Please keep in your prayers :

Dorothy Anderson and family, Marjory Bain, Ellen Whitson, Rona Cameron, Sibby Peebles, Johnny Campbell, Esther Campbell, Freda Blagden, John Fairlie, Hamish Macdonald

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The next Contact will be September. If you would like to contribute please let me know. Have you any family news you would like to share?

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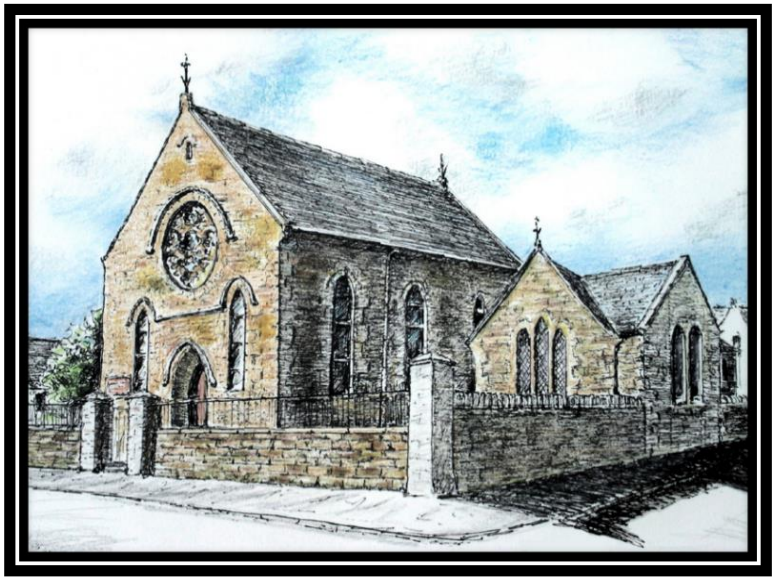

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Dear Members and Friends

We are all looking for forward to warmer days to be able to get out and about. I am sure you will have friends and relatives that will be coming up for a holiday, it would be nice to bring them along to the Church where they will get a warm welcome.

Elizabeth

A prayer

Thank you, God of the magnificent vastness of creation for choosing to revel in the intimacy of the moments of our lives.
In Jesus you have treasure time and hallowed the humble.
You have called our names and claimed our fragile lives.

Thank you, God of the Spirit of tenderness and truth, for making your home within us and our Churches. Through the power of your presence you have adopted us as children of your love.
You have drawn us to you and given us each other

Thank you, God of the story of history, for revealing yourself in every age.
As in ancient times you forged a people from slavery and exile, so now you weave a story of completeness from the fragments of our lives

From Still Praying

Celebrating the Coronation of King Charles

We enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea after the Church Service on 14th May. Thank you to all involved in making this afternoon a success. Food was delicious.

Well, the Coronation Service is over, and I like many others will have sung God Save the King.

And I, like millions round the globe will have marvelled at the magnificent display of the carriages and the entourage of the journey from the Cathedral to the Palace.
What a sight of the Armed Forces marching with magnificent precision and formation, even the horses seemed to be all in step.

The U.K. is now the only country in the World that holds a religious coronation service. Why? Perhaps partly it reflects our love of pageantry and pomp, and the central role that religion still plays in the life of the monarch.

When we see our monarchs, they are quite often going to church, and they still obviously have a key role in things like the service of Remembrance and the Commonwealth Day Service. Our monarchy has been very closely bound with the Church. We also heard how strongly he has spoken about his strong personal faith. He made clear statements at the beginning of his reign about his own faith and his strong commitment to the Church which, he said, made him prioritise love and reaching out to others.

In this new era, we can see that the monarch's role as not only to be a 'defender of the faith', but also to span divides within communities.

If the monarch has a role, it is to be this kind of fount of unity and possibly to bring us together, he says. It tries to stand for something that is beyond politics, which is beyond all our divisions, and to embody something which is perhaps more spiritual and sacred, such as deeply held values, to which we can all subscribe, of justice, tolerance and forgiveness.

God Save The King.

Fred Stewart.

Family News

Catherine and Peter Wilson's grandchildren

Kaeden and Lachlan

April last year the twins joined a local running club. RCAC (Ross County Athletics Club), since then they have achieved so much. It started with the cross country season where there team came 1st and Lachlan consistently came 2nd and Kaeden 4th, this was the team to beat. From this it has lead to amazing opportunities, Lachlan this year in March was picked to represent North of Scotland in Loughbourgh at the National cross country Championship this was an accolade as there are only two picked from the North so both were from the same running club. Lachlan finished 85th junior with a time 15min 51 secs for a 4k very wet and muddy run then next after a long travel home he was out running again this time the Inverness 5k representing his club and Lachlan took 1st place with a time of 1610 Including a fall and Kaeden took 2nd place and 1700 and their team mate took 3rd so it was a special day all round for their running club.
The next race the following week was junior Road race champion, 4k run and Lachie finished 6th place here earning himself a place representing Scotland (one of only 6 to qualify) in London at the mini marathon. This happened last Saturday the 22nd of April and he finished 14th overall and 4th Scot with his placing helping Scotland Achieve team silver. There is lots more action to come and I will try and keep you up to date with all the going ons.
Blaine has a job in Vue cinema in Inverness and is at present sitting his exams and planning on University to Study Sports Coaching. He also has his driving test soon so hopefully he will behind the wheel soon.

Leah Wilson

Knitting Group

These teddies were sent to Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Critical Care Department in Glasgow. These are given to children who have lost a relative.

We also send knitted items to Simba (memory box items), Lodging House Mission for homeless and Uganda. If you know of any organisation who needs any knitted goods please let me know.

Come and join us and enjoy a tea/coffee and a blether. We meet on a Thursday from 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm in Church Hall.

Margaret Mitchell

You're Always There for Me

When the world comes crashing in
And chaos rules my mind,
I turn my heart to you, Lord,
And pure, sweet peace I find.

You lift me out of trouble
You comfort me in pain;
You nourish, heal and cleanse me,
Like cool, refreshing rain.

In times of joy and bliss,
When things are going right,
You lift me even higher,
And fill me with delight.

You listen to my prayers;
You hear my every plea;
I'm safe because I know
You're always there for me.

Amen

THERE WILL BE A CHURCH MEETING IN THE HALL AFTER THE SERVICE ON SUNDAY 25TH JUNE 2023