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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

My dear friends,

I am writing this letter to you in the middle of the Days of National Mourning. The Queen has died and as her death is mourned we hear so many stories of the Queen. She was, like all of us, at its simplest, a human being. She was a much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She was a woman of great faith and seems to have been a marvellous listener. As we all saw recently she had a sense of humour - remember her parachute jump with James Bond at the London Olympics and her tea with Paddington for her 70th Jubilee. Now, Prince Charles is King Charles the Third. As many people have said it is the end of an era. It is an end that has been anticipated and planned for with meticulous detail. At times like this there can be great comfort in ritual.

As we heard of the death of the Queen, I am sure that we will have remembered our own family members who have died. We will have remembered our own days of mourning and for some of our congregation these days are now. As Christians we have the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life but that faith does not preclude our weeping; our weeping sometimes at unexpected times when a word is spoken or an object picked up. I take great comfort from the shortest verse in the Bible, 'Jesus wept.' He wept because his friend Lazarus had died, and yes, Jesus knew that He would raise Lazarus from the dead, but he still wept. So, as Christians these tears of Jesus reassure us when we mourn and weep at the death of someone whom we have loved.

In difficult times be kind to one another, be kind to yourself and may we all know God's love surrounding and supporting us.

Mhairi

All God's Creatures by the young members of the church.



Noticeboard Refurbishment

The noticeboards on the main wall in the large hall have been refurbished using cork tiles and new borders.

Organisations using these boards can cover with paper if they want to.

Please use only drawing pins and staples directly on to cork tiles. Please, do not use blue-tack or sticky pads.

Thank you,

Hamish Sutherland (Session Clerk)



EXCITING NEW PROJECT CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for help with a new project that will be starting soon.

We are hoping to reach out and connect with young Mums or refugees who live in the community of Glenburn. This would take the format of offering the following:-

- Help with preparing low cost easy meals
- Learning basic sewing
- Learning basic knitting

This would take place one morning a week from 10 till 12 at the St George's Outreach Centre. (day still to be decided). Running along side this we would do a story/song time with any pre school children who came along with their Mums. Tea and Coffee would also be provided.

Please speak to Muriel Smith if you are interested in helping or finding out more.

Or email

deputysc.ms@paisleystgeorges.org.uk

Friendly Hour

The Friendly Hour meets every Tuesday from 2pm
3.30pm in the large hall.

Here are some of the upcoming speakers and events:

4th October	Compass
11th October	Carers Choir
18th October	Margaret Linney
25th October	AGM Music Group
1st November	Foodbank
8th November	Highlights
15th November	Quiz
22nd November	Danny Harty
29th November	Carol Service
6th December	Christmas Lunch

Myra Bell

Friends,

I am sure I am not alone in reflecting on the late Queen's faith and her great service over so many years.

Here at St George's we seek to serve God in the congregation, within the parish and within the wider world. We do this because Jesus gave us a new commandment to love one another as I have loved you.

As life is getting back to normal there are many opportunities to serve God within St George's, one of which is the Pastoral Team. This is made up of folks who keep in touch with members who are not as fit as they once were. This can be by visiting or by telephone.

Please think prayerfully as to whether you might be able to serve God in this way. If this is something that you could help with please contact **Linda Farmer on 07989743558**

May you know God's love and blessings surrounding you,
Mhairi



Important Notice - SAFEGUARDING

In order to ensure records are up to date and appropriate safeguarding measures are in place, all organisations and Church groups are asked to let the Safeguarding committee know the names of all helpers and volunteers this session.

Thanks in advance.

Jean Urie

The Guild

I am glad to have the opportunity to write about the Guild because we seem to be so far behind many of the other organisations getting started. The Guild traditionally has recommenced, after the summer break, in October and so our opening night will be **Monday 17th October at 7.30pm**.



Because some of our members are not keen to be out at night or to drive in the darkness, the November meetings will be held in the afternoon at 2pm. We hope that this trial will be successful but time will tell. Other guilds have changed their times with varying degrees of success.

The Guild consists of loyal members who have served for many years and we are so grateful for their ongoing support, however, we really do need new members to boost the numbers and so may I appeal to all ladies (and gentlemen) to come along to see if you might enjoy what we have to offer. Our new syllabus has been completed and we have tried to vary the topics for discussion interspersed with musical items which will suit most people. Then, of course, there is the fellowship to enjoy with one another. As already mentioned, we will be happy to see new members and we are always open to new ideas they might contribute to ensure the continuation of the Guild.

We are planning to have our **Autumn Leaves Tea Saturday 22nd October 2-4 pm**. This will be the first social event we will have since before Covid as we had to adhere to the strict rules imposed, so we are looking forward to this afternoon. Tickets will be available soon from all Guild Committee members.

We hope this year will not be disrupted by any further restrictions caused by disease and imposed isolation. Take care everyone.

"Whose we are and whom we serve"

Pat Colgan (Convener)

Social Committee

Hi Everyone,

We are coming up to the end of our Social year and we have booked a Ukulele Band to set your toes a tapping.



This will take place on **Saturday 8th October at 7pm until approximately 9pm**. Of course, there will be our usual Tea/Coffee, etc. during the interval.

Tickets for this musical evening will cost only £3.00.

Slips for this are in all the usual places for your convenience. All you have to do is fill one in and we will contact you with your ticket(s).

That's all from me at the moment but if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact either myself or one of the Committee members who will be only too happy to answer your questions.

We are all looking forward to meeting you again on this evening.

Please look after yourselves and take great care now that the nights are starting getting darker earlier.

With kind regards

Anne Sellars



Boy's Brigade Update

Hello,

It's great to be back to normal with thankfully no current Covid restrictions on our meetings and so for the first time for a while we've started the new session at our usual August dates.

We're delighted to welcome new members to our Anchors and hope they enjoy their time with us maybe even sharing their enjoyment with some of their friends and classmates encouraging them to join us on Tuesdays. As always time at Anchors means lots of fun and noise as well as some challenges to allow them to gain their awards. They're learning they need to work to get awards and some have already been awarded golden tickets which told them they'd secured coveted Team leader or deputy roles!

Juniors too have started work on badges and while rightly a bit more work it's still delivered through fun. They've loved the chocolate challenges, always a favourite of any boy! Numbers are a bit down in Juniors with a big group moving up to Company but hopefully new members will come forward.

There are changes for Company/Seniors with a national decision to lower the age at which a boy becomes a senior and this, together with a healthy group of recruits, has allowed a new programme to be delivered. Alan is leading our Company with support, especially with the Seniors, from Pamela and the response from the boys has been very encouraging.

Our boys are willing workers for our Church and each Friday, at the end of their activities, they put out tables and chairs for the tea bar on Sundays.

All sections have worked together to show our appreciation of the steadfast support we received from the Queen, our Patron, during her 70 year reign and you can see the result of their work on our board in the large hall.

As I've mentioned before, Craig Glassford and Fraser Kydd have achieved their Queens Badges – with last week's sad passing of our Patron this badge will be even more special as it is the last Queens badge gained during the life of our Queen. A reception to honour their award is being held in our Church on Wed 28 September where Mhairi will lead worship. It promises to be a very special occasion.

More hard work will be celebrated when Kyle MacKay attends the Battalion's Presentation evening on 9 October to receive the certificate for his Presidents Badge.

Over the next few months our boys will again be involved in supporting NB4Christmas appeal filling gift bags with Christmas treats for those across the West of Scotland less fortunate than themselves. Christianity in practical action and in the current financial climate sadly more necessary than ever.

We've lots of space for new members in all sections so if you know of any boys in P1 to S6 who'd like to get involved please speak to any BB officer and we'll give you details.

If you'd like to find out about more of our activities please visit our Facebook page – 15th Paisley Boys' Brigade.

Thank you as always for your on-going support which really is very much appreciated.

Jan Phillips, Captain

(01505 348103 or George.phillips3@ntlworld.com)

Girl Guiding at Paisley St. George's

Elaine Wotherspoon who runs the St. George's Guides and Rangers has taken on the role of Girlguiding Paisley Division Commissioner.



Milly McKinnon, Assistant Guide Leader has taken on the role of Trustee for Girlguiding Scotland.

Abigail Wilson who runs the Rainbows got married during the summer and is now **Abigail Gallacher**. Abby is now the Assistant Commissioner for Girlguiding Paisley.

Congratulations to all, thank you for your hard work and commitment to Girlguiding and best wishes in your new positions.

If you would like to contribute to the next edition of News from the Pews please email Irene Gemmell with your suggestions before 17th December

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