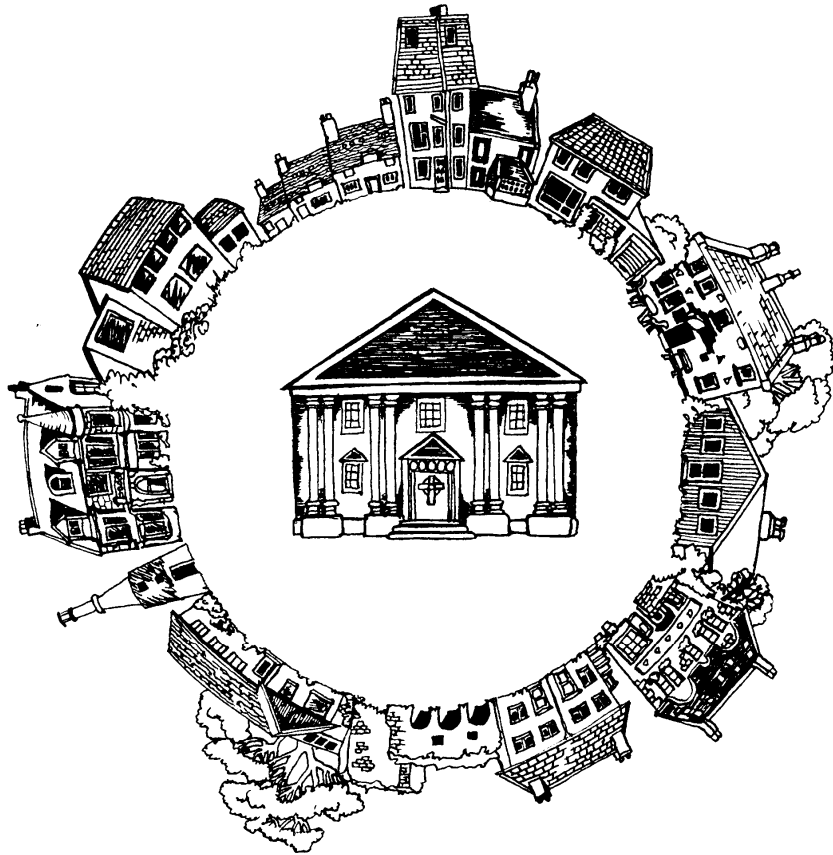
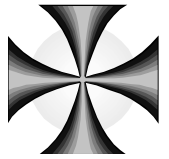


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**M**essage from the Manse



Dear friends,

My last letter to you was written at a time when we were on the brink of war with Iraq. Just a few months on and that war over it seems that we have all but forgotten the anxiety of that time. At this point in time we cannot tell what the judgement of history will be on the 2003 war in Iraq. All that can be said is that the brutal regime of Saddam Hussein has been removed. There is no sign, however, that the world has become any better or any safer.

Strip away the technology of our time and there seems little difference between the world of the 21st century and any other century in the history of humanity. The heights to which we may rise and the depths to which we may fall as human beings is unchanged. If our hope is in humanity or human progress it is a vain hope.

As Christian people our hope is in God. We look to a real event in history and to a real man for our hope. We look to Jesus and the cross as the source of our hope for today and tomorrow. The Easter story has at its heart victory over evil. Jesus took upon himself the sin of the world and in his death sin is defeated. Though Jesus' death at first looks like the victory of evil over good we know that in weakness Jesus is victorious over the powers of evil. Jesus' resurrection reveals Jesus as victor over sin and death. When we accept Jesus as our Lord and Saviour we share in his victory. Sin and death no longer have control over us.

Jesus did not leave his disciples then or now to depend upon their own strength. Jesus promised that on his departure the Holy Spirit would be there to guide and enable. The day of Pentecost (8 June this year) is our celebration of the Holy Spirit being poured out on the disciples. We quite rightly celebrate this as the birth of the Church. The Holy Spirit is the life of the Church.

The Christian as a follower of Jesus, dependent upon the Holy Spirit, is in the process of being transformed. As those who are being changed by God we are called to be a transforming power for God, for good, in the world.

From a human perspective the world is in a hopeless state. With faith in the enabling power of God we are called to be realistic

About the state of our world, but we place our hope in Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We go forward with faith, hope and love. Faith in Jesus, hope in the working of the Holy Spirit, to reveal the love of the Father for all of creation.

May God bless each one of us as we go forward in faith, hope and love.

Yours, **Norman**



### **How do I become a member of the Church?**

The answer to this question is quite simple. A member of the Church is a person who has been baptised and has at some point in their lives been through a service in which they have promised to follow Jesus Christ and take a full part in the life of his Church. There are different types of service in different denominations. Some denominations operate with very distinct membership rolls and others simply list those who attend. In some denominations the individual has to ensure that their membership is moved from one congregation to the next, in others this happens informally.

If you are baptised and have joined the Church but not asked to be a member here and would like to be a full member of this congregation please speak to me. The process is a simple administrative one.

If you have not become a full member of the Church, here or elsewhere, and would like to be a member then please come to a meeting to be held on Tuesday 9th September at 7.30pm in the Manse, or give me a call on 872341.

If you are someone who would simply like to know a bit more about being a member of the Church then please come to this meeting.

This is an open invitation to anyone interested in what it means to be a member of the Church. My hope is that this will be a relaxed and informal time of questions, and perhaps some answers.

I look forward to seeing you.

**Norman Grant**

Date for your diary..... -Date for your diary..... .Date for your diary.

## **DUNFERMLINE CIVIC WEEK PARADE**

**SATURDAY 21st JUNE 11.30AM**

### **WE NEED YOU!!**

Are you willing and able to come and take part in this parade down Dumfermline High Street on Saturday 21 June, walking with lots of others from different churches in our area.

The idea is that as well as enjoying being part of the procession and meeting other people we are letting others know that the Church plays a vital part of the life of Dunfermline.

Instead of entering a float in the Parade we have booked the Good News Bus which has emblazoned along the side... "bringing you good news". People would then walk either in front of or behind the bus for the duration of the parade.

The bus will be parked in Comely Park at the bottom of the New Row and we ask that you turn up for 11.30 please. The procession starts at 12noon and we should arrive in the Glen at about 12.30-12.45ish!!

You are then free to go and enjoy the rest of the day.



## A big thank you!!

It is great to have the opportunity to contribute to this edition of your magazine as I would like to thank everyone who was involved in the recent Forward in Faith programme, it has been a privilege to work alongside the planning group, and they have produced some excellent publicity materials over the last six months that have been admired [and copied!] by many other churches already. In addition, they managed to recruit a team of visitors and leaders who visited every household to invite you to come to the Gatherings, and then afterwards to receive back your response cards. The whole visiting team gave of their time and talents to ensure this task was carried out enthusiastically, and on time, and I would like to thank them for all that they have done. Forward in Faith would not have been as successful without their input.

The planning group also organised the presentation at the Gatherings and I understand that the video has been extremely popular with the congregation. Hopefully this can be used in the future too. The exhibition was also well put together and to everyone who contributed to this - thank you! It is important to reflect on the fact that everyone who took part in Forward in Faith was a volunteer, this is an idea! example of how we can put our faith into action.

Forward in Faith was an opportunity to share all that happens within the life of your congregation and to listen to ideas and suggestions of how it can grow in the future. You have all had the chance to review your commitment to God, and His Church, through the use of your time, talents and money by completing the response form and there are many blessings coming already from the large number returned. There is still time to complete yours if you haven't already done so, simply pass it on to your Elder or a member of the planning group.

Finally, many thanks to all who attended the Gatherings, the team leaders, the visitors, the planning group and everyone who helped with Forward in Faith. There will be many benefits for your congregation, but also for the wider work of the Church of Scotland. You have an extremely talented planning group who took the idea on board with great enthusiasm and skill and managed to produce a very high standard of presentation. I am grateful to the Kirk Session for making the decision to move ahead with Forward in Faith and look forward to helping in the follow up to this initiative.

With kind regards

*Gillian Paterson*

BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY  
BARN DANCE - QUIZ NIGHT  
HOGMANY - CHEESE & WINE  
JUMBLE SALE  
A BBQ - A COFFEE MORNING  
COOKERY DEMO - RACE NIGHT  
A REUNION - A BOOK FAIR  
LOADS AND LOADS MORE...

Your Local Scout Hall  
can help

### Thank You

*Bess Leighton and family would like to thank the many friends who have given so much love and support throughout the 2 years of Alex's illness, and since his death in April.*

*Motor Neurone Disease is a difficult and distressing illness, and Alex coped with it in a very courageous way. He didn't complain, (or not often), and his sense of humour was there even in the last days of his illness. We were helped greatly by the knowledge that so many people were thinking of us and praying for us, and it was this knowledge that often gave us the strength to carry on.*

*The generosity of the many people who contributed to the retiring collection at both Alex's funeral and that of our dear friend Helen Alexander means that we have been able to pass on a cheque for the sum of £1083.86 to the SMNDA, which they will be able to put to good use in their support of other families coping with this devastating illness.*

# CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 11th -17th MAY 2003

Lindsay & Sue want to say a HUGE THANK YOU to the 30 or so collectors who went out, mostly in the rain, to 900 homes in Crombie, Limekilns, Charlestown and Pattiesmuir.

This year's amazing total of £1 923.38 surpasses even last year's record collections! And more and more people are putting their names on the back of the envelope so that Christian Aid can get money back from Gordon Brown. So, with Gift Aid added in as well, the total leaps to £2.241.18

So, well done everyone!! We are very privileged to live in this caring community. The money raised here will go to help the world's poorest people, to provide hope, health and the chance of a decent life. Christian Aid helps every-one regardless of colour, race or creed.

If you would like to find out more about the work of Christian Aid, why not visit their website at: [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)

**MANY, MANY THANKS AGAIN  
WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

**CHRISTIAN AID**

## *Antiques, Bygones and Curios - An ABC of Collectibles*

The first chat in the series dealt with Apostle Spoons because they were an appropriate subject for the Easter magazine, but in fact this present chat ought to have been No 1 in order to introduce the series, so here goes!

All you see in an antiques shop or fair may not qualify for the description 'antique'; some items would be better described as 'bygones', 'curios' or 'collectables'. I will deal with these over this and the next issue of the magazine.

### *Bygones*

The word almost explains itself; i.e. things no longer in production; usually having been superseded by an improved item for the same purpose, e.g. the quill, metal nibs, the fountain pen, the ball point. The bicycle lamp: oil, carbide, battery, dynamo. Other bygones: - flat irons, tin openers, cork- screws, curling tongs; on the latter, it is surprising how soon obsolete items pass out of our ken; I recently asked a schoolgirl if she knows what curling tongs were? She replied 'I don't go to the ice rink'! It is a fact though, that as soon as an item goes out of production it becomes collectable. One item on the brink is already being collected - glass milk bottles.

### *Curios*

The word is a 19th Century abbreviation of curiosity, it describes odd, strange or unusual items; e.g. the Lord's prayer engraved on a half-penny, an elephant's foot made into a footstool cum workbox, and such things as arouse curiosity. Artistic and valuable curios are sometimes called 'bibelots', e.g. Faberge Easter eggs. In the next issue of the magazine, I shall deal with Collectables.

*Mr. John Wilkinson, Crombie*

We wish "Happy Birthday"  
To these children in Lighthouse

JULY

Phoebe Somervail	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Ailsa Hart	5 <sup>th</sup>
Beth Hart	5 <sup>th</sup>



## On-Fire Service



SEASIDE ROCK  
HOLIDAY CLUB 2005

*Get ready for another fun-filled  
week!!!!*

4<sup>TH</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup> August

10am - 12noon

Queen's Hall, Charlestown

*For more info, contact Judith Fleming: phone 875045*

At our On-Fire service in May we took a big step and moved our evening service into the Queens Hall, Charlestown. This was our first big outreach for this service, leaflets were posted to every house in the villages of Cairneyhill Charlestown, Crombie, Limekilns and Pattiesmuir. Many thanks to the volunteer postpersons.

The evening was full of joy and really good singing, to excellent accompaniment from the Worship Band. The Peter and Jesus sketch was thought-provoking. The Hall was quite full and included visitors from other churches in the area, including Einburgh.

The talk was about "What's in it for me?" and it was great to look at where Sod is in our lives and what he freely gives to us.

It is wonderful to know that God wants to become intimately involved with his people. This we know because Jesus portrayed the love of his Father in a radically different light. He ate, drank, spoke, was hungry, thirsty, ran out of money, became tired and even died at the hands of occupying forces, obeying the wishes of his own people.

David spoke of what Christianity had to offer. It offers not just information about God, man and his world, not merely a set of standards to follow, instructions to obey. Rather Christianity introduces us to God. Instead of telling us what to do, being a Christian gives us the power to live up to the standard. It was pointed out how it was necessary to be active in seeking God's spirit, God's helper.

Did you miss this opportunity to enjoy being in the Lord's company with other Christians? Don't worry we have these evenings once a month. Families and friends welcome.

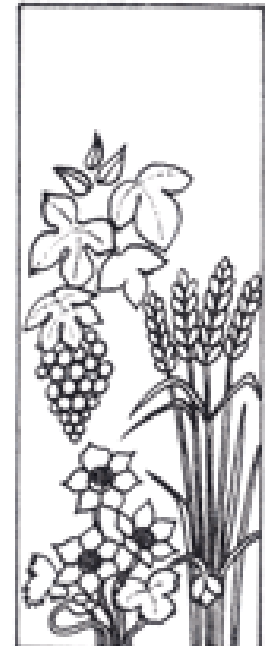
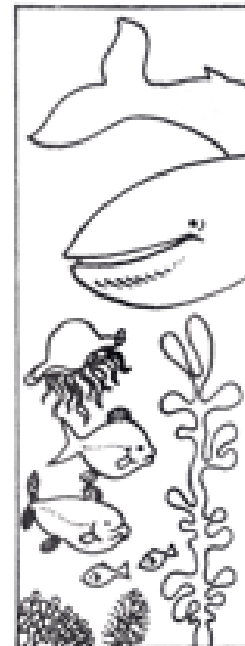
Hope to see you there!

...On-Fire Group.



## ***A WEE PAGE FOR THE CHILDREN***

***Color these pictures in***



## To Think About

2Samuel 24:24 "I will not offer to the Lord my God a sacrifice which costs me nothing."

So said King David, long ago. But the spirit of true giving has not changed. Take for example this notice, to be found inside Warbleton Church in Sussex.

If I give nothing.

I cast a vote in favour of closing my church.

If I give only local support.

I vote to stop all missionary activity in this hour of world need.

If I give grudgingly,

I shall find no joy in it and receive no blessing from God.

If I give proportionately,

Even a small sum will add to the total.

If I give systematically,

I make it possible for my Church to plan ahead.

If I give sacrificially.

I shall testify to the high value I put on Christ and on the Church as it serves the physical and spiritual needs of suffering humanity.



## ZIMBABWE

Last parish magazine I told you about the problems of Matebeleland and since then I have been trying to find ways of helping.

Progress:

Zimaid has been founded by Donald Simmonds and myself to help the orphans of Matebeleland. There has been some success. We have raised £500 so far, and this is with Mrs. Dube at the Methodist church in Bulawayo; for the Gran and child-headed families.

We have organised a Greyhound bus driver, Thomas, to take crafts to South Africa; due to the collapse of the Zimbabwe Postal Service. We are awaiting the second delivery. These will be sold by various churches in Fife including Limekilns.

I have also linked up two schools here with two schools in Bulawayo. Limekilns Primary with Mckeurtan Primary; and Inverkeithing Primary with Lobengula Primary. Inverkeithing is the town in which the missionary Robert Moffat once lived; and Lobengula was the son of King Mzilikazi, a Moffat. Lobengula Primary is the oldest school in Matebeleland and was founded by Robert.

I also bought back a letter from the Rev. Mudenda, the Minister of the Methodist church to our Mr Grant. I was very pleased to hear that the churches have decided to write to each other. Our grateful thanks to you for raising £300 which is with the Rev. Mudenda.

**But these children need more help.**

Please be generous with your donations. Monies can be dropped at my home; 2 Brucehaven.

Thank you, *Brenda Bumstead*



## Parish register

### Baptisms:

27 April Hannah Robyn Pringle

### Funerals:

1 April Mr. James Robertson  
6 Sandilands  
Limekilns

2 April Mr. Duncan McDonald  
72 South Row  
Charlestown

15 April Mrs. Helen Alexander  
4 Locahaber  
Charlestown

17 April Mr. Joh Laport  
23 Farm Road  
Crombie

18 April Mr. Alexander Leighton  
5 Brucehaven Crescent  
Limekilns

2 May Mr. Rupert Whetton  
1 The Old Orchard  
Limekilns

16 May Mr. William Pitblado  
Beechgrove Cottage  
Sandilands  
Limekilns

## Diary

Morning service every Sunday at 10.00am  
Crombie Service on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 6.00pm  
Charlestown Service on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 3.00pm

Sun 8 June	10.00am	Morning Service
	6.00pm	Crombie Service
Tue 10 June	7.30am	Core Group
Fri 13 June	7.30pm	Barn Dance
Sun 15 June	10.00am	Morning Service
		(celebration of Holy Communion)
	6.30pm	Evening Service
		(informal Communion Service)
Tue 17 June	7.30pm	Kirk Session
Thu 19 June	8.00pm	Journey of Tranquillity
		(in Cairneyhill Church)
Sun 22 June	10.00am	Morning Service
	6.00pm	Crombie Service
		(celebration of Holy Communion)
Sun 29 June	10.00am	Morning Service
Sun 6 July	10.00am	Morning Service
	3.00pm	Charlestown Service
Sun 13 July	10.00am	Morning Service
	6.00pm	Crombie Service
Thu 17 July	8.00pm	Journey of Tranquillity
		(in Cairneyhill Church)
Sun 20 July	10.00am	Morning Service
Sun 27 July	10.00am	Morning Service
	6.00pm	Crombie Service
Sun 3 Aug	10.00am	Morning Service
	3.00pm	Charlestown Service

# Office Bearers

Sun 27 April 10.00am Morning Service

<b>HOLIDAY CLUB 2003 - SEASIDE ROCK</b>			
Mon	4 August	10.00am	For children of Primary School age, in the Queen's Hall every morning. <i>See you there...</i>
Fri	8 August	12 noon	

Sun 10 Aug 10.00am Morning Service

6.00pm Crombie Service

Sun 17 Aug 10.00am Morning Service

Thu 21 Aug 8.00pm Journey of Tranquillity  
(in Cairneyhill Church)

<b>HOLIDAY CLUB 2003 - SEASIDE ROCK</b>			
Mon	18 August		
-to-		<u>Limekilns, Charlestown &amp; Pattiesmuir Gala Week</u>	
Fri	23 August		

Sun 24 Aug 10.00am Morning Service

6.00pm Crombie Service

Sun 31 Aug 10.00am Morning Service

Tue 2 Sep 7.30pm Kirk Session

Sun 25 May 10.00am Morning Service

3.00pm Charlestown Service

6.30pm On Fire

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**26th August 2003**

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