



Cornerstone



Father forgive them

Luke ch 23 v34

Changes at Cadzow

This issue of Cornerstone is particularly concerned with the actions now being taken to help ensure the future of our church. On **p2** our Minister considers the CMAC project which, with your help, is making promising progress towards our aim of becoming a **Church and Community Centre**. On **p4** Dorothy Craig gives a Finance Team report while on **p7** Harry Webster takes a sobering look at our future and underlines the need for action to promote new ideas. **Please read Harry's article and let us have your views.** To help with your considerations, on **p8** I have provided examples of current successful Church and Community Centres. Remember, we need your support if Cadzow is to prosper.

On **p3** Harry Webster continues with his very successful series "From the Archives" while on **p5** Elizabeth Blackman tells us about this year's "Passion Play". On **p6** our Minister describes "An Alternative to Bible Study" and on **ps 9,10 and 11** we close with our "Snippets".

Editor

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A Message from our Minister



CMAC Update

By now many of you will have had the chance to attend the main event of our Cadzow Music Arts Centre initiative. Called *Live at Lunch*, it's become a showcase for area musical and performance talent and a focal point for community activity here at Cadzow. The work has centred on recovering the use of our fine stage in the church hall. Many of you will have fond recollections of the stage being used for a wide variety of church-related activities and perhaps even took the stage yourself at some point. This is a vital part of our *heritage* at Cadzow and formerly served as the centre of our social life together. With the proliferation of other entertainment venues over the last decades, church stages have fallen out of use and many churches have removed them. Thankfully, we still have ours at Cadzow and with some funding from Heritage Lottery and other groups we're hoping to transform it from an unused storage area to a proper stage with lights, PA system, and other features that will make it desirable not only to ourselves, but to the community as well. *Live at Lunch* runs every Sunday after church from 12-2pm and all are invited on a "pay as you feel" basis. The aim is to make *Live at Lunch* a self-supporting activity and, thanks to your generous donations, we are well on the way towards achieving that goal.

On the music front we have now developed a strong relationship with the two primary schools in our parish with Thursday afternoon music tuition. Four groups of children meet for half-hour sessions to learn the basics of music theory and performance through singing instruction. The classes are offered for free and hospitality is provided to parents as they wait for the completion of their child's lesson. This CMAC program is aimed at filling a niche created by funding cuts that have seen many school music programs disappear from the curricula. Also in development is our community choir which meets every Thursday evening. This is a choir for people of all abilities and experience. No previous singing experience is needed, nor is the ability to read music. The choir will sing a variety of music including songs from Broadway hits to power ballads and everything in between! Choir singing is well-documented as a means towards improving mental health, self-esteem and social engagement and it is our hope that the community choir will do just that. All are welcome.

Remembering Dorothy Roberts

The family of the late Dorothy Roberts thank the Rev. John Carswell and all her friends as Cadzow for visiting her during her long stay in hospital. Thanks also to everyone who sent messages of support and condolence, and to everyone who attended her funeral on 28th December. We would also like to thank Mr. Bill Hastings for conducting the funeral and making an uplifting and comforting day.



From the Archives

Supplied by Harry Webster



With the end of the war in November 1918, the thoughts in the minds of those enlisted into the forces, were when would they be demobbed. The minister, Rev. Douglas W. Bruce, had met with Dr. McClymont, Principal Chaplain in Scotland, who told him that ministers who had joined the forces as a combatant would be the first to be released. Consequently, he returned to be the minister of Cadzow in January 1919. However, in a letter dated the 19th. March 1919 published in the April Magazine, he writes;-

“My Dear Friends – As most of you will know already, I have received a unanimous call to the Church and Parish of St. Stephen, Broughty Ferry. For reasons of my health only have I intimated acceptance of this to the Presbytery of Dundee. I came straight out, after about five months in hospital, to work, and feel no more fit now than I did then. Those who have been through some of it in France and elsewhere, will know what reaction means, and “nerves,” with consequent loss of sleep. Over six months ago my Medical Board advised a change of climate and a lesser sphere of work, but I said that was impossible then. Now it has become necessary in that I feel unable to do justice either to this large and continuously growing parish or to myself.

I have come to this decision with genuine regret, for the help and the kindness I have received from every member of Cadzow, both when I was at home and in France, has been more than I expected and certainly more than I deserved. But even with deeper gratitude do I recall, in my absence, the Congregation never forgot those at the Manse.

Of this, as of much else, I shall have occasion to speak at a later date.

Your affectionate minister,

Douglas W. Bruce.

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From the Archives

In January 1919, the congregation appointed a committee of fifteen to consider the question of a memorial to those connected with Cadzow who gave their lives for their country in the war. The committee decided to make enquiries about a tablet or tablets to be erected in the church with the names of the fallen inscribed. It was thought the sum of £200 would be required and members were asked to make a financial contribution. On Sunday 3 April 1921, the tablets, one on either side of the Chancel, were unveiled by Lt. Col. R.T.C. Robertson, DSO, an Elder of Cadzow. The cost was £113-15-00 and the maker was the Premier Company.

Although the world had found peace, disputes within churches still occurred. The records show the Junior Choir at Cadzow made unspecified complaint to the Committee of Management about the attitude of the Church Officer's wife. The Church Officer was told his wife had no authority. This resulted in his resignation. In the beginning of 1919, there was a vacancy for the post of Missionary at Ferniegair. This was filled by Henry O. Wallace recently demobbed from the army. After he reorganised the Sunday Schools and reinstated the Bible Class and the Young Men's Guild, he expressed his disappointment with then Ferniegair Managers and suggested they resign en-bloc and allow new blood to be appointed by a congregational vote on ballot papers and the number of managers be reduced from eight to six.

Report from the Finance Team



Great news, the works and projects we have received funding for have started and are doing well. It is now our job to make sure our payments to the "Raise the Roof Fund" are up to date.

Perhaps you could review your givings to boost the monies we need to complete our projects and support our Music and Arts Centre here in Cadzow.

*Dorothy Craig,
Finance Convenor*



Sheila Wallace

Would like to thank everyone in Cadzow who sent cards and good wishes after her accident last year. Your kindness helped her through what proved to be a very difficult time

The article below, by Liz Blackman, was passed to me by Stewart Tweedlie. Last year's Passion Play proved to be a major success and we hope that this year's effort, which is even more ambitious than last year's, will prove as successful. Judging from the enthusiasm of the cast things could be even better!

Editor

The People's Passion

Rehearsals for this year's Passion Play are underway and I am delighted to tell you that Nicholas Elliott who was so brilliant last year, is working with us again in the role of Jesus. Our wonderful community cast are drawn from local churches and are working hard on this new opportunity to take the gospel message out.

This year's script is a very different approach to a Passion Play. "The People's Passion" was devised by Riding Lights Theatre Company, based in York, who have a long history of supporting churches to use drama in worship. It is a wonderful mix of theatre and worship. My prayer is that you will enjoy being part of it as much as we are enjoying working on it.

The performances will take place as services of worship as follows:-

Palm Sunday	6.30pm	South Wishaw Parish Church
Holy Monday	7.30pm	Hamilton URC
Holy Tuesday	7.30pm	Dalziel St Andrews
Holy Wednesday	7.30pm	Lanark Greyfriars
Good Friday	7.30pm	Carluke St Andrews

This Passion Play is not simply an audience watching a performance. We are all part of His story and the script encourages us to see our own part in it. There are some responsive moments in the text where the congregation will join together as one voice, just as they did in the first century. There is also congregational singing at poignant moments in the action. This year, **"We are not spectators. We are part of the story!"**.

You will meet many familiar characters who are pivotal in telling the story of that fateful week. There are new people too, including Mary, Martha and Lazarus. Isn't it wonderful that even in our third year, there are characters we have still to meet, each of whom have something fresh to tell us about Jesus?

Each church we visit will have an opportunity for mission through The People's Passion. Through fliers, press and social media, they can promote the performances in a way that can be challenging to promote a church service. Perhaps these performances will create for other towns the same buzz we experienced for the first time in Holy Week 2017, with increased attendance and engagement – and of course for usual attenders a new way to look at familiar events.

I remain grateful to those who help in so many ways in bringing the gospel to life, including our wonderful cast and crew and all the support from our church. Although we have started rehearsals, there are still opportunities to be involved. Perhaps you, or someone you know, might like to be involved? Whether could be in crowd scenes, or help backstage or even help with some of the many production tasks that happen before Holy Week, there is always something you can do to help. We would love to hear from you.

You can follow our progress on Facebook ([Facebook.com/DramaKirk](https://www.facebook.com/DramaKirk)) or twitter ([@PlayLanarkshire](https://twitter.com/PlayLanarkshire)). Please do support us on social media. Rehearsals take place on Tuesday nights at 7pm in HOPC's Sanctuary. We are not spectators; we are part of His story. What part will you play?

Liz Blackman

An Alternative to Bible Study

From Our Minister



When I was invited to a Bible Study my first reaction was that 'I don't know enough about the Bible to do something like that!' and the thought of attending one filled me with dread as the word 'Study' brought to mind my school days and exams. I believed that Bible Study was for people who knew about the Bible and definitely not for the likes of me. I prefer the word bible *fellowship*.

What is a Bible Fellowship? Well, what happens is we all agree on a topic in or a book of the Bible that we are going to discuss (just now we are starting Luke). We have a guidebook which leads us through the chapters of Luke a few verses at a time, by asking us to relate our own experience to the verses we are discussing, and it asks us to consider what we think these passages are telling us about the people of the Bible, the time in which it happened and God. The guidebook allows us the opportunity of considering all of this before we meet so there is no need to be anxious about what is going to be discussed. What is interesting, and enlightening is hearing about the different ways we understand the things the Bible says.

At a previous Bible Fellowship that I attended, I met a lady who told me she had prayed and faithfully read her Bible every day of her life for the past 30 years, since she had accepted Christ as her Saviour, but had not once considered that what she read was in any way relevant or useful to her in her day-to-day life; she believed the Bible was an historical account of what Jesus has done, all of which she fully accepted; it was the Word of God but for her It did not *live* until she attended the Bible Fellowship. She told me much later that before the Bible Fellowship reading the Bible 'was like reading recipes every day and never thinking to bake and eat the cake!'

John

An Invitation

If you'd like to try going beyond "reading recipes" in the Bible, I would encourage you to come along and join our group which meets on a Thursday at 2.30pm at 6 Cypress Court, Hamilton, ML3 7LU. If you would like to attend, please contact me and I will get a copy of our current guidebook to you. You will be made most welcome. (Heather_Stewart@hotmail.co.uk or 01698 324535)

Cadzow Church in the Future.

Harry Webster

Lets us travel to 20 years in the future, to the corner of Woodside Walk and Haddow Street. What will we see? Probably the houses will still be there but looking their age. Maybe some will have been demolished to make way for more modern designs. But we can be confident no great change will have occurred to such structures.

However, what about Cadzow Church, will it still be standing in its own grounds as we know it today? Are we more confident that the houses will still exist than we are about the church buildings? If they were, there are voices today who would raise doubts about them still being Cadzow Church. Perhaps there would be further unions of churches in the centre of Hamilton, probably because of the shortage of ministers and then Cadzow's buildings could be surplus to requirements. If this was to happen, Cadzow's buildings could be sold and converted to a night club or bingo hall, or demolished and a block of flats built on the site.

What emotions pass through you at the thought of this being the fate of Cadzow? Perhaps you think this is not possible. But it is. It has happened to other churches. What can be done to ensure that Cadzow remains a strong viable witness to our Creator God in our parish? It is not enough to continue to be a self- supporting Church of Scotland, able to maintain the structure and fabric of our buildings whilst at the same time watch our Communion Roll steadily falling.

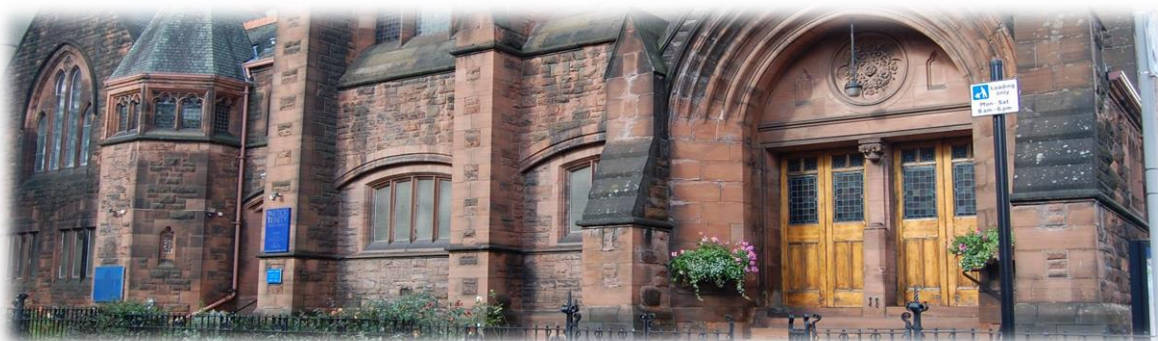
The one thing that all ministers, elders, and the members of the Kirk agree about in this present day, is the need to obey the call of Christ and go and make disciples. How do you carry this out? Sitting behind the walls of our buildings and talking about it is not a recipe for success. A survey carried out in 2016 into the "churchless faith" revealed that 2/3 of Britons who abandon the Kirk still retain a strong spiritual belief. They have been described as the lapsed. In addition to this number there are the unbelievers who steadfastly dispute the existence of God. Both groups require a different approach, but both require us to contact them. There is no point in changing the way we do things behind the walls of Cadzow if we cannot get the lapsed and the unbelievers to come into the buildings. We anticipate one way to achieve this, is our creation of CMAC. Through the various events that are planned it is hoped the local community will see Cadzow as a place that is not only a Christian church but the hub of community activities.

We have to change the way we present ourselves as Christians not only in how we speak of our Christian faith but the procedures we use in the practical demonstration of our faith. How this is done along with the carrying forward of the traditions of the past, may not fit into the style of living of today. Some churches have chosen more informal forms of worship which would be considered by some to lack the reverence and dignity they expect and look for in services. Everyone will have their own opinions as to what changes they think should take place to help Cadzow's members go out and make disciples of the unbelievers and the lapsed. Some will be influenced by their long and faithful service to Christ's Church both in Cadzow and other churches and are uncomfortable with change although agreeing there has to be change.

My purpose in writing this article is to encourage members to give serious thought to what changes should be made to the life and work of Cadzow. In the near future we may hold a forum to allow an opportunity for discussion on our future as a church. To let everyone express their opinions, but who are not inclined to do so from the floor of the forum, a number of Sundays before the date of the forum, a box will be made available in the Vestibule of the Church where written comments can be placed for consideration at the forum.

Hopefully, this exercise will help the formation of a consensus of the changes which will create the Cadzow Church of the future.

Church and Community Centres

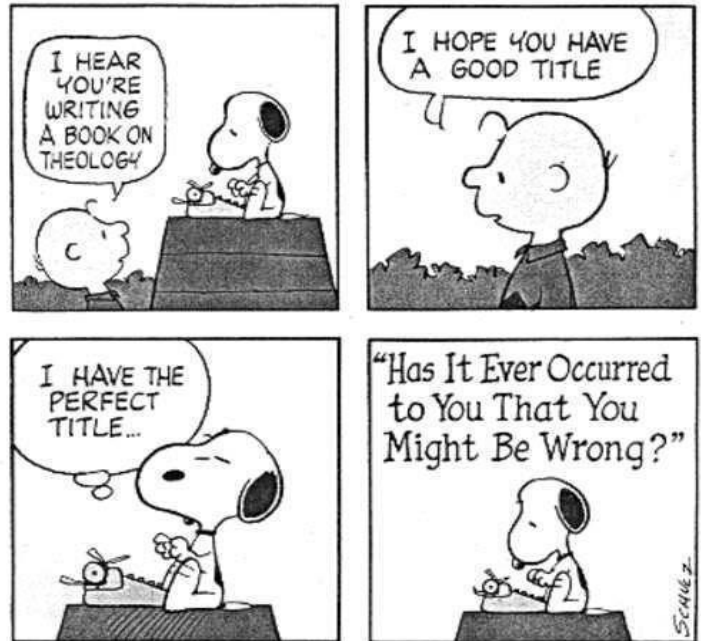


To provide further information on Church and Community Centres I felt that it would be useful to include some photographs of Centres currently in operation. Above, top left, is the St Vincent Centre and below is the Partick Trinity Centre. Both centres are, of course located, in Glasgow, I have also included, top right, Ettley Heath Church and Community Centre since its arrangement of Church linked to church hall Community Centre would suit us here in Cadzow,

Editor

Editor's Snippets

This Section is reserved for items sent by members of our congregation. I am very grateful for their input. On this page are two contributions for dog lovers followed by a list of some meaningful quotes . I felt compelled to include the photograph immediately below ! *Editor*



Some Wise Words

The quotes below are from Eloizabeth Batty. I hope you enjoy reading them as much as I did. *Ed.*

- 1) Compassion is language the deaf can hear and the blind can see - **Mark Twain**
- 2) Kindness is in our power even when fondness is not - **Henry James**
- 3) Today I bent the truth to be kind and I have no regret for I am far surer of what is kind than I am of what is true – **Robert Brault.**
- 4) The most important trip you may take in life is meeting people halfway - **Henry Boyle**
- 5) When I was young, I admired clever people. Now that I am old I admire kind people – **Abraham Heschel**
- 6) Real generosity is doing something nice for someone who will never find out - **Frank A Clark**



a) Blessings for your Journey

May the sun spread his light on your pathway
The wind blowing warm from the west
Your days fill with wonder and beauty
The nights with contentment and rest
May the blessings of hope fill your spirit
And faith always lighten your load
The promise of happy tomorrows
Shine bright as you travel the road
May the strength of your courage sustain you
Whenever you make a new start
Good health and good friends never fail you
And love fill your life and heart.

c) I Said a Prayer for you Today

I said a prayer for you today
And know God must have heard
I felt the answer in my heart
Although he spoke no word!
I did not ask for wealth or fame,
(I knew you wouldn't mind)
I asked him to send his treasures
Of a far more lasting kind!
I asked that he'd be near to you
At the start of each new day
To grant you health and blessings
And friends to share your way
I asked for happiness for you
In all things great and small
But it was his loving care
I prayed for most of all

b) All is Well

*Life has many troubled moments,
Everyone must take a share,
But with hope and faith undaunted
Things are easier to bear.
When the worries crowd around you,
Problems sound a warning bell,
Tell yourself with each new morning,
Life is precious, all is well
When the storm clouds pile above you
And the future's looking grim.
Hear that still small voice within you,
Seek a star, though faint and dim.
Life has so much more to offer,
Tales of wonder still to tell,
Look around you, see the beauty,
Life is precious, all is well*

Many thanks to, a) Evelyn Henwood , b) Rena Gemmell and c) Greta Gilbert, for sending in the poems on this page. Sustaining kindness is a prominent theme in all three works and it was very pleasant to read through them.

The poem on page 11, "**Desiderata**", was sent in by Tom Hill who, clearly, loves the work. It is a prose poem written by Max Ehrman in the 1920s., The popularity of the work has increased over the years and it is now widely used in devotional work. Those readers with good memories will remember that it has appeared in *Cornerstone* some years ago when it was sent in by Rena Gemmell. It was a real pleasure to read it again. Thanks Tom!

Editor

Desiderata

Go Placidly Amid The Noise & haste

Remember What Peace There May Be In Silence. As far as possible without surrender, be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; listen to others, even the dull & the ignorant, they too have their story. ❧ Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit. If you compare yourself to others; you may become vain & bitter, for there will always be greater & lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. ❧ Keep interested in your own career; however humble, it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery. But let not this blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals; and everywhere life is full of heroism. ❧ Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity & disenchantment, it is as perennial as the grass. ❧ Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue & loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. ❧ You are a child of the universe; no less than the trees & the stars, you have a right to be here. Whether or not it is clear to you, the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore; be at peace with God, whatever you conceive him to be. Whatever your labors & aspirations; in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace with your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world.

Be Cheerful! Strive to be happy!



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Church Diary

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Church Services

April 14 Palm Sunday

10.45 am Family worship Cadzow

6.30 pm Evening service at United Reform Church.

Monday April 15

12noon Lunchtime service at St Johns

7.30 pm Performance of "The People's Passion" at URC

Tuesday April 16

12 Noon St Johns Parish Church

7.30 pm URC

Wednesday April 17

12 Noon St Johns Parish Church

7.30 pm URC

Thursday April 18

12 noon St Johns Parish Church

7.30 pm URC

Friday 19th April

Noon to 3pm Vigil of the Cross, St Johns

7.30 pm URC

Sunday 21 April

6.30am Dawn service at Hamilton Old Parish and Chatelherault followed by breakfast at Old Parish church.

Morning services in all churches as usual.
(These dates are based on information available at time of going to print. [Ed](#))

Funerals

Margaret Watt Reid – 21 October

3 Donald Terrace

William Leishman - 21 December

1/1 39 High Patrick Street

Dorothy Roberts – 28 December

5 Gallowhill Farm Cottages

Sheila Morton – 22 January

4 Centenary Gardens

George Henderson – 25 January

26 Avonbridge Drive

James Gardner- 29 January

31 Avonbrae Crescent

Baptisms

Andi Beau Coghill – 9 December

Church Flowers



We are grateful to the following people for their gift of flowers to beautify the sanctuary

April

7 – Miss M Morrison

14 – Mr A Macrae

21 – Mrs G Gilbert

28 – Mrs N Campbell

May

5 – Mr J Reddix

12 – Mrs E Braidwood

19 – Mrs R McKie

26 – Mrs N Bell

June

2 – Mrs E Lawrie

9 – Mrs E Orr

16 – Mrs T Bannatyne

23 – Mrs T Fraser

30 – Mrs S McDonald

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