Please keep in your prayers :

Dorothy Anderson and family, Marjory Bain, Ellen Whitson, Rona Cameron, Sibby Peebles, Johnny Campbell, Esther Campbell.

Rona Cameron is now in Town and County, Wick

Freda Blagden is in Pulteney View, Wick

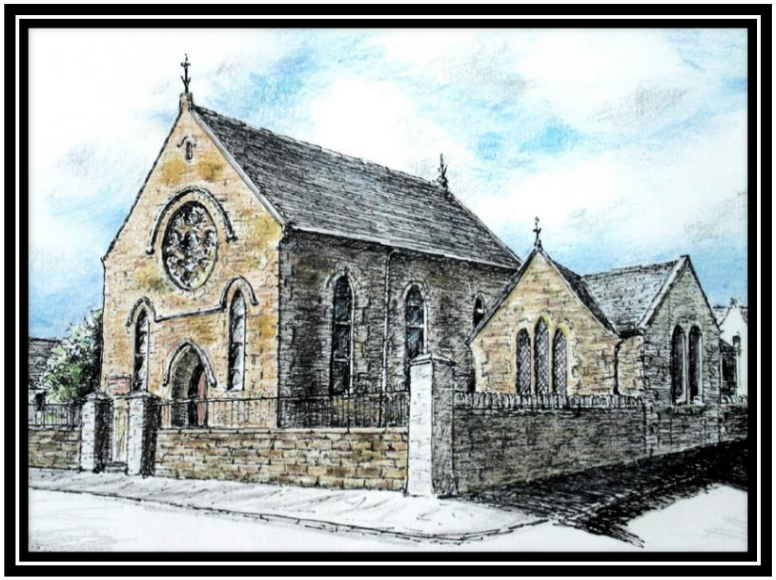
John Fairlie is in Riverview Care Home, Wick

Do you need to contact a deacon?

Elizabeth MacDonald:	01847 895922
Margaret Mitchell:	01847 892609
Audrey Munro:	01847 892943
Jim Buchan:	01847 894292
Jason Goodwill:	01847 893935
Jayne Henderson:	01847 891184

CONTACT

MARCH 2023



UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

CASTLE STREET THURSO

Secretary: Mrs Elizabeth Macdonald Telephone:01847 895922
Website: **www.urcthurso.org.uk**
Facebook: Thurso United Reformed Church (Private)
United Reformed Church Thurso (Public)

As we journey into spring fix your eyes on Jesus and pray for His blessing, support and love for our Congregation and our Church. Pray that we will be guided as we continue in vacancy.

Freda Blagden is now a resident in Pulteney View in Wick, Alison and I visited her and found her in very good spirits. We passed on the good wishes of the Congregation to Freda and I am sure she would be thrilled if anyone could call in and visit if they are in Wick.

Pentland View Nursing Home has resumed Sunday Services, it is so lovely to be able to share with the residents and staff once more. We are on a rota to provide services every 8 weeks. These usually last approximately 30 minutes, where we have a short talk, bible reading, prayer and a few hymns. If anybody is able to offer any support with these services, I would be most grateful.

Elizabeth Macdonald
Church Secretary

A few groups are now using the Church Hall again.

Parent & Todddler; Knitting Group: Lip Reading: Sight Impairment: LGOWIT

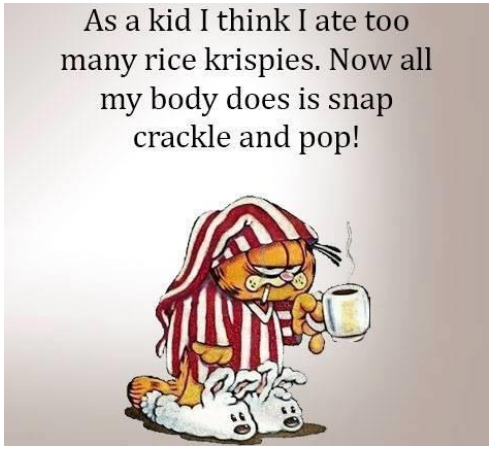
C

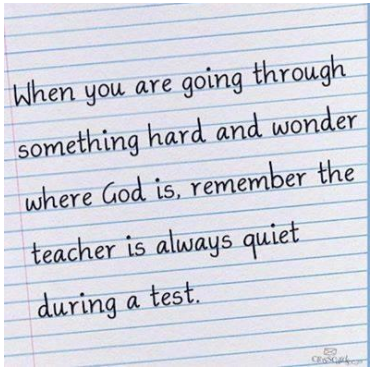
Churches in the UK are in steep decline. The Reverend Professor David Wilkinson, Head of St Johns Theological College in Durham gave a recent lecture entitled: The Extinction and Survival of Religious Belief in a Science-Dominated World. He pointed out that, on current projections, the URC would be one of the first churches to close, followed shortly by the Church of Scotland.

The soft drink brand Lilt - famously advertised for its "totally tropical taste" - is being scrapped after 50 years and rebranded. From Tuesday it will be known as Fanta Pineapple & Grapefruit, according to its owner the Coca-Cola Company.
The firm stressed the drink's taste and ingredients would not change. But fans - many of whom appeared to associate Lilt with memories of their youth - took to social media to express their dismay.
Launched in 1975, Lilt became a household name in the UK partly because of its advertising.
One television ad in the late 1980s featured the "Lilt Man", a parody of a milkman, delivering Lilt in a "Lilt float" on a Caribbean beach. And in the 1990s, the drink was promoted with advertisements featuring two Jamaican women, Blanche Williams and Hazel Palmer, who became known in the media as the "Lilt Ladies".
Apparently though Coca Cola recognise that the Lilt fans are dying out and it has no appeal to young people. So it is being rebranded Fanta Pineapple & Grapefruit.

I had a dream…
The religious brand Church - famously advertised for being “the body of Christ" – is being scrapped after 2000 years and rebranded.
From Sunday it will be known as People of the Risen King according to its owner Jesus.
The firm stressed the organisation’s message would not change. Most fans - many of whom appeared to associate Church with memories of their youth - did not however know enough about using social media to express their dismay.
Launched in AD 50, Church became a household name in the UK partly because of its compassion and good works in the community. Apparently though God recognises that Church fans are dying out and it has no appeal to young people. So it is being rebranded.
Dream on.
If the church was a business it would have changed long, long ago. It is probably now,way too late, but with God all things are still possible.

Ben MacGregor





Jayne Henderson

Song of Songs 2: 11-12 9 (NIV Version)
See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone.
[12] Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come,
the cooing of doves is heard in our land.

The Blessings of Spring
There are many blessings,
That each new spring brings
You can see it bloom about
And hear the song it sings.

With winters bleakness over,
And brighter days ahead
Comes promises of new life
Springtime loves to spread

As God unfolds the flowers
And their buds begin to show
He sends to us the promise
His care for us, we will know

He sends us the robin song
With the promise to provide
That under His mighty wing
We have a place to hide

He melts the snowy covers,
And sends the refreshing rain
Sprinkling us with His grace
To heal winter's every pain

God has given to all His Son,
To shed upon us a new light
And the real blessing of spring
Is to keep Jesus in your sight!

Elizabeth Macdonald

My Grandsons, Hamish and Mitchell, playing in the snow with their cousin Geena. The boys had great fun, they had never seen snow before as they live in Australia. Think the cold gave them a shock

If you have any family news you would like to share, please let me know.
Margaret

We would like to thank everyone who takes a service in our Church
Wendy Knott; Ben MacGregor; Alison Munro and Jayne Henderson who had her first service in February. You did well Jayne and will definitely be asked again.

Knitting Group

A small sample of what the group has sent to charities.
We meet on a Thursday 1.00 – 3.00 pm. Why not come and join us and enjoy some chat.