

KIRK KLIPS

April 2015



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Dear Friends,

Greetings! “The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!” In ancient times Christians exchanged this greeting at Easter. Our brothers and sisters in the Eastern Churches still offer it repeatedly during their worship on Easter morning. After a while it becomes an uplifting interruption, as if to say, “Just in case you forgot—God won!” and an interpreted response could be, “Yes! and he won by a mile.”

The wonderful Resurrection of Christ is celebrated in many ways throughout the world, but always with the same sense of astonishment and joy. On Easter we celebrate an enormous victory that seems to have been won against all odds – that is, until we remember the power of God. It is God who gives life and who receives it back again after its course is complete. It is God who declared all human life to be precious and good. And, it is God who intended that we should live in the fullness of life - His life, forever.

Too often our thoughts are fixed on the failings of humanity. We see the faults, the injustices, the tragedies that lead to suffering. We rile against heaven or one another, and shake our heads and fists in disappointment. Often we’re tempted to say, “The odds are against us.” In those moments what we face is the reality that we are imperfect, all flawed.

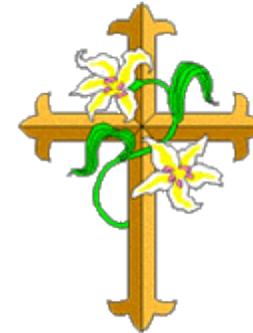
When we first fell into sin, the odds were indeed stacked against us. Death was inevitable, but who ever dreamed it would lead human beings to embrace a culture of death? This is certainly not what God intended, nor is it in any way acceptable to God whose very being and whose very gift to us is life.

In a dramatic way, the faults of those who turned against Jesus on Good Friday are addressed by his own words: “Father, forgive them, they do not know what they are doing!”

Bereavements

Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever has faith in me shall live even though he dies; and no one who lives and has faith in me shall ever die.”

Mr John Wallace	Kelty
Mr David Lockhart	Kelty
Mr Bob Hughes	Kelty
Miss Joan Brown	Kelty
Mr Alan Douglas	Kelty
Mr James Keddie	Kelty
Mrs Margaret Hogan	Kelty
Mr Walter Mannarn	Kelty
Mr George Robertson	Kelty
Mr Mike Barclay	Kelty
Mr Harry Brown	Kelty
Mrs Margaret McCurley	Kelty



Benarty View Nursing Home

Benarty View Services are held normally on the third Sunday of the Month. We have very good attendances at the Nursing Home and the services are fully appreciated by the residents. We usually try and pick the more popular Hymns for singing. Bible readings and a period of reflection is used at our services,

The people attending from the Church take part in the services each Sunday we are there. There is a very generous and warm welcome extended to us at the Benarty View Nursing Home staff. When we are there the staff cannot do enough for us.

The residents look forward very much to the Services. Again it is a moment on a Sunday when they meet with different people. They do enjoy a wee chat and are always fully of appreciation of the time given up by the Church folk.

The Service starts at 3 pm. Why not give it a try? I am sure you will enjoy it along with the Christian Fellowship we have one with another.

Ben Conway.

KELTY CHURCH KIRK SESSION

The Kirk Session met 11 times during 2014 to oversee the Spiritual and Temporal matters of the Church.

Among the topics discussed the most important were:

- Selection of the Presbytery Elder for Kelty.
- Partnership with Kelty Primary School.

Institution of Family Nights, alternative worship for family groups.

Other important events in the year include:

Mrs Veronica Forrest demitted from the post of Stewardship Convener.

Ian Gillham
Session Clerk

In a unique way, injustices are summed up in the crucifixion of Jesus who, though innocent, accepted death to save the guilty.

“The righteous one for the unrighteous many.”

And in the mystery of this event is found the victory of good over evil. Into every tragedy of human suffering, Jesus’s own Passion and Death make their own very real appearance, bringing hope.

God enters into every moment of our lives with a love that is found in Jesus Christ. It’s been said that a saint is someone who knows he’s a sinner. Yet, the holiest among us are the first to acknowledge that they are nothing without God’s saving grace.

The love of Jesus is poured out for the entire world to receive and to share in it’s purpose. “For God so love the world that he gave his only son...”

The love of God and the truth of God raised Jesus from the dead so that we could see with our own eyes as well as with the eye of faith the purpose and fullness of life to which we are called.

God’s victory is within reach. We can choose to follow him who loves us, whose life death and resurrection we celebrate.

Seen from this great height, we can be confident in our walk with Christ: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Whatever you do this Easter, with family or friends take time to remind yourself of the Easter story that the mystery and relevance of its purpose would be ours today.

Yours warmly

Hugh Steele

Kelty Church (W.W) Friendship Group

We have had a very good session this Year with a lot happening. We have had various speakers talking to us on a range of subjects. The Minister Hugh Steele talked to us about the Shoe Box Appeal. This was quite a moving talk in relation to why we needed a Shoe Box appeal in the first place. The appeal gave children, who had absolutely nothing, a present of which they showed great delight at getting. When they opened their boxes there were floods of tears all round at what were their presents. A pair of Gloves, a Scarf, a Book, a Toy and some Sweets, small gifts etc but very much appreciated by all the Children.

Donna Hendry the Paramedic spoke to us on being vigilant with our medication and gave us a very good breakdown on how the Ambulance Service worked and how to make calls for the service. She also took the Blood Pressures of those attending the Group with good results well they didn't need to come back next week. Donna was very good humoured and all the Fellowship Group thoroughly enjoyed listening to her.

Dunfermline Advocacy gave us a talk on the role they played in helping vulnerable adults to gain confidence and well-being in their lives. A help that was greatly appreciated by the people getting it. The help was important because it gave them back some self esteem.

Deborah Steel came and did Craft Work with the Group again this was greatly appreciated by the Group. We were involved doing work for the forthcoming Children's Holiday Club Jonah and the Whale. Deborah was going to various Groups in Church to have them involved with the Children's Programme

Fiona from Fife Council Elderly Forum gave us a very good insight into what the Forums remit was, befriending people who were very vulnerable, who just needed some where to go and also importance of Carers to help and befriend these folks and who give the people that caring feeling.

We have two people who have joined us and have become members of the Fellowship and fully enjoy our meetings.

We have had two Films this session The Book Thief & Sunshine on Leith in addition we had a Burns Afternoon We are very grateful to

Jim Fair for playing for us when we have a Musical Afternoon which is very much enjoyed by the Group.

Vicky Cunningham gave us a talk on how the Health Centre was run. It surprised some of the Group that the Health Centre is privately run. The usual questions about appointments were made. Vicky was thanked for her talk and we, as a Group, were, more, focused on how we could help ourselves better.

We have still the Drive to organise for this Year

Isabel & Ben Conway

Mary Welsh spoke so lovingly about her job as a guide in Dunfermline Abbey, the history and amusing stories of the questions and remarks made by tourists when visiting the Abbey. She has invited the Guild to a private tour of the Abbey in the summer.

Deborah Steele came back again (as if she hadn't had enough of us) and talked to us about textiles, their history, wastage and then showed us how to make Christmas Wreaths from material, therefore re-cycling what would be waste!

The Guild held our annual Christmas Fair in the Church and Hall in December, which was a great success, raising funds for the six projects supported by Guilds all over Scotland and also for our Church.

We also hosted the Candlelight Tea, which was held in the Church and was attended by over a hundred Guild Members, retired Members and invited guests. This is always a lovely evening and enjoyed by all.

Yes, another very busy and enjoyable year!

Hazel Campbell
Secretary

Dates for Easter

Kelty Church open for Holy Week Church open –

Tuesday 31st – Friday 3rd April 3-30pm – 6pm

April

Thursday 2nd Maundy Thursday Service and Lords Supper 7pm

Friday 3rd Good Friday Service 7pm

Sunday 5th Easter Sunday - All Age Service 11am

Sunday 12th Holy Communion 11am

GUILD ANNUAL REPORT 2014

2014 was another busy year for the guild members.

We started the year with a talk by the Rev. Dr. Angus Morrison, Minister of Orwell and Portmoak, who spoke about his Ministry on the Islands of Harris and Lewis and who said that though the Islands are very beautiful, life is very remote and they found it too far away from the mainland.

Shona Ross spoke about her creations the following week, followed by Trading Standards and then Linda Jaap spoke about the charity she had set up called Loving Hands which supplies home-knitted goods to the charity, Operation Orphan who need warm clothing for children as well as other charities at home and abroad.

We watched DVD's of various subjects – the building of the Bell Rock Lighthouse and also the Hoover Dam, Mary's Meals and CHAS.

We enjoyed hearing about Capabilty Scotland's Day Centre, which is next door to the Church; from Fife Elderly Forum; Fife Council's Warden Service; The Trussel Trust who run the Foodbank and Deborah Steele had us all making fish out of cardboard decorated with bright coloured paper and stickers for the Childrens' Holiday Bible Club.

We had a lovely drive to Ayr and Alloway with gorgeous weather and a great day enjoyed by all.

After our summer break, Rachael Crozier talked about mental health in the elderly and Donna Hendry came to tell us about the Scottish Ambulance Service and how the public can help them do their jobs by recognising a patient's symptoms and she finished by checking our blood pressure and doing an ECG on those who wanted it. Bert Frew spoke about the "Cook Well, Live Well" book which he had been a part of and we heard about Crossreach, the Church of Scotland's Social Care Council's work with people suffering from dementia. Vicki Cunningham, the Practice Manager at Kelty Medical Practice came and spoke about all the changes which had taken place and were about to take place in the practice and about the difficulties they have with the appointments system.

Kelty Kirk Family Night.

Ever 4-6 weeks there is a Kelty Kirk Family Night at Kelty Kirk normally starts at 4:30pm and finishes about 6pm.

In between we have some games, craft worship and fellowship round some food.

This is open to everyone - however all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Our next meeting is on Sunday 10th May put it in your diary and come along.

Some Dates for your diary

May Sunday 10th Family Event 4:30pm

June Sunday 14th Holy Communion

Presbytery Worship

7pm, St Andrews, Robertson Road, Dunfermline.

Saturday 27th June Kelty Gala Day and Coal Race

During the Gala day there will be a display of work that some of the Children of Kelty Primary have been doing on their visits to the Church

July

Friday 3rd School Holidays Begin – Tuesday 18th Aug

Monday 13th Holiday Bible Club – 17th

WATCH this space for more details.

Sunday 19th Holiday Club Thanksgiving Service

Kelty Church Bible Study Group

The Kelty Church Bible Study meets on a Friday evening at 7.30 pm

This session we have been studying a number of projects. We started the session by looking at what our favourite Prayers, Hymns and Bible Reading. There a lot of discussion was held on what indeed was important to us and there were a number of nostalgic moments bringing our faith close to us in very real terms. We were always mindful of the Lords love for us and the way he guides our faith journey.

The second phase was the study of Elijah which was a very moving study with all the different questions thrown at us.

Our third study was Praise Him a study for Lent cover the following talks:

Gratitude: How often do we give thanks for all God has done in our lives or do we just moan. Can we think of Amazing Grace and how it has helped us on our faith journey?

Image of God

How did you come to God, why are you a Christian today? Did people introduce you to Jesus? What difference does coming to Church change your attitude, your way of life and your attitude to other people.

Session 3 Humility Philippians 2 5 to 11

Session 4 New Birth 1 Peter 1 3 to 12

Session 5 Word made Flesh John 1 1 to 14

We have a Group of 14 people in our Bible Study on a Friday and we have a good fellowship which is very informal and full of fun why not join us?

Ben Conway

Property Report 2014

Manse: In good repair. The inside was repainted during the vacancy. The exterior was painted in 2014.

Church: In good repair. All external woodwork has been painted over the last three years.

The boiler has caused problems with blowback in high winds and the flame going out. Three years ago, on the advice of the Gas Board, we extended the flue. The was partially successful, but the problem persists in the highest winds. We are currently waiting to find out if a terminal can be fitted. We have been advised that one is missing by the Gas Board put a private engineer advised that there should be no terminal.

Hall: Generally in a good state of repair. All external woodwork has been painted over the last two years. There is an area of floor which has always risen in the summer.

This has been addressed in the past but the problem seems to be worsening again.

Expenditure on Church buildings in 2014 is summarised in the Table below:

	2014
Roof	£516
Buildings	£4,056
Total Expenditure	£4572

Joe Hughes

Kelty Church Finances 2015

There was an improvement in our finances in the general fund in 2014 mainly due to the stewardship campaign we had which made a significant impact on our income.

Having just finished the end of year accounts I can report we finished the year with a very small shortfall in the General fund.

Our Mission & Ministry for 2015 will be £44,554 which works out at £4,455.40 per month for 10 months, this is a decrease of £736 because of the drop in income when we were in vacancy.

The weekly offerings vary between £700 and £1000.

We have a number of people who pay their offering by standing order which makes it easier to budget each month.

Fabric Fund is used for the up-keep of the Church buildings and manse.

TBMF is now being used for Mission, Jam Club and Family evenings
Roof Fund is a designated fund and can only be used for repairs to the roof.

The Charity Shop continues to do well, my grateful thanks to all the volunteers.

My thanks to the generous people who are still giving their offerings and are unable to attend Sunday worship.

Flora B Robertson
Church Treasurer.

Food Bank.

All donations are gratefully received and can help support local people in crisis.

The foodbank provides three days of emergency food to local individuals and families in need.

As well as receiving nutritionally balanced, non perishable food, people visiting the foodbank are welcomed with a cup of tea and listened to and directed to other agencies for support in underlying causes to the problem.



An employee returned to the same downstairs office three times in a matter of minutes. After the fourth trip to retrieve something else she had forgotten, the absentminded woman muttered, "Pretty soon I'll be able to hide my own Easter eggs."

Reader's Digest,

Three-year-old Shawn accompanied his dad to church on Easter.

The father wanted his son to understand the meaning of Easter, so he tried to explain the significance of the cross which hung at the front of the church. He said, "Jesus died because people nailed him to the cross." The little boy's eyes widened as he scanned the church. He asked his dad, "You mean these people?"

The Easter lily is the floral symbol of Easter, because its shape resembles a trumpet heralding the resurrection of Christ.

Some notes on Easter

Easter During the days preceding Easter, Napoleon Bonaparte was about to overtake the Austrian village of Feldkirch. The villagers gathered to pray for deliverance on the Eve of Easter. On Easter morning the church bells rang to signal the day of worship. Napoleon heard the bells but didn't realize it was Easter. He thought those bells meant the Austrian armies had come to reinforce the village, so he sounded retreat. When the bells of Easter ring out, the enemies of God are forced to retreat.

Communion

**The Kirk Session of Kelty Church
invite you to join them on
Sunday 12th April at 11am
to celebrate the Sacrament
of Holy Communion**



Kiddie's Klips

JAM club- for children aged 3 and upwards takes place during the Sunday morning service .

After completing Christmas theme with the stories of the kings, Anna & Simeon and the flight into Egypt, we decided to focus on a character from the Bible.

So we have learnt about David, a well-loved Old Testament king. God chose him, not because of his good looks but because of his heart. (see 1 Samuel 16:7). David was a:

		
Shepherd	King	Warrior
		
Dancer	Composer	Disaster (but forgiven)

He wrote many of the 'Psalms for Breakfast' which the congregation are reading throughout Lent.

The JAM club have looked at just one, Psalm 23.

We are having fun learning and understanding a bit more about it. At the end of this series each child will have their own illustrated Psalm and there will be a larger version hanging in the hall. Look out for it later this month.

We have learnt another few songs and also had times of quiet reflection using different objects and ideas to help us connect with God. We also enjoyed a 'banquet' specially made for us. (see verse 5)



Love



The day after St Valentines day in Jam we heard about the special friendship between David and Jonathan We looked at another aspect of love at the 'family night' also on the 15th. This was the amazing love the good shepherd (Jesus) has for his sheep (each one of us). He searches for us when we are lost and throws a party when we are found. Our 'party' included making edible sheep which we placed in green jelly grass, thinking about what makes a good shepherd and a memory game to see if we could spot the missing sheep. Each family decorated a heart which they took home to hang up to remind them of Gods love for each one of us.

By the time you read this we will have held our next 'Family Night' - Psalm Sunday (29th March) -One very Busy Day!

We again say a big THANK YOU to all who help with the children and family activities in Kelty Kirk.

And another big THANK YOU to all who have prayed; we appreciate you and ask that you would continue to remember the children, their families and the leaders in your prayers.

For the under 3's there is a creche during the Sunday service.

There are also uniformed organisations connected with the church. Please contact the office (831219) if you want more details.