

News from the Pews

The Newsletter of Markinch and Thornton Parish Church
May 2016



Markinch Church was packed on Tuesday 12th April for the Induction of Rev. Carolann Erskine as the new minister of Markinch and Thornton Parish Church.

The Moderator of Kirkcaldy Presbytery, Rev. Rosie Frew, conducted worship, the sermon was preached by Mrs Jacqueline Thomson DCS and Rev. Peter Neilson gave the charges.

The formalities were followed by a buffet and social event in the church hall which included recitations, and also solo and choral musical items.

Carolann was introduced by friends and past colleagues who spoke very highly of her, and she was warmly welcomed to Markinch and Thornton Parish Church as the new minister.

The photograph shows, left to right:- Mr Douglas Hamill, Acting Presbytery Clerk : Rev. Rosie Frew, Moderator of Kirkcaldy Presbytery : Rev. Carolann Erskine : Mrs Jacqueline Thomson : John Wood, Session Clerk of Markinch and Thornton Parish Church : Rev. Peter Neilson.

Markinch and Thornton Parish Church



Minister:
Rev. Carolann Erskine

A warm welcome is extended to
all visitors and newcomers to the
community to share in the worship,
work and witness of the congregation.

Church Services

Thornton Church - Sunday 9.45am

Markinch Church - Sunday 11.15am

www.markinchandthorntonchurch.org.uk

Scottish Charity Number: SC003417

Communion Sunday

You are invited to share in the celebration of

Holy Communion

in Thornton Church at 9.45 am
and Markinch Church at 11.15 am

on

Sunday 22nd May 2016

True Hope.

“Christ Jesus, our hope.” 1 Timothy 1:1

Dear friends,

As many of you know, my time as minister at Craigie and Moncreiffe came to an end when the Lord called me to be your minister at Markinch and Thornton Church.

These are challenging days as many people I left behind have said they feel an emptiness. Whilst here, in this new charge, many seem full of joy and wonder. As I prayerfully reflect on both situations, I honestly feel hopeful for everyone. At one time or another, we have all been in a place of wilderness...waiting... watching...wondering and as we wait, we wait expectantly for something new to happen.



Like shorebirds living between sand and surf, hanging on and at the same time, letting go, comfortable with the old whilst on the threshold of risking the new journey marked by fragility and uncertainty, each one of us must remain a faithful witness to the grace of God as we all continue in compassion with God's mission for his people wherever he calls us to be.

This, dear friends, we do in hope. True hope. And I encourage you to remain full of hope for we all breathe the same breath of the Holy Spirit, are shaped by the rhythms of God's mercy and are encouraged by the forgiving love of Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

Thank you kindly for your prayers, cards with beautiful words and sentiments, for all your flowers and gifts of tableware which have all been so unexpected and yet gratefully received. Now, continue on the road of faith, on that exquisite edge of courage for the Lord. Laugh and weep together, sing and dance together in flexible, creative, dynamic and forward thinking ways sharing God's love.

*Blessings,
Carolann*

Your Elder is _____

Contact Details _____

Welcome Carolann!

On behalf of the congregation of Markinch & Thornton, I would like to formally welcome Rev. Carolann Erskine into our church family. We hope that she will be blessed in her ministry here.

It's a time of change for us moving forward and we must welcome changes with open arms together. Carolann is certainly the right person to take us forward as she has strengthened the congregations at Craigie & Moncrieffe following a union and will help strengthen the bonds of our congregation, following our recent union. Exciting times are ahead of us at Markinch & Thornton!

Also, let us pray for Craigie & Moncrieffe Church as they start on the next stage of their church life, and hope a minister feels called there soon.

A message from Paul will help and guide us together as he writes in Ephesians....'Be completely humble and gentle, be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace'.

Carolann, you can be sure of the support of us all at Markinch & Thornton as we start on our journey together in Christ. We hope you have felt the warmth of our welcome since your arrival here a few weeks ago. I hope that it doesn't take long for you to settle in at the Manse and get to know your way around.

John Wood, Session Clerk

May Russell.....Thank You

May Russell served as our Interim Moderator from the start of our lengthy vacancy and on behalf of everyone at Markinch & Thornton, we would like to thank May for her dedication and diligence during her time as our Interim Moderator. An Interim Moderator's job is not easy and she managed the ups and downs during her time with us, ensuring that session meetings and nominating committee meetings followed the church's set procedures.

For those that don't know, Interim Moderators usually take on the role for 1 year, but May stayed on for over 2 years. That's dedication for you, and to top it all, it ended successfully when Carolann felt called to us. We very much appreciate May's guidance over the 2 years and hope her next role for the church is as rewarding.

Thanks again, May!

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Treasurer's Report

Income up to 2nd May 2016

WFO £10054
Standing Orders £9991
Open Plate £1804
Gift Day £2418
Selkirk Trust £1250
Weddings/Funerals £690
Tax Rebate £3298
Hall Rents £1632
General Trustees £6288
Donations £536
Fund raising £1091
Misc. Income £1122
Total income £40174

Expenditure

Ministries & Mission £11815
Insurance £3023
Heat & Light £2683
Locum Minister/Pulpit Supply £3386
Salaries £3899
Church/Hall Repairs £714
Manse Expenses £4399
Stationery/postages £690
Copyright licence £468
Life & Work £504
Misc. Expenses £81
Total Expenses £31662

Ministry & Mission still due £35494
Insurance still due £4053

Thanks to all who have increased their giving. We now have 38 people paying by standing order but if you do not already pay by this method I would ask you to consider it as it makes budgeting easier. I have the necessary forms for setting it up at your bank.

Nancy Munro, Treasurer

Diary Dates

Every Monday	Coffee morning at Thornton, 10.00am-12noon
Every Monday	Prayer meeting at Thornton, 10.15am
Every Thursday	Coffee morning at Markinch, 10.00am-11.30am
16th May	Kirk Session Meeting, Markinch Church Hall 7.15pm
22nd May	Communion Sunday

Social Networking with Markinch and Thornton Parish Church

We now have a Facebook page and many of us share church events and world news via the Facebook account. You can join us to find out what we have planned, view photos of events and make comments on a variety of topics. Go to **www.facebook.com** and search for **Markinch and Thornton Parish Church**

Remember - This is **YOUR** newsletter !

If you have any interesting news, stories, poems etc, please hand them to
Ken Wilkie or email ken@kenwilkie.com or call 01592 760042

The deadline for the next issue is 31st July 2016

Appreciation and Thanks - Rev. Alistair McLeod

Alistair has been associated with us since 1987 when he served as a Probationer under Ian Gordon. He regularly provided pulpit supply over the years and latterly served over 2 years as our Locum Minister, conducting services at Markinch & Thornton every week, as well as pastoral care, baptisms, weddings and funerals within the parish.

We have been extremely lucky to have had Alistair as his dedication knows no bounds. In fact, some would say that he is so dedicated to the church that he put his health second. Alistair's health has not been good over the years but he has never let it get in the way. His quick wit and sunny disposition perhaps masked how he was feeling latterly. It pays testament to the type of person he is, although it caught up with him recently when he fell seriously ill. He has now turned the corner and we send him and all the family our prayers and best wishes as he slowly continues to recover. I visited Alistair recently in hospital and I was glad to see that he has lost none of his sense of humour.

I would like to formally thank Alistair for his faithful and dedicated service during his time with us at Markinch & Thornton and we wish him, Joy and all the family our best wishes.

John Wood

Session Clerk

The following note was received from Joy McLeod and family following the presentation made to Alistair's son at the induction service on 12th April.

To All at Markinch & Thornton Parish Church

On behalf of Alistair, Gavin, Gordon and myself, we would like to thank you for your prayers, cards and good wishes over the last six weeks. It has been so comforting for us all.

Alistair is hopefully on the mend, God willing, but will take some time to recover.

Thank you also for the beautiful flowers and gifts Gavin brought home on Tuesday. Alistair is thrilled to bits with his Quaich and Crystal.

God Bless

Kind Regards

Joy McLeod and family

Parish News

In Memory

“Those who hope in the Lord will find their strength renewed.
They will rise on wings like eagles...”

Isaiah 40:31

Deaths

Davina Forsyth c/o Balfarg Care Home

Isabella Archer c/o Balfarg Care Home

Marriage

“And we ourselves know and believe the love which God has for us.”

1 John 4:16a

15th April Barrie Quinn and Grace Julie Brand

Baptism

10th April Lewis Arnold Glen Parker

Ordination of a New Elder

10th April Barbara Murray

Church Hall Bookings

Anyone enquiring about booking the Markinch church hall should contact Karen Wood on 01592 750327 or email **hall@markinchchurch.org.uk** You can also collect a booking form from the notice board in the church hall.

To book Thornton church hall please contact Margaret Colville on 01592 774295

Markinch District Community Choir - Summer Concert

Markinch District Community Choir will present their summer concert on Saturday, June 11th in Markinch Town Hall. The Concert begins at 7.15pm (doors open 6.45pm). The choir will sing a wide variety of music with something for everyone and will be joined by supporting artists. Tickets are £7 (£6 concession) and will be available from May 11th from any choir member, or by phoning 07746 107384.

Thornton Prayer Meetings

Our prayer group meets at 10.15am on a Monday morning. If you would like us to pray for you or any of your friends or relatives, we have prayer slips available with a box to put them in. These are available in the quiet room which is just before you enter the worship room .

Sunday School

Members of the congregation have admired the art work with Baby Moses in his basket on the wall and in February we continued with his life by covering the stories of The Burning Bush and The Ten Commandments.

On Mother's Day the ladies of the congregation each received a daffodil (or two) on leaving the Church. The children enjoy doing this and we have to try to stop them from going into the Church to "find a lady without a flower"

In Church on Easter Sunday we sang "Easter Time" and afterwards handed out Easter cards to the congregation. Because of the weather we were unable to do our egg rolling down the hill but there was enough slope on the hall garden for this purpose.

At the minute we are hearing how meeting Jesus changed Zacchaeus and the song has been added to our repertoire.

The children had made cards to thank Alistair for his time with us before he was taken ill but they have now been delivered to Glenrothes Hospital.

We are looking forward to working with Carolann and listening to her stories, especially since one of the younger children whispered "she's a girl" on seeing her in the pulpit for the first time.....!

Surafel - Our Sponsored Child

Surafel was 11 in April and we sent money for a card and gift to be delivered by the aid worker. We haven't received any letters from him since February but there is one from the project director who describes how our money is providing him with a place where he receives nutritious food, the chance to attend school and medical check ups. Most importantly he's being given the chance to learn of Jesus' love.

This letter and all others can be seen on the wall in Markinch Church Hall. Thanks to all who have contributed.

Rag Bag Collection

The Rag Bag Collection continues to provide us with a continuous income, but we continue to look for textiles, curtains, bed linens, towels, clothes, bags, belts and shoes. Please ensure that donations are placed in a tied plastic bag.

Please ask your neighbours, family, colleagues and friends to have a clear out and help this appeal by contributing as well.

Markinch Church have been collecting for some time but collections are now being made at Thornton Church as well. A large box has been placed in the choir room for your contributions. Please speak to Betty Gray if you need more information.

If you cannot transport your collection or have a large donation that you need assistance to move, please do not hesitate to contact Marianne Sankey to arrange collection.
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James House MBE - A Day to Remember

You may remember that last year we told you that James House, an elder of Markinch and Thornton Parish Church, had been awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours list. Here is the story of his day at Buckingham Palace for the Investiture.

Early in May last year, Nina and I returned from a week's holiday at Rannoch, to find a letter from the Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood, St James's Palace, London. To my utter amazement it stated that I had been recommended to become a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. I had to confirm that I would accept; but having done so was sworn to total secrecy until it appeared in the Queen's Birthday Honours list on the 13th June 2015.

The citation confirmed that the award had been made in recognition of some 39 years work in support of Service personnel and their families and as a longstanding volunteer within several community related projects.

27th August saw the arrival of the letter confirming that I was requested to attend an Investiture in London some two months later. The Investiture on Tuesday 27th October at Buckingham Palace, was an unbelievable occasion for the House family.

The award was presented by Prince William, Duke of Cambridge, wearing RAF uniform. This by chance was of special significance; insofar as Prince William was not only very much aware of the work of the Army Welfare Service and it's significance, but it was also particularly fitting, since I began his work with the MoD based at RAF Bruggen in Germany in autumn 1975.

We had initially planned to spend just two days in London, but when some friends of some twenty seven years standing, agreed to meet us for a couple of days, we altered our plans. They travelled up from Wiltshire on the morning of the investiture and were in the crowds outside the railings as we emerged from the Palace. The photographs they were able to take were almost as amazing as to some of the comments they overheard from fellow tourists, i.e. 'Who were we and were we part of the Royal Family!!'



Five of us then strolled along to Taj at Buckingham Palace Gate to enjoy a celebratory meal before returning to our apartment to conclude the day with champagne. The extra couple of days allowed Jonathan to meet a friend with whom he trained, whereas Nina and I were able to visit some of the museums and galleries as well as a trip to Harrods and taking in a West End show.



Nina and I returned again to London on Tuesday 10th November, having been invited to St Paul's Cathedral for Evensong, attended by the Members of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. With some 2000+ recipients and guests in attendance, together with Prince Phillip as Grand Master, one was mindful of the words of the Dean. He suggested that we all ask those around us what their awards represent, and encourage one another with what is possible: not only in the past, but also looking to the future.

A thought for us all to take forward.

James House MBE



Christian Aid Week at Markinch and Thornton Parish Church

Sunday 15th May

Church Service @ Thornton - 9.45am

Church Service @ Markinch - 11.15am

followed by tea and coffee in Markinch Church Hall

Monday 16th May

Coffee Morning @ Thornton Church Hall - 10am

Thursday 19th May

Coffee Morning and Sales Table @ Markinch Church Hall - 10am

Markinch Youth Club invites everyone along to Markinch Church Hall for a Games Evening @ 7pm including refreshments and a sales table.

Everyone is welcome

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Strawberry Teas **Thornton Church Hall** **Saturday 25th June** **10.00am to 12noon**

Stalls will include, cake & candy, books, bric-a-brac, etc.

Donations to stalls would be greatly appreciated
and helpers are also required on the day.

Tickets £2 or pay at the door

Church Flowers

To arrange for flowers to be put into Markinch Church
contact Teresa Henderson on 01592 754892.

To arrange for flowers to be put into Thornton Church
contact Margaret Colville on 01592 774295.

We would also ask if members of the congregation could
inform us of the elderly, sick, bereaved or anyone who they
think might like a visit. so that we can brighten up their
Sundays with a lovely bouquet of flowers.



Christian Aid Week: the week we love every neighbour

This is Morsheda. She lives on low-lying islands in Bangladesh where she shares a single-room, corrugated-iron house with her four children. She's our neighbour, and she desperately needs our help. Morsheda lives in fear of the river. No matter how hard she works, every year the floods damage her home, leaving her and her children struggling to cope.



Jesus calls us to love our neighbour as ourselves, and not just the ones next door or at the end of the street.

Christian Aid Week unites over 20,000 churches to put this love in to action.

A Home Safety Package from Christian Aid could raise Morsheda's home on an earth plinth, safe from the flood plain, and give her resources to invest in things like farm animals, seeds and a composting kit; giving

her the tools she needs to build a better future. A new chance at life for Morsheda costs as little as £250.

We are selling the quiz sheet which has been produced by Christian Aid. These can be purchased from any Elder or at coffee's in Thornton or Markinch Church Hall.



Markinch Youth Club

Markinch Youth Club continues to open its doors to youngsters from the age of nine years old, on Thursdays between 6.30pm and 8pm. New members are very welcome.

This session we have been talking about youngsters in Bangladesh who have to be highlighted in the recent Christian Aid resources. The youngsters at the youth club have been given £5 and are hoping to turn this into £50 by using the money to purchase baking ingredients to bake cakes for their forthcoming games evening. All money raised will be sent to Christian Aid.

The event is being held in Markinch Church Hall on Thursday 19th May, to which EVERYONE is invited – young and young at heart. The evening will begin at 7pm and if the weather permits we will be using the Church Hall garden as well as the hall for some 'gentle' games. Come along and join in with the youngsters, or just come along and spectate – plenty of laughs for everyone – guaranteed! For more information please contact Tracy Thomson on 07786 675507 – or just pop along on Thursday 19th May at 7pm.

The Church of Scotland General Assembly

21st – 27th May 2016

People of the Way

This year's General Assembly will take place from May 21st to 27th in the General Assembly Hall on The Mound in Edinburgh. The General Assembly has met almost every year since its inception in 1560.

It is preceded by the Ceremony of the Keys at Holyrood Palace on May. This colourful tradition marks the handing over of the keys of Holyrood Palace from the City of Edinburgh to the Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly.

This year's Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly will be Lord Hope of Craighead KT PC, a distinguished retired Scottish judge, for his second year in a row. Lord Hope served as Lord President of the Court of Session and Lord Justice General in Scotland. He was also one of the first Justices of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom, and its first Deputy President. Lord Hope will take part in a ceremonial procession on the morning of the first day of the General Assembly. As Lord High Commissioner, he will observe the Assembly as The Queen's representative, reporting back to Her Majesty what has been debated at the Assembly. Lord Hope will also attend this year's Heart and Soul festival on 22nd May in Princes Street Gardens where the Church of Scotland is celebrating what it means to be people of the way in our communities and in the wider world.

The issues will be debated by around 730 Commissioners drawn from congregations across Scotland and beyond. The decisions made can have an historic and long-standing impact on the future of the national Church. Reports to the General Assembly are summarised in the Blue Book. This can be found online if you are interested. Daily meetings will be live on the webcast should you care to follow on line or pray for any specific items of business.



Lord of the church,
Send Your Holy Spirit upon all your people
As we witness to Your presence now.
Come, Holy Spirit, and awaken within us the light of faith;
Come, Holy Spirit, and rouse Christ's Church today;
Come Holy Spirit, in the quiet and in the business of life,
Engage with us in our daily living.
Walk with those whose journey takes them
Through corridors of power,
Or avenues of weakness,
And spread Your covering wings
Over our bitter-sweet world.
As our Church prepares to meet in General Assembly,
We hold before You the business of each day:
The hopes and dreams, the fears and nightmares
That fashion our lives of faith and hope and love.
Bless and guide those charged to lead
The praying, praising, thinking and deciding of this Assembly.
Bless and guide Commissioners and Delegates
Gathering to play their part and to discern Your call.
Enrich each day with the Spirit of wisdom and gentleness,
Where clear-thinking and generous believing
May include and embrace.
Let this Assembly shine in its prayerfulness,
And be an example of graciousness to all the church.
In the intricacy and passion of debate.
May we never lose sight of the motivation of mercy.
Or the compassion that gives texture to our faith.
In our formal business, and in our journeying as People of the Way,
Round each corner, and in the unexpected places,
Let us meet You, and be held by Your smiling gaze.
Lord of the Church, Lord of our Church,
Lead us and bless us with the power of Christ.
Amen

General Assembly Timetable

Saturday May 21st - 9.30am Opening of the General Assembly

Constitution of Assembly

Roll of Commissioners laid on the table

Election of Moderator and Prayer of Consecration (Members of Assembly stand when Moderator enters)

Commission to His Grace the Lord High Commissioner to be read, and order given for recording it (Members of Assembly stand)

Her Majesty's Letter to be read, and order given for recording it (Members of Assembly stand)

Address by His Grace the Lord High Commissioner, and Reply by the Moderator (Members of Assembly stand)

Appointment of Committee to prepare Answer to the Queen's Letter

Report of Standing Committee on Commissions

Submission of Standing Orders

Appointment of Committee for arranging Order of Business

Appointment of Panel of Tellers

Appointment of Committee to prepare Minute on Deceased Ministers, Missionaries and Deacons

Intimation of arrangements for the celebration of Holy Communion on Monday 23rd May at 9.15am

Suspension of business - 10.30am - 10.45am (approximately)

Nomination of the Solicitor of the Church

Report of the Assembly Arrangements Committee

Report of the Scottish Bible Society and Presentation of Bible to Moderator

Report of the Delegation of the General Assembly

Minutes of the Appeal Hearing before the Appeals Committee of the

Commission of Assembly – August 2015

Report of the Committee on Overtures and Cases

Report of the Council of Assembly

Report of the Legal Questions Committee

Saturday May 21st - 7pm

Constitution of Assembly

Address by Retiring Moderator

Presentation of Delegates and Visitors

Sunday May 22nd

10.00 am Assembly Service (St Giles')

12.30 pm Gaelic Service (Greyfriars Kirk)

1 - 6pm Heart and Soul 2016 (Princes Street Gardens)

Monday May 23rd - 9.15 am Holy Communion

Constitution of Assembly

Report of the Business Committee

Report of the World Mission Council

Report of Social Care Council

Report of Panel on Review and Reform

Tuesday May 24th - 9.15 am Order of the day - Stevenson Prize 2pm

Constitution of Assembly

Minutes

Report of the Church and Society Council

Report of the Church of Scotland Guild

Report on the Iona Community board

Wednesday May 25th - 9.15 am

Constitution of Assembly

Minutes

Report of the Ecumenical Relations Committee

Report of the Safeguarding Committee

Report of the Ministries Council

Thursday May 26th - 9.15 am

Constitution of Assembly

Minutes

Report of the Committee on Chaplains to Her Majesty's Forces

Report of the Mission and Discipleship Council

Report of the National Youth Assembly 2015

Report of the Theological Forum

Friday May 27th - 9.15 am

Constitution of Assembly

Minutes

Report of the Housing and Loan fund

Report of the General Trustees

Report of the Church Hymnary Trustees

Report of the Church of Scotland Trust

Report of the Church of Scotland Investors Trust

Report of the Church of Scotland Pension Trustees

Report of the Central Services Community

Report of the Nomination Committee

Report of the Selection Committee

Protestations called for

Report on the Printing of Acts

Closing Session

Constitution of Assembly

Report anent Deceased Ministers, Missionaries and Deacons

Draft Minutes of Sederunts not yet submitted to be read if required

Appointment of Committee to revise Minutes

Act Appointing Commission of Assembly

Act Appointing diet of next General Assembly

Presentations to the Moderator

Moderator addresses the General Assembly

His Grace, the Lord High Commissioner, addresses the General Assembly

National anthem

Dissolution of the General Assembly

Benediction

Markinch and Thornton Parish Church Fundraising Diary Dates for 2016

18th June 2016	Sponsored Walk and Wheels (Balbirnie Park)
25th June 2016	Strawberry Teas (Thornton Church Hall)
14th August 2016	Church Garden Party, 10 Loch Venachar Gdns, Glenrothes
17th September 2016	Tea at the Ritz (Markinch Church Hall)
TBC September 2016	Rosyth Concert Band (Markinch Church Hall)
TBC October 2016	Autumn Teas (Thornton Church Hall)
12th November 2016	Winter Fayre (Markinch Church Hall)

Spring Teas in Thornton raised over £450. We were very busy. In fact, we even had a queue at the door at one point. It was a lovely day which really encouraged more people to attend. We would like to thank everyone who helped to achieve our best total so far.

Bob Ireland won the jar of sweets. He guessed correctly. The total was 146, but there were quite a few people who were very near the total as well.

The next event at Thornton will be Strawberry Teas which will be held on 25th June from 10 am to 12 noon. Please put this date in your diaries. As usual, we will be asking for helpers and donations. Thank you

Communion Coin Boxes – There are individual collection boxes for you to take home or to work and fill between communion services. Collection boxes can be emptied any Sunday or Thursday morning by seeing Marianne Sankey, Karen Wood or Meg Sankey. Additional boxes will be made available for anyone who wishes to take one to work, or give to their extended family or non-members who would like to help. If you cannot collect a box but would like one, we can deliver and collect them by telephoning Marianne Sankey on 07801 279899.

Rag Bag – Donate any clothes, towels, bed linens, shoes, curtains, bags or textiles. If you need transport for your donation, please contact Marianne on 07801 279899 to arrange an uplift.

Jigsaw Lending Library – A cost of £1 per jigsaw. If you require any information about this activity please contact Meg Sankey on 07834 729420.

Craft Stall – Handcraft items for sale in Markinch hall. Please feel free to make a donation to church funds in the dish provided. We welcome donations of handcrafts, baking, plants, jams, chutney's etc. Please note that the craft stall is now in what was previously the book cupboard near the hall door.

Fundraising Meeting

The next fundraising meeting will be held on Monday 20th June at 7pm in the Session House at Markinch. All welcome

Glenrothes Böblingen Ecumenical Group (GBEG)

The Glenrothes Böblingen Ecumenical Group has been in existence for well over 20 years, promoting links between churches in the Glenrothes area and churches in our twin town of Böblingen, near Stuttgart in Germany. Exchange visits take place every two years when members of GBEG visit Böblingen; two years after that, members of churches in Böblingen visit this area. It now is the only group organising regular exchange visits with our twin town.



This September a visit by our group to Böblingen has been organised. After flying from Edinburgh to Stuttgart, the first 4 days will be spent in Böblingen, being hosted by our friends there. On this occasion the group is planning to extend the trip by travelling to Garmisch Partenkirchen in Bavaria and exploring that area for 3 days before returning to Scotland. We are certain that this will be a most enjoyable week.

In addition to these visits our small group organises various social activities through the year such as ceilidhs, quiz nights and German evenings. The group is very keen to invite new members to join, both for the social evenings and to participate in the exchange visits. If you are interested and would wish to learn more about GBEG, please contact Bob Grant on 01592 610396.

Glenrothes and District Food Bank

Thank you to those who have contributed food over the past months. If anyone would like to add some items to the container in the vestibule we would be most grateful. Tins and non-perishable goods, especially macaroni, dried pasta, UHT milk and fruit are needed, as are washing powder and toiletries for men and women.

Clients, including some families with babies and young children, are referred by organisations such as Citizen's Advice, some G P surgeries and the Y M C A. They receive tokens which provide food for 3 days and are allowed 3 visits.

The Food bank is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons to receive donations. You will find it at Caledonia House, Pentland Park, Saltire Centre, Glenrothes KY6 2AQ



Taking care of the detail

There is never a right time to lose someone we love, never a right time to have to make arrangements for their funeral, to say goodbye in a way most suitable to them and those left behind.

In the midst of grief the responsibility of making arrangements can seem overwhelming. Crosbie Matthew Funeral Directors can help you shoulder the burden. We are an independent family-run business with over 70 years experience of supporting bereaved families in Fife and beyond. Arrangements can be made at our purpose built premises in Nicol Street, Kirkcaldy which offers comfortable arrangement rooms and a dedicated service room with lift access. Alternatively we can visit you at a time suited to you in the comfort of your own home.

Professional

Crosbie Matthew's professional team of funeral directors are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to personally answer your calls and guide you sensitively at your time of loss.

Support

Practical advice and support can be given on paperwork required for registration, and covers everything from press notices, floral tributes and catering to order of service sheets and attendance cards.

Personalised

We can help you with the type of service you require, your choice of officiant who may be a minister, civil celebrant,

family member or friend; your options for music, poems, hymns; personalised order of service sheets with photographs if you wish. We are here to discuss any other ideas you may have to make the funeral a more personal tribute.

We pride ourselves in listening to you and helping you to arrange a funeral best suited to your and your loved ones wishes.

Memorials

We have a comprehensive range of granite stones, vases and markers which can be tailored to your own design. We can also help with renovating, cleaning and adding inscriptions to existing stones. We also have a variety of traditional and more modern urns, jewellery and ornaments for cremated remains.

Pre-paid Funeral Plans

Golden Charter pre-paid plans are available. More people are finding that a pre-paid funeral plan eases the financial and emotional burden on their families. It means they are paying for a funeral at today's prices and leaving written details available for that time of need.

Payment Options

We request a deposit for the disbursements (payment made by us to third parties on your behalf). Payments can be made in full by card, cash or cheque. With flexible payment options available we offer you a first step to peace of mind

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