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Letter from the Manse

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⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

⁸Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

⁹Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

¹⁰And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen. (1st Peter 5 NIVUK)

If any of you have ever owned, or been given a Gideon Bible, you may be familiar with the section called, "Where to find help in time of need". This section listed several scenarios (e.g. when feeling afraid, bereaved, ill or in pain, worried - those sort of things), followed by an offering of Bible verses which speak into said scenario. I received my Gideon New Testament and Psalms when in High School, in 2003 (which, as I write this, I realise was 20 years ago...!!) and I still make use of it today. If you ever see me with my little red New Testament (it was coloured red because it was made to be read), you will now know the story behind it.

It was a time when I was in need, and I consulted the "Where to find help..." section that I first came upon these verses in 1st Peter 5: specifically verses 6 and 7. In these 2 verses, Peter succinctly communicates our relationship with God, and His view of us: we are to be humble before the Lord, for He is much greater than we can comprehend; in turn, we can give over to Him our worries and concerns, because He cares for us far more deeply than we can understand.

This is followed by a warning to be careful how we go, for there are people and powers who would delight to see us fall from God. It is promised, however, that God will never let us go: truly we are His, called in Christ; because of that calling, we shall one day rise to new life, redeemed and restored, and far away from the suffering of this broken world.

These verses have been on my mind of late because of the word, "anxiety". I feel an awareness of an increasing level of anxiety in our world at the moment. The latest catalyst has been the conflict in Israel/Palestine, and the threat of increased violence in the Middle East. Previous issues which raised anxiety include things like the Ukraine/Russia conflict, and the ongoing existential threat of the Climate Crisis. And these are just the global issues; never mind the everyday worries like the cost of food or heating!

All in all, there are plenty of reasons for people to feel anxious in the present time.

It is my intention to reflect in more detail about how we can respond to this anxiety (both within ourselves, and in our world) on Remembrance Sunday - this theme seems to fit with the overall more reflective tone of that service of worship. I hope that reflection will be useful to us all.

For now, however, for those who are struggling with feeling anxious about the state of our world, I would do as the Gideon Bible did for me and point you to the above verses in 1st Peter 5 - bring your anxieties before God in prayer, knowing that He cares for You more than you could ever know, and that He has assured you of salvation from the brokenness of this world thanks to the perfect and complete work of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Stuart

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Guild Coffee Morning and Christmas Fayre

The annual Coffee Morning and Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday 18th November, 2023 in the Large Hall from 10am till 12noon. Tickets priced £3.00 can be obtained from Guild members or pay at the door. As usual there will be a variety of stalls from which to purchase some Christmas gifts, delicious coffee or tea and home baking. This is always a popular event, so come along - the company and chat is good!

Sheila Morrow

Thank You

The family and I would like to thank everyone in the congregation for the prayers, cards, flowers and messages of support following the death of my Mum, Bette Morton. Your love and kindness is much appreciated and has been a great source of comfort.

Pamela Shankland

Prayer Calendar - November 2023 - Poppy Scotland

This month, we are encouraged to pray for Poppy Scotland. With the Scottish Poppy Appeal in full swing ahead of this year's Remembrance events, this is a busy time for all involved with the charity. More information can be found on their website: <https://www.poppyscotland.org.uk>

Poppy Scotland:

We support those who have served in the Armed Forces, those still serving and their families. Support is available to people of all ages, whether difficulties have arisen during their time in the armed services or many years later.

Some of what we do:

- Help people find, keep and stay in their own home
- Offer a range of practical assistance and advice for dealing with mobility issues
- Give employment grants for training and work
- Work with partner agencies to source employment opportunities for those facing barriers
- Operate Welfare Centres in Kilmarnock and Inverness

The Guild in November

5th November - Quiz Night—On our own

13th November - Armchair exercises—Irene Hay

20th November - History of Langside—Ian Wallace

27th November - TBC

Sheila Morrow



Communion Service

We are fast approaching the month of December. The first Sunday of Advent falls this year on the first Sunday of December. To allow the celebration of Advent it has been decided by the Kirk Session that the Communion service will be brought forward. This will now take place on Sunday 26th November at 11am.

Thank you.

Graham (Session Clerk)

FILM NIGHTS

The Youth Team had our first of two film nights in the church on Saturday 28th October when we showed the film 'Matilda the Musical'. This went really well with around 40 people attending from the community.

Our next film night is on Saturday 18th November when we will be showing the film 'Onward'. The film starts at 6.30pm (doors open at 6.15pm) and there will be a small tuck shop available on the night. All welcome!

Lorraine Kennedy
Youth Team

Mount Florida Church Time Capsule

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the viewing of the time capsule on 8th October. That includes the folk who provided the great lunch for us. If anyone wants a copy of the Time Capsule video from 1995, it can be made available either as a file download or as a DVD. If you wish this then please speak to me on a Sunday or email to sessionclerk@clincarthill.org.uk.

The time capsule contents have been laid out on a table in the gallery of the sanctuary if anyone wants a closer look at it.

Graham Shankland