

# Langtoun Central Church

## Langtoun Echo

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# An update from your Interim Minister



Dear Friends,

In this latest edition of The Langtoun Echo there are several photos to make you smile as you remember our Easter services, including some very impressive Easter bonnets!

On Palm Sunday, there were two services, 11am in Bennochry sanctuary and 3pm in St Bryce sanctuary. We were delighted to welcome members of the Dysart Colliery Silver Band who accompanied the singing during the afternoon service. Maundy Thursday was a Communion service and on Good Friday it was lovely to welcome two of my local colleagues, Rev Josh Milton from Hope Church and Rev Lynn Robertson from the Congregational Church to share in leading worship with me. There is something special about standing in unity with colleagues across the denominations at important moments in the Christian calendar. Jesus said, in John 17 that when Christians stand in unity, (even if there are differences in theology or doctrine), then others will believe the Good News.

As Storm Dave battered Scotland during the days before Easter Sunday, it looked like holding a 'sunrise' service outdoors was destined to be a wash out. Thankfully, we did not cancel the service, as the weather, although cold, was dry and the wind had died down! We had the service on the grass near the beach at Seafield and the views over the Forth were spectacular with the sun peeking out from behind the dark clouds. I was pleased to lead this service with my colleague, Captain Andrew Manly from the Salvation Army Community Church. After the service, we headed to Morrisons for breakfast and fellowship!

The Easter service at 11am was a joyful occasion, as people arrived at Church, they were invited to put a daffodil on the cross to represent the cross, that had been the instrument of the death of Jesus, becoming the

means of new life. During the service, there were competitions for the creative decorated eggs and bonnets, which was fun!

I had the privilege of conducting two adult baptisms and we welcomed Janet MacMillan and Elena Mayorga into the fellowship of the Church, affirming Douglas Hammill in the fellowship. Elena, who sings in the choir, became a member, having been attending Church for many years. Douglas's story was an unusual one. Born during the chaos of WWII, Douglas had always understood that he was baptised as a baby. While that may have been his parents' intention, Douglas discovered that he had never actually been baptised which was confirmed by the absence of any records of his baptism. Douglas was baptised and affirmed in the fellowship of the Church on Easter Sunday. Easter is always a special time but this year, I thought this was very special.

On the Sunday after Easter, we were pleased to welcome Rev Derek and Moira Lawson as members of the Church by resolution of Kirk Session. Derek and Moira have recently retired to Kirkcaldy having been serving in the International Presbytery, where Derek ministered in various churches and served as Presbytery Clerk.

Kirk Session committees are continuing to work hard on their remits, and it is always good to acknowledge the hard work that goes on behind the scenes. There are so many people who give of their time, gifts and talents to fulfil the work and functions of Langtoun Central. The new committees recently formed - HR and Staffing, Local Mission & Outreach, Wider Mission, Worship and Education are all functioning well. I would like to say thank you to George Drummond, Session Clerk, the Conveners and all who serve on all the committees, and everyone who gives their time in any capacity to serve God and others, whether practically or prayerfully. Please know your efforts are appreciated!

There are still tasks ahead to be done, including the preparations for the sale of two Church buildings and a special thank you to the Property Committee for all the work they have been doing in this respect. The first church to be sold will be Linktown and we are awaiting to hear from 121 in Edinburgh when this will go up for sale. A service of closure will be arranged quickly thereafter.

I am very much looking forward to welcoming our new Deacon, Pamela Scott DCS, who is due to take up her post on Monday 25th May. With a ministry team of two rather than one, we will be able to increase the reach into the community, especially into the four primary schools, Balwearie high school and the five care homes situated in the large parish. Pamela's service of Introduction will be held in the St Bryce sanctuary on Sunday, 7th June at 3pm. Please come along!

Finally, please note that there are additional summer evening services on the last Sunday of the month, June to September, at 7pm (see below), and we will have some visiting Preachers and musicians. Further information will follow but please put the dates in your diaries. We will be welcoming some members of the Dysart Colliery Silver Band at the first summer service on 28th June.

Yours in Christ,

*Eileen*

## Introducing Pamela Scott our new Deacon

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as a new member of the team ministry for Kirkcaldy: Langtoun Central Parish Church. I am Pamela Scott and have been a Deacon in the Church of Scotland for over nine years.

My personal life and faith life are very much intertwined, but firstly, about me personally. My husband and I have

been married for just over 37 years and have two children, Paul, who is 34 and Gemma, who is 31. We have stayed in the same house in Rosyth for 34 years. My husband, Gary, retired last year and is loving having time to play golf with a lifelong friend. We have a dog and enjoy walking, holidays, normally in this country, and spending time with family. I also enjoy reading, crocheting, and knitting. I volunteer at a care facility outside Perth, running Messy Church with people who have learning disabilities.

Since a child, I have been soaked in the Christian faith, professing my faith and joining the church at 18 years old. I became an elder in October 2000, after many years of being asked. In 2005, I became Session Clerk and it was in 2008, while attending the General Assembly, that I felt God calling me to do something, although I wasn't clear what. An opportunity arose where my home church at that time decided to employ a Family and Children's worker, so I resigned as Session Clerk and applied. Getting the job, I loved working with the parents and children at the toddler group, starting a 'Preschool Praise', a bit like Messy Church, but I had never heard of Messy Church then. I ran a parenting class and worked with a parent's group run by a local charity and the NHS. I also helped and then ran a summer holiday club. In 2010, I still felt God wanted me to do something else. After discussing this with my minister, I decided to go through a discernment process to look at ministries within the Church of Scotland. I also started a college course, which helped me access University. My first assessment, I felt, guided me toward Ministry of Word and Sacrament; however, I was not accepted. I started a Divinity Course at Edinburgh University anyway and tried again later. During that discernment period, it became very clear that God was calling me to be a Deacon in the Church of

Scotland. I was accepted as I started my second year at University. Not having a previous degree, my training fitted nicely into the three years I had left of my degree. The training was long, sometimes difficult, but in all of that, I felt God holding me and was completely at peace. After training and probation, in 2017, I got a job as a Parish Assistant, which was later changed to a Parish Deacon at St. Serf's: Lochgelly and Benarty, where I was Ordained into the Diaconate. Last year, I felt God calling me out of that area, and I knew if I waited on the Lord, he would guide my steps. I believe he has done that and will continue to do so.

There is so much more I can say, but I will stop there, and over time with you, we will all get to know each other better.

## Easter at Langtoun Central



### Good Friday Service

Led by Rev. Eileen Miller (Langtoun Central Church), Rev. Josh Milton (Hope Church)

and Rev. Lynn Robertson (Congregational Church)



### Easter Sunday Seafield (8:00)

Led by Rev. Eileen Miller (Langtoun Central Church) and Capt. Andrew Manley (Salvation Army) with music by Bruce Davies

## Easter Morning Service



Baptism and confirmation  
Janet McMillan  
Baptism and affirmation  
Douglas Hamill



My faith Journey  
Elena Mayorga

# Communion Sunday 21st June

## SUMMER SERVICES

@ 7pm in St Bryce Sanctuary on  
Sundays

28th June, 26 July, 30th August and 27th September

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Elizabeth Martin on her 104th birthday.

## A Welcome to Langtoun Central Church

A warm welcome to Elena Mayorga, Janet Goodsir, Derek and Moira Lawson who have joined the church.

## Baptism

Baptism and confirmation Janet McMillan

Baptism and affirmation Douglas Hamill

## Deaths



Merciful Father,  
We lift up the souls of the faithful  
departed into Your holy care.  
Amen

Mrs Dorothy McGregor

Mr Brian James Clark

Mrs Jean McCreadie

Mr Peter Aitken

Mrs Ruby Auchterlonie

Mrs Ann Scobie

Mrs Irene Robertson

Mr Andrew Hutt

Mrs Mary Struthers

Mrs Irene Robertson

Ms Marjory Calder

Mr Malcolm Cord



at Bennochy Building

Thursday

11am until 2pm

(last orders 1.30pm)

Serving tea, coffee and home baking from 11am and light lunches from 12 noon.

The Olive Branch will be open all summer and look forward to welcoming you.

## St Bryce Café

Monday - Thursday

10am until 2pm

Serving tea, coffee and a large variety of homemade cakes.

Breakfast rolls are available from 10am

and hot lunches and soup from 11.45am - 1.45pm

We specialise in gluten free cakes.

The St Bryce Centre and Cafe will be closed from **Friday 3rd July until Monday 20th July** for staff holidays and centre refurbishment. We hope to see all of our wonderful customers after the break.

## Langtoun Central Church Guild

The Guild has had a busy year with a wide variety of meetings and speakers. We are always delighted to welcome new members and hope to encourage more from the Congregation and outwith next session. Our fundraising project was Bear Necessities for Bulgaria, Christina and Cathey from Alness have been supporting the people of Orizari for 15 years and they had some good stories to share. May God guide them in their good work. A donation of £300 was given from Langtoun Guild. Our next project has still to be decided on.

Our Session finished on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May joining together for lunch at St. Bryce Centre at 1pm catered by the kitchen staff. We resume after the holidays on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept. As ever any help to assist the Committee in the smooth running of the Guild is welcome, and we would welcome any suggestions for speakers. Wishing all our members and friends from Langtoun Church safe and Happy Holidays. Whose we are and Whom we serve.  
Jennifer

## Craft Group a summary of their year

Our meetings take place on Mondays in Bennoch Building, St Andrews Hall, 10.00 am to 12 noon.

Our numbers are still increasing and we are learning new crafts, we are very fortunate in having very talented ladies, who can teach us various crafts. We started the session by discussing the very successful Christmas Fayre all the ladies supported and worked very hard in raising money for Church Funds. We were so grateful for all the support from the Church Community so thank you all once again. We sold our Easter Crafts at the Daffodil Tea, after Church on Sunday and the Olive Branch, raising the total of £290 for Funds. The Craft Group were approached to support Gillian Rose, previously a Mission Partner of Linktown and St Bryce Churches. Gillian trains Midwives/Nurses in Bangladesh and runs clinics and a hospital for mothers-to-be and premature babies. We have been collecting baby clothes, hats, cardigans and blankets, that have been knitted/crocheted and donated by members of the Craft Group and Church Community. We have recently sent our first parcel to Gillian Rose and we would like to thank the Social Committee for paying the postage, from the money raised at the Daffodil Tea, enough for two parcels. These knitted items of clothing are gratefully received by Gillian and many thanks to all who have supported her cause. If any member of the Congregation would like to help we have been given donations of wool and patterns to share. Please note that coloured wool is preferred for the babies.

All are welcome to join us.

## Women's Group a summary of their year

We meet on Tuesdays, fortnightly, in Bennoch Building , St Andrews Hall, 7pm to 9pm.

We have posters of our Syllabus in Bennoch and St Bryce Buildings. We have had a busy session since Christmas starting with a Quiz Night and preparation for our Burns Supper. We had a very enjoyable evening of entertainment in the company of our very talented invited guests and our own talented ladies. Our Speaker Bob Martin gave us a very informative insight on the history of Falkland Palace.

Karen Russell from SeeScape joined the group and gave us an informative talk on aids and support for people with various eye conditions and she explained that her organisation is Charity Funded.

Richard Michael joined the group and gave us a very toe tapping, enjoyable musical evening. We welcomed a member of the British Transport Police, PC Sonja Lasic. Sonja had a wealth of knowledge and experience on all matters regarding railway safety and Transport Police. We also had a Silent Auction which raised the sum of £114.80 and made preparation for our Bunny Drive.

The Bunny Drive was a great success we had lots of fun and a light supper. We had raffles, Name the Bunny and raised the sum £522.

We had a Social Evening on April 28th, our AGM on May 12th and finished our session on May 19th having our end of Session Meal. A huge thank you to all who have supported events during this session making this year a very successful one for the Women's Group. Hope everyone has a restful, enjoyable Summer.

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# What's On

## St Bryce Centre

- Monday** Bible Study Group 10:00 am  
**Tuesday** Friendship Group 1st, 3rd and 5th weeks of the month  
**Wednesday** Brownies 6pm  
**Friday** Guides and Rangers 6:30pm  
Trefoil Guild 2nd week of the month 6:45pm

## Bennochly Halls

- Monday** Craft Group 10:00 am  
Community Choir 6:30 pm  
**Tuesday** Handbell Ringers 2:30 pm  
Country Dancing 7:30 pm  
**Wednesday** Guiding from 5:30 pm

## Linktown Halls

- Wednesday** Scout Group 5:00 pm - 9:30 pm  
**Thursday** Drift Inn 1st and 3rd weeks of month  
from 2:00 pm

## Abbotshall Halls

- Thursday** Guiding from 5:00 pm  
**Friday** Scout Group 5:00 pm - 9:30 pm