



As we continue to pray for an end to the pandemic it looks as though our prayers are being answered and the the current restrictions to worship will soon be over. So, although there will be some inconvenience at first, this will not last for long and we can start to return to our usual worship. In his article on **P2** ,our minister considers what further action is being considered and on **p6** several of our members have given heart- warming appreciations of how it feels to be back at worship.

On **p3** Harry Webster touchingly describes the unveiling of the war memorial tablets while on **p5** you can read of the commendable progress being made in the excellent Kirk Drama project. In **p7** Jenny Brain reports on the outstanding contribution that Cadzow has made to thr Drop In Centre project.

Recently Elizabeth Batty passed to me a copy of her grampa's church diary with the comment, "I don't think you'll find much interest in it". Well how wrong can you be! It proved to be a treasure trove of handwritten notes, written in pencil, giving a wonderful flavour of early 20th Century Glasgow. We were very tsaken by the efforts of this very clever man. I was particularly delighted that he referred to Glasgow as "The Second City of the British Empire!"

Editor

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A message from Our Minister

Dear Friends, it has been so good in recent weeks to begin worshipping together again. Of course, we've been worshipping since Palm Sunday, but under very tight controls with arranged seating, social distancing, masks, etc., etc. Thankfully, we are moving steadily towards a new normal and (maybe!) by the time of this printing we'll have shed our masks and can really enjoy a good sing together and even have a coffee after church.

As we move back into church, it's tempting to try to rush back to the way things were last year before lockdown, but the world is a different place now and there are some opportunities before us that I'd like to look at more closely. When we do finally get the all clear I will be gathering the Session to think through some possibilities that include a renewed focus on children and young people, more variety and participation in worship, deeper focus on prayer, and becoming more socially engaged with our community. Our HeartEdge and Worship teams have been working together to think through some of these ideas and I am much encouraged by their willingness to have a go.

The only thing missing right now is you! Obviously, your attendance at worship is the most important first step for coming back and, if you haven't already, I hope you'll read some of the testimonials that Joyce has included in this magazine. People who have been away so long are really finding a blessing when they come to worship at Cadzow.

The second thing is thinking about what we've all seen and learned about the world these last 18 months. There are innumerable social problems that have been brought to light and perhaps your heart has been broken thinking about the suffering that others have endured? These feelings in our hearts form the gateway to mission. The church is not only about Sunday worship, but about serving others in the name of Jesus Christ. There are many who are hurting in our community and it is to these I'd like us to direct our energies in the coming months.

Do you know of anyone who has suffered from loneliness? Is there anyone grieving the loss of loved ones? Anyone struggling with long covid? Anyone forced to use the foodbank for the first time? Anyone who has not found the care they need? These are the sorts of questions we ought to turn our minds to as we reengage with one another and I do hope you'll give it a think. God may be calling you to "do your bit" in the kingdom by caring for someone who needs a little extra love.

Watch this space for more in the coming months!

John



From the Archives

Harry Webster



The Unveiling of the World War 1 Memorial Tablets

After the end of the First World War a list was compiled of members who had sacrificed their lives in this war. The names were listed on 2 tablets which were placed on the wall one on either side of the pulpit. The tablets were made by the Premier Company and cost £113 -15-00.

They were unveiled on Sunday 3rd of April 1921 by Lieut. Col. RTC Robertson, DSO, an Elder of Cadzow. It was reported in the church magazine it was “a service worthy of those who gave their lives in a great cause.” Captain JCE Hay MC, read the lesson. Captain John Henry, RAF, represented the Air Force, Signaller Henderson the Navy, while the army was represented by Lieutenant Colin Robertson, MC, RFA, and Private Harley, 6th. Cameronians. The magazine reports what is described as an “impressive moment” when Lieut. Col. Robertson drew aside the veil, first from one brass tablet and then from the other, so that in indelible lettering the names of many loved ones flashed out in the glory of the morning sunlight. The military bearing of the representatives must have presented an interesting picture. There were many eyes wet with tears when the names were read, and through the church shrilled the strains of our lament for Flodden, once a melody of grief, now somewhat of a song of triumph. Then the Last Post rang out, and our very souls reached out to the immortals in that magnificent paraphrase “How bright these glorious spirits shine””.

No one attending that service could have envisaged that 28 years later, Cadzow members would witness again the unveiling of another memorial window listing those who sacrificed their lives in another world war. So much for the claim that the first world war would be the war that would end all wars. What were the feelings of the Rev. Harkness Graham as he conducted the memorial service in 1949? Did he have a feeling of deja-vu?

The brass war memorial tablets can be seen hanging on the walls on either side of the pulpit





This article was passed to me by Carolyn Nicholson and I am sure that we will all be interested to read of the progress of this excellent and inventive project.

Thanks Carolyn.

Editor

Drama Kirk's Quiet Summer

Well, we planned to take things a bit easier with Drama Kirk over the summer to allow us all to recharge our batteries, however it has been anything but quiet!

Work on the "Walk with the Word: Emmaus" script is almost complete. This script has been written for Drama Kirk by local actor Louise Scott and will hopefully be performed in Cadzow Glen next August. It follows in the footsteps of the disciples in the aftermath of the crucifixion. We have been working with the team, reading through the script, to finalise things and some fabulous characters and performances are developing. Much to look forward to!

In June, we were asked by the United Reformed Church's Youth Scotland to film a short sketch geared towards going back to school, which can be stressful at the best of times but even more so in the uncertainty of covid and accompanying regulations. The fun skit we recorded "The Apostles Go Out, Really Out (With Snacks)" was then sent to every young person in Scotland who has been associated with the URC, it featured on UCB Radio 1 and is also available on our YouTube playlist - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bf2h59cC3c4> If you haven't seen it yet, please do sit down with a cuppa. We hope it gives you a giggle and some reassurance.

Christmas has also come very early for the Drama Kirk team as we film our nativity projects at the start of September. Delighted to report they will be filmed on location at a local farm and feature many of the Drama Kirk regulars. Our first project is filming four Christmas episodes of Bob Hartman's Rhyming Bible which take us from Mary meeting the Angel, through Joseph's heavenly encounter, the beginning of Christ's earthly life in Bethlehem to the arrival of the wisemen. These four poems will be performed by Drama Kirk regulars across Hamilton's churches and beyond. We are also filming a "Silent Nativity" to go with it, so we tell the story visually. The poems are fun and engaging, especially for children. Help us spread the word!

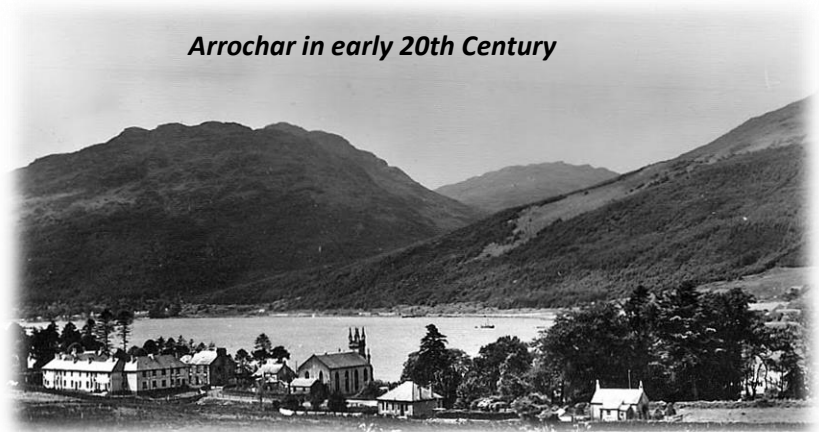
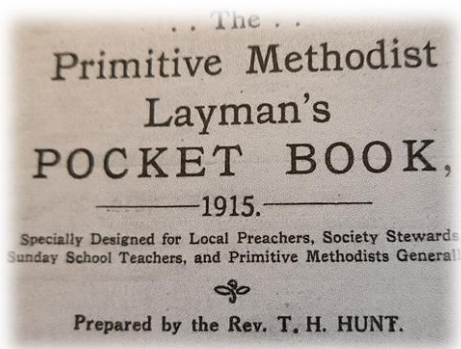
Our second project is "Shepherd's Christmas" by Jeannette Walters, a humorous nativity from the perspective of the Shepherds that very first Christmas. This will be performed by a cast of professional actors and our own Stuart Davidson.

Both Christmas projects will be available free for schools, churches and community groups to use.

Please keep us in your prayers and – as ever – if you would like to get involved please do let us know. Thanks to everyone involved in our quiet summer! info@dramakirk.org

This is an account of a Sunday School trip written by Elizabeth Batty's Grampa in a diary of 1915, although it may have been written a bit later than that, given that 1915 was during the first world war. He recorded the ticket sales and expenditure for the trip and, amazingly, five charabancs were used as transport at a cost of £7 10s each. The day trip must have included two lavish meals because the expenditure included 195 pies, 40 loaves, 7lbs ham, 3 lbs tea, 2 gallons milk, 48 dozen cakes and much more. How lovely it would be to have that number of adults, young people and children on a Sunday School trip nowadays

Joyce Brain



Arrochar in early 20th Century

Grampa's Sunday School Trip

The Sunday School had their annual picnic to Arrochar including the three lochs. The day was a little showery yet it did not damp the spirits of those who had the pleasure of this beautiful tour. We passed through the second city of the Empire with a lot of shouting and cheering by the young members of the party.

Passing Bearsden, we travelled down the splendid new road known as the Boulevard to Balloch and along the beautiful shores of the famous Loch Lomond where the big Ben, like a sentinel of ages, looked on as we passed Luss and on through Tarbet over the hill to the quiet shores of Loch Long where we had a stay of six hours. Our first meal being ready, everyone did full justice to the good things provided. Thanks to the good people of the Arrochar Hotel who made water ready for our tea and had the pies ready and piping hot for us. The field was also provided by these good people where we could sit and view the beautiful scenery while the Old Cobbler looked down upon us with a smile.

After the second service, the sports of the day were then indulged in which the junior sectionyes, and the elders too, enjoyed to the full.

At six o'clock, charabancs were then got ready for the homeward journey leaving at 10 minutes past 6 to journey along the shores of this silent loch where we had spent a very happy afternoon. The road along is more like a scenic route than a public highway.

Leaving Loch Long behind, we then climbed the Whistlefield Brae and down to the Gareloch passing Rue and Helensburgh on the way reaching Mossend about ten after a day well spent, seeing the beauty of nature which has been so richly provided for us by our ever loving Father.

Welcome Back To our Sunday Worship!

"What encourages you to attend our Sunday morning service during the current pandemic"? I put this question to a sample of regular attenders and here I include their heart-warming responses. I hope that these replies might reassure some of our apprehensive members who are reluctant to soon return to church.



Eleanor Rae

I just feel my week begins when I go to Church on Sunday. Watching on TV is better than no Church but there is a warm feeling that just wraps itself round you when you enter the Church building. John's music, the choir and singing are so important as is the fellowship within the Church.

Evelyn Henwood

For me, going to Church is like going back home. There's also a "closer to God" feeling when you arrive in His house. We are meant to be a family so we are meant to be together. To pray, laugh, cry and share. One body as they say. The warmth you get from being in Church amongst the people you love beats watching it on a screen any day! Definitely MY family!

Jenny Brain

I feel that this service provides a sanctuary, with time to focus on inner thoughts, perhaps question some beliefs, resolve any doubts and re-affirm my faith, in the company of like-minded worshippers.

David Brain

This service provides a place to spend time away from the every day and review my thoughts and ideas.-

Eddie Tweedlie

While zooming and streaming have been invaluable during the pandemic, there is no substitute for personal contact, and huge thanks must go to the vast range of Cadzow people who have organised and supported the real Sunday morning services. Each Sunday morning it has been a pleasure to greet and meet the regulars, even though they looked more like bank robbers than worshippers. The feeling of togetherness and solidarity engendered by praying, humming and just being in the sanctuary with like-minded people has been really important and now restrictions are beginning to be lifted we can look forward to a partial return to normality. Having members to deliver the readings and incorporate some hymn singing has been invaluable. We are now singing as a congregation, albeit behind masks, and plans are afoot for the choir to resume in a limited capacity. Cadzow is on course to be completely revived, the more quickly the better. A warm welcome awaits all worshippers.

Hamish Wilson

Where two or three are gathered in my name there I am in the midst in the presence of our lord.

Hamilton Drop In Centre - Cadzow's Excellent Contribution



The Centre has continued to cater for the homeless and disadvantaged every evening throughout the Covid pandemic by cooking on the premises and delivering food at the door. Visitors observe social distancing, sanitising regulations, and meals are served in disposable containers. Strict rules are observed; one volunteer in the kitchen preparing food, two serving at the door. Bin bags are provided outside the premises and these are taken away by the volunteers every evening.

Currently there are 59 volunteers. All praise to the volunteers who have continued this valuable and worthwhile service throughout the pandemic. It is hoped that "sit-in" can be resumed soon, once cleaning standards are met. Arrangements are being made for volunteers to have Food Hygiene training. New volunteers are welcome, also food and cash donations.

Cadzow has supplied volunteers since the beginning, when soup and sandwiches were supplied to the needy outside Bairds, in 1992, right up to present times.....a remarkable record of which we can be proud. All praise to Cadzow volunteers past and present! Well done!

Jenny Brain

From Real Church Newsletters

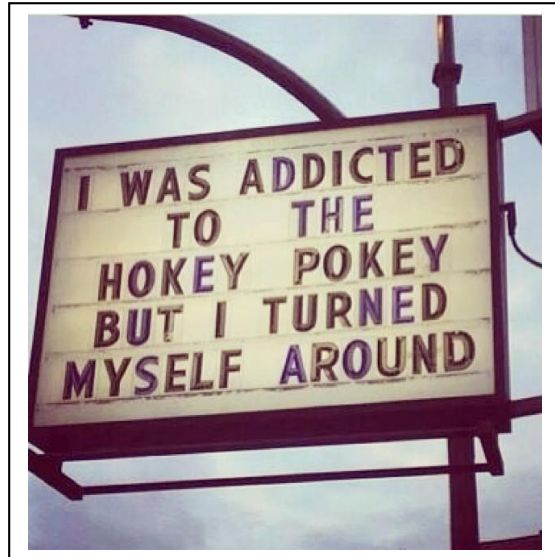
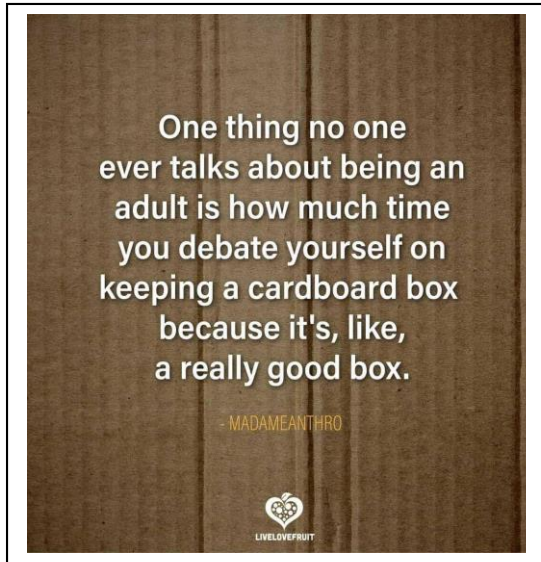
Many thanks to Patricia Steel for passing me the "Bloopers" listed below !

- 1) Pot-luck supper Sunday 8 pm – prayer and medication to follow.
- 2) Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and due to a deterioration in some older ones
- 3) The ladies of the church have cast-off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.
- 4) Ladies don't forget the rummage sale. It is a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.


Editor's Snippets

This Section has been used to record some of the humorous messages sent in by readers. Many thanks to them for their efforts!

Editor



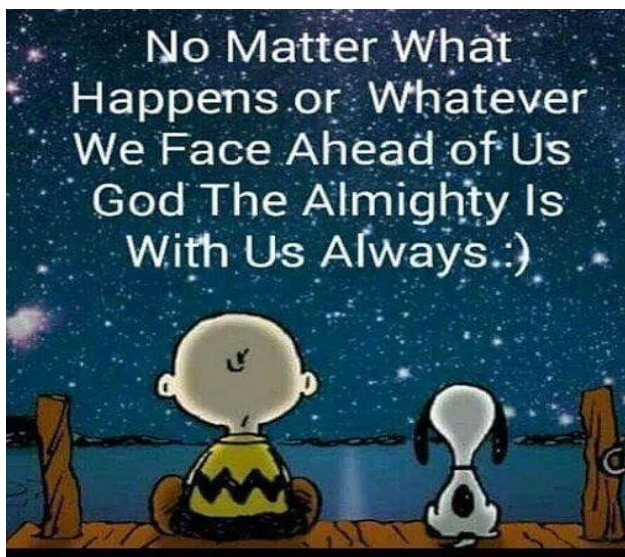
THE HIGGS BOSON



A Higgs boson particle walks into a church. The priest asks it to leave. The boson says, "But without me you can have no mass?"

I just had to add one I read recently!

Editor



A Beautiful Collection of Images and Thoughts



*Kindness is in our power
even when fondness is not*

Henry James



*You cannot do a kindness too
soon. You never know as soon
will be too late.*

Ralph Waldo Emerson.



*Treat everyone with politeness
even when those who are rude
to you not because they are nice
but because you are.*

Anon



*Compassion is language
that the deaf can hear
and the blind can see*

MarkTwain



*I always prefer to believe the
best of everybody. It saves
so much time.*

Anon



*Don't wait for people to be
friendly. Show them how.*

Henry James

I was most pleased to recently receive a set of beautiful picture cards from Elizabeth Batty who really liked them and reckoned that they would prove of considerable interest to Cornerstone readers. Elizabeth obtained the cards from her good friend Joyce Gilles who remarked that, "The birds are out of this world and the thoughts are thought provoking".

I fully agreed and immediately pressed ahead with a page for the magazine. This proved to be a particularly worthwhile task and I found that the more I worked with the pictures the more I became aware of just how much pleasure they gave me.

Many thanks to Elizabeth and Joyce!

Editor



Poet's Corner

*Evelyn Henwood has again managed to find a set of three lovely poems.
I much appreciate the fact that she can regularly come up with such
novel work*

Editor

Our Church



Our church is getting old, just like those within its fold.
But does this matter ? Not a jot!
We have to think of what we have got!
It's not the building or the times we go
It's not the people that we know.
It is not the stained glass or the ornate wood.
It's not the furnishings that make it good.
Nor do we go because we think we should.
So why do we go ? Week in week out.
'Cause most of us do without a doubt!
So why do we go? Think it through.
The question is really between God and you.
Don't think too hard, its not so profound.





The non rhyming duo

The dark forest, destroyed by summer fires will grow again'

New trees and wildflowers will flourish in the sunlight that was never there before

Stay positive.

The world isn't going to get better being negative about it.

There's two sides of life and only you can choose which one you want to live.

Autumn

I like Spring but it is too young!

I like Summer but it is too proud.

So, I like best of all Autumn

Because its leaves are a little yellow.

Its tone mellower,

It's colours richer and it is tinged with a little sorrow....

Its golden richness speaks not of the innocence of Spring,

Nor the power of Summer,

But the mellowness and kindly wisdom of approaching age.

It knows the limitations of life and is content.



Church Diary

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