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Dear Friends,

As I sit in the study to write this Pastoral letter the sun is shining and all around the beautiful signs of the Spring season can be seen. The new buds of the trees now blossoming into rich green leaves and blossom. There is a feeling of joy as we look forward and anticipate the better days of summer (even if it is warmer rain).

We also have so much to look forward to as we approach Easter and this truly wonderful Christian Celebration of Our Lord's Resurrection from death, and the promise of new life in and through Him for all who believe and have faith in Him.

However, before we reach this Celebration, we reflect through Holy Week how our Lord was betrayed, denied and abandoned by his disciples; how Jesus was arrested, tried and convicted by the Roman authorities and religious leaders; how it was the crowd of onlookers who were ultimately given the choice as to Jesus' punishment and - encouraged by the Jewish religious authorities - they shouted for his execution on the cross.

Jesus was crucified on the Friday that we refer to as Good Friday, but it was a dark and sorrowful day for humanity as an innocent man went to his death, his dying cry – "Forgive them Father".

We know that the story did not end here, but on the Sunday morning some women who went to the tomb into which Jesus body had been placed discovered that the large stone that had been placed in front of it had been moved and, looking inside, they found only His graveclothes. As they puzzled over this an angel appeared to them and told them that the one they were looking for was not there, but that Jesus had been raised from death and they were to go and tell the grieving disciples the Good News.

This is the Good News we too celebrate and share with others on Easter Sunday and like many congregations all over the world we will sing that wonderful Easter Hymn -

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering son,
endless is the victor though o'er death has won;**
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away'
kept the folded graveclothes, were they body lay.
No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
Life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering son,
endless is the victor though o'er death has won;**
**Join with us in person or online and celebrate the Hope, Peace, Joy, and
Love that the Easter Message brings to each one of us.**

God's rich Blessings be on each of you.
Yvonne

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Social Committee

Following the success of our Christmas Fair on 30th November 2024 several events are in the planning stage for 2025:

- > Quiz evening will be held on Saturday 28th June in The Cornerstone
- > Family BBQ will be held on Saturday 23rd August, venue to be advised
- > Glasgow Phoenix Choir concert on Sunday afternoon 21st September in the church
- > Musical evening with Bearsden Fiddlers on Friday 24th October in The Cornerstone
- > Christmas Fair on Saturday 29th November in The Cornerstone

More detailed information will be advised in NewsyMail and in future Network magazines

Network

Next Network

It is anticipated that the next edition of Network will be in circulation week beginning 9th June. Articles for this edition should therefore be submitted to Albert Sloan no later than **Friday 30th May**. This edition could include reports of activities which have taken place in the past months, information relating to Summer activities, and perhaps potential start up dates.

Thank You

After many years of assisting with the distribution of the Network Magazine Mrs Janette Scott has decided it is time to step back from this task. We would like to express our deep and sincere thanks to Janette for all the work she has put in over the years.

Bishopton Christian Aid Group

Christian Aid Week 11 - 17th May 2025

Collection envelopes will be available in the Church and the extension hall on Sunday 11th May and Sunday 18th May. They will also be available in The Cornerstone from Monday 12th May until Saturday 17th May.

Plant Sale and Coffee Morning

The Plant Sale and Coffee Morning will take place in The Cornerstone on Saturday 17th May from 10.00am to 2.00pm. Tickets are priced £3.00, children - free.

We will have home baking for sale and a raffle. Plants can be pre-ordered (supplied by Parklea) on order forms from the beginning of May (date tbc). There will also be plants available grown by and for Sunday Kidz for sale on the day.

Musical Activities

Church Choir

We continue to provide anthems and introits for each Sunday morning service, singing in a variety of styles. We have recently enjoyed singing with the Praise Band, as well as a brass group, and a string ensemble. We have started rehearsing for the Church Concert, and we continue to support the monthly services at Ailsa Lodge, assisting the residents in their singing. New members are always welcome to join the church choir, speak to any choir member on a Sunday.

Junior Singers

With our numbers remaining small we continue to meet every Monday afternoon. We have recently learned some songs from "Jonah Man Jazz", as well as some choruses, "Everything Is Grand" [from "Sesame Street"] and some singing games.

The children are very faithful in their attendance, thanks to the encouragement and support from their families. Some of the Junior Singers attended the recent film night in The Cornerstone, and thoroughly enjoyed the occasion. I would again like to express my thanks to our loyal group of adult helpers, who turn out each week to help run the group.

Praise Band

The Praise Band continues to play for the family services in The Cornerstone, which always adds a special sound to the music on these mornings. Some of the band have played solo pieces prior to the service starting, and this is always well received. We are very lucky to have this talented group of musicians who willingly enhance our musical worship in our church.

Church Concert

All the above groups will be involved in the annual Church Concert. This year it takes place in The Cornerstone on Thursday 29th May, from 7.30 until 8.30pm. Tickets will be on sale in early May, with all proceeds going to church funds. There will be music from shows, as well as classical pieces. This year's ticket will include tea/coffee and home baking to be served after the concert. Full details nearer the time.

Please come along and support what is always an enjoyable event.



Worship Calendar

Holy Week and Easter Services and Activities

- 13th April **Palm Sunday** Church 11am All Age Service & Baptism
Meet outside the church 10:50am and follow Buzz the donkey in our Palm Sunday Procession.
- 14th April **7pm @ The Cornerstone** Joint Service with congregation of Our Lady of Lourdes.
- 15th April **7pm The Church** (Tea & Coffee after service)
- 16th April **7pm The Church** (Tea & Coffee after service)
- 17th April **Maundy Thursday** Communion **12noon @ The Cornerstone**
- 17th April **Maundy Thursday** Communion **7pm The Church** (Tea & Coffee after service)
- 18th April Good Friday Service **7pm** (No tea or coffee this evening)
- 20th April **Easter Sunday 8:30 am** Early Morning Easter Worship in the Carpark @ The Cornerstone (weather permitting - inside if wet/windy) followed by breakfast rolls & Tea & Coffee /Juice
- 20th April **Easter Sunday** Church 11am All Age Service (Admission of Elders)

Monday 21st April - please join with us on our Easter Monday Stroll from The Cornerstone to The Church. Tea/Coffee/Juice and Easter treats in the extension hall and, weather permitting, an Easter Egg Hunt – lots of prizes and opened to all. Follow the Easter trail if you have a smart phone and watch the Lego Easter story.

Meet at 10am @ The Cornerstone for those walking and 10:40 am in the hall for those not walking. **All welcome** and parking available at The Cornerstone and the Church.



Worship Calendar : 27th April – 22nd June

27 th April	Public Worship	11 am Church (Baptism)
4 th May	All Age Service	11 am @ The Cornerstone
11 th May	Public Worship	11 am Church
18 th May	Public Worship	11 am Church
25 th May	Public Worship	11 am Church (Celebration of Holy Communion)
1 st June	All Age Service	11 am @ The Cornerstone
8 th June	Public Worship	11 am Church (Baptism)
15 th June	Sunday Kidz Celebration (All Age Service)	11 am Church
22 nd June	Public Worship	11 am Church

Our Services are usually held in the **Church, starting at 11am**, except for the **first Sunday in the month** when we have an **All-Age Service at 11am in The Cornerstone**. We hope to encourage those in our Youth Organisations and members of various activities @ The Cornerstone to attend these more informal services in which members of our Praise Band as well as Stewart our Organist and Choir accompany our singing.

Please come along and encourage family and friends to attend.

Tea and Coffee are available after each service at both the Church and The Cornerstone

Creche available in the extension hall for pre-school children to access at any time during the service and there is a screen with live streaming of the service available for adults.

Sunday Kidz meet in the church at 11am and after the 'Small Talk' & children's hymn go out to the extension hall for their age-related Bible activities and crafts.

Our services are lived streamed and there are sections in the church and The Cornerstone that are reserved for those who do not wish to be on camera please ask one of the duty team or IT members if in doubt.

Funerals – Jesus said I am the Resurrection and the life (Mat 19:14)

Mr. William Black	19 th Feb, Craigton Crematorium (P)
Mrs. Grace Peacock	27 th March, Bishopton Parish Church & Cemetery (P)
Mrs. Jess McGill	29 th March, Bishopton Parish Church & Cemetery (M)
Mrs. Rita Clark	31 st March, Clydebank Crematorium & Thanksgiving Service in the church (M)

