



*BAINSFORD PARISH
CHURCH NEWSLETTER
SUMMER 2018*

From the locum's desk

My friends

This is the summer newsletter, but as I write this, summer seems to be far away. Yes, we've had some warm days, but the nights and early morning are still cold, my cherry tree blossomed at least a month later than in the past, and I've only managed one mowing of my lawn.

Hopefully by the time you read this we'll be able to feel that summer has arrived, or at least is just on the horizon!

It really seems to be climate change – it certainly doesn't feel like our part of the world is suffering from global warming!

What has this to do with God? God created a world that was in the so called "Goldilocks zone" a place not too close to the sun to be too hot, and not too far away to be too cold, and by our actions of cutting down trees, polluting our environment, are we in danger of taking the whole planet outside the very fragile location it has enjoyed for millions of years?

God made humans stewards of the created world, and through greed and ignorance we have become ineffective in our stewardship. But what can we do as individuals? We can try to lessen our carbon footprint, by buying more local produce, by reusing and recycling wherever possible, by planting more trees, by travelling in a more environmentally friendly way, and much more.

Andrew

Funerals

<u>Died</u>	<u>Funeral</u>		
Feb 17	Mar 6	Mark Cunningham	Merchiston Gdns
Mar 11	Mar 30	Jenni Morris	Carron Road
Mar 27	Apr 11	Stanley Bruce	Harley Court
Apr 1	Apr 12	Jean Graham	Haugh St

Rev Michael R Philip (15 July 1949 – 3 May 2018)

Michael was an interesting colleague to work with for 5 years from 2009 to 2014. Our time together was fulfilling, I think, for both of us. We challenged, supported and appreciated each other as we served the congregation and parish together, complementing each other's strengths and seeking to develop our skills.

Michael was brought up in Larbert and Broughty Ferry, attending Church and Youth Fellowship, which provided him with a fund of stories for all age talks. After a brief foray into the world of banking, he went to New College and gained a BD. He took on a number of different summer placements etc before being called to Banton linked with Twechar in 1978.

Ten years later he moved to Blairgowrie St Mary's South linked with Bendochy, before he came to Bainsford in 2001. During his time in Blairgowrie he was a TLS tutor, and supervisor to readers in training, which he felt to be a great blessing as he is more a team player than a solitary worker. It was this element that he claimed to be one of the most rewarding of our time together.

He was very supportive of all the ways I have sought to bring a different slant to worship and mission in Bainsford, encouraging me in my schools' work, and taking to radio mikes, PowerPoint, and alternative sources of hymns with ease.

He served as chaplain to local schools, and was proud to report that one former pupil had met him later, and described what he said at assemblies as challenging and memorable. He took his duties as chaplain to Bainsford Boys' and Girls' Brigades seriously, despite them not being really in his comfort zone. He even attended the whole of BB camp in 2012!

Areas of his ministry which he probably would describe as being his comfort zone included preaching the Word, particularly to those in care homes, where his services were much appreciated by residents, relatives and staff.

At Presbytery he would often bring his incisive mind to work as discussions merited his involvement, and he took his membership of the Superintendence Committee very seriously, seeking to emphasise the support element for colleagues and congregations in this area of work.

Outside of his ministerial calling he was a keen dog owner and a model railway enthusiast. He retired in the summer of 2014 and moved to Scone. He was taken ill late on 1st May, rushed to Perth Royal Infirmary where it was discovered that a congenital benign cyst had started to grow next to his brain, which was inoperable, and he died early two days later. He is survived by his wife Janice and son Hendry.

Andrew Sarle

CHURCH NEWS

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Sacrament will be celebrated in Church on Sunday 3rd JUNE at 10am. All who love the Lord in sincerity are invited to share in fellowship around His Table on that day . The Kirk Session meets at 9.40am in the Session House.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE

THE B.B. Meetings are now finished for the Summer break.
For any Information phone Captain Paul Mitchell
on 0885-245739

THE GIRLS' BRIGADE

THE G.B. Meetings are now finished for the summer break.
For any information contact the Captain- Mrs. Linda McAuslan on 07813-247658

COUNTRY DANCING

The Group has now finished for the summer break .

COMMUNION SILVER AND GLASSES ROTA

The ladies on duty for JUNE communion are Bunty Watson, Dorothy Watson and Betty Sneddon. Any ladies willing to help out on a regular basis will be very welcome. If interested, please give your name to any of the Ladies Group members or any elder. You help out only ONCE a year. Thanks to all our helpers-you are much appreciated.

FLOWERS

Anyone wishing to donate flowers for the Church on Sundays or for a special occasion please contact Mrs. Milly Morrison on 01324-624207.

THE LADIES GROUP

The group has now finished for the summer break.

BOOK CLUB

Come and buy a book at the book club and help boost church funds.

TEA AND COFFEE

Teas and Coffees are served in the Church Hall after the service each Sunday along with home baking. Thanks to all who come along and thanks also to all the ladies of the tea committee for a most enjoyable cuppa. To date money raised for 2018 is £455 .00

FOODBANK COLLECTION.

ANY ITEMS OF FOOD MAY BE LEFT IN THE BASKETS AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE CHURCH FOR THE FALKIRK FOODBANK. PLEASE CONTINUE TO GIVE GENEROUSLY. THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTE REGULARLY.

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WE ALL HAVE PROBLEMS FROM TIME TO TIME. A FRIEND SUGGESTED WE MIGHT TAKE THESE WORDS TO HEART. "TRY TO REMEMBER THAT THIS LIFE - YOURS AND MINE - IS NOT A PROBLEM TO SOLVE BUT A GIFT TO CHERISH" THAT WAY YOU WILL BE ABLE TO STAY ONE UP ON WHAT USED TO GET YOU DOWN.

JUST RECENTLY WE HAVE LEARNT OF THE DEATHS OF TWO OF OUR FORMER MINISTERS TO BAINSFORD CHURCH. FIRSTLY IT WAS REV. JOHN JENKINSON AND LAST WEEK REV. MICHAEL PHILIP PASSED AWAY. JOHN HAD LEFT BAINSFORD CHURCH SOME TIME AGO AND SERVED IN OTHER CHURCHES SINCE THEN. HE ALWAYS REMEMBERED HIS FRIENDS IN BAINSFORD AND WE ENJOYED MEETING HIM AND CHATTING. WE SEND OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY TO HIS WIFE MORAG AND THEIR TWO GIRLS AT THIS SAD TIME. MICHAEL RETIRED FROM BAINSFORD CHURCH FOUR YEARS AGO AND WENT TO LIVE IN SCONE PERTHSHIRE BUT KEPT IN TOUCH WITH FALKIRK. SADLY HE HAS NOT HAD A VERY LONG TIME TO ENJOY HIS RETIREMENT AND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY GOES TO HIS WIFE JANICE AND HIS SON HENRY. HIS FUNERAL TAKES PLACE IN PERTH ON WEDNESDAY 16th MAY.

WE HAVE A GREAT GRANDSON NOW HIS NAME IS ZACK AND JUST OVER A YEAR OLD. SUCH A WEE COMIC ITS GREAT TO SEE HIM AND HEAR HIM NOW TOO. THE LATEST PHRASES ARE 'OH WHATS THAT' WHEN PASSING A FIELD OF SHEEP AND LAMBS THEN ANOTHER FIELD OF COWS. OR WHEN A HUGE TRUCK PASSED THE CAR IT WAS 'OOOH' AND HIS 'YEP' WHEN YOU SHOW HIM THINGS. SO FULL OF WONDER IT BRINGS A SMILE TO OUR FACES JUST WATCHING HIM.

HAVE YOU EVER VISITED GLAMIS CASTLE? IT IS JUST OVER TEN MILES NORTH OF DUNDEE IN THE HEART OF STRATHMORE NEAR THE FOOT OF THE GRAMPIANS. IT HAS EVERYTHING A CASTLE COULD WANT EXCEPT A MOAT. GLAMIS IS THE BARONIAL SEAT OF THE EARLS OF STRATHMORE AND KINGHORNE AND OF COURSE, THE PRESENT EARL IS A COUSIN OF THE QUEEN. IT'S ROYAL CONNECTIONS DATE BACK TO 1372 BUT THE MOST FAMOUS ONE IS LADY ELIZABETH BOWES-LYON, THE LATE QUEEN MOTHER, DAUGHTER OF THE 14th EARL, WHO MARRIED BERTIE, THE DUKE OF YORK WHO LATER WAS KING GEORGE VI AND THE PARENTS OF OUR PRESENT QUEEN. WE VISITED THE CASTLE SOME TIME AGO WITH THE LADIES GROUP AND ENJOYED THE VISIT THERE. WE'LL BE BACK.

JOE LOSS WAS BORN JOSHUA ALEXANDER LOSS IN LONDON IN 1909. HE PREMIERED HIS FIRST BAND AGED 21 AT THE ASTORIA IN CHARING CROSS ROAD AND HAD A BIG HIT WITH 'BEGIN THE BEGUINE' IN 1939. HIS TALENT LAY IN ADAPTING OTHER PEOPLE'S SONGS. GLEN MILLER'S 'IN THE MOOD' EVENTUALLY BECAME HIS THEME TUNE. THIS WELL LOVED UNPRETENTIOUS MAN REMAINED A FAVOURITE BANDLEADER. HE DIED IN 1990 AND I REMEMBER DANCING TO HIS MUSIC WHILE WE WERE ON HOLIDAY IN THE ISLE OF MAN. IT WAS GREAT.

Pastoral Visits

There are just over 100 households containing members of Bainsford Parish Church. We have 13 elders, most of whom are not in the first flush of youth. Some of them report that there are homes to which they never get an opportunity to visit, and consequently become little more than the Kirk's postie.

The Kirk Session are reviewing the whole system and would like you to respond to the following questions.

- 1 If you are a regular attender at Church, do you still feel you need an elder's visit?
- 2 If you aren't able, for whatever reason, to attend Church do you still wish to receive a visit?
- 3 Would you be able to receive the quarterly newsletter by email or post?
- 4 Would you be willing to get an occasional phone call for a pastoral chat?
- 5 Would you be willing to make a visit or phone call to other members (whether you are an elder or not)?

Your answers would make it easier for the Kirk Session to determine the way forward.

This exercise is designed to target visits to members who actually want to be visited. It may well mean that more frequent visits or phone calls could be made to those who wish this form of communication. It will not prevent any elder from continuing to visit people with whom they have built up a relationship over several years.

Pastoral Visits Survey

Please answer the following questions and return them to the Church directly, or via your district elder. You can also respond by email to bpc@irenic.org.uk

- 1 If you are a regular attender at Church, do you still feel you need an elder's visit? Y/N
- 2 If you aren't able, for whatever reason, to attend Church do you still wish to receive a visit? Y/N
- 3 Would you be able to receive the quarterly newsletter by email or post? Email/Post/NO
- 4 Would you be willing to get an occasional phone call for a pastoral chat? Y/N
- 5 Would you be willing to visit or phone other members (whether you are an elder or not)? Y/N

I consent to the undernoted details being held by Bainsford Parish Church to enable contacting me.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____