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Allow Him to Take Your Stress

Rev Murdo Campbell

Listen carefully! Jesus Christ opens the gate, gently looks at you, and says: "Come to Me, all you who labour and are . . . overburdened, and I will cause you to rest. [I will ease and relieve and refresh your souls]" (Matt. 11:28, *Amplified Bible*).

You might have heard the joke I heard the other day, about the man who went to his doctor and said, doctor, the other day I thought I was a wigwam and yesterday I thought I was a tepee. Doctor what's wrong with me? The doctor replied, your two tents.

The pressures of life can leave us all feeling to tense. Twenty-first-century people understand the meaning of stress. A week doesn't pass without a few skirmishes that beat up our fragile frames. They may be as mild as making pack lunches for our kids before 7:30 in the morning (mild?) or as severe as a collision with another car . . . or another person. Makes no difference. The result is "trauma." You know the reason Valium remains the top prescription.

Joe Bayly, Christian writer and columnist, certainly understood trauma. He and his wife lost three of their children: one at eighteen days (after surgery); another at five years (leukaemia); a third at eighteen years (an accident and haemophilia). In my wildest

imagination, I cannot fathom the depth of their loss. Joe and his wife stood sometimes strong, sometimes weak, as they watched God place a period before the end of the sentence on three of their children's lives. And their anguish was not relieved when well-meaning people offered shallow, simple answers amidst their grief.

One wise observer said of the poor counsel we offer to stressed people: "There's always an easy solution to every human problem—neat, plausible, and wrong."

Eyes that read these words might



very well be near tears. You are trying to cope without hope, and there's no relief on the horizon. You're bleeding and you've run out of bandages. You have moved from mild tension to advanced trauma.

Jesus opens the gate, gently looks at you, and says: "Come to Me, all you who labour and are . . . overburdened, and I will cause you to rest. [I will ease and relieve and refresh your souls]" (Matt. 11:28)

Nothing complicated. No big fanfare, no need for a pilgrimage, no hypnotic trance, no fee, no special password. Just *come*. Meaning? Unload. Unhook

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the pack and drop it in His lap . . . now. Does He know what trauma is all about? Remember, He's the One whose sweat became like drops of blood in the agony of Gethsemane. If anybody understands trauma, He does.

Allow Him to take your stress as you take His rest.

Murdo

Church Family

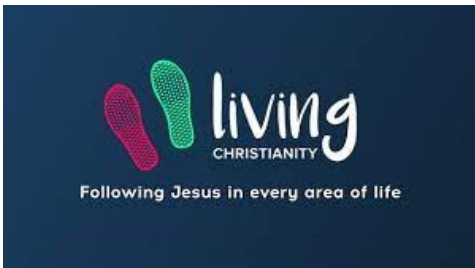
Deaths: (Church Members)

Blair Armstrong 30th March 2023

Evelyn MacDougall 21st April 2023

"Now the dwelling place of God is with men, and He will live with them and be their God"
Rev 21:3

Living Christianity Mission and Discipleship Group



This spring a group has met in the Kirk Rooms for *Living Christianity*, a series from the Christian Institute. It has helped us understand the Bible's teaching about how we should live—for example, at work, in the family and in society. Following a short video and a Bible reading, we have discussed topics freely—and sometimes at length! The photo shows some of the group members.



Flower Ministry Christine Cresswell

Many thanks for all the support that I have received these last few months with the flower ministry. I am very grateful and it shares the load. Thank you for those who have offered to deliver flowers and for those who have donated. Thanks also to Norma for all she does to create a colourful welcome with the planted tubs at the front door of the church.



Safeguarding

Ella Hyam, Safeguarding Co-ordinator

A training session for KIRK SESSION MEMBERS has been arranged for TUESDAY 20th JUNE at 7pm in THE KIRK ROOMS.

Please note that all members of Kirk Session are trustees and are required to attend Safeguarding Training at least every 5 years. We Elders are all eligible.

Session Report

Lynne James

It has been a relatively quiet time for Session over the last few months, after the "business" of Annual Accounts and the ABM in March.

Murdo arranged with the school that the children prepare artwork for Easter and three children's entries were chosen for this year's Easter Card. Hopefully, you all had a chance to look at all the children's drawings which were put up around the church walls. A lovely splash of colour with some very thoughtful entries I am sure you will agree (see back page).



Winning entries by Isla Pickard (P7), Mia (P4) and Alba Gray Carracedo (P1)

It was lovely, once more to have the children back in church for an end of term Easter Service, and very gratifying to see how many parents and families are returning for these services. We are very blessed to have access to the school in this way, as it is not always the case in many schools across the country.

Keith Hyam, as Fabric Convenor, has had a list of jobs to attend to as long as your arm, and has, as ever, quietly got on with all these tasks as best he can, while waiting for tradesmen to get back to him with quotes and dates. I am sure we can all sympathise with him on that!

The new, and large, Perth Presbytery, of which we are now a part, are trying to get themselves in order and there will no doubt be teething problems as they try to gather together information from all the charges in this new, widespread area.

We are due our Quinquennial Survey of the church, the Kirkrooms and the Manse and, by the time this edition of Cornerstone comes out, this may well have been carried out.

Session did discuss the lowering of the projector in the main sanctuary, as this had been raised as a difficulty for some people, but, after thought and discussion it was felt that changing the position again (it had previously been deemed too low) was very costly, it might not solve the problem for everyone and, indeed might cause new problems for others. While we can never get the height exactly right, we have tried to get the best fit we can, and perhaps moving seating position within the pews, as a trial, might help in some cases.

Since the last Cornerstone, we have lost a much esteemed brother on Session when Blair Armstrong was called home on 30th March. He had been an el-

der since June 2007 and gave faithful and prayerful service for many years until his ill health forced him to step back from active duty as an elder. He remained a prayer warrior and was able to attend, via zoom, the weekly prayer group for many months before his health made this impossible.

Blair was a quiet voice of reason and prayerful thought on many Session matters and carried out additional duties as Presbytery Elder, as with all things, with grace and consideration. Despite a very busy professional life, he always set apart time for the church and gave gladly of that time in service to his Father in Heaven.

Ever mindful of the church's role in the community, Blair encouraged outward looking initiatives within the church. A great communicator himself, he was always immensely encouraging to others as they sought to communicate God's message of love and forgiveness.



**Blair Armstrong
1939-2023**

It is fitting that, later in this edition, we are reprinting an article Blair wrote for Cornerstone which we feel is a relevant and poignant memory of him and his skill in communication (see page 8).

At his service of thanksgiving, his three sons spoke movingly of a devoted and caring husband and father whose love for them, for Sylvia, and, above all, his Lord, shone through in all he did and stood for (see page 7).

We know he has gone home to glory, but we will much miss his presence with us here on earth. Our thoughts and prayers are with Sylvia, David, Gavin, Chris and their families.

Missionary News

Wednesday Prayer Group

In Japan, **Lorna Ferguson** tells us that life is slowly returning to normal after Covid, even if in church they continue to wear masks.

Lorna is involved at present with Mobilisation - raising awareness of the needs in Japan; with Internship - for the benefit of newcomers to their missionary team; and with the Field Leadership team meetings. She will also be spending a few days in Thailand at an OMF Consultation about TCKs - missionaries' children.

But the highlight of the month will surely be the marriage in Thailand of her eldest son Daniel to his Thai fiancée, Yada.

We were delighted to welcome **Catherine** to our regular Wednesday evening meeting recently. We were also joined by others from the church who responded to the invitation. Catherine spoke of her work in Spain as part of a multi-national team of missionaries. She works mainly with families who have come to Spain from North Africa. She befriends the wives and children and helps them with the language difficulties as well as speaking to them about Jesus. She uses stories from the Bible as a medium for teaching them about Jesus and His love for all people. It was an informative and enjoyable time and an opportunity to get to know Catherine.

Yvonne Mildred (Ghana) writes: Thursday 11th May 8 Pastors and Church leaders passed their exams in the courses (i) Being Jesus' apprentice, and (ii) The Bible, Work and Trade. I love teaching at the Educational Centre in Chiana. The students are hungry to know God's word, and determined to pass on to others what they learn, 2 Timothy 2:2. Several asked me to help them teach when they return to their towns and villages. I told them they were able to teach, they didn't need me. They told me they do need me to bring international influence, so the people take their Pastors' new teaching seriously.

When students evaluated the Being Jesus' apprentice course, one said, 'I didn't know I could pray for people who aren't Christian'. Another shared his shock learning he was to pray for enemies. A third said, 'I will now pray scripture - I am certain God will answer'.

In the course, 'The Bible, Work and Trade', students practice keeping daily financial accounts for 12 weeks. Several said it was very important to them. When they daily recorded expenditure, their spending habits changed: they spent less and were able to save. No longer do they spend because they have money in their pockets. They will be teaching their wives, church people and anyone who wants to learn, after they return to their communities.



We continue to build the food production outlet that will employ vulnerable people needing employment. A big challenge for me is how to relate with the Electrical contractor, the one preferred by the Electrical supply company, who has delayed in hooking us up to the national grid for 7 months. (Solar power option was twice the price of national grid hook-up, and became unrealistic). We continue to wait. People here say, 'Be patient Yvonne'. I am keen for the buildings to be completed, and ready for use, so we can provide employment and increase some people's incomes, working, I pray, in ways that honour God. Thank you for being praying people, so essential.

Yvonne



The Food processing building in the background, and the start of the Vegetable 'receiving, washing and cutting' building going up.

Carolyn Kemp, Field Director, Diaspora Returnee Ministry with OMF:

In some SE Asian countries many people will never hear the gospel message; it could be only when they travel abroad to seek work, sometimes in low-paid jobs with harsh conditions, that they might encounter Christians. Carolyn's DRM team brings the good news of Jesus to them through language classes, friendship and Bible study.

In **Portugal** work is being pioneered by a German lady among **Thai** immigrants working in sectors such as agriculture and hospitality. In **Taiwan**, church members are being encouraged to allow their Indonesian domestic staff time-off to attend Mandarin classes.

Carolyn prepares to hand over this summer to James and Kirsty.



Carolyn visiting Torrance Parish Church in April

James and Kirsty have met for the first time the global leadership team of the Diaspora work and enjoyed getting to know their future colleagues. Once a week they meet with Carolyn to start to come to grips with the complexities of the job. In the photo Susanna delightedly displays the keys to the flat they have now bought in Central Edinburgh.



Godspeed Ian Mills

On returning home at the end of March after a few weeks holiday, the first thing I noticed on entering the village were the number of white encircled number 20s painted on the roads. I remembered reading earlier about Stirling Council's plans to introduce 20mph speed restrictions in rural areas in line with national recommendations, and indeed a formal Order was passed by the Council in February to this effect covering a number of streets in our community. Whilst most people accept the need for speed restrictions as a means of reducing the possibility of injury to drivers, passengers and pedestrians, it didn't take long when chatting with friends and neighbours to learn that the exercise in the village had prompted a range of comments concerning the number and location of the markings – including the fact that no such 20mph speed restriction signs were painted on the road outside the church!



Apparently there are nine different types of speed limit signs used on UK roads. In addition, there are various means of enforcing compliance with speed restrictions through speed cameras, traffic calming measures, police patrols etc. I hope it is not just me who has been the only unwitting 'victim' of one of these speed controls in the past!

Whilst speed restrictions of this kind were not relevant in biblical times, the word 'Godspeed' is often used today especially when bidding farewell to someone about to set out on a long and potentially hazardous journey. In 1962 when John Glenn lifted off in the space capsule Friendship 7 to make the first US manned orbital flight, a fellow astronaut Scott Carpenter sitting in mission control was heard saying 'Godspeed, John Glenn'. Interestingly, the same words were used as the title of an obituary in the New

York Times following John Glenn's death in 2017. Also, when Neil Armstrong and his fellow astronauts undertook their moon landing flight in 1969, the last words from launch control prior to lift off were 'Good luck and Godspeed'.

The Cambridge dictionary definition of 'speed' refers to 'how fast something moves'. We now seem to live in a world where everything has to take place quicker than before - be it journey time, broadband speed on our internet, lifestyle gurus advising on how to get things done faster and so on. And yet, biblical references would suggest something different. Ecclesiastes Ch3 has the well known words 'There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens', indicating that our concept of speed is less relevant within the timescales which God has planned.

There are several instances in the bible where 'speed' is the key issue. In 1 Kings 18, we read of how God granted Elijah divine speed such that he outran the King's chariot. Although there are other biblical references to divine speed, the thing which came through my mind in considering all this took me back to my days as a chemistry teacher. One of the topics in the Higher Grade Chemistry course was to consider how chemical reactions take place. Most chemical reactions occur through a series of steps with the slowest step being the 'rate determining step' as it is the one which governs the overall speed of the reaction. I explained this to my pupils by using the analogy of a 4x100 metre relay race squad consisting of three top class sprinters and me, each running a 100 metre leg of the race. I would then ask the question – who is the rate determining step in completing this race? Pretty obvious!

As mentioned earlier, although we live in a world where everything seems to have to take place quickly, it could well be that many of God's plans require us to operate at a slower speed in order to benefit from the guidance of our heavenly sat nav. Unlike chemical reactions, the rate determining step throughout the various stages of our lives should be at Godspeed - be it fast or slow.

The Guild Isobel Brown

Continuing from Spring Cornerstone, our outing to Doune went extremely well. The food was delicious and our time at the Antique Centre was most interesting.



Guild outing to Doune

Our AGM was something no one should have missed as, after the business meeting, we were entertained by our minister, Murdo, with a game of blind man's bluff. There is a lot more to Murdo which I bet only the Guild have seen. Most entertaining, Murdo—we will keep you for a while yet!!

Spring Fayre (13th May): Gosh, were we busy. Everyone worked tirelessly to make sure everyone was well served. The total raised was £2,800—so worthwhile for Strathcarron Hospice. The plant sale was really kept at it, with great numbers buying locally grown plants especially for the Fayre, with donations from all over the village. We must thank Susan and her good friends for their support on the day and also their amazing commitment and support they give Susan. Well, what more can be said other than an enormous thank you to all who made this such a great occasion and such a great donation to our neighbours at Strathcarron.



Some of the hard workers at the Spring Fayre

(see back page for more Spring Fayre photos)

At the time of writing we are looking forward to our Guild lunch on Monday 15th May at Glazert Hotel.

Last, but certainly not least, thank you to an amazing Committee for a year in which all have contributed so well.

God's blessing on everyone and thanks again.

Messy Church Lynne James

The families of Messy Church got together just before Easter, putting in a huge amount of effort to try to erect the cross at the top of Dunglass Hill this year. Sadly, they were unable to find the moorings for it and had to abandon their attempt, after several hours at the top. Even after putting in those hours, two dads went up, separately, at a later date, one with a metal detector and one with a spade, and finally had to admit defeat.

While all this was going on, other "Messy Churchers" set about putting up the artwork from the prima-

ry school, having an Easter egg hunt and preparing, and enjoying a lovely Spring Afternoon Tea. Tamara had baked enough delicious goodies to feed an army..and the Messy Church Army demolished quite a lot of it! The children made their own scones as part of the afternoon and when, eventually, the dads and lads came down from Dunglass, there were pizzas and sausage rolls to warm them up a bit as well as the home baking.

As ever, the afternoon flew by, and there was such a joyful spirit amongst all those who enjoyed the fellowship and food together.

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 11th June, 11am: Communion Service

Every Sunday: Morning worship at 11am; tea and coffee are served after the service
Sunday Club for children (starting off in church)

Every Wednesday: Bible study at 11am, Lynne James
Prayer meeting at 7pm, Kirk Rooms

Every Thursday: Cuppa Time 2pm-4pm, Kirk Rooms
Bible Study at 7pm, Wylma Dunbar

Cuppa Time Georgina Marshall

There was a good turn out at our Easter special. After a delicious afternoon tea and quiz, we enjoyed singing Easter songs followed by a selection of the more traditional Easter hymns. Thanks to Tamara for playing for us. Our founder Donald Peddie had given Lorna Young a beautiful religious jigsaw to complete. After completion, (a bit late due to covid) Lorna had it framed in honour of Donald. Murdo came along and helped to put it on display in the Kirk rooms. Well done Lorna!

Unlike most groups in the village, Cuppa Time keeps going throughout the summer months. We are there every Thursday from 2-4 pm. A warm welcome awaits anyone who wishes to join us.



Blair Armstrong

Blair's service of thanksgiving included tributes from all three of his sons:



His eldest son, David shared memories of Blair working on the house the family built on Milndavie Road. "Some of my earliest memories here in Strathblane are of Dad, sometimes with the help of friends and relatives, constructing the insides of our house. Bit by bit, little by little, the internal walls are built and the rooms appear. Now you can imagine, as a 10 year old, not only is it exciting to see a house being built from scratch with all the diggers and machines but also Chris, Gavin and I would each be getting new bedrooms and—let's face it, it doesn't get much bigger than that! These abiding memories of Dad with the hammer, nails and power tools after work and at weekends working away at our house made an impression on me. And this became my earliest idea of who my dad was. Someone who provided love and support in the most practical of ways".



Gavin said, "He was also a very patient man. I guess you had to be when you had three boys, but Dad's patience was boundless. I think back to when he was teaching me to drive—if there was ever a time to be patient, it was teaching your son how to drive. But he was well practiced at it, having already taught three others how to drive—Dave, Mum and his own mother. I can't imagine what it must have been like to teach your then fiancée how to drive—so many arguments could have come out of there—there was a lot at stake. But just to add to the pressure, he taught Mum to drive in his own car—the 1967 Triumph Spitfire Mark 3 in Flame Red. This was his pride and joy—a very rare car of his time, and he was about to hand the keys over to

his fiancée who would almost certainly crunch the gears and stall the engine. I can't imagine what was going through his mind at the time—but it was a true sign of love and patience”.



Youngest son, Chris, shared memories of his Dad as a teacher, including teaching him to cycle. “Cycling a bike was a challenge when I was younger. My big brothers would power away into the distance without a care in the world for their youngest and dearest sibling. But for me, a bike was this scary machine that would tower over me, and I lacked the confidence that I could navigate these wheels of terror. So what was Dad’s solution? We would use a tandem bike. As you can see from the picture, Dad had a standard uniform that he would use on holiday excursions...I call it the Bjorn Borg outfit. He would sometimes spice things up with a red jumper..if we were lucky...but, like the rules for Wimbledon, standard white was always the order of the day—including the bike. When I was on the tandem, I felt like I could cycle across the world. Gone went any fears I had. Instead, it was me and my Dad—piloting what felt like this huge tank. Dad was at the wheel, while I was his trusty co-pilot, looking out for enemy cars that tried to overtake us. Now,

as we are friends, I’ll let you into a secret: thanks to Dad’s persistence with getting me onto a bike, by the time of this picture I knew I could ride a bike myself. However, I pleaded with Dad that this was not the case, and that we needed to ride the tank one last time. I can imagine how tough these cycles must have been for him. Up those long, winding, punishing hills...trying to cycle what must have felt like a large tanker, and me, like a faulty propeller. But for me it was that feeling of being part of ‘Team Dad’ - it was the best feeling in the world, and I didn't want to let go of it. I like to think, despite his well laid suspicions that I did not do enough pedalling, he thought the same too”.

The Importance of Memory Blair Armstrong

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In the January edition of the Church of Scotland magazine “Life and Work” the Very Rev Dr John Chalmers raises an issue that I have been concerned about for some considerable time.

Having recently attended three inspiring funerals of close friends I was stunned to discover how little I knew about the quiet “behind the scenes” work that all three were individually involved in.

It is sad that often it is only when we attend the funeral of a close friend that we learn of some of the stunning work that they have been involved in or of the dramatic input that they have made to society and the world in general. We only get a clue as to this wealth of information through the tributes given by grieving relatives, and that in itself causes additional stress and strain to those that are left.

Should we not be encouraging one another to prepare a brief history of our life and be prepared to share it with others.

I’m very conscious of the reluctance by the average Scot to talk about themselves in case it is viewed as “trumpet blowing” but oh! How I would love to have had a further exciting and stimulating discussion or debate with my friends in the light of what I now know.

Through my media involvement I have had the privilege over the years of speaking and interviewing many high profile Christians and I have taken the opportunity to pose a final question “How would you like to be remembered?”.

Of the many I have spoken to there are some

who have given exceptional answers. They were:

the theologian Rev Dr William Barclay
Billy Graham
Gary Player (world champion golfer)
Desmond Tutu. (theologian and peace activist)

Their comments are now no longer stored on scraps of paper lying on some BBC Producer’s desk but in a sophisticated storage facility located at Broadcasting House London. The recordings are used constantly and especially by the “Obits Dept”. That is the quaint name given to the team responsible for keeping the Obituaries information up to date. There is an old saying at the BBC that you know if you have “arrived” if your name and details are retained by the “Obits” team.

But how does all of this affect each of us?

I would suggest in a significant way .

Each person reading this article will have unknowingly developed yet another “page” in your own life story.

You are important in this world and you are someone for whom Christ died. So you do have a story to tell. For example, how did you reach this point in your faith journey?

Can I encourage you to start today to build a simple history and record of your life -I think you will find it fascinating and what is more I would like to read it if you will let me. NOW THERE IS A CHALLENGE!!

It's been another busy few months here and in Malawi. There are always challenges but there have been rewards too. The continual challenge is to find food for the children we help to support. Food is scarce at this time of year and prices have been continuing to escalate. Levison and team are still managing to feed 500 orphans and vulnerable children once a week. However, this is their biggest meal of the week, and all are malnourished and hungry. If you would like to support the vital work of the Feeding Programme, then please do get in touch.



500 children are fed once a week at The Feeding Programme

The maize crop at the Foundation is not doing well this year as they could not afford to buy fertilizer and some of the crop was damaged in the heavy rains. Levison (who has a degree in Agriculture as well as being a qualified teacher) has decided to diversify and plant sweet potato vines which do not need any fertilizer. The students at Bright Futures Secondary School have been preparing the ground and planting the vines. Hopefully, we will get photos when it comes time to harvest them.



Students preparing the ground and planting sweet potato vines as part of their agricultural lessons

As part of their agricultural lessons, the teacher has asked the students at Bright Futures Secondary School to prepare a patch of ground by their homes to grow their own vegetables. They will be able to share

what they grow with their families and are learning skills and growing in confidence.



One of the students with the patch of garden he has prepared for planting vegetables

The fruit tree saplings that were planted a couple of years ago are doing well. There are guava fruit appearing for the first time. We are hoping to be able to plant a lot more fruit trees this year. If you'd like to help, then you could purchase 4 fruit tree saplings for £10.



We are looking towards September and a new school year. There will be a new class of students joining Bright Futures Secondary School, so we need to build a new classroom by then. We have a fundraiser for donations <https://gofund.me/ece5753a> or you can email for bank details if you would like to help. contact_us@changinglivesmalawi.com Your continued prayers are welcome and very much appreciated. You can find out lots more information on our website with stories and photos

www.changinglivesmalawi.com

Thank you so much, Sarah x



Students at Bright Futures Secondary School which opened in November 2022. We now need to build another classroom for the new class of students arriving in September.

All the way my Saviour leads me

1 All the way my Saviour leads me—
 What have I to ask beside?
 Can I doubt His tender mercy,
 Who through life has been my guide?
 Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort,
 Here by faith in Him to dwell!
 For I know, whate'er befall me,
 Jesus doeth all things well;
 For I know, whate'er befall me,
 Jesus doeth all things well.

2 All the way my Saviour leads me—
 Cheers each winding path I tread,
 Gives me grace for ev'ry trial,
 Feeds me with the living bread.
 Though my weary steps may falter
 And my soul athirst may be,
 Gushing from the rock before me,
 Lo! a spring of joy I see;
 Gushing from the rock before me,
 Lo! A spring of joy I see.

3 All the way my Saviour leads me—
 Oh, the fullness of His love!
 Perfect rest to me is promised
 In my Father's house above.
 When my spirit, clothed immortal,
 Wings its flight to realms of day,
 This my song through endless ages:
 Jesus led me all the way;
 This my song through endless ages:
 Jesus led me all the way.

By Frances Crosby

Contributed by Christine Cresswell "there are so many verses in the bible and hymns that can encourage us when we are going through difficult times. This is one that I find helpful."

Treasurer's Report Jean Strachan, Treasurer

For the first 4 months of 2023 and 2022 our General Fund giving may be compared as follows:

	2023	2022	Change	Change
	£	£	£	%
Non Gift Aid Envelopes	450	465	(15)	(3.23)
Gift Aid	15,840	15,525	315	2.03
Open Plate	1,307	753	554	73.57
	<u>17,597</u>	<u>16,743</u>	<u>854</u>	<u>5.10</u>
Other Donations	551	392	159	
Weddings/Funerals	50	175	(125)	
Legacies	-	1,545	(1,545)	
Total	<u>18,198</u>	<u>18,885</u>	<u>(657)</u>	

The Guild and Fellowship Group organised a concert in the Church. This raised £454 for our funds.

A donation of £5,000 was made to Tearfund to support its work with the victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

Cornerstone Traci Leven

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this edition of Cornerstone. Please note that the deadline for the autumn edition is **Saturday 19h August**. Please send articles to: strathblanekirk@gmail.com or phone me on 07939 898722.

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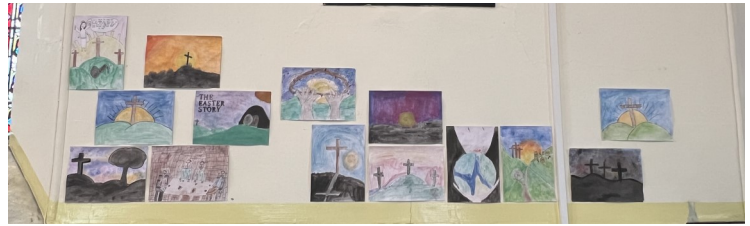


YouTube

Our YouTube channel is called 'Strathblane Church' - you can see all our previous online services and Sunday Club videos there from when the church was in lockdown. Subscribe to our channel to be notified of any new posts.



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDWyTLcF0GRILUbpDpCbNnw>



Some of the Easter Story artwork produced by Strathblane Primary School pupils, displayed in the church.



Plants, cakes and pipes at the Guild Spring Fayre