

Newsletter

Crown Church, Inverness

July/August 2019: No. 751

Interim Moderator: Rev Duncan MacPherson



SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 14 ^h July	Morning Worship at 9.30am Rev Morven Archer and at 11 am Rev Doug McRoberts
Sunday 21 st July	Morning Worship at 9.30am Rev Morven Archer and at 11 am Rev Doug McRoberts
Sunday 28 th July	Morning Worship at 9.30am Rev Morven Archer and at 11 am Rev Doug McRoberts
Sunday 4 th August *	Morning Worship at 11 am Rev Duncan MacPherson with preaching by the sole nominee Rev Douglas Robertson.
Sunday 11 th August	Morning Worship at 9.30am Rev Morven Archer and at 11 am Rev Doug McRoberts
Sunday 18 th August	Morning Worship at 9.30am Rev Morven Archer 10.30 am Preparatory Service for Elders 11 am Rev Doug McRoberts
Sunday 25 ^h August	Morning Worship at 9.30am Rev Morven Archer and at 11 am Rev Doug McRoberts
Sunday 1 st September	9.30 The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Rev Morven Archer 11am The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Rev Doug McRoberts 3 pm The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Rev Doug McRoberts 6.30 pm Thanksgiving Worship Phil Gunn

Coffee, tea and fellowship will be between the services until 18 August with the exception of
4th August

Our regular children's group, "Treasure Seekers", will not meet over the school holidays, but
children are as ever most welcome at either of the services.

There will be a weekly Creche still on offer at 11 am.

Also, every Friday at 12 noon, prayers – at which people may be remembered by name

**Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for
you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18**

Important News from the Nominating Committee

The Church of Scotland's Guidelines for Nominating Committees says that the purpose of the committee is: "... to look for and recommend one person deemed to be suitable to be the minister of the congregation and parish. No doubt members of the Committee will feel a sense of inadequacy about undertaking such a responsibility; nonetheless, the task should be approached with a mixture of humility and confidence."

We are absolutely delighted to announce that after a long, detailed, diligent and even global search we have found the person we believe to be called by God as the next minister for Crown Church. **Rev Douglas Robertson** will be preaching for us as Sole Nominee on **August 4th** at the **11:00am** service. Douglas is currently based at the Scots' Church in Melbourne, Australia although we believe the next Chapter of his ministry is to be here with us at Crown Church.

There is much to delight in about this news, and one of those things is that we're Presbyterians and you have your say! When a Minister preaches as Sole Nominee, it is the job of the congregation to decide whether they agree with the nominating committee that the Minister they're inviting has indeed been called to the Parish. If you're on the Electoral Roll, you're entitled to vote. If you're a member of Crown Church or an adherent who was added to the roll previously, then you remain on the roll and eligible to vote. If you're an adherent who would like to vote, but haven't yet joined the roll, there's still opportunity to do so and if you're not sure whether you're on the roll, you should **check** as soon as possible; in any case do **get in touch** with us via the Parish Office!

On August 4th, there will be no 9:30 service (subject to Kirk Session approval) and the worship at 11am will be conducted by Rev Robertson. The service will be followed by a vote in which all who are eligible are encouraged to participate. There will be refreshments served immediately after the service (for those not voting – and

thereafter those wishing to stay on whilst votes are counted etc). The count will be completed and the result reported on the day. It is our committee's strong hope that you'll agree with us and recommend Douglas to be our new minister! We're excited by the potential for all that we'll see going forward under the leadership and vision of our new minister. Thank you for all of your prayerful support throughout this process. Yours both in humility and confidence,

Struan (on behalf of the Nominating Committee)



Crown 20/20

Crown 20/20 is holding its collective breath at the moment. We are very keen to try to help Crown School who have a major problem trying to find the space needed to accommodate the growing demands for their nursery department. To that end we have had meetings with the people responsible for Highland Council school estates. We are awaiting a full report and plans from them.

In order to be in a better position to evaluate the wider potential of our church building we have at the same time, taken all the ideas we have been given by members of the congregation and sketched out rough plans for a complete re-imagining of our premises. Generous sponsorship has allowed us to bring in an architect to advise us, and prepare outline plans.

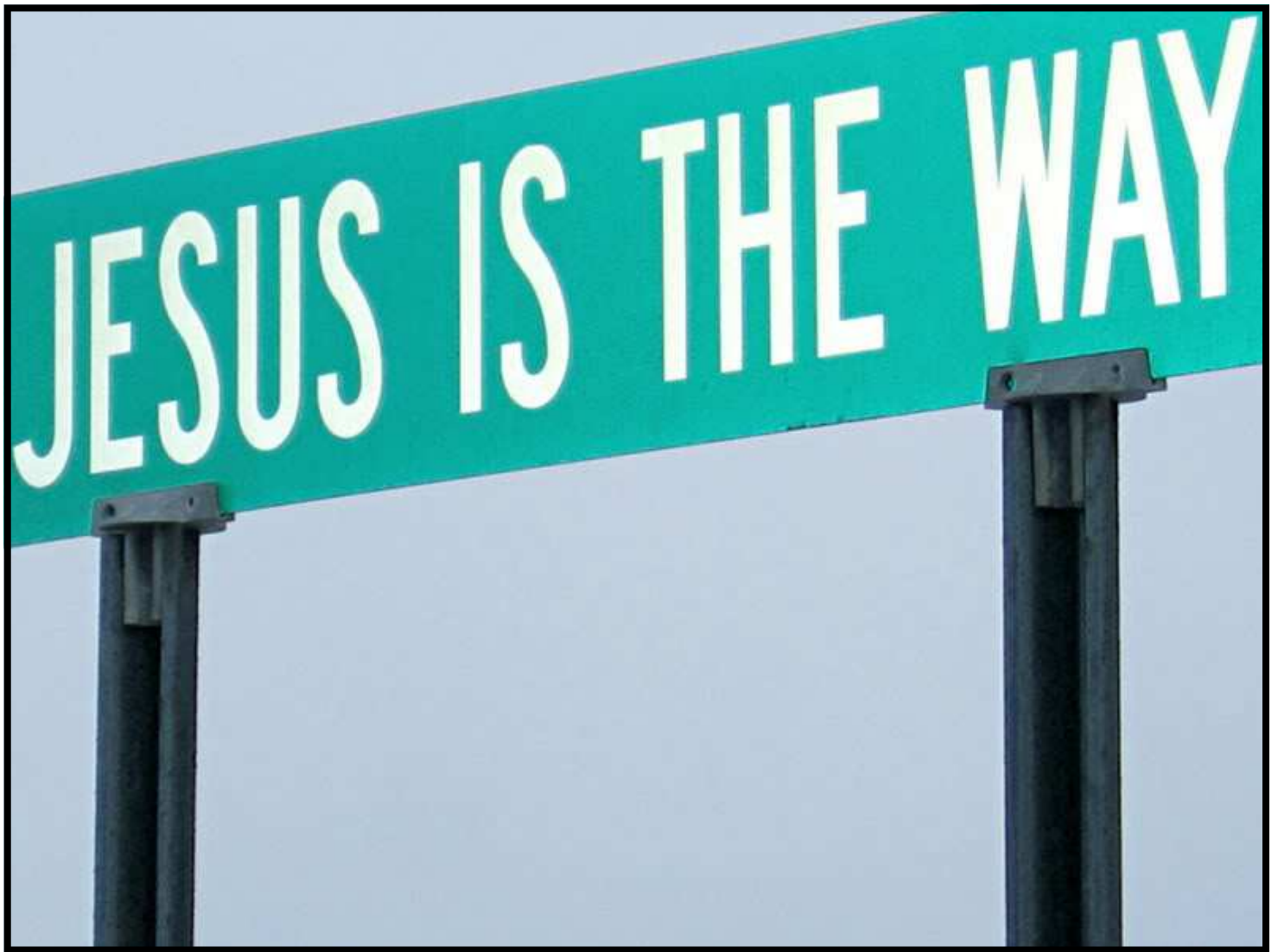
The general consensus of opinion is supported by the professional advice we have received which is in order to realise the full potential of the church buildings we should ensure the maximum flexibility of all floor space. This is a really exciting time where we all have a once in a lifetime opportunity to do what those that went before did and design and build premises suitable for the next 100 years.

As soon as both these reports are delivered, we will be considering whether we are able to recommend a way forward, and if so, preparing a presentation to give you all the details. In due time it will be up the Kirk Session to decide whether those proposals are given the go ahead.

20/20 Committee

The logo features the year '2020' in a large, bold, sans-serif font. The first '2' is olive green, the first '0' is a lighter green, the second '2' is teal, and the second '0' is a darker teal. Below the year, the word 'VISION' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. A bright white light flare with radiating lines is positioned behind the second '0' of '2020', creating a glowing effect.

**2020
VISION**



The Way

The Way is a group aimed at anyone between the ages of 18-30 years old in Inverness. We run weekly activities which include prayer meetings, bible studies, social evenings and events, like trips to Loch Morlich or bowling. For more info, find us on Facebook: facebook.com/TheWayInverness or contact us at: inverness1830s@gmail.com.

Our July and August events:

July 6th 9:30 - 10.30 Prayer Breakfast

July 8th 17:30 - 19.00 Coffee, chat and chill

July 20th 9:30 - 10.30 Prayer Breakfast

July 20th 13:30 - 15.30 WhoDunit?

July 26th 18:30 - 20.00 Debate Night

Aug 10th 9.30 - 10.30 Prayer Breakfast

Aug 12th 17:30 - 19.00 Coffee, chat and chill

Aug 24th 9:30 - 10.30 Prayer Breakfast

Aug 24th 13:30 - 15.30 Loch Morlich Beach Day

Aug 30th 18:30 - 20.00 Debate Night

The Olive Grove, Crown

Costa, Inverness Train Station

The Olive Grove, Crown

Meeting: Market Brae Steps

The Hub, Castle Street

The Olive Grove, Crown

Costa, Inverness Train Station

The Olive Grove, Crown

Meeting outside Morrisons

The Hub, Castle Street

The Elders' Conference

Jude Madeleine and Janet Macpherson attended the Elders Conference during the weekend 7-9 June at the Scottish Police College, Tullialan, Fife. This year's conference which was based on the theme 'creating and deepening discipleship' included around 140 elders from all over Scotland. Throughout the conference, delegates were introduced to the six characteristics of Christian discipleship which has been developed by the Mission and Discipleship Council:

- **Faith as a journey of discovery**
- **Understanding who we are**
- **Whole-life worship**
- **Prayer**
- **Being a servant**
- **Discipling one another**

These characteristics serve as reminders that as followers of Jesus, we are all called to be disciples, with the main purpose of advancing Jesus' agenda and living as someone who models Christ. Both Jude and Janet commented that 'the conference was full of inspiring and informative keynote talks and workshops which very much enthuse us with a fresh vision for eldership. The time spent together with other elders also provided an opportunity to talk with and learn from one another'. They plan to consider with the Discipleship Team how some of the ideas

from the conference could be shared with the wider congregation, including consideration for inviting one of the speakers to Crown Church.



Janet and Jude at the Elders Conference in June



Struan has kindly asked everyone to note the above date. He is particularly keen to hear from anyone who might be able to help on the day! Please contact Struan for further information.

Car Parking on 21st July and 8th September

We are grateful to Bill Mein for drawing to our attention the fact that there will be two major processions departing from Crown Primary School grounds on

Sunday 21st July 2019

From Noon to 1pm it is expected that 2000 – 4000 marchers will assemble in the grounds of Crown Primary School in preparation for a 1pm departure. There will be road closures in operation from 13:00 – 13:15 approximately to enable the marchers to exit the grounds of Crown Primary School en route to the High Street. No vehicles will be able to be removed from the site during this period; then on

Sunday 8th September 2019

From 10.00am to 10.30am it is expected that 200 – 400 marchers will assemble in the grounds of Crown Primary School in preparation for a 10.30am departure. There will be road closures in operation from 10.30am – 10:40am approximately to enable the marchers to exit the grounds of Crown Primary School en route to the High Street. No vehicles will be able to be move from the site during this period.



Inverness, Strathspey and Badenoch Citizen's Advice Bureau has launched its biggest ever drive to attract new volunteers.

The move comes as demands for the service grow with uncertainty over Brexit and the Universal Credit roll-out.

Candidates should be IT literate with a good basic education for figures and the ability to write letters and fill out forms.

The key skills Advisers will be taught are interviewing, using data bases, giving advice, case recording and administration.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the C.A.B network with 261,900 clients gaining £138 million in 2017/18. The value of volunteer hours nationally is estimated to be in excess of £10 million.

The busiest areas of expertise for C.A.B advisers are benefits, employment, housing and debt.

Alasdair Christie, Bureau General Manager, said: "Whether you are studying, working, are retired or just want a new challenge, volunteering in the CAB will help you gain practical experience that will boost your future prospects. Volunteers will be taught how to problem solve, use their people skills, work in a team and gain confidence speaking to all kinds of people in the course of their work. It is important our Advisers are representative of our communities."

Phil Carr, Bureau Trainer, added: "Successful applicants will be given full training before being asked to see any clients. There are many different roles from Admin/Reception to advising. For Advisers there is the full Adviser Training Programme as well as ongoing training which rewards Advisers with a Generalist Adviser certificate."

Anyone interested should contact Inverness, Badenoch and Strathspey C.A.B

The Local Committee of The Leprosy Mission wish to thank everyone who helped to raise the sum of approximately £450 at the recent Afternoon Tea.

The money is going towards the work of the mission in Bangladesh .

John & Marion Barbour





HIGHLAND FOODBANK is grateful for the church's continued support. Items needed for July are tins of potatoes, tins of ham, tins of mince or stew, and tins of custard or rice pudding

Morven is going to run a new communicants class shortly. If you or anyone you know is interested please contact Morven or Gloria in the Church Office

Crown Church now has a twitter account. To have a look at it - go to Twitter and search for Crown Church Inverness. Please follow us on Twitter and we will try to keep you up to date with what is happening.



This prayer diary has been prepared by the Discipleship Team. We hope that you will find it useful. You may like to detach it from the newsletter and use it to pray for our church and community.

If you have particular prayer requests for the month of September 2019 please do send them to our *Church Secretary Gloria* who will pass them on, or e-mail **Jude Madeleine;**

July 1-7

Give thanks for the summer sunshine that brightens the days and the activities that are happening during the summer months. Pray for safety, relaxation and happy times for everyone in our community.

Pray that just as God loves and cares for us, we would also similarly love and care for others. Help us to be loyal to those who need us.

Give thanks for this new day; pray that God will help us to use it wisely and as well as we can.

Pray and give thanks for all those who help with organising and serving at the monthly breakfast service; Pray for all who come along and rejoice in sharing food and fellowship.

July 8-14

Pray for God's light and love to shine into the minds of all who are experiencing the challenges and concerns arising from depression, anxiety or dementia.

Pray for strength, resilience and peace among all the residents and staff at the King-smill Care home and Isobel Fraser Nursing Home; Give thanks for the ACTION GROUP that meets and worship with the residents. Pray for elderly people living in their own homes.

Pray for those who are grieving, those whose lives have changed through loss; that they will know the peace of God that passes all understanding. May they know that they are held in the palm of God's hand.

July 15-21

Pray for our neighbours, for people who live alone, for people who are struggling with illness and for God's peace to fall on them. Pray for protection and safety over our neighbours' homes and families, and ask God to give us opportunities and courage to share His love with those around us.

Almighty God, we bring before you the elected representatives of the UK Assemblies and parliaments, and members of the House of Lords. Please enable them to work together honourably for the highest interests of each of our nations and be guided by the truth of Your Word.

Give thanks to God for the wonderful news regarding the Nominating Committee's recommendation of Rev. Douglas Robertson as the Sole Nominee for preaching to Crown Church congregation on Sunday 4th August. Pray for God's blessings over Doug and his wife Alison as they prepare to be part of Crown Church family and our community.

July 22-28

Give thanks for those who work really hard to keep our Church building's safe and in good condition. Give thanks for those who help maintain the beautiful church garden. Pray for God's blessing's on the Community and Outreach Team and its Convenor; Pray that God will guide and lead them in their work in supporting others.

Ask God to open our eyes today to the beauty of His world and to prompt us to care for and protect what has been gifted to us. Pray for the advancement of conservation and renewable energy and that our governments will prioritise looking after our earth.

July 29 –7 August

Offer a prayer of personal thanks to God today: Lord, I thank You for prayer – that I can come before You and call You Father; that You listen to me and care about everything I bring before You. Today, above all else, I choose to give You thanks.

Pray for God's revival in our community and congregation. Ask God to open the eyes of the people around us, that they would see His unfailing love and sense His powerful presence and purpose for our lives.

'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it' (John 1:5).

Today, pause to thank God that He can bring light into every situation. Praise Him for being the light of the world and ask Him to help us reflect that light into the communities around us.

August 8–14

Pray for Launchpad and blessings for all those using the service. Give thanks for everyone who helped raise vital funds and provide support for the ongoing work for those who need it.

Pray for Foodbank, for all those who contribute generously with kind donation of food; for continuing support, and for all those who benefit from the donations of food.

Thank and praise God for all the children and young people in our churches, communities, country and the world. Ask that God will walk alongside them and grant them courage, strength and wisdom as they face the challenges of life.

August 15-21

Lift up the emergency services today and pray for the people in our daily lives who we often take for granted. Thank God for the everyday heroes who risk so much for us so that we can live safe lives, and pray for opportunities to thank them ourselves.

Pray for the thousands of children living in dangerous situations as refugees. Ask God to protect refugees living in fear and restore them to a safe place where their rights will be recognised and they will be valued and protected.

Pray for teachers and pupils heading back to school after the summer break. Ask God to guide and inspire teachers as they prepare, and to instil in children the desire and confidence to learn and grow. Thank God for the opportunity of education and learning.

August 22-28

Pray for the homeless and those cut off from their families; that the much needed practical help and support be made available to meet both their physical and spiritual needs.

Give thanks to God for all the love and blessings of our friends and families; that they be blessed, protected and guided in overcoming the challenges of life.

Pray for the research and hard work that goes into diagnosing and treating cancer.

Thank God for the funding and support for this essential work and pray that there will be a breakthrough in science and healthcare, eliminating cancer altogether.

August 29 – September 4

Pray for peace in our world; that all people may live free from violence, in safety and security, and with hope for the future.

Give thanks for whatever plans God has in store for us. We ask that you will help us be aware of other people's concerns and feelings.

Give thanks for all the boys coming to the different sections of the Boys Brigade, that they continue to enjoy the time and learning together; pray for the continuing support of the leaders.

**The Discipleship Team together with the congregations
request ongoing prayer for:**

**The vacancy – that God is preparing the calling of someone
to come to Crown Church**

**The Nominating Committee and their responsibilities
The teams that are working hard together to ensure that
during the vacancy period, the work of the Church
continues and moves forward.**



"Date for your Diary"

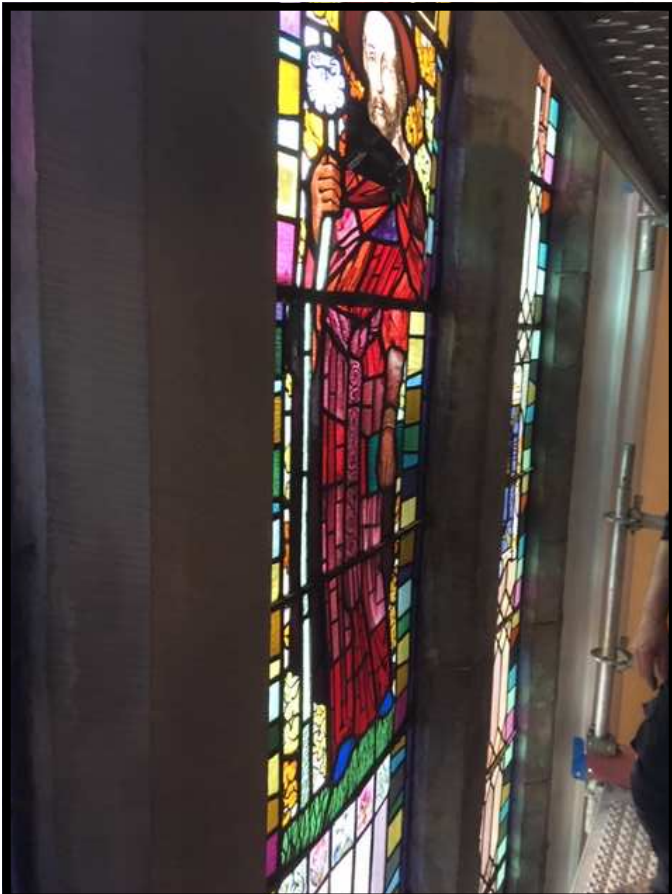
The Friends of Cameron House are holding their annual fundraiser this year on Saturday 21st September in the Scout Hall, Green Drive, 2 - 4pm.

Enquiries to Kay MacDonald

The MacGilp Memorial window is finally removed for repair and conservation!

This note summarises the position of the project on completion of Phase 1 Window Removal. Copies of the detailed report by our consultant, Mr Glyn Young, are available on request to the church office.

Phase 1 commenced on Monday 27th May, when the Joiner, Dougie MacIver, removed a suitable number of pew rows to facilitate the scaffold installation. On Thursday 30th May, Safe Access Highland Scaffolding arrived to erect both internal and external scaffolds. This was largely complete by the end of Friday, with completion after discussion with the stain glass conservator the following Monday. Scottish Glass Studio



team arrived on site somewhat earlier than planned on the Sunday; we had expected them early Monday however apologies were tendered and accepted. Work progressed well throughout the week, with all windows removed by end of Thursday. We met with Andy Allan of Harper & Allan Masonry on the Wednesday of the week, to assess masonry repair requirements. Scottish Glass Studio left on Friday morning after a brief summary meeting to relate findings at this stage. The scaffolding contractors returned on Tuesday 11th June and removed all scaffolding. Dougie MacIver returned and re-installed pews on Friday 14th June.

Condition of Window

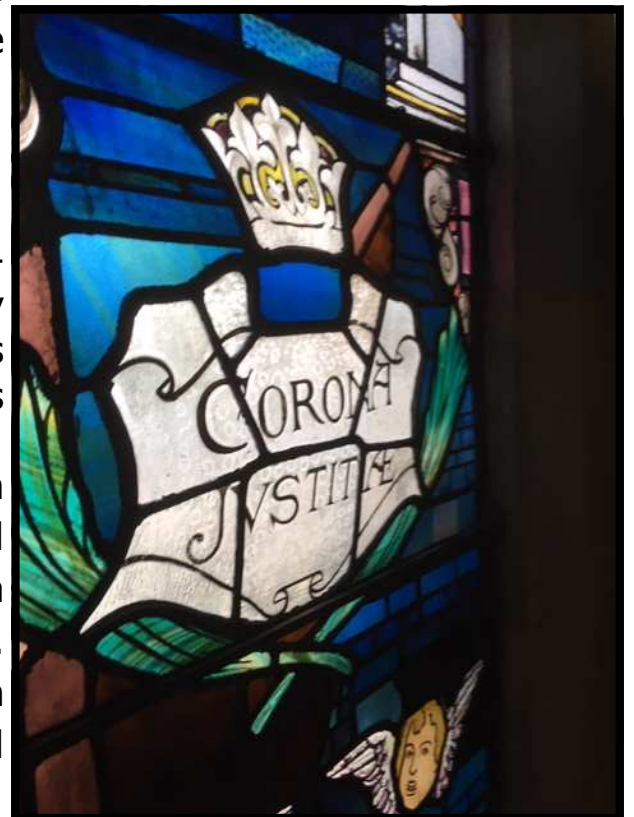
Once the scaffold was in place it was quickly obvious that the condition was worse than anticipated. The deflection of the stained-glass panels was much worse than seen from the ground; the stability of the panels was precarious. The overall condition was discussed with Mark, and he confirmed matters were somewhat worse than hoped, although the extent will only become fully clear once he gets the panels on the bench and can examine them closely. The window has always been too big for the masonry opening and this has caused a number of problems. The method of supporting and securing the panels has never been correct or adequate. The decision to proceed with this repair is very timely.

The masonry is damaged in very isolated areas with perhaps 6-8 stone repairs required. In respect to longer term health the masonry is pointed in a hard impermeable cement based pointing which is causing slow degradation to the dressed stonework around the window and the moulded hood over the window. There is remnant putty and silicon sealant which will require to be removed (as far as possible) from the stonework. Finally, there is ferrous wire mesh loosely fixed to cover the round windows, preventing birds landing. This is corroding and ill fixed. It is recommended that stone repairs, the removal of putty and silicon residues, and the renewal of ferrous wire in non-ferrous bespoke wire covers are advanced. Costs have been provided for these elements.

Future Considerations

Our consultant also recommends that the opportunity is taken to re-point the window masonry generally to improve the stonework and windows health for the long-term. The costs of doing this now, with the benefit of a scaffold, is prudent.

The pew seating was removed and replaced with relative ease. At Phase 2 the permanent removal of the second back pew could afford space for a passageway without making other alterations. Scaffolding went seamlessly with Gordon Brown of Safe Access absorbing a number of additional tasks.



The original financial commitment for a four-phase approach in relation to the project was £65662 (ex VAT). We decided to revert to a two-phase approach presenting a simple saving in terms of scaffolding of £6177.00 ex VAT. The projected cost is now £61393 ex VAT. Mark Bamborough's more detailed assessment of the windows condition will firm up the stained-glass conservation allowances we have in place. The accounts submitted to date are all within the budget allowances.

The Committee on Art and Architecture recommends that we provide some form of protection for the window; whilst the window will be stable without this, we should ask Mark for a quote of likely cost. Early in the first stages of this project we decided to exclude protection, largely because it could increase the cost by £10,000. The Congregational Board will need to review this.

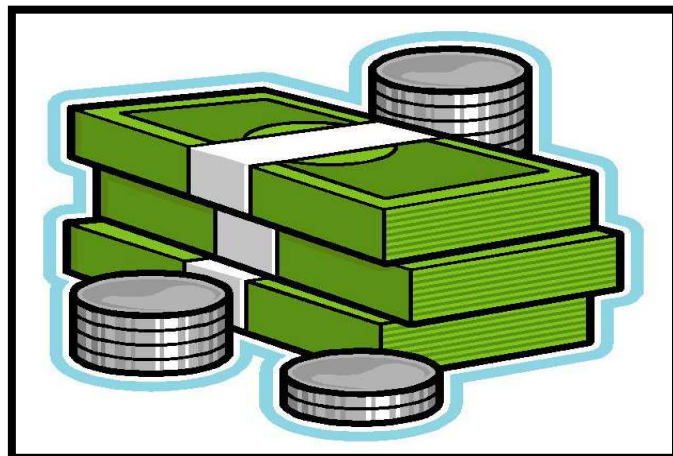
At this stage we should express our thanks to the contractors, all of whom were helpful and ready to meet our requests. In particular, our thanks for the diligent work of our cleaner Eilidh who made the tide of grit and dust invading the sanctuary disappear. Finally, the guidance and organisational skills of Glyn Young have proved to be key to the success so far.

Bill Mein

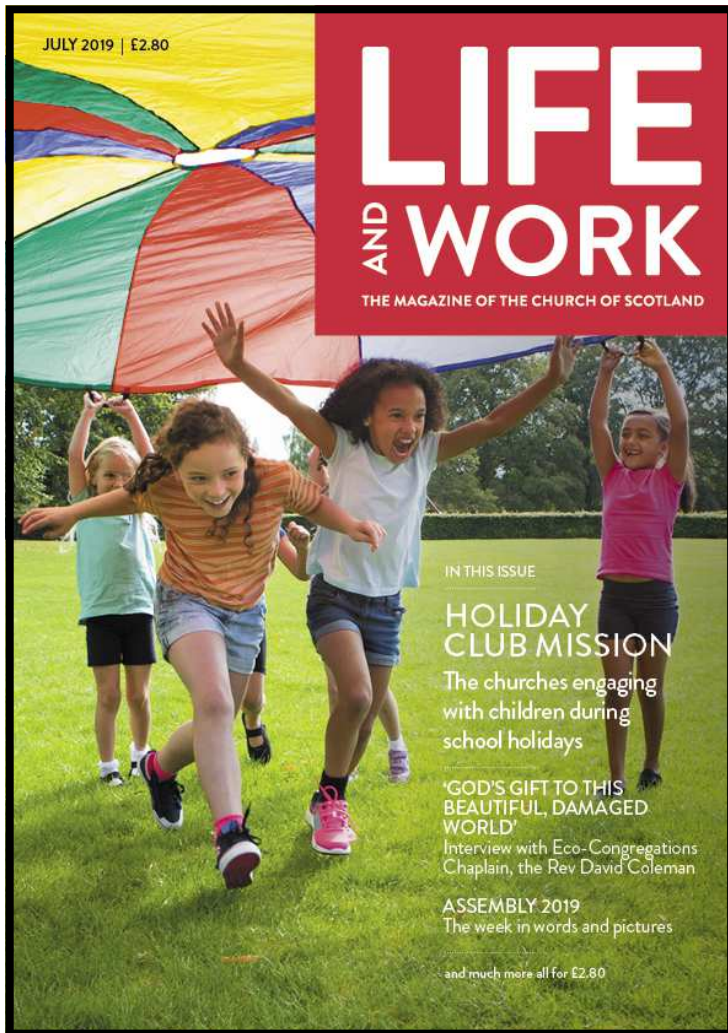
The Treasurer, Mr Donald Mackenzie, presented the following financial statement at the June meeting of the Congregational Board. The figures exclude the finance for the MacGilp window

	Actual 2018	Projected 2019
Income	£133,513	£149,689
Expenditure	(£142,644)	(£150,328)
Surplus/(Deficit)	(£9,131)	(£639)

The finance will be around break even point but this is eased by a generous bequest of £10,424 from the estate of the late Miss Margaret Macdonald.



We are grateful to Heather Beck for letting us have a copy of this photograph of Sheena Ferguson who, with her daughter, abseiled from the Forth Bridge to raise money for Strathcarron Hospice. Well done to both!



LIFE AND WORK

JULY 2019

Holiday Club Mission

The churches engaging with children during the school holidays

A Radical Week

Eleven pages of reports, pictures and opinion from the General Assembly, fringe and Heart and Soul

'God's Gift to this Beautiful, Damaged World'

Interview with Eco-Congregation Scotland Chaplain, the Rev David Coleman

'An Irreverently Joyful Prophet for Our Time'

Ron Ferguson pays tribute to Jean Vanier

A Very Powerful Experience

Bethany Pringle reflects on the gifts of the National Youth Assembly ahead of this year's event in August

Healing Legion

The Rev Richard Baxter examines the healing of Legion and his freedom from the slavery of ill-health

Single Use Habit

The Very Rev Dr John Chalmers examines the need for us to change our consumer habits

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Daily Bible Readings for July and August

July 14, 2019

Sunday, Hebrews 1. 1-4 (John 1.1-5)

Monday, Hebrews 1.5-14, *The Son Superior to Angels*

Tuesday, Hebrews 2.1-4, *Warning to Pay Attention*

Wednesday, Hebrews 2.5-9, *Jesus a Little Lower than Angels*

Thursday, Hebrews 3.1-6, *Moses and Christ*

Friday, Matthew 3.7-19, *Warning against Unbelief*

Saturday, Hebrews 4.1-13, *God's Promised Rest*

July 21, 2019

Sunday, Hebrews 2. 10-18 (Matthew 12: 46-50)

Monday, Hebrews 5.11-14, *Warning against Falling Away*

Tuesday, Hebrews 6.1-12, *Peril of Falling Away*

Wednesday, Hebrews 6.13-20, *God's Certain Promise*

Thursday, Hebrews 7.1-10, *The Priestly Order of Melchizedek*

Friday, Hebrews 7.11-28, *A Priest Like Melchizedek*

Saturday, Hebrews 8.1-13, *Mediator of a Better Covenant*

July 28, 2019

Sunday, Hebrews 4. 14-5. 10 (Matthew 26: 36-40)

Monday, Hebrews 9.15-22, *Mediator of a New Covenant*

Tuesday, Hebrews 9.23-28, *Christ's Sacrifice*

Wednesday, Hebrews 10.1-18, *Christ's Sacrifice*

Thursday, Hebrews 10.19-25, *Call to Perseverance*

Friday, Hebrews 10.26-31, *Call to Perseverance*

Saturday, Hebrews 10.32-39, *Call to Perseverance*

August 4, 2019

Sunday, Hebrews 9. 1-14 (Matthew 12: 1-6)

Monday, Hebrews 11.17-22, *The Faith of Abraham*

Tuesday, Hebrews 11. 23-28, *The Faith of Moses*

Wednesday, Hebrews 11.29-40, *The Faith of Others*

Thursday, Hebrews 12.1-6, *The Example of Jesus*

Friday, Hebrews 12.7-13, *The Example of Jesus*

Saturday, Hebrews 12.14-17, *Rejecting God's Grace*

Bible Readings continued

August 11, 2019

Sunday, Hebrews 11.1-16 (12: 1-2 (Matthew 8: 5-10)

Monday, Hebrews 12.18-24, *Rejecting God's Grace*

Tuesday, Hebrews 12.25-29, *Rejecting God's Grace*

Wednesday, Hebrews 13.1-6, *Service Well-Pleasing to God*

Thursday, Hebrews 13.7-19, *Service Well-Pleasing to God*

Friday, Hebrews 13.20-21, *Benediction*

Saturday, Hebrews 13.22-25, *Final Greetings*

August 18, 2019

Sunday, Deuteronomy 5. 12-15; Matthew 11: 28-30

Monday, Deuteronomy 4.32-35, *God Claims Israel*

Tuesday, Ecclesiastes 12.1-8, *Vanity of Vanities*

Wednesday, Psalm 89. 5-18, *Praise for God*

Thursday, Psalm 104.14-24, *God's Creation*

Friday, Isaiah 40.25-26, *The Holy One*

Saturday, Ephesians 2.1-10, *From Death to Life*

August 25, 2019

Sunday, Genesis 2. 1-3; John 15: 9-15

Monday, Mark 1.1-13, *Jesus Baptised*

Tuesday, John 17.1-5, *Jesus Glorified*

Wednesday, Acts 2. 33-43, *Baptised in Jesus Christ*

Thursday, Galatians 2.11-21, *Justified in Christ*

Friday, Ephesians 1.15-22, *Faith in Jesus*

Saturday, Philippians 2.4-13, *Christ Hymn*

September 1, 2019

Sunday, Deuteronomy 15. 1-2, 7-11; Luke 15. 11-32

Monday, Psalm 51.6-16, *Spirit's Presence*

Tuesday, Matthew 3.7-16, *Baptised in Holy Spirit*

Wednesday, John 14. 21-31, *Advocate*

Thursday, Acts 8.14-20, *Holy Spirit Not for Sale*

Friday, Romans 5.1-5, *Justified by Faith*

Saturday, 1 Corinthians 12. 1-26, *Gifts of the Spirit*

Shut That Door !!

A reminder!

Passing the church the other evening at 11.45pm I was amazed to see that the Midmills door, which gives access to the halls, was standing open and the blaze of lights from the corridor offered a welcome to all comers. The simple rules for ensuring the security of the church and halls amount to no more than the checking you would do for your own house. Please check to see if your group is the last to leave the premises and if it is, please check that all lights are switched off and any equipment you used is safe. We intend to become an eco-church; leaving lights burning all night is hardly a good start!

Bill Mein

Coffee, tea and fellowship will be between the services until 18 August although there will be coffee/ tea on **4th August** when there will be an 11am service only.

25 August Mairi Main, Eileen Ardern, Eleanor Ross

1 September Janet MacPherson, Kay MacDonald, Lesley McRoberts

July Count Team

Sheena Ferguson

Heather Beck, Robert & Aileen Laing, Helen Boynton

August Count Team

Liz Gray

Bruce Merchant, Douglas Taylor, Margot Tuley

September Count Team

Liz Forbes

John & Marion Barbour, Mairi Main, Kay MacDonald

July Welcome Team

North Door Alan Nelson

South Door Eileen & Richard Ardern

Midmills North David Crippin

Midmills South Ella Low

August Welcome Team

North Door Heather & Alex Grant

South Door Irene Whyte

Midmills North Kay MacDonald

Midmills South Margot Tuley

September Welcome Team

North Door Chrisanne & Stewart Robertson

South Door Evelyn Reid & Paul Davidson

Midmills North Robert & Aileen Laing

Midmills South Elspeth Gibson

July	Readers	Creche
7	Gus MacGowan	Kay MacDonald & Chrisanne Robertson
14	Sandra Gorman	Kay MacDonald & Muriel Choppy
21	Eileen Ardern	Muriel Choppy & Chrisanne Robertson
28	Eddie Moore	Jane Smith & Marjory MacKenzie
Aug		
4	Fiona MacNeil	Kay MacDonald & Marjory MacKenzie
11	Jane Smith	TBA
18	Peter Collinson	TBA
25	Lesley McRoberts	TBA
Sept		
1	Communion	TBA

NEWS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

DEATHS

Mrs Alexina (May) Duncan, on 20 May.

Mr Alexander (Adie) MacKenzie, on 24 May.

“Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep” (Romans 12.15).

QUILT

The Sewing Ladies have made a beautiful quilt in order to raise funds for the MacGilp Window. Tickets will be available between 10am and 11am each Sunday and from the office Tuesday to Friday mornings. Donation £5.

The deadline for the September newsletter will be Sunday 25th August

Please send any articles or news to the Forrests at:

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Please note that the newsletter can also be accessed via the church website where you will be able to see the photographs in colour

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