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The background of the entire page is a photograph of rainbow bunting flags hanging from a black metal railing. The flags are triangular and feature the colors of the rainbow: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple. They are strung against a light-colored stone wall. The railing is a simple black metal post and rail system.

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SERVICES



5th June at 11:15am

MORNING WORSHIP, PENTECOST

Sacrament of Holy Communion

12th June at 11:15am

MORNING WORSHIP, TRINITY SUNDAY

19th June at 11:15am

MORNING WORSHIP

26th June at 11:15am

MORNING WORSHIP

PRAYER FOR JUNE 2022

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the beauty of the world you created, so evident in this lovely month of June. We bring before you, in prayer, those events going on in the world which are so difficult to understand. We pray for all your children who are suffering in any way, especially those affected by war. Please, Lord, comfort them, assure them of your presence - and deliver them from evil.

May we appreciate each day which you have made. Help us to rejoice and be glad in the gift of each new day - and to trust you for all our tomorrows, knowing that in you alone is our security.

In Jesus' name. *Amen*

BY **DAPHNE KITCHING**



IN ALL SEASONS

As I look out of my study window, trees that only a few short weeks ago were literally brown sticks swaying in the wind have all come to life with greenery and flowers. As you walk around the garden the growth and bursts of colour are phenomenal. Many shades of red, yellow, orange and even a few purple flowers speak of the cycle or seasons of life. What looked dull and deary a few weeks ago has literally sprung into life, vibrant with colour. Plants that I considered pulling out because they looked all but dead are now radiant and flourishing.

I am experiencing distinct seasons most probably for the first time in my life. All of us however go through seasons in life, we experience dry and arid times when everything seems difficult, and resources are scares. We go through cold seasons when no matter what we do relationally we struggle and feel distant. In Ezekiel 47, the prophet experiences a vision that defies our imagination; trees bearing fruit all year round in season and out of season. Trees flourishing and full of life even when the external circumstances are not conducive to fruitfulness. 'On the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be food, and their leaves for healing.' (Ezekiel 47:12)

The vision given to Ezekiel is the source of life, water flowing from the temple. It is because these trees are able to tap into this source that they can thrive, even in tough times. The vision does not negate seasons but speaks of joy, peace, productivity, and life even in the midst of trying and difficult times. You may be going through a >

> tough season, know that you can still experience life and bear fruit if you tap into the river of life.

This year in the Christian Calendar, 26th May marked Ascension, forty days from Resurrection (Easter) Jesus ascended, and 5th June, ten days later marks Pentecost; remembering the time the Spirit was first poured out as promised. John 14 - 16 is full of Jesus' descriptions and promises of the Holy Spirit. In a sense as Jesus prepares for the end of His earthly ministry, He wants His followers to know they will not be left alone. The source of life will be theirs through the presence of the Holy Spirit. One of the analogies used by Jesus to describe the presence and work of the Spirit by Jesus is water, life-giving water, cleansing water. To the woman at the well who was in a dry and cold season Jesus says 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will be come in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' (John 4:13-14) Is it possible to be healthy in difficult and dry seasons? Dry and barren lands can be brought to life with well-engineered irrigation systems. How much more so can those whose source is God's River of life not only grow and flourish in tough times but also be the source of life and healing for others.

The Church too is going through a tough season. Let us not forget that not only is the source of life given freely to those who seek Him, but it is God's desire that through His people life, hope and healing would flow to the world around us. May we be like those trees in Ezekiel's vision planted so close to the source of life that no matter what season we are in, we not only flourish but bring life, hope and healing to those around us. In John 7, the writer describes how as the descendants of those who were rescued from Egypt and provided for in the desert, remember and celebrate >

> God's provision at the festival of Booths, Jesus makes a profound statement. 'On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water'. (John 7:37-38) May the source of life not only be your strength in the season you are in, but may you allow it to flow through you to bring life.

MANY BLESSINGS **DEAN**

*A giant thank you to everyone who donated to our Christian Aid Week appeal. Via retiral collection, online donation, and envelope-filling, we raised **£1,226**, including Gift Aid. That's a wonderful total when everyone is feeling the pinch from the latest economic crises. Special thanks to Judith for assisting with the count and to all on the Committee. **DAVID WHITE** WORLD CHURCH COMMITTEE*

Christian Aid will spend £8m on vital supplies over the next six months to help the Ukrainian people.

The money comes from donations to DEC, the Disasters Emergency Committee, that has raised more than £300m for Ukraine. That's around £3 on average donated by every person in the UK.

Through its local partners, Christian Aid has already provided medical supplies, first aid kits, baby incubators as well as food and shelter for refugees in Ukraine and Hungary.



DOOR DUTIES



SUNDAY 5th JUNE

Mary Allan, Gillian Brown

In charge: Susan Mackay

SUNDAY 12th JUNE

Lesley Beckett, Elizabeth Clark

In charge: Ian Beckett

SUNDAY 19th JUNE

Douglas Mathieson, Sheena
Richardson

In charge: Linda Farrer

SUNDAY 26th JUNE

Siobhan Gilliland, Joyce Rosie

In charge: Stephen Thomson

SUNDAY 3rd JULY

Mary Allan, Alison MacLeod

In charge: Stevie Douglas

SUNDAY 10th JULY

Geeta Mackay, Lindsay Wood

In charge: Susan Mackay

SUNDAY 17th JULY

Lesley Beckett, Richard Black

In charge: Ian Beckett

SUNDAY 24th JULY

Elizabeth Clark, Gillian Brown

In charge: Linda Farrer

SUNDAY 31st JULY

June Wylie, Douglas Mathieson

In charge: Stephen Thomson

TECHIE TROUBLE

The vicar had technical problems with the sound system one Sunday. Instead of starting the service as usual with 'The Lord be with you', he muttered: 'There's something wrong with the microphone.'

Not hearing this, the congregation responded: 'And also with you.'

ALL IN THE MONTH OF **JUNE**

IT WAS 100 YEARS AGO on 10th June 1922 that Judy Garland, American actress and singer, was born. Best known for her films *The Wizard of Oz* and *Meet Me in St Louis*. Died 1969.

80 YEARS AGO, from 4th - 7th June 1942 that the Battle of Midway took place. The USA defeated Japan in the most important naval battle of the Pacific Campaign.

75 YEARS AGO, on 5th June 1947 that the Marshall Plan was proposed. US Secretary of State George C Marshall offered a self-help programme to Europe that would enable countries to rebuild democratic societies and resist communism after WWII.

65 YEARS AGO, on 1st June 1957 that the first premium bond prize draw took place in Britain.

ALSO 65 YEARS AGO, on 27th June 1957 that Britain's Medical Research Council reported that there was a cause-and-effect relationship between smoking and lung cancer.

50 YEARS AGO, on 17th June 1972 that the Watergate Scandal began when five men were arrested for breaking into the Democratic National Committee headquarters at the Watergate complex in Washington DC.

40 YEARS AGO, on 14th June 1982 that the Falklands War ended. Argentine forces surrendered to the British in Port Stanley and a ceasefire was agreed. Argentine president Leopold Galtieri resigned on 17th June.

ALSO 40 YEARS AGO, on 21st June 1982 that Prince William of Wales was born. Son of Charles and Diana, he is second-in-line to the British throne.

25 YEARS AGO, on 26th June 1997 that J K Rowling's first Harry Potter novel, Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone was published in the UK.

15 YEARS AGO, on 27th June 2007 that Gordon Brown became British Prime Minister.

ALSO 15 YEARS AGO, on 29th June 2007, that Apple released the first iPhone.

10 YEARS AGO, on 19th June 2012 that the founder of Wikileaks, Julian Assange, sought political asylum in the Ecuadorian Embassy in London, to avoid extradition to the USA after publishing classified documents. He remained in the embassy for seven years, until he was arrested and imprisoned.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SERVICE

The coffee teams have been delighted to see so many people staying for coffee after the service. It has been lovely to listen to the chat that we hear when you are coming into the church from the kitchen. We have four newish helpers and that has made life easier, more still would be very welcome. To date, a few of the people on the rota have been providing biscuits for coffee and we would appreciate people making sure they donate for their coffee and biscuits to help us replenish supplies. Recently donations have been very low and while we recognise many are struggling as food prices rise, we would appreciate a few more donations to ensure that we can offer nice biscuits. You may have noticed the bright new table covers, making it easier to clear up.

Looking forward to many more coffee chats in the month ahead.

ANNE BLACK



A HELLO FROM CAROL CHRISTIE

I'm looking forward to being with you for the next six months. You might be wondering why I'm here - I have to confess, part of me is wondering that too. I'm in what the Church of Scotland rather grandly calls a 'Period of Discernment,' and Alex has kindly agreed to be my mentor. This basically means that, with Alex's help, I'm exploring various aspects of ministry and trying to work out what God might be asking me to do. If you think that sounds daunting, you would be right. In fact, it has taken me a long time to get here.

Brought up in Lanarkshire, I went to Sunday school and Bible class, before, like many teenagers, drifting away from church. I studied Modern Languages at Glasgow University, spending time in France and Germany, where my experience of the student Christian community led me to join the church on returning home. After graduating, I worked in Luxembourg, where I met my husband - all the way to Luxembourg to meet a fellow Scot! I moved back to Scotland, first to Edinburgh and then Inverness, where I started teaching in Sunday school, then Edinburgh again, where I joined Corstorphine Old and became more involved in the life of the church (board member, elder, joint Session Clerk). I even did my bit for populating the Sunday school, producing a daughter and a son (now 21 and 17). I worked, mostly in financial services marketing, but also took a career break, using the time when my children were at school to write, and I've had short fiction and a children's novel published.

All this time I was resolutely ignoring the feeling that God was asking me to do something more, maybe even something scarily ministry shaped. Recently that wee, small voice has become more urgent and difficult to ignore. And so here I am, tentatively exploring what it might actually mean.

REV DEAN BACHELOR SHORT BIOGRAPHY

I was born in a small town called East London in the Eastern Cape Province of South Africa, nowhere near London and nothing like London. My younger brother is four years younger than me and for a long time it was just the two of us then came my baby sister when I was 13 years old. In South Africa she is affectionately called a '*laat-lammetjie*', literally a late lamb. At school I enjoyed playing hockey, tennis and won numerous awards for playing the Tenor Drum in the marching band. I dreamed of being a nature conservationist which was not that popular back then.

When I left High School, I first studied a Bachelor of commerce degree majoring in Business Management and Psychology, at Rhodes University. The dream then was to go into the Human Resources field. On completing my studies, I struggled initially to find work in my field of choice but eventually secured a position as a Training and Labour Relations Officer at Dunlop Flooring. This was in the mid- nineties and in the context of a new democracy in South Africa where new Labour Laws were being legislated and implemented. It was really turbulent times to be in industry as companies and unions wrestled with what the new laws meant in practice. While working in this field I completed an honours degree in Psychology attending night classes. Carol and I got married in October 1998.

By the end of 2000, I had sensed God's call to full-time ministry, and we were packing up our meagre belongings to move to Pietermaritzburg where I studied theology. In 2003 we moved to Johannesburg where I completed a year probation period within the UPCSA (Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa) and was ordained on 3rd June 2004. After serving as an assistant >

> minister at St Paul's United Church (Made up of Presbyterian, Methodist, Anglican, and Congregational Denominations) for five and a half years Carol and I sensed a call back to the Eastern Cape, to Port Elizabeth. This time there was a little more to pack-up because God had blessed us after many years of crying out to him with Daniel who was born in October 2007. (On the same night, the Springboks beat England to lift the Webb Ellis Rugby World Cup). In Port Elizabeth, I ministered at The Hill Presbyterian, one of the oldest Presbyterian Churches in South Africa, established in 1861. Our time at The Hill was both challenging and inspiring as it was an inner-city context with a diverse and migrant population. In April 2010, while South Africa hosted the World Cup Soccer tournament, Carol, and me, were blessed with the birth of our second son, Matthew.

I don't have a radical conversion testimony as some have from the darkness to the light of revelation. Mine was more like a wrestling to be that which I was, in the midst of a world that told me otherwise. I grew up in a Christian home my father coming to faith as he searched for meaning, purpose and peace. My Dad did not grow up with faith but found Jesus as he delved into many and varied faith systems in our world. His conversion was pretty dramatic but that is a story for another day. My Dad took his role seriously when it came to passing on his faith, fulfilling baptism promises, and so, not only did we go to church each week as a family but every evening we would have a family devotion time which included prayers and bible reading. I made a commitment to God at the age of about seven years old at a holiday club where the dearest little old lady affectionately known as Aunty Sunny, would tell children bible stories using a veld board and veld board characters. I am sure she was not that little or old but from my childhood perspective it seemed that way. I am also not sure what anyone believes about >

> Salvation, sanctification, crucifixion, and resurrection at the age of seven but if sociologists and educational types are right as they propose that most of a person's worldviews and beliefs are in place by the age of six, then maybe young children know and believe more than we think they do?

High School however was a time of self-discovery which included drugs, girls, and rock 'n roll. Fortunately for me the only drugs I took came in different forms of alcohol. I say fortunately because I believe other drugs to be far more addictive and progressively more destructive. So High School was this time of wrestling that I alluded to earlier, I lived in a sense a very double life, Monday to Thursday I was a pretty studious, conscientious, and compliant student both at home and school but come Friday and Saturday evenings I was involved in all kinds of behaviour often not congruent with what I believed. Then came Sundays, the strangest of days because I would feel guilty and compelled in a way to attend church more often if I had gone completely off the rails. The major turning point for me came in my first year out of school as I wrestled with the complexities of university in that August, I attended a Youth for Christ Rally. It was at this event that after the gospel was proclaimed I made a recommitment to follow Jesus, I would like to add not just on Sunday's but every day, allowing Him to guide my way and impact every aspect of my life. I would love to tell you that all my drinking and partying stopped suddenly but not for me it was more like a slow giving up of the old and embracing the new.

Besides my family and my faith, I have two other passions, U2 (a major rock band from Dublin) and spending time in the gym, doing weight-training. I have been blessed to see U2 perform, twice in Johannesburg, once in Cape Town and Istanbul and to top it all off, Dublin in 2017. Unfortunately, my weight training has >

> been cut short by Covid, but I hope to start training once again soon. I have sourced some weights, now for the motivation... I also enjoy socialising round a *Braai* (a South African term for BBQ) except there is a whole lot more meat and sunshine.

Thank you for everyone who has welcomed, Carol, Daniel, Matthew, and myself so graciously at The Reid. Please know I am always available to visit. It is a blessing to be able to share this part of my journey with you.



ANNUAL REMINDER OF EVACUATION PROCEDURE

We have a Fire Safety risk assessment with an evacuation procedure in place. We are required to perform Fire Safety drills. The people on door duty will be available to guide and assist, if required.

FIRE EVACUATION PROCEDURE

- Fire marshal tabards are available for door duty people.
- The organist will summon the emergency services
- Evacuate the building using the closest exit to you
- Assemble at 119 West Savile Terrace at the opposite side of the road to the church.
- The people on door duty will be available to assist.
- Four exits from the Main Sanctuary, two at the north side and two at the south side.
- There are several other exits in the corridors and halls, and you should make yourself aware of them.
- Fire extinguishers throughout the buildings are mainly situated close to the exits.

MARCHMONT ST GILES'
PLATINUM JUBILEE
STREET PARTY

FRIDAY 3RD JUNE
MIDDAY-4PM



AFTERNOON TEA, STALLS,
ENTERTAINMENT, BBQ
ALL WELCOME

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

This month we celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. She is the longest reigning monarch in British history. Up until recently she attended church every week and still did a full week's work at the age of 96!

It is her commitment to serving God and the nation which stands out in her life. Even before she became Queen, she made a promise, which she has kept for over 75 years: 'I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service' (21st birthday broadcast, 21 April 1947).

What is the secret of the Queen's consistency of character and service? In 2002 she said this: 'I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God.' These are wise words from somebody who draws her strength from the Christian Faith and can inspire all of us who want to make our lives count!

The Queen has been an example of joyful, wise, and generous service on behalf of others all her life. Six months before her coronation she asked the nation and Commonwealth to 'pray that God may give me wisdom and strength to carry out the solemn promises I shall be making, and that I may faithfully serve Him and you, all the days of my life.' Paul urges us to pray for all in authority, 'that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.' (1 Timothy 2:2).





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FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE



ELECTION CAFÉ THURSDAY 5th MAY

This opened at 8am until 4pm and we had a steady flow of people stopping off at the café and catching up with friends. There was a very friendly atmosphere all day and got lots of positive feedback, not only about the café but also people asked about the church and admired the gardens.

Grateful thanks to our church community (too many to name) who provided various amounts of support before, on the day and also moving tables the following day. With everyone's help and generosity we raised the grand total of £470. This amount also includes the sale of books, jams & marmalade's, Fairtrade, and some donations.

We got a lovely letter from the election staff saying how much they had enjoyed the teas, coffee and food provided. A big thank you to all who supported this event.

PLATINUM JUBILEE GARDEN PARTY

This is being held on Saturday 11th June from 2pm to 4pm. There will be afternoon teas and refreshments available in the large hall and background music will be played whilst you enjoy your tea. There will be various stalls in the small hall and events going on in the garden area. We have a large gazebo so can be undercover if weather wet.

A suggestion is to wear something red, white, or blue, but this is optional. We hope to bring our community together for a fun afternoon and to celebrate the Queen's jubilee. Hotdogs, ice cream, juice, crisps, and sweeties will also be available.

Hope to see you there and bring your friends and families along.

POP UP CAFÉ

Pop up café is on Friday 24th June from 10am to 2pm in the small hall. We have extended this to 2pm to include lunch as this gives the community more chance to get together and meet new friends in a relaxed social atmosphere. Please pop in as a warm welcome awaits.

KIND REGARDS **FUND RAISERS**



'When the doors to the street are closed and... when people rise up at the sound...' Ecclesiastes 12:4

We are not afraid to tackle big issues here! Imagine you are at home and are just about to sit down and read your church magazine. You are then interrupted by the shrill chimes of an ice cream van, which brings back memories of long hot days rounded off with an ice cream treat. The industry is generally very good, but what do you do in the rare occasions there is a problem?

Firstly, there are strict rules about playing music by loudspeakers, whether you are selling ice cream or fish and chips. Greensleeves is supposedly the most popular tune used on ice cream van chimes. >

> The Control of Pollution Act, 1974 states that the music must not be played after 7pm, or before midday, or if they are sounded at any time as to cause an annoyance.

There is a Code of Practice on Noise from Ice-Cream Van Chimes Etc which was last changed in 2013 when the time allowed to play a jingle was extended from four to 12 seconds. I must admit that that one had passed me by! It was quite significant though, as it was the first change in over 30 years.

Local authorities can, and sometimes do, take action. Last summer an ice-cream van operator was banned from selling ice cream on an East Suffolk street over a complaint that the van had played its chimes for as long as 20 to 35 seconds while being stationary, contrary to the Code of Practice.

The chimes should be played once only on the approach to each stopping place and only once when the van is stationary, and never at intervals of less than two minutes. There are more rules that they should not be played more often than once every two hours in a particular length of street and not played when in sight of another ice cream van. They should not be played within 50 metres of any hospital; school during school hours; or a place of worship on a Sunday or other recognised day of worship.

Thankfully, most of us probably have better things to do than to time our ice cream van's chimes! As always this is a light-hearted piece on a topic and always get professional advice.

Living on Earth is expensive, but it does include a free trip around the sun every year.

The ability to speak several languages is an asset, but to be able to hold your tongue in one language is priceless. - Anon

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