



# Meldrum & Bourtie

## Parish Church of Scotland

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One of the hymns my congregations used last week is often known as “Shine, Jesus, shine”.

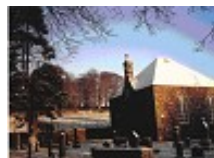
Graham Kendrick’s song seemed a very suitable choice of music for Pentecost. There are of course the obvious references to the Holy Spirit in the refrain, “blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire”. But there is also something else .... The whole hymn is a prayer addressed to Jesus and the last two lines read as follows, “mirrored here may our lives tell your story. Shine on me, shine on me”. These words remind us that we are invited to walk in the light of Christ and therefore to live in such a way that reflects the values, teaching and example of Jesus. At Pentecost we are reminded that such living is enabled through the Holy Spirit.

Paul writes, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” (Galatians 5: 22) The Greek word translated “fruit”



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refers to the natural product of a living thing. Paul used “fruit” to help us understand that the fruit of the Spirit is produced by the Spirit, not by the Christian. The Greek word is singular, showing that “fruit” is a unified whole. All the characteristics of Christ will be manifested in our lives as we grow. What a wonderful message with which to begin the season of Pentecost!

With my love and prayers, Mary

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## **Fish and Chip Vests and other Knitting**

I want to give a big ‘Thank you’ to all the ladies who so generously knitted ‘fish and chip vests’, blankets, hats, mitts, toys, jumpers and cardigans for sending to Malawi.

An amazing 358 items were handed in and will be leaving from Dundee in the near future.

I hope to carry out another collection later in the year.

If anyone else would like to help and would like a copy of the quick and easy pattern for the vests and hats please phone Sheila on 01651 871957.

However, any bright and colourful knitting for small children will be gratefully received.

Sheila Simpson

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## **Deaths**

Mr James Kirkpatrick	Ardfork	2nd April 2021
Mrs Jenny Harper	Burnside Avenue	12th April 2021
Mrs Margaret Beattie	Albert Terrace	8th May 2021

## **Cycling Without Age**

Meldrum Amenities Improvement Group in keeping with their objectives to enhance and enrich the lives of the residents of the town have been successful in obtaining various grant funding opportunities to provide sufficient funds to establish the Oldmeldrum Chapter Cycling Without Age.

Cycling without Age Scotland (CWAS) is a Scottish Government supported charity and is an intergenerational project which helps people who are isolated or have mobility issues to get outdoors.

The electric Trishaw which is pedalled by volunteer cyclists (called Pilots) helps to transform lives and combat loneliness and isolation by enabling people to enjoy the benefits of the outdoor environment. But there's more than that: the rides provide social interaction, enable new friendships, improve health and well-being.

Recently some of you may already have seen the Trishaw out and about during the Pilot training sessions.

The Cycling Without Age Oldmeldrum Chapter will be formally launched on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30 am in Market Square by BBC Radio Scotland presenter Mark Stephen.

Anyone wishing to book rides on the Trishaw should contact Sheena Clarke who is the Chapter Administrator by telephoning Sheena on 873034 or email: [sheenaw@btinternet.com](mailto:sheenaw@btinternet.com)

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### **Christian Aid Fundraising totals:**

Online donations via M&B JustGiving page	£805.00
Plus Gift Aided online donations	£177.50
Church collection (CA Bucket)	<u>£307.48</u>
Total collected	<u>£1,289.98</u>

# PRAYER CALENDAR

## June 2021



The letters that Paul wrote to the Early Church in troubled times have a focus on Christlike living. The prayer below is based on prayers found in the Roots resources that have been used in church and asks God through his Holy Spirit to enable a more Christlike community.

Lord God,  
We are trying to make sense of our troubled world and we pray that your Holy Spirit will guide us and others to act in ways that please you.

We pray for all those who work for selfish gain to the detriment of others. Help them and us to see that working purely for personal pride and satisfaction is futile, and that serving you leads to everlasting joy.

We pray for the lives of those who are neglected. Lord help them and us to become aware of the personal relationship with you that can transform lives both theirs and ours.

We pray for all those who seek wisdom in purely human sources. May they and we understand that true wisdom and happiness can be found in you and in doing your will.

We pray for all those caught up in the web of anger and violence. Bring them to thoughts and acts of peace and help us also to be peacemakers in our homes and communities.

We pray for those who through hunger, poverty or greed are tempted to use lies and deception to gain from others. May you help them to find ways of making an honest living. Help us to avoid greed and over use of natural resources.

Thank you Lord that we have been able to help our neighbours in Africa to combat drought brought by climate change through our support of Christian Aid and our neighbours at home through our support of the local Foodbank. We pray that these projects continue to meet the needs of your people and bring them hope for a better future. We ask all this in the name of Jesus our friend and saviour, Amen.

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<b>Weeks 1 &amp; 2</b>	Own Church	Give thanks for Alicia's support and teaching. Remember all those who help to prepare our church for worship, load and operate the technology, edit the Kirk News and organise church flowers. Pray for their continued work and for a future that includes congregational singing and fellowship at the close of the Sunday service.
	Presbytery	Give thanks for our Presbytery Elder and the updates that he provides. Pray for the ongoing work of the Presbytery as they plan for and respond to the changes that are needed.
	World Issues	Remember all those struggling to find work and those struggling to grow food to support and feed their families. Pray for those in debt and for those whom the world pandemic has hit hardest and are in severe difficulty.
<b>Weeks 3 &amp; 4</b>	Own Church	Pray for the health and well-being of all teachers and children in our local schools. Keep them safe and happy. Give thanks for the school links maintained by Scripture Union and pray for in school groups and Zoom links. Pray for the SU Regional Worker Pamela Sloan and all her contacts.
	Presbytery	Pray for all school chaplains and church members who have links to schools in their areas. Pray that these links can be strengthened as we move forward.
	World Issues	Remember all children who would like to go to school but cannot due to poverty, refugee status, war, civil unrest or isolation. Pray for those communities who have lost school buildings to bombing or natural disasters and for countries where girls may not be educated due to their perceived lesser value. Pray for all those trying to help them.

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## Kirk News Articles

All items for the August / September 2021 issue of Kirk News should be in the hands of the Editors, Brian Reid, or Simon Hill by Sunday, 18th July 2021.

If you know of anyone who does not normally receive Kirk News and would like to, please contact the Editor. (see Contacts table)

You can also catch up with our latest news, events and videos on our website @

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or on our Facebook page.



## **Worshipping together again:**

- \* If you are experiencing any symptoms of Covid-19 or have been in contact with anyone experiencing these symptoms please do not come to church
- \* Please arrive in good time as there may be queuing both inside and outside the building
- \* Please enter through the front door
- \* As you approach the building you will notice tape on the path to show social distance markings. Please use these markings to help you enter the building in a socially distanced manner
- \* There are hand sanitiser stations located at the front entrance and at the rear exit door. Please use the hand sanitiser before entering the sanctuary
- \* In accordance with Test and Protect, Scotland's approach to preventing the spread of COVID-19 in the community, we are required to take the contact details of the lead member of every household who attends church
- \* The Scottish Government has advised the wearing of face coverings in churches is now mandatory. Masks will be available at the door if required
- \* At this time, we will not be allowed to sing hymns (although we will be playing music)
- \* We will try and ensure you and your household will be allocated seats together
- \* A member of the Welcome Team will take you to your seat
- \* There will be no tea or coffee served. If you need water, please bring your own
- \* All Bibles and paper materials have been removed and all Bible readings will be on the screen. You are welcome to bring your own Bible
- \* We encourage you to give your offering electronically at this time. If that is not possible the Collection Plates will be situated in the vestibule and at the rear door
- \* In the event of a fire, please leave the building as quickly as possible.



**Worshipping together again:  
Booking Form.**

Full name:  
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Email address:  
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Telephone number:  
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Preferred method of contact:  
Email:  Telephone:

Please enter the date of the service you wish to attend:  
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Number in your household group (including yourself):  
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I acknowledge that I am the lead contact for my household group and consent to my contact information being sent to NHS Test and Protect in the event of a suspected Covid-19 case within the church building. (We will not be able to allow admittance to church if this box is not ticked).

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