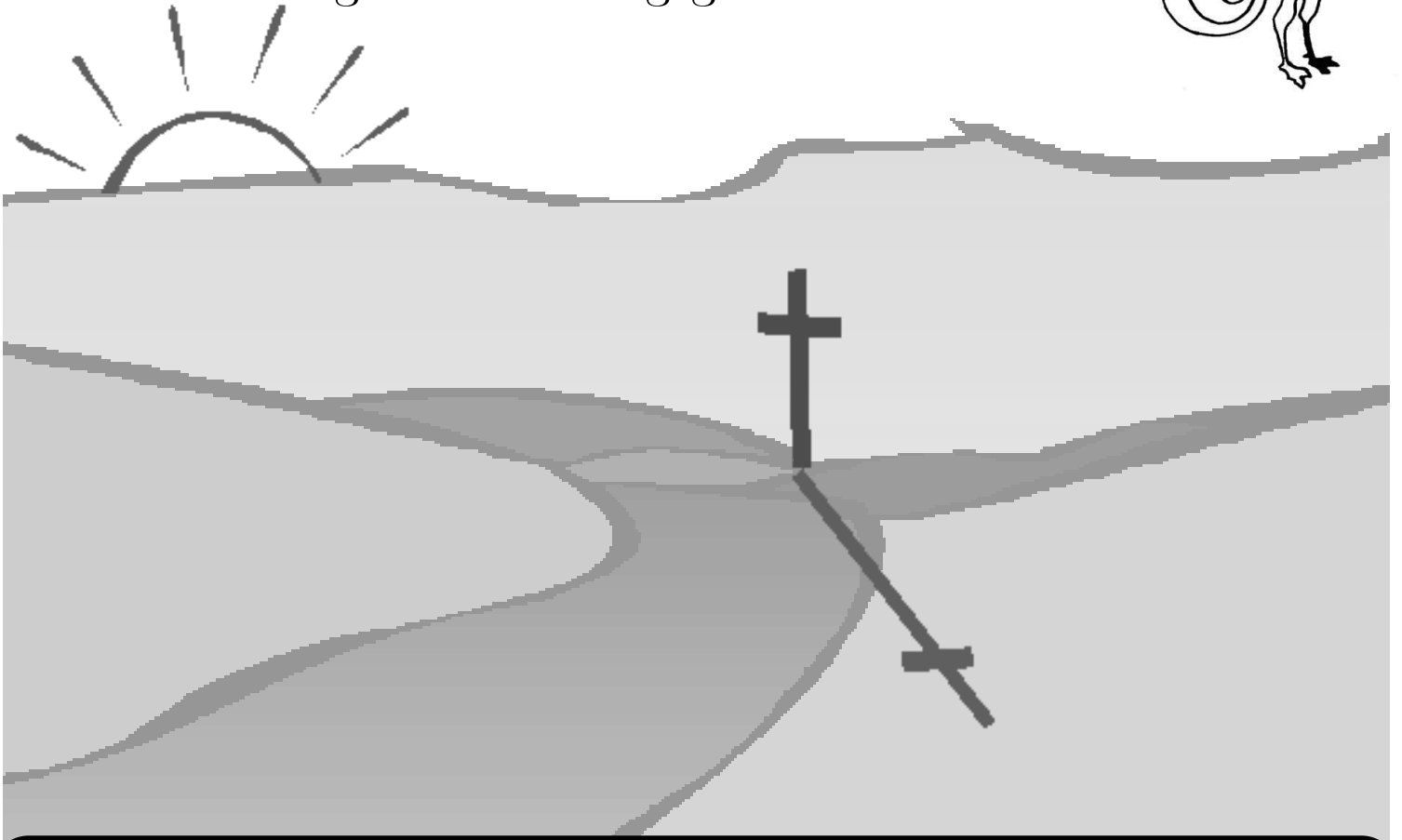


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Session Meeting
Wednesday 20th November

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**Sunday worship is
conducted by Rev Anita
Kerr, every week at 11am .**

What's On?

Girls' Brigade

Monday Evenings

18:30—20.00

Something else happening?

If you have anything you'd like
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Next Edition November/December

**Contributions for the next edition are
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Greetings from Anita



My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness

This week Radio 4's Daily Service theme has been 'Gardens in the Bible. Eden, the first garden, Solomon's garden of plenty, the garden of resurrection, the garden of eternity and my personal favourite the garden of Gethsemane. The Gospel accounts tell us that the Garden of Gethsemane was a favourite place for Jesus and His disciples which they visited more than once. Not only was it a suitable place for private prayer and fellowship for this tight band of disciples looking for solace away from the hustle and bustle of the big city, but it also was conveniently located by the path leading from Jerusalem and the Temple to the villages of Bethany and Bethpage. Perhaps Gethsemane was more like a park leading from one place to another than a garden as we now think of it. I like to think of the Garden of Gethsemane leading somewhere rather than ending something. A place of healing and transformation before the next phase of life, body, mind and soul, aligned or re-aligned.

The healing power of a garden was wonderfully portrayed at the Chelsea Flower Show earlier this year through the Stroke Association's Garden for Recovery. This garden has been designed as a peaceful, sensory space to support stroke recovery. The concept and material choices of the garden have all been inspired by the designer's own experience of surviving a stroke and the stories of other people who have been affected by a stroke. After the Chelsea Flower Show the garden will be reconfigured as a permanent garden for the Stroke Unit at Chapel Allerton Hospital in Leeds, where there is currently no suitable access to outside space, so the garden will provide a vital space for reconnection and rest for stroke survivors, their friends, families and carers.

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In early March the manse garden was transformed with new weed suppressant and stone chippings, a trellis, clematis and honeysuckle. The roses, climbers, herbs and host of other plants are framed by the conservation trees surrounding the garden. Our walled garden as we like to call it, has been an oasis of calm in a time of turbulence. A space to retreat to and reflect, to pray and give thanks to God for all His goodness. Undeterred by the weather I can be found, wrapped up warm with a rug over my knees, and Jyp by my feet, the perfect picture of a convalescent cleric!

Blessings and heartfelt thanks for all your prayers—*Rev Anita*

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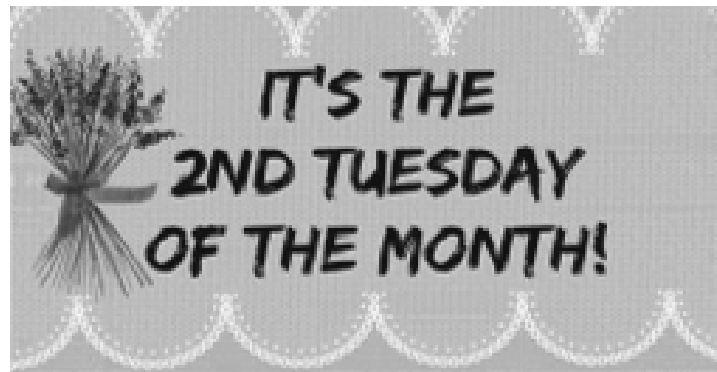
By the time you are reading this, we will be into **Fairtrade Fortnight!** This is the time of year to celebrate the amazing impact that the Fairtrade movement is having on the lives of farmers and producers in the global south who grow many of the products we especially love such as cocoa, coffee and bananas. These products are currently under threat as climate change bites, farmers switch to other crops and young people don't see a future for themselves in agriculture.

It is 30 years since the FAIRTRADE Mark first appeared on products to let us know that a fair wage had been paid, along with other benefits for farming co-operatives. A unique and key element of Fairtrade is the social premium, an extra payment over and above the price, which goes to the co-operative to spend depending on the needs of their community. In 30 years, over £1.7 billion of premium has been used to build schools and hospitals, supply clean water, install irrigation systems, and support farmers in how best to mitigate against climate change, the biggest impact on livelihoods.

'Thanks to the Fairtrade Premium, we can provide opportunities to young people in our community.' Maria Doris, Fairtrade banana grower in Colombia. Maria and her co-operative have used their Fairtrade Premium to provide educational opportunities for young women.

This year, the Fairtrade Foundation is urging everyone to **Be the Change**, by picking up Fairtrade products when they can and speaking up for fairer trade. So, whether it's a bar of delicious Divine chocolate instead of your usual one, or a letter to your MP about how they can support fairer global trade rules, there is something we can do to help make the world just a little bit fairer. For more details, visit: www.fairtrade.org.uk

Sally Romilly



WHAT IS? GOD THOUGHTS -PRAY, CHAT, SHARE, GROW, LAUGH, LEARN!

WHERE? GLASITE HALL-

WHEN? 2nd Tuesday of the month @7pm

WHY? "I WANT TO KNOW GOD'S THOUGHTS...the rest are mere details"

Albert Einstein

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TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER WELCOME TO GOD THOUGHTS 😊

TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE-MAKING GOOD MEMORIES

TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER OUR ADVENT HOPES AND FEARS FOR ALL THE YEARS

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TUESDAY 7TH JANUARY NEW YEAR REFLECTIONS

TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY MOVIE NIGHT 'Chocolat'

TUESDAY 11TH MARCH LENT BIBLE STUDY "Christ and the Chocolaterie – by Hilary Brand: A Lent course from the movie 'Chocolat'"

TUESDAY 18TH MARCH LENT BIBLE STUDY Christ and the Chocolaterie

TUESDAY 25TH MARCH LENT BIBLE STUDY Christ and the Chocolaterie

TUESDAY 1ST APRIL LENT BIBLE STUDY Christ and the Chocolaterie

TUESDAY 8TH APRIL LENT BIBLE STUDY Christ and the Chocolaterie

MAUNDY THURSDAY 17TH APRIL TENEBRAE SERVICE

EASTER SUNDAY 20TH APRIL CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

CHRIST IS RISEN!! HALLELUJAH HE IS RISEN!!!

Church Carpet Bowling Club

By the time you are reading this, we will have had our opening night which was on Thursday 5th September. We will meet every Thursday from 7:00 for 7:30pm in the St Andrew's Hall. Please come along and join in the fun and laughter—bowls could be going in many directions!!

All are welcome, including spectators.

Marilyn Graham

Girls' Brigade News



The Deer Centre was the venue for a pre-session outing. Everyone enjoyed feeding the deer, spotting a variety of other animals in their enclosures and the birds of prey display. Great fun was also had in the variety of play areas around the park.

We were indebted to Roddy Taylor who organised the use of his Boys' Brigade mini-bus and drove us to our destination. We were delighted that Caroline also joined us on our trip.

The session started on 19th August with a 'B' night. Bubbles, beaded bracelets, a bonding ball exercise and a barbecue. Because of heavy rain, we had to make it an indoor barbecue with burgers, crisps, chocolate biscuits and juice being enjoyed in the Glasite Hall.

Eleven girls were present on the first night. This number increased to 15 on our second night, mainly due to leaflets having been handed in to various schools.

We have already made a start on our theme for the year – 'All About Me' - by finding out about some of the girls' favourite things. These will be used as a basis for many of the activities throughout the session.

Although we are delighted to have welcomed so many new girls, we would love to see even more. Girls' Brigade is open to all girls of school-age. We meet on a Monday from 6,30pm to 8pm.

"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."
(1 Thessalonians 5:11)

250 Memories and Reflections *Marilyn Graham*

As a child, most weekends rotated around the church as my dad, Charlie Graham, was the organist and never missed a Sunday except for our family's annual holiday.

Few Saturdays were completely free for a family day out as St. Andrew's Church was very popular for weddings. This was often due to the fact that the front terracing had plenty of space for wedding photos and there was a lovely walk down to a waiting wedding car for the newly-weds. This brought couples from beyond our congregation. Most Saturdays had at least one wedding, sometimes three or even four. If they were spaced out, my sister and I would go down with dad to keep him company and we would sit up in the balcony watching the proceedings.

On Sundays, occasionally dad would be required to play the piano for the B.B.'s Bible Class which was before the morning service. Then the church service would follow, beginning with an Introit from the choir, hymns sung in four part harmony and on special occasions, an anthem sung. Once the service ended, the Senior Sunday School would begin and dad was required to play the hymns before getting away home. The afternoons were not always free, as throughout the year, the choir would visit hospital wards and homes to give them a little service. Then at 6.30pm there was the weekly evening service but not during the summer months.

Some Sundays, a family outing was managed but always with an eye on the clock to get back in time for the 6.30 service. Busy but happy times!

There were four services that were very special to me back in the 60's and 70's with Rev. TRS Campbell. The first were the 2 morning Communions when 60+ elders, all dressed in their tails and starched winged collars sat in the centre pews. Those who had a duty, would hand out the elements with such precision to a packed congregation in total silence. Sitting upstairs, I would watch to see which side of the balcony would finish first. East or West? Once their area had received the bread or wine, the elders would gather one by one at the back of the balcony and only when the last elder had finished, did they turn to move off down the stairs to join the duty elders downstairs. With the dress code, the silence, the solemnity and precision, it made the service a very special occasion.

The second service I loved was the St. Andrew's Day Service when 7 girls from the Girls' Guildry, then latterly from the Girls' Brigade, brought a lit candle into the church from each door and placed it on the Communion Table - each blue candle representing a different continent. Often the weather was inclement, so for the 2 girls and helping elders on the front doors, the problem was always lighting the candle and keeping it lit for the moment of entry. I was honoured to carry one of the candles on a few occasions but, thankfully, always down the centre aisle. Once again, precision was necessary so every move - e.g. reach, lift, turn, move - was rehearsed with counts, a word, or a slight move from Rev. TRS Campbell.

The next was the Kirkin' of the Trades Service with the Convenors of each trade wearing their distinctive cloaks process into the church behind the mace from the east door, past the chancel and up the west stairs to the west balcony while the organ was playing stirring, majestic music. The line of men never seemed to end but finally Bruce Leslie would appear in his tails, tall and erect as ever, indicating that everyone had gathered. The Convenors sat in their appropriate heavily, carved chair with their very old, large embossed Bible in front of them. With so many men condensed in one area, the "male voice choir" sounded wonderful. At the end of the service, the departure was just as spectacular and stirring. My aim was always to try to count how many were in the procession but with long gaps in the line, it was difficult.

My final service was the Christmas Eve Service. A few DRI nurses would attend dressed in their distinctive uniform each year as well as a group from the Sea Cadets. In the early years, forms had to be brought in to accommodate the numbers. The Junior Choir consisting of 30+ children, dressed in their pristine white shirt and tie, would be crammed into the Chancel area under a huge, beautifully dressed Christmas tree. The format, carols and descants stayed the same each year with only the items from both Junior and Senior Choirs changing but it always had a lovely Christmassy anticipation feeling .

The Senior Choir would begin with an Introit, then the Junior Choir would enter down the centre aisle singing "Once in Royal David's City" which always caused a problem as the end of the line couldn't hear the ones at the front. By verse 3 though, everyone was round the Nativity scene on the Communion Table and ready to sing their first descant which hopefully would soar above the congregation.

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As midnight approached, “Still the night” was sung with its beautiful gentle descant and the lights would go out one by one until, by the last few lines, only the little light in the Nativity was shining. Then total darkness, until the announcement of Christmas. All the lights would come on and the church bells would ring welcoming the baby Jesus. Christmas greetings followed and the child who was sitting near the pulpit stair would go up to wish the minister a merry Christmas. The service always finished with “O come, all ye faithful” with the descant on verse three and all organ stops out for the last verse.

People would pour out the open doors, sometimes to find it snowing which was magical. For several years there were buses waiting to take people home both east and westward.

I was in the Junior Choir for 6 years and was then asked to take over from Dan Cruickshank to train and conduct the choir the following year which I did for the next nineteen years. I thoroughly enjoyed the 25 years of Christmas Eve services. It certainly made my Christmases and holds a very special place in my heart.

Guild News



The new session will commence on Tuesday 10th September at 2pm. The Happy Ukes will provide the entertainment which will be followed by afternoon tea.

On 24th September, we will learn about the work of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

Between these two meetings, our dedication service will be held on Sunday September 15th at 11am.

The Guild is open to all. We currently have 2 male members. I'm sure we would all be pleased to welcome more men into our group.

“Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.”

(1 Timothy 4:12)

A Thank you Message from Faye and Frank Galloway

Over Summer, we enjoyed some time away on a Cruise, during which we celebrated our 60th Wedding Anniversary. Unknown to us we were sent a "celebration package" for the 6th June so after opening our many cards of congratulations and then going to the dining room for breakfast we were "gobsmacked" when we came to our room to find a "Happy Anniversary" banner pinned to our door and then inside was like a very good fairy had been there during our absence to transform the room. All our cards were laid out on our bed with two towel swans formed into a heart shape and the bed sprinkled with rose petals. In front of the swans was a framed photo of our wedding day together with a photo taken onboard a couple of days before - spot the differences!! In addition there were two bottles of champagne in buckets of ice and two plates of strawberries that had been dipped in chocolate and a beautiful floral arrangement with a decorated chocolate cake to complete the wonderland we had come back to. We discovered the package had been sent by Faye's sister and two nieces while the cabin had been transformed by Lisa our daily cabin girl with some assistance. Our sincere thanks go to all who sent their best wishes in an amazing variety of cards, two of which, from Liz Davidson and Sheila and Ian Mc Loughlan, were so special as we all have many memories connected with St Andrew's Parish Church and Boys Brigade. Thank you very much on behalf of Faye and myself for making this anniversary a very special milestone in this world where too many changes are happening far too quickly. The number of times we heard the first reaction to our 60 years of marriage - "to the same man/woman"??



Flowers

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<i>1st</i>	Mrs. M. Baxter	Mrs. A. Sanderson
<i>8th</i>	Mrs. A. Lowe Mr. R. MacDougall	Miss. M. Graham
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<i>20th</i>	Mrs. M. McKenzie	Miss. M. Graham
<i>27th</i>	Flower Fund	Mrs. M. McKenzie
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<i>3rd</i>	Mrs. D. Grant	Mrs. A. Sanderson
<i>10th</i>	Flower Fund	Miss. M. Graham
<i>17th</i>	Mrs. R. Findlay	Mrs. M. McKenzie
<i>24th</i>	The Guild	Mrs. A. Sanderson

Date for your Diary

Harvest Gift Service

Sunday 22nd

September



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*The grass withers and
the flowers fall, but
the word of our God
endures forever.*

Isaiah 40:8

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