

# UNITED UPDATE

There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

*Ephesians 4:4-6*

September 2018 – November 2018

# Regular Events

Sundays	Coldingham Priory - 9.45am <i>(Any month with 5th Sunday Coldingham meets St. Abbs Ebba Centre)</i>
	Eyemouth Parish - 11.15am
Tuesdays	Prayer, Eyemouth Session Room - 9am
Tuesdays	Eyemouth Guild, 7pm, Apr - Sep
Wednesdays	Busy Bees, Eyemouth - 1.30pm
Fridays	Busy Bees, Priory - 10.30am
1st Monday	BCYT Prayer, Springbank - 8pm
1st Friday	Iona-based meditation, Priory - 4.00pm
3rd Friday	Meditation, Priory - 4.00pm
1st Saturday	Prayer, Eyemouth - 8.30am
3rd Saturday	Half-hour prayer, Priory - 8.30am

## From the Manse

“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land” - 2 Chronicles 7:14

Dear friends

I came across a simple little song called innocently enough “Father, You are King of Heaven” yet it was the chorus that really tickled me. “It's like an earthworm trying to do press-ups, like a potato trying to swim. Like a mountain trying to brush its teeth when we don't rely on him” Simply the song was making the amusing point that we are truly dependant on God in all things and trying to live without acknowledging that dependence is setting ourselves up to lose. Indeed the chorus goes on to speak about the simple fact that when we pray we are trusting God. Ever since the memory verse in our first holiday club here was “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and don't rely on what you think you know” (Proverbs 3:5) I have been challenged daily in where I place my dependence. cont'd >>>

cont'd >>> Do I truly trust God to keep me going, to sustain the ministry, to draw me to the right people, to focus me on the right work, to give me the right words to say, the skills I will need in the work that God has set before me? Or do I rely on myself?

In Matthew's gospel Jesus tells his disciples "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." (Matthew 7:7) If we feel we aren't truly relying on God, then we just have to ask for the trust and faith to do that. Jesus very clearly tells us that is what we need to do, and we can do it without fear, for God doesn't say no to those who seek him. Also this verse reminds us that all we need do is ask. God desires to bless us, to bless our ministry, our community, our church and we just need to ask.

So can we, over the next wee while, humble ourselves, by admitting our dependence on God and place our worries and concerns before God in prayer, seeking God's ways. If we truly do that then God will heal our land, and what a healing that will be!

God bless  
*Andy*

**STOP PRESS!**

A huge thanks to Pam and Peter Gage who opened up their home and gardens yesterday (25th Aug) to host a fund-raising event in aid of the proposed Eyemouth Parish alterations. You had to be there to appreciate the incredible amount of preparation that had been put in - food, games, entertainment, face-painting, Pimm's, puddings; then our God threw in perfect weather and some incredible vistas of the beautiful rolling Berwickshire countryside and it was just perfect. Around £800 was raised; however, thanks to an anonymous donor on Sunday morning, this was rounded up to £1000! What a great effort for the Eyemouth fund. (However, Els brought the Unicycle Riding Cup back to Coldingham and that, my friends, is priceless.....)

*Editor*

## **Atheist Scientists have got it Wrong!**

The breath-taking advances of science ,particularly over the last century, have put it in a very powerful position. Currently, the common view is that it is a source for all the answers needed to explain our existence. My atheist scientist friends contend that there is no God and that they rely on facts not faith. They also assert that the human mind is essentially a highly complex machine which has come into existence through chance. I disagree with these contentions and now explain why I believe they are wrong:

*Atheist scientists claim that there is no God -*

This claim is false since science cannot prove or disprove the existence of God. As reported in my book\* this fact is now accepted by most scientists. Science can tell us how we were created not why we were created.

*Atheist scientists rely on facts not faith -*

This assertion is not true, since it is not a proved scientific fact that there is no God I would suggest that scientists, ironically, are using faith to support their belief that God does not exist.

*Atheist scientists believe that the human mind is here by chance -*

The human mind is an incredibly complex and an utterly amazing source of wonder. Even Albert Einstein considered that our ability to comprehend the universe is a miracle. Surely common sense tells us that it has been designed by a supernatural intelligence and chance is not an acceptable option.

I produced this brief note to help underline the weaknesses of the atheist argument. For too long we Christians have been the subject of criticism by a disappointingly increasingly materialistic public. I feel that it is important to point out that, from the argument presented here, it is *the atheists who clearly lack common sense!*

John Brain

\**Reality, Science and the Supernatural*, Amazon Bookstore.

## United by the Spirit

Jesus was called a 'friend of...sinners' (Matthew 11:19). Why? Because He didn't analyse and label people. He didn't seek out the well-heeled and well-behaved. He included them, but He didn't limit Himself to their company. He sought out those who were marginalised and ostracised by society, and reached out to them with God's love. 'But what about their sinful practices?' you ask. 'Mightn't it look like we're excusing their lifestyle?' One day the Pharisees brought a woman to Jesus, saying, 'This woman was caught in adultery, in the very act' (John 8:4 NKJV). Notice what Jesus did; He stooped down to her level and brought her back up to His! Only then did He say, 'Go and sin no more' (v. 11 NKJV). The fact is, if people could clean up their act before coming to the Lord, they wouldn't need Him. The church was born when God's Spirit was poured out on people from every race, culture, tradition, and background. You can't have a genuine outpouring of the Spirit where people are alienated and excluded. When the world sees us coming together in unity under one anointing, they're going to run again to the Upper Room crying, 'What shall we do?' (Acts 2:37). As believers we have the formula for making broken people whole. But before we can share it with them and have credibility, we must first be united by the Spirit.

*UCB, The Word For Today, 26/08/18, with permission.*

**Q:** How many Presbyterians does it take to change a lightbulb?

**A:** One to screw it in. Another to challenge the action of the first based on the doctrine of predestination. A third to hear both sides and advise them to take it to the session. The session splits over it and brings it up at Presbytery. The Presbytery splits over it and decides to take it to Assembly. Assembly appoints a committee and two subcommittees to do a study. Over the course of the next two years, they come up with several position papers (with minority reports) and finally draft a resolution. The resolution is brought before Assembly and it passes. After which the disgruntled minority breaks off and forms the "Old Light Bulb" Presbyterian Church.

*As a humble Presbytery Clerk of just seven months, I couldn't possibly comment.....*

## Needs and Appeals, Eyemouth.

Income to the Needs and Appeals fund is from donations given at the teas after the Sunday morning service. We respond to local needs and wider church appeals. Any person can suggest where assistance should be given by contacting the Minister or Jim Evans. This fund enables our Church to show its concern for local the local community as well as wider church needs.

*Jim*

## Life and Work September

### **Journeying Together**

Focus on three of the Church of Scotland Guild's new partner projects: supporting teenage mothers in Zambia, Malawian farmers and the children of sex workers in India

### **20 Years of Fischy Music**

The impact of the Christian music charity over the last two decades

### **'Heart Based Work'**

Working with the bereaved

### **Science and Faith**

In her first column as Moderator, the Rt Rev Susan Brown says Christianity has never shied away from intellectual challenge

### **Free Will**

Interview with an academic who has worked with the Church of Scotland's Society, Religion and Technology Project

### **From Swing Band to Gospel Choir**

The founder of the Heart and Soul Swing Band, the Rev Dr Robin Hill, highlights a major extension of the project

### **'Come Down and Heal Our Land'**

The Very Rev John Chalmers reflects on a lamentation from South Sudan

### **Jesus Is In Us**

The Rev Scott McKenna explains why we are the essence of God



Stand up and plant yourself in the spot you've found.

Take a moment and be completely still.

Close your eyes and feel the ground, solid beneath your feet. Feel the connection: deep earth, rich and fertile, where we all come from and will return, but life and earth and each other.

What a gift.

Now look upward, and sense, the air around you, the breath of others. Stuff of life, so essential, yet far too often taken for granted. Join hands with someone near you. Feel, the strength, the fragility, the connection, human to human, being. There are over 7 billion of us sharing this planet, with each other and God's created order. Bloom where you are planted, but share the soil of God's good earth. Let us pray: With feet firmly on the ground, with hands outstretched to embrace each other, with minds and spirits stretching skyward, we come.

Open the eyes of our hearts to Your vision. May the words of our mouths, the meditation of our hearts and the movement of our very being be one with You, O God who calls us to join the integrity of Your beloved creation. Flowers, figs, earth and sky, mountains, hills bursting with first fruit. They are the embodiment of life. We share their story. May our roots go deep, plant us firmly, ground us, nourish us, yet let us stretch. Every growing thing does: leaves and flowers lean towards the sun, faces turn skyward. A tree is a community in itself, a system of root and stem, branches and leaves and fruit, all intricately and intimately related.

Like us – even though we often deny it. Call us to that same integrity of creation. One body, indivisible and inter-dependent.

*Amen*

## Kirk launches new digital resources to equip churches

A brand new collection of digital guides to equip local churches to ‘think digital’ and tap in to burgeoning communities online has been launched by the Church of Scotland communications team.

The resources are intended to help churches improve their websites and social media. The nine-person department does not have the capacity to provide one-to-one advice and training to more than 1,300 congregations and dozens of Church-led projects across the country.

So as part of its commitment to improving Church-wide digital capability and increasing access to worship resources, the team has launched this collection of best-practice guides, tips and advice for everyone to download and use.

[http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/..news\\_and\\_events/news/2018/kirk\\_launches\\_new\\_digital\\_resources\\_to\\_equip\\_churches](http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/..news_and_events/news/2018/kirk_launches_new_digital_resources_to_equip_churches).

### A wheelie good fun-raising idea?!



## Transport

Eyemouth Parish Church provides transport for those requiring assistance to get to church. This is provided by volunteer drivers.

### Linkim Court

### Swan Court

#### 2018

September	W.Gray 751625	D.Scott 751777
October	P.Gage 01289 384985	I.Dorward 751732
November	C.McIvor 759414	E.King 751023
December	P.Craig 750367	J.Tarvit 751179

#### 2019

January	W.Gray 751625	J.Tarvit 751179
February	P.Gage 01289 384985	J.Tarvit 751179
March	C.McIvor 750414	D.Scott 751777
April	P.Craig 750367	I Dorward 751732
May	W.Gray 751625	E.King 751023

Drivers unable to do any duty on a Sunday please arrange an alternative driver or contact Jim Evans 750701 as soon as possible to allow an alternative driver to be arranged.

Pick up will be 11.00 as follows -

Linkim Court - Front of building by request. Phone if required.  
Swan Court- Front of building.

Return will be after tea following the church service.

Additional transport can be arranged, contact Jim Evans 750701.

## **These stones have a story to tell**

The Priory Church's ancient stones are crumbling, and it falls to us in our time of caretaking to repair and preserve the Church's outside walls. The Priory walls tell of Christian worship over hundreds of years. We need to keep the story going. The Parish has been advised by Smith & Garratt, chartered surveyors, and what is needed is some stone replacement, some stone repair and comprehensive re-mortaring. It should take about six months to undertake the physical work on the building. The total cost is nearly £170,000, including VAT. We should recover the VAT through the Listed Places of Worship scheme, and the Parish has over £60,000 available in the Consolidated Fabric Fund controlled by the General Trustees (money from sale of the Robertson Memorial Hall). This leaves us with considerable monies to source from local fundraising and appeal to grant giving organisations. The priority is our local fundraising. This is important not just for the money that can be raised, but to demonstrate to grant-givers that the work is supported locally. Ideas and energy in local fundraising are needed. Please speak to me or to George Prentice about what you think can be done so that we can get the ball rolling.

*David Campbell, Treasurer*

Listen to the stones whispering, echoing - they've a story to tell  
of saints of the past who told of the one who came to save the world  
living, dying to show us God's love - then rising again in glory.

These stones have a story to tell - of monks who came after  
they came here to dwell in this ancient Priory  
to worship God, tell of his love - care for the sick and the poor.

These stones have a story to tell  
of ordinary folk who've kept faith alive  
passing it on down through the ages;  
listen to the stones as they whisper  
'Pass it on, pass it on'  
Will these stones tell our story?

*Heather Johnston August 2018*



**Mission and Creation Care  
for Christian Disciples**  
Group Study & Discussion

We start Monday 3rd September in the Priory at 19:30  
and plan to meet on alternate Mondays thereafter.

I support EMMS, a medical charity. They asked if I would ride a bike through Nepal to raise money for a palliative care unit in the hospital at Pokhara. Now even if I started such a ride I'd never finish it so I asked Lisa, a good friend and a keen cyclist, to take my place. We must raise £3,000 for the trip. I've undertaken to raise the money to get Lisa to Nepal, but we need to raise more for the project. The ride takes place in November, the money needs to be in by end of September. If you would like to chip in, send a donation to me (Bryan Webster, Fairhavens, Houndlaw Park, Eyemouth TD14 5DA). Thank you.



*Bryan*

## Help While You Shop

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be collecting free donations for the Church? There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra! It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/coldinghamstabbs/> or <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/eyemouthparishchurch/> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping, or download the easyfundraising donation reminder for your web browser.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and the Church will be really grateful for your donations. You can now even download a handy reminder that reminds you to activate your donation when shopping on participating webpages.

## Lost & found

Has anyone seen an oval wicker basket, I've lost mine. Also , there is a beautiful little blue jug in the cupboard - would the person who donated it mind if I gave it a home and put a donation in church funds.

Noreen 07817990298

### Joke?

What denomination loves Messy Church?

The Splatter-Day Saints!



## Bible Study

For some time now, we have been providing United Christian Broadcast booklets to the congregation and have several folks using them regularly. However, you may be among those who took them at first and then decided that this version was not for you. There are many other bible study notes produced by the C. of S., Bible Society, Scripture Union etc., so to give you more choice there will be a box at the back of the church with samples for you to take home and look at. They may be past editions but the updated ones can be obtained.

May I also put in a word for those of you who have the internet, Sanctuary First is an excellent website, every day you will find a host of material, from daily readings to podcasts and lots more. This was started by a former moderator Rev. Albert Bogle when he was minister of St. Andrews Church Bo'ness.

I also have delivered to my inbox Daily Thoughts from All Souls Church in London which has a history of great preachers, John Stott being one and whose work the notes are taken from. The topic in the week when I am writing this is Jesus returning in Glory. (In my lifetime I have not heard many sermons on the Second Coming!) For those of you who have mobile phones there is You Version Bible app. to explore.

We are also fortunate via the internet, to have access to sermons from great preachers of the past, from Sturgeon, Wesley, Lloyd Jones to Graham, just type in "famous preachers "and a whole range opens up. Finally, on line or in book form, a Bible Concordance and Commentary are a must to help enjoy getting the most from God's word every day. Or treat yourself to a Study Bible which has these included.

Finally I think the word "study" is a bit severe, think of it as an exploration through a wealth of material which builds a bridge between mortals and the God who created us and who longs to communicate with us. The words and their message are all waiting to be opened up, it is a two way process in which we must also do our part. *Greta*

## **Two Churches, One God, One Love**

When I first met Janice, she was a very active member of the West Baptist Church in Dunfermline and I was a member of the Parish Church in Eyemouth. When I was up in Fife we always went to the Baptist Church where I was always made welcome.

I was at baptisms in the church and Janice often said that the Baptist Church way was the true baptism. Jesus was baptised that way by John the Baptist (though our children were christened in Eyemouth).

It was not until we were going to get married that I wondered what we would do about churches. It was a big change for Janice coming to Eyemouth to live and it took her a long time to understand the Eyemouth dialect – Nicknames! Sayings! She was unhappy for a while but was asked to join the Young Wives and Mothers group at the church, then the Mother's and Toddlers group too. She always said that without the friendship of the women she met she would never have settled in Eyemouth. Sadly only a few of them are still alive and those left are not very able.

Janice, in turn, has welcomed folk into the Church, the Guild and the choir (which she had been in since she was a teenager in Fife.). She even started the prayer blankets for the older ones in the church. I wonder if she would have wanted one herself – the answer is YES. Two of those she gave to are still alive and use their blankets for comfort and prayer.

Sadly Janice did not end her days in the church on a happy note. I have discovered since that she was in a great deal of pain and never said how bad it was. She was always happy when she was involved with the Guild and enjoyed her time at 121 George Street where we were both made to feel at home.

I miss many things since Janice's passing – it is not easy but life must go on.

*David Walker*

## 29 Mistakes Churches Make With Money

(Excerpts, more at the link below)

3. *Teaching on money in single messages rather than in a series.* We find that churches experience a sustained increase in giving when they teach a series of combined messages rather than teaching the same number of messages individually throughout the year.

6. *Living “paycheck to paycheck” without cash reserves.* We encourage churches to have six to eight weeks in cash reserves. This helps during the ups and downs of a typical ministry cycle, especially during the common drop in summer attendance and giving. It also buys the church time if there’s a crisis, economic or otherwise, to make adjustments.

7. *Saving too much money.* On the other hand, we’ve also seen churches hoard their money. We’ve seen churches with more than a year of cash sitting in the bank with no plans to invest it for Kingdom impact. What may feel like wise financial planning could actually be poor Kingdom stewardship of God’s resources.

8. *Never talking about money.* You have to talk about money if you’re going to teach the truth of Scripture. Jesus taught about money. The Gospels are filled with references to topics related to money. If you avoid talking about money, then you’re avoiding a critical piece of what it means to become a fully-devoted follower of Jesus.

12. *Letting the budget drive the ministry strategy.* The ministry strategy should, instead, drive the budget. This can’t happen unless the church has clarified its vision for the future and its strategy for seeing that vision accomplished. We recommend an annual planning retreat prior to the budget process to prioritize initiatives that will drive financial objectives.

15. *Allowing multiple options for designated giving.* When this happens, people give to their favourite little pet projects, which opens up the possibility that core ministry areas of the church could end up underfunded. No one wants to give to the electric bill, but it’s pretty important that the lights come on Sunday morning in the sanctuary! Ideally, you’ll have one fund that will support all ministries of the church.

23. *Avoiding transparency.* Celebrate with your church when God provides financial resources to accomplish the mission and vision. Inform your church when the financial resources aren’t keeping pace. It’s not necessary for the congregation to know how every nickel and dime is spent. That’s the job of an accountant or auditor. The church should have a general understanding, though, of how their financial contributions are being used.

<https://tonymorganlive.com/2017/07/26/29-mistakes-churches-make-money/>

Editor

## **Foodbank**

We are experiencing an unprecedented need for food in these recent months. In May and June there were 29 referrals for each month; from January to April 20 referrals or less, however in July we have had 32 referrals. So the last three months have seen quite an increase. You would be interested to know that the 32 referrals of this past month has fed 52 people.

We think that the school holidays and an increase in the number of single referrals are largely responsible for the July rise but time will tell. At any rate what it is doing, is diminishing our stocks at a higher rate! For instance within a few days recently 32 cans of soup were delivered. We continue to collect food on a Sunday for the foodbank. If you would be interested in helping out with food parcel deliveries, or taking collected food to the Foodbank store then please contact Andy.

Tins or packets of Soup

Tins of mince, stew, meat balls, curry pies in tins

Corned beef, spam, ham, tuna, sardines, pilchards, baked beans

Tinned veg, potatoes, Pasta, Pasta sauce

Tea, Coffee, Breakfast cereal, Dried or UHT milk, Tinned fruit

The following items are added when the parcel is made up and delivered, so donations of money are always accepted: bread, margarine, fresh milk, fresh potatoes (nappies and baby food, if required).

## **World Mission News**

Please pray for our new Mission Partner, Dr Linus Malu, who is working in Malawi. Pray for safety and good health for him, for helpful colleagues, for meaningful work and God's guiding every day.

Would you like to visit Israel/Palestine on a Church of Scotland guided study tour? There will be two in 2019, one in March and the other in November. More details from me, or visit [wmoutreach@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:wmoutreach@churchofscotland.org.uk)

*Marianne*

## **Does it hurt when you hear someone swear in the name of Jesus?**

The early Christians, who were proud 'to suffer indignity for the sake of the Name', were eager to evangelize in the same cause. Even love for the commands of Christ and love for the lost sheep of Christ are subordinate to and dependent on this love for the name of Christ. Love for his name is not a sentimental attachment either to his personal name 'Jesus' or to his official title 'Christ' or to any of his designations in Scripture. Instead, it is a concern for his honour in the world, an ardent desire for the fulfilment of our prayer: 'Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to thy name give glory' (Ps. 115:1). It is a recognition that God the Father has exalted him 'far above ... every name that is named' (Eph. 1:21) and indeed 'bestowed on him the name which is above every name', with a view to securing 'that at the name of Jesus', before his supreme rank and dignity, 'every knee should bow ... and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord ...' (Phil. 2:9-11).

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## **Eyemouth Holiday Club Catering**

Thank you to everyone who donated toward the cost of catering for the holiday club team. It enabled us not only to have food for the team sent by Scripture Union but also for several of the local teenagers who were helping with the younger children in the morning. They so enjoyed taking part in all the activities and getting to know the team that they were keen to stay around, chat and take part in activities later in the day.

## **Away Day on Holy Island**

These days are an opportunity for all members of Eyemouth, Coldingham with St Abbs and St Ebba's congregations to come together. The next day is Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September when Heather Major, who has been working in the Presbytery and researching the challenges that face rural congregations, is coming to speak. It should be a fascinating day and there will be the usual time to relax and explore the island. Please put the date in your diary and nearer the time there will be sign-up sheets. tshbel

## Film Night Dates in Eyemouth Church Hall

21<sup>st</sup> September 2018 – Family Film Night – Peter Rabbit  
19<sup>th</sup> October 2018 - Family Film Night – Film TBC  
16<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Family Film Night – Film TBC

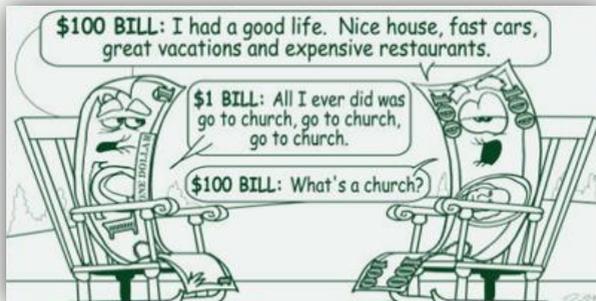
### Communion Services

EYEMOUTH  
28<sup>th</sup> October @ 11.15am

COLDINGHAM & ST. ABBS  
14<sup>th</sup> October @ 9.45 am in Coldingham Priory

### Evening Services

2<sup>nd</sup> September, 5.30pm @ Linkim Court  
4<sup>th</sup> September, 3.30pm @ Swan Court  
9<sup>th</sup> September, 6.30pm – Churches Together Service @ Eyemouth  
30<sup>th</sup> September, 6.30pm - Joint Communion @ Coldingham Priory  
21<sup>st</sup> October, 6.30pm – Churches Together Service @ EU Church  
23<sup>rd</sup> October, 3.30pm @ Swan Court  
28<sup>th</sup> October, 5.30pm @ Linkim Court  
11<sup>th</sup> November, 2.30pm – RBL(S) Remembrance Service in Eyemouth  
11<sup>th</sup> November, 5pm @ Swan Court  
11<sup>th</sup> November, 6pm @ Linkim Court  
25<sup>th</sup> November, 6.30pm – Joint Communion @ Eyemouth Church Hall



## **Traidcraft**

Have you had a look at the stall recently? There are quite a few new items including a new range of cleaning agents. Are you looking for an unusual greeting card? Come and see the range of craft cards costing little more than more common paper cards. Fairly traded tea, coffee, dried fruit, peanut butter, marmalade and sweets are always available. If you are looking for something different to give as a present that will give the producer a fair price as well as the possibility of health care and education for their children please look in the catalogues on the table. The Christmas catalogue will soon be available.

## **Unwanted or broken jewellery.**

Another way that Traidcraft raises money to help support producers wishing to trade their way out of poverty is to collect unwanted or broken jewellery and sell it. If you have an odd earring, a broken necklace or any unwanted jewellery, please give it to Mairead or Ishbel and we will send it on to Traidcraft.

## **Eyemouth Data Protection**

You will probably have heard that on 25<sup>th</sup> May, the law changed regarding how organisations hold and process your personal information. This applies to the church and charities as well as business organisations. The information the church holds includes your name and address so that you can receive the newsletter, visits from your elder and invitations to communion. A copy of the privacy notice is available on the notice board at the back of the church and also in the hall in Eyemouth.

## **Newsletter**

Would contributors please note that occasionally it may be necessary to edit articles without prior consultation. This is standard practice and you should only submit content based on this understanding. In the event of a complaint please contact the editor in the first instance via email ([united.update.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:united.update.newsletter@gmail.com)) or by phone - 018907 81568 or 07518 999 100. Thank you.

## **From the Session Clerk (Coldingham)**

I recently visited the 'Forest Garden' of Graham Bell and Nancy Woodhead in Coldstream, a veritable garden of Eden which produces the equivalent of 16 tonnes per hectare of produce from a modest sized garden. I was reminded that God created a bountiful earth for us where even with our high population densities there is still enough for all. Sadly, in our fallen world, we have chosen to create an economic system based on a false ideal and characterised by inequality and greed which is destroying the very foundation of the natural systems we depend on.

As Christians we believe that we are here to shine the light of God's love in the world, caring for both the needy and for creation itself. In other words, our 'mission' is to preach the gospel through the way we live. How then should we live in a system based on fallen worldly values? What does the bible say? Well why not find out.

As we move towards our 'Stewardship of the Earth' celebration in October there will be a special series of five group study and discussion sessions titled 'Mission and Creation Care for Christian Disciples'. If that sounds a bit heavy, remember that as Christians we are all qualified and able to participate in this – and I hope it will be fun!

We were all saddened by the recent loss of our elder Robin Maunder and our friend Paul Harris and our prayers remain with their families as they come to terms with their loss.

Following recent discussions with the minister, Session has approached four members with a view to them undergoing Elders' training and thereafter being ordained and/or re-admitted as elders.

God bless, *Ríchard*

## **World Mission News**

Please pray for our new Mission Partner, Dr Linus Malu, who is working in Malawi. Pray for safety and good health for him, for helpful colleagues, for meaningful work and God's guiding every day. Thank God that Joan Sanderson is safely home from Namibia, and pray for her next step, as she considers another posting overseas. Would you like to visit Israel/Palestine on a Church of Scotland guided study tour? There will be two in 2019, one in March and the other in November. More details from me, or [cvisit.wmoutreach@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:cvisit.wmoutreach@churchofscotland.org.uk) *Marianne*

## **Berwickshire Christian Youth Trust**

BCYT was 21 years old in June. To mark the occasion there was a service of thanksgiving followed by a camp style meal on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June in Chirnside Community Centre. It was an occasion of great joy and thankfulness for God's provision of funding and highly skilled youth workers over all these years as well as more recently the provision of money to continue the work of the Trust. Thanks to several generous one off donations the Trust is



currently financially secure but there is still a monthly shortfall of £200 between income and expenditure. To secure the longer term financial viability of the Trust it is hoped that there will be a few more people able to give a small amount monthly. If you are in a position to do this there are standing order forms available at the back of both churches.

## **Eyemouth Guild**

Changing to a summer guild is certainly having its advantages – coming out on a lovely summer evening beats the cold winter nights!

We have had interesting talks and outings (not something we could do before) and look forward to hearing about Christianity in Nairobi from David Halliday, Audrey's playlist, what it was that started in the Young Wives for Pauline Greive, the project in Malawi, our AGM and our closing concert on 25<sup>th</sup> September with the Coldingham Ukulele band.

Anyone is welcome to join us on any of our nights – Tuesdays at 7.00 pm.

Margaret Carey

Finally, *all of you*,  
have unity of mind,  
sympathy, brotherly  
love, a tender heart,  
and a humble mind.

1 Peter 3:8



## Services Proposal for Winter Months (Eyemouth)

At a recent meeting of the Eyemouth Kirk Session, there was a discussion about arrangements for services over the winter. As the church is cold and costly to heat there was a suggestion that services in January, February and March are held in the hall. In the past there have been services of Holy Communion at the end of January and the end of March. As it is more difficult for services of Holy Communion to be held in the hall, it was considered best that these were celebrated in the church.

Suggestions included having a service of Holy Communion in December rather than January; moving back into the church in time for the service of Holy Communion in March or change from having Holy Communion on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of March and have it on Easter Sunday regardless of when that falls.

The Kirk Session would like to hear the views of all members before they make a decision and would be grateful if you would complete the section below and return it to one of the elders.



*Would you be happy to celebrate Holy Communion in December rather than January – Yes/No*

*Would you be happy to continue worship in the hall until the end of March – Yes/No*

*Would you be happy to change from having Holy Communion on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of March and having it on Easter Sunday – Yes/No*

Any other comments:

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