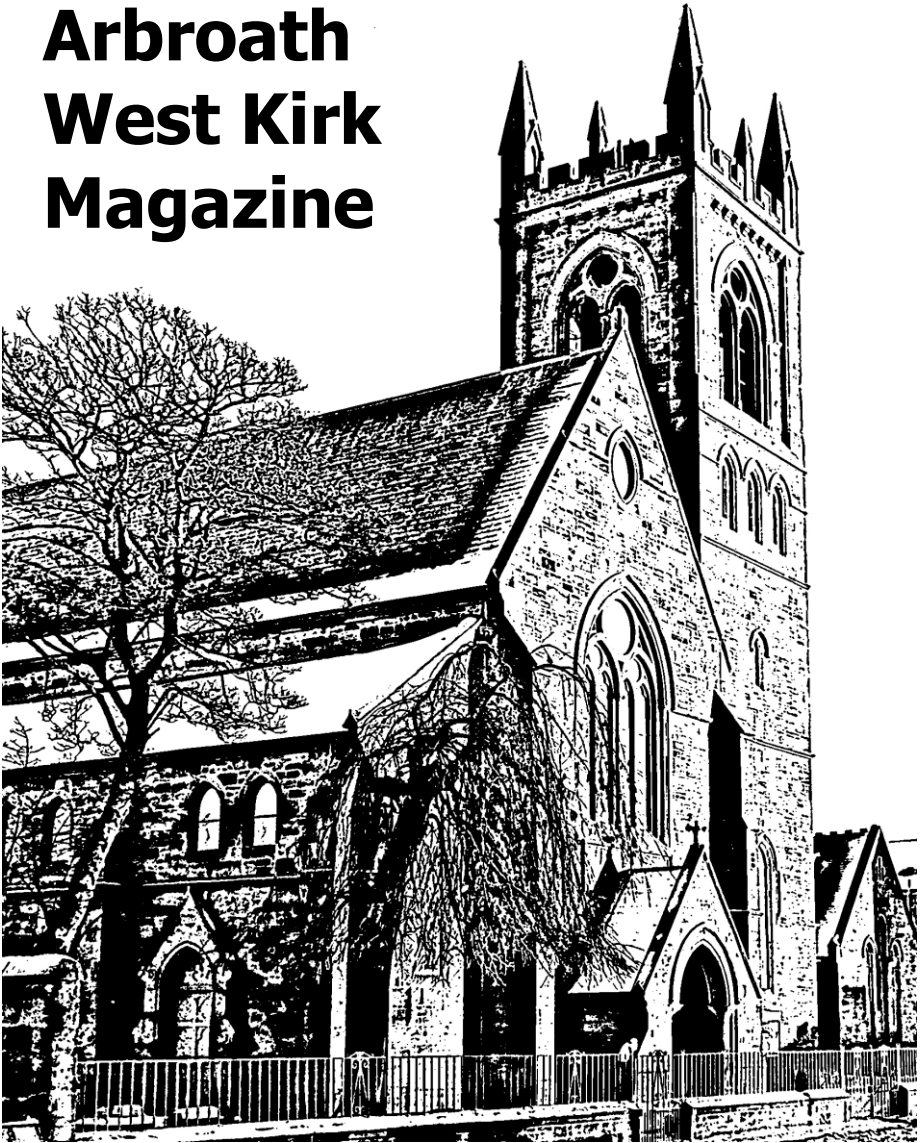

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Chris's Chatter



Well, here we are! Easter is over (and there's a review of many of the things that we got up to in this edition of the magazine) and we are now in what I think of as that "in-between" time. The number of days and weeks between the

Christian festivals of Easter and Pentecost – the period when the disciples originally saw and talked with the Risen Jesus on several occasions before witnessing his ascension to heaven and then waiting, waiting often together in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit to fill them with the words, the vision and the strength to begin to share their own faith and, as catalysts, to instigate the beginnings of the Church.

For the manse family the last few weeks have also been a kind of "in-between" time, a time of increasingly busy preparations as our middle daughter, Becca, gets married the weekend this magazine is published. Though she and her fiancé, Fergus, have done the bulk of the organisations we've all had to make preparations, pick up things, complete the things on our "to do" lists in order that the day will run smoothly. We've had to spend a lot of time talking together about how we can make the day as enjoyable as possible for as many people as possible. As Mike has a speech to write and I have a ceremony to prepare, we've also had to spend some time on our own in reflection – and then no doubt we'll have to collaborate so there's no repetition!!

Our preparations have made me wonder this year what the disciples did in this intervening time? How did they fill their days? Presumably they spent some of it together and some of it apart. I like to think it was a time to talk things through together, to help one another by listening to the different ways that they had each understood Jesus' words and actions and then, in periods of quiet, to come to their own understandings. Perhaps it was also a time of preparation – getting things ready for their new roles – seeing family and friends, selling fishing boats etc. In 1 Peter 3:15 the disciple, now an apostle writes "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have" and perhaps that's a good way of summing up what they were doing.

As Jesus' followers, like the disciples, we are called to be equally ready and that comes more naturally to some of us than others. Perhaps one of the ways to start is to take up the "Thy Kingdom Come" initiative in this in-

between season (see later advert). This is a worldwide initiative supported by all churches which asks that for the 11 days between Ascension and Pentecost we each pray, in our own way, for 5 family or friends that they might come to have a faith in Christ.

As the days lengthen and hopefully get warmer, I hope that you will be able to use this season to prepare – perhaps by planning practical things like breaks away, perhaps by planting this year's flowers and veg in the gardens but also preparing spiritually to welcome afresh the presence of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost – God with each of us day by day – a real cause for celebration!



Pentecost – Did you know?

Pentecost is perhaps an “under celebrated” festival in the Christian year. Pentecost is the annual Christian festival commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus after his ascension from earth to heaven on Ascension Day. It always falls on the seventh Sunday after Easter. Pentecost means "fiftieth day", as it is celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, the 50th day of the Easter season (including Easter Sunday, the first day, in the counting). Some Christian denominations consider it to be the birthday of the Christian church and celebrate it as such. It can fall as early as May 10 and as late as June 13.

Especially in the United Kingdom, Pentecost is also known as Whit Sunday, Whitsun, or Whit, meaning "White Sunday", a name derived from the white garments that were worn by those newly baptized on this day. Pentecost is followed by Pentecost Monday (also known as Whit Monday), a public holiday in many countries with Christian traditions.

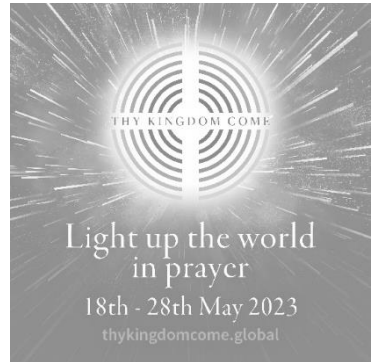
Last month our Easter activity sheets had a lot of colouring in them. This month there's much more brain teasing with the wordsearch and the anagrams.

Thy Kingdom Come

Since it began in May 2016, TKC has grown into a movement which unites more than a million Christians in prayer, in nearly 90% of countries worldwide, across 85 different denominations and traditions- so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ.

Specifically, each and every Christian across the globe is invited to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 people known to them. "In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities." Archbishop Justin Welby.

Copies of Ways to Pray Daily, Prayer Journals and the "Cheeky Pandas" for young people and families will be available from church or you can find out more here <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/> and on social media.



Session News: At our recent Kirk Session meeting it was reported that the membership as at 31st December 2022 stood at 705. During the year 33 had been removed by death and 2 by certificate. There had been 3 admissions by certificate, 1 baptism, 0 weddings and 33 funerals.



AGM

It's that time of year again when we reflect on the year past and look forward and is an important and valuable opportunity for all members to hear from office bearers. This year's AGM will take place, after worship, on Sunday 21st May.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 14 – 20 MAY 2023

We at the West Kirk rose to the challenge last year in our fundraising for Christian Aid. Thank you very much for giving so generously. We would like to give people the opportunity to donate again this year. To this end we are enclosing a 'Delivery Only Envelope' with this month's magazine.

It would be helpful if envelopes could 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 (which is on the right-hand side of the building looking from the street) anytime during the month of May. Part of the envelope includes an opportunity to

Gift Aid your donation (if you are a taxpayer) so please complete this if you are happy to do so. It will make a difference.

The Social Committee are organising a celebration Coronation Lunch after the morning service on Sunday 7 May and the proceeds will very kindly be donated to Christian Aid. Details of the lunch are included in the Social Committee article in this magazine.

The Kiltwalk is back for 2023. In previous years, Kiltwalk retained Gift Aid to help pay for these events. Now, instead of a top-up, The Hunter Foundation will underwrite Kiltwalk's costs, allowing Gift Aid to come directly to Christian Aid as well as reducing participation fees. This year sees the four events return:

Glasgow – 30 April
Aberdeen – 4 June
Dundee – 20 August
Edinburgh – 17 September



If you are interested in taking part, please speak to myself or Chris. You can also find out more information about this event at www.christianaid.org.uk/events/kiltwalk-2023.

Christian Aid aims to provide humanitarian relief and long-term development support for poor communities worldwide, while highlighting suffering, tackling injustice and championing people's rights.

On Sunday 16 April we were delighted to welcome to the West Kirk Calum Martin, an Engagement Support Officer with Christian Aid who is based in Edinburgh. Calum shared with us some of the great work and many projects that Christian Aid are involved with, in particular the work they are doing in Malawi.



Thank you all again for your support.

Janice Tracey, Christian Aid Co-ordinator. (Phone 875808)

Social

To celebrate the Coronation of King Charles we are having a special lunch after the Church Service on Sunday 7th May in the hall. There will be various sandwiches, sausage rolls and of course some nice cakes with tea and coffee. The cost is £6 per person, and there are tickets on sale from Joan Macgregor, we hope you will come and join us. All the money raised will be donated to Christian Aid.

WE are intending to have a Barbecue, but we haven't decided on a date for that, but we will definitely have a date soon.

Joan Macgregor

Guild

We will meet over the Summer on the last Monday of each month for a Cuppie and Chat at 2pm in the large hall. Our first meeting will be on May 29th.

The Guild are holding a Strawberry Tea on Saturday 24th June 10-12 Noon. Tickets priced £4 will be on sale shortly.

DJ Club/Faithfinders

We completed our sponsored walk on 16 April. We walked from the Church to St Vigeans church, had lunch and walked right along the St Vigeans Nature Trail and back. In total we completed 9.63km.

After the summer holidays our Faithfinders group will be starting again. This is a group for young people in S1 +. If anyone would like more information, feel free to come through to the large hall on a Sunday before or after the service. I can also be contacted on 87246.

Leza Gibson

Scottish Country Dancing

We had an AGM on the 5th of April, and it was decided that the office bearers remain the same i.e., President, Isobel McKay; Treasurer, Alison Bruce, and Kathleen Bruce, Helen Parcell, Winnie McPherson with the addition of Joyce Catheral being committee members. Letty Watt is to be our secretary as I have given this up.

Our last evening of the session was on Wednesday 12th April and a most enjoyable evening was had. We had a lovely light supper which was supplied by Isobel and the committee. We restart on the 13th of September as usual in the small hall at 7.30pm, so make a note of this in your diary and come along. Rena McLeish

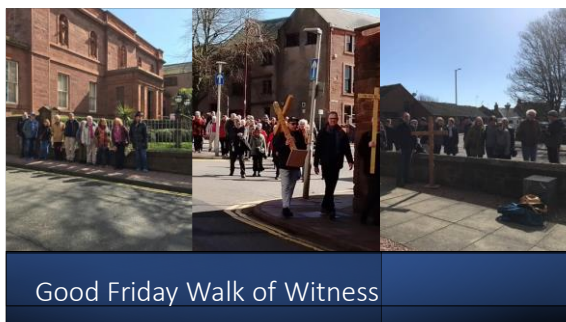


Easter Review

Lent and Easter are a busy few weeks in our annual calendar – and they should be! If we aren't busy preparing for and proclaiming Jesus as our Risen Lord, then there's something wrong! From Lent trees following our daily calendar, to Lenten bible studies held across the cluster

churches, to our Lenten prayer journey based on the "I am" sayings of Jesus, to telling the Easter Code to P6 pupils from nearly all our primary schools, to Easter Assemblies, egg rolling and easter egg hunts, and supporting the Restoration Station holiday club at St Andrew's, it's all been happening.

The weather was glorious for our Good Friday Walk of Witness gathering at St Andrew's for worship with folks from many of the town's churches. It was also a remarkable sunrise just before 6.30am on Easter morning and we enjoyed a calm Easter sunrise service at the beach before egg rolling at the High Common and bacon rolls back at the West Kirk. Our celebrations continued at 11am and for some, again at 7.30pm at St Andrew's Praise Service.



Thank you to everyone who contributed in worship, decorating our beautiful cross and font with flowers and palms, who made rolls, boiled eggs and gave of their time in all sorts of different ways to make all this possible. Roll on Pentecost!

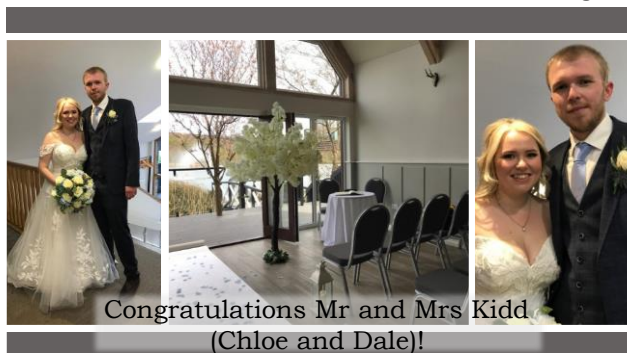
Thank you to everyone who completed Easter cards and donated £2 and to Alistair Ferguson who volunteered as a group leader for the Restoration Station.



A great week of fun, games and bible stories was shared learning about the transformational power of Jesus.

Wedding

Congratulations to Chloe and Dale who Chris married at Forbes of Kingennie on Friday 14th April. Though there was a cool wind, the weather stayed dry for the photos.



Holiday Club

After the success of TeamBuilders last year, Holiday Club will return again this year – week beginning 7th August in the West Kirk for all Primary School children.

If you'd like to be a part of this year's team, please speak to Chris or Myra.



A poster for a Coronation Lunch event. The top border features a row of Union Jack bunting. The main text is centered and reads: "JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE KING'S CORONATION" in a blue, arched font. Below this is a detailed illustration of a red velvet crown with gold bands and jewels. Under the crown, the text "CORONATION LUNCH" is written in a large, blue, serif font. Below that, "SUNDAY 7TH MAY" is written in a red, serif font. To the left, the word "FOOD" is written in a large, blue, serif font, with a small illustration of a slice of cake on a red plate below it. To the right, "TICKETS £6" is written in a blue, serif font. Below the ticket price, "PROCEEDS TO CHRISTIAN AID" is written in a blue, serif font. At the bottom left, "STARTS AFTER WORSHIP - APPROX 12 NOON" is written in a blue, serif font. At the bottom right, the Christian Aid logo is displayed, featuring the word "christian" in white on a red background and "aid" in white on a red background, with a red arrow pointing right.

Pentecost Word Search

R E W O P C S M P M T F E S S
 B V S E L P I C S I D I C E Y
 T O N G U E S I G N S F N G M
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church
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 fire
 firstfruits
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 languages



offering
 Pentecost
 power
 presence
 signs
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 Spirit
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 tongues
 wind

CHURCH CALENDAR	May 2023
Sunday	
7 th /14 th /21 st /28 th 7 th /14 th /21 st /28 th 7 th 28 th	11am Sunday worship 11am DJ Club Coronation Lunch after service Tea & coffee after service
14 th	Male Voice Choir Spring Concert 7pm
7 th & 21 st	2-3pm Making Music
Mondays	
29 th	2-4pm Guild
1 st & 8 th	7.30-9.30pm Male Voice Choir
1 st /8 th /15 th /22 nd /29 th	7.30-9.30pm Friends Choir
Tuesdays	
9 th & 23 rd	7-8.30pm Knit & Knatter
2 nd & 9 th	7.30-9.30pm In Harmony Choir
Wednesdays	
3 rd /10 th /17 th /24 th /31 st	9.15am Toddlers@Westkirk
3 rd /10 th /17 th /24 th /31 st	1.30pm Wednesday Club
3 rd /10 th /17 th /24 th /31 st	7.30pm Bible study by Zoom
10 th	Timmers Community Cafe
Thursdays	
4 th /11 th /18 th /25 th	5-6 pm Quiet Space in Church
4 th /11 th /18 th /25 th	6-8.30pm Youth Club (P3-5 6-7pm & P6-S1 7.15-8.30pm)
25 th	7.30pm Prayer Group by Zoom
Fridays	
5 th /12 th /19 th /26 th	10am – 12 noon Coffee Stop
12 th	In Harmony Annual Concert 7.30pm

Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

Pentecost Anagram



aeehnv _____

eoprw _____

ceeenprs _____

effhiitt _____

dnossu _____

aaegglnsu _____

effginor _____

beilmosyz _____

cdeiilpss _____

iiprst _____

Those we have lost and loved.....



Mr James Rennie, 3 Bellevue Place, Arbroath,
DD11 5EA,

Mr William Braid, 18 Cairnie Road, Arbroath,
DD11 3DY,

Mrs Marie Welsh, 22 Lochlands Street, Arbroath, DD11 3AB.

We give thanks for our loved ones whom we remember. For all the ways in which their lives touched ours, for the difficult as well as the good times, for the ways in which their lives and their love continue to be with us. Give hope to those who are sad, console those who still miss someone special, grant peace to those who are angry. Help us to cast every care onto you, and guide us gently by your Holy Spirit through the challenges and opportunities of tomorrow. In thankfulness for the past, help us to live our lives to the full in love and joy and peace. Lord, in your love, hear our prayer.

We do our best to keep our records as up to date as possible but, inevitably, there are occasions when we aren't informed of someone's loss. Finding out more than once is better than not finding out at all, so if you know of anyone who, sadly, we should be including in this category, please let us know.

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If you would like to submit a magazine article for the summer edition, you can email : westkirkmag@gmail.com or put it in the box in the vestibule area or post it through the letterbox. Deadline for the next issue is end of day, Monday 15th May. All articles are subject to copyright, data protection and editorial discretion, thank you.

<i>Duty Rota</i>	
May	
7 th Team 03	David Spink
14 th Team 04:	Janice Tracey
21 st Team 05:	Linda Bird
28 th Team 06:	Sonia Nelson
June	
4 th Team 07:	Lavinia Gibson
11 th Team 08:	Alistair Ferguson
<i>Flower Rota</i>	
May	
7 th	Margaret Anderson
14 th	Maureen Fairbairn
21 st	Barbara Cargill
28 th	Bill Clark
June	
4 th	Diane & Justine McGill
11 th	Edith Cargill

Change of Address

If you have moved house recently, or are about to move, either within or out-with the town, please fill in the address slip below and return to the Roll keeper, Mr D Atkinson, 3 Seaton Place, DD11 5DS. Thank you.

Name _____

Former Address _____

New Address _____



In Harmony ANNUAL CONCERT

**Friday 12th May, 2023
7.30pm**

West Kirk, Arbroath

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

All tickets £10.00
Includes refreshments at the interval



ARBROATH MALE VOICE CHOIR *Spring Concert*

WITH CALLUM CHRISTIE (GUITARIST)

Sunday 14 May 2023 – 7pm
Arbroath West Kirk
Tickets £10
Available from members and on the door

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