

THE INFORMER

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Letter from The Manse

¹³It is written: 'I believed; therefore I have spoken.' Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. ¹⁵All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

¹⁶Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

(2nd Corinthians 4 NIVUK)

Recently I have found myself reflecting on the times we focus on the wrong thing. I know it is too early to be talking about this, but it occurs to me this is often the cry of the Church during Advent – the world is focussing on the wrong things. Some things are not necessarily bad in and of themselves (e.g. time for family, goodwill to all people); some things we would say are definitely detrimental (e.g. rampant extravagance and overspending on material things). But the true “reason for the season” is Immanuel – God with us – Jesus.

Just as a dog is not just for Christmas, neither is Jesus. Yet, I wonder how often we who would so readily stand up in December and say, “the reason for this is Jesus” find ourselves distracted at other times. We focus on our wants and desires, following our own agendas, rather than doing the very thing we call for throughout Advent – to commit to following Jesus and His ways.

Paul gives us a clear reason why we should make Jesus our focus each and every day, in this extract from 2nd Corinthians. Thanks to the salvation Jesus has brought us (through His death and resurrection) we have an assurance that we have been redeemed, and will one day be “presented” to God. By using the word, “present”, Paul is drawing on the image of attendance at a party.

You can probably picture it from things you have read or seen: the person of honour making an entrance, their name being announced, as they are “presented” to the room; and especially to the host who welcomes them and shows them hospitality worthy of their station. So, it will be with us before God: thanks to Jesus, we will one day be presented before Him, the guest of honour in His presence, welcomed and beloved. This is a wonderful promise, worthy of our giving all our commitment to Christ in the present.

Yet, despite the call to “fix our eyes on what is unseen/eternal”; how often are our eyes drawn to that which is seen; that which is temporary; that which, in the grand scheme of things, is not of God, and therefore should not be the focus of our attention (even if in the moment it appears righteous and worthy of attention in our eyes)?

I am greatly encouraged by Paul talking about “the grace that is reaching more and more people”. This seems to reflect something we are seeing in our culture at this time: a miraculous moving of God’s Spirit, calling people back to Himself, in what is being termed the “Quiet Revival”. People are turning up at Churches, earnestly seeking that which culture and society have failed to provide.

Yet, God can only draw those seeking Jesus to Churches whose eyes are firmly fixed “on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith” (Hebrews 12:2 NIVUK); those whose eyes are fixed on what is unseen, that is eternal. In doing this, we orient our lives totally around Jesus: He becomes our focus, our priority, and the source from which we do all things.

In this, I discern a call and invitation from God: to fix our eyes firmly on Jesus, and have our entire lives (personally and congregationally) revolve around Him, His way, and His ministry in the world. In doing this, we may well see God using us as part of the work He is doing in the Quiet Revival.

With every blessing,
Stuart

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FINANCE REPORT

As we enter the last quarter of the year, we are relying on our legacy resources to cover our costs which is what was predicted at the start of the year.

We still have some significant costs to meet as there was general agreement at the Kirk Session to a request to replace the main sanctuary projector. We have all seen the quality of the main screen projection reduce over the last few years. The new projector costing nearly £9,000 will produce a clearer image and in addition to improving Sunday worship, will allow the Youth Team to resume family film nights.

Offerings & Donations Income				
Week		30-Sep-25	Income to Date	Full Year
Income Type			2025	2024
Offerings			37,438	50,769
Tax Recovered			-155	3,167
Open Collection			3,317	4,352
Donations (church organisations)			1,850	1,990
Hall Lets			26,245	32,901
Donations - weddings			40	0
Donations - funerals			285	1,121
Donations - baptisms			0	0
Investment Income			7,165	393
Other			503	828
Total Income			76,688	95,521



Expenditure				
Week		30-Sep-25	Spend to Date	Full Year
Expenditure Type			2025	2024
National Ministry & Mission			46,177	49,669
Local Staffing			15,295	7,895
Buildings			34,256	34,545
Other Local Costs			5,155	9,531
Total			100,883	101,640



As we approach the year end, I am organising next year's Weekly Freewill Offering envelopes. Whilst giving by standing order is the simplest method for administering Gift Aid returns, some of you prefer the WFO method and the envelopes will be sent out before the new year. If you do not receive them by then please let me know.

If you pay income tax and have not already completed a gift aid form, this allows us to claim an additional 25% of your offerings back from the HMRC, and I would encourage any taxpayer to complete the form which is available at the church.

I thank you for your continued support and any further donations are always welcome.

Mary MacCallum – Treasurer.



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The Guild Coffee Morning and Christmas Fair

Clincarthill Parish Church
1220 Cathcart Road G42 9EU
Scottish Registered Charity: SC 010138




Saturday 15th November
10am till 12noon
Entry: £3

Stalls include:
Home Baking
Soft Goods
Christmas Gifts
Books
Guide Dogs - Christmas Cards & Gifts



**Everyone is
welcome**



THE GUILD

Annual Coffee Morning and Christmas Fair

The Coffee morning and Christmas Fair will take place on Saturday, November 15, 2025 from 10am till 12mid. Cost is £3.00 and as usual there is plenty of chat, good coffee or tea and home baking. There will be stalls to encourage you to do some early Christmas shopping –

Gifts, Knitted goods, Jewellery and the Baking stall. Second hand books and jigsaws.

See you there!

The Guild in November

November 3: Royal Connections: Sheila Clark

November 10: Bingo Night: On Our Own

November 17: Toledo Cinema: Tom Marchant

November 24: Scottish Air Ambulance: Lorna Smith



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

We are planning our very first
'Breakfast with Santa' event
in the church on
Saturday 6th December
from 10am to 12 noon
and we are sooo excited!

Enjoy a breakfast roll, as well as lots of fun activities for the children (including storytelling with Mrs Claus) and, of course, who can forget a visit from our special guest too!

The cost of tickets are:

Child £10 (includes a small gift from Santa)
Adult £5
Family Ticket £25 (2 adults/2 children)

Tickets are limited, so to avoid disappointment please book your tickets now by emailing office@clincarhill.org.uk
We can't wait to see you!

Lorraine Kennedy
Youth Team



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BREAKFAST With Santa

BREAKFAST ROLL | FUN ACTIVITIES | STORYTELLING WITH MRS CLAU

SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER (10AM-12NOON)
CLINCARTHILL PARISH CHURCH

£10 PER CHILD £5 PER ADULT
Children will receive a small gift from Santa

Book your tickets now by emailing
office@clincarhill.org.uk



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A Prayer for November
by the Industrial Christian Fellowship



© Lord and Heavenly Father,
We commend to thy care the men and women of this
land who are
suffering distress and anxiety through lack of work.
Strengthen and support them, we beseech thee;
and so prosper the counsels of those who direct our
industries
that people may be set free from want and fear, to
work in peace and security for the relief of their
necessities and the well-being of the nation;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

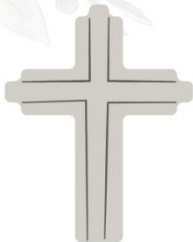


Amen

Do you need prayer?

Contact:

0141 632 4206



Scripture Boxes

A thank you to Janice and Isabel for our new scripture tree verses, boxes and booklets which are in the conservatory. The resources are free.

Please take whatever you need.



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From the Community

Dear Clincarthill congregation

I am writing to you on behalf of *Parents for Play at Linn Park*, a volunteer community group dedicated to raising support and funds to improve the very neglected play park at the Seil Drive entrance to Linn Park.

Our dream is to create an adventure play park inspired by the architectural heritage of Old Cathcart - a space that celebrates local history while offering inclusive, imaginative play for all children.

The project is crucial for local children. Despite Linn ward having the 4th highest population of children in all of Glasgow, and Linn Park being the second biggest park in Glasgow, there is not a single adequately maintained public play park within a 20-minute walk of Cathcart.

The project is not just important to children. Whilst the concept is first and foremost a children's play park, community and inter-generational participation is at the heart of our proposal. With play structures inspired by Cathcart Castle and Snuffmill Bridge, and the addition of story boards and local history murals, we think visitors of all ages will enjoy the sense of nostalgia; reconnecting them with heritage that may otherwise be lost.

<https://www.change.org/p/support-a-new-adventure-playpark-in-linn-park>

Best wishes

Eilidh Beveridge

The Glasgow Phoenix Choir
'Christmas with the Phoenix'
Guests:
Whitburn Band
(Scottish Brass Band Champions)
&
Glasgow CREATE
(Junior, Senior & Chamber Choirs)

Glasgow Royal Concert Hall
Friday 12 December @ 7:30pm
Tickets: £18 & £20 (+ booking fee)
Box Office: 0141 353 8000
or book online:

Glasgow Phoenix Choir: A Scottish Charity - SC002904

Each week the following
community groups meet in
the Church Halls:

Day	Time	Group
Sunday	Afternoon	Runway Theatre
Monday	Afternoon	Giggle and Grow
Monday	Evening	Brass Monkeys
Tuesday	Afternoon	Trefoil Guild (Monthly)
Tuesday	Evening	Mount Florida Community Council (Monthly)
Wednesday	Morning and Evening	Weight Watchers
Wednesday	Morning	Tappy Toes
Wednesday	Afternoon	NGA Dance Academy
Thursday	Afternoon	SCAP
Thursday	Evening	Runway Theatre
Friday	Morning	BookBug
Saturday	Morning	Tappy Toes
Saturday	Morning	Yoga

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