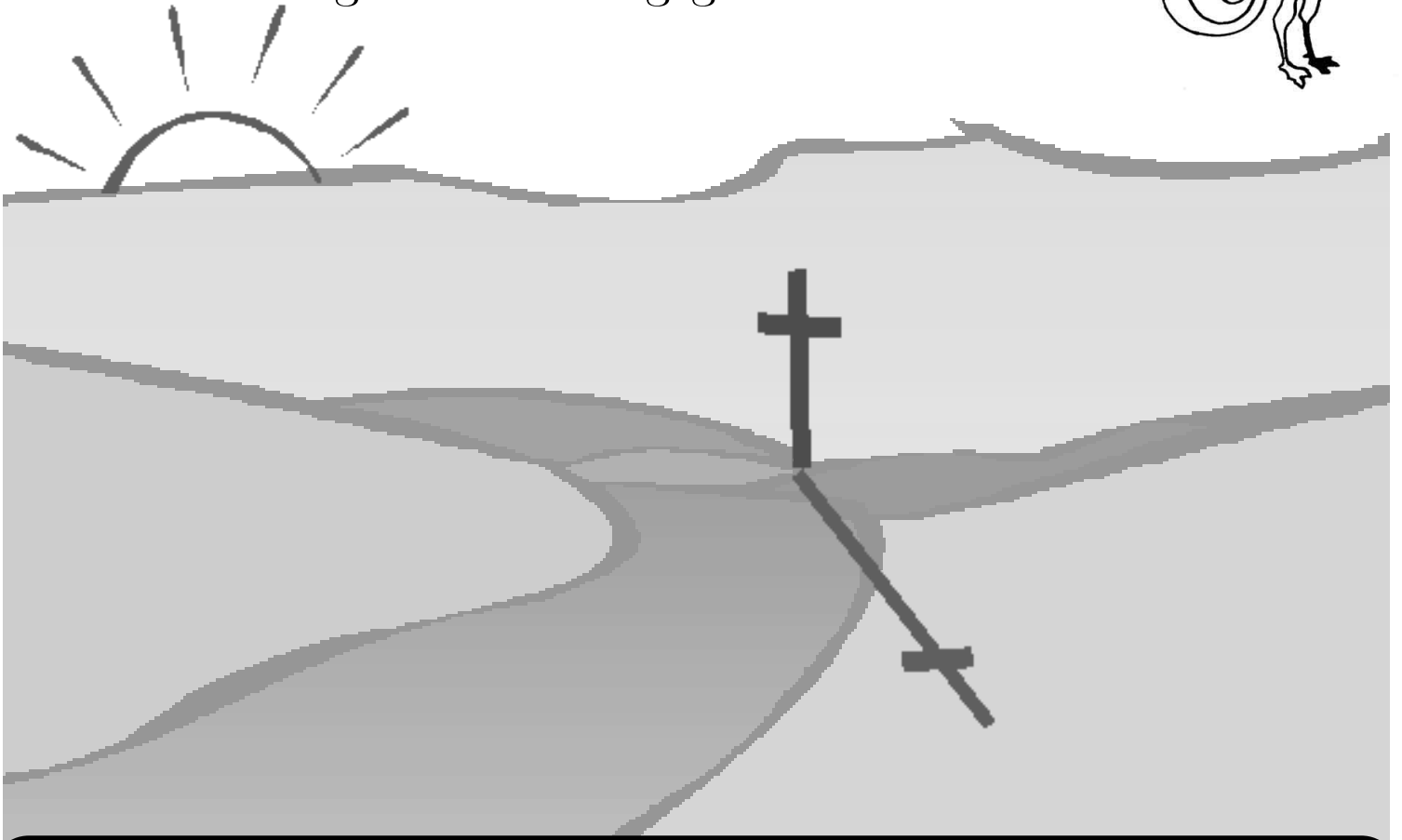


# The Wyvern

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**Oh Lord**

Thank You for spring, the season of Your expression of joy! Let every bloom remind me of Your grace. Let each sunny day bring light to my soul. As I spring ahead let these months give birth to warm thoughts and kind gestures.

Amen

# Who's Who

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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—19:45

Scouts - Thursday Evenings  
18:30—19:30 at Meadowside St Pauls

### Something else happening?

If you have anything you'd like  
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## The Wyvern

### Next Edition July/August

Contributions for the next edition are  
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*anytime during the coming weeks,*  
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# Celebrating 250 Years: Past, Present, and Future

As we prepare to mark a significant milestone in the life of our Kirk, excitement is building. Over the first weekend in June, we come together to celebrate 250 years of faith, friendship, and fellowship.

## **Saturday Party**

Kickstarting our festivities, join us on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 3 pm for a concert with Heart and Soul. Following this, our terrace will be buzzing with laughter and the aroma of BBQ delights as we indulge in delicious food and good company. Get your ticket at church, or on the day (if you are attending on the day, please let us know by emailing [kingsgaitkirk@outlook.com](mailto:kingsgaitkirk@outlook.com) so we can estimate numbers for catering purposes).

## **Sunday Praise**

On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 11 am, join us for a special worship service, where we'll honour the legacy of the past and embrace the promise of the future. Witness the historic Procession of Nine Trades and Three United Trades, starting from the Howff at 10 am, symbolizing our ongoing commitment to community and unity.

## **Looking Ahead**

Our vision extends beyond the celebrations! We're committed to practical initiatives such as building refurbishments, ensuring our spaces are modern, accessible, and environmentally friendly for our current and future family.

Our vision also extends beyond bricks and mortar. We aspire to be a beacon of hope and love in our community, embodying the Word of God through our actions. Through our warmth, kindness, and care, we aim to be a Kirk where all feel welcomed, valued, and uplifted.

As Churchill once said, "The further you look back, the further forward you see." This sentiment encapsulates our vision as we embark on the next phase of our journey. With gratitude for the past and optimism for the future, we envisage a Kirk that continues to evolve and thrive.

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## Get involved

We're looking for individual bakers or groups to contribute to our 250 cupcake challenge as part of the celebrations on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. We also need your "250 on 250" – 250 words about **your** memories of, and your hopes for worship, fellowship and congregational life. If you can help with either (or both!) of these challenges, please contact [kingsgaitkirk@outlook.com](mailto:kingsgaitkirk@outlook.com)!

Together, let's celebrate 250 years of faith, hope, and love, and look forward in faith to the next chapter of the Kingsgait story.

*Margaret Adamson*



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# Guild News



Our last guest speaker of the session was Dr Kenneth Baxter who traced the history of Dundee hospitals. His illustrated talk stirred many memories of buildings no longer there, or now with different uses. The background into the planning and building of Ninewells Hospital, leading to its opening in 1974, was most interesting.

The Daffodil Tea brought our afternoon meetings to a close. We were indebted to Marilyn Graham and friends who stepped in at the last moment when our planned entertainers had to call off. With little opportunity to practise, Marilyn, Alison and Pam, accompanied by Kate, provided a wonderful selection of songs which had us singing along.

To raise funds for the Guild Projects, refreshments were served after the first Big Sing. After the second Big Sing on May 25<sup>th</sup>, soup and sandwiches will be served from 12 noon to 2pm. There will also be a Tombola and Book Stall.

# Girls' Brigade News



Our Heroes and Superheroes activities were interspersed with Easter stories and crafts. On Easter Monday, we planned to have an Easter Egg Hunt in the church gardens. However, the weather was very disappointing and we ended up hiding eggs in the bottom corridor and entrance hall. The following Monday, as we still had a supply of eggs, we managed to get out and enjoy our lovely gardens while hunting for eggs and having some fun with bubbles. We also made biscuits which contained mini chocolate eggs and choc chips.

Jonah and Esther were the 2 Biblical heroes we found out about. A model of Jonah inside a big fish was made and, after watching a DVD about Esther, some artwork was undertaken.

We had a 'Superhero' evening when we enjoyed a Superhero Beetle Drive and Superhero Matching Pairs. As we approach the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we also spent an evening in the church learning about the heroes in the Trades who built the church without all the equipment which is available nowadays.

We now look forward to a visit from Caroline Taylor, our Christian Aid co-ordinator, who will give the girls an insight to the work of Christian Aid. This is in the lead-up to our 'Souper' Day on May 19<sup>th</sup> to raise funds for Christian Aid.

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## Gayle Lennon

We are delighted to share the news that Gayle Lennon has been accepted as a candidate in training for Full time Ministry of Word and Sacrament with the Church of Scotland. Gayle says that she has had an amazing time exploring her call and is so grateful to those who have supported and prayed for her through this part of her journey.

Our best wishes go to Gayle, who contributed so much to the life of our church during her time here.

*Sheila Valentine*

# Kingsgait Kirk - Chairty Knitters

Kingsgait Kirk Charity Knitters have begun their project for 2024. Our knitters and crocheters are creating clothing and comforting toy items for the Dundee branch of Women's Aid.

Dundee Women's Aid provide a range of services including information, support and temporary refuge accommodation. They provide a confidential and non-judgemental service to women, young people and children who have experienced domestic abuse. The abuse may be from a partner, ex-partner or someone they are living with.

The group is working under the banner of the Queen Mother Clothing Guild, which supports various charities with much needed items of clothing and blankets: "Most of our clothing and bedding is purchased by us, but, following the long tradition of the Guild, we also have many wonderful knitters, stitchers and crocheters all over the country who make several thousand hats, gloves, scarves, knee blankets, quilts, jumpers, premature baby clothes, toys and blankets. These beautiful items have been created with care and love – something that means a lot to those who receive them".

The next meetings of the KKCK are at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, 29th May, 26th June and 24th July .

If you can't make it to the meetings, you are also very welcome to knit at home/in the park/on the bus/in the coffee shop!

Happy crafting!

*Stella*

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## Sharing of a Story

Taking ourselves off to Aberdeen for an Easter Break in glorious sunshine on Saturday and Sunday, then a cooler day on Monday, only for the inevitable rain to appear on our way home on Tuesday. We spent quite a bit of our time at The Duthie Park where there is the largest array of plants in the whole of Europe. It is well worth an extended visit to admire all the different varieties from many parts of the world. Added to this there was a floral arrangement competition with entries from all ages from five to ninety-five. That's all our days away now until we head off to Corfu to have two weeks cruising the Adriatic and the Aegean, visiting twelve different ports along the way. While on the cruise, we will celebrate our Diamond Wedding Anniversary on the 6th June. Sixty years from the day at Kelty North Parish Church. Looking back, how quickly the years have passed as we have got older, but many, many happy memories along the way. Sadly, there have also been tragedies, but, again, as we get older we realise that few families go through life unscathed.

*Faye and Frank Galloway*

# Looking towards Christian Aid Week

*Rev Caroline Taylor—Christian Aid Co-ordinator*

This year's Week runs from Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May and is flagged up on the Christian Aid website as "**Seven days, so many ways** to fund lasting change." And then the challenge: "This Christian Aid Week, what will you do?" There are lots of ideas on the website but here are the three events already planned for Kingsgait:

- 70K in May
- Souper Day on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May after the service
- Ceilidh on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June

70K in May involves pledging to walk (cycle/swim/run etc.) 70 kilometers in May – about 45 miles – not so scary if you divide it by the 31 days of the month. I've already signed up to take part (by walking) and it would be wonderful if other members of the congregation would do the same. If that's not for you, but you could manage a short walk – round your neighbourhood, to the local shops, nearest park, along the beach etc. – please invite me to walk with you. That way, you get to take part, I might discover an area of the city I don't know, and we have a chat. And by all means include your dog, or suggest a longer walk.

Get in touch to arrange a walk, date and time that suits you – email me at [caro234@btinternet.com](mailto:caro234@btinternet.com) phone 770198 or see me on a Sunday (I'll be at Kingsgait on 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May).

I will administer the fundraising part as it's in my name. If you'd like to sponsor me, here is the link to my page: [Caroline and Friends - 70K - Christian Aid Fundraise](#)

I'll be sharing the Christian Aid Sunday service with Anita on 12<sup>th</sup> May. Paper donation envelopes will be available then and also on the following Sunday. If you find it more convenient to donate online, then use this link to our unique *electronic* envelope: [Kingsgait Kirk - Christian Aid Week - Christian Aid Fundraise](#)

Souper Day will be held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May, when homemade soup and other goodies will be served after the service, thanks to the Girls' Brigade leaders who have agreed to host this event. If you can help in any way, please contact Sheila Valentine or me. There will be no charge but donations may be given for Christian Aid.

The ceilidh will be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June (7.30–10.00pm) at the Invercarse Hotel. Thanks to Ruth, we will have the same excellent band of musicians as last year. Tickets will be available from 5<sup>th</sup> May, priced at £7 for adults and £1 for under 16s, which will include a stovie supper and cuppa; the bar will be open for the purchase of drinks.

# 'Wondering'

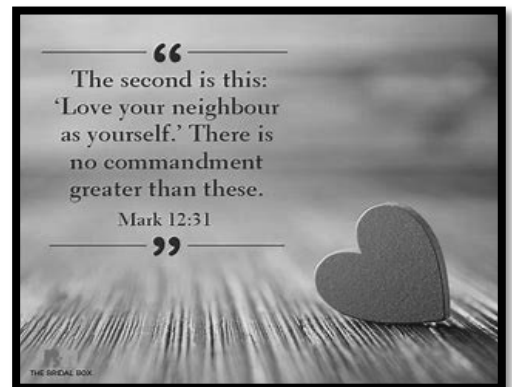
I sometimes wonder what Jesus would say  
If he came and walked in our world today,  
And he saw the hunger and deprivation  
With fighting and killing in every nation.

And I often wonder about the men at the top  
Why can't they get all this fighting to stop,  
But world leaders keep talking, while the fighting goes on  
And we are all left to wonder, where common sense has all gone.

Would Jesus remember the things that he said.  
While us humans are left with our faces all red  
"I give you a new commandment, you should love one another,  
As I have loved you, you must love one another.

Now his words that he preached, the world turned a deaf ear  
And countries and nations just did not seem to hear,  
But the message he preached is the same still today  
And the world would be better if we followed his way !

*J.D Pirie*



## A note from Graeme about the latest Church Walk

I saw a beaver when a group of us went to Tayport from Dundee on Saturday 27th April 2024 which was at the Monifieth end of Tayport.

The plan was to go to a café in Tayport after the walk but this was changed because of the time of the bus back to Dundee and where the bus left from in Tayport.



# Perth Peals!

I was delighted and honoured to be invited by Perth Carillonneur, Dr Ian Cassells, to join him in ringing the carillon of bells in St John's Kirk, Perth, on Easter Saturday. This was to mark the re-opening of the refurbished Perth Museum, and in particular the return of 'the Muckle Stane o' Skuyn' - the Stone of Destiny - to Scotland.

In celebration of this very special event, the festivities featured three one-hour bell recitals, as well as speeches, choirs, a pipe band, ceildh music, ukuleles, dancers, folk singers, and a lively but good-natured demonstration by local young musicians against proposed cuts in music education! Ian's programme included music by Purcell, Bach and Handel alongside Renaissance dances, hymn tunes and songs of Robert Burns. I played a couple of tunes which Ian had written some years ago specially for the St Andrew's carillon, and Tom Moyes from Falkirk Trinity Church played some well-known and much-loved hymns.

The carillon in St John's is much larger than ours in Kingsgait. It has 35 bells, some of which are operated via foot pedals as well as via levers struck with the edge of the fist. It was brilliant to watch Ian making the most of the scope of the instrument with his wide variety of arrangements, some of which involve playing six or seven bells at the same time!

Upcoming carillon recitals in St John's Kirk, Perth are scheduled for 12 noon on the following Wednesdays: 22nd May, 19th June, 31st July, 28th August, 25th September and 30th October. Especially if it's a fine day, it's wonderful to sit out in the square and enjoy the sound of the bells ringing out over the rooftops. If the weather is less kind, you can watch the recitals via screens in the Kirk.

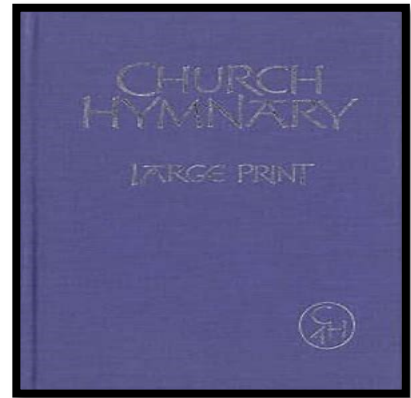
Dr Ian Cassells is regarded as one of the finest carilloneurs in Europe, and we are thrilled that he will be joining us from about 1.45 pm on Saturday 1st June to ring our own Kingsgait Kirk carillon as part of our 250th anniversary celebrations. Please do come along and hear this wonderful musician in action.



*Ruth Irons*

# CH4 Hymn Books

If anyone would like to use a large print words copy or a melody copy of CH4, these are available each Sunday at the front of the transept pews. Please do help yourself or feel free to ask for one when you arrive.



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## Church Carpet Bowling Club

There will be a meeting held after the church service on 26<sup>th</sup> May to discuss the arrangements for restarting the club.

There was a very good response from people interested in restarting the bowling club which is very encouraging.

*Marilyn Graham*

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## Remembering Sandy Lonie

*Margaret Chisholm*

It is with regret and due to unforeseen circumstances that this tribute is only now reaching you.

I'm sure former M.S.P members will be saddened to hear of the death of Sandy, a devoted member of the Wednesday Club (formally the Big Issue Club) for 15 years.

He was a valued and popular member, always willing to go the extra mile for those who were in need of help or support. Sandy was an active member of St Joseph's R.C Church. He was also a keen scout leader for more than 30 years. He had a life long love of the Scottish mountains and the great outdoors that he loved to share with others.

Sandy was an ambassador for SCIAF and Water Aid, which were close to his heart, and supported both at home and abroad for many years.

Sandy always strived to live a Christian life and made a positive contribution to the lives of all he met. He will be sorely missed and fondly remembered.

# Flowers

|                  | <u>Flower Donor</u>            | <u>Flower Committee</u> |
|------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>May 2024</i>  |                                |                         |
| 5th              | Mrs. W. Petrie                 | Miss. M. Graham         |
| 12th             | Mrs. A. Black                  | Mrs. M. McKenzie        |
| 19th             | Mr. J. Baxter                  | Mrs. A. Sanderson       |
| 26th             | Flower Fund                    | Miss. M. Graham         |
| <i>June 2024</i> |                                |                         |
| 2nd              | Mrs. A. Johnston               | Mrs. M. McKenzie        |
| 9th              | Mrs. A. Forbes                 | Mrs. A. Sanderson       |
| 16th             | Mrs. B. Young                  | Miss. M. Graham         |
| 23rd             | Miss. I. Brise                 | Mrs. M. McKenzie        |
| 30th             | Flower Fund                    | Mrs. A. Sanderson       |
| <i>July 2024</i> |                                |                         |
| 7th              | Mrs. D. Grant<br>Mr. J. Spain  | Miss. M. Graham         |
| 14th             | Mrs. T. Thornton               | Mrs. M. McKenzie        |
| 21st             | Mrs. S. Baird<br>Mrs. P. Wood  | Miss. A. Sanderson      |
| 28th             | Mrs. J. Smith<br>Mrs. A. Black | Miss. M. Graham         |

The Flower Committee would like to thank all those who helped with posy arranging and the delivering of fruit trays and posies after the Easter Gift service, your help is greatly appreciated.

## Dates for your Diary

### 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024

3pm Kingsgait Kirk 'Heart and Soul Band'

4pm BBQ on the Terrace

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Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024

Nine Trades and Three United Trades of Dundee

Procession from Howff to Kingsgait Kirk

Sunday Worship 11.00

The fruit of silence  
is prayer,  
the fruit of prayer  
is faith,  
the fruit of faith  
is love,  
the fruit of love  
is service  
and the fruit of service  
is peace.

- Saint Teresa of Calcutta

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