

CARNOUSTIE TRINITY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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Christmas @ Carnoustie Trinity Church of Scotland

Sunday 1st December Sunday 8th December Sunday 8th December Monday 9th December Sunday 15th December Sunday 15th December Monday 16th December Tuesday 17th December Thursday 19th December Sunday 22nd December Christmas Eve Watchnight Service Christmas Day

Service of Remembrance & Hope at Newton Panbride Church at 4pm Toy Gift Service for Angus Women's Aid at Barry Church at 9.30am Dundee & Angus BB Battalion Christmas Service at Newton Panbride at 4pm Carols Around the Christmas Tree at Newton Panbride Church Garden at 7pm The F.O.G. Squad Nativity at Newton Panbride at 11am Lessons and Carols at Barry Church 9.30am and Carnoustie 11am Woodlands Primary School Service at Carnoustie Church at 1.45pm Christingle with Carlogie Primary at Newton Panbride Church at 6.30pm Carlogie Primary School Christmas Service at Newton Panbride Church at 9.45am Lessons and Carols at Newton Panbride at 11am Christingle at Barry Church at 6.30pm Carnoustie Church at 11.30pm and Newton Panbride Church at 11.30pm Carnoustie Church at 10.30am and Newton Panbride at 10.30am



Work on web pages for Carnoustie Trinity is still in progress www.carnoustietrinity.org will take you to Carnoustie Church The www.carnoustiepanbride.co.uk or www.barryparishchurch.co.uk are still open and all 3 addresses will provide a link to Facebook

News from Magazine Convener

This is the last issue of the magazine for 2024 in what has been the first year of Carnoustie Trinity Church. There have been many aspects of change in the year and blending 3 magazines into one has been quite a challenge. Another change is the distribution of the magazine. In the August magazine, I mentioned that the changes in Elder's districts had resulted in a reduction of the number of distributors required. Some had been doing this for over 30 years and the Kirk Session asked that a letter of Thanks should be sent to distributors who were not Elders.

In the last year, we have again been grateful to our Sponsors who contributed to the legacy church magazines and all agreed to continue their sponsorship in the Carnoustie Trinity magazine. Their financial contribution has been very much appreciated.

In the article in the August issue I invited I invited members of the Barry and Carnoustie legacy congregations to change from a printed copy of the magazine to an e-mail copy. So far a few have responded and they will get this issue by e-mail. Any member who would like to change but has not yet said so should send an e-mail to <u>secretarpanbride@hotmail.co.uk</u> giving their name, postal address, their e-mail address and their permission for their e-mail address retained on the congregational roll.

It would be helpful to hear from members what they think about the magazine – does it help to keep them in touch with their church, How do they feel about the frequency, size, number of and content of articles and any other observations. Comments to David Taylor by e-mail or manuscript to 29 Newton Crescent DD7 6HW or via their Elder.

A page by page index to the contents of this magazine is below this article. Hope you enjoy reading this magazine.

David Taylor

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Musings from the Manses



It has been a very busy few months with lots of different Presbytery meetings and services. I have also been involved in a Local Church Review at Stobswell Trinity and I am at the moment busy writing the Report which will eventually go to Presbytery. There have also been lots of events in our own church - baptisms, a wedding, Church Family BBQs, Coffee Morning, Beetle Drive, Light Party as well as the Sunday services. I remember one of my minister friends saying that 'Sundays come around with alarming regularity'.

And yes, it does seem as if life is going swirling by so fast. The world is changing at an alarming rate.

As a congregation we never stay still, there is always something happening. I always say to people who ask me what parish ministry is like that no two days are the same. However, I

have to say, I do like routine, and like most people, it takes me a while to settle into a new pattern doing things. Some of us fear change and some of us resist it but it seems nothing stays the same, change is part of life.

In the midst of this ever-changing world, it is good to remember that there is one thing that never changes — and that is Jesus Christ! In a world where nothing stays the same, we can depend on Jesus to be the same yesterday, today and forever. With Jesus there is continuity but then again life is never boring, life is never just the same old routine with Jesus.

I recently came across these words from Teresa of Avila:

Let nothing disturb you, Let nothing frighten you, All things are passing away: God never changes. Patience obtains all things Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices.

Words that bring us comfort in this increasingly dark world.

I hope that you have a peaceful Christmas and may the light of the Christ child bring you joy.

Blessings, Annette

At the start of November it was good to welcome Gavin Berry to services in Barry and Carnoustie, and later we hope to welcome him to Newton Panbride as well. Gavin is in training as a Reader for the Church of Scotland, and is attached to myself for his six months placement leading up to his final assessment, so he will be involved in Sunday services and funerals over this time.

November is traditionally the time of year when you start hearing arguments about when to put up the Christmas decorations. Some people get the lights out and tree up before Remembrance Day (I don't think this is particularly appropriate). Others will talk wistfully of the old tradition that the Christmas tree was put up on Christmas Eve – and not before!



I'm not keen on the ever-expanding commercialisation of the season as Dobbies (other garden centres are available – and as guilty) starts Christmas as soon as the first autumn leaf falls. But the Bible has nothing to say about this argument, so I don't think it's something that should become a serious dispute among Christians.

Instead, I like to focus on the opportunities that the season of Advent presents to us. A time of anticipation, of hopefulness, of looking forward. Yes, there is certainly all of that with regard to Christmas, and recovering the sense of anticipation of the birth of Messiah. But more, this is about looking forward to the fullness of the Kingdom of God.

In the darkening days of winter (and, it seems, the darkening of our times) it is good to be reminded that God's unconquerable light shines on in the darkness, bringing hope for what is yet to be.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1: 1,4-5

Finance Report

As with all organisations Carnoustie Trinity continues to face rising costs at a time when income, primarily from regular member givings, is if anything falling.

We are very grateful to those members who have reviewed their givings and have been able to increase these.

We would remind members who contribute through the plate if possible to do so via their monthly standing order as this allows us to claim much needed gift aid that we are unable to do as effectively for givings received via the plate.

Please also remember if your standing order is still with Bank of Scotland or The Royal Bank of Scotland then we would be grateful if you could move to our Virgin account sort code 82-11-07 account number 60573210 in the name of Carnoustie Trinity Church of Scotland.

John Gray Finance Convener

Christmas Post

Unfortunately, due to an oversight by Magazine Convener the information about this years arrangements for BB's and Scouts plans were not obtained in time to print in this magazine. When all the information has been received a flier will be printed and this will be available for distribution at each church service and any other events in coming weeks.

David Taylor Magazine Convener

Fund raising and social committee

September saw a good number of our joint congregation, meeting on the manse grounds, of Panbride church for our Carnoustie Trinity BBQ. It was a lovely afternoon, at least the rain stayed away for the afternoon. Thanks go out to everyone who was involved in making this a good success. See you all next year.

There was a good turnout for the beetle-drive that was held at the end of October . Those that participated enjoyed themselves. Thank you to those that helped in this event.

Upcoming Events

Carnoustie Trinity Church Christmas Themed Coffee Morning

Saturday 30th November 10.00am to 11.30am

Proceeds towards running costs of Defibrillator Tickets £3.00 Various Stalls

Future Events

Carnoustie Trinity Pancake coffee morning on Saturday 8th March 2025 at 10-11.30 am in the Panbride Hall.

Tickets £3.00 per person in aid of general funds. There will be the usual stalls.

Joyce Brown

Hall Lets

Barry and Newton Panbride have various sizes of Halls and rooms which are available for hire.

In the first instance contact should be made with Jan Scott 01241 852884 for information relating to the Hall at Barry church.

At Newton Panbride the first contact should be by e-mail to secretarypanbride@hotmail.co.uk

THE LITTLE THINGS

Much is written nowadays about the wonders of nature – wild swimming, forest bathing and the like. The benefits of spending time in Nature are well documented. However, it is my experience that such benefits can be found closer to home. It is not necessary to go far to find joy and simple pleasure in the little things.

I lean my arms on the kitchen worktop, settle myself, and watch and wait. Here he is with his hippety - hoppity flight from the holly tree to the apple tree. I see the sudden flash of red streak across the lichen covered branches once strewn with apples. The camouflage of green, from spring and summer, is long gone. The wee bird feeder in the shape of a bird house dangles from one of the branches. I topped it up earlier with crumbs of fruit loaf and cheese. I watch as the robin settles himself securely on a limb. His dull brown feathers ruffle in the breeze and his squat body seems to expand. His magnificent red streak however remains on display. Head up, alert, he watches all around checking out his surroundings. I can see his claws tighten on his branch then suddenly he swoops onto the platform of the bird feeder. He eats, peck, peck, pecking away then swiftly returns to his branch and I assume he has taken a tasty morsel back with him. His eager, beady eye seems to meet mine. I tell him he is special and with his head cocked to one side seems to nod in agreement. I lean further over the worktop ready to continue the conversation but he darts away, hippety hoppity as swiftly as he came. This visit brings me joy.

Next to arrive are the sparrows who emerge from the holly tree in a chattering cluster. They are in perpetual motion as they feed. Like wee contortionists they move into the most unlikely positions. Pecking furiously, they scatter morsels everywhere, all the time chitter chattering to each other. Are they deciding who goes next in their own relay team? They seem oblivious to my stares but just content to have breakfast provided for them. I am happy to do that.

Meanwhile on the ground Fatty Pigeon struts his stuff, hoovering up all that is being scattered from above. He bobs about, placing one foot in front of the other, like a dancer but with no sense of rhythm. He ruffles his grey feathers and his wee head disappears into his neck. He stands, feet planted and he gobbles the bounty on the ground. His beady eye darts about. He takes a break and parades up and down the grass. Then back to the trees, positioning himself under the sparrows, he starts again, pecking voraciously. He looks in my direction.

"Good morning," I say and I like to think he replies!

My other morning visitors include the blackbird, starlings, coal tits, blue tits, magpies and my pair of collared doves. Their fawn, grey plumage adds to their gentle appearance and often it is only their black collar which makes them visible. One feeds, one stands guard, then they swap as though they are protecting each other. Their calm movements and gentle appearance adds to their shyness. I try, telepathically through the glass, to make them look my way but it seems they only have eyes for each other.

Watching the birds in the garden gives me great pleasure. It's a calming start to my day. I don't need to go far to find wonder. It's right here, observed from my kitchen worktop. Gillian Cook

News from CrossReach

A big thank you to everyone who ordered Christmas goods from the CrossReach catalogue. By getting our order in early the whole lot was delivered to me promptly and completely. We spent nearly £400 by including more than 40 calendars and more than 40 packs of cards.

As this magazine is being prepared each order is being received by the purchaser, all nicely in time to support the Christmas celebrations.

However, many copies of the catalogue are still available in each place of worship, so, if you've missed out, you may contact CrossReach directly.

Thank you for supporting CrossReach this year, and I pray that all will have a blessed Christmas.

F.O.G Squad

We are excited to share our Nativity with you on Sunday 15th December.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas from the F.O.G Squad.

Alison

JAFFA - Jesus And Fun For All

We have been discussing the challenges and difficulties faced by people with different disabilities and looking at 'bible helps'. The paralympic games provided us with wonderful examples of how people can overcome the many difficulties they face to achieve great things.

A fun ten pin bowling outing was really enjoyed by all of us even if our 'strikes' were few and far between.

We have also been busy tidying the Jaffa recycled garden. Our Jaffa friends, Peter and Brian, helped us to 'rescue' small trees in big pots destined for the dump and Peter did a wonderful job in dismantling and restoring the rusty old bird table. Cara has planted more polyanthus, using recycled dump compost, to add more colour.

We would love to welcome more young folk of secondary school age to join us at 11.00am in the Panbride Hall on the second and fourth Sundays of each month.

Susan and Janie

Panbride Musical Memories

We are delighted to report that more new friends have joined us to enjoy singing along to well known songs with the words in large print and enjoy a chatting over a cuppie and sweet treats in caring company.

New friends are always welcome on the last Wednesday of each month 2.15 - 3.30pm in the Panbride Hall, Newton Church

A song can bring back a thousand memories Please phone Susan 07542184000 to find out more.

Communion Dates for 2025



Communion Dates for 2025 ____Do this in remembrance of me" You are warmly invited to share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday 23rd February Sunday 25th May

> Sunday 31st August Sunday 30th November

A retiring offering will be taken at each Communion Service

If you are no longer able to attend worship but would like to receive home communion please speak to your elder or contact the ministers.

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Carnoustie and Panbride Friendship Circle

We are delighted to report that more new members have joined our friendly group to enjoy interesting short presentations followed by sweet treats, a cupple and lots of chat.

The 'Dee Ukes' ukelele band mini concert in October was greatly enjoyed by all the members and our welcome guests. In November we are looking forward to learning more about two great local initiatives; 'Carnoustie Recreational Football', which provides peer support as well as exercise and the highly valued 'Manna House Project'. The Monifieth Singers will entertain us in December and our last meeting in 2024 will be a Christmas Afternoon Tea and games.

Everyone is welcome to join us on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 2.00 – 3.30pm in the Panbride Hall to hear specific speakers and join us for a chat over tea/coffee and sweet treats afterwards.

Susan Hamill

News from Barry Guild

Afternoon Teas

December Thursday 5th. 2-4pm Christmas Theme. Price £4 All welcome. Light Entertainment.

Guild Meetings -- Whose we are and whom we serve.

Thursday 12th December— Christmas Lunch—Arbroath Golf Club

Thursday 9th January— Community Police—Scammers

Thursday 6th February— Dr Lynda Morton—Carnoustie Medical Centre

Thursday 6th March— Uphill Trust Charity—Education in Uganda

All meetings are in the Barry Church Hall at 2pm and everyone most welcome to join us. Shirley Murison

News from Carnoustie Guild

At their meting on 20th November there was a talk on Recycling. The next meting will be the Christmas Lunch at Station Hotel on 18th December at 12 non.

The first meting of 2025 will be on Wednesday 15th January at 2pm. The membership fee of £16 is due before or on that day. It will be chaired by Sandra Dow and the format will be an open discussion about a programme for the rest of the session. Sandra Dow will be Treasurer for the remainder of the session.



News from Needles and Pins

We have been preparing for the Christmas themed Coffee Morning at the end of November, where we will have a stall. Some of the ladies of the group have been busy making knitted angels and stars for the bereavement service in December. We are grateful to those who have donated wool, etc to the group and to those who continue to knit squares for our knee blankets. These have been much appreciated by Cycling without Age and some of the care homes

We take a break in December but we will meet again in January when new members will be made very welcome.

Pat Taylor, Tel 853919

The Divine Dusters of Newton Panbride Church

I put out an appeal in the last magazine for reserve cleaners of Newton Church. So far I've had two offers of help. I live in hope that there are more people who could be added to my list. You would only be asked to fill in for sickness or holidays and you would be given notice of when you were required. Our volunteer cleaners do a great job and save the congregation a lot of money every year. Please think about offering you services. If more information is required , you can phone me on 853919 or see me at church on a Sunday.

Can I take this opportunity to thank each and everyone who has helped over the last year. Your services have been greatly appreciated Pat Taylor, Tel 853919

A Thank You

As you read this magazine I am sure you realise that all the services, fund raising and social events plus organised groups do not just happen,

A lot off thought and work goes on, behind the scenes you might say, to put in place all the planning, organising and overseeing to ensure that all goes to plan.

Many members are involved and without them Carnoustie Trinity Church would not be able to provide such a schedule as is provided just look at page 9 and you will see what I mean.

Expressing your THANKS to all involved costs you nothing . But it will be appreciated and encouraging to all of them..

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Next Issue of Magazine

This is scheduled for Sunday 23rd February 2025

Flower Calendars Barry

There is a calendar at the church door. If you would like to donate flowers please check that for available dates

Carnoustie

December 2024	15th	Mrs. M. Duffus Mrs. A Gruber The Debarteen Camily
January 2025	26th	The Robertson Gamily Mrs. L. Banks
January 2025	2011	Mr & Mrs. A. McGill
		Mrs. G. Reid
February	23rd	Mrs. A. Green
		Mrs. R. Ower
		Mrs. G. Roger

Newton Panbride

Month	Date	Names
December 2024	1st	Rita Clark
	8th	Allyson McDonald
	15th	Dorothy Booth
	22nd	Muriel Gordon; Allan Crozier
	29th	Kathleen Porter
January 2025	5th	Marjorie Rennie
	12th	Linda Miller
	19th	Sheena Ruark
	26th	Charlotte McWhirter; Margaret Jamieson
February	2nd	Pat Taylor; Pauline Johnston
	9th	Allan and Joyce Brown
	16th	George and Annette Gordon
	23rd	Jean Granger
March	2nd	Marion Palmer; Dougal Grant
	9th	Karen Penrose

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What is on - Make a note in what ever you use

2024 December

Advent Study Group - Carnoustie Manse Sundays 7 pm 1st, 8th,15th, 22nd December 5th Christmas Afternoon Teas – Barry Hall 2 pm - 3.30 pm 15th Barry Community Group – Barry Hall 4 pm 29th Joint Barry/Carnoustie Service – In Barry Church 10.30 am

2025 January

7th Friendship Circle resumes see page 7 9th Barry Guild resumes see page 7 14th Presbytery Mission Plan Review Meeting 15th Carnoustie Guild resumes see page 7 15th Kirk Session tbc

2025 February

6th Barry Guild see page 7 12th Carnoustie guild TBC 19th Kirk session TB23rd Holy communion 23rd Holy Communion will be celebrated at all morning services

2025 March

6th Barry guild see page 7 8th Coffee Morning Panbride Hall 12th Carnoustie guild TBC 19th Kirk session TBC

A Prayer from Life and Work - the editorially independent magazine of the Church of Scotland

God of all seasons We praise you for the abundance of autumn The fragrance of fruity fallings and fading flowers Of hedgerow harvests, hazelnuts, brambles and burgeoning pumpkin plots	God of all people We remember all countries, colours and creed The suffering and the starving, the hurt and the homeless Horrors of war, dangers of displacement, moun- tains of misery.
Creating God! We worship you for the planting and the promise Of winter wheat, of kale and cabbages Warm home hotpots and wild visitors to garden and hill.	Forgiving God! We are sorry for our part not played For prejudiced and unseeing eyes, ungenerous hands And cold hearts cajoled by comfort
Generous God! We thank you for plentiful plates, peaceful days Dark starry sky, sightings of Jupiter and Saturn For safety and family time, friends and firesides.	Gifting God We open our hearts to joy beyond measure To cups running over brimming with hope, faith and love Ready willing, fit for life in all its fullness

The Story of Panbride Old Parish Church

As this year draws to a close, we prepare for the sale of Panbride Church. Over the past two years, a group of people have worked tirelessly recording the contents of our church and then packing all the items ready for removal to Newton Church. It has been a time of mixed emotions for everyone. Many people from the wider community have expressed their feelings too, particularly in regard to the items which we must leave behind due to Panbride being a listed building.

With this in mind, I took the decision to write a book about our church. This book includes information about the Maule family and some of the gifts they gave us. It also mentions the Maule minister who was deposed by the Arbroath Presbytery for Jacobitism! There is a chapter on the burial aisle (crypt) and details about the inhabitants. Items of interest in the grounds of the church are also covered.

Within the church sanctuary, there are details about the people remembered on the plaques and also the Maule Crest. These are items which cannot be removed but, by recording them in this way, I hope they can be a legacy for future generations. Of course, there are so many other interesting items, too many to mention here! I have added an appendix at the end of the book listing the names and details of the men who lost their lives in both wars from our parish.

Although I have now completed the book, it is with the designer and will then be passed to the printer. I would like to say that we shall have it for Christmas but it may well be January. The book will be A4 size and fully illustrated in colour. I shall keep you informed via the church and through Facebook.

It has been a privilege to write this book and I appreciate the help and advice from colleagues.

Linda Nicoll

Baptisms and Wedding Photographs



Winnie Jean Tonner



Derek Lawson & Sam Milne

Church Directory

Ministers 8 Arbroath Road 44 Terrace Road Session Clerk **Deputy Session Clerk Finance Convener** Treasurer Gift Aid **Roll Keeper** Fabric Convener Fund Raising & Social Convener Flower Convener Newton Panbride Flower Convener Carnoustie Magazine Convener **Presbytery Elder** Health & Safety FOG Squad Newton Panbride JAFFA Youth Group Newton Panbride Safeguarding Newton Panbride Safeguarding Carnoustie & Barry **Church Officer Newton Panbride**

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Nathan James Gibb



Congregational Register

Baptisms:

Winnie Jean Tonner 1/9/2024 Nathan James Gibb 27/10/2024

Weddings:

Derek Lawson and Sam Milne 24/08/2024

Deaths:

Anne Davie 2/8/2024 Catherine Fraser October 2024

Funerals:

Brian Main 19/8/2024

Jack Gibb 23/10/2024

lan Milne 26/10/2024

Mrs Mary Leslie 31/10/2024 *

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New Members:

By Resolution of Kirk Session August 2024 -Wendy Murray

By certificate of Transference - September 2024 - Sarah (Rae) Gray

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