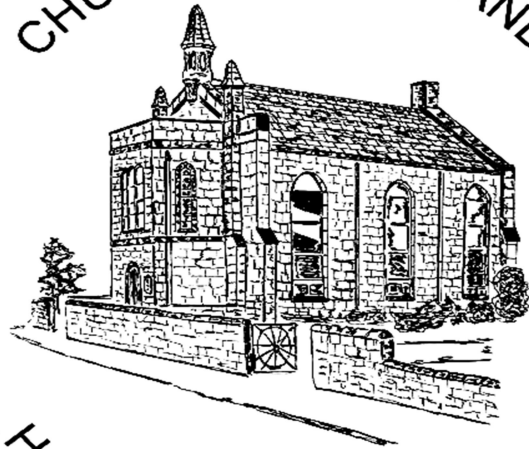


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Autumn 2019

Carpet Bowling

Membership is now 15 and we would dearly love to welcome new members – this invitation is for Gentlemen too.
We meet weekly on a Wednesday in the Church Hall at 12.30 p.m.

We were invited by Bonnybridge Ladies to join them on their annual trip – on 9th May – 12 ladies enjoyed a day in Dundee, visiting various museums and shopping, of course.

Our last meeting was on the 29th May when we met for lunch at the Railway Inn, Dennyloanhead, enjoying the meal.

We hope to persuade a few more people to join us when we resume on the 1st Wednesday in September after the holidays.

Bea Miller

Teas & Coffees:

During the first half of the year we enjoyed a cup of tea or coffee and a time of fellowship in the Church Hall after Church. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped to make that possible.

We intend to restart at the beginning of September and, in order to keep it going through the remainder of the year, we again need your help. All it takes is for you to volunteer for at least one Sunday in the remaining months of the year.

If you would like to help, please add your name to the list in the vestibule or Church Hall. If you need any more information please contact Elizabeth Dunn.

Together we make a difference.

Father and Sons Quiz

1. Adam and Eve had two sons
What were their names and who was the oldest?
2. Noah had three sons
What were their names?

Answers on second back page

Walking the Journey.

I look back and find it hard to believe that it is over 18 months that we have walked the journey of faith together. I am grateful for the way that you have made me feel one of the family and for the encouragements you give me when things are busy. I have to say a very big thank you to you all for the very warm welcome that you gave to the young men from the Boys' Brigade King George VI Leadership Course on 14 July as they led our joint service with Denny. The young men were very nervous before the service but they all felt a very warm sense of welcome and a very real appreciation of their efforts at leading worship. Thank you for trusting US to lead the service and for the kind hospitality afterwards. You will, I am sure, be pleased to learn that all the young men successfully completed the course and will now serve as officers in The Boys' Brigade.

The welcome and openness shown on that day was also noted as a feature of the Congregation when the Local Church Review took place and it is something to which together you contribute to the friendly FAMILY feel of the Congregation.

Let us look forward to a future where we serve our Church, our congregation and our Parish with a continuing sense of making all feel welcome and wanted as part of a sharing caring family.

God bless you all.

Your friend and for the time being your Minister,

Derek
Rev. Derek Gunn
Locum Minister

Church Property:

During the summer months we have been busy looking after the property of the Church, the Hall and the Manse. As you are aware our homes require continual maintenance and so does our Church property. To this end here is a list of the major works that have recently been completed:

Church:

- Replace roughcasting on Maclean Hall
- Replace Facia and guttering on Maclean Hall
- Paint external windows and doors
- Clear guttering and make minor repairs to roof
- Test and repair Lightning conductor on steeple
- Replace toilets and wash basins at front door and in Maclean Hall

MacLean Hall:

- Fit new flooring in all toilets
- Decorate all toilets

Hall:

- Repair wall at emergency exit
- Replace cooker and fridge in Hall Kitchen
- Make minor repairs and clean/tidy kitchen
- Clear guttering and make minor repairs to roof
- Replace security light at Hall entrance

Manse:

- Repair boiler
- Remedy electrical wiring problem in manse
- Obtain Landlord's Certificate for manse

Planned work includes:

- Paint exterior windows/gutters/downpipes at Church Hall
- Rectify mains input problem in Hall
- Paint Hall kitchen
- Refit unit in Manse utility room

In addition to the above the grass at the side of the Church has been regularly cut and the Church gardens regularly maintained. All of the above will keep our properties safe and habitable and provide a pleasant environment in which we can worship.

I would like to thank the members of the Property Committee and everyone (members and non-members) who helped to make all of the above happen.

Together we have made a difference.

Jack Dunn
Property Convenor



Boys Brigade

On Sunday 14th July we welcomed to our service the Boys' Brigade King George VI Leadership Scheme: cadets and staff from this course.

With guidance from their Course Chaplain (*Rev Derek Gunn!*) the cadets of the course lead us in worship.



Haggs Birthday Celebration Lunch

On 21st July Haggs Church celebrated 179 years in existence with a lunch in the Church Hall. Sandwiches and cakes were enjoyed by a large gathering after the Church service and a total of £423 was raised which has been given to Strathcarron Hospice. Grateful thanks to everyone who provided and helped and attended this happy occasion to be such a success.

THE BOYS BRIGADE

are you missing out?
find out more about what's going on in your local area
for 5 - 18 year olds

your local group . . .
1st Haggs Boys Brigade
Haggs Parish Church

> for parents/guardians
The Boys' Brigade provides a safe and caring place for your child. All of our leaders are fully trained and have undergone child protection and disclosure checks.
The BB is a Christian organisation and groups are attached to a Church, but BB is open to those of all faiths & backgrounds.
If you have any questions please get in contact.

18+ and interested in volunteering?
Volunteering in The Boys' Brigade helps give children and young people opportunities and experiences beyond what is possible in school or at home.
Our volunteers come from all walks of life and share their skills and enthusiasm as time allows.
Could you help make a difference by giving a little of your time? If so, get in touch to find out how . . .

At Bankier Primary School
On Tuesday Evenings
Anchor Boys (P1 to P3)
6.15pm - 7.45pm
On Friday Evenings
Junior Section (P4 to P6)
6.30pm - 8.30pm
Company section (P7 to S6)
6.30pm - 8.30pm

there's lots on offer including . . .
> games > crafts > music > competitions > new skills > holidays/trips

ANCHOR BOYS	JUNIORS	COMPANY SECTION	SENIORS
5 to 8 years	8 to 11 years	11 to 15 years	15 to 18 years
You'll have lots of fun doing different activities. There are lots of games and crafts and you'll get to make lots of new friends as you get your badge.	You'll have an exciting career full of challenges, games and activities. You'll make your badge and give your friends a hand.	You'll have new skills and an extra personal achievement and different things to do. You'll make your badge and give your friends a hand.	You can continue to enjoy the activities, but now you'll help to plan your own activities and make your badge.

Anchor Boys starts - Tuesday 27th August
Junior Section & Company Section starts - Friday 30th August
For more information
Contact: - Mr J Fenney (Captain) 01786 470817 or 07799145121
or john.fenney72@outlook.com

A Message from your Treasurer

On behalf of the Congregational Board may I thank you for your continued support to Haggs Parish Church. During the current vacancy it is important that we keep our finances in order and we need **you** to allow us to do this. Can I just remind you of the different ways in which you can make your offering?

Weekly Freewill Offering Envelopes. Please see the Treasurer Marion Campbell if you wish to have envelopes or ask your elder.

If you pay Income Tax please Gift Aid your offering – this allows Haggs Church to claim back the tax which you have already paid (approx. 20% more – at no extra cost to you). Please see Murray McCheyne or Marion Campbell for a form to complete (*this does not tie you to a fixed amount or a fixed term but allows the Church to claim back tax on however much you give*) or again ask your elder. On average over the last few years we have recovered between £5000.00 and £6000.00 per year from Gift Aid. Without this money would not have been able to pay all our bills.....so please – the more we can claim in Gift Aid the more money we can get back.

Either of the above methods can be made by Standing Order directly from your bank account to the Church's bank account. Saves the number of WFO envelopes we have to buy and saves you remembering to make up the Sundays you have missed for whatever reason. It is really important to Haggs Church that you do make up the weeks you have not managed to get to Church so that we have a more accurate assessment of what monies are coming in to be able to budget for the expenditure.

We are most grateful for your generosity to all the charities we support – for a small congregation you do give very willingly to others – so thank you.

Thanks for all your loyalty and support and PLEASEdon't change!

Marion

Crossreach

A Sincere Thanks to the good folk at Haggs Parish Church for the £400.00 donation for the repair/replace of the Hydra Therapy Pool at the Mallard Unit.

To give you an idea of how much it is needed back in operation, imagine what it is like for a child with a disability and complex health needs to be in constant pain or discomforting stiffness. The pool offers Blessed Relief.

So once again our Thanks

Kindest Regards

Crispin

Carpet Bowls



After the summer break, the carpet bowls will resume on Wednesday 4th September 2019 in the church hall. Everyone is invited to come along whether you play or not, you will be made very welcome. The usual tea and coffee afterwards gives everyone a chance to catch up on their news of family and friends.

Come along you will be surprised by the fun and laughter and perhaps even a game of carpet bowls.

Elma

Dates for your Diary:

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| 29 th September | Harvest Service, BB and GB Enrolment Service. Followed by a Macmillan Cancer Support Lunch in Church Hall after the morning Service. |
| 6 th October | Joint Communion Haggs New start time 9.45 am |
| 9 th October | Informal Communion Church Hall 2.00 pm |
| 19 th October | Crafts Sale, Church Hall |
| 27 th October | Joint Communion at Denny Old start time 11.15 am |
| 4 th November | Blythswood Shoebox Appeal collection |
| 10 th November | Remembrance Service Longcroft |
| 17 th November | Crossreach Lunch in Church Hall after Service |

Christian Aid 2019

We did not have a local Door-to-door collection this year for Christian Aid due to a lack of collectors.

However, money raised at the 'Soup & Sandwich' lunch on 19th May, donations given during Christian Aid Week and sponsor money from the Bridge Walk meant that Hags Church could send a cheque for £900 to Christian Aid this summer. This will be put to good use to support the work they undertake with some of the most vulnerable communities in the world.

Unfortunately the Kelpies Canter walk was cancelled on 31st August; due to bad weather and flooding at the Helix Park. However, some Christian Aid supporters from Hags have walked independently and many donations have still been collected.

Thank you everyone for your continued generosity
Sue Storrar

CrossReach Appeal

Sunday 17th November – Save the date!
CrossReach and Social Care Sunday 17th November, a chance to mark 150 years of loving social care by the Church of Scotland. We will be holding a special service at Hags on this day, along with many other congregations all over Scotland to celebrate the quality of care that is offered by CrossReach to a wide range of people in need; from substance abuse, counselling and learning disabilities care, through to homelessness and older people's services.

Following the service a 'Soup & Sandwich' lunch will be served; with all proceeds going to the work of CrossReach.

As Maisie Mortimer said in the recent 'CROSSREACH NEWS' magazine, 'The work they do is inspiring and is often not known about.'

Christmas cards and calendars can be ordered this autumn from catalogues available at Church and following last year's successful 'Angel Appeal', Maisie will be repeating this again leading up to Christmas. Remember Guardian Angels aren't just for Christmas!

The Greenhill Historical Society

While based in Bonnybridge, our interests lie in the wider area around Bonnybridge and feature stories from places such as Allandale, Greenhill, Castlecary etc.

Should any of Hags members care to share stories about past times in Hags/Banknock – mining, the distillery – any stories, we would be happy to consider them for publication.

16 information panels regarding the heritage of Bonnybridge and District are being erected shortly beside Bonnybridge Library – the Bankier distillery features on one of these.

Contact: Paul Cortopassi – Project Co-ordinator at:-
paul_cortopassi@lineone.net

I'm Fine Thank You

There is nothing the matter with me,
I'm as healthy as can be.
I have arthritis in both my knees.
And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze.
My pulse is weak and my blood is thin,
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

Arch supports I have for my feet,
Or I wouldn't be able to be on the street,
Sleep is denied me night after night,
But by morning I find I'm all right.
My memory is failing, my head's in a spin,
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

The moral of this tale I unfold –
That for you and me, who are growing old,
It's better to say "I'm fine" with a grin,
Than to let folks know the shape we are in

Unknown author

Girls Brigade

We have regrouped and have 2 enrolment evenings, 27/08/19 & 03/09/19 6.30pm – 7.45pm each evening, however any girl from primary one can join anytime throughout the year. We have fun filled evenings with Games, badge work and refreshments.

Early indications are that we have 8 girls re-joining us for another year and already one new member. Please if you know anyone from Primary one on-wards that would like to join, please pass our details on. We are looking forward to another successful year as 1st Haggs GB's. I can be contacted on 07979 313599 Shona Captain.

Banner Group

The Banner Group are organising a Craft sale and Coffee afternoon on Saturday 19th October in the Church Hall from 2-4pm. If you would like to have a stall, can help with Home baking or help on the day then please contact Jean McCheyne or Sue Storrar.

Please come along and support this event and maybe find some early items for Christmas presents!

Answers to questions.

1 Adam and Eve's two sons were Cain and Able, Cain being the oldest. (*Genesis 4*)

2. Noah's sons were Shem, Ham and Japheth. (*Genesis 6*)

Well done if you got any or all of the questions correct.

Deaths

“Forever with the Lord”

May:	Mary B.S. Erskine	Dennyloanhead
July:	Christina (Chrissie) Munro	Longcroft
July:	Thomas Wilson	Longcroft

Note:
That from Sunday 6th October 2019
Service start time is 9.45 am.

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