

# THE REVIEW

JUNE 2019



*Rosslyn Chapel, Roslin Village, Midlothian, Scotland.  
The monument marks the burial place of the 4th Earl of Rosslyn,  
and is inscribed with words from one of the Earl's own sonnets.*

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AND CHURCH NEWS

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**Ministerial Services** – Anyone requiring the services of a Minister should contact their own Elder who will make enquiries on their behalf.

**Time of Sunday Services – 10.45 a.m.**

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### WEEKLY NOTICE SHEETS –

Please forward details of items and events for the weekly notice sheets to Peter Galloway – email [palloway@hotmail.com](mailto:palloway@hotmail.com) or mobile phone number **07 763 912 670**.

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**COMMUNION SUNDAY 6TH JUNE 2019**

**NEXT CHURCH MEETING WILL BE ON 16th JUNE 2019, AFTER THE SERVICE.**

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**COPY DATE FOR THE JULY REVIEW IS – SUNDAY 23rd JUNE 2019.**

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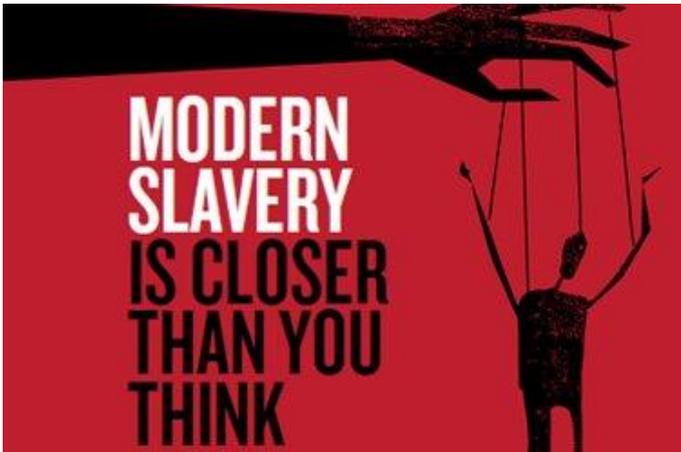


Anyone from our Church who might be able to offer support to international students during the July to September period should contact David Thornborrow for further information.

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**CORRECTION ...** On page 6 of the last Review there was an error – the dates for Blaise Pascal should have read: Born 19 June 1623 – Died 19 August 1662. Thanks to Revd John Durell for enlightening me on this point. There was an error in the source material. (Editor)

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### A Scourge on our Society.

We were all taught at school that William Wilberforce was the driving force behind the abolition of slavery throughout the British Empire with an Act of Parliament in 1833. Good job well done.

But wait a moment - on **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** as part of morning worship we are to find out that the job is **NOT** yet done.

Modern day slavery is alive and is a scourge on our society which we need to be not only aware of, but also to give support to those in the front line tackling the appalling business of human trafficking and slavery. This is not something remote, it is happening in the UK today, and here in the North East of England.

We agreed, as a congregation, that we wanted to learn more about this and to support “**Hope for Justice**” - the charity tackling this abuse - as our chosen charity project from July to December this year.

On **Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup>** we will be joined at morning worship by Nicola Lloyd from “**Hope for Justice**” to tell us more. Please put this date in your diary and share it with anybody who might be interested. All are welcome.” *Sandy Ogilvie*

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The Church stroll to the Woodland Trust area of Elemore Woods, adjoining Littletown took place on a bright but cool day (11th May). There were 12 participants which included two Durham University students and Heinz Fuchs, Fellow of St John's College and Tutor, who worships at Waddington Street on a number of occasions. On the walk we saw large numbers of the "St. Marks" or "Hawthorn Fly" which is so called because it appears at around St. Marks Day (25th April) each year. We paused for a while to observe the curious wood sculptures by artist Bruce Tuckey. For those who would like to do a longer version of the walk and/or were unable to join in the event - please contact David Thornborrow for further information.

*David Thornborrow*



Afternoon Tea at John and Hillian Durell's home on 19th May was well supported and much enjoyed by those who shared in it. The final sum raised is not yet known. The event was in aid of our current Church Project, Great North Air Ambulance.



Thank you to everyone who helped at or supported the Christian Aid Lunch in Church on Sunday 12th May.

The sum of **£615** was raised. This was an excellent result.



## EDITOR'S LETTER

DEAR READERS,



A visit to Rosslyn Chapel, in brilliant May sunshine, fulfilled a longtime ambition and did not disappoint. I have never seen such varied, beautiful and plentiful carvings in any other Church. If you have never seen this wonderful building, some of which dates from 1446, you should go.



On the left is the Victorian baptistery which was added in the 19th century. No photography was allowed inside the Chapel but if you have Internet access you can view many images from inside this unique building. The fact it was highlighted in the novel "The Da Vinci Code" brought it worldwide recognition and attention and encourages visitors from all over the world.

The paddle steamer, "Maid of the Loch", which can be seen from Lomondshores Outlet, awaits full restoration before it can resume sailing on Loch Lomond. It is a handsome boat and has given much pleasure to tourists over the years. The refurbishment work is expected to cost £1 million and fundraising is ongoing.





Dumfriess House was a delight for the eye and our tour group enjoyed Coffee and Tea, with delicious homemade shortbread, in the sumptuous dining room. After a video presentation by Prince Charles, who is a keen Patron of the Trust for the house, and a tour of the house, there was insufficient time to fully explore the grounds, so we hope to return in the future.



I should be grateful if any contributions to The Review for July and/or August could be sent to me by the date given below. The next issue will cover July and August. *Lucille Thomson*

The next issue of The Review will be published on **Sunday 7th July 2019**.  
 Contributions please to Lucille Thomson at church or BY POST or **Tel. 0191-3861052**  
 or e-mail **lesthomson@talktalk.net** - no later than **NOON on Sunday 23rd JUNE 2019**.



### Notes from the Elders' Meeting held on Wednesday 1st MAY 2019

Helen Cockburn opened the meeting with a reading from Psalm 139 reminding us we are never alone, the Holy Spirit is always with us, followed by prayer.

- 1) Matters Arising from the Minutes
  - i) Item 5c – Invoicing and Hiring Fees – Meeting to be arranged between Janet Sarsfield and Michele Woods.
  - ii) Item 5 – Library – Malcolm and Kathleen have looked at the books and split into 3 bundles. One bundle to go to the bookshop in Barnard Castle, one bundle to remain and one bundle of reference books to be checked again. The meeting looked and these and decided these books will remain on the bottom shelf of the library.
  - iii) Item 3d – Hope for Justice Service – Nicola from the charity will be coming to address the church. The meeting discussed possible formats for this service. It was agreed as follows to have half the service as normal (with no sermon) with Nicola taking the second half speaking about Hope for Justice. John Durell to be approached about taking the first part of the service. Helen to do a flier for this event and Grapevine and Durham Group Churches to be advised.
  - iv) Item 5e – Friends International - The vice chancellor of Josephine Butler college has advised that the links between their students and our church has been their most successful project.
  - v) Korean Church - They have visited our premises and will review and make a decision in a couple of months.
- 2) District Reports were given and prayers offered.
- 3) Correspondence – Durham Churches together have requested payment of our £30 fee for membership. The meeting agreed payment of this. Synod Correspondence – The next edition of Footsteps to be placed on the church notice board. A letter/ guidance document regarding the care and upkeep of any church premises with asbestos was discussed and passed onto the Property Committee for any action.
- 4) Elder's Districts – The present list was discussed by the meeting with the aim to updating the list and evening out the district members. Changes were made and individuals will be advised of any changes. Janet to issue Elders with a new draft list. We also looked at other church attendee who are good at visiting with the possibility of spreading the load of caring for our ageing congregation.
- 5) Christian Aid Lunch – This is to be held after the service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Lunch to be bread, cheese, butter and apples. Helen, Janet and Fred to bring lunch items.
- 6) A.O.B. –
  - 1) Our pulpit supply is filled to end of December 2019 with the exception on 22 December. Les to be asked if Pauline James can preach a carols and lessons service that day.
  - 2) Day Centre /Defibrillator - due to a recent health scare at the Waddington street centre, they have decided to get a defibrillator for this area of Durham. They have asked if we can share the cost. The meeting agreed to support this.
  - 3) Screen projector - Janet raised the need to get the leg fixed on the projector screen this will be done and we also have a spare screen in full working order. Need to make sure the correct one is used until repairs are made.
  - 4) Foundation organisation want to repay us for the help we have given them by helping us with cleaning and keeping the premises tidy. The property committee to assess any possible ideas.
- 7) Next Meeting – Wednesday 5 June 2019 at 7 p.m. Sandy Ogilvie to chair and Helen Cockburn to take minutes.
- 8) The meeting closed with the saying of the Grace.



Don Wargowsky from Seattle was surprised when, on the way back down from Mera Peak, 17,500 feet up in Nepal, a stray dog joined his mountain climbing team and refused to leave them. He named her Mera after the peak and allowed her to sleep in his tent at night to keep warm.

Mera (a 45-pound Tibetan mastiff and Himalayan sheepdog cross) accompanied the group for three weeks while they climbed in the Himalayas. She reached the summit of Baruntse (23,000 feet), possibly the highest recorded height ever reached by a dog. Mera spent two days on her own outside in freezing conditions and survived. It is not known if she had climbed the mountain before. She only needed help near the summit and still had energy enough to run around! The Sherpas were so impressed with Mera they welcomed her to their group and thought she brought good luck.

Kaji Sherpa, the expedition's base-camp manager, has adopted Mera and renamed her Baru after the Baruntse peak. Baru is now able to spend her days relaxing instead of climbing mountains which even humans would find a huge challenge. She is truly a remarkable dog.

(Below – an example of another dog at high altitude.)



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Ian Stewart McCulloch passed away peacefully on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 at Darlington Memorial Hospital, surrounded by people who loved him.

Ian was a husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, cousin and friend, and will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Born on the 12<sup>th</sup> November 1943 to Hilda May McCulloch and John Thorburn McCulloch, Ian had a happy childhood with his sister, Kathleen, living at Moor Crescent, and later at Hawthorn Crescent, in Gilesgate, Durham. Attending the ‘Tin School’ in Gilesgate, Ian finished his schooling at the Johnston Grammar School and would recite stories of his time playing rugby for the school and being a bowler at cricket with, he would say, “some style and pace”!

Ian met Judith at a folk club in Durham in 1971 and soon after they were married. Anne arrived in 1974 and John in 1976. Living at Cedar Close in Gilesgate was a lot of fun for the family, with Ian finding time in a busy family life to start brewing his own beer and focus on his garden and greenhouse. The family car was a distinctive red Renault 4 called ‘Rutonia’ which could be seen coming for miles away. The vinyl seats would burn the backs of exposed legs on hot days but remain stubbornly cold in the winter! Rutonia was a work horse and provided many trips and camping holidays for the family around the UK. Ian and Judith separated in 1990 but remained on good terms.

In Ian’s own words 5<sup>th</sup> August 1991 was “a day to be marked on life’s path with a white stone”, being the day when Ian met Joan in Durham Market Place and found love again. Married in 1994, they lived very happily on Devonshire Road in Belmont throughout their life together. Ian was overjoyed to be welcomed into Joan’s immediate and extended family and enjoyed family events and weekends away, from Alnwick to Warwick and places in between. He was very proud to be called grandfather to Rebecca, Laura, Eleanor and Niamh and later great grandfather to Orla and Isaline.

Following Ian’s love for music, Ian and Joan travelled to New Orleans in pursuit of jazz and to Nashville and Graceland in search of the roots of rock and roll. With the travel bug in place, Ian and Joan would holiday twice a year (booking the next holiday as soon as they came back from the last one), mainly in Europe but more widely from time to time in New York, California and Vancouver. Vancouver was a special place for Ian, being home to his son John and his family. While it was a rare chance for Ian and Joan to spend time with John’s children, Hannah and Cole, Ian always made time to head out for a “boys’ afternoon” to see the Vancouver Whitecaps play, or have a few beers at the pub. Anne’s children, Charlie and Lucy, came along in 2012 and 2015 respectively. Charlie has happy memories of going to the park after school with Grandad Ian.

Church played a major part in Ian’s life, specifically Waddington Street. Waddington Street has been a special place for the McCulloch’s for a number of years, having hosted weddings, christenings and funerals for at least 3 generations. Ian joined Waddington Street in 1959 and sang in the choir as a bass next to his father. This started his passion for music. Ian was a Church Elder and ran the magazine for 20 years. He was very proud to see the gold cross above the pulpit each Sunday because his father made it and it has been there ever since. When the pews were removed from the church, each of Anne and John made a point of acquiring and renovating one, and they each sit proudly in Anne and John’s homes (John having taken his back to Vancouver piece by piece over a series of trips!). Ian always smiled at the thought that he, his sister, father and his mother would have sat on those very pews.

Music was a passion of Ian’s. He would reminisce back to when the big bands of the 50’s changed to music of the 60’s and rock and roll blew his mind. He would remember how singing songs around the Bell family piano in Musgrave Gardens led him into the Palatine Jazz Band and the Durham Singers. This experience helped him transition from skiffle to jazz and ultimately to folk. Such was Ian’s love for folk music, he became organiser of the Durham folk club which graced various pubs in Durham over the years. Thursday night, which was folk club night, was an institution, featuring singing and 3 pints – no more, no less (Ian was a man of routine!).

In addition to his involvement in the folk club, Ian was Secretary of the Durham Folk Festival for 18 years, playing a very large part in the organisation of the Folk Festival each year. The Folk Festival later became the Folk Party. Ian noted in the family history he wrote that ‘through folk music, I have met some outstandingly good people and had some glorious times. There is nothing quite like singing a song with a big chorus in a crowd of like-minded people’.

Ian was an athletic man. In his youth he enjoyed rugby and cricket and would tell tales of his top score of 60 against Stanhope, how he once took four wickets in four balls, and the time he took five wickets in the same over at Hetton. In 1981 Ian took up running which remained a much-loved hobby for the rest of his life. He completed 15 Great North Runs (in a highly creditable best time of 107 minutes), four marathons (best time 3hrs 46 minutes) and some 20 or so other half marathons. Ian was well known among dog walkers in Rennys Lane as he would bound past them, waving hello as he steamed off into the distance.

A regular fixture on Ian’s calendar was supporting Durham AFC when they played at Belmont. John would get a debrief of how they played that week and be told that Oliver Bernard could be the guy to take them “to the next level”!

One thing that Ian was very proud of was being a blood donor. He received the pin to mark his 50<sup>th</sup> pint given. To say that there are only 10 pints in a human body, his pride was well-founded.

While the memories in this passage give an overview of who Ian was, there was so much more to the man. He cared deeply about family: one hug could convey all one needed to know. Ian had standards, and one may have described him as “old school”: shaking hands was important, pies must have a lid and a base, and beer should be served in a pot with a handle.

Ian was a kind, caring and generous man, loved deeply by his wife Joan and his family. We will look back on his life as a life well lived with many happy memories. The world is a better place for having been graced with Ian. He will forever be in the hearts, and thoughts, of those who loved him, and he will be missed by all.

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The music at the service to celebrate Ian’s life was beautiful. Peter very movingly played the “Humming Chorus” by Giacomo Puccini. After the welcome and introduction by Revd John Durell, the hymn “Make me a channel of your peace” was sung. After a Prayer, the Readings of Psalm 121 and John 14 vs 1-6, 18-19, 27 were done by Kathleen Clasper and Melanie Eve. The address (above) written by John McCulloch was delivered by Revd John Durell. The reflective music – “What’s the life of a man?” was led by one of Ian’s Folk Club friends and the congregation joined in. This was a particularly moving part of the service. After further Prayers the hymn “Guide me, O though great Redeemer” was sung with fervor. Revd John Durell gave the Blessing. Peter played on the organ, “Speed Your Journey” by Giuseppe Verdi. In the packed Church many comments were heard about what a lovely service it was. The service was recorded for Ian’s son, John, who lives in Canada.

Long time members of this Church will remember that Ian McCulloch kept The Review going for years when he was Editor. I later joined him and did the necessary typing. Ian was the person who contributed most regularly to The Review over the years and this was something he valued. Many years ago, Ian and I joined forces to hold a Giant White Elephant Sale, in St. Nicholas Church, which raised about £1800 for the CRINGE fund (Campaign to Raise Funds for the Needs of our Gable End). Ian was also instrumental in organising me to type out donated recipes for the CRINGE Cookbook (which I still use today!). So, if Ian saw the Church in need of funds, he acted to meet that need. Ian was part of a music group which entertained at church and recorded and sold a Cassette tape for Church Funds under the name of ICHTHUS. These are just a few of the things Ian was involved in for the benefit of our Church. Our thoughts are with his widow, Joan, and their families and friends, and all who loved him. (Lucille Thomson, Editor.)

Here are some items from Synod's **Footsteps** newsletter. The complete newsletter can be found on the noticeboard in the church hall.

## Green Apostle Talks About Celebration and Challenges

**At our March Synod Meeting Trevor Jamison spoke about his role as Synod Green Apostle. This article is based on his presentation.**

So, you want to know why Northern Synod has a 'Green Apostle? Well several Synods in the United Reformed Church had appointed one or more green apostles. In the URC different Synods do things differently, but all their Green Apostles provide information, support and encouragement, to Synods and to local congregations, about creation care issues. The rumour that Northern Synod, seeing that the other Synods had green apostles, decided to have one, not to use, but as a deterrent to other Synods using them, is really not true!

Why put so much effort into caring for creation when churches have so many other things on their plate? And aren't environmental issues a distraction from what the Gospel's about? That's how I would have understood things when I was in my teens. At church, we discussed one of the best-known verses in the whole of the Bible: John 3:16. We spent hours arguing over what it meant that, 'God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.'

Our discussions always centred on the final phrase of that famous verse. What constituted believing in Jesus? What counted to ensure that we received eternal life as part of God's in-crowd? We always concluded that we were 'in' and the others 'out' – reassuring for us, though not so much so for them, if they but knew it.

We never considered the first part of the verse, that this escape from death and the gift of eternal life came about because 'God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son.' As far as we were concerned it was just about us. When we said Jesus was Saviour of the world we really meant that he was the Saviour of human beings.

With eyes for the bigger picture, we might have noticed biblical verses that talk about more than human beings. Either we did not notice, or did not take seriously biblical assertions that, 'the earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all its inhabitants.' (Psalm 24:1) Maybe a measure of modesty was in order: 'when I consider the heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you set in place, what is humankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?' (Psalm 8: 3-4)

Our planet is huge in comparison to us, yet it is but a speck of dust in comparison to myriad solar systems within myriad galaxies which comprise the universe. Knowing that, if you simply assume that we human beings are all that matter to God, then, as the title of J. B Phillips 1953 best-seller put it, 'Your God is Too Small.'

So, how should we respond to a God who is big enough to be the creator of the cosmos, yet concerned enough about it to include us within his love?

- With awe
- With thanksgiving
- With Humility
- Loving That Which God Loves

Awe, thanksgiving and humility speak of celebration. Talk about loving that which God loves implies challenges. Don't lose that sense of celebration though, even when the challenges seem overwhelming. It sustains us in hard times. It prevents us from descending into a negative mindset, seeking out shortcomings, constantly criticising others. That's NOT what Christians are supposed to be about, green apostles, in particular.

There are significant challenges to this part of God's creation. Humanly caused climate change is the most significant among them. I've stopped arguing with people about whether the climate is changing and whether we humans are causing it. The substantial scientific consensus on that matter is clear: it is, and we are. The question is, what are we going to do about it?

For your information, there's a discussion going on within the United Reformed Church. It's about whether we should disinvest from fossil fuel companies (we already decline to invest when a certain percentage of a company's business is concerned with the more polluting fuels and practises, such as extracting oil from tar sands.) Some argue that by holding shares we can influence the companies in the direction of good practice. Others, however, point out that these companies plan their future profitability and existence on the basis of exploiting new sources of coal, oil and gas, whatever the impact upon the planet's climate. Expect this discussion to surface in Northern Synod.

Whilst that's happening there are other things we can be doing, and your Green

Apostle is available to congregations.

- Registering more congregations with Eco Church, which provides helpful tools for making creations care a bigger part of our collective Christian life  
<https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/>
- Getting to the point where we register as an Eco Synod
- Setting up a green network in the Synod to share ideas and information

*O give thanks to the Lord for he is good. God's love endures forever. Who by his understanding made the heavens. God's love endures forever. Who spread out his earth upon the waters. God's love endures forever (Psalm 136: 1. 5-6)*



“The person who merely samples the word of God never acquires much of a taste for it.” [From “A Box of Delights” Compiled by J. John & Mark Stibbe]

## Flodden Peace Garden, Crookham North Northumberland

*By Revd Mary Taylor*

It has been so lovely worshipping ecumenically and outside during Lent and Easter in North Northumberland – on Holy Island, up Humbleton Hill, Wooler and on Spittal promenade near Berwick.

As the blossoms unfold and people spend more time in gardens I should like to invite you to consider a visit to the Peace Garden at Crookham United Reformed Church.

Many thanks to all of you who in the last six years have visited or shown interest in this wonderful, inspiring and peaceful place. All of these are adjectives which visitors have included in messages in the visitors' book.

One bereaved family told me it was their third visit during holiday time to remember a child in this special peaceful place.

A year ago Flodden Peace Centre at Crookham URC became an international partner of the Community of the Cross of Nails linked to Coventry Cathedral. At the international gathering of about 60 CCN partners there was huge, global interest shown in this peace garden. I am aware of at least one German family spending an hour in the garden and playing hide and seek, singing and dancing! There are now over 200 international CCN partners. Each week a thought for the week is posted:

[www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/ccn/](http://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/ccn/)

Thinking globally, acting locally



### Forthcoming events in Crookham

The Open Gardens 2019 leaflet linked to Hospice Care, North Northumberland includes new gardens including those open during June.

**Sunday, 30 June** (11.30 am – 4.30 pm)

There is a chance to visit 'the hidden gardens of Crookham Village'. 'The United Reformed Church in the village offers a place for reflection within the Peace Garden.'

**Wednesday, 7 August** (10.30 am – 12 noon)

'Our friend the Bumble Bee'

Revd Ruth Crofton will lead a day linked to learning about bees. All ages are welcome and people are encouraged to bring their own picnics. Tea, coffee and juice will be provided. More details later.

The Peace Garden has just had a 2-day Easter Spring clean thanks to Joanna and Dee, members of Dougie James' gardening team.

This peace garden is open 24/7 and is well worth a visit. It is a garden designed to be a space for people of all faiths and none in which the path to peace, healing and wholeness in life is revealed. In that sense this is a working garden, planted not to grow fruit and vegetables, but peace and reconciliation. As with all gardens, gestation is not instant, but hopefully the seeds of hope will have been sown in the lives of all who visit. Many thanks to Northern Synod.

'the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations' (Revelation 22 v2)

If you would like to book a church group visit with refreshments or a day retreat during this year please contact

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“Trying times are not the times to stop trying.” “The world has a lot of starters but very few finishers.” “Perseverance is not a long race, it is many short races one after another”

“Rule 1 – take one more step.

Rule 2 – when you don't think you can take one more step, refer to rule 1.”

[From “A Box of Delights” Compiled by J. John & Mark Stibbe]

**Some miscellaneous observations on life ...**

We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give. (Duane Hulse)

I hold it to be a fact that if all persons knew what each said of the other, there would not be four friends in the world. (Blaise Pascal)

The secret of happiness is renunciation. (Andrew Carnegie)

You cannot find knowledge by rearranging your ignorance. (Ronald Eyre)

Lose an hour in the morning and you will be looking for it the rest of the day. (Philip Chesterfield)

Be kind. Remember that everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle. (Harry Thompson)

We become what we read. (Matilda Nordtvedt)

We do not realise how much we are attached to the good things of this world until they are taken from us. (Augustine)

Nothing is so opened more by mistake than the mouth. (Anon.)

The use of our possessions shows us up for what we actually are. (C.C. Ryrie)

We like someone who comes right out and says what they think, when they agree with us. (Anon)

A physician recommends for the middle-aged light exercise and a siesta each day. Daily dozen and daily dozing. (Anon.)

When prices are high, money doesn't talk, it whispers. (Anon.)

**Conscience** – the sixth sense that comes to our aid when we are wrong and tells us that we are about to get caught. (Anon.)

Car park: the place where you take your car to have little dents put in the fenders. (Anon.)

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“A full schedule and an empty heart are a sure sign it's time to stop and consider if I'm following other sheep or finding the Shepherd.

Usually, I'm following the wrong lead and realize the need to draw closer to the Shepherd again. He's promised I will lack nothing, and I discover that afresh each time I come close.

Our Shepherd knows this about sheep: They're prone to stray. They don't even mean to much of the time. They get distracted by what looks good and can easily take a long walk that wears them out.

If that's happened to you, it's okay to ask the Shepherd to come get you and bring you home. Tell Him your heart is hungry and thirsty. Tell Him your soul needs to be restored. You're not going to be in trouble. Shepherds understand sheep. Your Shepherd already knows where you are and what you've been through, and it brings Him joy to care for you” (Holly Gerth)

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A police officer pulls over a speeding car. The officer says, "I clocked you at 80 miles per hour, sir."  
 The driver says, "Goodness, officer, I had it on cruise control at 60; perhaps your radar gun needs calibrating."  
 Not looking up from her knitting the wife says: "Now don't be silly, dear - you know that this car doesn't have cruise control"  
 As the officer writes out the ticket, the driver looks over at his wife and growls, "Can't you please keep your mouth shut for once!!?"  
 The wife smiles demurely and says, "Well dear you should be thankful your radar detector went off when it did or your speed would have been higher."  
 As the officer makes out the second ticket for the illegal radar detector unit, the man glowers at his wife and says through clenched teeth, "Woman, can't you keep your mouth shut?"  
 The officer frowns and says, "And I notice that you're not wearing your seat belt, sir. That's an automatic \$75 fine".  
 The driver says, "Yeah, well, you see, officer, I had it on, but I took it off when you pulled me over so that I could get my license out of my back pocket."  
 The wife says, "Now, dear, you know very well that you didn't have your seat belt on. You never wear your seat belt when you're driving."

And as the police officer is writing out the third ticket, the driver turns to his wife and barks, ...  
 "WILL YOU PLEASE SHUT UP??"

The officer looks over at the woman and asks,  
 "Does your husband always talk to you this way, Ma'am?"  
 I love this part.....  
 "Only when he's been drinking."

### **Retirement tips – to stop you becoming bored ...**

At lunch time, sit in your parked car with sunglasses on, point a hair dryer at passing cars and watch them slow down!

Skip down the street rather than walk – and see how many odd looks you get!

With a serious face, order a Diet Water whenever you go out to eat.

Sing along at the Opera.

When the money comes out of the ATM, scream, "I won! I won!"

Tell your children over dinner, "Due to the economy, we are going to have to let one of you go ..."

### **Don't Quit (Author unknown)**

When things go wrong as they sometimes will,  
 When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,  
 When the funds are low and the debts are high,  
 And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,  
 When care is pressing you down a bit ...  
 Rest if you must, but don't you quit.  
 Success is failure turned inside out,  
 The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,  
 And you never can tell how close you are,  
 It may be near when it seems afar.  
 So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit.  
 It's when things go wrong that you mustn't quit.

**ROTAS - SUNDAYS - PREACHERS – JUNE AND JULY 2019**

<b>JUNE 2019</b>	2nd Tony or Jackie Hawes	9th Revd Ruth Crofton <b>Communion</b>	16th Revd John Tait	23rd Hope for Justice Service	30th Deacon Jane Middleton
<b>JULY 2019</b>	7th Bill Offler	14th Mrs. Maranny Jones	21st Revd Ray Anglesea	28th Revd Harold Stuteley	

**ELDERS AND DOOR DUTIES – JUNE AND JULY 2019****ELDERS****DOOR DUTIES****June 2019**

2nd Mrs. K. Ogilvie

Mrs. W. Surtees

9th Mrs. Y. Melville

Miss B. Tinsley

16th Mr. D. Shirer

Mrs. K. Clasper

23rd Mrs. J. Thornborrow

Mr. &amp; Mrs. L. Thomson

30th Mrs. K. Clasper

Mrs. H. Cockburn

**July 2019**

7th Mrs. H. Cockburn

Mr. S Ogilvie

14th Mrs. D. Jackson

Mr. M. Reay

21st Mrs. J. Sarsfield

Mrs. W. Surtees

28th Mr. S. Ogilvie

Miss B. Tinsley

If in doubt about your duties any Sunday, please check the list on the Vestibule notice board.

**Please remember** – You are responsible for arranging your own replacement.

ELDERS' MEETINGS (1st Wednesday of month) at 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 5th JUNE 2019

WEDNESDAY 3rd JULY 2019

PROPERTY COMMITTEE (usually 3rd MONDAY of month) at 2 p.m.

But meet as arranged between the Committee Members

**SIGNS OF THE TIMES –**

One of a series  
Of Church  
Noticeboard  
signs.





**FLOWER ROTA – JUNE AND JULY 2019**  
**SUPERVISOR each month is Mrs. J. Graham**

**June**

2nd VACANCY  
 9th Mrs. D. Bramwell  
 16th VACANCY  
 23rd Mrs. J. Graham  
 30th Mr. D. Mackay

**July**

7th VACANCY  
 14th Mrs. Joyce Harling  
 21st Mrs. W. Surtees  
 28th VACANCY

To provide flowers where there is a Vacancy, or join the Flower Rota, or donate to the Flower Fund, please contact Mrs. Jean Graham.



**COFFEE ROTA – JUNE AND JULY 2019**

**June**

2nd Janet Thornborrow, Judy Banister  
 9th Heather Todd, Margaret Munro  
 16th Yvonne Melville, Jean Graham  
 23rd Kathleen Clasper, Barbara Tinsley  
 30th Win Surtees, Kath Ogilvie

**July**

7th Helen Cockburn, Lucille Thomson  
 14th Fred Robinson  
 21st Fiona Bowater, Malcolm Reay  
 28th Janet Thornborrow, Judy Banister

Please decide and agree on who is responsible for bringing the milk.  
 You are responsible for arranging your own replacement.



People born in the  
 50's have lived in  
 7 decades, 2 centuries  
 & 2 millenniums.  
 We had the best  
 music, fastest cars,  
 Drive-in theaters,  
 soda fountains  
 & happy days.  
 And we are not  
 even that old yet,  
 we're just that cool.



## FRIENDS

One day, all of us will get separated from each other.

We will miss our conversations.

Days, months and years will pass until our contact becomes rare.

One day, our children will see our photos and ask:

“Who are these people?”

And we will smile with invisible tears and say,

“It was with them that I had the best days of my life.”

