



St. Matthew's Church

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Dear all

On Sunday 12th September Rev Anne Brennan based her fascinating sermon on the subject of “words” and the Bible readings were taken from Proverbs 2: 1-12 and James 3: 1-12.

This sermon was doubly meaningful for me as I'm in the middle of reading “The Dictionary of Lost Words” by Pip Williams which is about a young girl, Esme, who over time realises that some words are considered more important than others, and that words and meanings relating to women's experiences often go unrecorded. While she dedicates her life to the Oxford English Dictionary, secretly, she begins to collect words for another dictionary: The Dictionary of Lost Words.

The book is a thought-provoking celebration of words, and the power of language to shape the world and our experience of it.

The other relevant experience of “words” this weekend was that, whilst out cycling, we chanced upon an “Open Studios” venue in Coupar Angus which was, in fact, a traditional printing workshop-who knew such a thing existed in our locality? This workshop contained a history of the printing press since Gutenberg and a collection of various printing presses. As the owner said, almost everyone has a relative who was connected with the printing trade as it used to be such a large employer in Scotland before the digital era.

Fiona Bruce

PRAYER

May the Word of Life
breathe love into all you say.

Speak well and speak wisely, console and speak kindly.

Speak truth to power.
Leave space for others to speak.

In all you say—
bless and encourage,
comfort and inspire.
May your words
be loving,
life-giving,
honouring the God
in whose image
all are made,
the One who spoke creation into being,

and who speaks words of blessing to us
this day and every day.

Amen

Adapted from “Spill the Beans”

FLOWER DELIVERY ROTA

Hello, all

As September creeps on apace and the nights draw in, it is time to draw up the next rota for delivery of the flowers on



Sunday following the morning service. Thank you to each of one of you who has helped out over the last four months - from the cards of thanks we have received, I can assure you that the recipients of the flowers really appreciate them, knowing that they are being remembered by the church at good or difficult times in their lives.

So – can you please let me know if you would be willing to go on the next rota covering October, November and December 2021.

If so, can you please let me know (a) if there are any Sundays which you know you would NOT be available, and (b) if there are any dates which you would prefer to do.

Thank you

Marjorie Clark



DIARY

Sunday: Live streamed Worship from 10.45
ID 953 7532 1288 Pass code 058724

The above can be accessed using the telephone by dialling : 0131 460 1196 And enter ID, and Pass Code where required, above when requested.

To Unmute yourself press *6

Quick link for Sunday Worship

<https://zoom.us/j/95375321288?pwd=Z0ZQckF2dEVpcmNUTWtPdmZxeUhGQT09>

NO NEED TO BOOK FOR CHURCH NOW .

Why not copy the above to take on holiday with you and always be able to join your friends at St.Matthew's whilst you are away from home.



Belated Birthday Congratulations to:

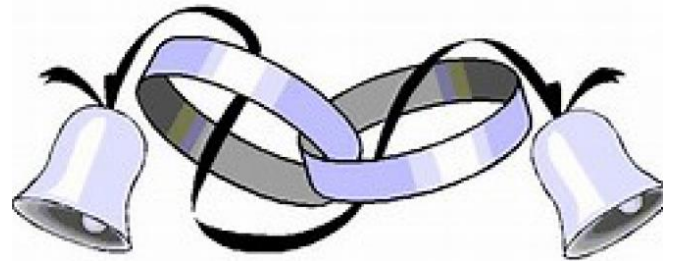
Marjorie Clark who was 70 on 5 September

Birthday Congratulations to:

Sheena Beange on 20th September

Chrissie Cramond who will be 93 on 27 September

Christian Smith who will be 94 on 1st October



Wedding Congratulations to 2 former members of JAM:

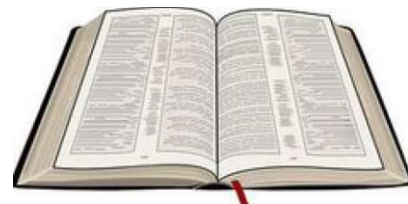
Rachel Davies married Tom Lawson on 4 September 2021

Jane Byers married Callum Halstead on 11 September 2021

(See Photo Gallery)

Congratulations

Also – congratulations and our best wishes go to another former JAM member, **Katriona Allen**, who will compete at the Squash Scottish Open being played in Inverness later this month.



It was with sadness that we learnt of the death of our longstanding Member, **Mrs Jessie Clayton**, aged 97, who latterly resided at Ochil Nursing Home. We send our prayers and condolences to her family.

" If you would like to contribute to a presentation to our Church Caretaker, **Paul Moran**, please contact Session

Clerk, **Fiona Bruce**, with this by **31 October 2021.**"





This year our **Harvest Thanksgiving** service will take place on **Sunday 26 September**.

The plan this year is to provide items for the Foodbank as follows:

UHT milk, long life juice, sweets, instant/packet meals (e.g. pot noodles, pasta in sauce, etc) tinned puddings or tinned fruit.

(They do NOT need soup, beans, pasta or cereal.)

Non-food items which are gratefully received include:

bars of soap, shampoo or small laundry liquid/powder.

There will also be several flower deliveries to be made so it would be appreciated if volunteers could assist with this at the end of the service.

Thanks, Fiona Bruce



Thank you to those who took part in our **Workparty 1** which took place yesterday morning in preparation for our "**Doors Open Days**" this weekend. The bacon rolls went down very well!

It was great to see the contributions made by the Leaders of our uniformed organisations- thank you- much appreciated!

Please put a note in your diary that **Workparty 2** will take place on Saturday 13 November 10-12noon in preparation for our **Anniversary Service on 21 November**.

Fiona Bruce

Doors Open Days Saturday 18th (10 – 5) & Sunday (12.30 – 4) 19th September 2021

We are signed up for "**Doors**

Open Days" once more. We

would intend to do what we have done in the past. A bit of

exhibition, a bit of music and teas & coffees. It will be nice to see visitors coming through our doors again.

Please note the date as we will be looking for

volunteers to act as guides and provide hospitality.

Members of the walking group have offered to help but additional help is required. If you can manage,

even an hour please let us know. Tom



WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

Macmillann Coffee Morning

On the **Saturday 25th September** the Guild will be holding a Coffee morning as part of the **Macmillan Coffee Morning Appeal**.

10am to 12noon the Guild ladies and gentlemen will look forward to welcoming you into the sanctuary at St. Matthew's

We are delighted to advise that

Teas & Coffees will resume at the end of the Sunday service commencing Sunday 3rd

October.



The next edition of the Newsletter, No. 48 will be on **Friday 24th September 2021**. All contributions to FMBruce6@googlemail.com by Wednesday 22th September 2021
(**See Photo Gallery next page**)

Photo Gallery

Jane (Byers) & Callum Halstead



Rachel Davies & Tom Lawson



Fiona with Rachel and Tom

