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Lasswade & Rosewell

Harvest 2018



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# WHO'S WHO

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## SERVICES :: SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2018

Date	Lasswade & Rosewell at 10.00 am	Cockpen & Carrington at 11.30 am
2 Sept	Minister – Rosewell <b>Communion Service</b>	Fiona Devoy, Reader, from Liberton Kirk
9 Sept	Minister - Lasswade	Minister
16 Sept	Minister - Rosewell	Minister
23 Sept Harvest	Minister - Lasswade	Minister – All Age
30 Sept	<b>Joint All-Age Service Cockpen &amp; Carrington Church - 11.30 am</b>	
7 Oct	Minister – Rosewell	<b>Guild Dedication Service</b>
14 Oct	Minister – Lasswade	Minister
21 Oct	Minister – Rosewell <b>Gift Day</b>	Minister
28 Oct	Revd Elisabeth Spence – Lasswade	Minister – All Age
4 Nov	Minister – Rosewell	Minister <b>Communion Service</b>
11 Nov Remembrance Sunday	Minister – Lasswade* Eddie Yeoman – Rosewell, 10.50 am+	Minister
18 Nov	Revd Andrew Dick – Rosewell	Revd Andrew Dick
25 Nov	Revd Elisabeth Spence – Lasswade	Minister – All Age
2 Dec 1 <sup>st</sup> Advent	Minister – Rosewell <b>Toy Gift Service</b>	Minister <b>Toy Gift Service</b>
9 Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup> Advent	Minister – Lasswade - <b>Nativity</b>	Minister <b>Service of Remembering – 3.00 pm</b>
16 Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup> Advent	Minister – Rosewell	Minister – <b>Nativity Nine Lessons and Carols - 7.00 pm</b>

\* Lasswade War Memorial at 9.30 am;

+ Rosewell War Memorial at 12.00 pm

<b>Date</b>	<b>Lasswade &amp; Rosewell at 10.00 am</b>	<b>Cockpen &amp; Carrington at 11.30 am</b>
23 Dec 4 <sup>th</sup> Advent	Minister – Lasswade  Christingle Service – Rosewell – 6.00 pm	Minister
30 Dec	<b>Joint Service Lasswade Church - 10.00 am</b>	

### **Additional Christmas Services**

24 Dec Christmas Eve	Christingle Service – Lasswade – 6.00 pm	Watchnight Service – Cockpen – 11.20 pm
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## **Service of Remembering**

### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00 pm**

### **Cockpen & Carrington Church**

Christmas can be a difficult time of year. Many have experienced bereavement through the year or continue to miss loved ones no longer with us.

In addition, some may be facing Christmas in the midst of difficult situations: the break-up of a relationship, the loss of a job, ill health or a time of anxiety.



This service will offer space amidst the Christmas rush and bustle for remembering and for quiet reflection, with stillness and music and reflective words.

All who would find this helpful are most welcome.

*Lorna Souter*

## MESSY CHURCH AT ROSEWELL

At the beginning of June, we had a first session of Messy Church at Rosewell which was wonderfully attended by a great many families. Messy Church combines telling a Bible story with related fun craft activities, a time of worship with songs and finishes with a buffet meal together.

Our next session is on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September from 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm meeting first of all in Rosewell Church Hall. Thereafter Messy Church will also happen on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November and Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December through the autumn term.

If you would like to come along to Messy Church as a family (parents/carers stay and join in with their children), you will be most welcome. You can find us on Facebook at '*Rosewell Messy Church*'.

*Rosewell Messy Church Team*

## Bonnyrigg & Lasswade Local History Society

The History Society meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7-30pm in the Pitcairn Centre. New members will be made most welcome but if you do not wish to become a member you can attend any of the talks as a visitor. The talks arranged for the coming session are as follows;

17 <sup>th</sup> October	Jim Waugh – The slave trade and Government Compensation Scheme with particular emphasis on our local area.
21 <sup>st</sup> November	Roy Johnstone The D Day Landings
16 <sup>th</sup> January	Ailsa Clark Dr Elsie Inglis Woman's Hospital and World War One
20 <sup>th</sup> February	Ian Shearer Friends of Kinneil House Bo'ness
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Local primary Schools Dr Mary Noble Award presentation evening
17 <sup>th</sup> April	AGM

In addition to the above there will be a Christmas Lunch outing and in May an outing led by Herbert Dryden to the Royal Mile in Edinburgh. Hopefully you may find all or one of these talks interesting and would like to come along to hear where there is not only a talk but also a cup of tea and time for a chat.

*Andrew Renwick*  
Chairman

## From the Minister ...

In the midst of this Year of Young People 2018, I was so thrilled and encouraged recently to find out about Alix Renwick's story. Alix is 11 years old and a granddaughter of Andrew and Gillian Renwick, long-term members of Lasswade & Rosewell Church.

At her school, Woodburn Primary in Dalkeith, Alix was concerned and saddened that there were always some children on their own during playtime in the playground. She wondered what she could do to try and make sure no one felt alone. Alix hit upon the idea of making "friendship benches" for the playground, with plenty of space for two people to sit on them. Her kind thought was that if any pupil was feeling sad or lonely, they would be able to take a seat on a bench and a fellow pupil would then go and befriend them there.

In order to make her thoughtful idea happen, Alix set about doing fundraising with the support of her school. She made and sold "reindeer dust" (made from oats and glitter to be sprinkled on your pathway to attract reindeer at Christmas), slime, hot chocolate and home baking, and raised £400. With her family, she visited the Linburn Centre in Wilkieston, West Lothian run by the Scottish War Blinded and saw the wooden benches made by the veterans there. Being very taken by the quality of the benches, the Renwick family asked for four to be made for the school playground. Once the benches were ready, there was an official handing-over and unveiling ceremony at the school. The four veterans who made the benches and their woodwork instructor from the Linburn Centre also attended, delighted to have been able to help Alix bring together her fantastic project.



Graeme and Lynsay Renwick with daughters Alix (on right) and Connie seated on one of the "friendship benches"

Alix's story is such a heartening one and demonstrates so wonderfully how much our young people have to give and how much we can be inspired by them in their ideas and thoughtfulness.

Linking in with Alix's concern for those who are left out and alone, I started reading the book *Just Walk Across the Room* by Bill Hybels this summer. In the book, Bill Hybels highlights occasions when we can be in our "Circle of Comfort", chatting with those we know at a party, or a conference or church meeting when we notice someone all on their own. What do we do? Do we remain in the comfort and security of our group of friends, or do we have courage and concern to just walk across the room and start speaking with the person?

It can be a daunting thing to do, not knowing how the conversation will go. And yet Bill Hybels encourages that as followers of Jesus Christ, it's what we are called to do. Jesus's primary concern was people – "those who were lost and found, young and old, rich and poor, sought-after and rejected."<sup>1</sup> It is Jesus's expectation that his followers will show the same concern. We are able not only to walk across a room to engage with someone so that they are not alone, but more than that to share the love and kindness of Christ, making a connection and building a relationship that may lead in time, little by little, to faith in Christ.

Alix Renwick has made possible her wonderful idea of "friendship benches" so that no one feels left out in the school playground. May we, as followers of Jesus, have courage and concern to walk across a room, a corridor or a street and, with his leading, see what happens when we share his love and friendship with others.

Your minister  
Lorna Souter

<sup>1</sup> Hybels, Bill *Just Walk Across the Room* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2006); p.28.



## FROM THE COCKPEN AND CARRINGTON CLERK

With summer coming to an end we move forward into Autumn when the various Church organisations resume after the summer break.

We look forward to welcoming back our children to the Sunday School and I would ask that if anyone reading this feels they would be a likely candidate to lead our Sunday School on a Sunday morning at 10am in the Church hall, then I ask that you contact myself or the Minister. This being *The Year of Young People* it would be wonderful to have a permanent leader appointed and I think the children, although few, would benefit greatly from this. Someone in our congregation must have the ability and time to give to teaching these youngsters. Many Churches are without a Sunday School due to lack of interest from the children. We have children wanting to come each Sunday and we owe it to them to give them the best we can.

In the Spring we held a Coffee Morning and a Big Brekkie when £950 was raised. After these events and the cash is counted there is never a time when I don't doubt the total. People's generosity never fails to amaze me, and for that I thank everyone. Events such as these are really important for the Church in order to keep up with the endless repairs and refurbishments required to have our Church wind, watertight and looking as it should do.

A Victorian Christmas Fair is planned for Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December and I am hoping that everyone gets involved with this event to ensure it is yet another great success.

If you are sitting in Church or reading this article and would like to get involved in groups, fundraising or feel you have a talent that would be of use to the Church but feel a bit apprehensive about coming forward, don't be, please speak to me.

I would like to close with the following words by the great Henry Ford

*Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress.  
Working together is success.*

Every Blessing

*Liz Mills   Session Clerk*

# COCKPEN & CARRINGTON PARISH CHURCH

## BAPTISMS

15th April 2018

Emily Helen BROWN  
daughter of Gerald and Lynne and  
little sister of William  
(baptised by The Minister)

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

## WEDDINGS

26th May 2018

Rosie TULLOCH to Geoff DANIELS  
(conducted by The Minister)

(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

1st June 2018

William A SOUTER

26th May 2018

Annie KERR

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''**



# BATTLE'S OVER



A NATION'S TRIBUTE

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11TH NOVEMBER 2018

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100 YEARS OF REMEMBRANCE

# REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2018

## RINGING THE BELLS FOR PEACE

With the very special significance of Remembrance Sunday this year marking the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War I, Church of Scotland churches have been invited to take part in “Ringing out for Peace” by ringing their church bells at 7:05 pm on 11th November. Lasswade Church, Rosewell Church and Cockpen & Carrington Church will be taking part in this.

In addition, to mark the occasion at Cockpen & Carrington Church, there will be a time of music and reflection with poetry at 6.00 pm, leading up to the sounding of the Last Post at 6.55 / 7.00 pm and the bells ringing out at 7:05 pm. We do hope you will be able to join us then.

*Lorna Souter*

### The Three Churches' Bell Towers



Cockpen & Carrington



Rosewell



Lasswade

## GUILD REPORT

The Guild ended as always with a most enjoyable social with entertainment by *Gael Force Wind*, a five-piece music group who played saxophones and clarinets and was a very well attended evening with everyone enjoying the customary tea and home baking.

A charity Afternoon Tea was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May, when we decided to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the ending of the Great War. Graham Burnside once again kindly gave his time to play the piano and lead everyone in singing songs from the war years which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

The charities supported this year were *BLESMA AND THE SEPSIS TRUST* who each received a cheque for £500.



The committee have yet again presented some interesting topics for our 2018/2019 syllabus, and with the efficiency of our secretary Nancy Richardson, a very interesting and varied programme has been arranged.

Our Strategy for the next three years is ONE JOURNEY, MANY ROADS and the theme for the first year is SEEKING THE WAY.

The Guild will commence with the dedication of the Guild on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October in the Church, and our first meeting in the hall on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October at the usual time of 7:30pm when the speaker will be the Minister.

We are very fortunate to have such a good number of members in our Guild when so many others are closing due to poor attendance but still have room for anyone wishing to come along and join us.

*Liz and Helen*

## **Weekly Prayer Meeting**

The prayer meeting is led by the Minister each Wednesday at 11am. The group pray for around 30 minutes then join in fellowship over a cup of tea. This is a small group at present and anyone who feels they may wish to come and join the group would be most welcome.

## **News from Australia**

Walter and Helen Renton are on holiday visiting family in Australia. While there, Walter developed a serious illness necessitating hospitalisation. After lengthy and intense medical intervention, he is back home with his son and family on the Gold Coast. Walter and Helen will be there for a time yet while Walter continues to receive treatment. They would value your prayers.

*Editor*

# From Walter and Helen Renton

We would like to thank all our friends at Cockpen and Carrington for their cards and messages of support and encouragement over this difficult time for us.

We would also like to acknowledge the beautiful floral arrangement that was delivered today. As you can see from the photograph it is really lovely and featuring the Aussie colours it will certainly cheer us up. (The flowers are yellow and white).



Keep these prayers going,  
Love to you all  
*Walter and Helen xx*

## SUNDAY TEA ROTA Cockpen and Carrington

### 2018

<b>September</b>	Andrew Jack Marjorie Commins Nancy Richardson	<b>December 2nd</b>	Muriel Calder Andrew Jack Wilma Sweeney
<b>October</b>	Madge Commins Betty Finlay Muriel Calder	<b>December 23rd</b>	Mary Logan Isobel Watson Dorothy Scott
<b>November 11th</b>	John Adamson Nancy Richardson Moira Scott		

First Sunday of the month unless otherwise stated.



## THE ROYAL GARDEN PARTY

The 5<sup>th</sup> of July was a special day for some members of our Churches when they attended the Garden Party with HM the Queen at the Palace of Holyrood House.

Ian and Nancy Richardson and Jim, Dot and Moira Scott from Cockpen and Carrington and Andrew and Gillian Renwick from Lasswade were invited to attend and enjoy the splendour of the occasion.





## KNIT AND NATTER

The Knit and Natter group have been very busy since completing the Poppy Falls.

Bunting, leaves, pom poms, dolls clothes and pram blankets, have been produced for the Rosewell School Nursery, helping to enhance and brighten up the classroom. Teachers and children were delighted with the work and to show their appreciation invited the ladies along to join them for tea and flapjacks, made by the children.

Our latest project has been "Trauma Teddies." These are small knitted Teddies, which are sent to Police Scotland, who give these teddies to children that are faced with a frightening experience to help comfort them. They are also used by some paramedics.

We decided to take a break over the summer this year but before doing so, 25 ladies enjoyed a wonderful Afternoon Tea at Dobbies when we were joined by the Minister and Rev. Elisabeth Spence.

The group will meet again on 6<sup>th</sup>. September in the hall at 1:30pm and anyone who does not already attend but thinks they might enjoy the group, then please come along and join in the fun.

*Liz*

## CAKE STALL

Many thanks to all our bakers who regularly provide goods for our stall. The customers are always delighted and sometimes find it difficult to decide what to choose. Thanks also to the Pitcairn staff and Bonnyrigg Church who make us so welcome on our Thursday.

The next dates for the stall are, as follows -

**23rd August, 2018**  
**27th September, 2018**  
**25th October, 2018**  
**22nd November, 2018**

Any goods for the stall can be handed in to the Pitcairn Centre between 9 - 9.30 a.m. on these dates.

Hope you have enjoyed a good summer and we look forward to welcoming you to the stall.

Best wishes,

*Helen, Isobel and Wilma.*

## Local Wedding

On the 26<sup>th</sup> May my eldest daughter Rosie got married to Geoff Daniels at Cockpen Church. We had many discussions on how the married couple should cross the road to the reception at The Glebe House. It wasn't really appropriate to drive the few yards required and so with the help of our neighbour David Crawford we created a Sedan Chair.



I would like to take the opportunity to thank Lorna, Ian, Graham and the Choir for their contributions to the service which we all greatly appreciated, and also to all those who so kindly ensured the Church alterations were completed and looking so good on the day.

Our Organist Graham, who has provided music for many weddings here over the last 40+ years, noted it was the first time he had seen this particular mode of transport for a bride & groom.



Rosie receiving some last-minute advice from the choir.

*Willie Tulloch*

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The Editors were sorry the following arrived from Joyce & Audrey Stocks just after the Easter edition of the link had gone to press.

Joyce & Audrey, would like to thank their friends at Cockpen Church who attended David's funeral. Also, for the many cards with kind words written on them and also the flowers received.

Thank you to Lorna for a lovely service & thank you to George for his eulogy. Thank you to Liz for the lovely tea & Nancy for helping out.

## Cockpen & Carrington Flower Rota

**2018**

September	
2nd	Liz MacDonald
9th	Maureen Peden
16th	Dorothy Bennett
23rd	Ena Cockburn
30th	Muriel Calder
October	
7th	Jim Dyer / Guild
14th	Margaret Robson
21st	Wilma Sweeney
28th	John Adamson
November	
4th	Liz Mills
11th	Lynsey Stevenson
18th	Bill Taylor
25th	Liz MacDonald
December	
2nd	Nancy Richardson
9th	Betty Finlay / Pat Mitchell
16th	Dorothy, Helen &
23rd	Catherine
30th	Liz Laidlaw
	Joint Service - Lasswade



Thank you for all the donations received and to all who supply and arrange the flowers in the Church. I and the other members in the Congregation who deliver the flowers on Sundays after Church enjoy the pleasure of brightening up someone's day.

Please contact me on 663 8517 or see me in Church if you know of any one who is ill or housebound so that they can receive the flowers or if you have any queries. Thank you

*Nancy*



## **LASSWADE AND ROSEWELL NEWS**

**You are warmly invited to join us for the Sacrament of Holy Communion  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2018 at 10.00 a.m.  
Rosewell Parish Church All Welcome**

### **CHURCH REGISTER**

We welcome the following members to our Church and hope that they will feel comfortable worshipping with us:

Mr Edward and Mrs Eileen Angus  
from Aberdeen, Ruthrieston West.

### **Baptism**

We were delighted to welcome the Carson family who, along with friends, joined us at a recent Baptismal service:

22 April (Lasswade) Emmie Marion Carson (daughter of Kenny and Kirsty)

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

### **Bereavements**

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

Mrs Meg Laing – 27 April 2018  
Mrs Ann McDonald – 23 June 2018  
Mrs Agnes Wood – 16 July 2018.

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



Many thanks to everyone who helped raise £324 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 all our bakers and 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: 13 September, 11 October, 8 November and 13 December and goods for the stall can be handed into the Pitcairn Centre from 9.00 a.m. on these dates.

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 8 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.

## **Gift Day – Sunday 21 October 2018**

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 Rosewell Church) or return your sealed envelope to your District Elder.

## **BLYTHWOOD CARE SHOEBOX APPEAL 2018**

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*

## **Lasswade & Rosewell Parish Church Harvest Service Invitation**

We extend a warm invitation to join us at our Harvest Service on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 10.00 a.m. at Lasswade Parish Church. Tea/coffee and home-baking will be served after the service for all to enjoy.



All gifts of non-perishable food, donated by the congregation, will be distributed to the Bethany Trust and monetary gifts received from the retiring offering will be sent to the Street Pastors.

**WE DO HOPE YOU CAN COME AND**

# LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU!

## **An Anonymous Autumn Prayer**

Creator of all, thank You for Autumn!

Thank You for the warmth of the sun and the daylight.

Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.

Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the Autumn season.

Draw me closer to You this Autumn.

Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing.

Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.

As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.

**Amen**

## **Magic Scones**

**Ingredients:** 600g self-raising flour; 300ml Double Cream;  
1 x 330ml can of lemonade.

**Method:** Preheat the oven to 220 degrees C. Sift the flour into a mixing bowl; slowly add the cream, followed by the can of lemonade. Stir the mixture together using a metal spoon. Use your hands to bring the dough together and shape into a ball in the bowl, adding a few more tablespoons of flour if it's too sticky. Turn the dough out on to a heavily floured surface and knead it lightly. Pat the dough to a thickness of around 4cm and cut into circles using a 4cm round cutter. Put the scones on a baking sheet and bake in the oven for 20 minutes. Enjoy with jam and clotted cream.





Spoons, googly eyes, paint, glue, fairy liquid, material scraps, wool, pens, paper, parachute, lego, noise, laughter, enthusiasm, songs, and a whole lot of mess ...the essential ingredients for a very successful inaugural Messy Church at Rosewell.

An incredible 83 people turned up and had great fun learning about Joseph and his Brothers in a relaxed and messy environment.

After creating dream pictures, wooden spoon Josephs, a life-size Joseph and his multicoloured coat collage and some energy zapping outdoor games everyone gathered in the church for a short worship and songs based on the Joseph theme.

Meanwhile the kitchen staff performed a small miracle akin to the parable of the 5 loaves and 2 fishes by creating a feast that sent everyone home with big smiles and full stomachs.

A great afternoon and lots of lovely feedback for this new venture, which will hopefully be a regular event on the 1st Saturday most months. It was great to see so many families enjoying time together and introducing many new people to the church community.

Next Messy church is on **Saturday 1st September 4-6 pm** where more messy fun will be had!!!

Thanks to all the amazing volunteers who helped make it such a great event.

Fionna

## **Lasswade and Rosewell Choir**

Once again, I am very indebted to the choir for their continued support throughout the summer months and my thanks go out to them for all their work and help. My gratitude extends not just to the regular choir members but also to those who augment the choir from time to time because some of you were “encouraged” to join us once or twice so that the introit could be sung on Sundays when we were short of people. So, thank you one and all.

Over these last few months our thoughts and prayers have been with our Minister and with others who have gone through difficult times and I am sure I speak for many in Lasswade and Rosewell when I say that we have been thinking very much about Walter Renton and his wife Helen recently. While I cannot imagine the challenges which Walter and Helen will be facing I know that music is one of many interests which play a big part in Walter’s life and I hope that he will continue to enjoy music and be able to participate in it in some way. On behalf of their many friends in Lasswade and Rosewell I extend our best wishes to Helen and Walter for the future.

In these articles I do not as a general rule go on about aspects of faith but I would like to share a few thoughts with you. CH4 and other hymnals are a collection of reflections written by a variety of authors from different countries and from a variety of backgrounds and cultures who are sharing with us aspects of their faith, their interpretation of scripture, their concerns about social or political issues, their wonderment at God’s creation, the universe and nature in general and through their writings they make us stop and think about matters we take for granted. I feel this “stopping and thinking” is an important aspect of our reflecting on our faith.

My thoughts go deeper than that. If I am honest with you my faith is based on my understanding of certain passages of scripture and on the hope that there is something beyond our present existence. But in my case, it is a hope – because nothing can be seen or proved at this stage and we shall never know what is beyond until that time is reached. At some stage or stages in our lives we are all touched by

death. In April I lost the person with whom I had been friendly for 75 years or thereabouts. William developed a health problem around November /December and the illness progressed rapidly. A number of you were present at his funeral in Cockpen Churchyard and Moira and I and one or two others joined a packed congregation at the subsequent Thanksgiving Service which was held at the Faith Mission at Gilmerton. As I said earlier my own faith is based on a hope of things to come but William's faith was so strong that he was absolutely certain he was going to see his Lord and he was unshakeable in that belief. The hymns which were sung at his Thanksgiving Service reflected that. A few of them were taken from Redemption Songs or similar hymnaries. I know that some months ago there was a service organised by the Presbytery of such hymns but I wonder if it would be worthwhile having another good going sing of revivalist hymns at some future service.

William by now will have been reunited with his dear wife, Ruth, who predeceased him about two years ago. The fact of seeing again, in one form or another, people "we have loved long since and lost awhile" to quote Cardinal Newman is one of the things which keeps my faith alive.

William, once again I thank you for your friendship over so many years.

HLRD

## Lasswade Church Flower Rota

The preparation of the flower rota makes me aware of how quickly the year passes... especially when December comes into the equation!

We have had an amazing summer with record temperatures. A great deal of care and watering has been necessary for the well-being of the plants in the garden. We seem to have specialised in the growth of the snail population!

Flowers bring back many memories. The roses in the Lasswade Church garden were gifted by Mr. and Mrs. David Stewart on the occasion of their Golden Wedding. Although these people are no longer with us, their legacy continues to bloom and to remind us of their contribution to our Church life.

Thank you to all the people who contribute to the church flowers. Your help is much appreciated.

*Moira Dryden*

September 9<sup>th</sup> Moira Scott  
September 23<sup>rd</sup> Margaret Michael

October 14<sup>th</sup> Dorothy Spence  
October 28<sup>th</sup> Margaret Stewart

November 11<sup>th</sup> Joan Campbell  
November 25<sup>th</sup> Norma Horsburgh

December 9<sup>th</sup> Sheila Turner  
December 23<sup>rd</sup> Pat Lawrie  
December 30<sup>th</sup> Gillian Renwick

# Rosewell Church Flower Rota 2018

2018

<b>September</b> 2nd 16th	Ellie Thomson Ellen Livingstone
<b>October</b> 7th 21st	Kenny Wight Billy Grant
<b>November</b> 4th 11th 18th	Una Warden Billy Chapman & Jim Campbell
<b>December</b> 2nd 16th	Jean Lindsay Christmas Flowers

Because we have an extra service for Remembrance Sunday at Rosewell, if anyone who no longer has 'their' Sunday for flowers and would like to give them on 18<sup>th</sup> November, please let me know.

*Jean Lindsay*



# THE HOLY HIKERS

"If you are seeking creative ideas, go out walking.  
Angels whisper to a man when he goes for a walk."

Raymond Inmon



Our walking weekend in March to Dunfermline was very successful. Although closer to home than usual, all fourteen of us enjoyed it. It was a bit wet on the Saturday at Lochore Meadows with lying snow and ice but the weather improved on the Sunday for our walk round Pittencrieff Park and the town. Monday was dry and we all enjoyed Devilla Forest walk. The final walk in our winter programme was to Carlops when seven members walked from the village to the North Esk Reservoir and back via Spittal Farm.

In May the first walk in our Summer Schedule was to East Linton. Twelve walkers did a six-mile circular stroll from the town to Pencraig returning via the Tyne Valley. Our longer walk in June was to Abbey St Bathans where 5 of us completed an eight-mile circuit. The first evening walk of the season was around Dalhousie Castle and its walled garden and the July evening walk covered Polton and Lasswade. The longer walk in July was the Duchess' Drive in the Bowhill Estate in Selkirk.

This was a lovely seven-and-a-half-mile route in beautiful countryside. The final evening walk on 8<sup>th</sup> August was led by Hilary & Glen to Colinton and Slateford. I was on holiday and Hilary assures me that she did not lose any of the seven walkers!

The September outing is to Peebles and we complete our Summer programme in October with a walk in Coldstream.

If you would like to join our group, contact me on 0131 660 1147

*Happy Hiking*

*Jim Scott*

## **Visit to Northern Ireland**

On a recent visit to Northern Ireland we did a few nice walks one of which was to Tollymore Forest Park in Co Down on the edge of the Mourne Mountains. We found this inscription on a huge rock in the park. (See photo)



We were also able to spend a few days in Kilkeel and caught up with Mary & Mick Johnston.





Mary was delighted to see us as was Mick who, although he is not able to communicate very well, he understands what you say to him and retains his lovely sense of humour. They send their love and best wishes to all their friends at Cockpen and Carrington.

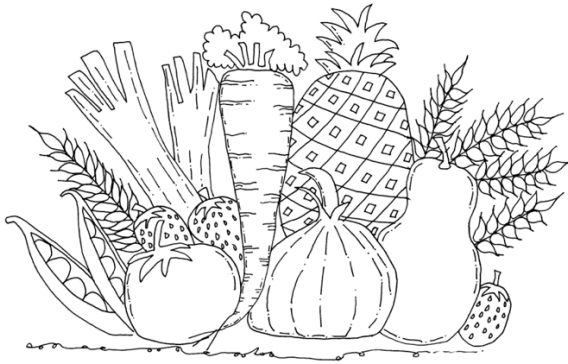
Dot & Jim Scott



## Children's Page

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