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Kirk Session Meetings

The Kirk Session will meet in the Church Hall for ordinary business at 7.30 p.m. on the following dates.

Quinquennial Visitation	1st February 2011	
22 nd February 2011	26 th April 2011	7 th June 2011 (if required)

Material for the Autumn issue of the "Chronicle" should be in the hands of the Session Clerk, no later than Sunday 13th February 2011. All things being equal, the magazine will be ready for distribution on Sunday, 6th March, 2011.

The Manse

Dear Friends,

Linda, a first year student at university was decidedly discontented with the young men who kept trying to ask her out on a date. After listening to her complaints, her flatmate offered to arrange a blind date. "Would you prefer a southern boy or a northern boy?" she asked. "What's the difference?" Linda inquired. Her flatmate explained: "Southern boys are more romantic. They will take you out in the moonlight and whisper sweet nothings in your ear. Northern boys are fit and active. They like to go places and do exciting things." Linda pondered the contrast and then asked: "Could you please find me southern boy from as far north as possible?"

Most of us want the best of both worlds. We want what we have but we also want what others have. Given that attitude, life can become an endless cycle of trying to go one better than others around us; of keeping up with the neighbours and never being content with life as it is. On occasion, we may even get it into our system that there is a tremendous party going on elsewhere and we haven't been invited!

Sooner or later we have to realise that perhaps the best course to steer through this world is the one marked, "the grace of acceptance." We simply cannot always get what we want and more often than not, have to accept the rough with the smooth. When we learn that lesson, we will, I believe, discover the secret of contentment.

God, in his wisdom, may not proffer what we want but in retrospect he ensures that we are given sufficient for our needs. Accept that article of our faith and it may well be, that one day we too will be given, "a southern boy from as far north as possible."

May much love and laughter be yours this Christmas and always.

Keith F. Hall

SUNDAY SERVICES

December

05	11 a.m.	<i>Morning Worship Advent 11</i>	<i>The Minister</i>
12	11 a.m.	<i>Christmas Family Service our Sunday School will present "Silent Night." A production, not to be missed!!</i>	<i>The Minister</i>
19	11 a.m.	<i>Service of Lessons & Carols led by The Choir</i>	<i>The Minister</i>
25	11a. m.	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>The Minister</i>
26	11 a.m.	A short Act of Worship in the immediate aftermath of Christmas	The Minister

January

02	11 a.m.	Morning Worship	The Minister
09	11 a.m.	Morning Worship	The Minister
16	11 a.m.	Morning Worship Sunday School Resumes	The Minister
23	11 a.m.	Morning Worship	The Minister
30	11 a.m.	Morning Worship	The Minister

February

06	11 a.m.	Morning Worship	Rev David Laing
13	11 a.m.	Morning Worship	The Minister
20	11 a.m.	Morning Worship	The Minister
27	11 a.m.	Morning Worship	The Minister

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BAPTISMS

"In trailing clouds of glory do we come from God who is our home.
Heaven lies about us in our infancy."

12th September 2010, Kirsten Heather Verder, infant daughter of Povl and Elise Verder, granddaughter of Bob and Hilary Nimmo, Taypark, West Ferry, Dundee.

7th November 2010, Rhys Anthony Lowe, infant son of Derek and Jennifer Lowe, 42 Kingsway Place. Dundee.

IN MEMORIAM

"The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God. There no torment shall touch them."

30th August 2010, Maureen McLaren, 1 Hillbank Gardens, Alexander Street, Dundee.

8th September 2010, Robert Wallace, 198 Fintry Drive, Fintry, Dundee.

12th September 2010, Queenie Kathleen Bailey, Bridge View Care Home, Dundee.

23rd September 2010, May Smith, 1 Elgin Gardens, Fairmuir, Dundee.

25th September 2010, Nessie Marshall, Flat 1, Royal Bank, Strathmartine Road, Dundee.

25th September 2010, Catherine Rhynd, Lochleven Care Home, Monifieth.

28th September 2010, Violet Carmichael, St. Margaret's Care Home, Dundee.

28th September 2010, Carrie Duthie, Riverview Care Home, Dundee.

30th September 2010, Rena Wilson, 8 Lawers Road, Monifieth.

27th October 2010, Fred Brown, 68 Craigmount Road, Charleston, Dundee

A word about music

Occasionally, the choice of choir music can be a bit last minuteish. We'll turn up on a Sunday morning and for whatever reason we're understaffed so we have to choose something quick and simple - our standbys tend to be pieces like "Lead me Lord", "Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring" etc. However, we do generally have an ongoing plan of music over the following weeks so that when we have finished rehearsing the music for that day, we can look ahead and learn any difficult pieces that we know are upcoming.

Both the choral and organ music we do tends to be chosen from a recommended list of RSCM - music that reflects the theme of each Sunday.

Advent music that you will be hearing this year includes stalwarts like This is the Record of John by Gibbons - this is a verse anthem featuring alternating alto solo with a 5-part chorus and the previous week the Matins Responsory based on music by Palestrina. The organ music also reflects the season - various settings of Mary's Magnificat as well as music dedicated to Mary e.g one of the very few pieces for organ/harmonium written by Berlioz. The great German chorale tune "Nun komm der Heiden Heiland" also features a number of times in settings by WF Bach, JS Bach and Buxtehude.

Moving into the New Year, the young Christ is a feature of both choral and organ music; the Lamb by Taverner is a beautiful setting of William Blake's words and of course Eccard's setting of When to the Temple Mary went. At the turn of the year *Wie schon leuchtet....*(CH3 202) features in a number of the organ voluntaries - it was composed by Philipp Nicolai and appears in settings by Bach again and Karg-Elert

Two themes are present in the organ music at the start of the year: a number of pieces are taken from a Little Book for Hubert Parry that was compiled on his death by some of his friends and colleagues and also my growing fondness for French Baroque organ music. In the Autumn I worked through Clerambault's Suite on the 2nd Tone from his Premier Livre d'orgue and in spring this continues with the focus on Jean-Adam Guilian (who was in fact German).

The end of February features the wonderfully uplifting "The Heavens are Telling" by Haydn from his creation. March will take us into Lent which always allows us to sing some of our favourite pieces, more about which next time.

Graeme Stevenson

Polymyalgia Rheumatica and Giant Cell Arteritis Scotland

Dundee Parish Church (St Mary's) Group
Scottish Charity No:SC037780

Our office in the Technology Park is now up and running thanks to our grant from Awards for All Scotland. This has enabled us to use more volunteers to help with administration and there has been quite a turnover as they come and go. Our Policy of Equality and Diversity is reflected in that we have had 3 Chinese, 1 Filipino, 1 local, 2 Indians, 2 Nigerians and a nurse from St Andrews, disabled by a car accident who gives time for the Helpline.

Because of the help we are getting we have time to make efforts to raise awareness of these conditions. My MSP Shona Robison who is Minister for Public Health and Sport has been extremely supportive putting me in touch with the Long Term Conditions Unit and the Long Term Collaborative of the Scottish Government who have both been very helpful. I attended one of their conferences on Self- Management.

We are now members of The Long -Term Conditions Alliance Scotland (LTCAS) and I attended one of their conferences. We have also been accepted as Associate Members of The Helplines Association (THA) and I attended another Training with them in October. I was also at a Conference in London, a Pfizer Symposium in Glasgow and a Conference run by Dundee Voluntary Action recently. Very few people have heard of PMR & GCA so we are raising awareness although improving diagnosis, care and management of these conditions will take time.

Local Charitable Trusts have been very generous in giving us donations so enabling us to continue to provide support and information to the many who contact us. We also receive donations from contacts who are able to donate and are grateful for information and support.

Our main concern at the moment is to find a treasurer as our very able treasurer is retiring at the end of the year. The work involved takes one day a month including a meeting with myself and would suit someone newly retired who is looking to do a bit of voluntary work. There is some extra work involved at the end of the financial year but the accounts are all computerised and update automatically. The Gift aid returns also require a little extra time and effort. If you know of anyone who might be interested please contact me.

We are extremely grateful for the continuing support and encouragement we get from the Minister, Kirk Session, Coffee Bar, members of the congregation and 'Lil' who is always so helpful and, of course, our very willing volunteers.

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The Wednesday Club

For one reason or another the numbers attending this session are slightly down, but we are still usually having 20 or more members coming along to the meetings.

Philip and Ruby Sword, who have been such faithful attendees for so many years, are no longer able to come; we send them warmest greetings and wish them well.

In September Mr Bill Milne from Monifieth gave an entertaining interpretation of some of the lyrics of Gershwin, Cole Porter and others of that era.

The annual get-together at the President's home in October was enjoyed by all. The committee kindly provided the tasty finger buffet.

In November Fiona Sinclair from the McManus Galleries stood in for her colleague Rhona Rodger. She was an excellent speaker and gave an illustrated talk about the refurbished galleries. She clearly loves her job as one of the senior curators, and is full of enthusiasm for the future of the whole project.

On **December 15** we are to have a buffet meal in the hall, following the successful format of previous years with everyone being asked to 'bring a dish'.

The meetings in the new year are as follows:-

January 19 'Youth Music Theatre' by Brian and Agnes Boardman

February 16 Beetle Drive

March 16 AGM followed by Alf Ingram's talk about 'Wade's Highland Highways' (postponed from last year)

Dorothy Forrester

Sunday School

The Sunday School has been very busy since we returned, back in August. The children worked hard during Harvest, learning about different countries and flags from around the world and about whom we depend upon for the food which we find in front of us when we sit down to eat. Ultimately we produced a short play about how a fruit cake is made and the children enjoyed presenting this in church on Harvest Sunday. We have also been learning the "Lord's Prayer" and the children are gaining confidence in joining in with this during the service.

Rehearsals are now in full swing for this year's Christmas Show - "Silent Night" which we will perform on the morning of Sunday 12th December. It promises to be a spectacular show-case of talent and the children are full of enthusiasm about it. The show is set in the Austrian Alps and has some great new music as well as some old favourites and we invite you all to join in and sing along with our traditional carol medley. There are some laughs too and with our littlest "stars" playing the part of church mice, even we can't predict where the next comedy moment will happen!

Thank you to everyone who returned the word-search. We still have a few children who wish to take part so we will announce the answer and the lucky winner in the next edition of the Chronicle.

Elaine Stevenson

The Flower Calendar

"To beautify the place of my Sanctuary"

December

05 Flower Fund
12 Flower Fund and
19 Christmas Flowers
26 Christmas Flowers

January

02 Christmas Flowers
09 Mr Walter McNicoll
16 Mr and Mrs I.M. Fergusson
23 Mr and Mrs J.K. Mearns
30 Dr and Mrs J.M. Anderson

February

06 Mr and Mrs D.E. Meekison
13 Flower Fund
20 Mr and Mrs W.R.M. King
27 Rev. Professor and Mrs M.
Yamauch

The Guild

The Guild is up and going again and we have enjoyed an interesting and varied programme. There were 5 men at our last meeting so we are definitely THE (both gender) GUILD. You will be most welcome to join us on alternate Tuesdays at 2.15pm in the hall. It is great to hear about the great work which goes on in our midst and be reminded of the past.

Next year the programme is:-

- January 11th Mission Aviation Fellowship - Irene Hoar.
25th Dundee Closes and History - A,Nicoll.
- February 8th The Vine Trust - Mrs Brown.
22nd The Street Chaplain. - Andy Burns.
- March 8th Tales from Angus Glens - Gordon Sneddon.
22nd AGM - and -
Photos of St Mary's Picnics Past, Dr Jake Anderson
- April 5th The Nine Incorporated Trades - Innes Duffus.

We then have our Summer Outing which we share with our twinned Guild, Guthrie Rescobbie.

It's not too late to join in the fun. Come and give us a try !

Anne Gibson, Co-ordinator

Congregational Giving

September

5th	£470.60
12th	£515.70
19th	£533.21
26th	£470.21

October

3rd	£429.00
10th	£494.00
17th	£591.40
24th	£894.00
31st	£315.25

November

7th	£526.47
14th	£1145.54

Elders' Duty Rota

December 2010

Mrs D.L.G. Forrester	
Mr J.L. Chalmers	*12 th
Mrs M. Salariya	
Mrs A. Yamauchi	
Dr A.G. Forrester	*5 th
Professor M. Yamauchi	
Mr D.G. Campbell	*26 th
Mr J.M. Hardie	*19 th

January 2011

Mr K. Anton	*30 th
Mr J.R. Brewster	*23 rd
Dr D.P. Thomas	*16 th
Mr R.M. McGregor	*9 th
Mrs F.E.M. Burke	
Mr Neil Bell	
Mr T. Willmott	
Mr K.M. Murray	*2 nd

February 2011

Mr I.M. Grieve	
Mr D.P. Beattie	
Mr G.B.R. Cram	*13 th
Miss J. Laburn	
Mrs K.N. Deas	*20 th
Mr J.S. Carrol	
Mr R.T. Lumsden	*27 th
Mr M.J. Beattie	*6 th

March 2011

Mr J.K. Mearns	
Mr D.B. Smith	*6 th
Dr I.S. Henderson	*27 th
Mrs M. Henderson	
Mrs J.E. King	
Mr W.R. M. King	*20 th
Mr I.M. Fergusson	
Mr Neil Gray	*13 th

* = In charge

Do You Just Belong?

Are you an active member - the kind who would be missed?
Or are you just content that your name is on the list?
Do you attend the functions and mingle with the crowd?
Or do you stay at home and grumble long and loud?
Do you take an active part to help the Church along?
Or are you satisfied to be the kind that just belong?
Do you ever come along or information seek?
Or leave the work to just a few and talk about The Clique?
There's quite a programme scheduled that means success is
done
And it can be accomplished with help from EVERYONE.
So why not come along and help with hand and heart:
Don't be 'just a member', but take an active part...
Think this over, Members - are you right or are we wrong?
Are you an 'Active Member' or do you 'Just Belong'?