The Parish Record

Summer 2022

The quarterly magazine of
Skelmorlie & Wemyss Bay Parish Church

‘Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD’

Psalm 27:14

A MESSAGE FROM OUR RETIRING INTERIM MODERATOR

Nostalgia—it's the thing of the future! This will be my last note in the newsletter as your interim moderator as I finished up on 26th June. Naturally, this is for me, a time of looking back at the whole of my ministry and the short time I've been looking after Skelmorlie & Wemyss Bay. It has been a privilege and a real joy! I think it's wise to only glance back rather than indulge in long lingering looks and I think that's true of congregations as well as ministers: there have been wonderful glory days in the past, with huge Sunday Schools and youth groups, wonderful fellowship events, large and moving services and above all, so many faces we remember with such fondness, gratitude and wistfulness. The past is a wonderful place, but not one we should want to live in.

One of my favourite quotes is, "dying churches think 'inside' and 'yesterday' while growing churches think 'outside' and 'tomorrow'." Take a look through this magazine and let me know which you think we are. God is always calling us forward.

Thanks to those who made me so very welcome and to all those who will be helping take the congregation to whatever and wherever God is leading you.

Excessive Blessings!

The Rev. Alan Sorensen

We would like to place on record, our sincere thanks to The Rev Alan Sorensen who was our Interim Moderator up until his recent retirement.
Alan was very supportive during his time with us. His genial but meaningful conduct of our morning worship was much appreciated and similarly, his advice and guidance in moderating our Kirk Session meetings.
Alan and his wife Judith have now moved to Fairlie and we wish them every happiness for a long and healthy retirement.

Alan Grant, Session Clerk

SOULSEARCHING

Thanks to everyone who came along on Mother's Day in March to SOULSEARCHING. We had a poignant opening hymn (Kyrie Eleison) to remember the people of Ukraine. We gave thanks for all the special women in our lives, then Graham retold us the story of the prodigal son and Morag gave a special reflection on mothers including the strength of Jesus' mother Mary.

Unfortunately we had to cancel April's SOULSEARCHING as our team was struck down with covid but we were back in May, eager to share what we had prepared for April. We had a drama about doubting Thomas and some great Easter hymns.

June's SOULSEARCHING was readings and singing some of our favourite hymns and choruses.

We are having a break in July but will be back in August, refreshed and ready to welcome you for tea/coffee/fellowship and informal worship.
Jac, Lynsey, Morag, Ian, Siona, Muriel, Graham, Jennifer and Chris. A

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTORAL ASSISTANT

Another blessed season is upon us and my daughter and I are getting ready to head off on a UK road-trip. She absolutely loves to cycle so we will be bringing her new bike with us. She is very much looking forward to exploring some new places. It got me thinking, what am I most passionate about?

Well the answer is obvious – following God's call for my life. There are some parallels between this and cycling. Firstly, no one said being a Christian was going to be the easy option, chances are you've faced friction at some point simply for standing by your beliefs. Yes, some days you are pedalling against the wind and life as a Christian can seem like an uphill struggle.

Then, there comes a time when you have to forgive someone, you could even liken it to your first time at a spin class. Can only be described as torture! As time goes on you see the results paying off and you're glad you made a good choice.

Sometimes faith can seem like something we follow simply because we're brought up with it, a routine that you couldn't imagine not doing. Much like the rite of passage of learning to ride a bike – you've done it from a young age so why wouldn't you?

Then there's the real test. Something which makes you realise that without following God, life just doesn't make sense. You've tried going it on your own, but God is always there to pick you up when you veer off balance. That's when following God's plan and keeping the faith becomes a true vehicle of freedom and everlasting life.

So today, as we carry out the work which God calls us to, let it not be out of obligation, habit, or indeed personal gain, but always out of wanting to serve our Lord and in that way be set free.

"***Now you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life." Romans 6 (22)***

Lynsey

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BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Group began at the end of Sept 2021 by looking at the Book of Acts. WHY?… thinking of Inverkip Church linked with Skelmorlie and Wemyss Bay Church being in a Vacancy with no Minister, the disciples had no Jesus by their side, BUT they had the HOLY SPIRIT and all that Jesus had taught them, so they were able to boldly go and do a mighty work.
We too have the HOLY SPIRIT to guide us as we travel through this time of change within the life of our Congregations.
So we go forward in faith.

Into 2022 we looked at some Bible Heroes Jesus would have heard about as a boy-Daniel, Esther, Nehemiah and Ezra, who all lived during the time of the Exile (and then the rebuilding of City and Temple) a monumental period in Jewish history.
We even dipped into LAMENTATIONS in Feb just as Ukraine was being invaded by Russia (recommend reading a modern translation and see how relevant it is in today's world).

During Lent we reflected on Jesus' Ministry and travelled through Holy Week with our Easter Reflection.
After a Spring Break we met up and had a tour of the Benedictine Monastery in Largs. A very interesting afternoon.

Returning to Acts we followed Paul and Company on their Missionary Journeys, which helped set the scene for the Letters to the various churches, which form the rest of the New Testament.

If you are looking for a good book to read over the Summer. The Book of Acts is action packed, a real page turner.

The Bible Study is having a break for the Summer and will meet up again at the end of September.

Marion Stewart

GREEN FINGER APPEAL

If you now live in a flat and miss the joy of gardening (on a small scale) and the smell of the soil, the vacant manse has a small front border that requires a loving hand.
Please contact Caroline Scott or David Johnston if you would like to exercise your green fingers!
Gardening equipment and encouragement will be provided.
Caroline 07969447518
David 520775

THE PASTORAL GROUP

The Pastoral Group visit approximately sixteen members of the congregation who have difficulty attending our morning service.

The group has been recently joined by Gloria and Martha. We are very fortunate to have Lynsey to guide and encourage us .

Covid still causes difficulties for us. Also access to Hutton Park can be problematic.

If any member of the Congregation knows of anyone who would appreciate a Pastoral visit then please let me or any member of the group know.

Brian Spence.
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OUTREACH QUARTERLY UPDATE

"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets" Matthew 7:12

As a congregation, we were able to socialise outside on Sunday 1st May for a good cause. The Garden Party at Dunholm was blessed with dry, fair weather as we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and raised over £930 for Christian Aid in the process. The additional Christian Aid gift aid envelopes, quiz sheets and the sale of redundant toner cartridges enabled Skelmorlie and Wemyss Bay Parish Church to make a final donation of £1,397.55 to Christian Aid. A remarkable effort!

Photographs of the garden party appeared across the centre fold of the Largs and Millport weekly news; colourful hats, smart attire, laughter, music and smiles. A huge thanks to all who gave of their time to make the garden party so successful. Thanks also go to all who came along to enjoy the extensive buffet, excellent home baking, various refreshments and stalls.

June's retiring offering in support of the Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity totalled £208 and will support the provision of on-site accommodation for parents of sick children in the bespoke Rachel House.

Jim Watret's well crafted and researched talk on Sunday 3rd April, highlighted members of our local community who had benefitted from the pioneering work and early rehabilitation techniques of Erskine Hospital and £180 was collected for the charity's ongoing work with injured service personnel.

Over the last quarter, we have continuously supported our local Inverclyde Foodbank with tinned and non-perishable goods every month on the last Friday of the month, and this sustained effort was supplemented with additional cash donations of £370.

Caroline Scott TEL 520259
Outreach Convener

P.S. the picture of Mairi and Gwen has been selected to appear in Christian Aids Magazine)

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THE CAFE CHURCH

The Café Church continues to be held in the Wemyss Bay Station Café on the last Thursday of the month at 7pm til 8pm. Everyone is warmly invited to attend, whether its been a while, or whether you have never attended before.

In March we focused on the idea of 'The Journey'. In April Chris led on the theme of 'New Life' and in May we covered 'Fear'. In June we did a study on The Lion King Musical and the Biblical references throughout it. The overarching theme is always relying on God to bring us through.

We are so blessed to have so much talent from Jimmy's recitals, Gloria's Poetry and Sheila's wonderful playing of the accordion.

The word is spreading and on the last night of my Glasgow Uni course I invited anyone wanting to come along and see how Café Church operates. Much to my delight 2 of my class mates did come and are looking forward to coming back again at the end of June. How lovely to see Ken and Susan in person for the first time after months of learning over Zoom!

Although we discuss serious topics we always aim to have fun and help people feel relaxed with singing, fellowship, and even cake. We encourage discussion and questions and are here for anyone, with or without a church connection.

Thanks to all who have supported the work of Café Church and please keep us in prayer as we continue to bring God's love out to the community.

Why not come and join us some time?

" We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ " 1 John Chapter 1 Verse 3

Lynsey Graham, Pastoral Assistant

READ MATTHEW 8:23-27

PAUSE Read the Bible Passage . Take time to be still
‘ Be still and know that I am God’
and that He is present with you now.

PICTURE A beautiful, calm lake. It is a lovely place.
It seems perfect but suddenly there is a change in the weather.
The waves are wild and the wind is strong.
The sky is getting darker. Things are out of control.
See Jesus calmly asleep in the midst of the violent storm.
See the disciples as they panic not knowing what to do.
‘Save us Lord, we are about to die’ they cry.
Watch and wait with the disciples
to see how Jesus calms the storm.

PONDER Many a time you might feel that you are sinking with the unpredictable events life may throw at you.
Maybe there are times when you go it alone
and forget about Jesus. just ‘let him sleep’
Put yourself in the picture.
What has Jesus to say to you?
What do you learn from Jesus?
How will you respond and live today?

‘O what peace we often forfeit
O what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer’

PROMISE To commit all things to the Lord in prayer,
and discover the fullness of life he offers.

PRAYER I arise today through the strength of Christ’s death and resurrection.
(adapted from 5p Exercises in “The Cry of the Deer” by David Adam)

THE HOT WATER BOTTLE

A True Story By Helen Roseveare

One night, in Central Africa, I had worked hard to help a mother in the labour ward; but in spite of all that we could do, she died leaving us with a tiny, premature baby and a crying, two-year-old daughter.

We would have difficulty keeping the baby alive. We had no incubator. We had no electricity to run an incubator, and no special feeding facilities. Although we lived on the Equator, nights were often chilly with treacherous drafts.

A student-midwife went for the box we had for such babies and for the cotton wool that the baby would be wrapped in. Another went to stoke up the fire and fill a hot water bottle. She came back shortly, in distress, to tell me that in filling the bottle, it had burst. Rubber perishes easily in tropical climates. "…and it is our last hot water bottle!" she exclaimed. As in the West, it is no good crying over spilled milk; so, in Central Africa it might be considered no good crying over a burst water bottle. They do not grow on trees, and there are no drugstores down forest pathways. "All right," I said, "Put the baby as near the fire as you safely can; sleep between the baby and the door to keep it free from drafts. Your job is to keep the baby warm."

The following noon, as I did most days, I went to have prayers with many of the orphanage children who chose to gather with me. I gave the youngsters various suggestions of things to pray about and told them about the tiny baby. I explained our problem about keeping the baby warm enough, mentioning the hot water bottle. The baby could so easily die if it got chilled. I also told them about the two-year-old sister, crying because her mother had died. During the prayer time, one ten-year-old girl, Ruth, prayed with the usual blunt consciousness of our African children. "Please, God," she prayed, "send us a water bottle. It'll be no good tomorrow, God, the baby'll be dead; so, please send it this afternoon." While I gasped inwardly at the audacity of the prayer, she added by way of corollary, " …And while You are about it, would You please send a dolly for the little girl so she'll know You really love her?" As often with children's prayers, I was put on the spot. Could I honestly say, "Amen?" I just did not believe that God could do this. Oh, yes, I know that He can do everything: The Bible says so, but there are limits, aren't there? The only way God could answer this particular prayer would be by sending a parcel from the homeland. I had been in Africa for almost four years at that time, and I had never, ever received a parcel from home. Anyway, if anyone did send a parcel, who would put in a hot water bottle? I lived on the Equator!

Halfway through the afternoon, while I was teaching in the nurses' training school, a message was sent that there was a car at my front door. By the time that I reached home, the car had gone, but there, on the veranda, was a large twenty-two pound parcel! I felt tears pricking my eyes. I could not open the parcel alone; so, I sent for the

orphanage children. Together we pulled off the string, carefully undoing each knot. We folded the paper, taking care not to tear it unduly. Excitement was mounting. Some thirty or forty pairs of eyes were focused on the large cardboard box. From the top, I lifted out brightly coloured, knitted jerseys. Eyes sparkled as I gave them out. Then, there were the knitted bandages for the leprosy patients, and the children began to look a little bored. Next, came a box of mixed raisins and sultanas – – that would make a nice batch of buns for the weekend. As I put my hand in again, I felt the…could it really be? I grasped it, and pulled it out. Yes, "A brand-new rubber, hot water bottle!" I cried. I had not asked God to send it; I had not truly believed that He could. Ruth was in the front row of the children. She rushed forward, crying out, "If God has sent the bottle, He must have sent the dolly, too!" Rummaging down to the bottom of the box, she pulled out the small, beautifully dressed dolly. Her eyes shone: She had never doubted! Looking up at me, she asked, "Can I go over with you, Mummy, and give this dolly to that little girl, so she'll know that Jesus really loves her?"
That parcel had been on the way for five whole months, packed up by my former Sunday School class, whose leader had heard and obeyed God's prompting to send a hot water bottle, even to the Equator. One of the girls had put in a dolly for an African child — five months earlier in answer to the believing prayer of a ten-year-old to bring it "That afternoon!" "And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear." Isaiah 65:24

Helen Roseveare a doctor missionary from England to Zaire, Africa, told this as it had happened to her in Africa.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

GILLIAN'S
SALTIRE APPEAL

The social team are hoping to start some fund raising events early September. The first event will be a coffee morning in aid of "Gillian's Saltire Appeal", a charity very close to our congregation and friends.
Saturday 10th September 10am - noon.

Please note this date in your diary and come along and support the morning, whether you have a ticket or not.

Watch the screen at the service and Facebook page for future events

Muriel

LITTLE GEMS

As recorded in the Centenary Book of the former North Church, Skelmorlie and Wemyss Bay.
A minor crisis arose in July 1874 when a petition signed by 41 persons belonging to the congregation was presented to the Kirk Session, requesting the use of a harmonium in the service of the church. It was agreed that the instrument be introduced for four Sundays to gauge the effect on the Psalmody. There were objections, even to the extent of a petition against its use being presented to the Presbytery of Paisley and Greenock. (WONDER WHAT THEY WOULD HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT THE CLAVINOVA !)

In those days, the power of the Kirk Session was undisputed. At a Session meeting in 1880, (the regularity of which one might question, there being no Moderator present), it was reported that Mr A had been informed by several witnesses that Mrs B had been seen very much intoxicated on the evening of 28th November and it was resolved to suspend her from church ordinances pending full enquiry.

The Beadle was required to call at the manse every Sunday morning before 10am for the gown and return with it in the evening. When in church, it was required of him that he should dress tidily in black with a white tie and that slippers should be worn (Graham and Andy take note!)

SNIPPETS

ARDGOWN HOSPICE

A letter has been received from Ardgowan Hospice seeking volunteer drivers and also assistants to help staff the various shops in the area. It was agreed to intimate the appeal at the morning service and in the Parish Record.

SERVICE FOR THE BEREAVED

Lynsey Graham our Pastoral Assistant, has been given approval to introduce an occasional service for bereaved persons.

FINDING PEACE

I walked alone,
A rugged beach was calling me.
Stone after stone
Determined to discourage me.
Then silence came
And deftly sidled up to me.

My damaged ears
Could hear its gentle words to me:
Survey the hills
That brood with might and majesty;
And hear the waves
That whisper nature's mystery.
Look at the sky's
Haphazard synchronicity;
See how the flowers
Bear witness to spring's victory'!
God's voice is heard
In natures powerful liturgy;
And when he speaks
The spirit soars to liberty;
The soul and mind
And body find a harmony;
The beach and stones
Mutate into tranquillity.

Salvation Army Commissioner
Keith Banks

OBITUARIES

Mrs Carol Somerville – 28th February
James Armour – 29th March
Walter Porteous – 4th April
Iain Jackson – 4th April
Helen Marshall – 19th April
Margaret Cunningham – 15th May
Ian Carmichael – 3rd June
Alice Downie – 18th June

PROPERTY REPORT MAY 2022

Manse

The McWade family have recoated the external woodwork on the S and W aspects. Jim Templeton has refixed all the loose coping stones. Matthew Kyle continues to tidy the garden fortnightly**.**

As yet no tenants have been found. The Kirk Session have discussed the possibility of allowing a refugee family to live in the manse but decided that we would be unable to offer the level of support, psychological and practical, that would be needed.

Church Building

A full SELECT electrical inspection on the Church wiring has been completed. Portable items have been PAT tested. We are about to commission a full asbestos survey.

Justin Lewis has repaired the storm damage and we are now scaffolding free. We will ask Justin to apply fresh Smartwater to the lead. The stone mason has carried out pointing work and has assessed the condition of the rest of the stonework. A lot of the current problems relate to previous repairs which were carried out using portland cement mortar rather than lime mortar. We are currently seeking quotes to scaffold the bell tower to allow high level stonework repairs to be carried out

Crows have nested between the louvres of the bell tower and the internal barricade that Bruce McKechnie installed to keep out the pigeons some years ago. A huge vote of thanks is due to our Beadles who have to clear up the mess each Sunday. Methods to discourage nesting are being considered for the future.

Volunteers are being actively sought to adopt an area outside the building eg painting a gate, railings, door, cut down cliff side vegetation.

Thank you to Gloria who is willing to take on some of the Property Convener's duties inside the building. and is seeking volunteers to “Adopt a bit of our Church”.

The new photocopier has been installed in the Vestry.

Sound and Screen

There have been some technical problems but a service has gone out live each Sunday. It appears that 20-30 watch live on YouTube and up to 90 in total over the course of each week.

Car Park

Scottish Power Networks have still to replace part of the sub station in the Church car park. The vegetation is needing to be cut down again and sprayed with systemic weedkiller but this is best done during a spell of sunny weather, if we could just remember what that is.

FOODBANK COLLECTION

A dedicated team continues to man the collection of items for Inverclyde Foodbank at the Church Hall on the last Friday of every month. The items collected are bagged up and delivered to Greenock by our dedicated driver Bill Bryden..

Although there are generous amounts given, we are particularly grateful to a team from our neighbour Catholic Church who faithfully turn up with enough goodies to swell our donations by fifty per cent. It has been noticeable since the beginning of this year that donations have dropped off. We are all aware that there are other charities looking for assistance and the Ukrainian people have definitely been to the forefront in request for help.

We appeal to you to continue assisting those in need in our area and welcome your support both for Foodbank and Starter Pack. We will not be doing a collection during July, but please continue to collect items so that we can have a bumper collection in August. If you would like to donate but find difficulty getting to the church, one of the team will be happy to collect.

Anne Organ Tel: 529289

UKRAINE

Having considered advice and guidance from the Presbytery Clerk and after discussion, it was the general view that due to the consequent complexities in a number of areas, it would be inadvisable to make the manse available to accommodate Ukranian refugees. The congregation would however, be encouraged to give thought as to whether they could offer accommodation and the necessary ongoing support.

A sum in excess of £2,500 had been raised in support of the Ukranian Appeal. The proceeds of the Jubilee Garden Party at Dunholm on 1st May realised the sum of £930 for Christian Aid.

GROWING UP IN GOUROCK

Gourock in the 1950s, with the benefit of hindsight, provided the ideal environment for children growing up. Our family lived in a ground floor flat in Moorfield Road with a panoramic view of the Clyde, although of course we never looked. The back gate opened into a wild area adjoining the golf course with a burn flowing through and many hours were spent damming this with anything that came to hand. Our neighbour, Captain Leslie, an elderly retired sea captain must have been really fed up, as periodically a tidal wave swept along this burn as it passed through his garden. Another dam had given way. Woods were in close proximity also, and much den building took place.

Sundays followed a routine where Mum, Granny, myself and sister went to Old Gourock Parish Church Immediately on entering at the back, we would find our pew, always the same one at the far corner of the sanctuary. I found out later that this was the minister's family pew, the minister not being the incumbent at that moment in time – The Reverend William Caskie (as far as I can ascertain no relation of the Reverend Donald), but my Grandfather The Reverend G B Thomson Michie who preached there from 1907 until 1938, except for a period round about 1933 spent in South Africa. I often wondered where the strange objects in Granny's glass fronted cabinet came from – boomerang, gourd, various items probably made of ivory etc.

I don't have much memory of the Services themselves except that the young ones left for Sunday School some way into the Service and we sat on the sort of benches you get in the school gym. The choir sang very loudly even though the choir pews were right at the front. One Sunday there was a noise like thunder as a huge plaster cornice fell down over the communion table. Fortunately, no one was injured but there is no doubt that a “direct hit” would have caused serious injury. The Lord was looking after us that day.

Many years later I was taken to visit the family lair in Gourock Cemetery by my mother, who took along cleaning materials to clean off the algae. Many years later after my mother had passed away, I returned with my sister, initially we couldn't find the grave. My brother-in-law suggested we should be looking for the grave of my great grandfather, Dr Stewart, and then we found it at the very top of the cemetery. Dr Stewart had been very prominent in Gourock and had started off the Boys Brigade Company at Old Gourock Parish Church. I still have the doctor's nameplate from his surgery and it's one of these family things that one really ought to get rid of but don't like to.

David Johnston

	DOOR DUTY		READERS
Jul 24	M O'May	I Jackson	Tom Ovens
Jul 31	E Wright	A Craig	Caroline Scott
Aug 7	T Ovens	G Black	Marion Stewart
Aug 14	R Carmichael	B Spence	Eddie Yde
Aug 21	J Nugent	M Mackintosh	John Nugent
Aug 28	W Craig	G Macdonald	Frances Nicol
Sept 4	C Scott	E Yde	Gladys Black
Sept 11	F Nicol	B Bichard	John Scott
Sept 18	Liz Grant	Ann Grant	Graham Harron
Sept 25	G Mackenzie	M MacLean	Morag Makintosh
Oct 2	J McAnna	A Doull	Shona Pew
Oct 9	A Organ	M Spence	Francis Nicol
Oct 16	B Dunn	C Sangster	Marion Stewart
Oct 23	S Mackintosh	A Macdonald	Alan Grant
Oct 30	J Stewart	M Dunlop	Keith Loxam
Nov 6	M McGann	A Smith	Rita Carmichael
Nov 13	M O'May	I Jackson	Lesley Gurton
Nov 20	E Wright	A Craig	Erika Diffenthal
Nov 27	T Ovens	G Black	Tom Ovens
Dec 4	R Carmichael	B Spence	Caroline Scott
Dec 11	J Nugent	M Mackintosh	Gladys Black
Dec 18	W Craig	G Macdonald	Eddie Yde
Dec 25	C Scott	E Yde	John Nugent

SHOULD YOU BE UNABLE TO DO DOOR DUTY OR READ ON YOUR ALLOCATED DATE, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE.

FLOWER ROTA FOR 2022

MONTH	DONOR	ARRANGER	MONTH	DONOR	ARRANGER
Jul 3	Leslie Gurton	Ella Wright	Sept 18	Catriona Swaffer	
Jul 10	Francis Nicol		Sept 25	Caroline Scott	
Jul 17	Gladys Black		Oct 2	Siona Leitch	Iona Doull
Jul 24	Jean McAnna		Oct 9	Iona Doull	
Jul 31	VACANT		Oct 16	Mary McGinn	
Aug 7	Wilma Craig	Gwen Mackenzie	Oct 23	VACANT	
Aug 17	Liz Grant		Oct 30	Marion Baillie	
Aug 21	Hazel Waterson		Nov 6	VACANT	VACANT
Aug 28	Mairi McGregor		Nov 13	VACANT	
Sept 4	Alice Sloss	Catriona Swaffer	Nov 20	VACANT	
Sept 11	**COMMUNION**		Nov 27	VACANT	

You will see that there are a number of vacancies for flowers particularly during November. If you would like to donate flowers be assured that you do not have to arrange the flowers this can be done by the flower group. Speak or phone Ann Grant Tel 520987 who will be happy to assist.

SNIPPETS

COVID restrictions have been generally relaxed although those who wish to continue wearing face masks are free so to do. It was agreed that any member wishing to maintain social distancing, be directed to the pews on the east side of the Sanctuary.

PRESBYTERY

It was agreed to appoint the Clerk, Mr A S Grant to serve as representative elder on Clyde Presbytery.

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