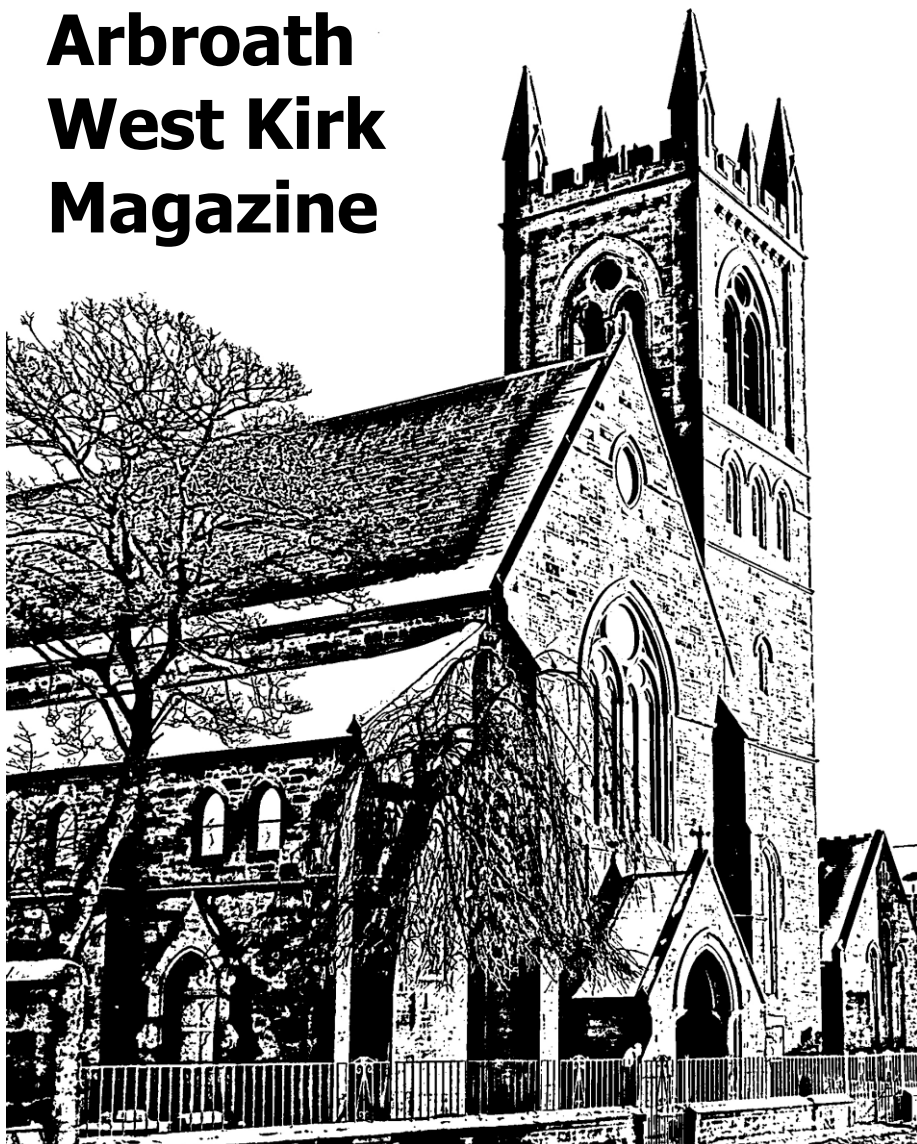


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## Chris's Chatter

This year the church calendar in May is what I would call an “in between” month. Following the wonder, astonishment and excitement that was the experience of Jesus’ followers on the first Easter Sunday, we now spend some time



reflecting on what it all means before we celebrate Jesus’ Ascension and the first Pentecost at the start of June. We see at first hand in their meetings with the Risen Christ, the doubts, anxieties and lack of understanding of the disciples and how human they were. Jesus doesn’t criticise them for this. He patiently leads them to a place where they begin to understand that like the Israelites who were led out of slavery on a physical road, they too are on a spiritual path and that though that life may not be easy – Jesus risen body reminds them of the scars of the crucifixion – one of the elements of the Christian life is to live with quiet hope in the midst of this.

May is traditionally the month in which Christian Aid week takes place. Their strapline or catchphrase this year is “United by Hope” and their work since 1945 has been to provide hope for the future by supplying the support needed whether that’s shelter, emergency aid, or resources to improve the livelihoods and life chances for communities around the world. This year the need is glaringly obvious as a result of conflicts current and past, but it does take place in a climate of rising costs in our own country and we will be grateful for any donations received.

Christian Aid has been serving communities around the world for a long time and this May, much closer to home, we are also going to be celebrating the service of our longstanding elders at the West Kirk. During the visit of the Moderator, Lord Wallace, on 15<sup>th</sup> May we will be recognising that service to our church family and local community over the last, in some cases, 50 years. It would be lovely to see you all there to celebrate with them.

As we look ahead into June the start of the month, the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee, also marks a lifetime of service and, as it coincides with Pentecost, we hope to have a weekend of celebrations.

There’s lots to look forward to in this “in between” time and I pray that in this Easter season as we watch and wait to see how the relaxing of most

restrictions and the rising cost of living will impact our lives; as we watch and wait to see how the continuing conflict abroad directly or indirectly affects not only our own lives but the lives of millions around the world, we will be able to live in the quiet hope of the Easter season and be renewed, refreshed and restored by the Holy Spirit.

May you know the joy and peace of the Risen Christ,  
Chris

## Visit of the Moderator

I'm sure that many of you will know that the Rt. Hon Lord Wallace (Jim Wallace) is the current Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. The 66-year-old life peer from Orkney is the second elder in modern times to take up the 12-month role. He is an elder and member of the choir of St Magnus Cathedral in Kirkwall.



During their year in office (pandemic regulations permitting), the Moderator visits four Church of Scotland Presbyteries; travels to partner churches overseas; represents the Church of Scotland on historic and national occasions; supports the work of Councils, Committees, congregations, and organisations; and meets with interfaith and ecumenical bodies.

This year his final visit is to us in the Presbytery of Angus. He will spend a day during the week in different parts of the area (Arbroath is scheduled for Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May) and we are extremely fortunate that he will be joining us at the West Kirk for worship on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 11am** when we hope that he will present long service certificates to some of our elders and chat to many of you afterwards over coffee.

**PLEASE PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY!**

## Quiet Space

It's now several months since we began opening the church on a Thursday afternoon to allow anyone who wished an opportunity to pause and reflect. In recent weeks there have been very few taking advantage of this time.

Before the Easter holidays, one of our local primary schools asked for a series of class visits to the West Kirk and the Kirk Session have agreed that from the end of April until the end of June the sanctuary will be available on a Thursday afternoon for the school's use. This means that the church building will still be open but for a different purpose.



You are warmly invited to our  
celebration of  
**Holy Communion on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May**  
**at 11am.**

We hope that many of the restrictions  
surrounding serving the bread and  
wine may have been adjusted  
by this time.

## Social & Fundraising Group

Here are a few dates of Social Events in the church in May.

6th May is the Buffet Supper night, the cost is £6 for a two course meal and one drink. We will have lots of food, with lots of choice, and it's usually a very pleasant evening...

In Harmony Choir have their Annual Concert on Friday 13 May at 7.30pm. Tickets from Choir Members or at the door

The Male Voice Choir have their Annual Concert on 20th May at 7.30pm. Tickets from Choir Members or at the door

Three very enjoyable evenings,

Joan Macgregor (875229)

Have a restful summer.

Leadership Team

*Buffet  
supper*

**FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup>**  
**MAY 2022**  
**@ 7PM**

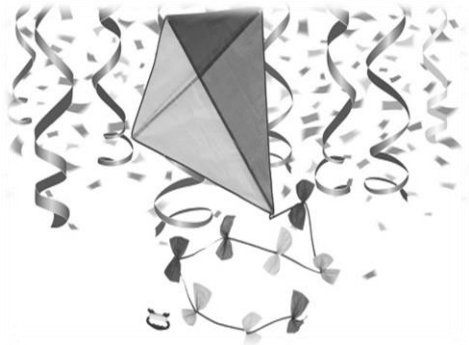
£6.00 per Person  
Tickets available now  
from J Macgregor

## June Celebration

The first weekend in June is going to be special this year. It's the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, it's Pentecost and there's an additional day holiday!

We are joining in the celebrations with a **Garden Party on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June from 2-4pm.**

We hope to be outside (weather permitting) with an afternoon tea, a prize for the best dressed hat, kite making and more. Please put the date in your diary. Tickets will be available from early May.



### In Harmony ANNUAL CONCERT

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2022  
7.30pm  
West Kirk, Arbroath**

**Musical Director – Vicki White  
Accompanist – Alison Hart**

**All tickets £8.00  
Includes refreshments at the interval**

## Guild

A reminder that we are now meeting for a cuppy and chat at 2pm on the last Monday of the month and look forward to seeing lots of you over the summer.

Also a reminder, and not just to Guild members, that our Strawberry Tea will be held on Saturday 25th June 10 until 12noon in the Large Hall. Tickets will be on sale after the service nearer the time.

## The Wednesday Club

The Club has got back to having more contact again, which is good for everyone. We are down a little in numbers and hope to build that up again. If you would like to join us we meet every Wednesday in the large hall 1.30-3.30pm. We play board games which creates great fun for all and having the occasional speaker brings some variety too. Refreshments served and a bit of company included. All Welcome.

Margaret Sim.

## DJ Club

On Easter Sunday we went for a picnic, rolled our eggs and played some games at Keptie Pond. We all had a lot of fun. All the children got an Easter present which included an oakwood cross keyring, two pencils, an Easter bookmark and a notepad.

We are now planning our summer trip.

Leza Gibson.

## Youth Club

We've decided to continue with Thursday night Youth Club until the end of May. It runs from 6-7.30pm on a Thursday evening for anyone in school years P3-P7. The cost is 50p per week with a little extra for tuck and we use both halls and the lounge for crafts, board games and activities like badminton or table tennis

and sports – football, hockey, dodge ball etc.

We've been delighted with the numbers of children and young people who've come along and the leaders are doing a great job. Please pray that this will continue.



## Jesus Ascension

**Real  
Life!**

Fill in the missing words. Copy the letters from the cloud shapes into the clouds at the side to find something that is still true! (References are in Luke and tin Acts!)

\_\_\_\_\_ appeared to the disciples. (Luke 24:36)

He \_\_\_\_\_ fish with them. (Luke 24:42-43)

They thought He was a \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 24:37)

He helped His disciples \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Luke 24:45)

He \_\_\_\_\_ the disciples His hands and His feet. (Luke 24:40)

Jesus said His \_\_\_\_\_ were witnesses of what had happened. (Luke 24:48)

He said He would send what the Father had p\_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 24:49)

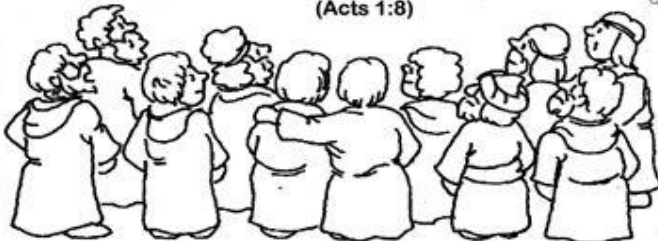
The disciples had to wait in \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Acts 1:4)

Jesus promised to send the \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 1:8)

Jesus said they would be His w\_\_\_\_\_.  
(Acts 1:8)

Jesus went back to \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 1:11)

The Holy Spirit would give the disciples \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Acts 1:8)



## Easter Review

For the first time since 2019 it was possible to really celebrate our Risen Lord together! Here are some photos to remind you of what was shared....

**Easter Code** – Before Easter it was a privilege to share the story of Christ's death and resurrection with children from both Muirfield and Timmergreens Primary School. This was only possible with the hard work of Carla (youth worker at St Andrew's) and our team of volunteers.



### Journey to the Cross –

the West Kirk was open every day in Holy Week for anyone to come in for quiet reflection, helped by different stations and



activities that followed Jesus' path to the cross.



Maundy Thursday and Good Friday were special days when we were able to share Holy Communion and a



**Walk of Witness** together with friends from churches across the town. The **Coffee Stop Good Friday reflection** included some of the Children's responses from the Easter Code.





On **Easter Sunday**, the early morning service, egg rolling and breakfast were followed by a celebration together where the choir treated us to a beautiful anthem. The church garden was adorned for Holy Week with a cross of palm crosses and after easter with one of daffodils and an empty tomb.



**THANK YOU to everyone who made  
all this possible!**

## *Remembering those we have loved...*

This month, following the joy of being able to celebrate Easter together, the regular inclusion of names in this section of the magazine reminds us that there are friends and families who may find it difficult to see the pleasure in this season. Each month we include everyone who's a part of the West Kirk family that we know about. Please get in touch if there are others we have unknowingly missed.

Two beautiful prayers this month from the same author. One is for those known to us who are grieving and one is for us all.

God of our longing,  
hear our prayers  
protect our dreams,  
and listen to our silent hopes.

Deal gently with our pain,  
speak to our sadness,  
and remove the barriers  
that imprison our spirit.

Shed your light  
where shadows are cast,  
that we may feel your warmth  
and know your presence. Amen.

Compassionate God,  
as your outstretched hands held a crucified world,  
so let our hands convey the touch of love.  
As you embraced our vulnerability  
so cradle our hopes and fears.

Reach out to our frailty,  
release our pain and in your tenderness,  
bring health to our brokenness  
that, in our weakness, we may find strength  
and, in our poverty, the unfurled riches of your resurrection. Amen.

(Annabel Shilson-Thomas/CAFOD)



## **Scottish Country Dancing Club**

We had our Annual General Meeting on the 6th April and Isobel McKay was elected as President. The Club has now finished for the summer and we start up, again on the 14th September, all being well. Despite all the COVID in town our numbers were very good, so keep the date in your diary when we hope to see a few new faces when we start up again.

Rena McLeish.

## **Stewardship**

An advance notice reminding you all that September is our Stewardship month and we will be holding Gift Day during that month. Envelopes will go out with the September magazine and the date for the Coffee Morning will be included.

We look forward to your support as always.

Stewardship team.



## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 15 – 21 MAY 2002

We at West Kirk rose to the challenge last year in our fundraising for Christian Aid. We thought it would be good to give people the opportunity to donate again this year. To enable you to do this we are enclosing a 'Delivery Only Envelope' with this month's magazine.

Our priority would be for the envelopes to be returned to the church during Christian Aid Week at Sunday morning worship. Alternatively, delivered back to us via the letterbox which is situated on the door of the "small" hall. If you are unable to do this, then any time during the month of May would be great.

We are also hoping that some of you who like to walk will take part in this year's challenge. This involves taking 300,000 sponsored steps throughout the month of May. The steps challenge clocks in at just under 10,000 steps a day. You can do the challenge alone or with a team, supporting each other to reach your goal. Whether you decide to walk, run, jump, or skip is completely up to you. Step by step we can change lives and turn hunger into hope.

If you would like to donate to either of the above, you can use the envelope included with your magazine or you can donate online using the 'JustGiving' page link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/Christine-Hay2>

If you would like more information on this challenge, whether that's to take part or to offer support, then please get in touch with myself or Chris.

We are delighted too that Chris and Mike have been selected to take part in **The Great North Run** in September running for Christian Aid. Chris will keep us updated over the next months on their training progress.

Thank you all for your continuing support for Christian Aid.

I would like to share with you an extract from the CA website.

‘For the first time in a generation, global hunger and poverty are rising. Covid-19, conflict and the climate crisis are pushing vulnerable communities into a struggle for survival.’

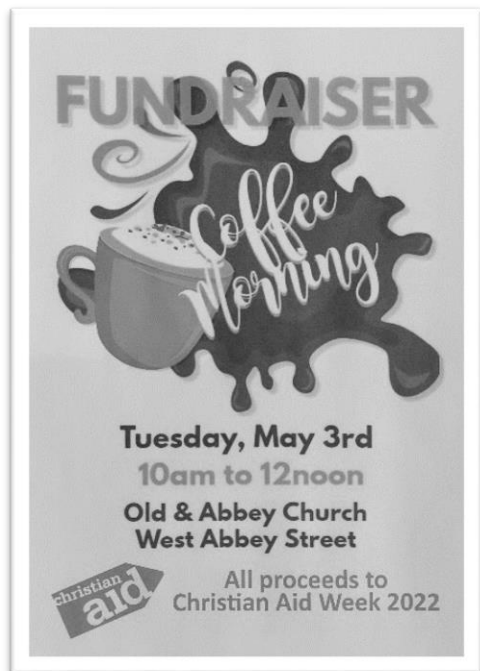
In Zimbabwe, the climate crisis is causing aching hunger for families. And 7,000 miles away, the war in Ukraine will drive up food prices in Zimbabwe and around the globe. Without the fertilizer and food – like wheat and cooking oil – that Ukraine and Russia produce, vulnerable families will be pushed even deeper into hunger.

**But hope does not disappoint. Hope lives in you.**

Your gifts this Christian Aid Week can help turn hunger into hope.

With every gift, every action, every prayer, we celebrate and share hope with our sisters and brothers facing crises around the world, from Ukraine to Zimbabwe.”

**Janice Tracey**  
Christian Aid Coordinator  
Tel: 875808



<b>CHURCH CALENDAR – MAY</b> <b>Refreshments after service on 29th</b>	
<b>Sundays</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>/29<sup>th</sup></b> <b>15<sup>th</sup> Visit of the Moderator</b> <b>22<sup>nd</sup> Christian Aid Sunday</b> <b>29<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion</b> <b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	11am Sunday Service  Masonic Remembrance Service at 2pm
<b>1<sup>st</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>/29<sup>th</sup></b>	DJ Club runs during service
<b>Mondays</b>	
<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	2pm Guild cuppy
<b>2<sup>nd</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30pm Male Voice Choir
<b>2<sup>nd</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup></b>	7.30 pm Friends Choir
<b>Tuesdays</b>	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> &amp; 31<sup>st</sup></b> <b>10<sup>th</sup> &amp; 24<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30pm In Harmony Choir 7pm Knit & Knatter
<b>Wednesdays</b>	
<b>4<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am Toddlers
<b>4<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup></b>	1.30pm Wednesday Club
<b>4<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30pm Bible study by Zoom
<b>Thursdays</b>	
<b>5<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup></b>	6pm Youth Club
<b>Fridays</b>	
<b>6<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup></b> <b>6<sup>th</sup></b> <b>13<sup>th</sup></b> <b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	10am Coffee Stop <b>Buffet Supper</b> <b><i>In Harmony Annual Concert</i></b> <b><i>Male Voice Choir Concert</i></b>

## *Duty Rota*

## *Flower Rota*

May 2022	May 2022
1 <sup>st</sup> : Team 10 : A Shepherd	1 <sup>st</sup> : Jean Cruickshank
8 <sup>th</sup> Team 01 : M McIntosh	8 <sup>th</sup> : Margaret Anderson
15 <sup>th</sup> Team 02 : B Cargill	15 <sup>th</sup> : Maureen Fairbairn
22 <sup>nd</sup> Team 03 : D Spink	22 <sup>nd</sup> : Barbara Cargill
29 <sup>th</sup> Team 04 : B Cruickshank	29 <sup>th</sup> : Bill Clark
June 2022	June 2022
5 <sup>th</sup> Team 05 : B McDonald	5 <sup>th</sup> : Diane & Justine McGill
12 <sup>th</sup> Team 06 : S Nelson	12 <sup>th</sup> : Edith Cargill

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Thank you

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