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# WHO'S WHO

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## SERVICES SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2017

Date	Lasswade & Rosewell at 10.00 am	Cockpen & Carrington at 11.30 am
3 Sept	Minister – Rosewell <b>Communion Service</b>	Minister
10 Sept	Minister – Lasswade	Minister
17 Sept	Minister – Rosewell	Minister
24 Sept <b>Harvest</b>	Minister – Lasswade	Minister – All Age
1 Oct	Minister – Rosewell	Minister and The Guild
8 Oct	Minister – Lasswade	Minister
15 Oct	Minister – Rosewell	Minister
22 Oct	Minister – Lasswade <b>Gift Day</b>	Minister
29 Oct	<b>Joint All-Age Service Lasswade Church – 10.00 am</b>	
5 Nov	Minister – Rosewell	Minister <b>Communion Service</b>
12 Nov <b>Remembrance Sunday</b>	Minister – Lasswade* Eddie Yeoman – Rosewell, 10.50 am <sup>+</sup>	Minister
19 Nov	Minister – Rosewell	Minister
26 Nov <b>1st Advent</b>	Minister – Lasswade	Minister
3 Dec <b>2nd Advent</b>	Minister – Rosewell	Minister
10 Dec <b>3rd Advent</b>	Minister – Lasswade – <b>Nativity</b>	Minister
17 Dec <b>4th Advent</b>	Minister – Rosewell	Minister – Nativity <b>Nine Lessons and Carols 7.00 pm</b>

\* Lasswade War Memorial at 9.30 am;

+ Rosewell War Memorial at 12.00 pm

### Additional Christmas services:

Date	Lasswade & Rosewell at 10.00 am	Cockpen & Carrington at 11.30 am
23 December	Christingle Service: Lasswade – 6.00 pm	
24 Dec <b>Christmas Eve</b>	Minister – Lasswade  Christingle Service: Rosewell – 6.00 pm	Minister  Watchnight Service: Cockpen – 11.20 pm
31 Dec	<b>Joint Service Cockpen &amp; Carrington Church - 11.30 am</b>	

## From the Minister

As we hurtle towards autumn once more, I've looked back on the year so far and realised it has been a rather challenging one in different ways.

There have been a few from each of our church families who have experienced a very sad and traumatic time this year with the sudden and unexpected loss of those very dear to them. At such times, there can be a feeling of just wanting to batten down the hatches and give up on the life we knew.

As a Church, too, we may feel in the midst of uncertain times. The days of people thronging to church at the heart of a community are no longer with us. There is a need to re-think ways of being and doing church today that means not simply meeting on a Sunday morning for a worship service, but instead creating opportunities through the week to build relationships, to gather and belong, to meet needs and share faith together. This can happen in many different ways, but finding out what that looks like and what works can seem like travelling into new territory without a map. It can all seem rather daunting and we might prefer to hold back with styles of being church that are familiar.

Recently I was reading about Mother Teresa and how she had this hand-written note on her bedroom wall:

*If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; be kind anyway.  
If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; be honest and frank anyway.  
What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; build anyway.  
The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; do good anyway.  
Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; give the world the best you've got anyway. ...*

(Simon Guillebaud, *Choose Life*, 31 July.)



In the storms and uncertainties of our own personal lives and our life and outreach as a church family, there are times when we need to say we will keep going anyway. In that path, renewed strength and purpose and hope can be found.

It was in the end that path that Jesus pursued for us. Amidst the rejection of the crowd and the confusion of his disciples, he had no certainty that anyone would hold to faith and trust in him and continue to share the gospel far and wide. And yet Jesus pressed on to the cross anyway, and gave his life so that we might each have the opportunity to receive forgiveness and a new beginning in life through him.

We give grateful thanks for Jesus's example and perseverance, and for his endless love we can know and share, and that can still fill and transform lives.

Your minister,  
*Lorna Souter*

## FROM THE COCKPEN AND CARRINGTON CLERK

As we near the end of Summer and fast approach Autumn we look forward to getting together again after everyone's holidays, through the various organisations within the church. We have a very active Guild which supports our church extremely well and the members are always willing to help out when they are needed and we thank them for this. They will resume back for their 2017/18 programme commencing with a dedication service in church on the 1st October and their first meeting the following evening.

Our Knit and Natter has been up and running for a year now and is proving to be a very popular group. It is held every Thursday in Cockpen Hall from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. It is open to everyone.

The sadness for any Church is the passing of friends and over the last few months we have lost a number of our congregation who were extremely active within the Church. Jean Sharpe, John Anderson and Susan McKechnie had all been in poor health but we were not prepared for their passing so suddenly. We continue to remember their respective families and the families of all within the Church who have suffered bereavement. We also remember many within the congregation who are experiencing ill health and as I have said previously, I don't want to mention people individually by name for fear of omitting someone and causing offence. However, we wish all concerned a speedy recovery, and as a church, we are here for everyone.

Once again, I would like to thank our editorial team and all who contribute to the magazine. We are extremely fortunate to have such talented and dedicated people to produce such wonderful reading. Well done John and Willie.

*Liz Mills*

Session Clerk, Cockpen and Carrington Church

## GUILD REPORT

The Guild ended as in past years with a very enjoyable social with wonderful entertainment by Ian McPhail and the usual host of tasty food. Over the summer break we held an extremely successful Afternoon Tea which raised the sum of £600 for charity. We are very lucky to have such a vibrant Guild and we are always happy to welcome new members. Our meetings provide a huge range of speakers on extremely varying subjects and topics; all enjoyed over a cup of tea. The committee have put together the programme for 2017/18 which starts with the dedication of the Guild on Sunday 1st October in the Church, and our first meeting in the Church Hall on Monday 2nd October at the usual time of 7.30pm when the speaker will be the Minister.

We look forward to catching up with everyone then.

*Helen and Liz.*

## HALL CONVENOR

Over the last 14 years Jim Scott has been our Hall Convenor, and in that time ensured that all things regarding the hall have been seen to in a very organised fashion. Jim informed Lorna last year that he wished to step down from this position, but would stay on until such time as someone was found to fill the post. I am happy to say that Bill MacDonald has agreed to take over this position from Jim and we wish him well.

Thanks to Jim for many loyal years given to the job and to Bill, we thank you for taking over and wish you well in your new venture.

## Church Community Questionnaire

May I draw your attention to the Church Community Questionnaire included with this copy of our magazine.

As one of the items that came out of our Future Focus sessions at both churches, a short questionnaire has been created to help us discover what people think about church and what new things we might introduce to make coming to church more enjoyable and meaningful for today.

You can fill in a hard copy of the questionnaire and return it to one of the collection boxes mentioned on the form or, if you would prefer, you can complete an on-line version of the questionnaire by following this link: <http://www.lasswadechurch.co.uk/questionnaire.html>.

We will be very grateful for as many completed questionnaires as possible, so whether you are a regular church attender, or only come to church occasionally or never, please do fill in the form and let us know your response. Why not encourage friends and family to do the same! Thank you!

*Lorna Souter, Minister*

# COCKPEN & CARRINGTON PARISH CHURCH

## BAPTISMS

We were delighted to welcome the following babies who, along with their parents, families and supporters joined us at recent Baptismal Services. We hope that all felt happy to be amongst us at such a special time.

3 April

*Billy Ian **Gracie**,*  
Infant son of William and Hayley

21 May

*Zack Alan **Elliot**,*  
Infant son of Alexander and Louise

9 July

*Scarlett Esther **Moore**,*  
Infant daughter of Colin and Selina

***All Baptised by The Minister***

20 August

*Sara Ann **Buchanan***

and

20 August

*Georgia Pearl-Ann **Buchanan***  
Infant daughter of Raymond and Sara Ann

***Baptised by the Rev Elisabeth G B Spence***

## BLESSINGS

28 May

*Cameron **Thomson***  
Infant son of Stewart and Katie

*Blessing by The Minister*

***'May the Lord Bless Thee and Keep Thee'***

## WEDDINGS

(See Church website at [www.church.cockpen.co.uk](http://www.church.cockpen.co.uk)) for information and advice on weddings for all three of the churches.



## BEREAVEMENTS

16 March	James <b>Laidlaw</b>
30 March	Isabel <b>Shaw</b>
5 April	Isabella (Isabel) <b>Dyer</b>
17 April	Dorothy (Dot) <b>McArthur</b>
22 April	Jean <b>Sharpe</b> (née Sinclair)
28 April	Thomas (Tam) <b>McNulty</b>
15 June	John <b>Anderson</b>
22 June	Catherine <b>Gullan</b> (née Illand)
11 July	Susan <b>McKechnie</b> (née Totten)
15 July	Euphemia (Fay) <b>Brennan</b>

We continue to pray for those in our Congregations (and outwith) who grieve at this time of loss. As a Church, we are here for any who feel that we can help in any way.

***Jesus said, 'I am the Resurrection and the Life'***



## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Would you like to become a member of the church at either Lasswade & Rosewell or Cockpen & Carrington?

If you are not as yet a member of the church but would now like to become one, or if you would like to reinstate your membership that lapsed previously, please speak to the minister. A Confirmation Class will be available for those wishing to join the church for the first time.

## SPRINGFIELD BANK NURSING HOME

Services at the nursing home take place on the first Wednesday of the month at 2pm and are led by the Minister.

Over the last few months the number attending from the home has increased greatly which is extremely encouraging.

The Service lasts for around 20 minutes with residents and members of our congregation joining together in hymn singing accompanied by Walter on the keyboard and the Minister leading everyone in prayer and reflection.

After the Service, we enjoy a cup of tea and a chat with the residents giving them the opportunity to let us know what they like or dislike about the service.

For the residents, worship is very important to them and it is lovely to see so many happy people enjoying the Service and enjoying the company and friendship.

If anyone would like to help increase the numbers from Cockpen please speak to the Minister.

### TEA AND COFFEE

Tea and coffee is served after morning worship on the **first** Sunday of the month (unless it's a Communion Service or otherwise announced).

<b>September</b>	Moira Scott Dorothy Scott John Adamson
<b>October</b>	Helen Renton Isobel Watson Betty Finlay
<b>November</b>	Liz MacDonald Vi Gibson Nancy Richardson
<b>December</b>	Mary Logan Marjorie Commins Andrew Jack



Remember to turn your clocks **BACK** one hour on  
**Sunday 29th October 2017**

## The Maister and the Bairns

There is something rather couthie (snug and agreeable) about stories from the Bible told in Scots. At one time religion was a very significant part of life in Scotland, so it was only natural some of the stories from the New Testament should be retold in Scots verse. This one, about allowing the children to come to Jesus, was written by *William Thomson*. Although many readers will know the story, the specifically Scottish words are “translated” at the end of the poem.

### The Maister and the Bairns

The Maister sat in the wee cot hoose  
By the Jordan’s waters near,  
An’ the fisherfolk crushed an’ crooded  
roon’  
The Maister’s words tae hear.

An’ even the bairns frae the near-haun  
streets  
Were mixin’ in wi’ the thrang,  
Laddies an’ lassies wi’ wee bare feet  
Jinkin’ the crood amang.

But yin o’ the twal’ at the Maister’s side  
Rose up and cried aloud:  
‘Come, come, bairns, this is nae place for  
you,  
Rin awa’ hame oot the crood.’

But the Maister said as they turned awa’,  
‘Let the wee yins come tae Me’,  
An’ he gaithered them roon’ Him whaur  
He sat an’ lifted yin up on His knee.

Aye, He gaithered them roon’ Him whaur  
He sat  
An’ straked their curly hair,  
An’ He said tae the wonderin’ fisherfolk  
That crushed an’ crooded there:

‘Send na the bairns awa’ frae Me  
But rather this lesson lairn:  
That nane’ll win in at Heaven’s yett  
That hisna the hert o’ a bairn.’

An’ He that wisna oor kith or kin  
But a Prince o’ the Far Awa’,  
He gaithered the wee yins in His airms  
An’ blessed them yin an’ a’.

#### *Meaning of Scots words:*

wee cot hoose=small cottage

bairns=children

thrang=crowd

Laddies an’ lassies=boys and girls

yin o’ the twal’=one of the twelve

yett=gate

yin an’ a’=one and all

jinkin’ = dodging

**This poem is set in a frame, and was found in the vestry at Cockpen and Carrington Church.**

# HOPEFIELD CONNECTIONS

## Making Connections - Building Community - Sharing Faith

I only have plans, schemes and ideas at the moment! I'm thinking of ways to get folks together over the autumn and winter months. Not that easy when there is nowhere for them to get together! I continue to discuss with the council about the idea of having Burnbrae Primary open at least one evening a week. The Head Teacher is keen on the community being more involved in the life of the school so that is a very good way to start.

It seems a bit too early to be thinking about Christmas but as you know it seems to get to us quicker than ever each year! I have been thinking about what we might do in Hopefield to bring people together during Advent. I am hoping that we might be able to have an outdoor Nativity Play around the estate. I am talking with the various schools to find out if it is possible to involve children from the schools. If we can pull it off I think it will be a great event!

Also I have invited the Kevock Choir to come carol singing once more. This was a very successful event last year, in spite of the pouring rain, and people appreciated it very much. The Knit & Natter Group are going to knit snowmen that we can give as gifts to the people who come to their doors to listen.

I have been taking a Welcome Pack to people who have recently moved in to the estate. The pack consists of a tin of biscuits, a card with a blessing for a new home, a card with all the churches contact details listed and the all-important timetable for refuse bin collection. These have been well received and I have had some lovely conversations on door steps.

I have begun to realise that being a Pioneer Minister is a bit like being an opportunist! You have to jump on anything you think might help your work move forward and be ready to respond to any opportunity that pops up. It makes the work interesting, lively and creative and very good fun!

*Elisabeth GB Spence*

## THE LINK – FROM THE PAST

John & Willie (The Editors) take pride in the fact it is 10 years since Jean Sharpe handed over her editor's hat to us. We have no idea how long Jean had been involved with the magazine (the last century). Although the physical size has changed the general format and content has remained similar. The magazine consists largely of contributions of articles submitted by members and friends, the biggest change being that we now process them on computers cutting and pasting from the emails sent in, while Jean got out her scissors and cut and pasted the contributions in a more traditional approach. With thanks to Jean for all she did for all of us.

## The Kinkail Bell

When Jean Sharpe learned of the work which had been carried out on the superstructure of the church bell, she said she had gathered quite a lot of information on the bell and its history. We thought it might be a good idea if we combined what we both had and, together could write an article for a future edition of The Link. Sadly, this was not to be. However, with Andrew's kind permission, I have done our research and the following information it contains owes much to Jean.

The bell, originally, was inscribed:

*Jasper Van Erpicom me facet 1680.*

(Records show that Meneer Van Erpicom was baptised in Amsterdam on the 16th of February 1641; Meneer is Dutch for Mister).

A surprising number of bells in Scottish churches were cast on the Continent by Dutch founders.

In his book "The Bells of Perthshire", R.M.Clouston says the bell was recast for Cockpen in 1901 by William Bryden and Sons, Founders, Edinburgh. This inscription

*Kinkail Bell 1680  
Recast for  
Cockpen Church 1901*

is on our bell. Apparently Cockpen Church purchased the bell from the Parish of Kinkell when that church was pulled down (its successor does not have a steeple which seems to add to the authenticity of the purchase by Cockpen in around 1708). Apparently Cockpen made two payments, one on 1708 followed by a second in 1709 although there is nothing written concerning these.

It weighs 1cwt, 3 quarters and 8 lbs, has a diameter at its widest of 20inches. It is handbell-shaped, and according to Mr Clouston has "quite a god tone"!

**The Terrible Parish:** Not Cockpen, but read on...

In the "Annals of Auchterarder" we learn of the Parish of Kinkell, made infamous in the following verse,

*Was there ere sic a parish, a parish, a parish?  
Was there ere sic a parish as that o' Kinkell?  
They've hanged the minister, drooned the precentor,  
Dung down the steeple and drucken the bell.*

In June 1682, Mr Duncan, a minister in Perthshire, was condemned to death by the Earl of Perth, for murdering an infant begotten by him with his servant maid. The infant was found buried under a hearthstone. The conviction was found on, what appears to be, very slender evidence. As elsewhere it is said that a reprieve was given, but the messenger arrived too late to prevent the execution which “*caused great sympathy in his fate*”!

Tradition has it that after pleading his innocence, Mr Duncan avowed that,

*after his being thrown off, a white dove would alight on the gallows in token whereof”*

and... this accordingly took place!

Kinkell was united with Trinity Gask and services were to be provided on alternate Sundays at Kinkell. On one of these occasions the precentor, in crossing the river from Trinity Gask, is said to have drowned!

Fortunately, we do live in better times.

In one edition of *The People's Friend* an article appeared in which the writer referred to the Kinkail Bell...

and those of you who knew Jean better than me knew her sense of humour was unsurpassed. She often reminded us she was “a published author”. So I will leave the last word to her and end with the letter Jean wrote to *The People's Friend* in July 2006. A photograph of the church was printed alongside her letter.

*I read with interest Willie Shand's article, dated May 20, about Auchterarder. It may be of some interest to your readers that the kirk bell mentioned in the article is now in the possession of Cockpen Parish Church, one mile from Bonnyrigg, and it still calls us to worship today. The Bell was hung in the old parish church which was consecrated in 1242. This church eventually became too small and the local heritors had a new church built in 1820, half a mile from the old one. The bell was transferred to this building and has been in constant use – except during the war years – ever since.*

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## TO A DEAR FRIEND, TO MANY

**S**aturday 22nd April, 2017 was a sad day for many, not just at Cockpen and Carrington Church but, in Bonnyrigg and indeed, far beyond on hearing the news of the passing of **Jean Sharpe**.

Jean passed away peacefully in the Royal Infirmary after a short stay there following quite a long period of poor health. Just prior to her passing the family were preparing for her return from Hospital but alas, it was not to be.

During my 25 years as Session Clerk I wrote many letters to bereaved families letting them know of our thoughts and prayers at such a difficult time. All these letters were difficult in finding the right words, hopefully of comfort to the respective families, and this one, a tribute to Jean on behalf of all her friends at Cockpen and Carrington (and beyond) is no different.

Death of a dear friend is always sad and remains so for a long time, especially to close family such as Andrew and Iain but of course, joy too is part of the grieving process when we remember the happy times we all enjoyed with Jean.

It's particularly difficult to mention all that Jean was involved with in her long life. We all know of her life as a Post Office family of many years in Bonnyrigg (and beyond), her love of Balquhiddy and Lochearnhead, an area where the family roots were, her life

involvement with Guiding and the many friends she made with that movement, her interest in local history, so much that she was in great demand as an eminent speaker on the subject. Jean had many other interests which I'm sure others will be able to mention but, the most important thing in her life was husband Andrew, son Iain, a large extended family and, the many nieces and nephews who, like us all, adored her.

What most of us know so well is her great love of God throughout her life, her long membership of Cockpen Church and all she did for the Church and it's people she loved dearly. Her many years as a Sunday School teacher, Guild member, bric-a-brac stalwart, member of the Congregational Board and, to my great joy, agreeing to become an Elder in 1996. Of course, long before she was ordained, she was at Andrew's side when he was Session Clerk and did all the little things that a woman does best just as Wilma did for me in my time as Clerk.

Jean, throughout her life gave her all to whatever she was doing and, as an Elder she certainly did that in abundance. Many of us have benefited from the good, sound advice that Jean gave so willingly. With Jean, you always got the truth with no holding back - indeed, the old saying '*a spade's a spade*' (**'as it is'**) was what you got from Jean

and, I would say that the spade was often a *number ten shovel*. Saying that, it was always said in a kindly way but, at the same time, getting her point across.

Jean and Andrew were both interested in history and, some years ago they published a small book '*The Church at Cockpen*' which has been given to many over the years. As mentioned, she was much involved in local history and gave many talks on the history of Bonnyrigg and, in particular, our Church. Jean, like us all, loved to welcome new faces to our Church and was in her element telling them of our wonderful history of the Church and its people.

Jean always liked to remind us that Andrew really was a Lasswade (*Old*) Church person but, we are all so glad that he followed Jean to Cockpen when they got married. As you know, the custom then was to go to the husband's Church. I did the same with Wilma - *I wonder if Andrew and I were under the thumb in these early days of marriage!!!*

On a lighter note, I was having one of my many conversations with Jean and Andrew when I said that Wilma and I never said very much during an evening whilst watching television to which Jean replied '**George, I can't not talk**'. I looked at Andrew and he gave me one of the looks that indicated that this was indeed the case. We always kidded Andrew that at least, he could turn

his hearing aid off if it got too much for him and I'm very sure, on occasions he did just that!

Whatever organization Jean was connected to, she always gave her 100% and, I often wonder if we can say the same! I know that so many people could write about Jean's involvement in so many organizations where she gave that 100% but, to me, the promises she would have made on joining the Church so many years ago and, at her Ordination to Eldership in 1996 have been fulfilled in abundance with her love of God, her Church, its people, her many friends and, most importantly, to her loving family.

A beautiful and most fitting Service was held in a full Church on Friday 28th April which was conducted by our Minister, Lorna - a Service that I'm sure Jean would have given her 100% approval. Lorna had gleaned a lot from the family but, it was nice that, in her short time as Minister with us she added her own thoughts about Jean.

Since Jean's passing, we have lost others from our Church family and we think of them and their families at this time of remembrance for Jean.

Our thoughts and prayers continue for Andrew, Iain and the extended family.

*George.*



# Cockpen & Carrington Flower Rota

2017

September      3 Liz MacDonald  
                     10 Maurenn Peden  
                     17 Dorothy Bennett  
                     24 Ena Cockburn

October            1 Jim Dyer  
                         8  
                     15 Mrs M Robson  
                     22 Wilma Sweeney  
                     29 Liz Mills

November        5 Mrs A Dagleish  
                     12 Lynsey Stevenson  
                     19  
                     26 Liz MacDonald

December        3  
                     10 Betty Finlay  
                     17 Dorothy, Helen and Catherine  
                     24 Liz Laidlaw  
                     31



Thank you for all the donations received and to all who supply and arrange the flowers in the Church. I and the other members of the Congregation who deliver the flowers on Sundays after Church enjoy the pleasure of brightening up someone's day. Please contact me on (0131) 663 8517 or see me in Church if you have any queries. If any of the elders or members of the congregation know of any of our members and friends who have not received flowers for some time from the Church please let me know.

*Nancy*

## USED STAMPS

There is a box at the front of the church to put used stamps in. I will trim them and separate them into 'British and Foreign', and then take them to the Scottish Bible Society.

Thank you      *Dorothy Bennett*

## MARY & MICK JOHNSTON

We had a lovely “Catch up” with Mary & Mick on our recent visit to Northern Ireland. We stayed in a hotel in Kilkeel where they live and Mary proved to be a wonderful “tour guide”. She drove us round the Mountains of Mourne and pointed out all local places of interest.

As we were staying over a weekend we joined them at the Church of Ireland where we were made very welcome.

Mary & Mick send their good wishes to everyone at Cockpen & Carrington Church.

*Dot & Jim Scott*



## THE CAKE STALL

We thank you (*and Bonnyrigg Church*) once more for the continued support you give us at our monthly cake stall at the Pitcairn Centre. The following are the dates for your diary.

28th September, 2017

26th October, 2017

23rd November, 2017

Goods should be handed into the Pitcairn Centre  
between 9 - 9.30 a.m. on these dates.

Many thanks once again for all the support given.

*Helen, Isabel and Wilma*

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## CHURCH GIVING APPEAL

At Cockpen and Carrington Church, our minister Revd Lorna Souter and trustees are considering changes and improvements to activities and facilities to enhance church life for our members. Please consider giving to our financial needs, to allow us to have funds to progress these changes.

As treasurer, I am grateful to all who regularly attend and donate with envelopes, or in the plate collection on Sundays. We also have others who donate through Standing Orders, direct to the Church Bank Account.

I would urge everybody to consider whether their giving could possibly be increased to reflect the changes in value of money today compared to what it was some years ago. Also, if you pay Income Tax, please get a form from Bill Brown to allow the Church, as a charity, to reclaim 25% extra on your giving at no cost to you.

We have a lot of members who do not attend regularly on a Sunday, for various reasons. Consequently, I appeal to everybody to give a donation to our Church funds following this article, with the envelope, to be given to your elder or placed in the collection plate on a Sunday in September. If we can raise a reasonable sum it will give our trustees, (elders and board members), the encouragement to try and progress building refurbishment, some alterations necessary to meet the needs of today's requirements, and also our everyday ongoing Church expenses, remember we cannot survive on fresh air alone!!

Thanking you for your consideration, and hopefully enable progress to commence soon, for the benefit of all.

*Malcolm the Treasurer.*

# Lasswade and Rosewell News ...

## THANK YOU

To : Rev Lorna Souter and friends at Lasswade and Rosewell

Thank you, Lorna for your kind words.

On Sunday 5 March, I was so shocked that for once in my life I was speechless and probably came across as being ungrateful but that I can assure you was not the case.

The planters are beautiful and have given great pleasure to both myself and folks passing who have commented. I was not aware that there was a very generous cheque in the card until later.

Most of my service was related to Rosewell Church and the Village but have appreciated all the support and friendship received from the folks at Lasswade since the Union.

My dilemma was what to do with the very generous cheque. I realise I have been very fortunate in life - I may not have got everything I wanted (I am sure this applies to most folks) but I have certainly had much more than I needed and as we look around there are many who do not get what they need. I have, therefore, decided to donate most of the cheque to "Friends of Chitambo" in memory of my dear friend (the late Janet Knox) who worked there as a Missionary and continued on her return home to support projects in that particular area. I trust that you are happy with how I have spent this generous cheque. To the ladies who provided the lovely tea (with the china cups) in the hall afterwards I want to say thank you. For me a very special day which I will always remember.

The Church has played a big part in my life and I have had great pleasure in all aspects of the work I was involved in and also the folks I have met through this work.

I am afraid the time has come for me to step down as I am not so able to rush around and take on responsibility. Hopefully, there will still be something less stressful that I can do.

Sincere thanks to all my friends at Lasswade and Rosewell for their generosity.

Kindest regards

*Agnes*

PS I would also like to thank friends at Cockpen and Carrington for the lovely flowers and card and support given over the years.

**An Invitation to Holy Communion**  
**Sunday 3 September 2017 at 10.00 a.m.**  
**Rosewell Parish Church All Welcome**

**Confirmation:**

Miss Louise **Gillespie** was admitted to membership of the Church on Sunday 19 March 2017.

**Baptisms:**

We were delighted to welcome the following who, along with parents, families and friends, joined us at recent Baptismal services:

30 April (Rosewell)

Louise Violet **Hunter** (daughter of Ross and Kristen)

4 June (Rosewell)

Maggie **Young** (daughter of Gary and Pam)

23 July (Lasswade)

Aaron George **Robertson** (son of Scott and Louise)

**‘May the Lord Bless Thee and Keep Thee’**

**Bereavements:**

We would ask that you remember and pray for the families and friends of:

Mr John **Lawson** - 24 March 2017

Mr James **Cowie** - 25 March 2017

Mr Mervyn **Wilden** - 14 April 2017.

**Jesus said ‘I am the Resurrection and the Life’**



Many thanks to everyone who helped raise £452.18 for this year's Christian Aid appeal, this generous amount was raised from a Coffee Morning, 'Big Brekkie' and donations.

## Coffee Mornings

On the second Saturday of each month a Coffee Morning is held in Rosewell Church Hall from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon. If you have not been before please do come along and bring your friends. There are always lots of lovely home baking, jams, sweets, books and lots more.

## Cake Stall

A big thank you to everyone who supports our Thursday Cake Stall at the Pitcairn Centre. If you are able to help on the stall please speak to Cathy Drysdale or Norma Sangster.

Forthcoming dates are: 14 September, 12 October, 9 November and 14 December.

Many thanks from the Team.

## Doors Open Day

Doors Open Day gives you free access to hundreds of fascinating buildings across Scotland. Every weekend in September you can explore places that are normally closed to the public. **Doors Open Day in**

**Midlothian is on Saturday 9 September.** Rosewell Parish Church will be open from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon and Lasswade Parish Church will be open from 1.00 pm. to 3.00 p.m.

## Harvest Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Sunday 24 September at Lasswade



All gifts of non-perishable food, donated by the congregation, will be distributed to Christians Against Poverty (CAP) as will the monetary gifts received from the retiring offering.

## **Gift Day – Sunday 22 October 2017**

You will receive an envelope for your donation at the beginning of October and you can bring it along with you on Gift Day Sunday (Service at 10.00 a.m. in Lasswade Church) or return your sealed envelope to your District Elder.

### **Pancakes (Drop Scones)**

2 eggs (whisk until frothy – makes them nice and light) 3 dsp sugar, ½ lb plain flour, 1 tablespoon cooking oil, 1 heaped tsp cream of tartar, ½ tsp syrup, 1 level tsp baking soda.

Method: beat everything together, cook on Girdle. Can also make the last of the batter thinner to make a few crumpets.

Happy Pancake making – Betty Tait. (as a matter of interest this Recipe was in the SWRI leaflet September 1996 sent in by Mrs Annie Gibb of Bellsquarry WRI)

### **BLYTHWOOD CARE SHOEBOX APPEAL 2017**

It is time once again to start thinking about filling a shoebox – the articles do not need to be expensive but are appreciated whatever the gift. Leaflets are available at both Lasswade and Rosewell churches giving details of suitable items. Once filled please bring them along to church.

Please contact Agnes Anderson (0131 440 0282) if any further details are required.

Thank you for your support  
*Agnes Anderson*

**MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT COFFEE MORNING FRIDAY  
29 SEPTEMBER 2017**

**AT 44 CARNETHIE STREET ROSEWELL 10AM-12 NOON AND  
2-4 PM**

**THERE WILL BE HOME BAKING STALL AND TOMBOLA.  
YOUR SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED FOR THIS VERY  
WORTHWHILE EVENT.**

**Thank you  
Agnes Anderson**

## Surprise Attacks, Bravery or Infamy

Several years ago, prior to boarding the Norwegian Star on a Hawaiian Islands Cruise, May and I visited Pearl Harbour and were given details from both sides about the attack.

The Americans were taken completely by surprise and many people from the United States, both Military and civilian, died on that fateful day and yet the Japanese missed several American warships and a military base in Ohau.

We came across Japanese visitors who bowed politely as they passed us. Hard to believe these people were from the same country whose military treated their prisoners with such sadistic cruelty during the Second World War.

The Japanese said they based their attack on Pearl Harbour on the British attack on the Italians in the 1940 and I am sure we regarded our service men who did it as heroes.

In 1967 Israel attacked and destroyed the Egyptian defences and people in Britain cheered when the news reached us. The Israeli's regarded Col. Nasser as a boastful blundering buffoon and yet today in Egypt he is still revered.

Thankfully today the United States, Japan, Britain, Italy, Israel and Egypt live in peace and co-operation with each other and we all pray that peace and reconciliation will exist among all people irrespective of race, creed or colour.

*Ian Murdoch*

**29 October is the date of the next Joint All Age  
Service at Lasswade Church at 10.00 a.m.**

**All Welcome**

**No services at Cockpen and Carrington or Rosewell  
on this day**



# Rosewell Flower Rota

**2017**

September	3rd	Ella Thomson
	17th	Ellen Livingstone
October	1st	Kenny Wight
	15th	Billy Grant
November	5th	Una Warden
	12th	Billy Chapman & Jim Campbell
December	3rd	Jean Lindsay
	17th	Christmas flowers

Many thanks to everyone who contributes and helps organise our church flower arrangements.

*Jean Lindsay*



## The Canadian Tulip Story

Until recently flowers were only available at certain times of the year. This meant that most flowers became associated with the seasons. Now flowers are imported from far afield and we forget the original link to the seasons.

On a recent trip to Ottawa at the beginning of June, I was surprised to see tulip flowers still blooming in the parks. The flower beds were beginning to be cleared, ready for the summer flowers. The winters in Canada are long and cold, so when Spring arrives all the plants leap into action. In some places, I saw tulips and roses blooming in the same flower bed!

I learned that there is a Tulip Festival featuring 3 million flowers. It began with a donation to Canada of 83,000 bulbs as an act of thanks for the on-going support for the Netherlands during the Second World War.

The Dutch Royal Family then followed suit in gratitude to the Canadians for sheltering Princess Juliana and her daughters during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands. When Princess Margriet was born in the Ottawa Civic Hospital the maternity ward was temporarily declared to be extra-territorial by the Canadian Government so enabling the baby to be solely influenced by her mother's Dutch citizenship.

### LASSWADE CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

October 8<sup>th</sup> Dorothy Spence

October 22<sup>nd</sup> Morag Rennie

October 29<sup>th</sup> May Murdoch

November 12<sup>th</sup> Joan Campbell

November 26<sup>th</sup> Norma Horsburgh

December 10<sup>th</sup> Sheila Turner

December 24<sup>th</sup> Pat Lawrie

Thank you to all the great 'florists' who have helped this year.

*Moira Dryden*

# **BONNYRIGG & LASSWADE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

The History Society meetings are held in the Pitcairn Centre and are open to all. Annual Membership is £5 or if you just wish to attend a particular talk as a visitor, it is £2.

The committee have been busy over the summer and a varied and interesting programme which is detailed below has been arranged for the coming session. All meetings commence at 7-30pm.

## **Wednesday 18th October 2017**

Women Pilots in WW2 (Spitfire Girls) Roy Johnstone

## **Wednesday 15th November 2017**

History of Brewing in Edinburgh John Martin

## **Tuesday 19th December 2017 1pm**

Members Christmas Lunch at Broomieknowe Golf Club

## **Wednesday 17th January 2018**

History of Nairn's Oatcakes Russell Clink

## **Wednesday 21st February 2018**

Fortune's Reminiscences of Bonnyrigg William Staig

## **Wednesday 21st March 2018 in Bonnyrigg Church**

Presentation of the Dr Mary Noble Memorial Award  
(Local primary schools' historical competition entries)  
Shopping in Bonnyrigg and Lasswade between 1920 and 1970

## **Wednesday 18th April 2018**

Annual General Meeting followed by viewing of local primary schools' historical competition entries

In addition to the above it is hoped to have a visit to St Giles Cathedral on Thursday 3rd May at 10am when Herbert Dryden will act as our guide. This visit will then be followed lunch.

New members will be made most welcome and visitors are always welcome.

If you wish further information about the History Society you can visit the website at [www.bonnyrigglasswadelocalhistory.org](http://www.bonnyrigglasswadelocalhistory.org)

The History Society will also have an exhibition from its archive on Saturday 9th September 2017 in Lasswade Church in conjunction with Doors open Day

*Andrew Renwick*  
Chairman

# THE HOLY HIKERS

*"My father considered a walk among the mountains as the equivalent of Churchgoing."  
Aldous Huxley*



This year's Walking weekend was very successful. Eighteen of us went to Seahouses in Northumberland. On the way down we walked around Berwick upon Tweed under clear blue skies. The following day we walked down the coast to Beadnell and back then, on the way home we walked round St Abbs Head. The Hotel was nice, the food lovely and as usual we all enjoyed the company.



In April eight of us walked from Shandwick Place in Edinburgh to the canal basin at Tollcross. We then followed the canal to Slateford and returned to the West End via the water of Leith and Roseburn before catching the 31 bus home.

Our May walk at North Berwick was changed due to uncertain weather but six of us did a railway walk from Rosewell to Penicuik and back. In June our longer walk was cancelled due to bad weather but the Wednesday evening walk took place when four of us went to Duddingston and followed the Innocent Railway to St Leonards.

In July, five of us drove to Pitmedden Forest in Fife for our longer walk. It was a lovely day and the views over the Tay were tremendous. The July evening walk was at Roslin when 8 members, 3 guests and Fern the dog completed a circular walk around the village.

There was no longer walk in August but the Wednesday ramble took eleven of us and Fern to East Linton and Smeaton Estate on a beautiful evening. Fern had great fun chasing sticks especially when they were thrown into the River Tyne. The drive home was made special by the fantastic red sky and amazing sunset.

We welcome new members. Contact me on 0131 660 1147

*Happy Hiking  
Jim Scott*

# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Let's start our Harvest article as usual by looking back over the past few months at what's been going on:

## 1. COMIC RELIEF 2017

Many of you who follow these articles, will remember that we often support Comic relief activities - this year was no different and we decided to dress up and tell our favourite Bible story/piece of Scripture or Hymn. As always, everyone took up the challenge: we had the story of Moses from being found in the bulrushes as a baby to adulthood including a Scots version of old Moses and Moses leading the Exodus of the Israelites out of Egypt! We heard the parable of the 5 loaves and 2 fishes; we heard about David & Goliath and Noah and his ark. We then heard from Corinthians that Love is the most important of all things. All this was supported by being dressed up and enjoying lots of eats - as ever the most amazing group participating in this. Enjoy our photos of the day!

## 2. SAD NEWS

The Sunday School was so sad to hear of the death in April of Jean Sharpe. Jean was a former Sunday School Teacher and a good friend of the Sunday School. Her loss will be felt throughout Church. We send much love to Andrew & Ian.

## 3. PRIZE GIVING

We had a wonderful prize giving and family service at Lasswade in June. The Sunday Schools presented what they'd been doing through the year. Our Rosewell children were amazing with Ailsa & Louise telling everyone how busy they'd been and the younger ones supporting Fiona & Margaret. The boys and girls then received their books from the Minister - the Minister will present the prizes in future.

This was followed by the main Sunday School saying what had been happening and prizes presented to the children. Two of the older

children decided to leave Sunday School: Devon Boyle from C&C and Alex Woods from Rosewell and they were presented with Bibles. Devon & Alex have been wonderful pupils and helpers and we will miss them both. Thank you for your contribution to our Sunday Schools - you are both welcome in any of our Churches in future.

Prayers of intercession were led by the Sunday School and the children had written this themselves - they all spoke so clearly, so well done to Brodie, Levi, Aimee, Gracie and Rosie.

#### 4. TRIP

Another successful trip to the 5 Sisters Zoo on one of the few dry days in June. We all had a great time with lots to see and do. We had our own animal handling session and you can see some photos of this. The children were very brave in handling them all.





## **5. BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY 27 AUGUST & 3 SEPTEMBER**

Sunday School returns for Cockpen & Carrington on 27 August and Rosewell on 3 September with an interactive service.

## **6. NEW ELDER**

We are delighted that Margaret Gordon has been asked to become an Elder at Lasswade & Rosewell. Margaret has a long connection with the Sunday School as a Teacher and continues to support us when she can make it along.

## **7. PANTOMIME 2017**

The Minister and parents are deciding if the trip to the pantomime will continue this year or do something different instead - this will be updated at Church .

## **8. AND FINALLY... A MESSAGE FROM ROSALIND**

It is with much regret that I have decided to leave Sunday School. It has been a great honour to work with all our young people and their families. You have enriched my life and given me wonderful memories. I have had tremendous support from many people connected with the churches at Cockpen & Carrington and Lasswade & Rosewell over the years - thank you for this.

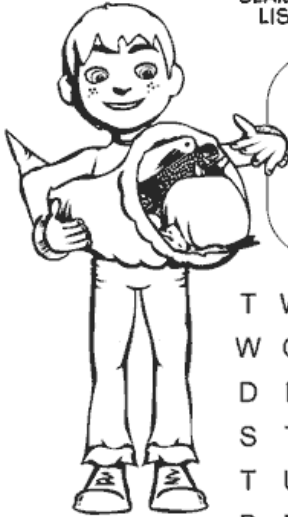
The Sunday School will always have a special place in both Jessie's & my hearts and we wish you all every success for the future.



# CHILDREN'S PAGE

## Harvest Fruit & Vegetables Search

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