

QUEENSFERRY PARISH CHURCH MAGAZINE



'Be Still and Know that I am God'

Psalm 46 vs 10

"In 1803 William Wordsworth embarked on a tour of Scotland with his sister Dorothy and his close friend Samuel Taylor Coleridge.


They travelled in a single-horse carriage but took to walking when the roadways became too steep for the horse. They journeyed on the winding road from Loch Long to Loch Awe via Glen Coe. They climbed up the road that is now the A83, and when they came to the summit they found a seat and a stone with the well-known inscription: 'Rest and be Thankful' Dorothy wrote: 'The seat is placed so as to command a full view of the valley, and the long, long road, which makes it an effecting resting place.' "(1)

On the sojourn that we are on through life, we too need moments when we stop to rest and be thankful. Our often steep and long and winding roads will be all the more arduous the travelling unless we create moments and times to stop & rest – to be refreshed and renewed – to view what's gone before and anticipate what is to come. The Psalmist caught something of this and encouraged us all to: 'Be still and know that I am God.'

Let me encourage you to build such moments into your days, then perhaps a morning a month, then perhaps a week a year. As you build in such times you might be surprised at just what emerges and comes to the surface... For some time now we've been waiting to see if someone in the congregation felt the call and leading to undertake the editorial and coordinating role for our Church Magazine. As you see from the existence of this publication we're delighted to introduce you to our new Editor Lesley Hamilton-Messer. Welcome Lesley we're so glad you've come forward and that God has led you along this hopefully straight path and clear way.

Every blessing
Rev David Cameron

(1) Extract from Michael Mitton's book 'Travellers of the heart.'



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Dorothy Wordsworth

Editor's Note

Welcome to the new look magazine! To find out more about how we've arrived at this new format read 'Focus on the Communications Team.' One thing remains outstanding though - the magazine's name - and the Communications Team are looking for help. So, if you have a suggestion for the perfect name please e-mail it to qpcmag@btinternet.com by 28th February, and they'll make a final decision in time for the April issue.

Focus on the Communications Team

The 2020 Vision for Queensferry Parish Church is to be:

A welcoming worshipping church which uses the gifts of its people to reach out, serve and engage with different parts of the communities in which we are involved.

While the Kirk Session makes policy and takes final decisions, it is also responsible for moving the vision forward via five Ministry Teams and, through the Congregational Board, four Support Teams. We've found it helpful for the Team Leaders of all 9 Teams to meet together to share ideas and coordinate plans and budgets. We've called this round-table group, the Forum.

In this edition we're focusing on the work of the Communications Team. Many of them are pictured here - all simultaneously involved in different methods of communication!



In the picture (l to r): Guy Douglas (acting Team Leader), Rev David Cameron, Rob Kernohan (Assistant Team Leader), Neil McCormick, Kenny

MacPherson, Elspeth Rae, Lesley Hamilton-Messer, Gillian Rhodes and Annette Carrie. Others on the Team are: Katharine Calder, Amy Ferguson, Charles Fletcher, Cameron Forrester, Willie Green (Dalmeny representative) and Graham Hunter.

Over the last year the two priorities for the Team have been to establish a new church magazine and to develop a new website for the Church. As you know, Contact has not been published for almost 18 months. Two Newsletters in the Spring and Autumn of 2013 helped to fill the gap to some extent and allowed some experimentation

The real breakthrough, however, was when Lesley Hamilton-Messer volunteered to coordinate editions of the new magazine. Lesley, supported by the Team has developed a plan to publish six editions each year with themes linked to what's happening at different times throughout the year. A question that needed to be explored was what options were available for design and production of the magazine, and which of these options would

be the right compromise for QPC. Lesley and the Team presented options and a recommendation to the Congregational Board. The ability to routinely include colour was felt to be important because expectations are high these days, especially amongst the younger generations. The result is this first edition of the new magazine which - and this may surprise you - is almost the same cost to produce as Contact (the black and white version), and much cheaper than the final couple of editions that carried colour on the outer sheet. And, of course, it's much less labour intensive to print and collate.



As I write, although we're still waiting for information from some organisations, we're within a few weeks of launching the new website. The Team is developing it in conjunction with Sanctus Media Ltd who produced our DVD and Looking to the future at QPC brochure in 2012. Once the website development is largely complete, Neil McCormick on behalf of the Team will coordinate the ongoing work of maintaining the site. You will no doubt hear more about the website in a future edition.

You may have noticed the new look 'Notices' sheet available on Sunday mornings and the new look events and notices email. If you don't already receive the email, why not sign up on the website to receive it. It comes out on a Friday so you get to see the notices first, before everyone else!

Once these two projects are complete, there are many more challenges for the Team to move on to, including a revamp of the Welcome Pack, our Facebook presence, miQueensferry and lots more.

Meantime the Team wishes to thank Alison Freeland for continuing to source and display eye-catching and relevant posters for the outside notice board.



KIDZ CORNER



Banana Split Recipe

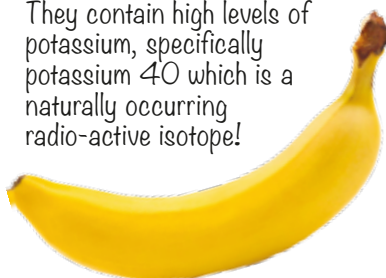
Peel a banana per person and cut in half lengthways.

Arrange split-side up in your dish. Put scoops of

ice cream between the two halves. Drizzle sauce over the top. Try adding squirty cream. Sprinkle with chopped nuts or fruit; whatever you have at home. Add a wafer at a jaunty angle and serve up immediately!!

Weird Fact!!!

Bananas are radio-active.... They contain high levels of potassium, specifically potassium 40 which is a naturally occurring radio-active isotope!



For more, visit: <http://foncho.fairtrade.org.uk>

Going Bananas for Fair Trade

The Queensferry Fair Trade Group was formed in 2002. Since then, by means of our annual Global Bazaar, coffee mornings, fashion shows, wine tastings, talks, workshops and other events, the group has raised awareness of fair trade issues within our community. Many local schools, churches, businesses, shops and restaurants now support Fair Trade and, in 2007, Queensferry was awarded the status of Fairtrade Royal Burgh – a first in the UK! But you have to work hard to maintain this status. Every second year, evidence has to be submitted to the Fairtrade Foundation of “progressive development” and happily, through the support of the Queensferry folks we have been able to do just that. Additionally, although our primary aim is not fundraising, we have been very pleased to send money to self-help projects throughout the world.

Fairtrade Fortnight 2014 runs from February 24th to March 8th. This year's focus is on bananas, launching a special campaign during Fairtrade Fortnight, aiming to ensure that those at the sharp end, i.e. the growers, get a fair deal. While the banana business is booming, not everyone is reaping the rewards of this. As global exports have grown, many banana farmers now cannot cover their costs and are suffering. The major cause of this is the pressure to keep prices very low. The farmers and workers are at the tough end of the supply chain where every last penny is squeezed. Their costs are rising, their income is drastically falling and the key drivers of the low pricing are our own supermarkets which want to offer the cheapest bananas possible, sometimes even at a loss. Sounds crazy? It is common practice for supermarkets to sell basic staple food at low prices to attract customers who will then spend money on other products through which they CAN make a profit. So here are three simple ways you can help.

CHOOSE PRODUCTS WITH THE FAIRTRADE LOGO.

This ensures that the products are ethically sourced and environmentally friendly. Most importantly, it also means that no matter the state of the market, producers are GUARANTEED a negotiated minimum price for their products. Fairtrade projects also are given an EXTRA PREMIUM which can either be reinvested in their project, or is often used to bring education, medical facilities and sanitation to their local communities.



fairtrade.org.uk

JOIN OUR FAIR TRADE GROUP

We would welcome lots more members. School age children may well have Fair Trade groups active in their schools. Contact Anne Fernie 331 5785 for further information.

SUPPORT OUR ANNUAL STALL IN SCOTMID, THE LOAN

Thursday 27th February, 10am – 4pm, hosted by members of the group, displaying all the Fairtrade products available in-store.

COME TO THE 'BANANA BONANZA' COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 1st March, 10am – 12noon in our Church Centre.
– Fairtrade stalls – One World Shop, Hadeel and Kwai River Crafts
– 'Banarama Panorama' activities and display of children's work.
Admission £2, accompanied children free entry.
Bananas generously donated by SCOTMID Co-operative

Forth Bridge 50th Challenge

Saturday 26 April 2014

Celebrate the 50th year of the Forth Road Bridge by participating in the bridge cross challenge! As always, you can take part by walking three miles across the bridge and back. This year you can also challenge yourself to run as many crossings as you can between 2–6pm and get sponsored for every crossing! Sponsorship forms will be available for those taking the challenge, with prizes for the most crossings of the bridge and the most raised by an individual and by a group.

Before the walk, enjoy music from the South Queensferry Ceilidh Band – dancing a must! We'll have a party atmosphere at the South Queensferry side of the bridge, so please do join the fun if you can from 1pm.

Find out more and register here www.christianaid.org.uk (search for 'Forth Bridge' on their site)

Look out for sponsor forms from Tom Williamson nearer the date.

The Girls' Brigade Annual Coffee Morning

Saturday 29 March 2014

This year we will be raising funds for toilet twinning and Company funds. We aim to raise enough money to buy a block of latrines for a school in Africa. The lives of many women and girls are in danger because they do not have access to a toilet. Girls cannot attend school because there are no toilets. We would like to help change this for a community.



Donations of cake and candy, outdoor plants and fancy goods would be welcome for the stalls.

Saturday 29th March 2014 from 10:00 to 12:00. Tickets will be available from members in early March.

Homegroups

Many churches have found that meeting informally during the week in people's homes has been invaluable for both the growth and health of their church. We are starting them in February on the second and fourth Wednesdays and Thursdays of each month, apart from school holidays. They will meet in different homes, starting at 7.30pm for tea/coffee and finishing promptly at 9.30pm.

GROWING CLOSER to each other in fellowship and in caring,

GROWING DEEPER in our faith, in experience and understanding,

GROWING WIDER, as we seek to include others who do not come to church.

Typically, homegroups start with coffee and a chat, and have a time of worship, prayer and bible study, perhaps using a DVD. Often homegroups organise social events to help build relationships.

For more details please contact Ian Forsyth discipleship@qpcweb.org or the church office on 331 1100.

Church Events

Here you will find all the dates mentioned within the magazine. Also, as the new website is launched, dates included in the church diary on the website will be included, so there is no need to contact the magazine editor if the information is already online. Please note that dates may be subject to alteration, and for up to date information please check the weekly Notice Sheets.

Weekly Worship Services

Sunday 10:00-10:25am Family Service (at 10:25 children leave for learning in their own age groups).
11:30-12:30am A more traditional worship service

Thursday 9:30-10:00am A reflective service with a Celtic tradition of responses.

February 2014

10th 7:30pm Guild: Sally Hyder, Canine Partners
12th 7:30 - 9:30pm Homegroups
13th 7:30 - 9:30pm Homegroups
15th 10:00 - 12 noon Guild Spring Coffee Morning
23rd 7:00pm 'Sanctury' at Dalmeny Kirk: Celtic Healing
24th Fair Trade Fortnight begins (until 8th March)
24th 7:30pm Guild: Bruce Reidford, History of T. Tunnock
25th 7:30pm Prayer meeting in the Harbour Room
26th 7:30 - 9:30pm Homegroups
27th 10:00am - 4:00pm Fair Trade Stall in SCOTMID, The Loan
27th 7:30 - 9:30pm Homegroups

March 2014

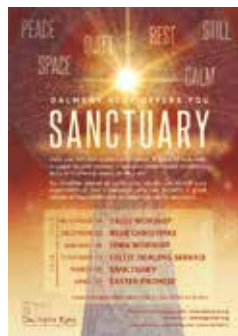
1st 10:00 - 12:00 noon Fair Trade 'Banana Bonanza' Coffee Morning
2nd 10:00am & 11:30am Communion Service
4th Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)
4th 2:00pm Guild: A Passage from India, Project
5th Ash Wednesday: Start of Lent
7th 7:00pm World Day of Prayer Service, St Margaret's
10th 7:30pm Guild: Comfort Rwanda, Project
12th 7:30 - 9:30pm Homegroups
13th 7:30 - 9:30pm Homegroups
24th 7:30pm Guild: Roy Johnstone, Mary, Queen of Scots
25th 7:30pm Prayer meeting in the Harbour Room
26th 7:30 - 9:30pm Homegroups
27th 7:30 - 9:30pm Homegroups
29th 10:00 - 12:00 noon Girls' Brigade Coffee Morning
30th Youth for Christ 'Nomad' Team arrive
30th 7:00pm 'Sanctury' at Dalmeny Kirk

April 2014

18th Good Friday
20th Easter Sunday
26th Forth Bridge 50th Challenge
27th 7:00pm 'Sanctury' at Dalmeny Kirk: Easter Promise
29th 7:30pm Prayer meeting in the Harbour Room

NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of the magazine will be available from 6 April 2014. Any items for inclusion should be given to the editor at qpcmag@btinternet.com by 14th March 2014.



Dalmeny Kirk offers you Sanctuary

If you enjoy, or would like to experience, a more reflective, contemplative style of worship, please come along to one of the

special evening services held in our linked church at Dalmeny at 7:00pm on:

23rd February Celtic Healing Service
30th March Sanctuary
27th April Easter Promise

Prayer in QPC

In our church community we support people in prayer in many ways:

The prayer circle is a group who pray daily at home for individuals in need.

The prayer meeting meets on the last Tuesday of the month in the harbour room at 7:30pm

On Sundays at 9:40-50 there is prayer for the ministry team in the harbour room.

The prayer square is published monthly and in this we join with Dalmeny and others on line praying for those in our community and throughout the world.
www.facebook.com/queensferryprayer.

We also organise quiet days/retreat days based on a theme, and fun days for children and families.

Prayer request cards are available in the church or email prayer@auld.me.uk or speak to Wendy on 331 2446

Church Register

Baptisms

22nd Sep Duncan James McNeish, Provost Milne Grove
22nd Dec Sienna Rose Keenan Mackenzie, Station View
Sophia Grace Keenan Mackenzie, Station View

Baptism (adult)

29th Sept Fiona Kirsten Thomson, Viewforth Road

New Members

By transfer from other congregations

Heather Deans, Stoneyflatts Crescent
Iain MacKenzie, Station View

Deaths

11th Aug Mary Ferguson, Bankhead Cottages
21st Aug Raymond Goodman, Sommerville Gardens
5th Nov James Wood, Scotstoun Park
9th Nov Archie Hawkins, Burgess Road
18th Nov Kenny Sinclair, Echline Park
25th Nov Cathy Archibald, Long Crook
21st Dec Cath McBlane, Echline Drive