

# ***Newsletter***

***Crown Church, Inverness***

**MARCH 2022: No. 778**

**Parish Minister: Rev Douglas Robertson**



## **SUNDAY SERVICES**

With the easing in Coronavirus restrictions there is no longer a limit placed on the number who can gather in a place of worship. However we **do** still have to maintain 1 metre distancing.

Douglas will continue to broadcast on Sunday mornings at 11.00 am. To watch these and previous recordings please go to the Crown Church Facebook page (a Facebook account is not required to see the service).

<b>Sunday 6th March</b>	The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at 9.30am and 11.00am followed by special prayers
<b>Sunday 13th March</b>	Morning Worship at 9.30 am and 11.00am
<b>Sunday 20th March</b>	Morning Worship at 9.30 am and 11.00am
<b>Sunday 27th March</b>	Morning Worship at 9.30 am and 11.00am
<b>Sunday 3rd April</b>	Morning Worship at 9.30 am and 11.00am followed by special prayers

**'I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people –for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.'**

**1st Timothy 2: verses 1-2**

## From the Minister

### Lent

As I sit in my study writing, the sun is streaming in the window, the weather is getting warmer, the days are getting longer, the snowdrops are blossoming and Spring has surely sprung!

And yet, though the dark clouds of last week's storms have receded from our sky, a very different kind of dark cloud now hangs over Europe. My last contribution to the Newsletter (December) was all about Christmas, in the midst of which I pointed out the circumstances under which Jesus was born and related them to our current generation:



*the petty jealousies of politicians and their power games, the oppression of military occupation, the effective slavery of a population, the exclusion and exile that Jesus' own family was forced into, are all present in the birth stories of Jesus. And these are not just ancient problems, they are very contemporary even now in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.*

I was not being a prophet. I didn't see Russia's invasion of Ukraine coming any more than anybody else, but the sad reality is simply that as long as people live under the conditions of sin that infect all of our hearts, conflict at all levels, personal, local, national and global, will be our lived reality.

Which is why Lent is such an important season.

It is a time to meet personally and intimately with God. The stories recorded in the Bible (Matt 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13) tell only of what happened in a few moments of the 40 days and 40 nights that Jesus spent in the wilderness. The rest of his time was private. It was between him and God. Apparently even his closest disciples were told only about the few moments we have recorded. If they'd known more they would surely have written more.

So this was a very private moment for Jesus, which fortified him for his public ministry. Humble and self-denying, probably emaciated with hunger, lips dry and chapped, yet he came out of the desert with the spiritual and moral fortitude to withstand the worst of temptations.

For some people the temptation we seem unable to resist is food – and the devil tempted Jesus to use his God-given powers to satisfy his own hunger. Later he would use these powers to feed 5,000, but he refused to use them selfishly and instead quoted Scripture back at the devil and taught us about the primacy of spiritual life over physical life.

More pertinent to the situation in Ukraine, the devil's final temptation was to take Jesus to the highest mountain and to promise him great power and wealth, an empire that spanned the globe, if only he would bow down and worship the devil.

Sadly, in every generation of history – and I repeat myself to say that ours is not unique and the generations that come after us will not be exempt – there are some people who see the world from a high mountain, and pride and greed lead them to believe that they can have all the power and wealth of an ever bigger empire, without recognising that the price they pay is to worship the devil.

At some level, Vladimir Putin claims to be Christian. We need to pray all the more that he observes The Great Lent of the Orthodox Churches, which begins a week after western Lent. May he see his own soul reflected in the Bible readings that will be read, and may he learn from Scripture to respond as Jesus responded: "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

In the meantime there are an increasing number of ways we can offer help to the people of Ukraine. Perhaps (for the moment) the most immediate and effective way to contribute would be a donation to either the Red Cross or the International Rescue Committee. You can find plenty of information about these organisations online to assure you of their trustworthiness and experience in handling global crises.

Wishing you God's blessings,

Douglas

## **Crown Church Conference**

60 enthusiastic Crown Church folk contributed a wealth of ideas on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February at the Crown Church Conference. From the opening worship, through the speakers and discussion groups and the closing communion, the atmosphere was positive and forward looking.

The theme of the conference was 'Mission and Fellowship'. In all that we do as a congregation we must keep at the front of our thoughts that our work is Christian mission. That is what makes us different from all secular groups.

Many took on board from the presentations the idea which is put forward by the 'Engel Scale', which helps us understand the journey from 'no knowledge of God' through a number of stages to 'spiritual maturity as a Christian believer'. Ultimately it is all about the opportunity to share the Gospel message, and the first step on the scale for many is the need to feel accepted and to be offered friendship and the opportunity to work at a common task or engage in a shared activity. Simple requirements which we can all help to provide.

In summary, many of the observations lead us to one major change - the suggestion that we initiate an open-door policy to our buildings throughout the week, and encourage the congregation to volunteer on a regular basis to offer a welcome and a listening ear to everyone who comes in during the week.

A new range of activities can be offered to reach out particularly at this time to counteract loneliness, supplemented by the Olive Grove operating within the buildings.

The Kirk Session will consider the very many suggestions which have been put forward and plan how they can be implemented. Future editions of the Newsletter will keep you up to date.

Grateful thanks are due to the speakers –Paul Haringman, Douglas Robertson, Doug McRoberts, Struan McRoberts, and the leaders of worship, Pat Crippin and Morven Archer; to the Pastoral Care Team who saw to the refreshments; to David Crippin who operated the zoom call which attracted 11 of the participants; to Eileen Ardern and team for collating, reviewing and reporting all the delegate responses and to Brian Macgill who organised invitations and attendees.

Conference Committee Team

### **CROWN SCHOOL CAR PARK**

Should you wish to use the Crown School car park when organising a church event please note that a minimum of 2 weeks notice is now required.



## **FUNRAISING QUIZ**

Thanks go to many people in and around Crown Church for these 60 questions. Donations of £1 requested are for Young Crown funds. Have a go and see how well you can do. Enjoy conferring with others but please do not resort to looking up your answers using a computer search engine. We have indicated who set each round of questions so you can work out who to chat to for help.

The answers will be given in next month's newsletter. There is no prize other than the enjoyment of taking part. Have fun and good luck!

The answers can be found on page 17 of the newsletter.

Young Crown Fundraising Team.

### **ROUND 1 By the Tuesday Bible Study Group.**

1. What element can precede the following words – dating, footprint, neutral?
2. Which 20<sup>th</sup> century novelist has a name which means "good Christian"?
3. In times gone by what game could be played at Hunter's in Inverness?
4. In which Scottish town do people spend 24 hours at worship?
5. What nationality was Roald Dahl?
6. There are two alternative words which can follow these words – pepper, spear and cat. What are they?
7. Which city held the 2004 Summer Olympics.
8. What is secured in a ship's cathead?
9. From where did Jonah sail when he tried to avoid going to Nineveh?
10. How did a Renfrewshire turkey farmer go into the history books in October 1939?

## **ROUND 2 By Thursday night YC**

1. Who do you have to find when you're playing the game "Among Us"?
2. Which skills can you hone using TT Rockstars?
3. Which two comedians spent 96 hours in Iceland?
4. According to the song, who'll "be riding shotgun"?
5. Which you tube personality made the most money in 2021?
6. What did Jesus do in the shortest verse in the Bible?
7. If Dude Perfect are signing off, what do they want from you after you 'pound it'?
8. What is the Minions' favourite food?
9. What is a SNOT piece in Lego?
10. Where do Harry, Ron and Hermione go to school?
11. What is Peppa Pig's brother called?
12. Which four-armed fiend terrorises Ninjago City?
13. Who do people not talk about in Encanto?
14. What is the most viewed video on you tube?

## **ROUND3 By the Choir**

1. What is the name of the Beatles first album?
2. What mathematical symbol was the title of Ed Sheeran's first album?
3. Which number features in Adele's latest album?
4. What instrument did Phil Collins play in Genesis?
5. Who was the first person to win "Britain's Got Talent"?
6. Paul McCartney and Wings wrote and performed music for which James Bond film?
7. Which country has won the Eurovision Song Contest the most times?
8. Which Disney film featured Elton John singing "Can You Feel the Love Tonight"?
9. Which singer has the most UK number one singles ever?
10. What is the opening line of Queens's song "Bohemian Rhapsody"?

## **ROUND 4 By Morven's Monday Coffee Chums**

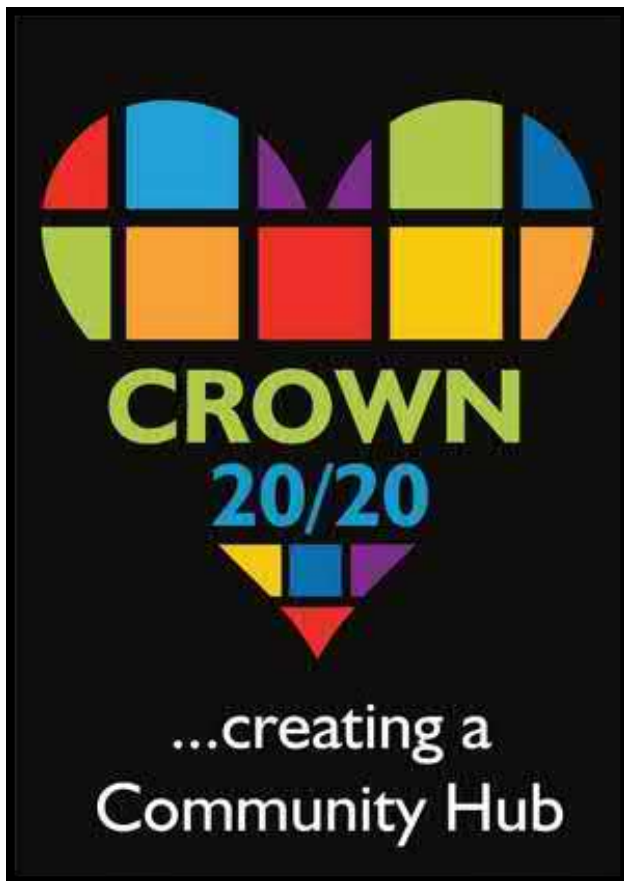
1. How many sightings of the Loch Ness Monster were officially recorded in 2021?
2. What is the common name of kniphofia?
3. Where would you find your creenie?
4. Which books does Queen Jadis appear in?
5. Which guest stars have done readings from Mark's gospel at the 9.30 service during January?
6. Where does the current World's Strongest Man live?
7. What date did M&S open in Inverness?
8. Whose lady's maid was Betty Burke?
9. What is ceann crophaig?
10. The 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of which Edinburgh resident's death was marked in January 2022?

## **ROUND 5 By the Choir again**

- 1.What name is often given to Franz Schubert's "Symphonie no 8"?
- 2.Which composer settled in London in 1712 and became a naturalised British subject in 1772?
- 3.Benjamin Britten's "War Requiem" was composed for the consecration of what building?
- 4.Who composed the opera Turandot?
- 5.A statue of which composer can be found at the end of Worcester High St?
- 6.Which American composer's work "Moon River" features in the movie "Breakfast at Tiffany's"?
- 7.Which classical composer wrote "Nessun Dorma"?
- 8.Which classical composer wrote "Liberty Bell"?
- 9.Which classical composer wrote "William Tell Overture"?
- 10.Which classical composer wrote "Rhapsody in Blue"?

## **ROUND 6 from the 2018 Presbytery of Inverness Inter Guild Quiz**

- 1.What newspaper does Clark Kent work for?
2. What rock star gained his name from his black and yellow hooped jersey?
3. What sporting cup is made from melted down rupees?
- 4.What is the surname of the family who live at 17 Cherry Tree Lane?
- 5.Which is the only king in a pack of cards without a moustache?
- 6.Which animal has the highest blood pressure?



## Update from Crown 20/20 Group

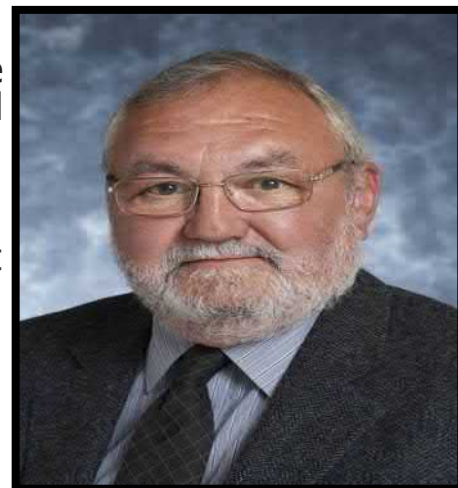
**“Crown Church aims to invest in a major upgrade of our church buildings to provide a warm and welcoming home for worship, equip us with modern and accessible Facilities to support Christian outreach into our community and to help our church meet the needs of that community.”**

Dear Members of the Congregation

Regular and focused communication has been a priority of the Crown 2020 Group as we proceed at full tilt to upgrade our historic building to make it a modern and welcoming place to worship and meet. This was a key message we received from Tom Heggie, a Highland Councillor for Nairn, who willingly gave of his time to meet with some of our members in the early stages of the project to tell us about his experiences in leading a project to renovate the former Congregational Church building in Nairn.

Sadly, Tom died on 23 February and our sincere sympathies are extended to his wife, Mary, family and friends at this time.

Tom first came to Nairn as a young minister at Nairn Old Parish Church and later pursued a teaching career at Forres Academy before returning to the ministry at Nairn United Reformed Church where he led a major campaign to modernise and upgrade the former Congregational Church building, creating a community hub used by a variety of groups.



It was Tom's experience in leading the church upgrade that was the focus of his time with us and we are indebted to him for his advice, which we have made every effort to follow.

Our update focuses on three aspects of the ongoing works at the church.

In the Sanctuary, I and K Ferguson Contractor is making progress in removing the pews from the central aisle of the Sanctuary and relocating the organ to a more advanced position (under the screen). Work includes the levelling and polishing of the flooring. Replacement of the pews with comfortable individual seats, which can be easily stored, will create a more flexible area for use by the congregation and the



growing number of church and community groups who wish to base themselves within our church building. Services will continue to be held in the refurbished Upper Hall until the work is completed. We hope to be back in the Sanctuary on Sunday 27 March.

We are so sorry that some of our church goers cannot access the Upper Hall but we hope the online services are filling a void during this short period of disruption.

On this front, we hope that the new lift will be installed during the week beginning Monday 7 March and will be available for use once the Completion Certificate is issued. This and the reinstatement of the fire escape will allow a full resumption of church and community activities.

In the Lower Hall, Morrison Construction are making progress with their contract for The Highland Council to create two new nursery classrooms for Crown Primary School. Morrison's have given us a completion date of Friday 15 April. We are hoping we can host an Open Day on Easter Saturday (16 April) for the congregation and community before the nursery staff take occupation. Our fingers are firmly crossed that this date can be achieved.

Throughout the works, we have come to appreciate that making major alterations to an elderly building and meeting modern health and safety requirements can often result in unexpected delays and we are so grateful to the congregation for their understanding and patience over such a prolonged period.

Finally, at our Mission Conference in mid-February we received a ringing endorsement for the Crown 20/20 vision for our very special church building. There were many great ideas for how the new space can best be put to use as we strive to deliver the aims of our project. The support of the congregation is hugely appreciated.



## Daily Bible Readings for March

### **Sunday, March 6, 2022, John 11:1-44, Jesus Raises Lazarus**

Monday, John 11:45-57, The Plot to Kill Jesus

Tuesday, John 12:1-8, Mary Anoints Jesus

Wednesday, John 12:9-11, The Plot to Kill Lazarus

Thursday, John 12:12-19, Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

Friday, John 12:20-26, Some Greeks Wish to See Jesus

Saturday, John 12:27-35, Jesus Speaks about His Death

### **Sunday, March 13, 2022, John 13:1-17, Jesus Washes Feet**

Monday, John 12:36-43, The Unbelief of the People

Tuesday, John 12:44-50, Summary of Jesus' Teaching

Wednesday, John 13:18-30, Jesus Foretells His Betrayal

Thursday, John 13:31-35, The New Commandment

Friday, John 13:36-38, Jesus Foretells Peter's Denial

Saturday, John 14:1-14, Jesus the Way to the Father

### **Sunday, March 20, 2022, John 18:12-27, Peter's Denial**

Monday, John 14:15-31, The Promise of the Holy Spirit

Tuesday, John 15:1-17, Jesus the True Vine

Wednesday, John 15:18--6:4a, The World's Hatred

Thursday, John 16:4b-15, The Work of the Spirit

Friday, John 16:16-24, Sorrow Will Turn into Joy

Saturday, John 16:25-33, Peace for the Disciples

**Sunday, March 27, 2022, John 18:28-40, Jesus and Pilate**

Monday, Psalm 145:10-13

Tuesday, Isaiah 45:18-19, Lord Speaks the Truth

Wednesday, Amos 5:6-13, Hate for the One Who Speaks Truth

Thursday, John 17:1-19, Jesus Prays for His Disciples

Friday, John 17:20-26, Jesus Prays for His Disciples

Saturday, John 18:1-11, The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

**Sunday, April 3, 2022, John 19:1-16a, Jesus Condemned**

Monday, Psalm 146

Tuesday, Isaiah 6:1-5, Holy Lord

Wednesday, Isaiah 28:5-6, Spirit of Justice

Thursday, Isaiah 32:1-6, King of Righteousness

Friday, Isaiah 42:1-4, Suffering Servant

Saturday, Jeremiah 23:5-6, Branch of David



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



In the light of the situation in Russia and Ukraine, the World Day of Prayer International Committee has invited us to prepare an additional prayer of intercession for use throughout the world on 4th March.

God of the past, the present and the future,

Our thoughts and prayers are with our sisters and brothers in the Ukraine and the surrounding countries in their fear and distress

We pray too for all other regions of the world where there is conflict, unrest or oppression

We pray that reconciliation will overcome hatred,  
peace will conquer war,  
hope will replace despair and that your plans for the world and for us its people will be fulfilled

God in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Detailed below is a link to a short service which it is suggested could be used in Home Visits or Care Homes.

To use this link you will need access to the internet. The service cannot be downloaded.

<https://bit.ly/3pmDsMn>

## CROWN CANDLES

We're glad to report that Ian, our candlemaker is well again and asked us to pass on his grateful thanks for all our prayers and good wishes. He's back to work and so our stock of beautiful candles has been replenished - but they are still selling fast!

They are available after both services at church on Sunday mornings. However, if you would like a home delivery, we'll be happy to organise that for you. You can call Lesley 01463 772594 or email [lesley.mcroberts@btinternet.com](mailto:lesley.mcroberts@btinternet.com)  
All sizes are available large £16, medium £12, small £10. All proceeds to Young Crown.



## THE BIG BOOKSALE

The Launchpad Second Hand Book Sale is **POSTPONED** until later in April due to ongoing works in the Sanctuary. Keep an eye out for the new date nearer the time



## Food for Thought

With this year's Lent Study featuring the 'On the Breadline' Bible Study course compiled by Christians against Poverty, the Outreach Team has been investigating how people in food poverty locally are being supported, and some of the ways we can assist.



**The Food Bank** locally is managed by Blythswood Care and is part of the Trussell Trust network of Foodbanks. It provides emergency food to local people who find themselves in a crisis without food and without money to buy it.

It operates on a referral basis. Local helping agencies who register with the Foodbank can then make referrals for their clients. Its service is always seen as short term assistance while clients' underlying issues are being addressed.

Everybody leaves a Foodbank with a 3 day supply of food, enough to make 3 meals over 3 days for all their household. Suggested menus/ guides to using the food parcel contents are included with food parcels.

The Foodbank Centres also offer a safe place where people can enjoy a cup of tea and chat while their food parcel is being prepared.

**We can help by** donating only items on the list sent out monthly by Blythswood. If an item isn't listed, it means the Foodbank already has sufficient stock. You can leave donated items in church, once alterations are complete, or in boxes at most supermarkets. Financial donations are welcome in supporting the service generally. Volunteers are always welcome, either in the Foodbank warehouse, sorting donations of food, or in the Foodbank Centre.

**Café 1668**, run by the Highland Third Sector Interface, is based in the historic Dunbar Hospital building in Church Street, almost opposite the steps to the Old High Church.

This is a social cafe, serving free hot meals on a take away basis, as well as serving paying sit-in customers. There is a community food pantry and an attached link worker to help callers facing problems to access the most appropriate services.

The cafe is supported by local supermarkets donating items that might otherwise go to landfill and so helps reduce food waste. Appropriate items are added to the community pantry, others become the ingredients for the hot dishes of the day. No referral is needed for anyone to use the service and no questions are asked.

**We can help by** using the cafe, available to paying customers Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am - 2pm. Prices are modest but there is the option to pay forward for someone's else's meal. You can also register as a volunteer to collect donations from supermarkets for the cafe (for car drivers), add long life items to the community pantry or even books to the small library. The cafe is available throughout the week to non paying clients, but focuses exclusively on their needs on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays when Inverness Foodstuff, based at Ness Bank Church is not operating.

**Crown & City Community Cupboard** (Crown Connects in partnership with SHIMCA), based on the corner of Charles Street and Ardconnel Terrace has been set up to tackle food waste in the area, and is open to anyone from any part of Inverness to use, taking or donating food and toiletries between 8am and 8pm.

Most comes from supermarkets with some from local stores in Crown. Fresh fruit and veg can also be donated; donors include the GROW project at the Inverness Botanic Gardens. Home produced items e.g. jams and preserves cannot be accepted, unfortunately, because of food safety regulations.

**We can help by** donating any surplus food within its best before date. Car drivers can also volunteer to be part of the evening rota for collecting donated food from local supermarkets and restocking the cupboard. Anyone interested can email [crownconnectsSCIO@gmail.com](mailto:crownconnectsSCIO@gmail.com) for the attention of Jane.

The Outreach Team



**Inverness Choral Society**  
**Spring Concert in Ness Bank Church, Inverness**  
**Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm**  
**Conducted by Gordon Tocher and accompanied by**  
**Sheila Bruce**

**Favourite pieces from Opera to Oratorio**

Tickets/programme at the door (suggested donation of £10 to be shared between the Church and the Society)

Inverness Choral Society is delighted to announce its first concert since November 2019. Another 'first' is to perform without soloists or orchestra. The audience will therefore be treated to a whole programme of well-loved choruses, with something to appeal to everyone.

The concert will include old favourites like Franck's 'Panis angelicus' and Mozart's 'Ave verum corpus'. There are works by Mendelssohn, Schubert and Arensky; opera choruses by Verdi, Puccini, Gounod and Wagner; a Gilbert & Sullivan sequence from 'The Gondoliers' and 'The Pirates of Penzance'; and to finish the programme, choruses from 'Messiah'. Gordon Tocher will also perform two solo pieces on the organ as interludes between the choruses.

The concert will run for about an hour without an interval.





# Answers To Young Crown Fund Raising Quiz

## ROUND 1

1. Carbon 2. Agatha Christie 3. Snooker 4. Kirkcaldy (Kirk-aw-day)  
5. Welsh 6. Mint/head 7. Athens 8. The anchor 9. Joppa 10. He was the  
spitfire pilot who shot down the leader of the first air-raid over Britain,  
over the Forth.

## ROUND 2

1. The Imposter 2. Times Tables 3. Joe Lycett and Bull Bailey 4. George  
Ezra 5. Mr Beast 6. "He wept." 7. Noggin (to do a friendly  
head- butt) 8. Bananas 9. Studs Not On Top 10. Hogwarts 11. George  
12. Lord Garmadon 13. Bruno 14. Baby Shark

## ROUND 3

1. Please please me 2. + (plus) 3. 30 4. Drums 5. Paul Potts 6. Live  
and Let Die 7. Ireland 8. The Lion King 9. Elvis Presley 10. Is this  
the real life?

## ROUND 4

1. 16 - see Inverness Courier 4/11/21 2. Red Hot Poker 3. On your hand  
(pinkie) 4. The Chronicles of Narnia 5. Johnny Cash & David Suchet  
6. Invergordon 7. 28/10/80 8. Flora MacDonald 9. Fish head  
10. Auld John Gray (master of Greyfriars Bobby).

## ROUND 5

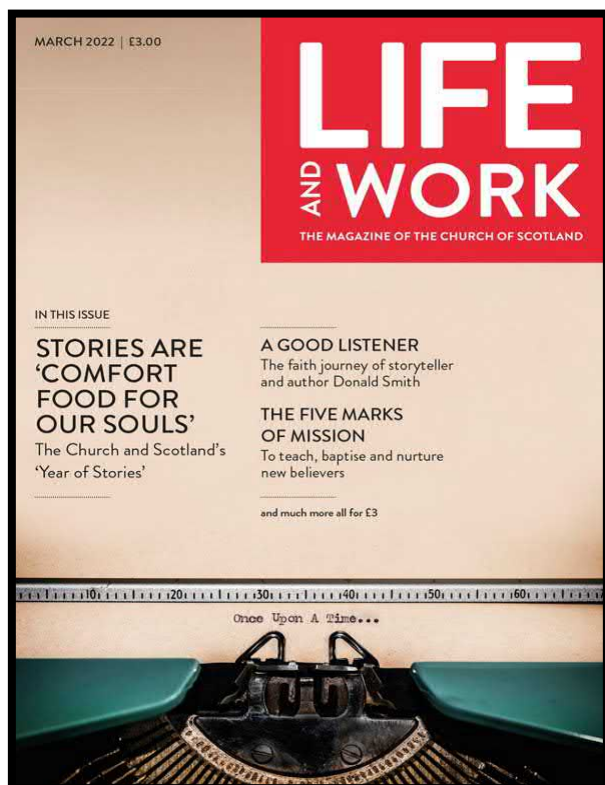
1. Unfinished Symphony 2. George Frideric Handel 3. The new Coventry  
Cathedral (in 1962) 4. Giacomo Puccini 5. Edward Elgar 6. Henry Mancini  
7. Giacomo Puccini 8. John Philip Sousa 9. Gioachino Rossini 10. George  
Gershwin

## ROUND 6

1. The Daily Planet 2. Sting 3. The Calcutta Cup 4. Banks 5. King of  
Hearts 6. Giraffe

# LIFE AND WORK

MARCH 2022



## Scotland's Year of Stories

2022 has been designated the Year of Stories in Scotland. Jackie Macadam learns about the importance and power of storytelling in the Christian faith, and interviews storyteller and author Donald Smith.

## The Five Marks of Mission: To Teach, Baptise and Nurture New Believers

Continuing the series on the Marks of Mission, Thomas Baldwin speaks to ministers of two churches which have welcomed considerable numbers of new members in the past year.

## Faith in Action

Official monthly update from the Faith Action Programme.

## A Giant of Spiritual Life

The Very Rev Dr John Chalmers remembers

Archbishop Desmond Tutu's speech to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland

## Unity in Community

The Moderator reflects on the strength of working together.

## 'Our Loving Father Will Always Listen'

In this month's youth column Orla Wheatley, 16, reflects on the key moments in her journey of faith.

## A Sense of Restlessness

Albert Bogle explains why restlessness can be a sign of preparing the way for the future.

## 'One of the Prettiest Landscapes in Scotland'

John R Hume reflects on the parish church of Langholm.

## Daily Bread

David Searle continues his series on the Lord's Prayer.

## Plus

News, letters, readers' pictures, crosswords and registers

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## Welcome Team

**March 6th** Douglas Wilson/Jane Wilson  
Lena Clarke  
Val Little

**March 13th** Douglas Wilson/Jane Wilson  
Lena Clarke  
Val Little

**March 20th** Douglas Wilson  
Jane Wilson  
Lena Clarke

**March 27th** Douglas Wilson  
Jane Wilson  
Lena Clarke  
Linda Moncur

**As restrictions are easing and we look forward to enjoying our newly refurbished upper hall, perhaps now more so than ever it is important that we can offer a friendly presence at our doorways. If you feel you could help, even if it is just one Sunday, please do contact Gloria at the Church Office.**

## Readers

**March 6th** Pat Crippin

**March 13th** Lynn Forbes

**March 20th** Mairi Main

**March 27th** Pat Douglas

**April 3rd** Lena Clarke

# NEWS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

## Deaths

Mrs Helen Spiers, c/o Cameron, Macrosty Gardens, Crieff, formerly of Broom Drive, 3rd February 2022, aged 100

Mrs Anjey Hall, Kingsmills Nursing Home, formerly of Argyle Court, 5th February 2022, aged 102

Mr William (Bill) Ross, Abbeyfield House, Ballachulish, formerly of Oak Avenue, 15th February 2022

**Items for the April newsletter by Sunday 27th March please!**

**\*\*\*Please note our new email address\*\*\***

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