

THE BRIDGE



THE MAGAZINE OF BALERNO PARISH CHURCH

MAY / JUNE 2018

What's on in MAY 2018

Tuesday 1st Guild outing and lunch

Sunday 6th 10.00am Sunday Worship
2.30pm Afternoon Service followed with refreshments

Monday, 7th 2.00pm Monday Club AGM and Bring & Buy Sale

Saturday, 12th 10.00am Farmers Market Coffee Morning

Sunday, 13th 10.00am Sunday Worship

Monday, 14th Monday Club outing

Fri/Sat/Sun 18th/19th/20th Fresh Start Collection in the rear hall

Saturday 19th 12.00am ROYAL WEDDING – Live viewing at The Mill, in aid of Marie Curie

Sunday, 20th 10.00am Sunday Worship

Saturday, 26th Balerno Gala Day

Sunday, 27th 10.00am Sunday Worship

4.30pm Afrikaner Service

7.30pm EvenSpace

Tuesday, 29th 2.30pm PALM Cafe in St Joseph's Hall

6.30pm Youth Group

JUNE 2018

Sunday, 3rd 9.00am Breakfast Communion in St Joseph's

10.00am Traditional Communion

2.30pm Afternoon Communion followed with refreshments

Saturday, 9th 10.00am Farmers Market Coffee Morning

BVS Animation Workshop in the Ogston Hall

Sunday, 10th 10.00am Sunday worship

Friday 15th Village Screen

Saturday, 16th Village Screen

Sunday, 17th 10.00am Sunday Worship

Monday 18th 7.30pm Finance Committee Meeting

Sunday, 29th 10.00am Sunday Worship

4.30pm Afrikaner Service

JULY 2018

Wed, 4th Guild Strawberry Tea

LETTER FROM THE MANSE.

3 Johnsburn Road
Balerno
EH14 7DN
20 April 2018

Dear Congregation,

I hope you are all well and that the sugar rush (caused by all the Easter eggs) in all the children has gone too! Easter was a wonderful time which I thoroughly enjoyed. I enjoyed all the services of worship and listening to Rev Dr Easter Smart on Maundy Thursday. Easter made me once again to realise how often God “surprises” us in the small and big things in life.

Jeremiah was also “surprised” to be called by God as a prophet (see Jeremiah 1:1-19). At first he said no, he could not do it because he is too young and could not speak well. When looking into the social context of those times, he had a very valid excuse. In those days Jewish men could speak with authority when they reached the age of thirty and would only then be taken seriously. We do not know what his age was but only that he was clearly not thirty!

But he would learn fast. There are two words we can never use when the Lord calls us namely: No Lord! We see this not only in the life of Jeremiah but also in the life and calling of Jonah. Then the Lord “surprised” Jeremiah once again. God touched his mouth and gave him the authority and words to speak to the nations.

Jeremiah’s life as a prophet was not easy but God promised him his support and help. Often in his ministry, he was “surprised” by God’s presence and guidance.

We should therefore never be discouraged when we face difficult choices and life is hard. We must just trust the Lord and not be too “surprised” when He helps us. He is always available and just a prayer away from all our problems and difficulties.

Often we focus all our attention on the doom and gloom of this world and the difficulties of life, but there is also so much joy and happiness all around us. We need to look forward to each surprise God has for us. It must always make us feel excited when we think of God. He is the only One who can make us really happy. If we have a relationship with Him, if we trust Him and listen to His words, we will be happy. And this is no surprise at all, is it?

May we never ever become complacent in our spiritual lives and may we always be like children in our lives of faith – trusting and obeying the Almighty God!

All my best wishes,

André

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WOMEN’S ORDINATION 50TH ANNIVERSARY WALK

On Wednesday 22 May 1968, the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland passed a deliverance that women should become eligible for ordination to the ministry of word and sacrament on the same terms and conditions as men. This decision, after decades of debate and the efforts of women who believed they had the right to test their vocation to ministry, brought new opportunities and challenges and changed the face of the Kirk. Today, around 30% of ordained ministers are women. In fact, The Moderator-Designate, the Rev Susan

Brown, is minister at Dornoch Cathedral and Rev Liz Henderson, of Richmond Craigmillar Church and co-founder of Richmond's Hope bereavement charity, is shortly to join Her Majesty's Household as a Chaplain-in-Ordinary.

On Tuesday 22 May 2018, fifty years to the day after that momentous vote, all women who have been ordained to ministry of word and sacrament are invited to mark this jubilee by walking together to the Assembly Hall on the Mound, along with those who wish to join them in companionship and affirmation. All who want to 'walk together' – also the Moderator's theme – will gather at the foot of the Mound and process up the Mound into the quad. After a short time of word and prayer the procession will continue, singing, up the steps and into the Assembly Hall. At 2pm there will be an Order of the Day to celebrate the anniversary.

While the invitation is particularly to women who are ordained ministers, family, friends, women in ministry from other denominations, colleagues, parishioners and all who wish to join the commemoration are invited to walk behind them. If you would like to join this historic procession, you are asked to register to give an idea of numbers attending. As a young woman I was familiar with the seemingly endless discussion for and against women ministers. So I'm going! Who's walking with me? www.eventbrite.com/e/womens/ordination/50th-anniversary-walk-tickets before May 12th when registration will close. LMB

And on the subject of women ministers ... many of you will remember Hayley Cohen – now **Hayley Jesmont** – who worked here with us several years ago. Now married to Ross and living in Durham where Ross is working on his PhD, she has been working on the process of transferring her ordination process from the Presbyterian Church of the USA to the Church of Scotland. After a very intense (but enjoyable) two day interview, her application was accepted – so one day Hayley will be able to work in Scotland again. To God be the Glory!

Who wrote that hymn...? Do you ever wonder, looking at the name of the writer of the hymn you are singing, who they were? We've been finding out ...

'I The Lord of Sea And Sky ...' has become quite a favourite with our congregation, and its composer, **Daniel L Schutte**, (b. 1947) is presently is Composer-in-Residence at the University of San Francisco. It's his best-known hymn, although as a composer of Catholic liturgical music and a contemporary Christian songwriter he has written over 150 popular hymns and Mass settings. Dan Schutte grew up in Elm Grove, Wisconsin and graduated from Marquette University High School before entering the Society of Jesus, (leaving in 1986) becoming one of the founding members of the St. Louis Jesuits who popularized a contemporary style of church music set to sacred texts sung in English as a result of the liturgical reforms initiated by the Second Vatican Council. Many of his compositions are now used in Protestant worship. **Caroline Maria Noel** (1817-1877) was the youngest daughter of an Anglican clergyman (vicar of Romsey Abbey) who wrote several hymns in her teenage years and started writing again some years later as her health declined. Much of her writing was for private contemplation rather than congregational use, but her splendid 'At the Name of Jesus, Every Knee Shall Bow...' is still enjoyed widely today.

Edward Perronet (1726-1792) was the son of an Anglican minister, descended from French Huguenots who fled to Switzerland and then England in the 1700s to escape religious persecution. For a time in the 1740s and 50s he worked with John and Charles Wesley. In 1779, his hymn 'All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name' (often called the "National Anthem of Christendom - was published, and has been translated into almost every language where Christianity is taught. Starting out as an Anglican priest, he joined the Congregational Church and was minister at a small church in Canterbury until his death. He wrote prolifically but anonymously – 'All Hail the Power...' is his only remembered work.

BILLY GRAHAM IN SCOTLAND.

The great American evangelist Billy Graham died just as the previous Bridge was about to be printed, and we asked for anyone who had attended his powerful gatherings in the UK to tell us about their experiences. Here are some of them...

Lawrie saw Billy Graham at the Kelvin Hall in 1955. He was amazed at the terrific atmosphere – the hypnotic effect of the background music, playing 'Just As I Am ...' over and over, and says he was 'overcome' by the whole experience. **Wilma** also went to the Kelvin Hall, in a bus with the student religious society to which she belonged at Aberdeen University. **Sally** saw him in London, having gone to the Albert Hall with her mother; and again it was the very emotive atmosphere that struck her – the massed choirs, expertly done and well produced. He came back in 1991, and **Elizabeth**, who was the proud owner of her first car, drove a group of friends to Falkirk ice rink every night for a week and also saw him at Murrayfield. She didn't go forward at the end, feeling that she was already a committed Christian. **Martin** went to Ibrox in the same year. **Annabelle** took her mother to Murrayfield, and went forward with her although by then she herself was a committed Christian and a member of Charlotte Baptist Chapel.

We are probably accustomed to huge theatrical displays now but back in 1955 the hypnotic, highly-charged atmosphere, the music, the smartly turned – out entourage (the women wearing a great deal of make-up, including bright red lipstick!) must have seemed very exotic – and certainly not Presbyterian!

Keith attended the Billy Graham Mission Scotland rally at Murrayfield in May 1991. He had come to faith five years earlier at a St Mungo's guest service, and in 1991 was a student at Napier University, and a member of the Christian Union. He had invited two friends to join the CU group going to the rally, and he was rather apprehensive as he had no idea what would happen or how they would respond. Here is Keith's own account of the evening :

'...When we got to the stadium, I remember looking out onto turf and seeing a massive covered area next to the stage and thinking, "This is Scotland Billy... surely you don't expect that's going to be filled!"

There was a time of sung worship, interspersed with songs and testimony by Cliff Richard and an elderly George Beverly Shea, before Billy Graham came to speak. He gave quite a short message and ended by inviting people to "accept Jesus into their hearts" and to come forward.

I was then amazed and humbled when thousands of people, including one of my invited friends, went forward and completely filled the covered area next to the stage. The sense of

God was tangible. To witness that many people coming forward, responding to Jesus through the Spirit anointed words of an elderly, faithful man was just incredible. I remember, as people patiently shuffled down the stairwells, saying a sorry prayer to God for my lack of faith as I was visually reminded that God is mighty to save!

I later found out, through church friends who were serving as part of the ministry team that day, that some of the people who went forward were part of the Cliff Richard fan club. They thought they were only going to Murrayfield to see and hear Cliff – God, however, had a better idea!

Afterwards, my friend who went forward that day, struggled with his new found faith. Ironically, after making such a public display of commitment, he wanted to keep his decision private. As a result, he didn't see the need to nurture his faith in Jesus through the support and encouragement of fellow believers and therefore, was reluctant to find a church. He subsequently fell away. I've since lost touch with him but hope he revisited the decision he made that day.

Several years after that 1991 mission, I was privileged to visit and play at the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association in Minneapolis with the (Albert) Bogle Band. Billy Graham by that time was based in the North Carolina but we did get an opportunity to visit his office and meet some of the staff, which included one of the prayer intercessors for Scotland and Ireland. One of the highlights from that visit was to see some of the amazing photographs on the walls. Some were aerial shots showing thousands upon thousands of people attending missions and being introduced to Jesus.

Over the course of his ministry Billy Graham preached the gospel, in person, to over 100 Million people - with nearly 3 Million making commitments to Christ.

What an anointing. What a mighty man of God.'

Keith currently leads the worship team at Gorebridge Parish Church, where he and his wife have been members since 2003. On Easter Sunday he was ordained as an Elder of the Church of Scotland.

CHURCH ACCOUNTS FROM LONG AGO –

David Booth, our recently-retired Treasurer, has come across a copy of Balerno Parish Church General Account for 1965, and it makes fascinating reading. Our income was £1544.14s.3d, and our expenditure amounted to £1469.9s.3d. Free Will Offering brought in £810.18s.6d, Open Collections £263.15s.8d, and seat rents £1.3d. (The figures for previous years' Free Will and Open Collections are noted in pencil – 1963, £972 – 1964 £993, showing an increase of £85 in 1965.) The rest was made up of donations etc. £200 was paid towards the minister's stipend – the minimum stipend was £925 - the organist received £65.6s, the Church Officer £52, the cleaner £24. Other outgoings included rates, heat/light etc, 5 tons of whin chips for paths. The accounts for the Woman's Guild showed an income of £275.14s.10d, with expenditure of £224.15s

The Kirk Treasurer at that time was **Ian Falconer**. Ian and Fiona left Balerno last year to live in Aberdeen, near their daughter. Their flat is conveniently close to Mannofield Church of

Scotland, an active and lively church (which has a café like ours – but Ian tells me that they do an *all-day breakfast*!) but they still take an interest in life in Balerno Parish Church. Ian took up his post as Headmaster of Balerno (later Deanpark) Primary School in late 1961, and Fiona and the children joined him in 1962, moving into the Schoolhouse. Ian remembers his early days as Treasurer, ordering coal for the church from Smith and Saunders, the local coal merchant – and indeed going over from the schoolhouse to stoke the boiler in winter on a Saturday night!

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And... a suggestion for the new Kirk Treasurer, perhaps ...?

The priest at Saint-François de Molitor, a church located in one of the wealthiest areas of Paris, has installed contactless bank card terminals for donations. Traditionally church collections in France are collected in wicker baskets, but at St Molitor's there will be an additional five baskets each fitted with a smartphone linked to a mini-payment terminal inviting churchgoers to donate €2, €3, €5 or €10. No excuse now for not having cash! In Paris, church donations only average €3 per head – but the parish priest denies that the idea is to increase his flock's giving, describing it just as 'fun ... a novelty!' Does anyone know the French for 'Aye, right...!'

MOBILITY ISSUES - Looking at Harlaw Road through different eyes...

Balerno's roads are in places more pot-hole than road, and the winter did everything it could to make them worse. Some are worse than others, but within the Village itself Harlaw Road has for a long time been top of the list. It was supposed to have been resurfaced last year but a combination of bad weather and expiring road closure orders conspired to exclude that. However, we are now told by the City that work should start on it this summer.

But Potholes aside, imagine yourself with restricted mobility, possibly as a wheelchair or mobility scooter user - a pram or buggy pusher, and, now, look again at Harlaw Road.

In March the Community Council was doing a mini-survey of Harlaw Road potholes - you can see the survey results on the BCC website - and we chanced on a mobility scooter user. After a brief chat we were better able to look at how user-friendly Harlaw Road is for scooters, wheelchairs, prams and buggies. As many of you will know, it isn't.

For a start there are few dropped kerbs located to allow scooters etc to cross the road safely, and crossing is essential because the pavement itself crosses from one side to the other opposite Malleny Bing. But then again the pavement isn't wide enough for mobility scooters, and barely wide enough for wheelchairs, prams or buggies. At the bridge over the Bavelaw Burn the pavement is 68cm wide - yes, we did measure it - whereas a small mobility scooter is 75cm.

So getting up and down Harlaw Road on a mobility scooter is far from a dawdle. And Harlaw Road is designated under the Land Reform Act by Edinburgh Council as its Core Path to the Pentlands - so you'll realise that Harlaw Road is a major leisure access route to the Pentland Hills. In 2005 the average daily count for visitors to Harlaw Car Park was 350; now, especially on Vanilla Pod days it is probably much higher. There were 600,000 visitors to the Pentland Hills in 2014/15, and there are only 14 car parks; you can do the maths yourselves.

Harlaw Road carries a huge volume of traffic to the Harlaw Car Park, in addition to the regular agricultural traffic, and cars avoiding Lanark Road West. The probability is that that load will get heavier, and that it will become more risky to walk up or down Harlaw Road, far less try to get a mobility scooter, wheelchair, pram or buggy up and down to the Harlaw Visitor Centre.

The Community Council along with other groups has repeatedly called for a safe route to the Pentlands to be established, most recently in its draft Community Plan - 'Our Village, Our Community', March 2018 - but we think that, especially for those with restrictions on mobility, the time for improvement is now. So when the City Council starts work this summer on rebuilding Harlaw Road, the Community Council hope that they will at least address the needs of users of wheelchairs and mobility scooter users and of pram and buggy pushers and bring pavements and crossing points up to standard.

You can see the Community Council's draft Community Plan - 'Our Village, Our Community' - on line at www.balerno-communitycouncil.org.uk or in hard copy at Balerno or Currie Libraries, or at The Mill Cafe. **Have a look and tell us what you'd like to see being improved in Balerno.**

Next time - have you ever tried to cross Lanark Road West between Newmills and Currie Youth Club during the rush hour?

SPRING CLEANING? A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY...

FRESH START COLLECTION

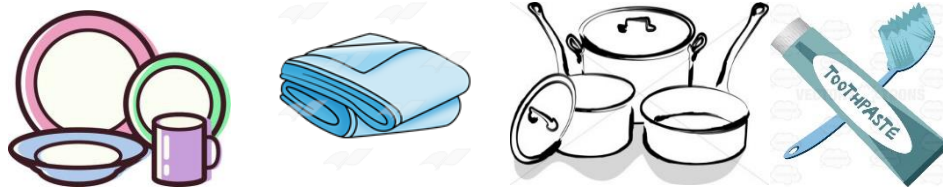
The next collection of household goods for Fresh Start will take place in the Rear Hall (behind the Church) on the following dates:

Friday, 18th May	10.00am – 12noon
Saturday, 19th May	10.00am – 12 noon
Sunday, 20th May	9.30am – 12 noon

As ever, please donate goods which are useful (e.g. crockery, cutlery, pots & pans, bedding, curtains, towels or **small** electrical items) and in **good clean** condition. **Also donations of household cleaning items would be gratefully received.**

(We cannot take furniture, televisions, cushions, kitchen knives, stemmed glasses or branded items)

Your donations will be sorted and packed by local volunteers and taken to Fresh Start premises ready for distribution to homeless people who have just been allocated somewhere to live. Everything you give is most gratefully received, both by Fresh Start and by the homeless people who are trying to make a Fresh Start.



Help with sorting and packing at any of the above times will be most gratefully received as will help to load the van on the morning of **Monday, 21st May**. To offer help or for further information please contact

Sandra Easton 449 5035

**FRESH START
WORKING TO END HOMELESSNESS
STARTER PACK SCHEME
THESE ARE THE THINGS WE NEED**

Dishes & Cutlery

Dinner Plates Bowls
Side Plates Glass Tumblers
Cutlery Mugs **(not cups/saucers)**

Pots & Pans etc.

Soup Pots Cooking Utensils
Frying Pans Can Openers
Milk Pans Potato Peelers
Tupperware Wooden Spoons

Cleaning Items

Washing-up Bowls Hand Soap
Washing-up Liquid Toilet Rolls
Rubbish Bags Toothbrushes
Toilet Cleaner Toothpaste
Dustpan/Brush Laundry Tablets
Bin Liners All Purpose Cleaner

Bedding & Towels

Single Sheets Pillow Cases
Double Sheets Towels
Single Duvets Tea Towels
Double Duvets Bath Mats
Blankets Face Cloths
Duvets Curtains

Especially needed are duvets in good condition

Electrical Items

Small household electrical items e.g.: kettles, toasters, lamps, vacuum cleaners, irons, radios, DVD players, microwaves, clock radios, music systems.

No televisions, furniture or cushions please.

All goods donated should be clean and in good condition.

Also needed are dried/tinned food with long sell-by dates

For further information please contact

Sandra Easton 449 5035

AND PLEASE, think about joining **Team Balerno** to take part in the **FRESH START SPONSORED WALK** on Friday 1st June! This annual event raises funds for Fresh Start. Contact Maureen Woodburn on 449 6343 or maureenwoodburn@aol.com

ART AT THE MILL GALLERY:

This is a joint initiative between Balerno Parish Church and Pentland Art Club, an opportunity to view and buy work done by many talented people who live locally. Pictures will be changed every two months. Interested in buying? Contact Ian Gidney (449 6919) iangidney@blueyonder.co.uk You can enjoy The Mill's Fairtrade tea and coffee and homebaking or snack lunch while you admire the art works!

Letter from Kay Latimer to Members of Balerno Parish Church

Dear Friends,

As I hand over to your new Pastoral Care Co-ordinator, Kay Coull, I want to thank you ALL for the support you've given me in the past 16 years, in this role. Celebrating many of life's landmarks of special Birthdays and Anniversaries and sharing the challenges of ill health and bereavement with many present and past members, has been a huge privilege. I will always value the relationships from such times, which have developed into real fellowship and friendship.

I will miss the sense of playing my part in the care our Church provides, but as you know, Balerno Parish Church's Outreach to people living with Dementia has grown beyond our expectations, and now demands more time and energy.

I wish you well. Knowing Kay as I have, over many years, she will serve her Church and it's "family of members" with the very best of care and attention. Maybe we've posed you a minor problem of the "2 Kays" Feel free to solve that!

God Bless & Thank You, all, from "Kay Latimer"

AND NOW ... A chance to watch the live televised broadcast of the Royal Wedding on the big screen in St Joseph's – and help to raise money for Marie Curie at the same time, courtesy of The Mill!



19TH MAY
LIVE ROYAL WEDDING
VIEWING

ROYAL WEDDING VIEWING BRUNCH

Come and Join us at *The Mill Café* at St.Josephs to watch and celebrate Prince Harry and Meghan Markle's Wedding.

We will be serving a selection of sandwiches / fruit scones and the couples choice... Lemon and Elderflower wedding cake! YUMMY

Come with friends or come and make friends. This will be a day to come together to celebrate.

The wedding service begins at 12.00 with carriage procession due to start at 13.00.

Bring your smile and your wedding Hat



19th May
11am-1:30pm

View on a Large screen
Royal Wedding live

SERVING
Sandwich selection
Homemade scones
Wedding cake
Tea & Filter Coffee

Tickets £7
£2 of each ticket sale will be
donated to Marie Curie
Tickets available-*The Mill Café*
Limited to 60 tickets

THE MILL CAFÉ
ST.JOSEPHS
2 MAIN STREET
Balerno

FAIRTRADE

Huge thanks to all who rescued the '**Braw Fairtrade Morning**' temporarily snowed off in March. April 21's weather was so different, and brought out generous bakers, the Guild's wonderful refreshments, Fairtrade stallholders with lovely crafts, and foods to taste and buy. There were children's activities, the amazing Smoothie bike, the chance to see thoughtful, prizewinning artwork by Dean Park and Harmeny schoolchildren, and so much more. It was an event kindly advertised and sponsored by too many local organisations (churches, schools, etc) to list them all here, but as you'd imagine, everyone at Balerno Parish Church comes high on our 'thank you' list! Lots of unseen businesses and organisations had also helped advertise and/or sponsor the event.

Even more important - customers came! Policemen and politicians, grannies and grandpas, friends and families from both Balerno and neighbouring communities: all leaving the busy volunteers in no doubt it was all worthwhile.

And why? Millions worldwide produce our food and clothes, but even now - in 2018 - can't always afford to feed their own families. And why this year's extra 'cause' - Toilet Twinning? Over two billion still have no loos, at great risk to their health and their safety. We know when something like this isn't yet right.

Thank you for all you did on April 21 to help make the world a little bit fairer. At the time of writing, we don't yet have 'money' details from the event, but will share them with you as soon as we do.

We apply again in the next month to renew Balerno's Fairtrade Village status, as a way to keep these issues as prominent as they ought to be. Please, if your group or organisation is promoting FT in ways we may not know about, will you contact us in the next couple of weeks to help us send as complete a picture as we can? Either to our group's e-mail a/d: balernofairtrade@gmail.com, or to flesleyhenderson@hotmail.com (Tel 0131-449-4484)

Many thanks!

All good wishes from Balerno Fairtrade Village Group April 2018 LH

THE VIEW FROM THE PEW ... How many of us were approached by non-church friends in the village before Easter and were asked something along the lines of – 'What's that cross in front of the church for...?' and found yourself answering 'Well ... it's a cross ... because, yes, it's Easter, you know...?' Yes! People saw a cross, a 10 foot high cross, standing in front of the church! And then it was draped in black fabric. 'What's that for, then...?' 'Well, it's Good Friday. Jesus died on Good Friday'. 'Oh, right. Hmmm...' And... on Easter Sunday, the black cloth disappeared and the cross was draped in white – because Christ was risen. Yes, people noticed alright! We approached Easter with a well-attended Lent Bible Study programme, 'Coram Deo', a series of five study units which were interesting and reflective. Holy Week services were shared among the Valley churches, with Balerno hosting the Good Friday service. A memorable and very moving service, acting out Jesus' last days on earth, with bible text and reflection... simple and stunning. At the end, to join together singing 'When I survey the wondrous cross...' took on a new meaning. On Easter Sunday the Choir led the service,

which was built around Cindy Berry's cantata 'Come to the Cross' with the children providing words and action. It was amazing - both beautiful and uplifting. Thank you to everyone involved, it was much appreciated.

Contributed

PARISH NEWS:

Sadly we recently lost one of our well-known members, John Clerk. A strong, gentle man, we all miss him. His oldest daughter, Fiona, has written this tribute:

John Orr Clerk: Born in Ayr on 30/09/1943, John was the eldest of 3 brothers. John spent much of his childhood growing up near Stonehaven where his father was headmaster at the local school. He attended Mackie Academy before furthering his education at the agricultural college in Aberdeen. In 1964, appendicitis landed John in hospital, but it was not all bad as it was there that he met his wife to be, Helen, who happened to be one of the nurses on his ward. They wed in Ayr on 11th April 1968. Children John, Fiona and Jennifer followed after that. John loved his family, and he loved working the land, but he also loved the Church. He was ordained as an elder at Newlands Church Romano Bridge, and soon after his arrival in Balerno, he was invited to join the Kirk Session of Balerno Parish Church. John was actively involved in the church throughout his time in Balerno and served as Christian Aid convener for approximately three years. Sadly as his illness progressed, he was no longer able to attend Sunday worship but was so appreciative of the continuing support both he and Helen received from the Church family.

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Car Rota May/June:

May 6 th	Christine Graham	4181	Joan Graham	4517	B Buchanan	5378
May 13 th	Jim Goodbrand	4517	Susan McDonald	5756	Anne Shaw	3874
May 20 th	Ian Gidney	6919	Sandra Lyall	4375	G Lorimer	5099
May 27 th	Alison Petty	4175	Bill Black	6707	Joan Graham	2379
June 3 rd	Hector MacDonald	07419 784262	Alison Petty	4175	Ian Alexander	6739

June 10 th	E McCullough	5876	Emma Crichton	5230	Anne Johnston	2930
June 17 th	R Henderson	4484	Graham Lorimer	5812	Sally Lindsay	4987
June 24 th	Judy Savage	5016	Ken Bisset	5099	Anne Shaw	3874

Flower Rota:

May 6th Mrs H Jarvis/ Mr J Summers

13th Mrs A Shaw

20th Mrs J Duff

27th Mrs A Smith

Recorder for May, Mrs H Jarvis

June 3rd Mrs E Crichton

10th Mrs E Shaw

17th Mrs N Ross

24th Mrs M Woodburn

Recorder for June, Mrs M Todd

WELCOME ROTA

May

6th	<u>Lesley Burt</u>	George Burt	Elaine McCullough	Kay Coull	George Burt
2.30pm	<u>June Duff</u>	Anne Shaw	Ian Gidney		Malcolm Ogilvie
13th	<u>Mike Beattie</u>	Beate Dennis	Maureen Woodburn	John Burnside	Mike Beattie
20th	<u>Ian Alexander</u>	Margaret Alexander	Rowena Stewart	Kay Latimer	Ian Alexander
27th	<u>Jim Goodbrand</u>	Mary Goodbrand	Aileen Wilson	Mark Higham	Malcolm Ogilvie

June

3rd	<u>Scott Simpson</u>	Dorothy Simpson	Martin Oliver	Heather Jarvis	Scott Simpson
2.30pm	<u>Richard Henderson</u>	Sally Lindsay	Adele Higham		Malcolm Ogilvie
10th	<u>John Howie</u>	Margo Howie	Irene Rogerson	Moir Todd	John Howie
17th	<u>Gordon Speirs</u>	Anne Speirs	Sandra Lyall	Susan Ogilvie	Jim Todd
24th	<u>Neil Aiston</u>	Anne Aiston	Neil Johnston	Anne Johnston	Neil Aiston

Remember, rotas can – and do! – change! Please let Jennifer know if you change your slot on a rota.



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All items to be included in the next Bridge, to cover July/August should be submitted by Sunday 17th June, bpc-thebridge@balernochurch.org.uk