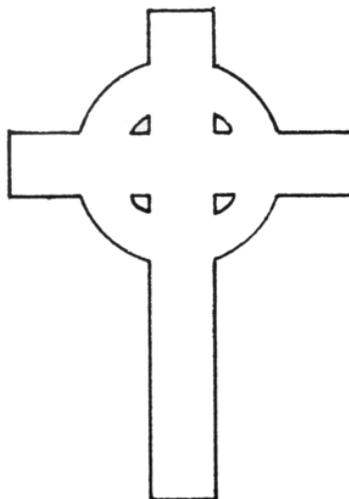


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CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

November	18	10 am	Tim Xenophontos-Hellen
	19	2 pm	Craft Class
	21	12 noon	Church open for prayer
	22	7.15 pm	Kirk Session
	25	10 am	Rev Caroline Taylor
	26	2 pm	Guild
	28	12 noon	Church open for prayer
December	2	10 am	Rev Caroline Taylor
	4	2 pm	Guild (Glasite Hall, St Andrews)
	5	12 noon	Church open for prayer
	6	7.15 pm	Congregational Board
	9	10 am	Tim Xenophontos-Hellen
	10	2pm	Guild Christmas Party
	12	12 noon	Church open for prayer
	16	10 am	Rev Caroline Taylor (Sacrament of Holy Communion)
	19	12 noon	Church open for prayer
	23	10 am	Tim Xenophontos-Hellen
	24	7.00 pm	Joint Service with St Andrews in Meadowside St Paul's
	30	11 am	Joint Service at Dundee Methodist Church, Marketgait

**** Remember from Sunday 6 January 2019, our worship time will change from 10 am to 11.15 am!**

RETIREMENT

Margaret and Peter Leyland, of PDQ Printers, retired at the end of October. A big thank-you to them for printing the Magazine, Communion Cards, Christmas Cards, and Posters, often at short notice, over the years. We extend Best Wishes to them for their Retirement.

GREETINGS AND NEWS FROM OUR INTERIM MODERATOR

Dear Friends

I am writing this the day after Remembrance Sunday which many people feel has been particularly poignant this year. Churches and other places seem to have gone the extra mile, with many busy hands making poppies out of a range of materials and then fixing them to structures of various sorts. Walking between the two churches on a Sunday, I could look up Reform Street to the High School, where the four entrance pillars have been decorated with large jute poppies; I have it on good authority that each one had to be attached with cable ties, so a long, arduous business. But nothing, of course, when compared to the sacrifice of those who were so commemorated.

Morag Stalker and I both attended special events at the High School: a commemorative concert of music and readings which was a one-off conceived by one of the staff and also the Armistice Parade which is part of the school calendar. Both were incredibly moving. The minister of St Andrew's is chaplain to the High School, which was my reason for being present, and also how I discovered that Morag's great uncle, Daniel Stalker, was one of the former pupils who was killed in France in the last year of the 1st World War. That he lost his life at the age of 27, two days short of his first wedding anniversary, a few months before the birth of his daughter, provides a glimpse into the kind of tragedy endured by so many families.

If you were at Church on Remembrance Sunday, you will have heard a little more of Dan's story, thanks to the preservation of letters by his widow and the rest of the Stalker family. At St Andrew's too, an individual's story was highlighted, thanks to the research of one of the members. This, I think, brings home to all of us the enormous cost of war.

If only the world could put into practice Paul's advice to the Thessalonians (1st Letter, 5:15-18): "See to it that no-one pays back wrong for wrong, but always aim at what is best for each other and for all. Always be joyful; pray continually; give thanks whatever happens; for this is what God wills for you in Christ Jesus."

I was delighted to see some of you at the National Day of Prayer morning which I hosted in St Andrew's on 3rd November. My main reason for taking up this initiative was to create a special time to pray for the vacancy and the person who will come to be your minister. Here is part of the prayer I wrote for that occasion, but which remains valid.

Loving God

In life outside the Church, we often welcome the word 'vacancy' for it means there's a room for the night, or an interesting job on offer

But inside the Church, it's a different matter

Our churches are vacant

This is a vacant charge

We have placed an advertisement in Life and Work for our vacancy

But we no longer have a Vacancy Committee

No, it's called a Nominating Committee these days

So what, it's just a change of word

Or is it?

Is it rather a change of mindset?

Is it encouraging us to see that there is no vacancy?

For congregational life is continuing as it did before

Planning for the future is going on as it did before

As for the Nominating Committee

well, here we have a group of elected individuals

who are charged with nominating the right person

to lead worship, and the people

to offer pastoral care, and guidance

'to bring vision and ambition to our city centre charge'

We invite the right person to 'walk the road of discovery'

but we too are on that path, Lord

What is it you have in mind for us? For me?

We place ourselves in your hands

May your will be done, your Kingdom come, through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen

Please pray this prayer, for Jesus' sake,

Caroline

THE GUILD

Guild members have been deeply saddened by the news that Grace Hogan, a faithful member of the Meadowside St Paul's Guild and until recently our Treasurer, died suddenly on the 30th October. Although in poor health in the past year or so, Grace remained active and very positive in her outlook. She attended Guild meetings regularly until earlier this year and was hoping to join us again when her medical issues were resolved. She will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and sympathies are with her sister, Margaret C. Robertson, in particular, and the rest of their family.

The Guild resumed its regular meetings in mid-September, and since then members have enjoyed a mixture of light-hearted activities – a quiz, card-making and a games afternoon – and two very interesting speakers. We heard about one of the new national projects – Seema's Project, run by the Free to Live Trust founded by Pam Cairns, a Past President of Dundee Soroptimists, and others from Tayside. The project began in 2014 with two aims:

- to build a home for abandoned street children from the red-light district of the city of Pune, India, and
- to build a rehabilitation centre for rescued victims of the sex industry.

By April 2017, thirty-two children were in residence in the children's centre in Bori, a village outside Pune, and with the support of the Guild the Trust will develop the project further by rescuing more children and some of the trafficked women. MSP Guild plans to hold one of its ever-popular Soup and Pudding lunches to raise funds for the project – watch this space for further information once a date is fixed.

We were also delighted to welcome Anne Scobie-Power (daughter of our own Mary Scobie), who gave a fascinating insight into the world-wide work of the European Commission and her own experiences of working around the world and in Brussels over the past thirty years. Refreshments kindly provided by Mary continued the Belgian theme – chocolate did figure largely in the afternoon!

We are now looking forward to our Guild Dedication Service on Sunday, 18th November, and meetings up to Christmas, as follows:

- Monday, 26th November: 'California, Here We Come – A Road Trip', Morag Stalker
- Tuesday, 4th December: Christmas Carol Service with St Andrew's Church Guild
- Rev. Caroline Taylor (2 p.m. in the Glasite Hall)
- Monday, 10th December: Christmas Party

Meetings are currently taking place at 2 p.m. in the Main Hall, because of the heating works, but all being well should be back in the Lower Hall when we resume in the New Year, on 21st January. Guests and potential new recruits from both within the congregation and elsewhere are always welcome to our meetings. Guild members do not have to belong to Meadowside St Paul's, so if you know of any friends (male or female) who might like to join us, please bring them along. As mentioned in the previous Magazine, two members attended the Annual Guild Gathering at the beginning of September - the report of their experiences appears later in the magazine.

Morag Stalker

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The Christmas Fayre is to be held on Saturday 1 December from 11am – 1pm. The Guild is requesting donations of prizes for the tombola. Please contact Guild members if you want to donate a prize. Volunteers to run a stall will be welcome. Most of all, please attend and bring your friends. Tickets will be available on Sundays in November.

ADVENT BOOKSTALL

A stall with a selection of books, cards and gifts, supplied by CLC Bookshop will be set up in the Hall during Advent. There will be items suitable for all ages.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
BROUGHTY FERRY LIBRARY**

The Grand Old Lady is
ninety and counting

Reminiscing over
Decades of service to
This bustling suburb once
A town in her own right

The Library a
Cherished institution

From Whinney Brae
To that Castle's hard edge
Bibliophiles ransack
those bulging shelves

Extracting shiny nuggets
to polish armchair dreams
stretching from crime
to cosmology in
This palace of books

Nursing nostalgia while
Embracing high tech worlds.

Jim Adams

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

We are indebted to the following for provision of flowers in November and December.

November	4	██████████
	11	Flowers: Flower Fund Wreath: ██████████
	18	██████████
	25	<i>Service in St Andrew's Church</i>
December	2	██████████
	9	██████████, in memory of ██████ and ██████
	16	██████████
	23	Flower Fund
	30	<i>Service in Methodist Church</i>

If you do not already donate to the Flower Fund, but would like to do so, please contact Morag Stalker (tel. 202044) or speak to any member of the Flower Committee. The Committee are always grateful to hear suggestions of anyone who might appreciate receiving flowers after the service, or to have help with delivering these.

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HARVEST PROJECT - KILOMERO RICE CHALLENGE

This year's project, a joint one with St Andrew's Church, was to raise funds for farmers in Malawi. £140 was raised through the purchase of Fair Trade Rice produced in Malawi. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

Thanks are also due everyone who decorated the Church for Harvest and to those who delivered the gifts of flowers to members after the service.

ANNUAL GUILD GATHERING

On Saturday 1st September Jannette Walker and I were stewards at the Guild annual meeting in the Caird Hall. The meeting was opened by the National Convenor, Patricia Robertson, who welcomed all present and opened with the hymn 'Ye Servants of God'.

For the first time we celebrated communion, which went well considering the number of people in the hall. We then heard from the Moderator, the Rt. Rev. Susan Brown, and her talk was interesting and amusing. She talked of how at one of her first charges there was a knock at the manse door and when it was opened she was asked "is your dad in?" Obviously the expectation was that the new minister would be a man!

The national projects for this three-year period are:

- World Mission Council: Journeying Together, empowering teenage mothers in Zambia;
- Sailors' Society: Supporting seafarers in Scottish ports
- Malawi Fruits: Bringing help and hope in northern Malawi and making farming work for young people;
- Crossreach: Partnership project to tackle loneliness and social isolation in Scotland. For this project we are asked to make grey cakes – recipe available – and this project encourages people to talk about mental health and bring the subject out into the open.
- The Free to Live Trust: This will support women in the red light district of the Indian city of Pune, where children of sex workers are thrown into the streets where they are at risk from exploitation and abuse;
- The Boys' Brigade: an organisation we all know and love.

The guest speaker was Tamsin Dingwall, the Moderator of the National Youth Assembly, who shared with us her journey to faith. We then had closing worship and finished with the hymn 'I had a dream, a man once said'.



SUNDAY CLUB

The Sunday Club is currently meeting in Room F1 while Church Services are being held in the Main Hall due to heating works. Since Harvest, we have not had a specific theme for meetings, but soon we will be preparing for Advent and Christmas. We are currently preparing items for a stall at the Christmas Fayre.

SCOUT GROUP

On the evening that the Editor visited, the Cubs, Scouts and Leaders were preparing to walk with torches to Slessor Gardens. They would need the torches to look compare appearance of the plants in November with their appearance in Summer when the Group last visited the Gardens. This is part of the Naturalist Badge.

As part of the Animal Carer Badge, the Cubs will be attending a Workshop at the “Pets at Home” Store.

The Scouts have been studying Children’s Rights and Womens’ Suffrage, posters of which can be seen on the Scout noticeboard.

The Group enjoyed a Hallowe’en party and a Christmas party is planned. At present there are no members in the Beavers Section as all the Beavers have moved up to Cubs, and it is hoped that new members can be recruited in the New Year.

NEW CHAIRS

New chairs have been purchased for the Main Hall and were in use for the first time on Sunday 11 November. The old chairs had served us well, but they needed to be replaced and the new blue chairs have met with approval from members.

TELEVISED WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

At the time of going to press, members of Meadowside St Paul's are preparing to join members of other congregations at St Paul's Cathedral on Saturday 17 November, where a Watchnight Service is to be recorded for broadcast on BBC Scotland on Christmas. A practice is to be held in St Andrew's Church in the afternoon, prior to the recording in the evening.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

As usual, parcels of groceries, bowls of bulbs and trays of fruit will be delivered to various members of the congregation. If you can help with the preparation or delivery of these gifts, please contact Margaret Robertson, Caring Committee Convener, or Margaret Chisholm.



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