

# Park Pages

the magazine of Uddingston: Park United Free Church of Scotland



## Letter from the Minister

Dear Friends,

Whilst on holiday in Madeira in August, we visited the British Cemetery in Funchal. From the late 18th century, British subjects had either settled on the island or were based there for commercial and military reasons. In the later 19th and 20th centuries, it became a popular place for British people to settle in their retirement years due to the pleasant climate. It is understandable that as a final resting place, many of these people were keen to have a little place of “home” established. It is a beautiful place and the gardens remain well attended to even today. On walking around, and reading the many and varied inscriptions on the gravestones of those who were laid to rest there, we came across this one.

Autumn 2022



Sacred to the memory of  
**SARAH HARFORD**  
daughter of the late  
Edward Lloyd Harford of  
Bristol  
and Elizabeth, his widow,  
who departed this life  
April 19th 1818 Aged 15

But who she is, to you, reader, is a matter of unimportance—what she was is the all-essential question:

learn then, her hope was fixed only on the imputed righteousness and atoning blood of the  
**LORD JESUS CHRIST**

Mark! She was young: very young:  
“PREPARE TO MEET THY GOD”

This tablet was erected by her, who  
“in knowing whom she hath believed”

**looks forward to the blessed day**, when she shall see her Saviour, as He is—and shall be made like unto His glorious body - in whom there is neither male nor female  
**and be forever with their Lord.**

**COME, LORD JESUS, COME QUICKLY**



We were both struck by what a testimony of faith that gravestone was and is. Whatever the circumstances of her death, even in the early 19th century, such a clear affirmation of faith and confidence in Jesus Christ would have stood out from the crowd. The verses quoted from Paul's Second Letter to Timothy have a timeless relevance.

**My suffering is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to him till that day. 2 Timothy 1 v 12**

Notice that the cause for Paul's words are found in the issue of suffering. While Paul's suffering was due to his Christian ministry, he, like Sarah, must have wondered at times why things were the way they were. If anyone believed or thought that the Christian life was meant to be easy, then the testimony of countless Christians down through the years is that it isn't. Indeed, perhaps the very opposite.

For Paul, his faithful stand for Jesus was the cause of his trouble and strife. For Sarah, it was the vicissitude of life, seemingly random and unsought, but deadly in its impact on her health and well-being. To be a Christian is certainly not a passport to a life spent with no troubles, questions or struggles. But, as Paul affirms, and Sarah testified to, it is a life spent with **HOPE**. For the Christian, hope is not the same as wishful thinking! It is the assurance and confidence that, "the hope of glory" will not "disappoint us" for we wait "eagerly for our adoption as His children, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we are saved....we wait for this hope patiently." Romans 5 v 2, 5 Romans 8 v 24-25

Christian **HOPE** sustains us in the present, guides us into the future and keeps us for eternity. Hence Paul, and Sarah, could speak of being sure that God will *keep* them in whatever lies before them, even death. Now if there is one thing that is in short supply today, it is **HOPE**. Indeed it could be said that a number of the situations we face in our society are bordering on the hopeless. Even with the great advances in medical science, there are still situations which are ultimately *hopeless*. This is why in our own day, the faith of the Apostle Paul, or a young girl dying 200 years ago, has such relevance.



For the Christian, now is the time to have **HOPE**, a confidence that the Sovereign God is in control and His purposes will be fulfilled as in faith we look to Him and live under His sway. And for those who may be reading this and may be in a situation that might appear hopeless to them, *our extremities are God's opportunities* to do something special and unique in our lives. To prove His faithfulness, and to testify to His trustworthiness in the pressures of life, can speak to others today just as much as that gravestone epitaph spoke to myself and Elizabeth whilst on holiday.

Today, we too can be persuaded that He is able to keep that which was entrusted to Him. Whatever our circumstances may be, and the realities can be hard, we all need to have such a **HOPE** "...as an anchor for our soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf." Hebrews 6 v 19-20

It was easy to read those words on that gravestone on a pleasant sunny morning at the beginning of a fortnight's holiday. The real test of the validity of them is found when the circumstances are not so pleasant and perhaps no end is in sight for them. The God who meets us in Jesus Christ offers no quick fix to the problems of life. At least not on this side of eternity. But what He does offer is Himself in the midst of them and the promise that nothing, not even death, can separate us from His love in Jesus Christ. Romans 8 v 28-39

May such a hope sustain us as we face an autumn of uncertainty.

With warm Christian love

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mr B. Bull". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

In her letter of address to the Anglican Communion's Lambeth Conference in August this year, our late Queen wrote, *Throughout my life, the message and teachings of Christ have been my guide and in them I find my hope.*

I had written my pastoral letter before the news of the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. However, in the light of her passing, surely the words concerning **Christian HOPE** come to us with fresh relevance. Our prayer must be that as the Queen passed into her Eternal Home, sure of hope in the One who is the Resurrection and the Life, so our new King and the members of the Royal Family will equally know the One in whom they have believed and have that confidence that He will keep what they have entrusted to Him until that day of their own passing.

# Fellowship Groups

As the autumn session starts, you may like to join one of the many Fellowship Groups that take place across the week. Please speak to **Bruce** or **Karen** for more details. Some groups meet in person in the church hall or manse while others are held online. There is something there for everybody.

Fellowship with fellow believers provides us with strength and gives us the opportunity to grow in our faith. Spending time with other believers encourages us and helps us to keep our eyes on Jesus.

For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ, we though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. Romans 12 v 4-6

Below is a list of all the groups currently running.

## PRIVATE PRAYER / DEVOTIONALS

The church will remain open on a **Tuesday**, **Wednesday** and **Thursday** for private prayer. During these times, short devotionals will be led by the minister at 10.30am on Tuesdays and Thursdays and at 7.30pm on a Wednesday evening.

## ZOOM MEETINGS

**Younger Women in the Word** is held fortnightly on a Wednesday evening at 8pm. This is led by Karen Stangoe and further details can be obtained from her.

## BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

**Re-fresh on Wednesday** is held weekly at 2.30pm in the church hall

**Men at the Manse** is held fortnightly on a Thursday at 7.30pm

**Faith on Friday** is held fortnightly on a Friday at 10am at the Manse

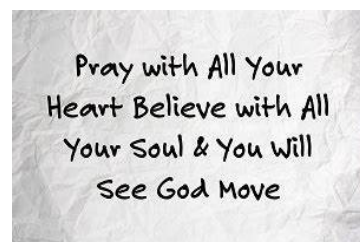
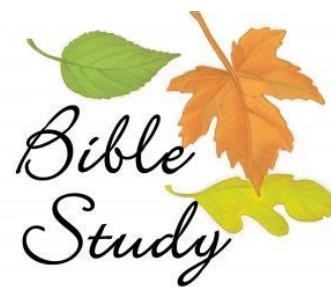
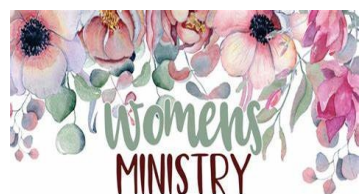
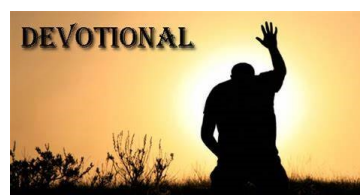
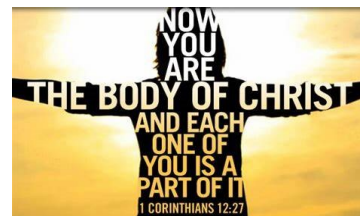
**Women in the Word** is held fortnightly on a Sunday evening at 8pm in the church hall

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**CONNECT**—our ministry with younger people on a Monday evening will be held in the church hall from 7-9 pm.

## PRAYER GROUP

**The Open to God** prayer time on a Saturday morning at 9am continues on Zoom and you are encouraged to join with others in this vital corporate prayer ministry.



# Suffering for the sake of the Gospel

Ian McQuarrie

The Keswick Convention is held in the Lake District every July and is the summer highlight of many Christian calendars. Ian and Helen McQuarrie spent a week there and kindly agreed to share their experiences with us.



2022 CONVENTION

The Keswick Convention has been taking place since 1875. It offers something for everyone: bible teaching, worship and fellowship with a separate Kids and Youth programme, all combined with the opportunity to relax and enjoy the glorious Lake District.

In the morning we attended the Bible readings given by Alistair Begg. He spoke on 2 Timothy and was outstanding. His heading on the first morning was **Guard the Gospel**, a theme he returned to throughout the week. His teaching was challenging as he advocated that there should be a readiness within the Christian to graciously contend for the truth of the Gospel and a preparedness to suffer the consequences of doing so. He stressed the teaching of 2 Timothy, 3 v 12:

**Everyone who wants to live a Godly life will be persecuted**

making the point that increasingly, normative Christian teaching will bring conflict with present day culture due to the primacy it places on self-identity.

This theme of suffering for the sake of the Gospel was revisited by the **Artless Theatre Group's** presentation of **If Prison Walls Could Speak** which was performed on the Thursday afternoon. This told the story of Petr Jasek, a worker for Voice of the Martyrs (Release International in the UK) who was imprisoned for his faith in Sudan in 2015. It was a powerful depiction of the reality of what many Christians suffer in the majority world.

The evening celebrations were a joy to attend; joining together with 3000 other Christians to worship was really quite special. Worship was led by EMU Music who sang new arrangements of many old hymns but also presented a few of their own new compositions. One of these, **Here We Stand** had this lyric:

Here we stand contending for the faith,  
standing for the truth in every age.  
We are weak, but Jesus he is strong,  
In the Spirit's power we labour on.

Click the link below to listen to the song  
([Here We Stand \(Acoustic Video\) // Emu Music - YouTube](#))

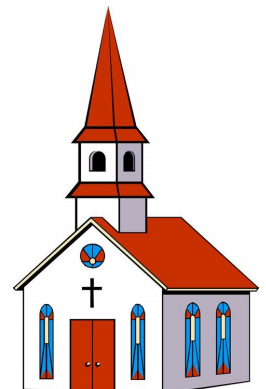
We find words echoing these lyrics in 2 Timothy, 1 v 14

**Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you -  
Guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.**

An ongoing feature of the Convention is the Bookshop. This year there were two! One was a second-hand shop. This provided a solid Christian reason (Helen would say *excuse!*) for me to stock up. Most of my purchases were second-hand, but I did buy six **Bitesize Biographies** by **Tim Chester**, focusing on William Tyndale, Thomas Cranmer, Mary Jones, Lady Jane Grey, John Wycliffe and Aidan of Lindisfarne. These are only 40+ pages long so not at all demanding; anyone who wants to sample them, please get in touch.

An added bonus of the week was the number of folk we met up with, this not only covered folk from the four churches we have worshipped in over the years, but also many others whose friendship has been a great blessing to us. It was a lovely reminder of all that the Church, as the body of Christ, brings to us and in consequence the necessity of our being an active part of it in our local setting.

I would encourage you to check the Convention out! This was our first full week there; we have, however, over the years made many day visits, an ideal way of getting a flavour of things.



## Truth for Life



Alistair Begg is the senior pastor of Cleveland's Parkside Church in America. He was born in Glasgow in 1952 and trained at the London School of Theology. He served for eight years at Charlotte Chapel in Edinburgh and then was minister at Hamilton Baptist Church before moving across the pond. However, this summer he returned to his roots and was guest speaker for one of the weeks of the Keswick Convention where Ian and Helen enjoyed his ministry. Here is what he wrote in his newsletter on 3 August 2022.

*Dear Friend*

*Few if any of you will have heard of Canon Thomas Harford-Battersby. (Don't Google, I'm going to explain!) He was once the vicar of St John's Church in Keswick, a market town in the Lake District of England. He, along with his friend Robert Wilson, began the first Keswick Convention in 1875.*

*In the early days, the convention's emphasis was on the "higher life" that was experienced in a crisis of consecration. In 1965, the late John Stott taught Romans 5-8 at Keswick, and his exposition of chapter 6 was largely responsible for shifting the emphasis of the convention to a progressive view of sanctification. This important change has either been overlooked or misunderstood here in America, where I am frequently asked why I would be speaking at a conference which promoted the Higher Life view.*

*Since I was 13, in 1965, the only experience I have had of the convention is in the post-Stott era. The banner which greets one on arrival provides the watchword: **ALL ONE IN CHRIST JESUS**. Evangelical Christians from all kinds of churches gather to be encouraged to take seriously what the Bible says about living lives shaped by the Gospel at home and abroad. There is a strong emphasis on world mission, and it was at Keswick, while listening to Hudson Taylor (founder of the China Inland Mission), that Amy Carmichael decided to dedicate her life to missions.*

*The first time I was invited to speak at Keswick was in the 80s, and by the time you are reading this, I will have enjoyed the privilege and huge responsibility of giving five expositions on 2 Timothy at this year's convention.*

*Let me encourage you, if you are ever visiting the UK during the summer, to consider attending Keswick at least for a day. You will be joining thousands of conference attendees swelling the population as you enjoy the beauty of the surrounding area. Famous former residents of the region include William Wordsworth and Beatrix Potter! If you attend, however, be sure to bring an umbrella, because the lush greenery is evidence of the substantial rainfall. Locals joke that if you can't see the mountains, it is because it's raining—and if you can see them, it's about to rain!*

You can listen to any of Alistair Begg's talks from this year's Keswick Convention on YouTube; the link for the first is given below.

[Monday 18 July - Bible Reading Week 1: Alistair Begg - Keswick Convention 2022 - YouTube](#)



Truth for Life is the teaching of Alistair Begg which you can follow on any of the social media platforms or at [www.truthforlife.org](http://www.truthforlife.org).

**TRUTH FOR LIFE**  
THE BIBLE-TEACHING MINISTRY OF ALISTAIR BEGG

# Hanoi Calling

On Sunday 31 July 2022 a commissioning service took place at Christ Church, Glasgow for the Paterson family; Martin and Jennifer and their children Sophia, Joshua and Luke. They have been called to serve God in Vietnam and will leave in the next few weeks.



The Paterson family is being sent to Vietnam in partnership with **OMF International** which was formerly called the China Inland Mission. This was set up by Hudson Taylor who had a burden for the millions of people in China who had no way of finding out about the good news of Jesus for themselves. Even as a young child of four years he declared, "When I am a man I mean to be a missionary and go to China". However, during his teenage years he strayed from the gospel before picking up a tract called, **It is Finished**, when he was 17 years old which changed his life. He sailed to Shanghai in 1853 where he worked with the China Evangelisation Society at first but his heart lay in reaching the people who lived inland, in the rural areas. In 1865 he founded the **China Inland Mission** (CIM). He knew there were millions of Chinese people needing to hear the message of Jesus Christ and therefore he named his mission magazine *China's Millions*.



**OMF**  
**OMF INTERNATIONAL**  
*Heart for Asia. Hope for billions.*

Taylor was convinced that for the church to grow in China, it must be led by indigenous people who were sensitive to the local culture and ways. He was quite radical in his thinking from the missionaries that had gone before. He instructed churches to be built in Chinese design and insisted that the leaders must be Chinese Christians. Although Christian workers may come from abroad to kickstart programs in south-east Asia, OMF have upheld Taylor's philosophy of planting and partnering with the indigenous church.

The Paterson family are being sent to Hanoi, the capital city, where they will study the Vietnamese language for the first two years. Vietnam has a population of 81.9 million of whom only 2.2% are Christian. The Christian church in Vietnam is crying out for trained pastors as there are not enough to keep up with the growing number of believers. However, accepting a call to be a pastor involves sacrifice as most pastors undergoing theological training have to take another job to support their families financially and often the training they receive is incomplete. Martin's hope is that once he has mastered the language to the desired standard, he will be able to teach theology at the Bible College and be part of God's plan to train up indigenous leaders in this part of the world.

Martin and Jennifer are very clear about their mission and the challenges that lie ahead and would be grateful for our prayers as they make this transition from Scotland to Vietnam.

- We pray that You would go with and before the Patersons in all that they're preparing to do; may they know your loving presence and protection over them
- We pray for wisdom in packing, especially knowing what to take and what to leave behind, being sensitive to the children's needs
- We pray for patience in these last few weeks as delays can be frustrating and cause friction
- We pray for safe travel and a smooth arrival in Vietnam
- We pray that they will be able to find safe and affordable accommodation in a good area that will bring them into daily contact with local people
- We pray for school and nursery places for the children
- We pray that they will adjust to the different culture, climate and food and get to grips with the language quickly
- We pray they will find the right church where they can serve and be served
- We pray for the parents and family they leave behind, specifically James and Carolyn and Alastair and Sally
- We pray that when met with challenges, they will remember that Christ is their sufficiency



**He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. Mark 16 v 15**

# Those Bombs led me to Christ

Most of us of a certain age, will remember the haunting and iconic image of nine-year-old Kim Phuc Phan Thi, running and screaming in pain after being injured in a bombing by an American plane in the Vietnam War in 1972. It was the defining photo of the war and was known simply as “Napalm Girl”. Who could fail to be moved by the photo of this innocent, little girl caught up in the horrors of war? The photographer, Nick Ut, even won a Pulitzer Prize for it. Phuc remembers the four bombs that rained down and her clothes being burned up by the fire. She still remembers her thoughts at that moment, that she would be burned, ugly and that people would see her in a different way. But mostly she was just terrified.



The little girl asked herself, “Why do I have to suffer this much?” She initially prayed to the gods of Cao Dai, the religion of her family, for healing but received no response.

“After years of unanswered prayers, it was clear to me that either they were non-existent or they did not care.”

One day when she was in the library in Saigon (now called Ho Chi Minh City) where she was studying to become a doctor, she stumbled upon a copy of the New Testament and was struck by the verse from John 14 v 6 where Jesus says:

**I am the way, the truth and the life**

She couldn't figure it out as she had so many questions. A Christian cousin visited and he tried to explain to her that God is love but Phuc didn't want to hear because of all the suffering she had endured. Eventually she went to church with him and during Christmas of 1982 she opened up her heart and accepted Jesus as her saviour. Her new faith helped her to forgive those who had scarred and hurt her, and she came to the realisation that her suffering had been the catalyst for bringing her into God's family. She says, “**Those bombs led me to Christ**”.



She is now 59 years old and has undergone what she hopes will be her final skin treatment following decades of pain. As a child, and later growing up into adulthood, she hated that photo as she felt it robbed her of a normal life but now she sees it as a powerful gift which has allowed her to speak out.

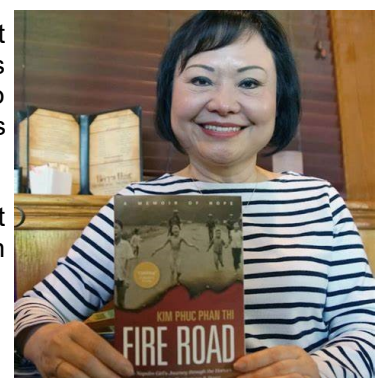
**“I will forever bear the scars of that day, and that picture will always serve as a reminder of the unspeakable evil of which humanity is capable. That picture defined my life. In the end, it gave me a mission, a ministry, a cause. Today, I thank God for that picture. Today, I thank God for everything—even for that road. Especially for that road.....”**

**Now, 50 years later, I am no longer a victim of war, I am not the napalm-girl, now I am a friend, am a helper, I'm a grandmother and now I am a survivor calling out for peace.... I hope the world will learn how to live with love, hope and forgiveness. ...If everyone can learn to live like that we don't need war at all.”**

What a story of God's amazing grace, that He has brought something so good out of something inherently evil. Today, through the Kim Foundation, Phuc supports children who are victims of war by providing medical and psychological support to enable them to overcome their traumatic experiences. She was designated as UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for culture of peace in November 1997.

Phuc travels the world telling people her story of love, hope and forgiveness, that same story she herself found in the gospel of John that allowed her to move on and put the horrific memories of the past behind her.

You can read her story in her book **Fire Road**.



# Church News

## Dedication of New Pulpit Bible

Our Sunday Service on 3 July was entitled *Remembering those from the past* with the reading being taken from Philemon 1. Many families have a long tradition with Park Church, not least of these being the Kerr and Cassel families. Scott Cassels spoke movingly of his wife, Irene, who was taken home very suddenly on 6 July 2020. They had been blessed with 33 years of happy marriage and as Scott said, he did not only lose his wife that day, but he also lost his very best friend. All of us remember Irene with great fondness as she took part in so many facets of church life, whether it was in the kitchen, as secretary of the Ladies' Association, helping out at summer Sunday School or with the visits from Muiredge Primary. Irene was friends with everyone.



As Scott reminisced over everything that Irene had given to Park, he also acknowledged that Park had given a lot to Irene and so he wanted to give something to the church in Irene's memory. He and Bruce decided that a new pulpit bible would be a very fitting gift. However, as Scott reflected further, he realised that he was the last of the line of the Kerr/Cassel family attending Park Church and therefore he wanted to give something in memory of not just Irene, but also the Kerr/Cassel family.

Bruce accepted the Bible from Scott saying:

On behalf of the congregation and in memory of Irene, and also in memory of you and the Kerr family's long association with Park Church, I receive this Bible, the Word of God in the NIV version, which will be read Sunday by Sunday, giving thanks to God for the faithful service of you, Irene and your family in days past, and assuring you that as long as God's word is the heart of this congregation, God will have a purpose for it.

On the right is the inscription inside the front page of the Bible which has been beautifully written by Carolyn Paterson.

*Pulpit Bible presented by Scott Cassels on 3rd July 2022 in memory of his wife Irene, who passed away suddenly on 6th July 2020, who gave 30 years of faithful service to Park Church.*  
*Also in memory of his parents Willie & Nettie Cassels, and his grandparents - the Kerr family - who also gave faithful service to Park Church from the early 1900s.*

## Jazz Concert

We were blessed to have members from Baylor University Texas Jazz Band perform a concert on the evening of Sunday 17 July. These very gifted young musicians entertained a packed church playing a variety of old well known Glenn Miller pieces and finishing with a rousing version of Oh when the Saints. A tea was served outside afterwards which was appreciated by all attending.

Donations of over £800 were collected for the Ukraine Relief Fund.



## Congratulations!

The wedding of **Rachel McLellan** and **Mike Steiner** will take place in Park Church on **Friday 30 September 2022 at 1pm**. A warm welcome is extended to all the congregation to attend the marriage ceremony. Please sit upstairs if possible. We wish Rachel and Mike every happiness in their future together as man and wife.

**Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves. Romans 12 v 10**



# Lost and Found

In the last service before the summer break, we were reminded of the story of The Prodigal Son.

Bruce retold the powerful and well-known parable of **The Prodigal Son** found in Luke 15, but gave it a 21st century twist.

The parable begins by introducing the three main characters— the father and his two sons. The younger son demands his share of his father’s inheritance. Shortly after being given it, he runs off and squanders the wealth “in wild living” - as shown in the picture on the right!

After hitting hard times, the younger son returns home and asks for forgiveness. The father is overjoyed to see “the sinner” return which angers the older brother who has been working hard all this time. He is filled with anger and bitterness and snubs the grace that has been bestowed on him by the father. Even though he remained at home, is he truly “home”?

Both sons are prodigals. Which one do we identify with? The elder son thought he had **earned** his inheritance. We can never earn the grace of God! We are never superior to other prodigals who have returned home. The younger son represents someone who has squandered the grace and run away from faith and the church. He traded a loving home, provision and a future for temporal pleasures. But God’s grace is bigger and more generous than we could ever imagine. When we repent and acknowledge our sin, God is waiting.

“There is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” Luke 15 v 10

However many times we hear this parable, we can always glean new insights and truths. We thank Bruce for bringing this story to us in a new and memorable way.



# Harvest Thanksgiving

We celebrated Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday 4 September. Thank you to everyone for their kind gifts which will help needy people in our community.

We reflected on the reading from 1 Corinthians 3 v 5-9:

**I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. v 6**



# Come let us sing for joy to the Lord!

The Gospel or Good News means a gift from God. Although “for all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God”, we can be restored to God and live as people of His kingdom through the atoning blood of Jesus. Jesus has made it possible for us to have a relationship with our Creator, both here on earth and throughout eternity. That certainly is good news and hymnwriters from earliest days to the present are eager to proclaim it.



## For My Sake and the Gospel's, go

This song was written in 1899 by Edward Henry Bickersteth who was an Anglican clergyman. He was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge and took his Holy Orders in 1848. He was curate in Norfolk before moving to Christ Church, Tunbridge Wells. Later he became Dean of Gloucester and then Bishop of Exeter. He published several books of poetry, revised his father's collection of hymns and psalms and produced a useful hymn companion to the Book of Common Prayer. This hymn was written to go with Arthur Sullivan's (of Gilbert and Sullivan) rousing tune, Bishopsgarth.

This hymn has the theme of mission and service and responding to the gospel call to go and preach to all nations. It also talks of the Second Coming of Jesus and is visionary and triumphant in nature.

1. **For my sake and the gospel's go,  
and tell the redemption's story;  
His heralds answer, "Be it so  
and thine Lord, all the glory!"  
They preach his birth, his life, his cross,  
the love of his atonement,  
for whom they count the world but loss,  
His Easter, his enthronement.**

"Truly I tell you," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mother, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life." Mark 10 v 29-30

2. **Hark! Hark! The trump of jubilee  
proclaims to every nation,  
from pole to pole, by land and sea,  
glad tidings of salvation:  
As nearer draws the day of doom  
while still the battle rages;  
the heavenly Dayspring through the gloom  
breaks on the night of ages.**

3. **Still on and on the anthems spread  
of alleluia voices;  
in concert with the holy dead,  
the warrior church rejoices.  
Their snow white robes are washed  
in blood,  
their golden harps are ringing,  
and the paradise of God  
one triumph song are singing.**

4. **He comes, whose advent trumpet sounds  
the last of time's evangels,  
Immanuel, crowned with many crowns,  
The Lord of saints and angels.  
O Life, Light, Love, the great I AM,  
Triune who changes never,  
the throne of God and of the Lamb,  
is thine, and thine for ever.**



To listen to the song, click [here](#)

## There is one Gospel

This song was written by CityAlight and released on 22 July 2022. CityAlight aim to write songs that are not only scriptural but also singable for the church. All their music is available to be downloaded free from their website so that anyone can access it. This song is no exception, it has a simple melody with doctrinally sound lyrics that glorify Jesus.

The aim of the song was “to encapsulate the broad outlines of the main tenets of the biblical gospel in one song. The song is a big-picture work in that way. What we wanted to offer was a song where people from a range of Christian traditions and experiences could come together agreeing on the overarching message of the gospel of Jesus....Across the global church, there are significant disagreements about doctrine and practice. By all means these are worth discussion. But crucially, if what unites us is the saving work of Jesus to rescue sinners, then what unites us is infinitely more significant than anything which divides us.”

Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 15 v 1-2:

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

1. There is one Gospel on which I stand  
For all eternity  
It is my story, my Father's plan  
The Son has rescued me  
Oh what a Gospel, Oh what a peace  
My highest joy and my deepest need  
Now and forever He is my light  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ
2. There is one Gospel to which I cling  
All else I count as loss  
For there, where justice and mercy meet  
He saved me on the cross  
No more I boast in what I can bring  
No more I carry the weight of sin  
For He has brought me from death to life  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ
3. There is one Gospel where hope is found  
The empty tomb still speaks  
For death could not keep my Saviour down  
He lives and I am free  
Now on my Saviour, I fix my eyes  
My life is His and His hope is mine!  
For He has promised I, too, will rise  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ
4. And in this Gospel the church is one  
We do not walk alone  
We have His Spirit as we press on  
To lead us safely home  
And when in glory still I will sing  
Of this old story that rescued me  
Praise to my Saviour, the King of life  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

The last line of each verse ends with a very powerful statement—I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. If we live our lives in the light of this statement, we will feel blessed and our lives will be filled with “an inexpressible and glorious joy” (1 Peter 1 v 8). Happiness depends on *happenings*, but joy comes from Jesus!

The last word should go to CityAlight:

The gospel of Jesus does not favour any one ethnicity, language, financial standing, political persuasion, intellectual ability or physical prowess. The one, true gospel enters into the vast range of human experience, celebrating what makes us unique and reminding us of the great old story that binds us together.



To listen to the song, click [here](#)

# The Little Chapel

I was recently in the Channel Islands on holiday, in Guernsey to be exact. If you haven't been it's worth a visit with its beautiful sandy coves and beaches, rocks and cliffs and great crab salads and sandwiches! However, one of the most interesting places to visit on the island is [The Little Chapel](#) at Les Vauxbelets.



This is one of the smallest chapels in the world and measures 16ft by 9ft. It is made out of broken pieces of pottery stuck onto a mixture of building materials including clinker, which is a stony residue from burnt coal. The ceramic pieces for the steps up to the chapel were donated by Wedgewood.

The chapel was mostly built by one man, Brother Deodat Antoine of the Order of de la Salle, a French order founded in 1680 by Jean-Baptiste de la Salle. It was a Roman Catholic religious order dedicated to the education of boys and by the early 20th century there were over 6000 Brothers engaged in this work. However, in 1904 the French government banned faith schools and many of the Brothers from the de la Salle Order left France to continue their work in exile. One group came to Guernsey, which is very near France, and acquired the Les Vauxbelets estate. Brother Deodat (whose name means Given to God) joined them there in 1913.



Soon after he arrived, he had a vision of creating his own version of the grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes which is a site of Roman Catholic pilgrimage. He commenced work immediately and completed the grotto in March 1914. It measured just 9ft by 4.5ft. It was criticised for being too small and he pulled it down the very night he heard of the criticism, possibly in a fit of pique!

At the outbreak of the First World War Brother Deodat decided to build another grotto despite building materials obviously being difficult to find. He did not let this deter him and completed his grotto which was blessed in July 1914. It could hold four people but not content with that he decided to build a little chapel above the grotto. The second chapel lasted till 1923 where it is said the plump Bishop of Portsmouth couldn't fit through the door!

Finally, Brother Deodat set about building a third chapel, the one we see today. It was a laborious process as he collected pebbles and pieces of china for decoration. Thanks to an article in the Daily Mirror, the chapel became famous and gifts poured in from the islanders including the Lieutenant-Governor who donated mother of pearl as well as from people around the world. There are beautiful stained glass windows which catch the light and on entering you are struck by an air of peace and tranquility. It is claimed to be one of the smallest consecrated chapels in the world and is well worth a visit.



Just as the Second World War broke out in 1939, Déodat was forced to return to France because of deteriorating health. The task of decorating and maintaining the grotto fell to Brother Cephias, who took care of it until 1965 when he retired. The chapel fell into disrepair over the decade that followed, and in 1977 a committee was formed to restore and protect it. The conservation work continues today.

# Uddingston Pride Update

Donald Burt



## WHAT A LOVELY SUMMER!

Although most of us are never entirely happy with the weather (too hot/cold/dry/wet), I think we can agree that we have had a lovely summer!

Obviously the heat on some days did result in new temperature records but we certainly had a very dry, hot and sunny period, through June, July and into August. It did cause us some issues, and at times we seemed to be watering, watering, watering!

The displays at the train station and the Uddingston Gateway were maintained throughout the summer, with twice weekly watering taking place over most of that period. The large planters on the Main Street were also given regular TLC on a weekly (or twice weekly) basis. Thanks to all the volunteers who gave of their time to ensure that all of the displays were looking their best. Thanks also to South Lanarkshire Council whose lamppost baskets continue to enhance the Main Street, and to Rosebank Garden Centre who water Uddingston Pride's baskets and planters on a regular basis.



We have also found time to organise several Litter Picks through the summer, including a joint litter pick with **Brighter Bothwell** and nearly 100 senior pupils from Uddingston Grammar, most of whom were very enthusiastic helpers. The next one takes place on **18 September** and you can find details on our Facebook page.

The Tree Team also watered and tended to the young trees that were recently planted around Old Glasgow Road/General's Gate so that they have the best chance to become established.



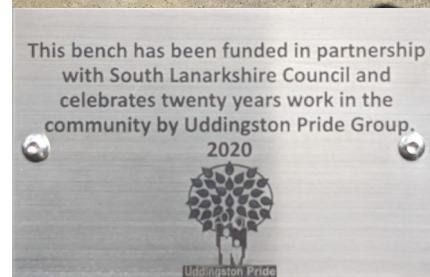
## 20th Anniversary Event

Delayed for two years by the pandemic, we recently unveiled a 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Seat at Uddingston Cross. The unveiling was expertly done by Uddingston Pride founder member Joyce Scott, with fellow founder member Walter Silcock presiding over the ceremony. Afterwards, tea, coffee, cake and conversation was had in Park Church and the UP Committee would like to thank Rev. Bruce McDowall for kindly organising this part of the festivities.



Although the floral displays are still spectacular, we are moving into autumn and, early as it may seem, we have started to make plans for the **Christmas Fayre** on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December**.

Please put this date in your diary!





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