

The Informer



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Letter from the Manse

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¹⁴But I trust in you, Lord; I say, "You are my God." ¹⁵My times are in your hands; deliver me from the hands of my enemies, from those who pursue me. ¹⁶Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love. ¹⁷Let me not be put to shame, Lord, for I have cried out to you; but let the wicked be put to shame and be silent in the realm of the dead. ¹⁸Let their lying lips be silenced, for with pride and contempt they speak arrogantly against the righteous. (Psalm 31 NIVUK)

When I was younger, I remember my Gran, or sometimes my Mum, complaining that time sped up as you aged. Usually, it was accompanied by a lament that I was growing up too quickly! As a young person I, of course, did not believe this and thought it a silly complaint: after all, time moves at a constant rate (even if our perception of the passage of time can change: like comparing the feeling of a 4 hour shift with 4 hours spent with a friend!).

Well... I suppose I owe them both an apology. Now that I am all grown up, married, and a Dad, I sometimes find myself saying the very things they used to! It is a strange experience, hearing your Mum's or even Gran's words coming out of your mouth! My daughter is growing up far too fast for my liking; and on a more mundane level, I have found myself agreeing with the people who say, "I can't believe it is May already!"

I often wonder if our responses to the passage of time highlight that God's intention when He created humanity was that we were to live forever. In our youth, when time feels abundant, we complain of boredom, of "killing time" between one experience or another. As we age, and time runs short, we bemoan how fast time seems to run; perhaps even looking back to younger days, wishing we had spent our time differently.

The wonderful thing in the above section of Psalm 31 is the declaration from David that our time is in God's hands. All the time we have is given to us by God; and how we use it is directed by His gentle hand. For David: this meant, as the above passage shows, deliverance from his enemies, and the assurance that he would reign as God's King in Israel. For us: it will mean different things to different people, but we all have the reassurance that our days are ordered by God.

All this is preceded with David's declaration of trust in the Lord, proclaiming, "You are my God"! For us to have the reassurance that our time is not wasted, but has purpose; and our actions are never meaningless, but are guided; we must trust put our trust in God. It is by trusting Him that we assure ourselves that our time is being used for His glory, and in helping to achieve His good purposes in this world.

Jesus is the ultimate example of this. He completely trusted God; and not one minute of His life was wasted. Every moment had a purpose, culminating in His death and resurrection, which achieved God's main aim of bringing us salvation and reconciling us to Himself.

In this we have a further reassurance: even if we feel regret at how we used our time in this life, we can put our faith in Christ and know that we will one day rise again to new life, and will live for eternity. There, time will not have the same meaning. We will not worry about how well we invest our time, because we will live forever. We will enjoy God, and the company of one another, in an everlasting existence.

My encouragement this month is to try not to stress too much about time: its passage, or how "well" you are using it. Simply trust in God, and know that your time is in His hands.

Stuart

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TRIP TO BRIARLANDS FARM

The youth team are planning a trip to Briarlands Farm near Stirling on Saturday 8th June. This will be our first trip in around 8 years (maybe even more!). Plans are well underway and we are very excited about it. Please pray for the team and families going along that everyone has a good time and that the day goes smoothly.

EXAMS

Please remember all the young people who are sitting exams in our church and community. We wish them well.

Lorraine Kennedy
Youth Team

GARDEN CAFÉ

The garden café planning is underway and we have had a good response from volunteers. It will run every Monday in July from 10am till 1pm. It is a great outreach to the local community for people of all ages.

Please keep the times in your diary and pop along as we meet and serve our community. There will be music and fun throughout July. We pray for good weather and look forward to seeing you there.

Stephen Kennedy
Mission and Community Outreach Team

Praise Gathering 2024

The Praise Gathering concert will be held in the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall on Saturday 22 June at 2pm and Sunday 23 June at 7pm.

Tickets are now on sale and can be ordered through choir members such as myself - Sheila Morrow, at the box office, or online. This an uplifting occasion so if you haven't been before come along and give it a try.

<https://youtu.be/aaeYrXBu1II>

[PG24 Trailer \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aaeYrXBu1II)



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Thy Kingdom Come - Welcome Space

In addition to the Thy Kingdom Come's 2024 materials - Novena, Prayer Journal, Pray for Five post-its and excellent adult and children's online resources, we are opening the small hall for meditation, reflection, and prayer.

You may choose to enjoy the 2024 art materials which are on display, read the Novena, use the prayer cards, pray for your Five or simply enjoy a cup of tea and some quiet time away from the busyness of life.

Looking forward to seeing you.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Thursday 9th May	12 - 1:30pm
Friday 10th May	2:30 - 4pm
Saturday 11th May	12:30- 2pm
Monday 13th May	10 - 11:30 am
Tuesday 14th May	12:30 -2pm
Wednesday 15th May	4 -5:30pm
Thursday 16th May	12 -1:30pm
Friday 17th May	2:30 -4pm
Saturday 18th May	12:30-2pm

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Christian Aid Week 12–18 May 2024

Will you help someone to push back against poverty this Christian Aid Week. With your support, more families can build reliable and diverse incomes that bring them food security, better health, safer homes, increased resilience and hope.

Donation envelopes will be available on 12th and 19th May to allow you to make your donation.

Elaine Harvey
Christian Aid Co-ordinator



Holiday Club – 5 - 9 August 2024

I wanted to thank everyone who has volunteered to help with this year's holiday club and it's great that we have some new people joining the team.

If you want to volunteer, I'm still looking for some more helpers for the start of the week so please let me know if you can help.

I'll be in touch to arrange the first planning meeting later this month.

Please keep the holiday club and the team in your prayers as the planning starts.

Mary MacCallum
Holiday Club Co-ordinator.

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Thanks for your support, and recipe tips, when we organised lunch after the service on Palm Sunday, you were very generous and we received £241 in donations, which after costs added around £170 to Company Funds.

Our Annual Inspection takes place on Friday 17th May at 7.15pm, in the large hall. Anchor, Junior and Company Sections will be joining together to give a taste of the activities we've done throughout the session, the evening will include our prize-giving and presentation of awards, followed by tea / coffee. We extend an invitation to all in the congregation, there is no charge for tickets, there will be the opportunity to make a donation at the end of the evening.

Stuart Buchanan

The Guild in May

The Guild outing is on **Saturday 18 May to St. Andrews**. The coach will leave the church at **11am prompt**. We stop for coffee/lunch outside Dunfermline then on to St. Andrews.

We will hold the first of our "Coffee and Chat" evenings will be on Monday 20 May at 7pm in the Large Hall. Hope to see you all then.

Sheila Morrow



Friday Senior Diners

The Friday Diners will be on holiday 3rd and 24th May for the holiday weekends.

Sheila Peachey

Clincarthill Roll Changes

Deaths

19/4/24: Mrs Helen Wallace - 1/3, 82 Cumming Drive, Glasgow, G42 9BN

27/4/24: Mrs Jessie Kelly - Ashgrove Care Home, 229 Alexandra Parade