



Musings from the manse

Dear friends,

After a stormy winter, there are signs of spring all around, and this seems a great blessing as we journey further towards Easter, that we have such visual signs of new beginnings and of hope.

A film I really have enjoyed in the past is called 'Avatar' which is an incredibly beautiful science fiction film about issues of loyalty, purpose, how to cherish our environment, the temptations of greed etc. One of the most famous lines in it is "I see you" which means the character doesn't just know the other person exists, but that they see their feelings and love and soul, their core identity, and they understand it instinctively. It is a very deep connection between two people.

I think of Jesus words to Nathaniel in John chapter 1 verse 47-8 . Nathaniel says " How do you know me?" and Jesus replies: "I saw you when you were still under the fig tree" and he not just saw him with his eyes, but understood him also.

I was reflecting on this, when thinking of how we relate to Jesus. Often we hear his teaching, we think of his life on earth, but do we really " see Him". It feels that at Easter, we have a unique opportunity to really "see" Jesus - to see how His generous and self giving love means that he is able to give his life for us, that we can be forgiven, that he rose again on the third day, so that all who place their trust in Him, can live for all eternity. At Easter, we

pray that God's Holy spirit would help us to grow closer to our Saviour, so we can relate to Him in a deeper way, and receive His gracious and healing love in a new way, that strengthens us for the road ahead.

Wishing you all Easter blessings,

Fiona

Honour.

In seeking to honour my late husband's memory, I have compiled some of his reflective writings from his days of military service, into a small publication. I hope to launch this on the evening of Tuesday 28th of April, and more details will be available nearer the time. Thank you to people for their understanding and prayers.

Changes in the church family.

Firstly, I am delighted that we can welcome back the **Rev Ruth Forsythe**, who will be with us for another year as our Ordained Local Minister. We look forward to her leading worship, and helping us to think more about pilgrimage!

I am sad to say that Elisabeth Robertson sent a letter to the Kirk Session in January, saying that she wished to resign from her many church duties, as Assistant Treasurer, as Flower convener etc, to give more time to her family. Elisabeth has been in the church family for 57 years, and has served Christ in so many ways. We are deeply grateful for her years of service, and for her dedicated care of the church family. We will miss Elisabeth very much, and remember her, Jim and Liz in our prayers in these days ahead.

At the December Congregational Board meeting, Tom Griffith said he wished to relinquish his financial duties, and then at the February Board meeting, after an email, it was announced that he and Claire are to step back from all their administrative duties in the church. Tom has shown dedication and has given an immense amount of time and energy to his role in financial matters, and in leading the Communication team, and his work in the church in the office over his many years. We are very grateful

for all his care and attention in serving the church family, and wish him and Claire every blessing as they have more time together.

Murdoch and Christine MacLeod are planning to move to pastures new in the months to come. We have so appreciated their many years of faithful and dedicated service at Temple Anniesland church, and we will miss you. Wishing you God's blessing in your new adventure.

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As a church family, we are seeking to **rebuild new teams** in finance, administration, the AV system and flower arranging especially. If you or some-one in your family might be able to help, for just an hour a week, or a few hours a month, please speak to Fiona, or to our Session Clerk Gail, or to Louise our family and youth worker. We would really appreciate your help to make things in the church family work as well as possible. Somethings might have to change or be done differently, so we ask that you would have patience with us as we reorganise. Thank you all for your

Congregational Register

Deaths - "blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted"

Ina Anderson - December (District 03)

prayers and support.

Church Diary.

8th March - 11 am and 6.30pm –the sacrament of communion will be celebrated. At 2.30pm there is a service at Castlebank Gardens

Lent retreat - " Art and the gospel" each Saturday morning – 10.30am till 12noon.

13th March - film night.

14th March - 1-5pm Saturday afternoon - church hall declutter time!

15th March - 11 am worship

22nd March - 11 am worship

27th March - 5.30-7.30pm Messy church

29th March - 11 am worship and a 6.30pm Prayers for healing service

1st April - 7.30pm Congregational Board meeting

6th-10th April - 12 noon Holy week services each day.
7.30pm Thursday - Anniesland Methodist church
7.30pm Good Friday - Temple Anniesland church

12th April - 7 am Easter service at Dawsholm park
11 am Easter celebration service including informal
communion
2.30pm service at Castlebank Gardens

19th April - 11 am worship

24th April - 5.30-7.30pm Messy church.

26th April - 11 am worship and Annual business meeting
6.30pm Prayers for healing

3rd May - 11 am worship - Christian Aid service.

6th May - 7.30pm Kirk Session meeting

9th May - Possible Retreat Day - tbc

10th May - 11 am worship - Guest preacher -
and 2.30pm Castlebank Gardens

17th May - 11 am worship

24th May - 11 am worship

29th May - 5.30-7.30pm Messy church

30th May - Retreat Day at the Bield at Blackruthven!
See Fiona if you are interested in coming along.

31st May - 11 am Pentecost and 6.30 KFC service

3rd June - 7.30pm Congregational Board meeting

7th June - 11 am worship and - 2pm Fundraiser for
Epilepsy charity - Millport

12th June - Film night

14th June 11 am **Communion and 6.30pm communion**

21st June 11 am worship

28th June - 11am Sunday club family service
and 6.30pm Prayers for healing service

27th till 31st July - **Holiday club!**

29th August - possible pilgrimage day to Lindisfarne - please see
Fiona for details.