd November	Isaiah 45									
21	26th October	Isaiah 21		46	24th November	Isaiah 46									
22	27th October	Isaiah 22		47	25th November	Isaiah 47									
23	28th October	Isaiah 23		48	26th November	Isaiah 48									
24	29th October	Isaiah 24			27th November										
	30th October			49	28th November	Isaiah 49									
25	31st October	Isaiah 25		50	29th November	Isaiah 50									
				51	30th November	Isaiah 51									

**The Book of Isaiah
Readthrough - Oct. to Dec. 2022**

