

Logie Kirk News

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Dear friends

If you have been following world events you might think that there is little to celebrate in the world: unrest in Sudan, tensions between India and Pakistan and in the Middle East, and of course - Brexit. We long for peace and justice, and for a new beginning.

During Holy Week and at Easter we remember something that happened which changed the world for ever.

Jesus had arrived in the city of Jerusalem. People knew that he was compassionate, that he healed the sick and took care of the lonely and the poor, that he performed miracles and spoke about God in a way that no-one else could. But still they did not fully recognise nor understand him and the message of hope he brought. They arrested him and killed him in the most brutal way they knew how.

The followers of Jesus were afraid, and they felt all hope was lost. Yet something amazing happened. Three days after the crucifixion some of the women went to the tomb where the body of Jesus had been laid, and they found the tomb was empty. Two men in bright shining clothes appeared to them and asked, "Why are you looking among the dead for one who is alive? He is not here; he has been raised"

We are a people of faith in what is a great mystery. Christ loved the world so much that his love for us was stronger even than death, bringing hope of new and unimaginable life for all. We believe in a God of new beginnings - that wherever things come to an end (and things do come to an end) God offers us a new beginning too.



In the strength of the Holy Spirit, Logie Kirk is doing amazing things in seeking God's purposes and new beginnings. The Looking Forward project to re-energise and renew our mission is just one example.

As a church we know that there is hope, and we have faith that God's kingdom of peace and justice is coming. Even now we can find glimpses of it already among us as together we learn to live in God's ways.

I hope that you do celebrate this Easter Sunday and, whatever age you may be, have great fun rolling and enjoying an Easter egg.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev'd Ruth Halley". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

Rev Ruth Halley (Minister)

Our front cover reminds us of the consultation regarding the future of Logie Kirk, and how we may modernise our perceptions and buildings, for all in our church and also our community.

For more information about the consultation, please see page 6. If you can't make any of the consultation dates, don't worry. There is an opportunity for you to give your views online at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LogieKirkandHalls>

A Request for Help from Peter Stuart



The hospice needs to self-fund around 60% of its weekly £50,000 operating cost, and it has been traditional for a member of Logie Kirk to help by delivering fresh collecting boxes to a number of local small businesses, exchanging them for full ones for return to Strathcarron.

That role has been mine for the last 8 years, having taken over from Bertie Gammack, but I have reached the point where I need rather urgently to stand down.

I would be more than grateful to find a volunteer willing to take my place. Ownership of a car and a very occasional hour (seldom more) of your time is what it takes. The locations are all nearby, with the exceptions of one shop at Braco and of course the occasional trip to Strathcarron at Denny once the bag of 8 boxes is full.

Should you feel able to consider this, please give me a ring on 01786 833804. I'll be happy to talk it through and to offer help to get you started. Many thanks, Peter Stuart.

The Friends of Logie Kirk

A couple of dates to note in the diaries for upcoming events:

- **Wallace High Debating Competition** on Wednesday 15 May at 3.30 for 3.45pm at the School
- **Annual Awards Ceremony** on Wednesday 19 June at 7 pm in the Halls at Causewayhead

Please note these dates
and come along and support the young in our community.

How many women can you name in the Bible?

In January this year, I had the huge privilege to join 62 other clergywomen, mainly from the UK, America and Canada, on a study cruise. On sea days, we studied women in the Bible, named and unnamed from a Womanist (Black Feminist) perspective.

I had absolutely no idea what to expect, but that cruise took me on a journey I'll never forget. I met wonderful female pastors and clergywomen in other areas of ministry. We visited the Eastern Caribbean, and I was encouraged to snorkel for the first time. For someone who swims, but is scared of water, that was amazing. We also took a Biblical journey that I had never even thought of before. So many women are not even given names in the Bible. Think of Lot's daughters, or his wife. I had no idea how many there were.

Looking at the Bible this way encouraged me to find out more about the women in the Bible and their backgrounds. For example, what relation was Sarai to Abram before becoming his wife? What is the role of slavery for the women.? The book we used was Wilda C Gafney, *Womanist Midrash*, 2017, John Knox Press, Westminster.

Maggie Roderick

WALK TO REMEMBER

The Christian Aid annual walk, Another Way to Remember, will take place on the first Saturday in September and is an opportunity to raise money for Christian Aid while remembering those we have loved. The 10 mile walk along the Hillfoots starts at Dollar Parish Church and ends at Logie Kirk with a short service and opportunity to light candles.

Logie Guild

'One Journey, Many Roads : Seeking the Way'

We have had a very interesting journey this year with various speakers as we have travelled long distances from our seats with them. Our musical opening meeting got us singing around the country then we went to Strasbourg, on to Israel and Palestine to come back home for Christmas.

In January we heard about the Guild projects in Zambia, India and Malawi, to come back to Scotland to hear about the home-based projects - Crossreach, Boy's Brigade and Sailor's Society, for whom we are busy knitting Woolly hats for the Chaplaincy Centres at the ports round Scotland.

Our Scot's Evening followed, then we heard from Ruth and her journey into the ministry with a visit to Jerusalem included. A Beetle Drive was enjoyed by all with our year concluding with our AGM.

We have donated over £900 to Charity this year so well done to our members. As we begin to organise the syllabus for next year, we continue with our 3 year Theme but this time we are 'Companions on the Road'. We would love to have new members join us, with new ideas for speakers, entertainment and demonstrations, all are welcome, male and female, come along and join us.



Your chance to have your say

The Logie Kirk Halls at Causewayhead roundabout offer space and welcome to the whole community. What improvements or new facilities would you like to see at the halls?

Logie Kirk is a local church for the whole community. What would you like to see in its future? The kirk itself is also to be renovated. What facilities would you like to see there?

Rev Ruth Halley said, "People of all ages who may not be members of Logie Kirk, nor attend services on a Sunday morning, nevertheless think of it as their church. I want to say to them that they are right – it is your church. These are your community halls and your church.

It is so important that they go on being there at times of celebration and sadness, and to provide community facilities that are fit for purpose in the years ahead. This is your opportunity to have your voice heard and help secure and shape the future."

Come along to the Logie Kirk halls between 10am and 2pm any day in the week after Easter and you will be able to view the exhibition and enjoy free refreshments.



You will also be able to chat to members of the Looking Forward team and give your views by completing a short '10 minute' survey.

If you cannot come to the consultation, you can take part online at

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LogieKirkandHalls>

Palm Sunday 2019

The Service started at 10.45 am at the Old Kirk with the choir and some members of the congregation.



Afterwards, they, sang the Taizé chant, Laudate Dominum, as they processed back to join the rest of the congregation in the Church.





Rev Ruth Halley before the start of the Palm Sunday Service

The Worship reminded us of the jubilation of the crowds as well as the journey to the cross that would soon follow.



The Palm Cross, in the garden, reminding us of the Sacrifice to come.

Our friends from Strasbourg

Palm Sunday was a lovely time to welcome our friends from our twinned Church in Strasbourg, l'église réformée du Bouclier.

Ruth and Kenny welcomed Pastor Fabian Clavairoly and his family to stay at the Manse. Fabian & Vera, along with their children, Elsa (10), Constance (7) and Victoire (2) enjoyed some time in the park.



The family joined us in worship on Palm Sunday. Fabian addressed the congregation with a message bringing love and greetings from our twin church, Le Bouclier, and commenting that whatever happens with Brexit there are no borders in the church.



After the Service, members of the Session Clerk's team joined Fabian and his family for lunch at Corrieri's. They were joined by some members of Club 1 to 6, who visited Strasbourg last summer and other friends. We look forward to welcoming them again in the future.

50 Years of the World Mission Stamp Appeal

The Church of Scotland World Mission Stamp Appeal celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. That's 50 years of making a real difference to communities and projects around the world, just by collecting used stamps. Funds from the 2019/20 anniversary appeal will support the Chigodi Women Centre in Blantyre, Malawi, which is also celebrating its 50th anniversary.

The Chigodi Women Centre is delivering a broad range of skills training to address the challenges faced by women in Malawi. Why not save your used postage stamps to help make a real difference to World Mission partner projects, and help the environment too?



Place them in the box in the vestibule at the Kirk or hand them to your Elder on their next visit. Anne Pickles does a sterling job in coordinating the collection of stamps at Logie and sending them off to World Mission.



Don't forget help raise funds for Logie Kirk whenever you shop online! We've raised £50 in the first quarter of this year, costing you nothing. Use easyfundraising to shop with over 3,600 big name retailers including Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, and Booking.com – and when you shop, you'll raise a **free** donation for us every time.

It's that easy!

Help support us:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/logiekirk/>

Fair Trade goes to School

Pupils at Riverside Primary School participated in Fair Trade Fortnight. Just after that, Maggie Roderick, our Fair Trade Co-ordinator, went to talk to all Primary 4 and 6 pupils, including those in the Gaelic Stream.



The pupils learned more about the Fair Trade programme and heard that traders are paid a fair price for their goods. In addition, they heard about the Community Premium.

This is an additional sum of money which goes into a communal fund for workers and farmers to use, as they see fit, to improve their social, economic and environmental conditions. The premium use is decided democratically in each community and has been used to provide many things we take for granted, such as schools, toilet blocks or even electricity as well as better irrigation.

The pupils also learned about tea and the processes from picking to packing. Using herbs as their tea, they picked and packed, learning how often the people who work hardest and longest are often paid the least, but things can change with Fair Trade.

The value of work

Pupils heard how Deena was a small tea grower, living with her husband, mother-in-law and 8-year-old daughter, earning 400 rupees a month, which, at the time of reporting, was about £5.60. When she became a Fair Trade Producer, she earned 7000 rupees/month, then about £95.30. When they thought about their own pocket money, they realised the difference Fair Trade makes to people's lives.

To win a Traidcraft item, try our short quiz on the back page & send the answers along with your name & contact details by 10th May 2019.

..... And Hadeel came to Logie

Hadeel is a Palestinian crafts distributor and retailer.

The shop is a Fair Trade shop which aims to provide a sustainable source of income for craftspeople working with social enterprises in the West Bank, Gaza, as well as one in the Galilee and another in the Negev.



The manager, Khaled Khalil, came to our Guild to talk about Hadeel, their goods, where they come from and how they help Palestinians in the Occupied Territories.

The craftwork is excellent and many of the goods are available at excellent prices. There is a lovely range of embroidered goods, olive wood and jewellery. We are adding some to our Fair Trade stock. The shop is at 123 George St, Edinburgh and online at <https://www.hadeel.org/>

The Fair Trade Stall is available at the Kirk on the 2nd Sunday of each month. If you would like anything in between times, please contact Maggie Roderick revmaggieroderick@gmail.com or 07984 604205.

Maggie is happy to take orders for Traidcraft <https://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/> or from Hadeel

Retiring Collections in aid of Christian Aid will be held in the Kirk on Sundays 7th and 12th May.

Stirling Christian Aid Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 11th May 2019 at Holy Trinity Church, Albert Place, Stirling.



Christian Aid has produced a seven-day devotional for use during Christian Aid Week and copies will be available at the Kirk. The total amount raised for the Cyclone Idai appeal was £ 374.00 Thank you for your support.

Caring for the disabled at the halls

The disabled toilet at the Halls has been refurbished and upgraded to current disability standards. The work was carried out by Rican Property Care, Dollar and is the latest item in the Halls refurbishment programme. Hopefully Looking Forward will provide sufficient funds to accelerate further improvements. We acknowledge Stirling Council's contribution of £1,500 towards the £4,000 cost.



Funerals

29 November 2018 Frederick Wheatley

1 December 2018 Gordon Donald Mortimer

4 December 2018 Thomas McNab Miller (at Kincardine-in-Menteith Church)

24 January 2019 Annie (Nan) Sutherland

28 January 2019 Thomas (Duncan) Smith

21 February 2019 Clive Allison

22 February 2019 Claud Alexander Wilson

19 March 2019 Joseph (Joe) Holden

25 March 2019 Leticia (Tish) Elizabeth Mayo

27 March 2019 Andrew Baxter

2 April 2019 William (Billy) Kerr

In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you.

I am going there to prepare a place for you. John 14:2



The newly refurbished display board in the cemetery, along with the new information signage. The board was refurbished by Thomson Jordan.

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Fair Trade Quiz

1. What do you call the extra money given to Fair Trade communities?
2. How much did the tea grower Deena earn monthly before she became a Fair Trade Producer?
3. How much did Denna earn monthly after she became a Fair Trade Producer?
4. I buy Fair Trade because

Complete the sentence in no more than 15 words.

Send your answers by **Friday 10th May** to Maggie Roderick, revmaggieroderick@gmail.com or 34 Craiglea, FK9 5EE, or text to 07984 604205 or leave them at the Kirk on a Sunday.