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and
St Mungo's Scottish Episcopal Church, Alexandria

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YES MINISTER!



There was great excitement in the office when Food For Thought heard the news that SNP Deputy First Minister, John Swinney, was going to make time in his busy schedule to visit our project and find out what was happening at St Augustine's.

The minister arrived amidst a huge entourage of photographers and staff and, despite the short time he was with us, John Swinney quickly grasped our mission and vision and the reality of the lives of those whom we help. Such a visit can only serve to raise the profile of the important work undertaken by projects such as our own.

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HEALING SERVICE

TUESDAY

10th MAY

7.00pm



All welcome

Bible Study starts again!

At John and Kirsten Wiggins' House
108 Dumbuck Road
Wednesday evenings
Starting on May 11th
7.30pm
For help with lifts phone Kirsten on
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COFFEE MORNING AND GREAT BAKE OFF!

St Mungo's Hall

Saturday 14th May 11 - 2pm

Entry £1.50 for children £2 for adults
includes a drink, roll and square sausage!

AGM

Friends of St. Augustine's
Community Hall after the
11am service
22nd May
All welcome



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

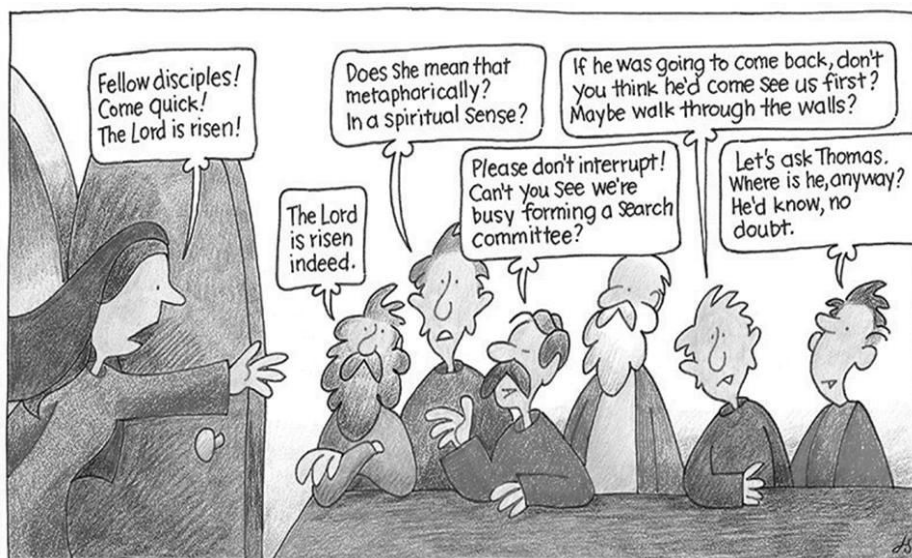
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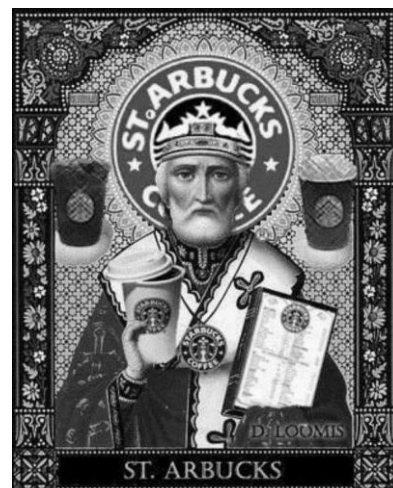
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TO ALL CHURCH KEY HOLDERS: It has been drawn to our notice that the Church has sometimes been left unlocked after being used. For security could everyone please ensure the side/front door is double locked before leaving the premises. Many thanks!



Patron Saint of the Coffee Hour



From Kenny...



Recently I quoted a song in a sermon which had folk going off to Google it, in the hope of finding a decent tune to sing it to. Unfortunately our efforts proved fruitless. The words certainly rang a bell at St Augustine's.

It goes something like this....

"If this is not the place where tears are understood, where can I go to cry?"

If this is not the place where my spirit can take wing, where do I go to fly?

If this is not the place where my questions can be asked, where do I go to seek?

If this is not the place where my feelings can be heard, where do I go to speak?

If this is not the place where you accept me just as I am, where do I go to be free?

If this is not the place where I can try and grow and love, where do I go to be just me?"

What great questions! The Church is intended to be a safe place where we can be ourselves without fear of judgment. It is intended to be a place where people truly love and accept one another. Everyone nods their heads when I say things like that on Sundays, but I know that behind all the nodding there are a lot of "ABUTS".

Abuts are wonderful things which abound in our churches everywhere. The Abut that's all very well but you ought to see the size of my gas bill! The abut how can I love them or even accept them because they don't pay for anything, I don't even like them. The abut how can I be a comfort to people who never even speak to me. The abut it's ok for you/them, but I have stuff going on in my life that you would never believe!

Abuts are great things because they can excuse us of much that we should be doing and often point the finger at another person. They are cousins of the Round Tuits. We

need to manufacture some of these because so many of us are going to be doing so much good when they get a Round Tuit.

What is a church? The one that Jesus imagined was filled with the Holy Spirit, where everyone had a Round Tuit, and nobody would dare to have an abut, because love was universal and unconditional.

Dig a bit more deeply, and the words of the song shine through. The church is a place where you can go and cry, or spread your wings and fly. The church is the place where your questions can be asked and answered without you feeling silly to ask them!

It is a place where feelings can be expressed and shared, and the words spoken without condemnation or judgement.

It is a place where you should be accepted, because the church is made up of broken people. Some don't think they're broken but they are, and a place where you can just be you, and that's alright.

So we don't need people who want to try to "fix" other people. They just need loved, that's all.

The song is a template for both our churches, and one day someone will find a tune so that we can sing it lustily!

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Have a wonderful Pentecost!

Kenny

DIOCESAN SOUNDBITES

Provincial Youth Week, Glen '16,

This will be held at Glenalmond College from Sunday 24th July to Saturday 30th July 2016. Applications are now being received.

Download an application form, which includes full details, and to read more information: <https://www.facebook.com/secpyc>
Final deadline 1st June.

St Mary's Episcopal Church Hamilton shortlisted for most innovative church community project competition

St Mary's Episcopal Church, Hamilton, South Lanarkshire, has been shortlisted for a new competition to find the churches running the most innovative community activities made possible through the installation of new facilities.

'The Marsh Awards for Innovative Projects' are designed to show the positive impact that installing new facilities such as kitchens and toilets has on churches and local communities and on harnessing the energy and enthusiasm of volunteers. They are run jointly by the National Churches Trust and the Marsh Christian Trust. The winner will be announced by the Dean of Wakefield, the Very Rev Jonathan Greener, at the Churches Trust Forum Annual Conference at the Merchant Taylors' Hall in York on 19 May 2016, and will be awarded a £1,000 prize. A runner up will be awarded a £500 prize.



The 'St Mary's For All' project at St Mary's Episcopal Church has built an extension to connect the church to the church hall, creating a new space for hospitality and conversation. The Victorian church building needed alteration to be fit for different forms of worship. The

construction of a linking space between the church and the church hall provides an informal gathering space, a café, a large kitchen, better access to the church, and parking.

The space is used by a variety of church and community groups, including Circle Lanarkshire, which provides support for families in challenging circumstances; a family mediation and counselling service; Women's Aid Hamilton; Girl Guiding; Beavers, Cubs and Scouts; the St Mary's Church Choir; Alcoholics Anonymous; Messy Church; and St Mary's children's groups.

The space is also available for private hire, hosting baby showers and ceilidhs. The Diocese has used the space for its Ministerial Development programme, and has plans for conferences.

The competition was open to any Christian congregation in the UK which is a member of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, and which had seen new facilities installed in 2014 or 2015.

The judges' criteria for the shortlist included a demonstrable social benefit, best practice in management and organisation, and project that serve deprived or marginalised communities.

Göteborg and Glasgow and Galloway Dioceses give thanks...

Ten people returned to Glasgow from Göteborg on Monday 11th April after a Service of Thanksgiving for nine years of partnership within the Porvoo Communion. We will host a return visit from our Göteborg friends in November which will bring the partnership to a conclusion. To mark the occasion a Eucharist was celebrated at Göteborg Cathedral on Sunday 10th April where Bishop Gregor preached and Bishop Per Eckerdal celebrated.

Bishop Idris Jones and Bishop Cal Axel Aurelius, the two bishops who originally signed the agreement offered reflections on our beginnings and endings.

Appointment – St Andrew's, Milngavie

The Revd Andrea Hagenbuch, formally of the Diocese of Salisbury, was instituted as Rector of St Andrew's, on Friday 6th May at 7pm. Please pray for Andrea and her family as she begins her ministry. Pray too for the people of St Andrew's as they welcome her and begin to work with her.



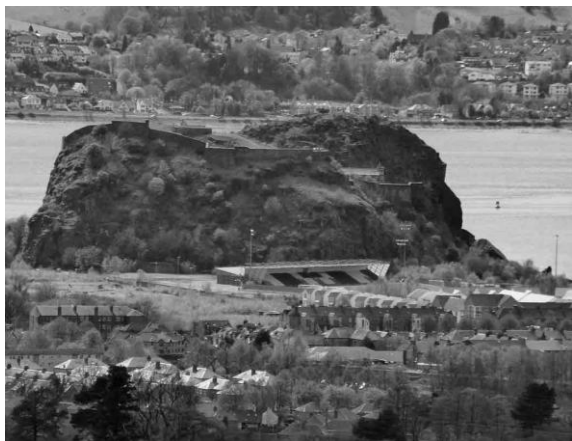
SON FLOWER

As the dying Christ
bowed His noble head,
so the sunflower
burdened beneath the weight
of its own glory.

Crucified to dead, lifeless wood,
the arching spirit surrenders;
the seeds of rebirth
given to the wind of the spirit.

The dead supplying windblown
resurrection
and new life.

John Russell



The Beautiful Vale



*[Words by Mr James Shanks as printed in John Neill's
1812 book, "Reminiscences of Bonhill Parish."]*

Oh, where is the land that can boast aught so fair,
As the Queen of Scotch Lakes, 'midst the pure mountain air?
'Tis not the Rhine Valley that any could even
To the beautiful scenes of the Vale of the Leven.

Beautiful Vale, Beautiful Vale, Beautiful Vale of the Leven.

It is sheltered all round from the wild storm and gale,
While the old Rock and Castle point far up the Vale;
Ben Lomond in friendship nods back to the Clyde,
And the hills of Carman shade its Western side.

I have view'd it in sunshine, I have viewed it in shade,
I have view'd it in summer, with blossom arrayed;
I have seen it in winter, when clad o'er wi' snaw,
But to me it is lovely in the midst of them a'.

Its sons that are scatter'd far over the earth,
Oft remember the Vale that first gave them birth,
And the kind friends they left, when they bade it adieu -
Oft they long to look back just to see it anew.

When the cares and the toils of this life are near o'er.
And my bark is nearing yon beautiful shore,
My last wish is this, that to me it be given,
To be laid to my rest in the Vale of the Leven.

When the spring came tae the Castle Rock
I'm longing tae come hame
Tae see the scenes o' childhood days
And wander once again
Among the hills aroon Dumbuck
And walk the Leven Sid
For my heart aye in Dumbarton
Whaur the Leven meets the Clyde.

They've changed the fields I plyed in
When I was at the schule
They're building up at Bellsmyre
There's a new toon at Brucehill
But the castle's never altered
As it keep it's watch and gaurd
On the pals I left so long ago
When I worked in Denny's Yard.



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May update

The first 4 months of this year have been very busy. We have given emergency food to 366 individuals which is slightly up on last year. I have supported 19 people in the short and medium term and continue to support 9 individuals in the long term. We have supported people with parenting issues, into tenancies, with mental health issues, out of debt, and given companionship and a sense of belonging to our community. During an audit I counted that currently we are taking referrals from 38 local agencies with 20 of these being from the statutory services. Many of these are from Social Work and other West Dunbartonshire Departments. The other 18 organisations which refer are Voluntary from all sectors including Housing Associations, drug and alcohol services, CAB & those working with youth.

Funding as ever is a nightmare but we have had some success. £10,000 from Awards for All will keep the project going and has to be spent on food and necessities; £4,000 came from Lloyds TSB and £3,000 was awarded from YPI, both of which can be used towards my wages. Applications continue to be filled in and sent away.

At a time of the Election we have had an abundance of interest from our local and national politicians. Gail Robertson (SNP West Dunbartonshire) came to visit and was so impressed by our vision and mission that she agreed to become our independent referee for all applications. Many thanks go to her for her time and commitment to us. Martin Docherty (SNP MP West Dunbartonshire) visited with us as did Brendan O'Hara (SNP MP Argyll and Bute). Both were very interested in what we do for others and have said that they will take back to Westminster the very real plight of those who come to us. Cllr Maurice Corry (Lomond North Conservative) came to church and then spent a considerable amount of his time chatting with us and finding out about all that's happening in St Augustine's. Last week we were very honoured to have the Deputy First Minister of Scotland John Swinney with us for a short time. He demonstrated an understanding of the plight of those who come to us. We are thankful for the interest shown by all who hold a public role and who take the time to visit us.

Leap of Faith continues every second Wednesday and all are welcome to explore the Bible and have lunch with the accompanying fellowship. We have fun as well as learn and support each other.

Our volunteers continue to keep the project moving along with many a trolley loads of donated food being humped up and down the spiral staircase. We could not manage without the willing hands who help us.

Matthew 25 is alive and well in St Augustine's! Thank you to everyone who continues to support the project in every capacity because without you we couldn't do half the work.

Caroline Marsland





Life is busy. It's busy for us all. The weeks flash past in a blur and here we are in May and my head, for one, is still back in February! We fill our lives with so many

different activities that we barely have time to breathe. We spend time with family, enjoy meals out, take trips to interesting places and pursue a multitude of hobbies - choir, the gym, running, swimming, gardening, drama, martial arts.... There are so many possible demands on our time, so many experiences to squeeze into our 24 hours and 7 days a week – is it any wonder we all feel exhausted before we even look at our diaries?!

The only way to survive these crammed days is to prioritise. Prioritise what we do... prioritise how we spend our day.... prioritise where we spend our money. But with so much choice, how do we decide what gets our precious time? Well, I guess one consideration is thinking about what we gain from the activity: trips to the gym make us fit, time with family is great for feeling loved and included, gardening helps us appreciate nature and singing improves our mental health (apparently!). There is usually a benefit to what we choose to do.

But hang on a minute, where in all of this does attending Church come? How far up our priority list is it? Is it first on our list for Sunday morning? Or third? Perhaps fifth? I wish I had a pound for every time someone tells me they really DID mean to come to church but..... I know, I know, life is busy.

But this got me thinking... *Why should* we make church attendance a first priority in our lives? In fact why do we come to church at all?

Perhaps the most obvious reason is that we are followers of Jesus Christ. We come to church to worship, praise and thank him for all we have been given and to receive the sacrament as he

commanded us to do. That hour in church gives us valuable time away from the world's pressures and puts us into a place where we are NOT the centre of the universe – but where God is. All healthy stuff.

Secondly we come for each other. From the days of the early Church Christians have met together to encourage, support and love one another and 2000 years later it is still the same. It matters if we are not at Church. The community suffers if we are not there. We need each other; we need the gifts each of us brings and we need the fellowship we share. In this “post modern” era when the cult of individualism is so popular, belonging to a community is even more vital to our spiritual health. We are social beings and the nature of our God is one of loving relationship.

Lastly, church attendance is not only about what happens on a Sunday. It is also about what happens from Monday to Saturday. We come to church to learn to be better people when we walk out of the church building and into the rest of our lives. We come to learn how to serve more effectively, more generously and more sacrificially for the good of all. We come to be inspired and encouraged to try to live out the incarnation, ‘God with us’, with all whom we live and work.

I could go on. There are many, many more reasons I could mention. But perhaps this is enough. But I do hope coming to our churches cheers you up when you are down, salves your wounds when you are hurt and comforts your soul when you are lost. I am also sure that it gladdens God's heart when you come and share His love with everyone else.

Priorities, anyone? I can think of nothing more important than giving one hour for what is the best workout for body, soul and spirit!

See you Sunday!

With love, Liz



BLAST FAE THE
PAST!





60S/70S NIGHT
Raised £730 for St Augustine's!

YOU CAN'T BEAT A GOOD SPORTS DAY IN THE GAMBIA!



The winners!



Buddha Da by Anne Donovan

This book tells the story of Jimmy McKenna and his family. Following a chance meeting with a Buddhist monk in a Glasgow café one lunchtime, painter and decorator Jimmy starts to develop an interest in Buddhism and starts to visit a Buddhist meditation centre and then to go on weekend retreats.

The story is about Jimmy's new-found faith and the reaction of his immediate family to the changes in his lifestyle. The story is told from the 3 different points of view: those of Jimmy, his wife Liz, and their daughter Anne Marie. It follows the family as they try to understand more about Jimmy's desire to lead a more meaningful life and how it impacts on their everyday family life. Liz and Anne Marie find it difficult to understand why Jimmy suddenly wants to change his life so radically and become a Buddhist, but a series of different events allow each individual in the story to gain some insight into the choices Jimmy has made.

The book is written in Glaswegian, which makes it a little more complex to follow to begin with but makes perfect sense, given the background of the family. It was very well written and had an interesting twist in the tale towards the end – but to find out about that you'll have to read it for yourself. It provides an interesting insight into how the life of an entire family can be changed when one individual develops an interest in faith, regardless of what religion that may be.

Morag O'Neill

YOU GOTTA LAUGH!

GOOD SAMARITAN

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan. She asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?"

A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd throw up."

DID NOAH FISH?

A Sunday School teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?"

"No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms."

HIGHER POWER



A Sunday school teacher said to her children, "We have been learning how powerful kings and queens were in Bible

times. But, there is a Higher Power. Can anybody tell me what it is?"

One child blurted out, "Aces!"

MOSES AND THE RED SEA

Nine-year-old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday School.

"Well, Mom, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt.. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his army build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he radioed headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved."

"Now, Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?" his Mother asked.

"Well, no, Mom, but, if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible - Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter.

Little Rick was excited about the task - but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know."

UNANSWERED PRAYER

The preacher's 5 year-old daughter noticed that her father always paused and bowed his head for a moment before starting his sermon. One day, she asked him why.



"Well, Honey," he began, proud that his daughter was so observant of his messages. "I'm asking the Lord to help me preach a good sermon."

"How come He doesn't answer it?" she asked.

BEING THANKFUL

A Rabbi said to a precocious six-year-old boy, "So your mother says your prayers for you each night? That's very commendable. What does she say?"

The little boy replied, "Thank God he's in bed!"

UNTIMELY ANSWERED PRAYER

During the minister's prayer one Sunday, there was a loud whistle from one of the back pews. Tommy's mother was horrified. She pinched him into silence and, after church, asked, "Tommy, whatever made you do such a thing?"

Tommy answered soberly, "I asked God to teach me to whistle, and He did!"

ALL MEN / ALL GIRLS

When my daughter, Kelli, said her bedtime prayers, she would bless every family member, every friend, and every animal (current and past). For several weeks, after we had finished the nightly prayer, Kelli would say, "And all girls."

This soon became part of her nightly routine, to include this closing. My curiosity got the best of me and I asked her, "Kelli, why do you always add the part about all girls?"

Her response came, "Because everybody always finishes their prayers by saying 'All Men'!"



'Wait Till I Tell You.....'

Janette says goodbye to April, T.S Eliot's 'cruellest month', that tempted us with warm sunshine then snatched it back just when we'd got our semmits off! Now it's onwards into May and already 'the rough winds do shake the darling buds'. Geeza brek!'

NO APRIL FOOLS AT ST. AUG'S

On 1st April there was no time for 'Huntegowk' – the old fashioned Scottish word for April Fool. So many people were preparing to be blasted into the past at Ghislaine and Ricky's big nostalgic concert of 50s / 60s hits. There would be an almost boy band, a troupe of wannabe Spice Girls, AGM and, of course, the Allsorts with pop idols Stuart and Danni. With this line up the entertainment was first class and those who still could locate their waists wore beautiful 50's style dresses with 'sticky out underskirts'. Do you remember this fashion? It involved stiffening the net with a wash in sugary water and wondering why there were bees around your knees when you wore it. Well done to everyone involved – around £700 was raised for the Church!

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The bard himself asked that question and suggested 'that which we call a rose, by any other name would smell as sweet'. So why then all the fuss about the name chosen by the public for the NERC (Natural Environment Research Council) ship that will put Britain at the forefront in polar ocean research? The whole debacle provided the best laugh of the month when, in an internet competition, the punters voted for Boaty McBoatface – over 24,000 votes! Imagine the launch day when a distinguished lady in an oversized hat '*gies it laldy*' with the traditional bottle of champagne '*I name this ship.....*' Will Boaty McBoatface be too undignified for the vessel currently being built on the Mersey? This delightfully awkward situation has certainly injected a little humour into what would otherwise have been a politically insufferable April.

JINGS, CRIVVENS AND HELP MA BOAB.

This, no doubt, would have been the exclamation uttered by several of the good and the great this

April when they discovered that things weren't quite as they had expected. In the West of Scotland we used to refer to such unfortunate happenings as getting '*a big riddy*' (blushing with embarrassment). David Cameron must have been horrified when the Panama Papers revealed that his father had stashed away money offshore - under his Panama hat, so to speak! And this started a spate of honourable gentlemen issuing their tax returns for public consumption. It's bad enough listening to them without reading their tax forms! *Jings, crivvens and help ma Boab!*

His Grace, the Archbishop of Canterbury, must surely have exclaimed likewise on discovering that the man whom he thought was his father wasn't his father at all and the DNA revelations could not be kept under his mitre. A statement had to be issued.

Then there was Her Majesty, all psyched up to light a chain of beacons throughout her kingdom on her 90th Birthday. She pressed a button but only a feeble flame flickered towards the fire. She was just about to ask for a match when the BBC announcer talked the situation up as if she'd lit a blazing bonfire. The viewers had been promised a spectacle, after all! *Jings, crivvens and help ma Boab!*

Then there's Sir Phillip Green, the BHS man who sold all his shops for a pound, now with '*a big riddy*' over some awkward questions that will have him scratching the remains of his designer hairstyle!

SAVE THE VALE!

Saturday 23rd April may have been St. George's Day as well as Shakespeare's official birthday but for folks around this area it was the protest march to save the Vale Hospital from further cuts.

Thousands turned up at the Christie Park to march behind the pipe band to the hospital. All the political parties were there – all in agreement that the hospital would survive - but then, there's an election looming!

TBag O'Neill, who is one of the Vale's best customers, was not well enough to attend the march but eagerly followed the action and urged her friends to get out there since she is awaiting two appointments. Along with Maggie and a couple of banners on poles that had seen active service at the Civic Theatre closure protest, the saving of Posties Park plus two previous battles for the Vale, I set off to have my say. Other well-known St. Augustine's troublemakers in attendance were Barbara, stewarding in an official T-shirt and Friends members Alex and Sheila who

are usually sipping coffee in the Community Hall on a Saturday morning. But sacrifices had to be made and if we don't speak up we could be travelling to Stobhill just to get our tonsils out!

DON'T CAST A CLOOT.....

Till May be oot! This was one of my Mother's favourite contributions to sensible parenting. Consequently, my liberty bodice and scarf were worn well into June. But no one really knows what 'May' refers to. Some say it's the month and others the May blossom on the hedgerows. The May I like best is the old London bag lady who used to commit a crime each November to get a bed in a nice warm cell for the winter. Her release onto the streets would coincide with the coming of summer. But we have been promised a hot spell soon – so watch out for the comments in the High Street *'I'm ferr bilin', I canny stick this hoat weather, so I canny!'*

FRIENDS GO OFF TO THE THEATRE.

The April Friends' event on the 28th was a trip to the Civic Theatre to see DPT's 'Little Women' after a fish supper tea in the Community Hall with plain bread, Roberta's crispy chocolate cakes and a wee sherry. No, we'll not be little women for long with such dining! There was one man in our party. Let's hope that John Wiggins was not overwhelmed by our monstrous regiment of women! The play was much enjoyed since all women of a certain age had grown up with the familiar stories of Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy. That was in the days when an iPad was a daud of cotton wool for a sore eye!

FRIENDS TO HOLD AGM ON 22ND MAY.

This is certainly the most unpopular event in the Friends' calendar and it will be held after the 11am Eucharist at around 1pm. So please try to attend or we'll be very lonely planning what to do for the next twelve months. Better still – join Friends and tell us!

TATTOO TICKETS ARRIVE.

It always amazes me how quickly time passes! Maybe it's because we're talking Panto at DPT and it's only May! But Friends now have 50 tickets for excellent seats at this jewel of the Edinburgh Festival on 12 August – the glorious 12th! Members of Friends will be forgetting about the grouse shooting this year to have a late night out in the capital travelling to and from Dumbarton by luxury coach. Needless to say the much desired tickets are in a secure location in

Bonhill Road and will be distributed on the bus. To all who have already paid - thank you very much. To those who are paying it up, it would be really helpful if you could pay in full by the end of July so that TBag O'Neill doesn't have to stagger up and down the bus collecting all the money. She'll never keep her balance and she'll never balance the money! Thank you. Oh, in answer to that most important cultural question – you **shall** get the opportunity to purchase a fish supper!

SO YOU THINK IT'S ALL OVER?

After 5th May we shall no longer have to peep from our lace curtains to ascertain which candidate we're going to lie to before getting back to Eastenders. But out in the High Street they're giving out Lucky Bags and turning up in all sorts of places they would not normally frequent! Some leaders have been posing with buffalos, attempting dare devil stunts and trying to upstage the usual inhabitants of a pigsty. And still the public are bemused and in many cases reluctant to engage. I love watching the Leaders' Debates on the telly. They are reminiscent of a busy St. Auggie's Friday Soup – women all talking at the same time with a few male interjections. But wait till next month when the referendum kicks in and we'll find out who wrecks it with Brexit! I'll need a holiday before thinking about this one. And since I'm off to Europe anyway I'll have a good look around and see if I think it's worth re-joining.

NEW ARRIVALS AT THE HARDIE – BROWNS.

Gillian and Charlie have welcomed not one, but two additions to their family home in Argyll Avenue. Two baby guinea pigs are delighting Rachel, John and Jackie. They are both little boys since Spiderman John, with two big sisters already, wants to balance things up a little!

NEXT MONTH - JUNE WILL BE BUSTIN' OUT ALL OVER!

Watch out for details of a happy summer Friends' event. And there's sure to be another Ghislaine concert. Read 'By the Way Together' for all the exciting news of St. Mungo's new roof and St. Augustine's plans for a new ashtray on the decking!

Janette

ROTAS FOR ST MUNGO'S

Sunday 8th May

Reader/Intercessions	Pat Brooks
Sidesperson	Ian Marshall
Music	Phil O'Ryan

Sunday 15th May

Reader/Intercessions	Jean Brown
Sidesperson	Ian Marshall
Music	Lynne Harvey

Sunday 22nd May

Reader/Intercessions	Pat Brooks
Sidesperson	Ian Marshall
Music	Carol Meacham

Sunday 29th May

Reader/Intercessions	Jean Brown
Sidesperson	Ian Marshall
Music	Lynne Harvey

Sunday 5th June

Reader/Intercessions	Pat Brooks
Sidesperson	Ian Marshall
Music	TBA

CLEANING

8 th May	Iona and Mary
15 th May	Finella
22 nd May	Margaret
29 th May	Eveline
2 nd June	Iona and Mary

FLOWERS

15 th May	Finella
29 th May	Carol and Jean

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ROTAS FOR ST AUGUSTINE'S

Sunday May 8th

Readers	Janette B & Margaret Hardie
Intercessions	Linda Macaulay
Chalice	Barbara B & Maggie Wallace
Sidespersons	Roberta M & Chrissie Ashman
Flowers	Barbara Barnes
Sunday School	Sandra and Linda J

Sunday May 15th

Readers	Fran W & Maggie Wallace
Intercessions	Margaret Hardie
Chalice	Sharon R & Janette Barnes
Sidespersons	Cathy H & Maggie Wallace
Flowers	Maggie Wallace
Sunday School	Sandra and Barbara Barnes

Sunday May 22nd

Readers	Kirsten W & David Ansell
Intercessions	Maggie Wallace
Chalice	Fran W & Margaret Hardie
Sidespersons	David A & Linda Jenkinson
Flowers	Moirra McGown
Sunday School	Sandra and Kirsten W

Sunday May 29th

Readers	Barbara B & Ghislaine Kennedy
Intercessions	David Rowatt
Chalice	Maggie W & Barbara Barnes
Sidespersons	Margaret S & Lyndsey S
Flowers	Linda Macaulay
Sunday School	Sandra and Margaret S

Sunday June 5th

Readers	Linda Macaulay & Sharon R
Intercessions	Fran Walker
Chalice	Janette Barnes & David Rowatt
Sidespersons	Roberta M & Chrissie Ashman
Flowers	Fran Walker
Sunday School	Sandra and Linda J



"I just don't feel very omnipotent today."

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Welcome to the church family,
Luka Kemei Kibowen!
Baptised on 3rd April



SPRING PROM PRAISE DUMBARTON CHURCHES TOGETHER

Congratulations!

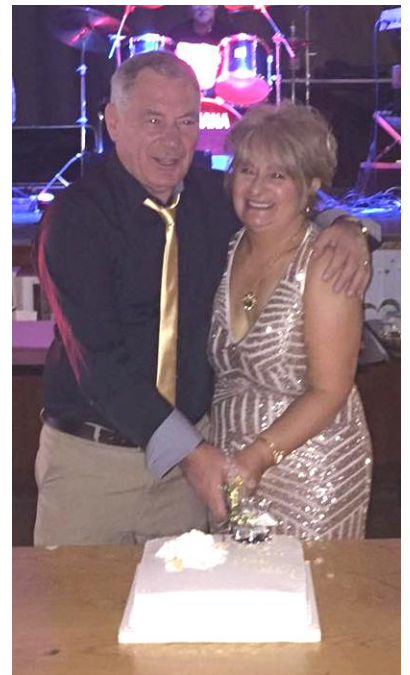
John and Pat Brooks celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary!

John and I were married in St Mungos on 26th March 1966 by Rev Joe Wilding. We got married during Lent (so there were no hymns or flowers) and our reception was a steak pie dinner for all the family back at my granny's house.... with no alcohol! Well... that was the case until my uncle Harry came complete with massive Cerry Oot! Much to my granny's disapproval, lol!



Back in 2016, 50 years later, we are still together after three children and seven grandchildren! We celebrated by having a lovely day with all the family.

When we had our 25th anniversary we renewed our vows and we hope to do this again for our 50th in July or August!



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