# West and Wardlawhill News MAY 2023



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# Hello from the New Interim Moderator,

My name's Rev Ian Cathcart – Minister in Flemington Hallside Parish Church – one wife and four twenty-something children (Hannah will be 20 in November)!

I really love the front cover graphic in the magazine this month. It seems to me to sum up so much about what true freedom should be about. I know it's obvious but it does seem to picture that sense of being set free. Freedom is one of those things that we know we're supposed to have because we are a Christian. We are, after all, supposed to know the truth and so the truth will set us free. But various things rob us of that freedom – Presbytery Plans for example! Personally getting the wisdom to ensure we live 'out of' the freedom that is already our Easter gift should be a goal.

Some pals suggested some books to help. One book recommended to me was a book called *The Way* of *Transition* by William Bridges. It's a memoir of an American management consultant who worked with US west coast multi-national companies, principally through the 80's and 90's. It was not the kind of book or, moreover, the kind of author I would have sought out personally. But I was purposefully trying to be more open to writers I wouldn't usually read – Bridges wasn't even a Christian. But Bridges' was *thee* man for getting big business to genuinely address and deal with changed commercial circumstances. He was paid hundreds of thousands of dollars by world-renown companies and then this really awful thing happened: his wife got cancer and died within two years. Just in case you feel I've spoiled the book for you – that's how the book opens.

The initial stages of the book focus on this man's loss of trust in his own consultancy – the companies who were paying him well for his management insights still wanted him to help them. The problem was he began to doubt the power of his insights. He had helped countless companies both directly and through his writing, but now he began to question what he was teaching because of his own changed circumstances. He had told companies they had to be honest about difficulties and face up to change and now he felt the inadequacy of his own advice when he couldn't face up to the death of his own wife.

In the hands of a less-honest or less-eloquent writer that might have meant this book would just have been a misery-memoir. But it's the honesty Bridges' brings to the proceedings, as well as the insights from psychology, management experience and ... dare I say ... spirituality that separate this book from the many other self-help books that fill the bookshop shelves.

Ordinarily, I would warn people away from this kind of book – it's clearly not a Christian book. Worse than that, it feels sufficiently 'spiritual' that it might fool you into thinking it actually is Christian. Bridges quotes from the Gospels, from the Old and New Testaments as well as Christian authors. The point, however, is that he'll also extensively quote from the Koran and various Hindu gurus. Above all else he very much likes the insights from various coming of age rituals from Amazonian forest tribes or Borneo villagers or the Australian Outback Aborigines. In my defence, there's no actual teaching principle that is a bonafide non-Christian teaching. Every guru and 'ethnic' quote could just as easily have been backed-up with a quote from Christ or from the New Testament. Let me finish with one point that I found particularly helpful; Bridges returns to this point frequently but only because we so rarely get it right. Early on in the book he makes a key differentiation between the definitions of two words people usually use interchangeably: change and transition.

Change he says, happens sometimes by our actions; and sometimes by the way life unfolds. The point is change *always* happens. Transition, however, only happens within us when we choose to embrace the changes and learn from them – even when they're difficult.

He observed that companies so often make changes (as do people) when what they really do is make a transition in how they deal with the new situation. How you transition to cope with the difficulties in life – be you a company or person – determines whether you learn from the changes in life or just keep repeating them.

When you accept that God really *is* in charge and the difficulties are there that we might be better used to build the Kingdom then we begin to have the real freedom the Bible speaks about – even during a Presbytery Planning process.

Hope to see you soon.

Yours hopefully, Ian Cathcart



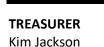
#### USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION

#### MINISTER

#### Vacancy

All enquiries regarding pastoral care – weddings, baptisms, funerals, illness etc., in the first instance contact the Session Clerk.





MAGAZINE EDITOR Margaret Feeney

# Life turns up surprises

When you least expect it to On days when everything goes wrong And it seems there's no way through

LIFE'S SURPRISES

A chance word from a stranger A letter from a friend A glowing sky at sunset God's blessings never end

Then deep inside your weary heart A little spark takes hold And shattered dreams are swept away As the flame of hope burns bold

# Marian Cleworth

(People's Friend Magazine Writer)

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Now that Malcolm has retired and is moving out of the area, where does that leave us on a Sunday morning at West and Wardlawhill Church? Fortunately, we have a worship team who are willing, and able, to take the service each week.

The team consists of Stuart Harbinson, Megan Ross, Sheena Kerr, and a good number of bible readers. Rev Eddie Mubengo has also offered to take the occasional service with Stuart filling in at his church in Carntyne and Cranhill Parish Church. Tamsin Munro, trainee minister, is also keen to be involved before her next placement with the Naval Chaplaincy in Portsmouth in July. Since asking for volunteers in mid-April, I have had two people coming forward but there's always room for a few more volunteers, willing to lead a prayer or even participate in a sermon, or reflection.

Looking further ahead, as you recall from previous church magazines, Glasgow Presbytery is going through a major re-planning process just now. We are working in a cluster comprising Fernhill & Cathkin Church, Rutherglen Old Parish Church, Bridgeton St Francis in the East Church, and Rutherglen West & Wardlawhill Church. The eventual outcome of the Glasgow Presbytery plan, as directed by the Church of Scotland in Edinburgh, is to reduce the number of ministers and buildings in our cluster. For our cluster, we were initially allocated 1.5 ministerial posts and 0.5 priority area posts. Glasgow Presbytery has since increased our priority area post to 1.0, which has been assigned to Church House in Bridgeton, located next to Bridgeton St Francis in the East Church.

The Glasgow Presbytery plan has been accepted by both our Kirk Session and Congregational Board but has still to be submitted by Glasgow Presbytery for acceptance in Edinburgh.

To achieve this reduction in ministers' posts and buildings, some adjustments are necessary. These include a possible union between Rutherglen West & Wardlawhill and Fernhill & Cathkin Churches and a possible union of Rutherglen Old and Bridgeton St Francis in the East Churches. This would be followed by a union of all four churches and the disposal of any buildings deemed surplus.

It's going to be a busy time for Rev Ian Cathcart (Interim Moderator), Kim Jackson, Tom McEwan and myself who are representing West and Wardlawhill Church at the cluster group meetings.

Alístaír McInnes Session Clerk





Our Daily Bread - Items from their Spring 2023 newsletter

#### THE ONLY BODY JESUS HAS ON EARTH

"Our vision is to see people of all nations experiencing a personal relationship with Christ, growing to be more like Him and *serving in a local body of His family*."

The mother put her little girl to bed as the day came to its end. But the night had grown very dark already, and the girl was suddenly afraid of being left alone. Her mum gently hushed her, sang a lullaby and promised her that God would watch over her all night long.

A few minutes later, the girl began to cry. When her mum returned, she sobbed, 'Mummy, I'm scared. I want someone here I can see.'

We're all like that young child at times. In our loneliness and suffering, Christ doesn't condemn us for wanting 'someone we can see' to be with us and to care for us. That is why He has made His people part of His body.

In acts 10:38, Peter described our Lord as 'Jesus of Nazareth, .... He went around doing good'. Those acts of service and kindness were expressed through His earthly body.

But since ascending to heaven, Christ no longer has a body on earth....except ours. He has no hands, legs or feet on earth except for the members of His body, the church.

Later on in Scripture, John wrote, 'No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us' (1 John 4:12). In other words, as we love and care for one another, we reveal the God who cannot be seen, making Him visible to those who long to have 'someone here I can see'.

Part of our vision at Our Daily Bread Ministries is to inspire our readers to be actively involved in a local family of Christ's worldwide body. As Paul explained, 'Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body' (1 Corinthians 12:12-13). Each one of us is needed in this body, just as each one of us needs this body.

Therefore, He sends us out to be His body to one another and to the world, and to go 'around doing good'. Right now, Jesus has no body on earth but ours! Come and reflect with us, then, on two important truths:

Jesus' earthly body is incomplete without you: 'There should be no division in the body, .... its parts should have equal concern for each other' (1 Corinthians 12:25). We may feel we have little to offer our church family; perhaps we're tempted to stay in the background, out of the way. But God's Word urges us not to let any kind of division creep in. If we are not active in our church family, we are depriving the body of a necessary part for it to function. And, we are depriving ourselves of deeper fellowship with other believers. How might you be active in your part of the body? What aspects of your church's life and mission are you most passionate about? When each of us does our bit, with equal concern for one another, the body moves smoothly without extra strain being placed on any 'joints' or 'muscles'.

**There is a part for you to play**: 'From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work' (Ephesians 4:16).

God has put you in a specific place at a specific time with specific gifts. There are no accidents regarding your circumstances. This means that if we are withholding our gifts or time from our church, some things simply won't be done as well or as powerfully as they could be. For there is work for 'each part' to do. Even if you feel limited in some way or perhaps unable to attend church physically, the Lord calls you an essential and functioning part of His body.

Why not ask your church leader for a weekly prayer list so you can be lifting your brothers and sisters to the Lord? Or could you phone those who are struggling to offer encouragement? These are wonderful and valuable ways to be an active part of the church family, even if your service needs to be done from home.

#### Prayers for Your Church Family -

A Prayer for Unity:

Lord, I know that conflicts are inevitable in this life. But I also know You command us to live at peace with one another. I pray for healing and reconciliation among my church family where there is conflict and heartache. Help us to put aside our differences and pride, to know instead the powerful bond of unity found in Your Spirit. We are saved by one Gospel, children of one Father and united in one body. Remind us of the joy and privilege of these truths, that we may experience them in our day-to-day fellowship. Amen.

A Prayer for Church Leaders:

Heavenly Father, I lift to you those who lead my church, as pastors, teachers, carers and overseers. Deepen Your love in their hearts, renewing and refreshing their souls for the work ahead. May they draw near to You daily, rejoicing in Scripture and energized by Your wisdom and guidance as they shepherd Your people. Fill them with patience, peace and joy, remembering the Good Shepherd walks beside them, holding them especially close when the work is hard and their hearts are heavy. Bless them in their service, I pray. Amen.

# RUTHERGLEN LANDEMER DAY Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Landemer Day 2023 is fast approaching, if you or someone you know, would like a stall this year, please contact

Jim Nixon



#### South Lanarkshire College PDA: COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT LEVEL 6

- Course duration: August to December 2023 looks to start first week in September
- There will be a flexible approach It will be weekly, though it will be organised to suit the cohort, twilight, evening, within the college or if enough people out in a local community. So assuming for example there's 8 people in Rutherglen/Cambuslang interested in the course, it could be delivered to that group. Suitable for people who are new to learning and additional learning support will be provided, small classes.
- Entry requirements None, with the exception of a reference, PVG and Criminal Record checks.
- Qualification Equivalent to level 6, Higher
- Learning units: Community Capacity Building; Values and Principles; Working with Communities
- Cost: Free.

More information re the course and how to apply in the link below:

# Christian Aid Week: 14-20 May 2023



Donation Envelopes will be handed out by the Welcome Team at the front door of the Church on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and should be returned by 28<sup>th</sup> May.

A date for your diary - there will be a Christian Aid service on Sunday 14th May at 6.30pm in Stonelaw Church to mark the start of Christian Aid week - this will be an intergenerational cafe style service – with a warm welcome extended to everyone.

Quiz Sheets for C.A. funds are available at a cost of £1 and again to be returned by 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

Christian Aid is not holding the 30,000 steps challenge during the May fundraiser. However, teams from local churches are tackling a slightly easier 150k challenge (that's an average of just under 5k a day). You can take part on foot, you can cover the distance by bike, scooter, wheelchair or any way you like! If you, a member of your family or friend would like to raise funds for Christian Aid in this way, please contact me and I will supply sponsor sheets.

This Christian Aid Week, we share the challenges experienced by communities in Malawi. Covid, climate change, conflict in Ukraine and the cost of living crisis mean that in Malawi, soaring costs of food and essentials are crushing dreams, keeping people in desperate poverty.

#### But there is hope!

Together with our partners, we empower vulnerable communities to find practical and sustainable ways out of poverty, including giving them the skills to:

- grow crops (like pigeon peas!) that are more resilient to the climate crisis
- restore soil fertility
- increase harvests

• learn business skills

• join cooperatives to earn more for their crops.

For thousands of farming families in Malawi, pigeon peas are a route out of poverty. The mighty pigeon pea is drought resistant, so thrives in the dry fields of southern Malawi. It's an essential part of the diet of millions of people around the world.

#### Something to think about (Extracted from Christian Aid Readings):

Can you imagine a fruit tree that bears apples, pears, oranges and a host of other fruits from the same one tree? Now that would be amazing. Although there are references to trees like that in heaven, here on earth we have to make do with trees just bearing one type of fruit. However, in the spiritual realm we can be bearers of multiple fruits. And these fruits are attitudes and characteristic traits that are radiated from our lives once the source of these fruits is evident in our lives, and that's the Holy Spirit. When we get the Holy Spirit, we get to bear nine different fruits at the same time. Now that's a good trade off!

Galatians 5:22-23 tells us that the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Our Christian Aid Week Fundraising will make a huge difference. Please give generously.

£10.00 could pay for a 2kg bag of seeds to plant pigeon peas.

£50.00 could provide pigeon pea seeds and farming tools for a family.

 $\pounds$ 70.00 could buy a bicycle so that an experienced farmer can reach over 100 farmers in remote areas and teach them essential business skills.

 $\pm 100.00$  could help provide a business training session, helping farmers to secure fairer prices for their crops.

 $\pounds 250.00$  could pay for a co-operative oven, supporting more than 800 people to turn their pigeon peas into profit by baking bread.

Thank you and Richest Blessings,

#### Isabelle Tennent

(Christian Aid Representative)

# THIS SUNDAY – 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023 West & Wardlawhill Big BARBEQUE in Celebration of King Charles III Coronation:



The coronation of Charles III and his wife, Camilla, Queen Consort, as King and Queen of the United Kingdom and the other Commonwealth realms is scheduled to take place on Saturday, 6 May 2023, at Westminster Abbey. Charles acceded to the throne on 8 September 2022, upon the death of his mother, Elizabeth II.

The Coronation Emblem (shown above) - which will feature throughout May's historic celebrations - pays tribute to The King's love of the natural world, depicting the flora of the four nations in the shape of St Edward's Crown.

We have had hugely successful Street Parties in celebration of our late and beloved Queen Elizabeth's Golden and Platinum Jubilees, inviting neighbours and Councilors to join us. We feel we

cannot replicate this and are therefore having a Barbeque to celebrate this historic moment in the life of the nation.

You should have received your invitation to the Barbeque Lunch, if you were at church recently. If not, do remember EVERYONE IS WELCOME this Sunday!

The Bunting and the flags are out of the boxes, the plans are drawn up, the DJ has his Coronation Playlist and the volunteers have their aprons at the ready (thanks to Lettie and Jean). We will have the gazebos assembled in the car park to house the barbeques and the tables set in the Black Hall plus the huge list of To-Do's.

However, without YOU we cannot have a party. So, put on your red, white and blue Sunday Best (or your Union Jack ensemble) and let us make this a day to remember.

A huge thank you to Margaret Feeney who, as a member of Clyde Gateway Community Committee, secured a grant of £500 to help fund our Celebration.

Please do not hesitate to speak to me if you require further info.

**Remember the date – this coming Sunday** 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023 after the church service. Cameras at the ready.!! In the meantime, enjoy the official Crowning of our King, on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May – God Save the King !!

#### Isabelle Tennent



#### **FUTURE MAGAZINE ISSUES**

JUNE Information to Editor Sunday 28th May Pick Up Sunday 4th June

There will be no magazine during July and August – our next magazine will be September – dates below:

**SEPT** Information to Editor Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August Pick Up Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Margaret Feeney Magazine Editor



We continue to welcome old and new friends to the Baker Hall each Tuesday from 10.00 am until midday. Please join us for a chat, a smile and a change of menu every 3 weeks – you could enjoy a roll with sausage/potato scone one week or sandwiches with egg mayo/tuna mayo/ cheese  $2^{nd}$  week and cold meat with salad sandwiches  $3^{rd}$  week all washed down with a coffee or tea and finishing with a selection of cakes.

You will also find a library of up to date or old books and a selection of d.v.d's.

Our doors are open to EVERYONE. Look forward to seeing you.

Blessings to all.

## Isabelle Tennent



We meet (women and men) every Friday from 2.00 - 4.00 p.m and welcome you to join us.

You do not need to be adept at knitting, sewing or crocheting as one of our team can help.

We have some in our group who are so experienced and others (like myself) who try hard, but somehow take forever to finish a garment. Oh well, we all have different talents.

I do, however, help Robert and Donna to make the tea which we enjoy at the end of our session.

We are a happy and welcoming circle and would be delighted to see you soon.

Blessings

#### Isabelle Tennent



#### SPRING COFFEE MORNING SATURDAY 1st APRIL AMOUNT RAISED - £608.00

Marvellous amount raised, I am sure you will agree, thank you all for attending and bringing so much chatter and laughter into our halls that morning.

Thank you too for the donations of gifts and baking which helped make this event such a success.

#### WINNERS OF OUR COFFEE MORNING HAMPER COMPETITION -

Congratulations to Irene White who took home our lovely Spring Hamper and to June Muir who won our runner-up Hamper containing so many chocolate goodies!

Thank you to my Committee for supplying such lovely Hampers as one of their donations.

**AND NOW**, our church heads off for the day to its favourite spot on Rutherglen's Main Street. Why are we doing this? We are once again joining the celebrations with our fundraising stalls at -

#### LANDEMER DAY 2023 SATURDAY 10th JUNE

As you read this article, we are in the middle of all the arrangements needed, especially bearing in mind we are working away from the comfort of our normal halls. Our stalls are all booked, you will find us waiting for you just before the Town Hall building with our Cub book stall right next to us. Our own stalls consist of: Small Gifts - Cake & Candy - Tea/Coffee/Soft Drinks - Hot Dogs (hoping to sell ALL 200!) - Rolls 'n Sausage (Sausages all being cooked on our church BBQ's, hoping to sell ALL 240!).

Your donations to the above stalls, in whichever form - large or small, would be very much appreciated. Please have a word with me any Sunday at church if you wish more information. Our halls will be open on Friday morning 9th June from 10am till noon and again in the evening from 7 till 8.30pm, should you wish to drop in with any surprises for our stalls - especially some of your lovely home-baking which no sooner is placed on the stall and its gone – SOLD.

#### LANDEMER DAY COMPETITION - "A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES"

Before our Competition is actually taken to the Main Street stalls on 10th June, YOU will have a chance to take part and could win our special Cinema Bucket containing a Voucher for the Cinema, Popcorn, Juices and Sweets, everything you need for "A Night at the Movies". On Sundays 21st/28th May and Sunday 4th June, our very special display of many, many well-known movies will be available in T-Bar, just place your name next to your favourite choice - Donation cost of £2.00. Our winner of our special 'Cinema Bucket' will be announced in church on Sunday morning 11th June along with the total amount raised following the Landemer Day Event.

(I take this opportunity to say a BIG thank you to our Committee member, Aileen Chambers, who continues to come up with such colourful and innovative styles of competitions for us all to take part

in, and which over the years have raised so much money as a 'fundraising-addition' to certain events we are running.)

Final details on our Landemer Day event in next month's issue of the magazine which will be in your hands Sunday 3rd June onwards.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday 23rd May 2023 7.30pm in the Baker Hall

Morag Smith Ways & Means Convener



# **ROTAS - MAY & JUNE**

**DOOR & OFFERING PLUS COUNTING DUTIES** 

#### 7th May & 4th June

C-S Brown, R Brock, C-A Chambers, C-K Johnston, A Kennedy, C-M Feeney, C-D Smith, C-D Baird, C-K Jackson **Beadle: C-J Duncan** 

#### 14th May & 11th June

C-M Cruthers, C-J Brown, C-E Reid, C-E Ross, C-S McDonald, C-D Smith, C-M Ross, C-K Jackson **Beadle: C-A McMillan** 

#### 21st May & \*18th June \*Communion

L Fotheringham, C-S Blakeley, C-S Kerr, C-A McInnes, C-K Jackson, C-M McInnes, C-L Fletcher, C-K Mann, C-D Fraser, C-D Smith **Beadle: C-T McEwan** 

28th May & 25th June

C-S Harbinson, C-I Tennent, R Tennent, C-K Jackson **Beadle: C-D Smith** 

#### Alístaír McInnes

Session Clerk

#### **CHURCH BIBLE READERS**

MAY JUNE 7th S Kerr 4th I Tennent 14th K Jackson 11th T McEwan 18th\* M Smith 21st M McInnes 28th M Ross 25th D Aitken \*Communion

> Alistair McInnes Session Clerk



Every Sunday following morning worship Enjoy a cuppa and fellowship in the Baker Hall from 12 noon

\*7th & 14th May, +18th & 25th June \*Coronation Lunch +Communion I White, N Hay, K Johnston, E McMillan, J Doherty 21st & 28th May

S Blakeley, E Reid, S Kerr, J Brown

**4th & 11th June** L Fletcher, V Rowan, A Chambers, G McMillan, H Mulholland

#### Morag Smíth T-Bar

#### **CHURCH FLOWERS**

MAY

JUNE

7th	J Doherty	4th	M Feeney
14th	M Feeney	11th	M Smith
21st	M Smith	*18th	J Doherty
28th	J Doherty	25th	M Feeney

#### THANK YOU FOR BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS

Can I just say, now that Easter has passed, thank you to those people who through their Special Dedications and also very generous general donations, contributed to such a beautiful display of flowers in our church and halls throughout, not only for Easter Day on the chancel, our Minister's Retiral Service, involving a presentation basket to both Tamsin Munroe who was herself finishing that day from her placement with us. A basket of flowers was also presented to Rena, Malcolm's wife, then also provided colour for Malcolm's Friday evening 14th April 'Knees Up' event.

These generous donations were so much appreciated towards the flowers provided at these special events. I do hope everyone enjoyed having such a display of our wonderful Spring flowers in all their splendour and part of our love for that special time of year and what it represented.

I take this opportunity not only to thank you for the donations mentioned above, but also for those received before, and which have continued, following our Easter-time special celebrations.

Morag Smith

Church Flowers

#### **Dedications:**

Robert McPhail (Bob) 7th May 2013

"In Loving Memory of a beloved husband, father, father-in-law, uncle and Papa Bob Never Forgotten xxx"

Margaret, Andrew, Stuart, Karen, Cathy, William, Janet, Katie and Ellie

## A Safe Pair of Hands

When Malcolm became our Interim Moderator I thought we were in a safe pair of hands. He encouraged us as a congregation even though the news he had to deliver was not always the most positive. I thought it would be fabulous if he were our minister but never imagined that one day he would in fact take that job.

When Malcolm joined us, life at the church looked promising. When we lost Ian it was tough. Malcolm was there. Now Malcolm has retired I didn't understand why he had developed his Ministry team.

Malcolm and Ian had an agenda all along. To develop a team that could keep us in safe hands. To move us forward.

It got me thinking about things that Malcolm had said through the years.

We don't just have one pair of safe hands we have many. We have a strong team who deliver so many things in our church.

For this we are fortunate.

A church member

#### **Community Café/Warm Space Hub**

I'm disappointed that the warm weather is here. (Or is it?) Because the wee café on a Monday which has been funded as a warm space hub will be stopping for the summer. It has provided a warm welcoming space for those in the community who wouldn't otherwise come into the church and even people from further afield.

Warm not only because it was lovely and hot inside – it was like the Bahamas - but warm in its friendship.

A place for a chat, to meet new people and to have some lovely homemade soups. Thank you to Stephen and Megan who made these every week, with slices of crusty bread and croutons. Megan has her speciality of Ham and Lentil. Stephen would make something different every week, anything from Chicken Soup to Mushroom. It was really comforting to have something homemade. Both very talented, and thanks to Kim for securing the funds.

A big thanks to all the team including Dave, Sandra and Margaret. You made a difference to those who came along.

See you in October when the weather is colder and, if we have a rubbish summer, you might be opening sooner rather than later.

As I write this there has just been a flurry of hailstones on my way home from the last day of the café.

K. (Warm Space Hub User)

## **April Coffee Morning**

The coffee morning should come with a Health Warning...

Too much beautiful baking to choose from, Too much to eat. Too many calories. Too many cups of tea. Too stuffed, Two boxes of cakes to take home. Too early to tell me when the next one is?

Thank you to one and all who provided a plethora of wonderful goodies and exceptional service.

<u>KM</u>

Thank You

Just a big Thank You to everyone involved with the Retirement Lunch for our minister Malcolm. It was such a lovely day seeing everyone talking and enjoying their lunch. Once again a huge big Thank You to all the workers.

B.D

Well everyone, thank you to a group of people, don't know who, managed to organise Malcolm's Retiral Lunch for us on Sunday 9th April and then, in addition, organised the Friday evening 14th April knees up event, both of which I attended. You did a wonderful job, with a massive lot of work involved I am sure. Congratulations to you all for doing this. I attended, and enjoyed, both events - food great at both.

#### From a church member

A big Thank You to everyone who provided us with Malcolm's lovely retirement lunch and then the team involved in the Friday Night Soiree.

To those who gave up their time to put it all together and clean up at the end. So much work was carried out. You did a fabulous job.

I would like to say have a well-earned rest, but the Coronation Lunch is the next event on the agenda. Then Landemer day for Ways & Means.

I think we should put a sign up more volunteers needed to aid with church events. If you 'Hing Aboot' long enough you will get a job to do and if yer still Hinging aboot, find a job for yerself. Nobody is going to say 'Nah'.

And 'yer noah daeing it right'.

KM

Thank you so much for the 'Runner Up Hamper' which I received from the Ways & Means Spring Coffee Morning Competition FULL of chocolate items. Could not believe how many people benefitted from my prize - Oh! Yes! they all loved sharing this with me, as you can imagine!

June Muir

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT - 2023**

	MARCH	YEAR TO DATE
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
OFFERINGS	3201	9981
TAX RECOVERED GIFT AID	0	1989
MINIATURE CHURCHES	75	153
CONGREGATIONAL DONATIONS	0	0
BANK/DEPOSIT FUND INTEREST	21	54
INVESTMENT INCOME	974	974
RENTAL OF PREMISES	4041	6539
OTHER RECEIPTS	4348	8449
	12660	28139
PAYMENTS		
GIVING TO GROW	2947	8841
PRESBYTERY DUES	793	793
OTHER STAFFING COSTS	867	2569
BUILDING MAINTENANCE COSTS	150	2420
HEATING & LIGHTING	2713	5319
INSURANCE	1200	1891
PRINTING & STATIONERY ETC	44	203
OTHER PAYMENTS	942	3270
IT EQUIPMENT	60	180
	9716	25486
SURPLUS /DEFICIT	+2944	+2653

\* Included in this Month's other Receipts - £1000 from Friendship Cafe £200 from Table Tennis and £2000 from Warm Space to help with Utilities

REDEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT: Balance as at 31st March 2023 = + £6518.78

INFORMATION: Please note the church was unable to pay its expected Ministry and Mission Contribution during part of 2020 ,2021 and 2022 due to the impact of the Covid pandemic on its finances.

> Total contribution outstanding as at 31st March 2023 = £58,426.00 This is made up of £23,178 outstanding from 2020, £22,594.00 outstanding from 2021 and £12,654 remaining contribution to be paid for 2022 Our Giving to Grow Contribution for 2023 is £ 35,363.00 To date £8,841.00 has been paid towards this total