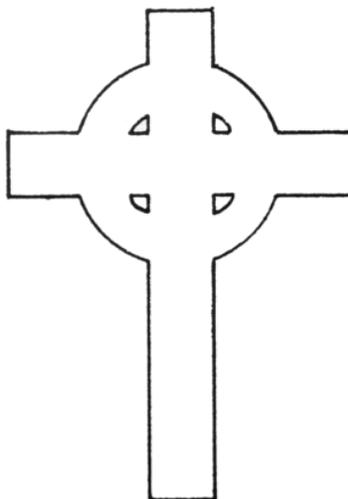


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CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

March	24	11.15 am	Tim Xenophontos-Hellen
	25	2.00 pm	Guild AGM
		7.00 pm	Lent Bible Study (MSP)
	26	7.15 pm	Trustees' Meeting
	27	12 noon - 1.30 pm	Church open for prayer
	31	11.15 am	Rev Caroline Taylor
12.15 am		Stated Annual Meeting	
April	2	2.00 pm	Lent Bible Study (DCC)*
	3	12 noon - 1.30 pm	Church open for prayer
	7	11.15 am	Tim Xenophontos-Hellen
	10	12 noon - 1.30 pm	Church open for prayer
	11	7.00 pm	Lent Bible Study (MSP)
	14	11.15 am	Rev Caroline Taylor
	17	12 noon - 1.30 pm	Church open for prayer
	18	7.00 pm	Maundy Thursday Communion
	19	7.00 pm	Good Friday Service (DCC)
	20	11.00 am	Reflective Service, St Andrews
	21	6.00 am	Dawn Service
		11.15 am	Tim Xenophontos-Hellen (Sacrament of Holy Communion)
	24	12 noon - 1.30 pm	Church open for prayer
	28	11.15 am	Rev Caroline Taylor

A fuller picture of all our weekly activities can be found on our website:
<https://www.mspdundee.co.uk>.

* DCC - Dundee Congregational Church

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

Death

██████████, ██████████, February 2019

GREETINGS AND NEWS FROM OUR INTERIM MODERATOR

According to the Christian Aid Lent programme (Count your blessings) which I'm following, today (21st March) is the International Day of Forests. As the programme this year focuses on the dangers of climate change, it is hardly surprising that it merits a mention, though the stories told in the booklet are of fishing families in the Philippines, rather than of those who make their living from trees.

The Day of Forests was established seven years ago by the United Nations General Assembly. I have just been reading on the Church of Scotland website of another international initiative, namely Thy Kingdom Come, a global prayer movement in 114 countries, which was started a few years ago by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Right Revd Susan Brown, Moderator of the General Assembly, has invited us to take part in this during the period from Ascension to Pentecost (30thMay – 9thJune).

Some of the events already planned around the world include round-the-clock prayers, special walks, prayer stations and family activities. As for us in the Kirk, Susan has said that it would help members to "be effective in our witness" and beneficial "for the spread of the Gospel in Scotland".

One of the things that has characterised my period as Interim Moderator has been an increase in ecumenical activity. Not a lot, perhaps, but I've had contact in various ways with St Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, Dundee Congregational Church and Dundee Methodist Church – so there is room to grow . . . From informal conversations with some of you, I sense that this is an important part of your congregational life, so I feel confident that you will wish to join me in signing up to Thy Kingdom Come.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev Justin Welby, said: "I am thrilled and delighted that the Church of Scotland is encouraging every lay and ordained member to join in Thy Kingdom Come. Over the past three years more and more worshipping communities around the world, of every denomination and tradition, have rediscovered the riches of the tradition of praying 'Come Holy Spirit' between Ascension Day and Pentecost. I hope that this is a great blessing to the Church and bears fruit throughout the years to come in our effective witness to Jesus Christ."

Given the shortage of ordained ministers and decreasing numbers of and in congregations, how could we not want to join together to pray for the Church, and for the Spirit's voice to help us in spreading the Gospel?

May God bless us all,

Caroline

FAIR TRADE

I apologise for NOT giving you an update in our January magazine, but things have been a bit fraught with worrying changes taking place for TRAIDCRAFT plc and TRAIDCRAFT EXCHANGE.

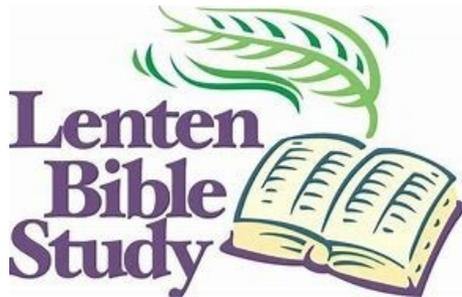
In December 2018 we sent a cheque for £250 being our donations from serving Fairtrade teas and coffees over the year. It was much appreciated. Usually it goes towards a Jute project. (being synonymous with Dundee). This year it will go where most needed.

Over the years Fairtrade has become a household name – whereas 25/30 years ago that wasn't the case. Perhaps, unfortunately by spreading the “Fairtrade gospel” so to speak, every supermarket in the country now sells Fairtrade products. This seemed a great idea, but profit-driven supermarkets introduced their own Fairtrade products, which is now having an adverse effect on producers and their small businesses. We must therefore continue to fight for a world where all trade is fair.

A letter of thanks from Traidcraft Exchange will be displayed on the noticeboard in the Main Hall.

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“The fields of the poor may produce a abundant harvest, but injustice sweeps it away” Proverbs ch15, v 23.

PS. Thanks to everyone who supported the Fair Trade Stall on Sundays 10 and 17 March. Over £130 has been raised.



looking at
shorter, less well known books of the bible,
led by

Rev. Alan Livingstone
Minister of Dundee Congregational Church
(SC000345)

(using the Old Testament)
and

Rev. Caroline Taylor
Interim Moderator of Meadowside St Paul's linked with St
Andrew's
(SC013162; SC011775)

(using the New Testament)

**ALL WELCOME! Bring a bible if you have one.
Come once or more – up to you.**

Monday 11th March, 7.00 pm, %%

Tuesday 19th March, 2.00 pm ^^^

Monday 25th March, 7.00 pm %%

Tuesday 2nd April, 2.00 pm ^^^

Thursday 11th April, 7.00 pm %%

**%% Meadowside St Paul's, Room F1, 1st floor
(enter via side door)**

**^^^ Dundee Congregational Church, lesser chapel
(enter via Nicol Street)**

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

We are indebted to the following for provision of flowers in March and April:

March	3	Flower Fund
	10	██████████
	17	██████████
	24	██████████
	31	██████████████████
April	7	██████████ - in memory of ██████████
	14	██████████ - in memory of ██████████
	21	The ██████████ Family
	28	Flower Fund - in memory of ██████████
May	5	The Dorcas Society

If you do not already donate to the Flower Fund, but would like to do so, please contact ██████████ (tel ██████████) or speak to any member of the Flower Committee. As well as helping to beautify the church, the flowers are distributed to housebound and other members after the service, and are much appreciated. The Committee are always grateful to hear suggestions of who might receive flowers on a particular Sunday, or to have help with delivering these.

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BOOKSTALL

A stall with books, cards, stationery and gifts, provided by CLC Bookshops, is available in the Church Hall on Sundays during Lent. Authors include William Barclay, Sally Magnusson, Sam Wells (St Martin-in-the-Fields), David Adam (Lindisfarne), and there also Lenten Studies from Bible Reading Fellowship and Live Lent with Christian Aid, among others. Bibles for Adults and Children, Easter Cards, Jigsaws, Pens and Pencils and more are available for sale. Please have look. Prices from 40p upwards.

TRIBUTE: [REDACTED]

The congregation was saddened to hear of the death in February of [REDACTED]. The Rev. Caroline Taylor gave a lovely tribute to Margaret at her funeral, which will, along with our own memories, sound chords with us all as we remember her, miss her and celebrate her life:

“Margaret is fondly remembered as a faithful and long-serving elder of the Kirk Session – one of the first ladies to be ordained - a former President of the Guild, a member of the choir, an Anchor Boy leader in the Boys’ Brigade, and a founder volunteer with the Cornerstone Coffee Shop.

Though she was unable to attend services and participate in the life of the congregation in recent times, she kept in touch with what was happening through friends who visited her.

Increasingly frail in body, Margaret remained mentally alert and interested in the world around her, and was extremely appreciative of the loyalty of her friends as well as the kindness of her carers. Indeed, she was wont to say, “I may be alone, but I’m never lonely.”

She was a lady blessed with a contented nature and a strong faith: a formidable combination which, I have no doubt, helped to sustain her beyond her 93rd birthday, which she celebrated with family and friends on the 18th of December last year.

Margaret was only briefly in Ninewells and perhaps expected to return home after treatment. It was certainly a shock to those close to her to learn of her death after just a day or two in hospital.

For Margaret herself, however, perhaps it was a blessing. She had passed the milestone of nine decades on this earth. She had had to endure the death of her last surviving sibling – Grace, who died unexpectedly less than three months ago. This was the sister who had also been a companion in their latter years – a fellow traveller on the bus to places such as St Andrew’s, or Dobbies on the outskirts of Dundee.

Not that Margaret was one to complain of her lot. She had a true zest for life and, as one of her friends has said, Margaret’s glass was never half empty, but always half full.

Or, as the psalmist of long ago put it, her cup runneth over. To the people of Israel, this would have conjured up an image of the peace and plenty of the banquet hosted by God in the kingdom of heaven. The true believer has nothing to fear, even in death, for she is aware of the comforting presence of the Lord which will never leave her nor forsake her.”

Thank you to Caroline for sharing this tribute with us.

A FOND FAREWELL

As some of you will know, I will be moving to Abingdon, Oxfordshire in mid-April and I would like to take this opportunity to thank many friends for their friendship over the past thirty-five years. I have many happy memories to take with me.

When I moved back to Dundee in 1982, having left a very happy church in Coventry, one of my first wishes was to find such a one in Dundee. I tried three different ones nearby but did not feel they were quite what I needed, but one week I noticed the congregation of Meadowside St Paul's coming out after their service and they seemed joyful and lively, so the next Sunday I went to their morning service. I sat upstairs - it was a lovely morning and the richness of the beautiful stained glass, the organ music and the organ pipes and the rich wood gave me such a lovely feeling I just thought, "Yes, this is for me". After the service I joined the coffee group in the Hall and found the members very welcoming, so I went the next Sunday with my lines and have spent thirty-five happy years with you.

At that time, Meadowside St Paul's was a very busy church raising funds for the new Hall and there were many opportunities to join in, and by taking part in sales of work etc. there was the opportunity to get to know everyone and make new friends. Over the years I became involved and was able to help with various things, being a bit of a helper with a good pair of hands - all very enjoyable, helping with the flower, Harvest and various displays. The Cornerstone had also been opened and was manned by volunteers from the church. I also helped in the Vestry for some time and enjoyed the Social Club on a Monday where the indoor bowling was very competitive. So many memories. And then I had the pleasure of joining the Choir though ignorant with reading music and was encouraged by Bede Pounder and Margaret Robertson who became very

Because of my musical ignorance, Mr Ferguson used to stay late after the service for me to practise with Bede. Through music, I also became friendly with George Morris; and George, Roy McRae and I used to go entertaining a few groups roundabout. Once Roy was less able to do this, George and I were joined by Ron Williamson, and we had a few Tea & Chat Afternoons in the Hall which were good fun. Ron used to go down on one knee to serenade Janet Smart which she thoroughly enjoyed - happy memories.

In my later times I also served as Secretary to the Guild for about eight years. This is a lovely group of members with a very loyal and hard-working Committee who keep us supplied with tea and coffee and extras when required, and also see to all the kitchen duties. It is a very happy group, in good company and with a variety of interesting talks. Morag Stalker is now very involved and with the Committee I am sure the Guild is in safe hands.

So there have been thirty-five very happy years but, as everyone knows, time brings changes and one has to go with the flow. This ageing process has caught up and I am feeling the need to be nearer some of my family - who can't seem to find, or face the roads and miles to Dundee. If such a move at my age and stage is wise, I will find out, but I go with faith and hope to find a place for my caravan to rest.

Thank you for all your friendliness over these many years. I will miss Meadowside St Paul's and my many friends. The Church itself is undergoing changes which many of you are having to cope with. I am sure the future is in safe hands with Caroline and it will be an opportunity to strengthen bonds and make new friends. God bless you all and many thanks for those thirty-five happy years.

Yours aye,


Mary, we wish you every blessing in this new chapter. Be assured of how much you will be missed and of how much we too have enjoyed the past thirty-five years of your contribution, company and smile. You must keep in touch!

The Editors

JULIUS CAESAR

CAESAR TOSSED AND TURNED IN HIS PALATIAL BED,
SOMETHING WAS WRONG.

TOMORROW – THE IDES OF MARCH - HE WOULD BE
PROCLAIMED FIRST CONSUL OF ROME.

IN EFFECT UNDISPUTED DICTATOR AND RULER OF
THE EMPIRE.

IT WILL BE HIS BIG DAY – THE PINNACLE OF A LONG
AND ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER AS SOLDIER AND NOW
STATESMAN.

HE KNEW POWERFUL SOURCES IN THE SENATE,
THOSE PARTICIPANTS – THE CREAM OF ROMAN
SOCIETY STRONGLY OPPOSED HIS APPOINTMENT.

ONE SUCH WAS BRUTUS, THE WEALTHIEST MAN IN
ITALY WHOSE IMPRESSIVE VILLA WAS THE LARGEST
IN ROME.

BOTH HE AND JULIUS HAD BEEN CLOSE FRIENDS
SINCE BOYHOOD – THEY HAD SWUM THE TIBER
TOGETHER AND HAD THE SAME CIRCLE OF FRIENDS.

EVERYTHING WAS IN PLACE, NO HITCHES EXPECTED.

CAESAR'S NETWORK OF SPIES HAD REPORTED
NOTHING UNUSUAL.

THE ARMY WAS SOLIDLY LOYAL. WHAT COULD
POSSIBLY GO WRONG?

HIS PERSONAL ASTROLOGER AND CASSANDRA THE ORACLE HAD PREDICTED A SUCCESSFUL DAY AND LONG REIGN.

THAT WAS GOOD ENOUGH FOR CAESAR WHO WAS STRONGLY SUPERSTITIOUS AS WELL AS A DEVOUT FOLLOWER OF ROME'S MANY GODS.

YET THERE WAS UNEASE.

HIS WIFE HAD SEVERAL SLEEPLESS NIGHTS.

NASTY DREAMS – FEARS FOR HER HUSBAND'S SAFETY, SHE BEGGED HIM TO HAVE PRAETORIAN GUARD PROTECTION ON HIS WALK TO THE SENATE.

CAESAR HAD REFUSED.

HE WANTED THE DAY TO BE INFORMAL – A MAN OF THE PEOPLE WALKING UNHINDERED THROUGH THE CITY.

ROME HAD BEEN SUBJECTED TO 3 DAYS OF TORRENTIAL STORMS AND PROLONGED FORK LIGHTNING – ALWAYS A BAD OMEN.

HOWEVER THE GODS HAD SPOKEN, ALL WOULD BE WELL.

CAESAR, A SQUAT BALDING MAN IN HIS FIFTIES SUFFERED FROM EPILEPSY AND OTHER HEALTH PROBLEMS – RHEUMATISM, BAD TEMPER, POOR SLEEP, MELANCHOLY, THE YELLOW BILE.



DOCTORS THOUGHT THEY HAD TRIED EVERYTHING
FROM LEECHES TO DIETARY CONTROL BUT JULIUS
IGNORED THEM.

THE MORNING BROKE BRIGHT AND SUNNY.

CAESAR LOOKED SMART IN HIS SNOW WHITE TOGA
TRIMMED IN PURPLE.

ON THE 12 HOUR BRUTUS, CASSIUS AND 8 OTHERS
ARRIVE TO ESCORT HIM.

THEY HUGGED THEIR FRIEND, PLEDGING UNDYING
LOYALTY.

THE SMALL GROUP WALKED THROUGH CHEERING
CROWDS.

A SOOTH SAYER SHOUTED “BEWARE THE IDES OF
MARCH” BUT NO-ONE PAID ATTENTION.

THEY REACHED THE SENATE’S ORNATE MARBLE
LOBBY.

MARK ANTHONY HAD BEEN LURED INTO A SIDE
ROOM ON SPURIOUS PRETEXT.

OCTAVIAN, CAESAR’S ADOPTED SON AND SOON TO
BE EMPEROR GAIUS AUGUSTUS WAS NOWHERE TO
BE SEEN.

A SMILING BRUTUS WHISPERED IN CAESAR’S EAR.

THEN THE ASSASSINS STRUCK.



WEDNESDAY CLUB

This comes with apologies for being so late in saying “thank you”, on behalf of the club, not only over the Christmas Season, but throughout the year.

Thanks go to our Church members and friends outwith our membership. A special mention to Dundee West Church Guild for the generous cheque they have given us at Christmas over many years; to the stranger on holiday who walked in and gave us a £20 note; to the lady (a friend of one of our church members) whom we have never met, but who keeps us supplied with knitted hats – worn by every member, street beggar or Big issue Seller in Dundee.

Your generosity allows us to keep a supply of gloves, socks and so on. We also have a supply of “good as new” anoraks, jumpers and jeans which are much appreciated on cold, wet days. Recently 2 young men arrived, soaked to the skin. One badly needed shoes, socks and jeans, the other an anorak and socks. By chance an anorak of the right size had been handed in a few weeks earlier. They were both so pleased, “over the moon!!” to receive dry clothes and sturdy trainers to fit them. How much better they now looked and felt.

One of our helpers managed to track down a lovely pram and clothes for the baby of a young mum, who has attended the club regularly over the years. Another happy story.

A roof over their heads for a couple of hours, hot food and drink, along with treats (including Tim’s muffins). It may not seem much in the great scheme of things, but is much appreciated by our members.

Whatever one may think, they are our fellow human beings who are buffeted by the elements and by society. One remark made in the early days of the club – “It was nice to be treated like a human being” – sticks in my mind. A sad reflection on our “civilised and caring” society.

With many experiencing the harsh reality of winter and homelessness on the streets of the City Centre, with “No Room at the Inn”, please spare a thought for those “Lepers” of the 21st century who feel the hurt, when people still prefer to walk past on the other side and “Good Samaritans” are hard to come by.

Spare a thought too, when **you** close the curtains on your centrally-heated home, or after a nice hot meal, or at the end of the day when **you** climb into a nice clean cosy bed. Remember to Give Thanks for being You!! Thanks too for our dedicated and loyal helpers, Sandy, Ron and Ann. Also Sandy, Dave and Jim, the City Council Ambassadors, who look in most weeks to make sure things are OK. We have also been allocated two you students from “Faith in the Community”.

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SUNDAY CLUB

At Sunday Club we continue to use the timelines that Tim gave us, and we enjoy Caroline and Tim’s talks. We recently tidied our noticeboards and have put up different posters depicting life in Bible Times. We hope you enjoy them – maybe they will remind you of your own time in Sunday School.

SCOUT GROUP

It was good to see members of the Scout Group in church for their Founder’s Day Parade on Sunday 24 February. Their Flag Party and Readers were a credit to the group. Thanks are due to ██████████ and her team of Leaders for their commitment to the young people in the Group.

A wee QUESTIONNAIRE

Caroline, our Interim Moderator would like to have your ideas about developing the life of the congregation. She has prepared a wee questionnaire and would be grateful if you could complete one. Copies can be had in the Church Hall, where there will be a box to post returns.

THE GUILD

As the Guild session draws to a close, we can look back on a varied group of meetings over the past couple of months. Our January speaker on the Dundee Jute Industry unfortunately had to cancel because of urgent family commit-

-ments but instead we enjoyed a light-hearted Games Afternoon, where everyone's competitive streaks were given full rein! Since then we have been entertained and informed by Alister Fiddes's Films with Music of his Baltic and other travels, Becky Haldane on the important work done at home and abroad by the Sailors' Society, one of the Guild's national projects, and most recently Fiona Smith gave a most interesting presentation on Scouting, in particular Meadowside St Paul's own Scout Group, the 30th Dundee.

After the morning service on 24th February we held a Soup & Pudding Lunch, raising £159 for the two national Guild projects we are supporting this year – Seema's Project in India and the Sailors' Society. A further £73 was raised for these projects through a collection at our very successful Daffodil Tea on 18th March. At the latter we were delighted to be joined by members of St Andrew's Guild and other guests from Meadowside St Paul's. Entertainment was provided by the singers of the Glee Club, and a good time was had by all! Many thanks to everyone for their support at both events, and to the ladies of the committee and other MSP Guild members for providing the refreshments and making it all happen.

Also at the Daffodil Tea, we were sorry to bid farewell to Mary Scobie, who is leaving Dundee to live nearer family in England. A long-standing and faithful Guild member, Mary acted as Secretary for eight years until 2017. We shall miss her support and good humour at meetings. Mary was presented with a King James Version of the Bible, which we hope will serve as a memento of her days in the Guild, and in reply spoke warmly of her thirty-plus years at Meadowside St Paul's.

Along with the rest of the congregation, Guild members were shocked and saddened by the sudden death of Margaret C. Robertson a few weeks ago. A devoted Guildswoman for many years, Margaret served variously as committee member, President and Project Partner. Although ill health had prevented her from attending meetings in recent years, Margaret retained a keen interest in the Guild and will be sorely missed by her all her friends.

The Guild's last meeting of the session will be the Annual General Meeting on Monday, 25th March, to which all members are welcome.



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