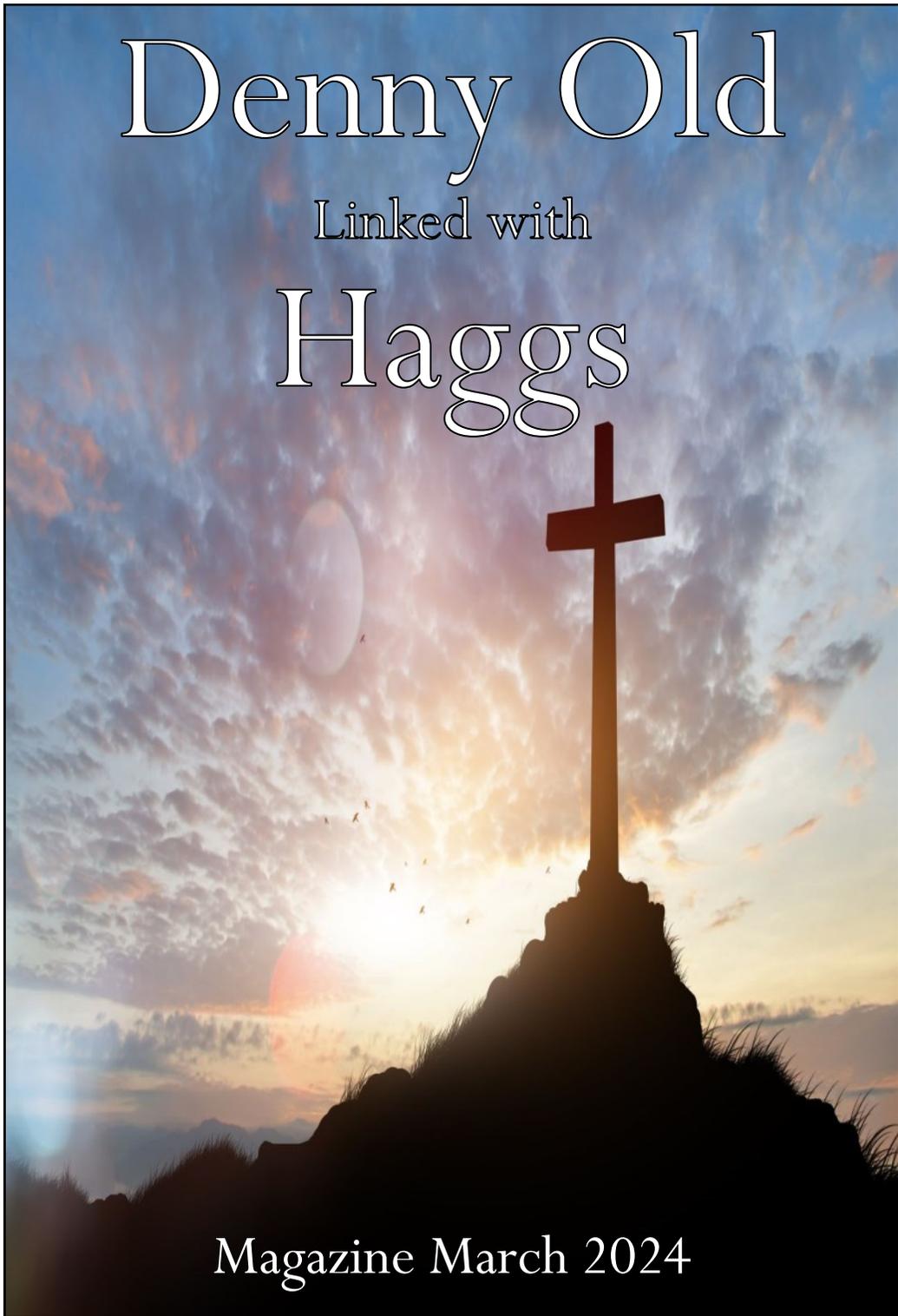


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Examination Time?

Examine, O God, and search me; test my heart and mind. Test and confirm, O Lord, one way or the other, who and what I am; search my heart and mind... Let us test ourselves; let us examine our lives and return to the way of the Lord. Let us lift not just our hands to God in heaven but also our hearts. (Psalm 26:2,3; Lamentations 3:40,41)

Exams, people say, are getting easier. Is that true? Very possible, but if you ask students, they will say, not really, very tough.

You Scribble furiously for several hours in an examination hall, knowing that your whole future may depend on what you produce during that time, is a daunting prospect indeed – no less welcome than it's ever been.

Some thrive under such conditions and are able to perform under pressure. A few have the happy ability of being able to study in the required facts during an intensive spell of revision, even though they'll forget most of what they've learnt immediately after exam.

Others, however, despite having an excellent grasp of the subject in question, will go to pieces and end up failing miserably. The only advice we can give at such a time, and the only fair expectation we can have of any examinee, is that they do their best.

Thankfully God doesn't ask us to sit exams, or demand that we meet a certain pass mark. He knows and understands our limitations and doesn't set impossible standards that we must somehow attain.

The one thing he does ask is that we're truly committed, serious about discipleship rather than simply playing at it. In that sense and especially during this season of Lent, it's well worth asking God to examine us to help us understand where we're at in our lives: what progress we've made in faith, where our strengths and weaknesses lie.

He doesn't expect us to come out with flying colours, to be top of the class; he wants only to help us learn more of his ways in this season of reflection and giving up.

If we give our best in that, we can be sure God will make up what is lacking.

I pray that may God help you to identify the things that ruin your life and enable you to remove those things and prepare your heart to discover more of God and His unconditional love which he manifested in the sacrifice of His beloved Son, Jesus, on the cross. Amen

I take this opportunity to wish all a very Happy Easter when it comes. God bless you.

Rev. Raheel Arif

Minister: Denny Old & Haggs



Moving forward together

As we move forward into Spring, we are beginning to explore more ways to work together with our friends at Denny Old Church. This joint magazine is an example of this cooperative working, trying to make all events and activities in both churches accessible and open to everyone through a shared calendar and articles of interest to both congregations.

We have enjoyed the fellowship and sense of Christian purpose that were experienced at our joint services at Denny Old and Hags during the months of January and February and we look forward to the forthcoming shared worship during Holy Week.

These forms of joint worship will continue to grow in the future as we move towards establishing unions between churches in our area and the loss of some buildings. Although it is necessary to be pragmatic about the state of the Church of Scotland, acknowledging the need to reduce buildings due to falling congregational numbers, increasing costs and the shortage of trained ministers, it is also important to remember the hurt and distress that these changes will bring to some of our members. We pray that these unions can proceed with care and thoughtfulness and not be rushed and forced within short timescales.

As we look forward to the future in our church it is also important to look back with gratitude to all the dedicated service and work that Elders and Youth Organization leaders have given for more than 25 years of mission in the Hags area. Thirteen Elders and Boys' and Girls' Brigade Officers are to receive Long-service certificates presented by the Moderator of the Church of Scotland at a special celebrational service on March 14th in Hamilton St John's Church.

These are the loyal servants of the Lord:-

Marion Campbell, Lorna Duncan, Ernest Firth, Ruth Gallacher (died 23/02/2024), Ernest Martin, Moira Martin, Jean McCheyne, Jean Proffit, Sue Storrar, Nan Young, Liz Heeps, Morag Wales and John Fenney. We hope and trust that if able, they will use their dedication and experience to take forward mission work in our area into the future.

The hope and challenge for future mission is that Haggs and Denny Old churches become more welcoming, transforming and nurturing to the people in our communities, so we can stand in solidarity with the poor, marginalized and challenge violence and injustice and work together for peace.

God Bless you all at this Easter time,

Sue Storrar

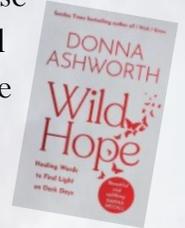
(Session Clerk at Haggs Parish Church)



SPRING

I have always believed spring to be the harbinger of hope, the launch pad to lighter days, the gateway to life. Spring soothes our winter-worm souls with anticipation, and its promise of more. It gently shakes our hibernating toes and whispers, wake now your wintering days are done. And so, with each eager sunrise, we emerge, we reignite, we re-energise. And as with the nature around us, we begin to rise and renew. Come spring, we have much longed for your light, for your joy, for your new. We are slowly rousing from slumber, welcome back.

(From 'Wild Hope' by Donna Ashworth)



Thank you

I would just like to express my thanks for all the cards, flowers, presents and well wishes after my operation in January. For those that have not seen me, I have had some intestines removed by keyhole surgery as was planned. The recovery has gone well so I am getting back to normal now. I am delighted to be able to eat what I like now so fruit and vegetables are back on my menu.

Over the past few years, health and fitness has not been great, so I want to improve that this year. I searched for something that I could do, as well as doing good for other people, so I have now signed up to do a sponsored walk, in aid of Strathcarron Hospice as we walk the Great Wall of China (not the whole thing thankfully) in October. I grew up being able to look at the Hospice from my bedroom window and I appreciate all the work that goes on there. We are lucky to have such a fantastic facility available to us for free. I will be organising some fundraising events to raise my sponsorship so I hope some of you can help me out in the future.

I am blessed with all that I have in my life.

Kindest regards,

Marion Reid,

Session Clerk (Denny Old)

“Take it to the Lord in prayer”

I remember singing this in the Gospel Hall in Muirhead as a child, then in the United Free Church in the same village.

The writer of this hymn, Joseph Scriven b. 1855 had to face many trials. He was born in Ireland and lost his fiancé just before their marriage. She drowned. He3 moved to Canada for a new start. He was a preacher and teacher and was engaged to be married once again but tragedy struck again, and his fiancé died suddenly. We all have trials to face as we go through life, but this hymn is a constant reminder to me that there is always someone that I can turn to.

“Amazing Grace” was written by John Newton.

John Newton’s mother died when he was 7 and he was put to work with his father in the shipping business in London. He went to sea with the Royal Navy.

He was the captain of a ship involved in slave trading. The ship was damaged in a storm off the Irish coast and he promised God that he would change if he could be saved. He became an anti-slavery campaigner and wrote this hymn as a testament to his conversion to Christianity. He was ordained as the minister of St Peter and St Paul Olney, England.

What is your favourite hymn? Let me know for insertion in the next magazine.

Moira Martin (Haggs)



The Guild



We are now approaching the end of our current session and once again we have enjoyed a wide variety of topics with some very interesting speakers. We had a very successful Christmas Shoppers' Lunch in December, and our thanks go to all who supported us so generously.

We have had very enjoyable joint meetings in January and February with Westpark Guild where we enjoyed sharing in fellowship and friendship together.

We will finish our session with our AGM on 9th April and then we will be having our outing to Peebles on 1st June.

As you can see, we have lots going on and as always have a wide and varied syllabus with something of interest for everyone.

We warmly invite you to come along and join with us, we meet in the afternoons from September to the end of March at 2pm. You can be assured of a warm welcome.

May the Blessings of Easter be with you.

(Denny Old)

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12TH – 19TH MAY 2024



This year the focus for Christian Aid Week will be the cost-of-living crisis faced by many people around the world. With your help, we can work towards a world where families can escape the trap of poverty caused by wars, conflicts, and the consequences of climate change, and fulfill their ambitions.

Envelopes will be distributed at church on Sunday 12th May and donations can be returned by Sunday 19th May at the Christian Aid lunch.

Members from Haggs and Denny Old also plan to take part in the 'Kelpies Canter' walk again in September when all sponsor money will be sent to support the work of Christian Aid.

Your generous support allowed us to send £1,876 to Christian Aid from Haggs in 2023 to help transform the lives of many families around the world by redistributing some wealth to those with so little. We hope you will continue to support this work in 2024.

(Haggs Christian Aid Group)

"Seven Days, So Many Ways to Make a Difference." This year's Christian Aid Week runs from 12-18 May focusing on stories from work in Burundi and raising funds for global work.

In past years our church has not carried out house-to-house collections therefore envelopes will be available in church. These "Church collection envelopes" will be available shortly. You can also donate by visiting caweek.org/envelope to create, personalise and send your own e-Envelope this May.

As you probably know, The Bridge Cross, no longer takes place. Denny Old and Haggs Parish Church hope to again work together to be involved in the Kelpies Canter which last year took place in September. It would be really good to find out what interest there is in taking part in this year.

Individuals can of course, individually, raise much needed funds for Christian Aid by taking part in **the Kiltwalk**. Our nearest Kiltwalk takes place in Edinburgh on

15th September. You can find a link to Kiltwalk on the Christian Aid website.

The Annual CA Quiz is coming out closer to CA Week which, this year, has an animal theme. This is a fun Quiz and there will be a small prize for the first correct entry drawn during Christian Aid Week.

Janet Rhodes, CA Contact (Denny Old)

Tel: 01324 824721

United Services 2024

Date	Service	Church	Time
Friday 01/03/24	World Day of Prayer	Dunipace	7pm
03/03/24	World Day of Prayer	Dunipace	10:30am
19/05/24	Pentecost	Bonnybridge	10:30 am
18/08/24	New Beginnings	Denny Westpark	10:30 am
06/10/24	Harvest Thanksgiving	Denny Old	10:30 am
01/12/24	1 st Advent Sunday	Haggs	10:30 am

Holy Week Services 2024

7pm Start

Monday 25th March	Denny Old
Tuesday 26th March	Denny Baptist
Wednesday 27th March	Bonnybridge
Maundy Thursday 28th March	Denny Westpark
Good Friday 29th March	Dunipace
Walk of Witness 29th March	Denny Baptist 10:30 am

There will be a short reflective service at Bonnybridge at 9:45 am after which folks will join the Walk of Witness. All are welcome to join.

Easter Open Air at 8:30am **31st March (Clocks Forward) led by Rev. Raheel Arif**

Easter Breakfast **31st March, 9 am, Denny Old**

Lunchbox

What comes into your head when you hear the lunchbox mentioned in the intimations on a Sunday morning?

The majority of our customers aren't members of the congregation. They come from local sheltered housing, care homes etc. We do have a few that are members of the congregation but there are also many that attend other churches in the area, so our Lunchbox is a hub where all denominations get together and there are no barriers to keep them apart.

We have all age groups from the youngest to the oldest through our door on a Monday. It can be a noisy place at times, but it is full of laughter most of the time.

Everyone will get a good meal, at a very good price, our prices are:

Soup: £1.20 per portion

Sandwich: £1.20 per round

Cakes: 60p each

Tea: 50p per pot

Coffee: 60p per mug

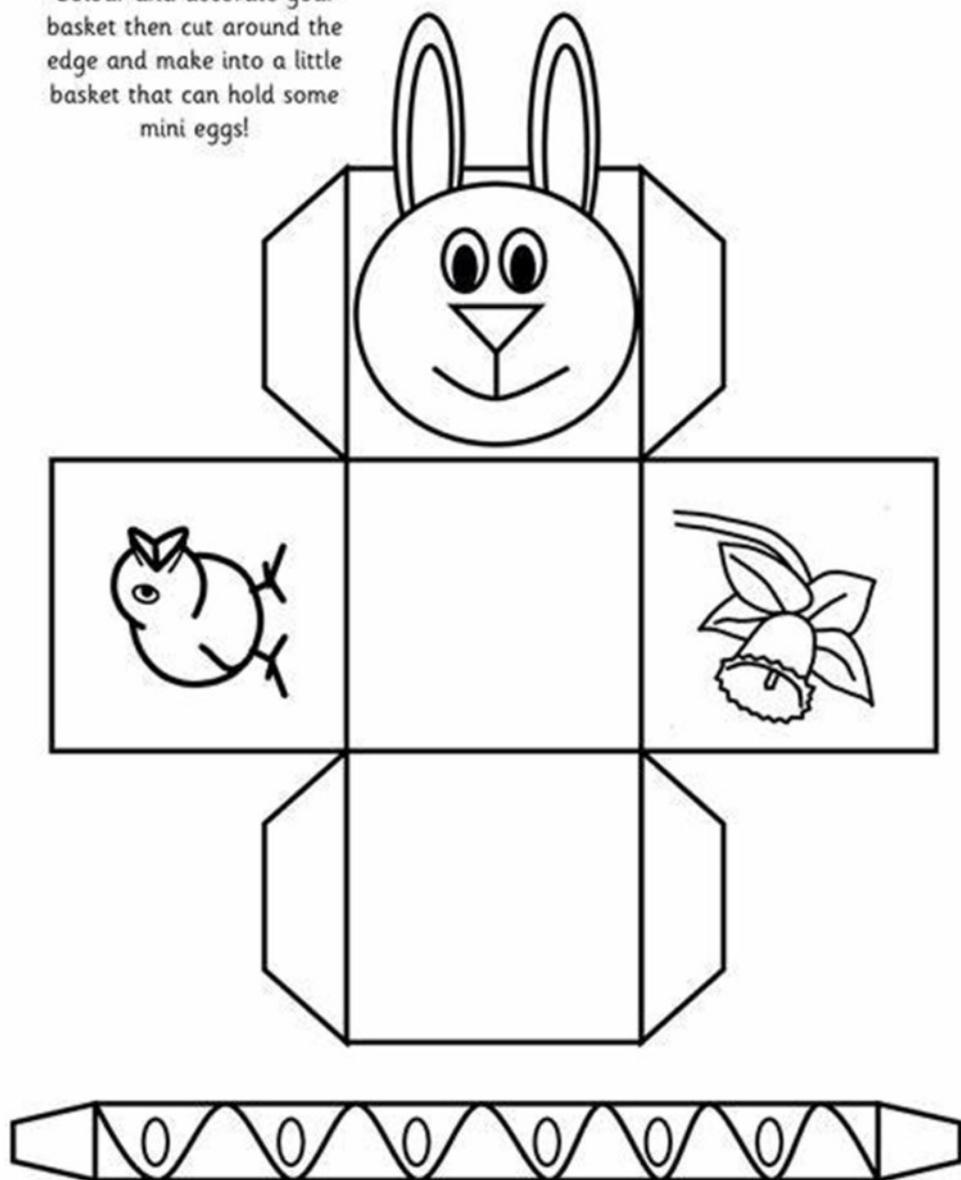
Squash: 20p per glass

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My Easter Bunny Basket

Colour and decorate your basket then cut around the edge and make into a little basket that can hold some mini eggs!





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Pastoral Care Group

Please contact us if you know of anyone who would welcome a visit from our family friendly team either at home, care home or hospital or even just a phone call to keep in touch. Just give any names to an elder on door duty or leave a name in the marked box on table at back of church. You can also contact Raheel on 01324 819149 and he will pass on details to the team.



Diana Martin
Team Leader

Yoga 4 All



The yoga group meets on Thursdays evenings from 7.00 – 8.15pm in Haggs Church Hall and is open to all who want to join in gentle stretches to help with mobility and balance, breath work to calm the emotions and meditation and relaxation activities to still the mind.

All levels of abilities are catered for, with adaptations and adjustments suggested for anyone with specific physical or emotional difficulties.

Please come along and join this friendly group.

More details are available from Sue Storrar on 0770 9263588

FALKIRK FOODBANK



Please help local people in crisis
by buying items from the list
below and giving them to
Falkirk Foodbank

- * Milk (UHT or powdered)
- * Sugar (500 g)
- * Fruit Juice (carton)
- * Soup
- * Pasta Sauces
- * Sponge Pudding (tinned)
- * Tomatoes (tinned)
- * Cereal incl. variety pack
- * Vegetables (tinned)
- * Rice Pudding (tinned)
- * Custard (tinned)
- * Tea Bags 40 & 80
- * Instant Mash Potato
- * Rice/Pasta
- * Meat (tinned)
- * Fish (tinned)
- * Tinned Fruit
- * Jam
- * Biscuits
- * Snacks



Centre:
Unit 1
Tamfourhill Industrial Estate
Tamfourhill, Falkirk FK1 4RT
e mail: info@falkirk.foodbank.org.uk
Registered Charity No SCO43763

During the year from 1st April 2023 to the present time folk from Denny Old have donated the wonderful amount of 1006.40Kg. This is truly wonderful given the current financial crisis everyone is living through. The Foodbank send a huge Thank You for this continued support which is helping those in need.

The boxes for donations are now in church. These can be found at the front door and next to the kitchen hatch in the hall. If preferred donations can be dropped off at Janet's home on a Monday for taking to the Foodbank on Tuesday. Please phone the number below for the address.

For the first time in the 10 years I have volunteered I have never known there to be a shortage of baked beans or tinned tomatoes. So, if you are looking for ideas for a donation please bear this in mind.

There is a continuing need for the items listed. Also, "Wellbeing" packs are delivered and there is an ongoing need for toiletries, i.e. toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap powder, baby supplies and cleaning materials.

The distribution centre delivers to all parts of the Falkirk Local Authority area, including Grangemouth, and deliveries are made in Denny and Dunipace.

Please contact Janet Rhodes on 824721 for more information.

B.B. - Anchor Boys - Christmas Gift Appeal



After last years amazing donation of over 125 selection boxes to Roots Food Bank the Anchor Boys wanted to do a little something different to give back to the community this year. We never thought we could beat that mammoth achievement.

With the help of parents, our incredible 6 boys and Daniel from Company Section managed to raise enough money by doing simple chores around the house and filling up 2 smarties tubes each with 20ps to make up 10 luxury gift hampers packed full of lovely treats. They each picked someone in the community they felt deserved an extra wee Christmas gift, this included our own Mr Firth and Mrs Mortimer to thank them in a very small way for everything they had done for the BB. Everyone was so appreciative with their hamper which shows in thank you cards we received.

We are so proud of these boys and without the amazing support of the parents we wouldn't be able to do these wonderful things. Thank you.

Bobby and Katy (Haggs)

Easter Bunny Jokes

How does the Easter Bunny stay fit?
Egg-ercise!

What happened to the Easter Bunny when he misbehaved at school?
He was eggspelled!

Why did the Easter Bunny cross the road?
Because the chicken had his eggs!

What sport are the eggs good at?
Running!

What do you get if you pour boiling hot water down a rabbit hole?
Hot cross bunnies.

How does the Easter Bunny keep his fur neat?
With a hare brush!

Why shouldn't you tell an Easter Egg a joke?
Because it might crack up!

What do you get if you cross a bee and a bunny?
A honey bunny!

How does the Easter Bunny keep his fur in place?
With hare spray!

What day does an Easter egg hate the most?
Fry-days.

What happened when the Easter Bunny met the rabbit of his dreams?
They lived hoppily ever after!

What is the Easter Bunny's favourite type of music?
Hip-Hop

How does the Easter Bunny travel?
By Hare-Plane.



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Gift Aid It



What is Gift Aid?

This is a government scheme which allows the congregation (as a registered charity) to reclaim the tax **you** have already paid on the money you give in your offering.

How does the church benefit?

While the basic rate of Income Tax is 20%, the congregation can recover the tax at the rate of 25%- e.g. £4 becomes £5

£20 becomes £25

£40 becomes £50

Who can give through Gift Aid?

Anyone who pays **Income Tax** or Capital Gains Tax which is annually at least equal to the tax which the congregation and other charities to which you make Gift Aid donations will reclaim on your gifts for that year.

What is Required?

Sign a Gift Aid Declaration- this is printed in the church magazine- ready for you to complete. Hand this to your elder or anyone on door duty on a Sunday or you can call Jean Duff, Gift Aid Convenor, on 01324 824768 and she will come and collect the completed form.

Give your offering using Offering Envelopes or by Bank Standing Order or by Cheque - to provide the Church with the necessary records of your giving.

You Do Not Need:

- To Promise to give a particular amount
- To promise to give for a specific period

Gift Aid Declaration

The Church of Scotland

Please complete this declaration in CAPITALS

Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate. Gift Aid is reclaimed from the government by charities from the tax you pay for the relevant tax year. Your congregation can reclaim Gift Aid on your offerings if you pay sufficient income tax and you provide a signed Gift Aid Declaration (below). In order to Gift Aid your donations, please complete the form and hand it to your treasurer.

I want to Gift Aid all monetary donations I have made in the past four years and those I make from today onwards to:

Name of congregation: _____
Congregation's charity no: _____

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Please tick:

My details:

First name: _____
Surname: _____
Address: _____
Postcode: _____
Signature: _____
Date: _____

Please notify the Church Treasurer/Gift Aid Convener if you:

- wish to cancel this declaration
- change your name or address
- no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HMRC to adjust your tax code.

PRIVACY NOTICE

You are giving your personal data to *(insert name of congregation)* as the Data Controller.

Your Personal Data: You are being asked to supply your name, address, postcode and signature.

Purpose: The purpose of processing the personal data we ask for is to complete a Gift Aid declaration. The legal basis for this processing is the Legitimate Activities of the Church as a not-for-profit organisation. Your personal data will not be used for another purpose without your consent.

If you do not provide the personal data requested, we cannot complete the declaration.

Data Subjects: Individuals making a monetary offering or donation to this congregation.

Sharing Your Personal Data: Your personal data will only be shared with HMRC as an independent data controller. This sharing is solely for the purpose of administering Gift Aid declarations.

Your Rights:

You have rights under the Data Protection Act 2018. For more information visit the website at www.churchofscotland.org.uk/using-our-site/privacy-centre

EASTER CHICK CAKES

INGREDIENTS

50G SELF RAISING FLOUR
50G MARGARINE
50 G CASTOR SUGAR
1 EGG

DECORATION

50G MARGARINE
100G ICING SUGAR
SUGAR PASTE CHICKS

METHOD

- 1 SET OVEN AT 180 DEGREES C
- 2 sieve flour in to a large bowl then add the egg margarine and sugar
- 3 beat until light smooth and creamy
- 4 divide into paper cases
- 5 bake in oven for 15/20 minutes
- 6 remove from tin and cool on a wire tray
- 7 decorate using sugar paste sticks



Bunny Drive

Our annual Bunny Drive will be held on Wednesday 3rd April at 2pm I. Hags Church Hall. Tickets are available from Jean Proffit and Jean McCheyne costing £3 for adults and £1 for children including refreshments. Please come along and enjoy some Easter Fun. Raffle prizes welcome.

Jean Proffit



The Driving Force



The Driving Force is a charity which takes anyone who has cancer and is registered with a GP in Bonnybridge, Banknock or Denny to hospital appointments for free.

Local volunteers work together to fundraise, co-ordinate and drive cancer patients to and from hospital appointments and treatment sessions. Kidney dialysis patients also benefit from this service.

There are 3 types of volunteers: drivers, co-ordinators and fundraisers. Drivers can volunteer to give as much time as they wish. While some drivers offer their services 5 days a week, Monday to Friday, many offer to drive 2 days or some 1 day.

Co-ordinators volunteer on a rota system and arrange a driver for each patient's journey and contact the patient with their driver's details. They contact the GP surgery daily to pick up the messages left by the patients. Fundraisers are very important to help with the prize bingo and coffee morning etc.

Haggs Church supports the Driving Force regularly with proceeds of Soup and Sandwich lunches etc being donated to the charity. 3 members of our congregation volunteer as driver's and I volunteer as a co-ordinator.

If you, or someone you know require the services of the Driving Force, please contact your GP surgery and leave your name and phone number and the on-call co-ordinator will contact you for your requirements. The Facebook page, The Driving Force, is a good way to find out more about the charity.

My daughter, Caroline, is doing the Kiltwalk in April and has chosen the Driving Force as her charity. To boost her sponsor money I am organising a fun night in Haggs Church Hall on Friday 12th April- more details to follow. Tickets will be available soon.

Jean Proffit tel 07799768106.

Song of Solomon 2:12 (NIV)

*Flowers appear on the earth; the
season of singing has come, the*

FLOWER GUILD



The Flower Calendar for 2024 is on display in the big hall. You will see that there are a few Sundays where there is no service in Denny Old, which means there will be no flowers in our Church. This is unfortunate, but if you wish you can choose an alternative Sunday. Contributions to the Flower Guild can be made by putting your name against the date you would like, perhaps a date of special

meaning to you, or there are boxes in church for monetary donations.

Flowers are delivered to people who have been bereaved or are unwell. Also, if someone is celebrating a special anniversary, or just needs cheering up, flowers are sent to them. It means such a lot to folk to receive flowers from church letting them know that they are kept in our thoughts.

If you are already on the Calendar, you will receive a reminder the week before, and arrangements can be made to get them to the person arranging them

Do you think you would like to have a go at arranging flowers in church? If so, please speak to Janet who would love to hear from you. You do not have to do this for a month at a time, weekly would be great.

Janet Rhodes, Flower Convener (Denny Old)

Tel: 01324 824721

Easter Rocky Road



Ingredients

- 175g/6oz dark chocolate, broken into pieces
- 125g/4½oz milk chocolate, broken into pieces
- 2 tbsp golden syrup
- 75g/2¾oz unsalted butter, diced
- 160g/5¾oz sugar-coated mini chocolate eggs
- 200g/7oz digestives or rich tea biscuits, broken into pieces
- 75g/2¾oz mini marshmallows
- 50g/1¾oz hazelnuts, roughly chopped
- 75g/2¾oz raisins

Method

1. Line a 20x30cm/8x12in baking tin with baking paper.
2. Place the dark and milk chocolate pieces in a large heatproof bowl and add the golden syrup and butter. Set the bowl over a pan of barely simmering water but do not allow the bottom of the bowl to touch the water. Stir from time to time until the butter and chocolate are melted and the mixture is smooth. Remove from the heat and leave to cool for 5 minutes - if this is too hot the marshmallows will melt.
3. Cut the chocolate mini eggs in half (leaving a few whole) and set aside one third of the eggs, including the whole ones for decorating. Gently fold in the chocolate eggs, biscuits, marshmallows, nuts and raisins into the chocolate mixture and mix to combine. Spoon into the prepared tin and spread level using the back of the spoon. Scatter with the reserved whole and halved mini eggs.
4. Refrigerating for at least 1 hour, or until completely firm. Cut into bars to serve.



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Obituary.
Ruth Gallacher.

On Friday 23rd February 2024, we said farewell to one of our elders, Ruth Gallacher, who had passed away after a long and brave fight with illness.

Ruth was brought up in Cumbernauld on the family farm, where she worked hard to help her parents run the farm. She met Archie Gallacher at a young farmers meeting and as they say the rest is history.

They moved to the holding at Longcroft where Archie and Ruth kept a few animals. One of my memories of Ruth is when I saw her in an oversized pair of wellingtons chasing cows along Kilsyth Road, trying to steer them down the coal brae and back into the field they had escaped from.

Ruth was ordained as an elder and took her duties seriously. She visited her district often and got to know her "People". Her kindness and generosity were overwhelming with many a bunch of flowers left hanging on doorknobs or surprise Christmas gifts deposited on the doorstep. Ruth was the fairy godmother to so many. She gave generously to the Foodbank and to the Shoebox appeal and to many more good causes.

Ruth was one of a kind, no frills, no nonsense but with a warm-hearted need to help others. We here at Haggs will miss you, Ruth.

Thank you, Good and faithful servant.

BANANA LOAF

Oven 1800C / Gas Mark 4

Line a 2lb loaf tin with parchment.

Ingredients

125g unsalted butter - chopped

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

110g caster sugar

2 large eggs - beaten

3 medium over-ripe bananas - mashed

225g self-raising flour

1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda

1 tablespoon milk



All ingredients into bowl of electric mixer.

Beat on low speed to combine then medium speed until smooth & changed colour.

Spread into loaf tin.

Bake approx. 1 hour. Test with skewer.

Turn onto wire rack to cool.

Carol Richmond

*My jelly beans tell a
wonderful story,
All for God's own glory.*

-  *Red is for the blood of
God's only son,*
-  *Black is for the sins
we've done.*

An Easter Promise

-  *Yellow is for the morning
so bright,
The day He arose
to make all things right.*

-  *Green reminds us that
He is risen,*
-  *White is for the
forgiveness we find in Him.*

-  *Purple is for Jesus'
throne,*
-  *Pink reminds me
that I am never alone.*

*A bag full of jelly beans,
colorful and sweet.
It's a prayer, a promise,
and an Easter treat.*

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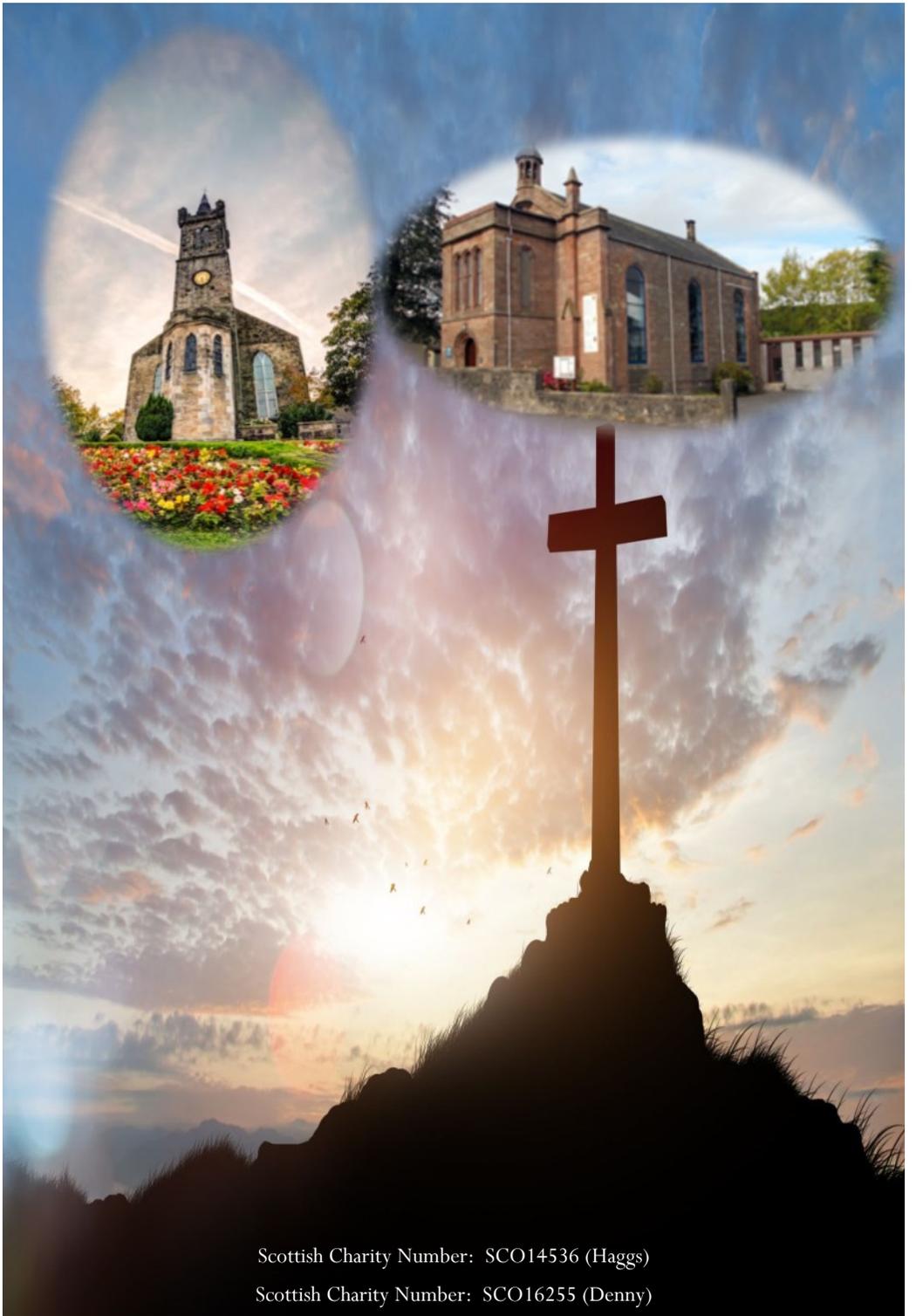
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