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# My Saviour's Love

**I stand amazed in the presence;  
Of Jesus the Nazarine;  
And wonder how He could love me;  
A sinner condemned, unclean.**

**How Marvelous!  
How Wonderful!  
And my song shall ever be;  
How Marvelous!  
How Wonderful!  
Is my Saviours love for me.**

**He took my sins and my sorrows,  
He made them His very own.  
He bore the burden to Calvary,  
And suffered and died alone.**

**How Marvelous!  
How Wonderful!  
And my song shall ever be;  
How Marvelous!  
How Wonderful!  
Is my Saviours love for me.**

Charles Hutchinson Gabriel

## From our Session Clerk

### *Dear Friends*

As our interim minister David is currently on sick leave I have taken it on myself to write February's letter. On behalf of everyone I express our hopes for David's full recovery very soon. On which subject I can report he is feeling much better and anticipates being back in harness as it were from 8<sup>th</sup> February.

Finally restrictions are being eased and the covid virus is receding in severity and case numbers. We still need to take care and are required to wear face masks during worship.

However distancing requirements are reduced to one metre rather than two. Those leading worship, if distanced from the congregation no longer have to wear masks, though may choose to do so in solidarity with the rest of us. Choirs can now again sing unmasked if distanced from the congregation and one another. Musicians can now play. Even the flute is now allowed, though I may spare you the torment of my playing for a while yet.

We are once again permitted to meet carefully for teas and coffees after worship, and groups can meet in the building with precautions of sanitisers, ventilation and metre distancing.

With advice no longer recommending working from home all the time,

Kirk Session can discuss implementing a return of volunteers to "man" the office over the next few weeks. Indeed we can now look forward to implementing plans for our new post covid church.

Coffee and chat sessions will resume on 12<sup>th</sup> February "Messy church" is planned later in February.

Whilst there is much to reflect on and loss to remember during what has been a most difficult time over the last two years, a time that for many has been filled with grief, anxieties and fears, it is also time to look forward with hope, faith and trust.

David's time with us as Interim Minister will draw to close at Easter and the probability is that until Glasgow Presbytery complete their new plan, due in December, we at Queens Park Govanhill will not be able to call a new minister. So we are faced with a lengthy period of uncertainty and challenges, but also of great opportunities to develop new ways of connecting with the parish and each other, of worship and service.

I have every confidence in the resilience of all at Queens Park Govanhill and our ingenuity. Let us



look forward in faith reliant on Christ in all things and remembering the words of the angel to the shepherds at Bethlehem “Do not be afraid, for I bring good news of great joy to you and all mankind”.

Let us look outward and joyfully take the Good News to our parish and beyond.

To all, take care, stay safe and best wishes from your Session Clerk.

*Jo*

**STAY SAFE.**

**KEEP WELL.**

### Update to Current Covid Restrictions

The First Minister’s latest announcement to the Scottish Parliament has implications for churches as follows.

#### Services

- We will continue to observe 1 metre physical distancing between those leading the service and the congregation. , printed sheets can now be issued if necessary, deploy as many air purifiers in the sanctuary as we can, continue to record contact details of attendees and urge the wearing of face coverings
- Teas and coffees after service will resume in February (6th)
- Services will revert to a more usual length from the first week in February

- The Minister may go to the door at the end of the services. but handshakes are still to be avoided
- Praise band can now play as long as they are 2 metres distanced from the congregation and each other
- The choir can now sing unmasked again if they are 2 metres from the congregation and each other.

#### Other Activities

All normal church groups and activities can now restart from the 31st January with care.

The Kirk Session will be meeting on 8th February and will discuss how best to resume activities safely, including the resumption of office functions. and the use of hymnbooks and pew bibles.

#### Pastoral Visiting and meeting folks

‘In person’ pastoral contact remains reduced to an absolute minimum and only when urgent and required. If you are in the habit of visiting people, please take note of this and make sure you only visit in person when absolutely required, take all necessary precautions, and do not undertake a number of visits in one day.

Please continue to exercise patience as we return to more "normal" activity and continue to ensure the premises remain well ventilated, observe procedures re masks wearing and use of sanitiser frequently when on the premises. and avoid mixing with other groups in the building as far as possible.

As and when the Church of Scotland issues further specific advice this will be passed on.

Hello everyone - I wanted to start this update by wishing you all a Happy New Year, and I hope you all were able to enjoy the holiday season before life



returned to the more "normal" rhythm and routines that we're used to.

I want to focus this month's update by looking back on our "Coffee and Chat" in November, entitled - The Way Forward in Govanhill. For this gathering those who attended were asked to discuss and reflect on a variety of ideas/suggestions that have come out of a period of exploration and discussion with the community. Together we considered the suggestions of: a parent and toddler group; English café; space for women with coffee; groups for men, and after school clubs.

We talked through each of these, discussing the merits and challenges of each suggestion, ultimately to explore what we could do with any or all of these suggestions going forward.

Of all these good ideas, a group/space for men seemed particularly interesting and valuable to the group, and we looked at existing examples such as the Men's Shed Association and projects run by other churches. We also discussed the overall lack of male-focused work in Govanhill, though there are of course groups/activities that are open to the whole

community that men could attend. The idea of a "men's group" presented an opportunity to the group to try something different and attend to an apparent gap in provisions in the community.

To move forward with this, or any of these ideas, we together acknowledged the need for more volunteers to be available to do this - particularly male volunteers if it is to be a men's group!

This is all early days, and we're only in the stages of discussing and positing ideas, but if any of these suggestions have sparked an interest or desire in you to get involved, connected or even help create and establish any of these groups then do reach out to me and let me know!

As ever, if anyone at any point wants to have a coffee and a chat, on zoom or in person, please just get in touch - I can be reached on:

[amcelhinney@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:amcelhinney@churchofscotland.org.uk)

Or can be found in and around the church regularly on Tuesdays at the Lunch Stop, or Thursdays at the foodbank!

- Amy





### **Christmas Cake & Memory Tree**

Many thanks to everyone who donated. Total money for both amounted to £75 and has been split 50/50 between Club 170 and Foodbank. Greta Forrester was the winner of the Cake. *Linda*



Thank you all for the amazing number of stamps. 2 packets have been sent off to Wishaw to the Gentleman who prepares them for sale *Lexa*

### **CARD RECEIVED FROM CHURCH HOUSE**

“To the Church Congregation,  
Thank you so much for your donation given to Church House. This will be put to good use for the young people who attend our groups.”

### **LETTER FROM THE LODGING HOUSE MISSION**

Heartfelt thanks to the congregation of Queen’s Park Govanhill for your generous donation of £915 to our Winter Appeal. We were able to serve 70 hot meals on Christmas Day with your help. Thank you for your continuing support of our work with the homeless and vulnerable in our city.

## **Kintyre**

By Naomi Mitchison

I wake when the wind changes.  
Beyond the dark Firth far,  
Where the waves clap and the tides  
rustle and the herring are,  
At the far side of the great Clyde the  
wind ranges.  
I wake as it changes.

If snow flew or mist blew  
East on the hills of Renfrew,  
Here, Arran sheltered, we might never  
know,  
Get no breath of sleet or hard snow,  
Until across the mountain ranges  
The wind backs and changes.

Clear starlight as sleep takes me,  
But a cloud creeps from the side.  
My dream no more ranges  
Through a universe at rest,  
But quick through the window wide,  
From Atlantic on the west  
Or from east beyond Clyde,  
Leaps anxious into my breast.  
I wake when the wind changes.



## Session Clerk Challenge

As stated in last month's magazine I intend to tackle The Kintyre Way this spring. The map below shows the start at Tarbert . The route then criss-crosses Kintyre ending up at Machrihanish. The total distance being 100 miles. It is divided into 7 stages varying in length from 10 to 22 miles. I will shortly be setting up a go fund me page with assistance from technical experts and inviting sponsors. I hope to be able to send pictures along the route, though mobile signals are notoriously unreliable in this part of the world. Any funds raised will be divided between Christian Aid and Water Aid. Sponsorship is invited for each section or per mile or the whole trip

**Section 1 Tarbert to Claonaig. Section 2 Claonaig to Clachan**

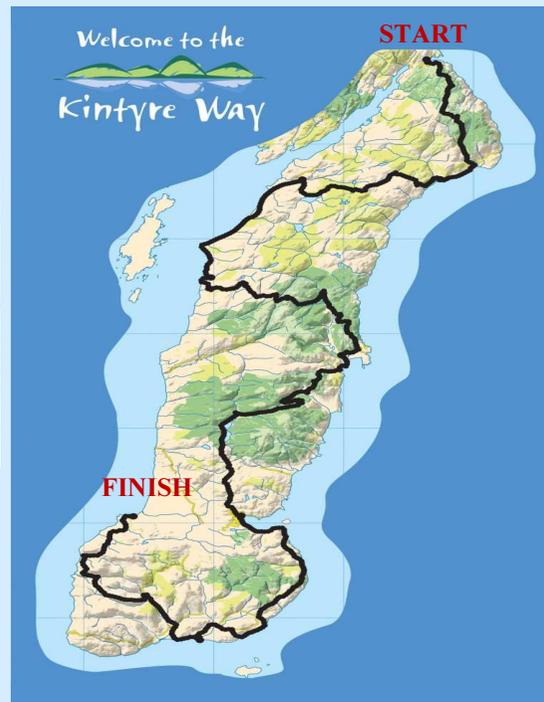
**Section 3 Clachan toTayinloan Section 4 Tayinloan to Carradale**

**Section 5 Carradale to Campbeltown Section 6 Campbeltown to Dunaverty**

**Section 7 Southend to Machrihanish.**



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**

Maps, waterproofs and walking gear all now in place. Now just hope to avoid too many gales or downpours on the way.

**Jo**

*(The Session Clerk reckons this will take him a couple of months. The Congregation will know that a three-year-old child could do it in 2 days. He hasn't mentioned that there will be a zimmer and ambulance going as well. He needs all the support he can get so please donate to help his recovery.)*

**Elegy for Jo—see page 12.**

*Last night, my wife and I watched two movies back to back. Fortunately for me, I was the one who was facing the television.*

**Real excuses from US parents to school teachers. Spelling left intact.**

My son is under a doctor's care and should not take P.E. today. Please execute him.

Please excuse Lisa for being absent. She was sick and I had her shot.

Dear School: Please excuse John Henry being absent on Jan. 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and also 33.

Please excuse Gloria Jean from Jim today. She is administrating.

Please excuse Roland from P.E. for a few days. Yesterday he fell out of a tree and misplaced his hip.

John has been absent because he had two teeth taken out of his face.

Carlos was absent yesterday because he playing football. He hurt in the growing part.

Ethel Pearl could not come to school today because she has been bothered by very close veins.

Please excuse LeRoy from school, he ain't got no raincot and it was missing rain.

Please excuse Bowdiddly fom school cause he uncle died. Bow say, "I sho glad it want me."

Lugene will not be in school cus he has an acre in his side .

Please excuse Ray Friday from school. He has very loose vowels.

Please excuse Pedro from being absent yesterday. He had(diahre)(dyrea)(direathe) the s----. [Words were crossed out in the ( )'s}

Please excuse Tommy for being absent yesterday. He had diarrhea and his boots leak.

Irving was absent yesterday because he missed his bust.

Please excuse Jimmy for being. It was his father's fault.

I kept Billie home because she had to go Christmas shopping because I don't know what size she wear.

Please excuse Jennifer for missing school yesterday. We forgot to get the Sunday paper off the porch, and when we found it Monday, we thought it was Sunday.

Sally won't be in school a weak from Friday. We have to attend her funeral.

My daughter was absent yesterday because she was tired. She spent a weekend with the Marines.

Please excuse Willie being absent yesterday. He had a cold and could not breed well.

Please excuse Mary Ann for being absent yestitty. She was in bed with gramps.

Please excuse Brenda, she been sick and under the doctor.

*In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth, and then He rested. Then God created man, and then they both rested. Then God created woman, and since then neither God nor man has ever rested.*

## HOW OTHER CHRISTIANS HAVE TO LIVE

A nurse discriminated against for wearing a **Christian cross necklace** at work has won an **employment tribunal** battle against the **NHS**.

Mary Onuoha was told by the Tribunal she had been victimised by chiefs at Croydon University Hospital NHS Trust for refusing to remove her small gold cross.

The Tribunal ruled there was "no cogent explanation" why other items of jewellery and clothing were allowed, "but a fine necklace with a small pendant of religious devotional significance is not". It ruled the hospital breached the nurse's human rights and created a "humiliating, hostile and threatening environment" for her to work in

Mrs Onuoha - who worked at the hospital for 19 years - was then forced out of her job as a theatre practitioner in June 2020 following what she described as a two-year campaign against her. The trust had argued that wearing the cross necklace was an infection risk and tried forcing her to remove it.

In a statement, Mrs Onuoha said: "This has always been an attack on my faith. My cross has been with me for 40 years. It is part of me, and my faith, and it has never caused anyone any harm. At this hospital there are members of staff who go to a mosque four times a day and no one says anything to them. Hindus wear red bracelets on their wrists and female Muslims wear hijabs in theatre.

During the case it was heard that she reported being harassed for wearing the cross necklace by a senior manager, while caring for a patient under general anaesthetic in the operating theatre.

The Tribunal concluded that interrupting the surgery while a patient was on the table was 'high-handed', adding: "[The senior manager] literally interrupted surgery in

order to address the issue. "This was to treat the matter as if it was an emergency, but on any view it was not."

The amount of compensation due has still to be decided.

### CHINA

An award-winning artist was sentenced to eight years in prison for reporting on the COVID-19 pandemic and practising Falun Gong by a court in Beijing, China, on 16 January 2022. Xu Na was also fined 20,000 yuan (approximately £2,300 GBP).

Xu Na was arrested by Beijing police in July 2020 along with 10 other Falun Gong practitioners, on suspicion of "using a cult organisation to undermine law enforcement". However, a copy of the indictment document specifically accuses them of sending photos and reporting to The Epoch Times, a US-based outlet affiliated with the Falun Gong new religious movement, about COVID-19 restrictions in Beijing between February and June 2020. The indictment identifies Xu Na as the leader of the group. It also says that Xu Na "met with others to practise Falun Gong several times" at a privately rented property, where police officers found items containing Falun Gong materials.

The group of 11 were tried behind closed doors at the Dongcheng District People's Court, Beijing, on 15 October 2021. Their lawyers were blocked from attending the trial, and Xu Na's lawyer Liang Xiaojun has since had his legal license revoked

## **“Daily Bread” NOTES: FEBRUARY**

### *So close, yet so far*

### *The painful road to glory*

Tue 1	Numbers 12:1-16	Tue 15	Revelation 2:8-11
Weds 2	Numbers 13:1-3, 17-33	Wed 16	Revelation 2:12-17
Thur 3	Numbers 14:1-25	Thur 17	Revelation 2:18-29
Fri 4	Numbers 14:26-45	Fri 18	Revelation 3:1-6
Sat 5	Numbers 15:22-41	Sat 19	Revelation 3:7-13
Sun 6	Psalms 32	Sun 20	Psalms 34
Mon 7	Numbers 16:1-7, 31-35, 46-50	Mon 21	Revelation 3:14-22
Tue 8	Numbers 17:1-13	Tue 22	Revelation 4:1-11-8
Wed 9	Numbers 18 1:32	Wed 23	Revelation 5:1-14
Thur 10	Numbers 19:1-22	Thur 24	Revelation 6:1-17
Fri 11	Revelation 1:1-8	Fri 25	Revelation 7:1-17
Sat 12	Revelation 1:9-20	Sat 26	Revelation 8:1-13
Sun 13	Psalms 33	Sun 27	Psalms 35
Mon 14	Revelation 2:1-7	Mon 28	Revelation 9:1-21

### **WAY IN....to Revelation 1-3**

When the apostle John was imprisoned on the Greek island of Patmos, he received a revelation from God about the events that would soon take place. He was told to write down what he saw and send the content to the seven churches in Asia Minor. There was a specific from Jesus for each church, so it was like seven letters in one.

While each message is distinct, the format of the letters is quite similar: an introduction (who is speaking); an encouragement (what is going well); a challenge (what could be better) and some advice (how can there be improvements).

*By Tony Horsfall (adapted)*



## PRAYER

### Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd  
 I shall not be in want  
 He makes me lie down in green pastures  
 He leads me beside quiet waters  
 He restoreth my soul  
 He guides me in paths of righteousness  
 For His name's sake  
 Even though I walk through the valley  
 Of the shadow of death  
 I will fear no evil for you are with me  
 Your rod and your staff they comfort me  
 You prepare a table before me in the  
 Presence of my enemies  
 You anoint my head with oil my cup  
 overflows  
 Surely goodness and love will follow me  
 All the days of my life and I will dwell  
 In the house of the Lord forever  
 MY CUP OVERFLOWS WITH  
 BLESSING

### February Prayers

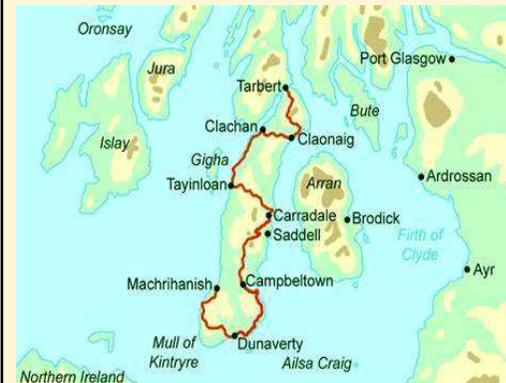
Give thanks for longer days  
 For signs of coming spring flowers  
 For Lynn and Choir who add so much to  
 our worship  
 Pray for David Dand Jo.  
 February first marks one year since  
 the coup in Myanmar so many deaths, so  
 many lives disrupted so many living with  
 fear  
 Pray for Aid organisations facing an  
 enormous task that will last for years in  
 places such as Tonga, Yemen, Lebanon,  
 Afghanistan and so many, many more.  
 Pray for The Leprosy Mission as they seek  
 to heal those with the disease and  
 research towards its eradication  
 That is the tip of the iceberg of prayers  
 needed.  
 Please add your own as you are led that  
 ear, heart and spirit be wide open to God's  
 Voice as He shows us His way each and  
 every day.

## ELEGY FOR JO

**Gone are the days  
 when my heart was  
 young and gay,  
 Gone are the friends  
 who said they'd walk  
 the Kintyre Way,  
 Gone to the pub with  
 their feet up don't I  
 know,  
 I hear their mocking  
 voices calling,  
 "Poor Old Jo."**

### Chorus:

***I'm coming, I'm  
 coming,  
 though my corns are  
 loupin' so  
 I've only ninety nine  
 miles to go,  
 "Poor Old Jo."***



## Club 170

Visitor numbers continue to fluctuate week by week. After all these years we are still no wiser as to why, just happy to welcome folks when they arrive.

As always we thank everyone who contributes to the smooth running of the club in so many ways - you know who you are!

**Unfortunately the need for Club 170 is as great as it was when it started**

### **From The Monthly Magazine 20 years ago in February 2002**

At the day conference last October, the Kirk Session and Congregational Board decided that we should discover how we might serve the needy in our parish and beyond.

Since that time investigations have been carried out and much information has been gathered. Several members of Queen's Park Baptist Church hand out food parcels each Sunday evening at the Park Gates between 6 - 6.30 pm and need assistance. The Simon Community, based in our parish, give out soup and sandwiches every evening Sunday to Friday at George Square and are desperate for assistance. The Elim Pentecostal Church based in Inglefield Street, serve soup, sandwiches and clothes at Glasgow Green each Thursday evening. The Open Door Trust do similarly each Monday and Tuesday evenings in the city centre and also run a Wednesday lunch club. They also would be grateful for help.

It certainly appears that there are needs to fill and opportunities for us to participate with others or to do our

own thing, particularly now it has been confirmed that there are people sleeping rough in Queen's Park each night and we have had strangers at our door requesting food, nappies, electric meter cards and money.

Although we are still not quite sure what form our assistance might take, we would like to invite you to a meeting where we can pray for God's guidance to direct our efforts where they are most needed and then discuss what practical measures we can make.

If you feel that this is something you could do, please come to a short meeting in the Upper Hall after the Morning Service on Sunday 17th March so we can make future arrangements. If you would like to help but can't make this meeting please contact either of the signatories below.

This is an opportunity to thank God for all the blessings he has given us and also fulfil his command to serve Him by serving others (Matthew 25: 31 - 46).

***Carol Allison & Lindsay Macqueen***

# LIFE AND WORK

**FEBRUARY 2022**



## *God is love*

In the month of Valentine's Day, the Very Rev Albert Bogle reflects on the love of God.

## *Science 'doesn't diminish my faith'*

The Moderator highlights how science and faith can work together.

## *New life from old stones*

Church building closures have increased in recent years. Jackie Macadam considers the options for the future and shows how some have found a new purpose for communities.

## *The journey of living by faith*

Jackie Macadam learns about the faith journey of bouncer turned pastor, the Rev Dez Johnston, President of the Boys' Brigade in the UK and Republic of Ireland.



## *The Marks of Mission: Proclaiming the Good News*

Thomas Baldwin considers the first of the five Marks of Mission in the second part of a six-part series.

## *God's will*

In the fourth part of his series on the Lord's Prayer, David Searle considers the words: 'Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven'.

**All this, and reviews, crosswords, youth column, bible study, church registers and much more. News from the church – national and world wide.**

1. **Cases of illness or urgent pastoral need should be intimated without delay to the Minister.**
2. **Any person who would like to become a communicant member of the church should speak to the Minister.**
3. **The final date for submitting articles for the March Magazine is Sunday 27th February.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT TO 31st JAN 2022**



Open Plate	£	10
Freewill Offerings	£	821
Gift Aid Freewill Offerings	£	<u>3,938</u>
Total	£	4,769
Average per Sunday (5weeks)	£	954

**OTHER INCOME IN JANUARY**

Lodging House Mission     £100

*M. Borland, Treasurer*



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Bank of Scotland, Victoria Rd  
80 - 15 - 59    00404900

**GENERAL FABRIC FUND**

Balance at 1/1/22	£13,162
Income	£
	<u>£13,162</u>
Expenditure	£
Balance at 31/1/22	<u>£13,162</u>

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