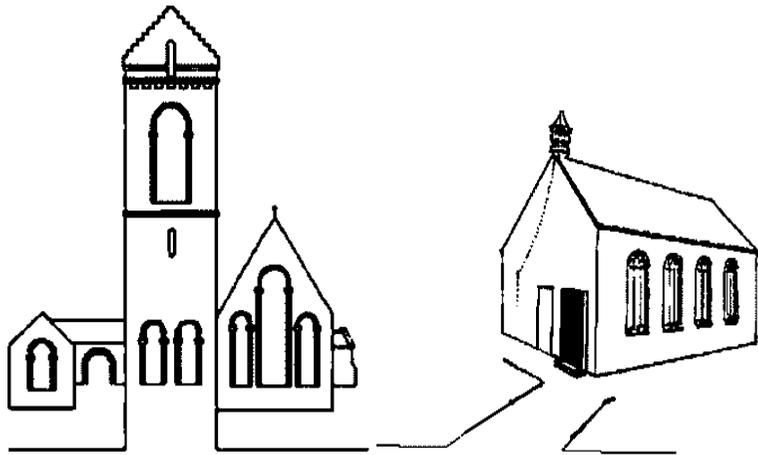


# St Leonard's and Cameron

## Magazine

### SPRING 2019



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## VIEW FROM THE MANSE

Friends,

Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb....That's how Mark begins his telling of the Easter story, but no matter which Gospel you pick, they all tell the same, basic story: that the women got to the garden just as dawn was breaking, and found the stone rolled away and the tomb empty...Easter had started without them!

And it wasn't until another Easter dawn, as I stood at Woodhaven on the banks of the River Tay, waiting for the sun to rise over Dundee, that I realised what this meant: that the resurrection happened before the sun rose; that often miracles and hope happen before we can see them; before we can imagine them. God is at work, way ahead of us, while it's still dark and long before we can see the evidence.

And that seems like something for us to remember with everything that's going on at the moment, internationally, nationally and, for some of you, personally. Whether it's the contagion of tension and uncertainty that seems to have infected so many areas of life, or those worries and concerns to which all of us can fall victim...it's good to remember that God is at work, way ahead of us, while it's still dark and long before we can see the evidence.

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## View from the Manse *cont'd from page 3*

And that's the faith God is calling us to live out in these days, in this time: the faith of Easter, the faith that miracles and hope happen before we can see them, before we can imagine them.

The long day  
stretched into night  
and time crept onward  
towards the new day.  
With the first gold of dawn  
came a resurrection,  
a new hope that grew  
with the rising sun,  
and went out to a waiting world.

Easter has come...and before the sun is up, the Christ of history, the Lord of the Dance, will be up and out, alive and among us, calling us to be His people, a people of miracles and of hope; a people of faith.

Grace and Peace



### **Joining our Church Family**

If you would like to join the St Leonard's or Cameron Church family, please contact the Minister for further details.

## Dates for the Diary

### St Leonard's

14 May	Kirk Session Meeting
26 May	Communion
4 June	Kirk Session Meeting
9 July	Congregational Board Meeting

### Cluster Service

9 June	Joint Service for St Andrews Cluster in St Leonard's Church at 11 am
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## The Church Family

### St Leonard's

#### DEATHS

Mrs Helen Nisbet, St Andrews House Care Home

Mrs. Margaret Ross, Gibson House

#### BAPTISM

Thomas William Bowness, son of Ruth and James

### Cameron

#### DEATH

Mr John (Jack) MacNiven of South Lambieytham Farm

## From the Prayer of Intercession, Care & Concern

Rev. Graeme Beebee, 7 April 2019

If You were busier, Lord, You would not bother with us.  
But You have all the time in the world,  
time for all ... time to listen.  
So we thank You for being with us,  
and for this time in Your silence when we can speak.

If You were wiser, Lord, You wouldn't bother with us.  
But You are foolish ... blinded by love,  
crippled by understanding.  
You have chosen to walk with us.  
So we thank You for sharing our journey and guiding our steps.

If You were content, Lord, You would not bother with us.  
But You are restless,  
and through Your extravagant love and sacrifice  
You will cause all things to change and be made new.  
So we thank You for Your impatience and ask that it be born in us,  
as the needs of the world and the cries of Your people,  
the moving of the Spirit and the work of the Kingdom  
upset our easiness and call on us to respond  
with the extravagance of heaven.

Lord, had You been busier, wiser or more content,  
You would not have bothered with us.  
But You have chosen us ... asked us ...  
called us to be Your people in this place;  
to share with one another the challenges of the Gospel,  
that the world might believe.

*Submitted by Marie Robinson*





## **JTS - Dignity through trade –**

### **Martin's Story**

Just Trading Scotland (JTS) has survived for ten years and is looking forward hopefully to the next ten. JTS is an ethical Social Enterprise based in Paisley which imports and sells many amazing products including the delicious and Great Taste Award winning Kilombero rice from Northern Malawi, sun ripened jams and chutneys from The Kingdom of Eswatini and Kenya, and the first ever Fairtrade certified organic coconut milk from Sri Lanka. But have you ever considered the unexpected benefit in Scotland?

Many of you will have heard me speak about the work of JTS and buy goods from the Fair Trade stall. However, you haven't heard the story of the impact that JTS has in the back end of Paisley where our warehouse is. Here is Martin's story, in his own words, which he wrote for our 10th birthday last month.

"Back in 2010 I was a jobseeker with no previous work experience, no School qualifications and generally an unemployable individual on paper. When I applied for the job with JTS they had no obligation to contact me never mind give me the chance of an actual job interview. You see the staff at JTS managed to look past the piece of paper in front of them and asked themselves who is the man behind the blank application form. They decided I deserved a chance of an interview because of my honest approach to job hunting. The rest as they say is history.

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## **Dignity Through Trade – Martin's Story *cont'd from page 7***

Since joining this amazing organisation, I have been trained in everything - from starting in the warehouse as a picker and packer I am now a Warehouse Manager with nine years' experience working in the fair trade industry. I have learned so much from my time at JTS. The passion this company has for making a difference not only to the farmers whose produce we buy but also to the people who we employ is inexplicable.

In my time here, we have had 19 fulltime staff who were all jobseekers, JTS provided a way back into work for all of them. Without all our customers' support JTS could not continue all the amazing work we do at home and abroad and for that we thank you".

The future path for JTS is perilous. Please come to the Fair Trade stall in St Leonard's which operates every Sunday after morning worship and support us by buying a bag of rice, a jar of Meru tomato and basil sauce or any of the other things on sale - you just never know who you are helping. For further information on what JTS does please take the time to visit the website [www.jts.co.uk](http://www.jts.co.uk). Thank you.

*Mary Popple, Chair, Just Trading Scotland*

### *Postscript on situation in Malawi*

*We understand from the farmers themselves and the Scotland Malawi Partnership that northern Malawi is not affected (some 700km north of the affected region). In fact, Karonga has received very little rain and is in a drought situation, with consequential low rice yields. However, the main way out of this land-locked country for exports and imports is via Mozambique in the south and the main road to the port of Beira is likely to be damaged, so there will be longer term impact that we do not know yet. We had just received two containers of rice so there is not an immediate impact. DEC have raised £2.5m for relief and re-building in Zimbabwe, Malawi and Mozambique.*



week this year is from Sun. 12<sup>th</sup> to Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> May. It will start with a bread and soup lunch on the Sunday when there will be an opportunity to contribute to the Week. Any offers to take a district of about 30 houses should be made to 474872. Counting is from 9.30-12.30 on Mon. 20<sup>th</sup>, Tues. 21<sup>st</sup> and Wed. 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Volunteers welcome. Sponsor forms for the Tay or Forth Bridge walks on Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> May also available. See Notice in the Hall. Hope Park/Martyrs coffee morning is on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am.

A few years ago, Kadie Amara's two baby boys died from a lack of medical care. But thanks to our partner, RADA, improving the health centre near them in Sierra Leone, Kadie was able to give birth safely to baby Hassan who featured in this year's appeal. Sierra Leone is the world's most dangerous place to become a mum. But with your help communities can build health clinics. It can make the difference between life and death for expectant mums. The gift of £7 could buy a bag of cement for a new health clinic. There is still time to give at caweek.org or by calling 08080006006. "Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back". (Luke 6.38)

Give thanks for the work of Rev. Christiana Sutton-Koroma who promotes healthcare and disease prevention in Freetown and for how she and her colleagues helped reduce the spread of Ebola in 2014. She writes: "Christian Aid played an important part in Ebola. They supported religious leaders in the area of trauma, working with quarantined people, families devastated by Ebola, and the theological training to give families words of hope, words of support."

Sally Foster-Fulton, Head of Christian Aid Scotland, will speak at our service on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

*George Black*

## WFTO 10 principles.

The image sums up an internationally agreed definition of Fair Trade, which has been recognised by countries, charities, organisations etc. world-wide. The 10 Principles were last revised and approved by the World Fair Trade Organisation (WFTO) in late 2017. For definitions of each principle see - <https://wfto.com/fair-trade/10-principles-fair-trade>



## The Dapifers of Dol

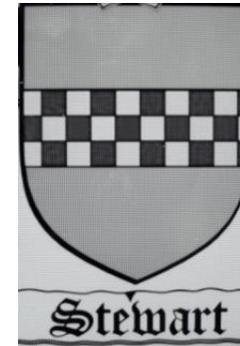
"The what....?!", you may ask. Well, this is an oblique reference to the subject of 'Stewardship'. Let me elucidate. I have a passion for medieval Scottish history and quite recently have become immersed in the whole story of the Stewart dynasty.

An 11th century Dapifer [from the Latin 'daps' (food) and 'fer' (bearing)] was 'the one who brings food to the table'. You may be more familiar with the term 'Seneschal' meaning 'old servant'. So, we have two titles sharing the same job description, namely the most trusted of the medieval lord's retainers, who had full control over the household, including finances. Above all, he had to be totally reliable, loyal and literate - i.e. a good steward..... Dol, a town in Brittany (Dol-de-Bretagne) is where such stewardship was spawned.

Dapifership soon became hereditary and by 1150 had reached the Scottish court where, in the reign of King David I, a certain Walter was appointed first hereditary steward of Scotland. Indeed, it was during Walter's grandson's term as hereditary steward that the surname 'Stewart' was first used. Bingo, the Stewart connection.....! But, no Stewart monarch yet. It took a further three generations before another Walter (6th steward who married Robert the Bruce's only daughter), fathered Scotland's first Stewart king, Robert II (r. 1371-1390).

You may be familiar with the design (in heraldic terms, a 'fess') which features on the shields of the numerous Stewart coats of arms: a blue and white chequerboard design, and wondered 'why'? The most likely explanation is that it refers to the feudal office which gave rise to the family name and depicts the chequered cloth which was spread on the table of the "Exchequer" to facilitate computations.....

## The Dapifers of Dol *continued from page 11*



We've seen how the family name 'Stewart' was acquired so how come 'Stuart' appears on the scene? Mary Queen of Scots was crowned Queen when less than a year old. At the age of five she was sent over to France and by fifteen she was married to the fourteen-year old Dauphin! The French had no letter 'W' in their alphabet (even today, 'W' is pronounced 'double vay'.....) and consequently Mary used the French variation of her surname, Stuart. Indeed, from the time of her son, James VI, the spelling Stuart became generally recognised, particularly outside Scotland.

So, maybe it's a matter of 'from Stewardship to Stuartship'.....

*Robin Alexander*





## St Leonards' Guild

The last two speakers at the meetings before the Spring sale and Coffee morning were both informative and enjoyable.

On 28<sup>th</sup> February we had a visit from Fire Officer Paul Dalrymple advising us on fire safety in our homes. Most of us were aware of many points he mentioned but other suggestions were new to us. One thing was that if you have an extension adapter with many plug points the combined total should not exceed 13amps. So, he advised that a hair dryer plus straighteners or hot brush plus a charger for the mobile phone is dangerous. Locks on exit doors are better if they can be opened from inside without a key making it unnecessary to leave a key in the door overnight.

Most important advice is still to close all doors in your house before retiring to bed. In the event of a fire it is important to stay in the room near the window where you can be seen and rescued quickly. Further important safety advice is that the only candles that are in your house should be for your birthday cake! So do not ask the family for smelly candles for your bath night. Furthermore, we all should have access to a torch which can be used in a power cut or an emergency.

Paul invited us to leave our names and address if we wished to have a safety check to our homes. This is a free service to anyone requesting a visit for advice. This was a very worthwhile and informative talk.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> March we had a presentation of Rev. Jamie Walker's visit to the Western Cape South Africa recently to holiday and to be with his son who is based in the area. His accommodation looked over to Table Mountain and Table Bay where Robben Island can be seen.

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Nelson Mandela was imprisoned there for 18 years of the 27 years he served behind bars before the fall of apartheid. Jamie visited the prison cell there to see for himself the conditions in which Mandela was held. The guide was a former inmate of the prison from that time.

They were able to enjoy the flowers and fauna around Cape Town and could sense the beauty of the area. As an aside to Jamie's talk, we learned that his son had worked for many years for a charity assisting in most areas where there is crisis for the people caught up in either wars or weather generated disasters. Being in many war-torn countries his son has experienced many personal dangers which must have been a worry for the family. Jamie's son is now a logistics consultant as his experience gained on the ground has taught him what these places really require in time of crisis or emergency. A young man we must give thanks to for his dedication to those in need.

We held our Spring sale and Coffee morning on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2019. It was a happy morning with friends meeting for a chat over a cup of coffee. While there were three other coffee mornings in town that day, we were able to raise through sales or donations the wonderful sum of £1141.60. Thank you to all who supported our efforts. April 4<sup>th</sup>, we held our AGM which was well attended and assessed our year past. It was agreed we had many interesting, informative and enjoyable meetings.

Now we are looking forward to our summer outing to Lindores Abbey Distillery before high tea at Drumoig Hotel.

Enjoy the summer break.

*Mima Clark*

**Cameron Guild:** Thursday 9 May, 2.30 pm at Cameron Hall. Planning meeting and DVD of the 2018 Annual Gathering. All welcome.

*Marie Robinson*

## DESERT ISLAND DISCS – MURIEL GRAY

It is of course an honour to be asked one's opinion on anything at all nowadays and so I was rather flattered to be asked by the Editor to contribute to this series in the Newsletter. I am fond of music but certainly would not class myself as at all knowledgeable or even particularly imaginative when it comes to making choices. When I began to think about it in earnest, however, putting myself in the position of being all alone on a desert island, I realised that it is the evocative nature of certain pieces of music that would be important, the memories that they bring and in particular the people and places they bring to mind.

So, I am going to start with the **Glasgow Orpheus Choir** singing "**All in an April Evening**" which will remind me of my Dad, who had a beautiful tenor voice and sang in a male-voice choir. His whole family of 2 brothers and 3 sisters were all lovely singers and Saturday evening's entertainment for them used to involve a very accomplished sing-song, 4-part harmony with Aunt Minnie on the piano, especial favourites being the gospel songs like the "Old Rugged Cross" and, unforgettably, "I ain't gonna grieve my Lord no more".

My Mum loved listening to him singing along with his sisters and brother but she was not a soloist, so for her, my choice is the beautiful hymn "**Make me a Channel of your Peace**" which my grandchildren Cameron, Gregor and Katie sang at her funeral, accompanied on the guitar by Cameron with his brother and sister singing in the natural harmony which they have inherited from both sides of their family. My favourite version of this St Francis of Assisi prayer is by Susan Boyle and the words sum up my Mum's gentle nature.

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## Desert Island Discs *continued from page 15*

My third choice is for my son Richard and it is "**Kayleigh**" by **Marillion**. Richard is in his late forties now but when he was a teenager living at home in the days before portable Wi-Fi speakers or even iPods, he had a CD player in his bedroom and this song had to be played loud enough for him to hear it in the shower with the water running. I once had an electrician working downstairs in the house while this was blasting out and apologised for the noise but his comment was 'great taste in music'!

My daughter Vicky's song is "**Fields of Gold**" by **Sting**. This will always remind me of her wedding. She and Danny had a video done of their wedding and this was one of their favourite songs at the time so they chose it to play through the video. Such a happy day with plenty of the usual family dramas.

My sister Anne is a professional musician, a former teacher at the RCS and a talented pianist, so for her I am choosing **Chopin's "Fantasie Impromptu"** which is her most requested party piece. I always reckon I could have been a good pianist too but never could get a look in at the piano as she seemed to play all day and every day and very much better than me! She is 4 years younger than I am and I have a vivid memory of her playing the Bluebell Polka aged 3 at a talent contest in Llandudno, which she won by the way!

For my grandsons Jack and Ben, I choose **Ed Sheeran's "Perfect"**. They lived in Doha for 2 years and it was a joy when they moved back to the UK. Brian and I had a magical Christmas with them in 2017 and this song was the Christmas No 1 – we had such fun waltzing around their kitchen yelling out the words.

### **Desert Island Discs** *continued from page 16*

My seventh choice is for my husband Brian. Not many people know that he is a huge Meat Loaf fan and it usually comes as a great surprise to them. Rev Graeme found out very early on, so don't be surprised to hear him referring to Brian as ML! Brian often plays his **Meat Loaf** CD in the car and the grandchildren used to love it. 'Play Number 8 Grandpa' they would yell as soon as they got strapped in. The title? "**Everything louder than everything else**" – although my own favourite is 'Bat out of Hell'!

My final choice was very difficult as this is one for myself. I toyed with several pieces which I love and can't believe I haven't got anything by The King ...Elvis, or by Eva Cassidy whose 'Somewhere over the Rainbow' is quite sublime. However, having cheated by mentioning these two, my choice is "**The Dance of the Knights (Montagues and Capulets) by Prokofiev**". I love ballet, must be classical for me and Romeo and Juliet is one of my favourites. This is such a gutsy, strong piece, with crazy shrieking violins, interspersed with the light Juliet theme. Lovely!

I probably know more about books than music, so my book choice has been very thought-provoking but I have decided on "**Gone with the Wind**" by **Margaret Mitchell**. I first read this in my late teens and it brought to life the horrors of the American Civil War but I also loved the agonising love story. It is a big hefty read – I can't stand small books – and as I read it, I will remember the film with beautiful Vivienne Leigh sighing over Ashley and Rhett.

Luxury Item? Please Editor, may I have Factor 50 sunscreen?

### **"Gone with the Wind"**

*Muriel's choice of "Gone with the Wind" reminded me of the first time I read it. I was also in my late teens with a summer vacation job on the tartan scarves counter which ran up the middle of Romanes and Paterson's in Princes Street. Day in and day out I laid out those scarves, folded over in meticulous lines so people could see as many tartans as possible. Throughout the day bus loads of tourists arrived and rummaged through the scarves tossing them aside as they sought the ones at the bottom. Again and again I laid out the display. Light relief came when, I had to explain to visitors with names indicating Italian, Polish or Russian heritage that unfortunately there was no tartan for that name.*

*How did I remain sane throughout this? – every lunchtime I escaped to the Southern States with "Gone with the Wind"*

*Editor*

### **END OF THE FLOOD**

The rain had stopped at last and the flood waters ebbed away leaving the Ark on dry land.

Noah called all the animals and other creatures he had cared for together and told them that they could now leave the Ark and go onto to dry land. "Go forth and multiply" quoth he to his charges.

A short time later he returned to see that the Ark was empty.

It wasn't. He spied two small creatures still aboard.

"Did you not hear me say to everyone to go forth and multiply?" he said .

"Please, Sir," came the reply "we can't do that, we're only Adders."  
*(groan, groan)* *from Elizabeth Picton*

## Chocolate Ice Cream (with an optional extra)

### Ingredients

6 egg yolks  
125g FAIRTRADE caster sugar  
900 ml double cream  
5m vanilla essence  
325g FAIRTRADE plain chocolate

### Method

Whisk the egg yolks and sugar together in a pyrex bowl until the mixture is light and airy. Add half of the cream.

Put the bowl over a pan of simmering water and break in the chocolate. Stir continuously until all of the chocolate is melted.

Allow the mixture to cool and add the rest of the cream and the vanilla essence.

Pour the cooled mixture into a freezer proof container and freeze for 5 hours or more.

### To serve

Place in the fridge whilst you have your main course.

### Variation

It is suggested that 30 ml of Grand Marnier added before freezing helps maintain moisture.

*(This must be one of the best excuses possible for adding Grand Marnier!)*

## SMARTEST PEOPLE IN THE WORLD

A doctor, a lawyer, a little boy and a priest were out for a Sunday afternoon flight on a small private plane. Suddenly, the plane developed engine trouble. In spite of the best efforts of the pilot, the plane started to go down. Finally, the pilot grabbed a parachute, yelled to the passengers that they had better jump, and then he bailed out.

Unfortunately, there were only three parachutes remaining. The doctor grabbed one and said, "I'm a doctor, I save lives, so I must live," and jumped out.

The lawyer then said, "I'm a lawyer and lawyers are the smartest people in the world. I deserve to live." He also grabbed a parachute and jumped.

The priest looked at the little boy and said, "My son, I've lived a long and full life. You are young and have your whole life ahead of you. Take the last parachute and live in peace."

The little boy handed the parachute back to the priest and said, "Not to worry, Father. The 'smartest man in the world' just took off with my back pack."

### **WORD CHALLENGE**

How many words of 3 or more letters can you make out of the name **C A M E R O N**

You must have one 7 letter word.

Score – 45 average;

60 you're doing OK;

80 well done - you're ready for Countdown

## **Tools with a Mission (TWAM): an appeal for items you might not previously have considered recycling.**

TWAM collects, refurbishes and recycles a wide range of unwanted or redundant tools in the UK, and sends them to partner organisations in Africa where they enable the recipients to learn a trade, earn a living or set up small businesses.

### **Sewing Machines**

Everybody needs clothes, which makes tailoring the journey of choice for many seeking a way out of poverty. Wherever you go in Africa, from busy city street corners to quiet rural backwaters, you will find a tailor with his/her sewing machine. The gift of a sewing machine will allow a newly trained tailor to work from their own home or market place and use the proceeds to keep a roof over their family's head, put food on the table and send their children to school.

### **Knitting Machines**

A skilled knitter can make an entire jumper in under an hour. The journey to employment for most knitters is to secure a contract from a local school to make children's knitted uniforms. Wool is plentiful so this is a stable, regular way to earn a living and support a family.

TWAM sends hundreds of sewing and knitting machines to Africa. The machines are refurbished and then sent, together with all necessary accessories. Sewing kits are supplied with every sewing machine and include everything the newly trained tailor or knitter needs to get their small business off the ground and produce enough goods to let them purchase more supplies.

## **Tools with a Mission (TWAM) *cont'd from page 21***

### **Computer Kit**

The world runs on computers and Africa is no different. Young people dreaming of work in an office must be able to use a computer, but very few will have access to one. It is not unusual for schools to teach computing using pictures on the blackboard. TWAM provides hundreds of charities and schools with computers to teach students the necessary computing skills.

TWAM takes desktop, mini tower and laptop computers along with LCD screens of at least 15 inches, leads and peripherals like mice, keyboards and webcams. Laptops, other than very old heavy ones (more than an inch thick with big external power supplies) are welcome, but they must be able to run on mains supply. Donations of old home computers are greatly appreciated and are in great demand by partner organisations, especially for teaching IT in schools.

Computers are cleaned and rebuilt with appropriate operating systems, updated with latest security updates and supplied with a selection of suitable free software prior to sending out to partner organisations. All required peripherals are sent out with the computer, including an LCD screen with desktops

TWAM takes your security very seriously and all computers are securely wiped to UK government standards; appropriate certification can be supplied if required.

Unfortunately, they are unable to accept any printers or scanners.

If you are able to donate any of the above items or would like more information, please contact Peter Robinson on 01334 476914.

### **Clothing for Syrian refugees – Appeal by Maureen Jack**

Edinburgh Direct Aid supports Syrian refugees in and around Aarsal, a small town in Lebanon near the Syrian border. Because the village lies at over 5000 feet, winters can be bitter, with heavy snow. In the past, members of St Leonard's and Cameron have been generous in donating used clothing for passing on through Edinburgh Direct Aid.

Hearing Graeme speak on Palm Sunday about clothes hanging unworn in our wardrobes made me think that perhaps we might help again. What is needed is clothing for men, women, and children of all ages suitable for winter: warm and waterproof jackets, fleeces, sweaters, woolly hats, gloves and scarves, boots, sturdy shoes, trainers . . . and socks. Lots and lots of socks!

I am happy to take donations over to the Edinburgh Direct Aid warehouse in Granton. If you have anything you would be prepared to donate, please either ring me on 07753805920 and I shall gladly collect it or drop it off at 80 Hepburn Gardens. Thank you.

### **WM Stamp Appeal: 1969-2019**

The World Mission Stamp Appeal is celebrating its 50th anniversary. In its early days the Appeal helped raise funds for the general work of the World Mission Council, but since 2003 money raised has gone to a specific project each year. This year the Appeal is supporting the Chigodi Women Centre in Blantyre, Malawi, who are also celebrating their 50th anniversary.

The Centre delivers a broad range of skills training to address the challenges faced by women in Malawi. Through providing training in tailoring, fashion design and chicken farming, the Centre will improve the women's skills in marketing and entrepreneurship. The aim is that the women's socio-economic status is improved and their chances of future employment increased. By selling the produce made at the Centre the plan is that when the funding finishes the project will be self-sustainable – helping to continue to improve the lives of women in Malawi. (from WM 89, April/May 2019, p. 5) *Marie Robinson*

### **An Update from The St Leonard's Treasurer**

Well, I have just produced my first quarterly budget as Church Treasurer. Unfortunately, I can't take all the credit as I made mistakes on my first (and second) attempts! I am very grateful to my patient mentor, Hamish Tait. As summer approaches, he has discovered a way to escape my many texts and emails – in his boat off the Western Isles where signals are poor – or so he tells me!

At the moment, the General Fund is showing a surplus, which is good, but it is doubtful if this can be sustained without some further effort on our part. The bank account has been boosted lately by two generous donations – one from a member of the congregation and another from The Guild- and we are very grateful for these to continue the work of the church.

Ways to save money are always being sought. You may have observed that St Leonard's and Cameron no longer have notices in the local paper. There was an exception for Easter services. As I write this, quotes are being obtained from various telephone and broadband providers to see if costs can be reduced there.

I'm doing my best to keep all the balls in the air and hopefully soon I will have the cushion of a knowledgeable Finance Committee around me for support.

Speaking of balls in the air, I'm off to watch my teenage Grandsons playing cricket this weekend. They are on opposing teams so I will have to remain neutral. This shouldn't prove too difficult as cricket is a game which is as mysterious to me as Excel spreadsheets.

*Joan Peter*

## The Village Choir

*With apologies to Alfred Lord Tennyson*

### I

Half a bar, half a bar,  
Half a bar onward,  
Into an awful ditch  
Choir and precentor hitch  
Into a mass of pitch,  
They led the Old Hundred.  
Trebles to the right of them,  
Tenors to the left of them,  
Basses in front of them,  
Bellowed and thundered.  
Oh! The Precentor's look  
When the sopranos took,  
Their own time and hook,  
From the Old Hundred.

### II

Screeched all the trebles here,  
Boggled the tenors there,  
Raising the parson's hair,  
While his mind wandered.  
Theirs not to reason why,  
This psalm was pitched too high,  
Theirs but to group and cry,  
Out the Old Hundred.

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## The Village Choir *continued from page 25*

Trebles to the right of them,  
Tenors to the left of them,  
Basses in front of them,  
Bellowed and thundered.  
Stormed them with shout and yell  
Not wise they sung nor well,  
Drowning the sexton's bell,  
While the church wondered.

### III

Dire the precentor's glare,  
Flashed the pitch-fork in air,  
Sounding fresh keys to bear,  
Out the Old Hundred.  
Swiftly he turned his back,  
Reached for his hat from rack,  
Then from the screaming pack,  
Himself he sundered.  
Tenors to right of him,  
Treble to left of him,  
Discords behind him  
Bellowed and thundered.  
Oh! The wild howls they wrought,  
Right to the end they fought  
Some tune they sang, but not,  
Not the Old Hundred

*R D Gilmour, 1910*

*Submitted by Isobel Fleming*

**!!!! -APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEER MINI BUS DRIVERS - !!!**

As many of you know, the Cosmos Mini Bus is hired regularly by St Leonards to transport our wheelchair members to church. This service is greatly appreciated by those in need of it and their family carers.

Currently, we have a team of eleven volunteers who provide this service on a rota basis. Two people are required on each occasion, one of whom drives the bus and the other helps to get the wheelchairs on and off. The bus is hired on around 24 Sundays each year, so everyone is involved about 6 times in the year.

Volunteer drivers obviously need to hold a driving licence, be reasonably fit as there is a wee bit of heavy lifting of seats and for insurance purposes, they need to be on the right side of 70!!

Currently, only 7 of the team meet the age criteria for driving. Also, given holidays, other commitments and ageing helpers, we are always looking to increase the size of our team – an addition of at least two drivers would be ideal.

Anyone interested in finding out more about this very worthwhile service, should please contact BRIAN GRAY on 01334 473884 or [brianwgray44@gmail.com](mailto:brianwgray44@gmail.com) *Submitted by Brian Gray*

**World Mission** says thank you to all of you who collect and send stamps and want to let you know that last year they raised an amazing £2433 for the Hungarian Reformed Church of Transcarpathia to help children and young people with learning difficulties and disabilities. As this is the 50th year of stamp collecting, they are suggesting that everyone tries to collect 50 stamps for the 2019 appeal for the Chigodi Women Centre in Blantyre, Malawi. It is pretty amazing so I hope this year will be an even better year for stamp collecting at St Leonard’s Church. *Liz Thirkell*

**St Leonard’s New Unitary Constitution Action Groups**

These groups will help with the running of different aspects of St Leonard’s day to day life.

Please number up to 3 to show which you are interested in, in order of preference, or tick as many as you like if you are equally interested.

There will be between 5 and 7 people in each group, each serving for 3 years, so you will get a chance to share your skills around!

Groups I am interested in	Order of Preference or Tick
Worship & Music	
CoSy (Young Church)	
Pastoral Care	
Breaking Down Walls (community outreach)	
Communication (newsletter, web)	
Welcome & Fellowship	
Justice & Peace (including Christian Aid)	

Name:.....

Email:.....

Telephone:.....

Please return to box in welcome area or St Leonard’s church office.

## Easter Flower Decorations

A big thank you to the three people who turned up to help decorate the Church for Easter. I thought it might be a long haul on my own as I knew a lot of people were unavailable for one reason or another and am very grateful to them for showing willing.

Also, many thanks to the people who brought in flowers and greenery which was gratefully received especially when daffodils were unavailable this year with Easter being so late. Without all the contributions the Church would not have been looking so welcoming.

Hoping you all had a Happy Easter.

*Heather*

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## Welcome to the St Leonard's Parish Kids' Page!

### Where in the world?

The summer holidays are approaching and thoughts of travelling to places that are close by and far flung come to mind.

Have a go at our 'where in the world' quiz ...



1. The UK's tallest building is called ...
2. Which European city contains another country?
3. What's the name of the largest Egyptian pyramid?
4. This city's most famous bridge is the Brooklyn Bridge. How was this city known before 1664?
5. Beijing is China's capital: but what does Beijing mean?
6. By what name is Uluru also known – and where is it?
7. Which city boasts the longest underground?
8. Where is the closest place to St Andrews to be hit by a Tsunami?

If you can answer all 8 - bring your answers to any St Leonard's Parish Kids' gathering and share with any of the leaders to get a wee treat!

*until the next  
time ...*