



# *Carnock & Oakley Parish Church*



Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation,  
Be constant in prayer.

*Romans 12:12*

## **Newsletter Summer 2019**

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# Diary Dates

**Next Communion will be on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019.**

Wed, 29 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>T @ 2</b>	2:00pm	Oakley
Sun, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jun	<b>Gift Day</b>		
Wed, 26 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<b>T @ 2</b>	2:00pm	Oakley
Sat, 6 <sup>th</sup> Jul	<b>Strawberry Coffee Morning</b>	10:00am	Oakley
Wed, 31 <sup>st</sup> Jul	<b>T @ 2</b>	2:00pm	Oakley
Wed, 28 <sup>th</sup> Aug	<b>T @ 2</b>	2:00pm	Oakley
Sun, 1 <sup>st</sup> Sep	<b>Communion</b>	10:00am	Oakley
		11:30am	Carnock
Fri, 20 <sup>th</sup> Sep	<b>Concert with Ian Walker</b>	TBA	Oakley
Sat, 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	<b>Christmas Fayre</b>	2:00pm	Oakley
Sun, 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	<b>Communion</b>	10:00am	Oakley
		11:30 am	Carnock

## Come and join us at the church

*Try one of the groups below or speak to the minister about starting a new group.  
Ideas are always welcome.*

	Church Activities		Contact
<b>SUN</b>	<b>Weekly Services</b>	Oakley 10:00am Carnock 11:30am	<b>Charles Lines (Minister)</b> <b>07909 762257 / 01383 247209</b>
<b>MON</b>	<b>Scrabble</b> <b>Bible Study</b> <b>Fellowship</b>	Carnock 2:00pm Oakley 11:00am <i>(1st &amp; 3rd Monday of month)</i>	<b>Joan Burns 850470</b> <b>Sandy Muirhead</b>
<b>TUE</b>	<b>The Guild</b>  <b>Midweek Service</b>	Oakley 7:30pm <i>(3rd Tuesday of month)</i>  Oakley 12:00 <i>(2nd Tuesday of month)</i>	<b>Ann Riddell 850354</b>  <i>Contact an elder to arrange a lift for anyone requiring one</i>
<b>WED</b>	<b>Hobbies Group</b> <b>Coffee Morning</b>	Oakley 10:30am Carnock 10:30am-12:00	<b>Ann Rae 850566</b> <b>Ann Riddell 850354</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>Prayer Breakfast</b>	Oakley 8:00am <i>(3rd Saturday of month)</i>	<b>Mary Hunter 738101</b>

### Church Website

For latest news and information on Carnock & Oakley Church events and activities visit our website regularly at - [www.carnockandoakley.org.uk](http://www.carnockandoakley.org.uk)

The site is updated daily whenever possible and we do our best to notify any late changes to previously advertised times or dates.

If you would like items added to the website, please contact Bob Baker,

[Robert.baker16@btopenworld.com](mailto:Robert.baker16@btopenworld.com)

# Welcome from Rev. Charles Lines

## Home truths

Following on immediately after the busyness of Easter we had the unexpected (and mixed!) blessing of having five grandchildren to stay for the best part of a week. Four of them were well behaved but the fifth was very naughty and responsible for many misdemeanours. This child goes by the name of 'Not-me' and unlike good children is too often heard and not seen. Indeed, we heard a lot about the antics of Not-me (sometimes abbreviated to N't-me: 'It was Not-me that ate the sweets;' 'It was N't-me that made that mess.'



We all know that there's a Not-me in all family circles, (and as I write there was one popped up in Parliament this week who was in a leaky committee!).

The Church family circle is also not without its beloved Not-me, but in the church family Not-me is not a bad person, but rather tends to be quiet and self-effacing; like well-behaved children the Not-me of the church family is seen but not heard. Though a silent individual, they are nevertheless heard in heaven, often addressing themselves to the King of Heaven with the expression 'Not-me Lord'.

A bit like the expression 'fun-run', 'not me Lord' is an oxymoron, that is, two figures of speech that don't really go together. I once was told the 'no' and 'lord' are two words that cannot be put together.

Thankfully, though Not-me is a common Christian name, there will always be the odd 'Me'; where would we be without the ones who say, 'Here I am, send Me Lord'.

The truth is we are all in some way or other Not-me at heart; even the ministry of Moses and Jeremiah started with the Not-me routine. And we are all called to ministry in some way or another.

Not me has an older cousin called Not-now; 'not now at my time of life Lord'. The church understands this plea, but when we take out Not-me and Not-now, who are we left with in our particular situation to undertake the ministry that God has called us all to?

***With love,  
Me***

## ***Kirk Session Update***

The Kirk Session met on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February and Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May as well as with the Congregational Board on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February to approve the annual accounts. The Minister updated the Kirk Session on his pastoral work including the Lent Bible Study and the admission of Charlene Adamson as a member.



The Kirk Session set dates for the Holy Week Services, Harvest Service, the Gift Day, Communion dates for 2019 and also discussed the nature and timing of summer services.

The work of the Special Commission was discussed, a date was set to meet with the congregation on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> June.

Ian Young was reappointed as our Presbytery Elder.

The Kirk Session noted the resignation of Mary Hunter on 30<sup>th</sup> June as a member and elder and considered the options for an organist and for the other areas that Mary was responsible. A final service with Mary would take place at Oakley on 30<sup>th</sup> June. There would be no service at Carnock on that day.

Regular reports were received from the Friendship Team, the Protection of Vulnerable Groups coordinator, the Roll Keeper and our Presbytery Elder.

***Andrew Croxford***  
***Session Clerk***

### **Gift Day**

The Annual Gift Day will take place this year on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, which is also the day we celebrate Holy Communion.



Letters and envelopes will be sent to all members. If you have not received a letter, please speak to Andrew or Isobel who will be pleased to make sure you get one.

***Andrew Croxford***  
***Session Clerk***

## Communion Services

It was agreed previously by the Kirk Session that the custom of issuing Communion Cards was no longer appropriate. Instead, an invitation to come and worship and celebrate the Lord's Supper will be included in the Church Newsletter.



Accordingly, it is my privilege to invite you to come and join with us to celebrate Holy Communion on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 10.00am at Oakley and 11.30am at Carnock.

The Kirk Session has also set the dates for the Communion Services for the remainder of the year. These are as follows; 1<sup>st</sup> September and 1<sup>st</sup> December.

**Andrew Croxford**  
**Session Clerk**

## Summer Services

At its recent meeting, the Kirk Session considered the timings of our summer services and agreed as follows.



During July and August there will be services starting at 10.00am at both Carnock and Oakley. Each Sunday one service will be led by our minister Charles Lines and the other by Sandy Muirhead. We plan to have an organist for one of the services and at the other service, hymns will be led by Andrew Croxford on guitar. The organist and Andrew will alternate between the two churches, as will Charles and Sandy.

We will review this arrangement after the summer and would welcome your feedback.

**Andrew Croxford**  
**Session Clerk**

## Special Commission

The Dunfermline Presbytery has established a Special Commission to visit the churches in our Presbytery to review the life and mission of all the congregations in our area. The Special Commission is being led by a good friend of our church, Very Rev Dr Andrew McLellan.

A meeting with the congregation has been arranged for Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> June at Oakley Church at 7.00pm, to which all members are encouraged to attend.

More details will follow, but please try and attend if possible.

**Andrew Croxford**  
**Session Clerk**

## Mary Hunter

As many of you will already know, Mary Hunter has written to the Kirk Session to advise of her intention to leave Carnock and Oakley Parish Church at the end of June.

This has many implications for us as a church because of the key roles Mary plays in the life of our church. Over the next few weeks and months, we will need to consider how we deal with those issues. I very much hope that in the midst of our plans we keep Mary in our thoughts and prayers as it is a big step for her too. Over a period of 30 years, Mary has been a faithful servant of her Lord and has used her gifts in so many ways. We have many reasons to give thanks for the time she has spent with us and she will go with our blessing and love. In view of the above, the Kirk Session has agreed that on her last day (Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> June), there will be one service at Oakley starting at 10.00am, during which we will all have an opportunity to give thanks for her ministry of music and faithfulness.

The Kirk Session has already begun to look at options for an organist and we will keep you advised of progress.

**Andrew Croxford**  
**Session Clerk**

# The Guild

## Guild Report



On the 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019, we had a talk from Air Ambulance, with slides from one of their very good male speakers. Then on the 19<sup>th</sup> March we had our coffee evening, entertainment from Bonita Bough and Walter Ireland. A very good amount was raised for our Guild Projects and Church funds. Our extra meeting to arrange the Spring Tea went well, and was sorted out quite quickly. On the 9<sup>th</sup> April we had our AGM and Shonaid is our President/Co-ordinator again and I am Secretary. Wilma did not wish to be put forward as Treasurer again and so we had to have nominations for a new Treasurer. Gillian Harrison was nominated by Shonaid and as there were no further nominations, Gillian was voted on unanimously. Chris will still be Projects Co-ordinator, Margaret Smith tea person and Shirley will carry on liaising with our twin Guild. Marion Brand has offered to organise the outing at Christmas this year and so we thank her for that. We shall miss Mary very much and not only for playing the piano and chairing our AGM, as she has done for many years now, but for just being one of us. Our Spring Tea was held on 27<sup>th</sup> April and a great afternoon was had by all. Roy McArthur sang brilliantly as usual and finished off with my favourite from Les Miserables, "Bring Him Home". Heather was wonderful on the keyboard and sang beautifully as well. Shonaid was amazing as usual with her poems and her memory puts us all to shame. The food was tremendous and everyone seemed to have had a really good time.

We are yet to have our outing with Port Seton Guild on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May to the museum in the town, with a short talk on Dunfermline thrown in, and then on to the City Hotel for high tea, all organised by Shirley as usual. Our last meeting of the season is on 21<sup>st</sup> May, when we shall be making up the syllabus for 2019/2020.

Again, as I have said in the past, if you would like to join our Guild you would be made most welcome. It is always very friendly and we all enjoy the fellowship we have together.

**Ann Riddell**  
**Secretary**

## Carnock Coffee Morning / Hobbies Group

The above group is still meeting on a Wednesday morning from 10.30am to 12 noon in Carnock Church Hall. Why not come along and join us, you would be made most welcome? We have lovely tea/coffee and biscuits, while we have a hearty chat with each other. We did have a visit from a couple, whose father and mother, who had been married in Carnock Church 50 years ago, were wondering if their parents, who had emigrated to Australia, could spend their anniversary day in our Church. They also wondered if their niece and her fiancé could be married in the Church on the same day, as they were coming over with their Grandparents for the celebrations. There would probably only be about six of them altogether. We could not say if this would be okay of course but they were going to look into it further.



Once in a while we often get visitors to Carnock, who just pop in and it is nice to see different faces with our “well-kent” ones.

***Ann Riddell***  
***Secretary***

## Scrabble Group

Our Scrabble group is still as strong as ever with 11 of our players attending quite regularly. We have a great laugh, as well as the most serious side of actually playing scrabble (ha ha). It is nice to have our break at 3:00pm with tea/coffee and some nice baking or biscuits, provided by the ladies or Anna, who purchases them, being our Treasurer for the coffee morning and buys them for the scrabble group as well. Jocelyn is still making the tea/coffee and miss her when she is away on holiday, as someone else has to take on this difficult task.



I am writing this report on behalf of Joan our treasurer, because of the sad news we all received on the passing of her husband. God bless Joan, a faithful member of our Church and scrabble group.

***Ann Riddell***  
***(for Joan Burns) - Secretary***

## Annual Get Together with Port Seton



The Guild enjoyed a get together with Chalmers Memorial Church, Port Seton, to celebrate 25 years in Guild link. We visited the new museum and enjoyed a high tea in the City Hotel.

*Gillian Harrison*

## TODAY'S ECCLESIASTICAL CHUCKLE

(provided by Andrew Croxford)

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.

"Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk.

"Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.

## Kate MacDonald's visit to Gaza

Al-Masih qam! Hakkan qam. Alleluia! The Lord is risen! He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

At 6am on Easter Sunday, eleven of us gathered in the gardens of the Scots Hotel to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. The major holidays of Easter and Christmas are unpredictable times here in Tiberias, a predominately Jewish town. Most people choose to worship instead in Jerusalem or Bethlehem, so I never know who might show up. When the start of Pesach (Passover) and Easter fall so closely together as they did this year, it adds to the uncertainty as members of the congregation in mixed marriages are usually celebrating Pesach with extended family and unable to attend our Easter celebrations. There is something beautiful and intimate though about worshipping with a small gathering of believers in a beautiful garden overlooking the Sea of Galilee as the sun rises, and we continued our fellowship over breakfast at the hotel.

Even on Easter, I wasn't expecting more than a few people to show up. However, we had a wonderful crowd including families who were visiting Jewish friends and relatives at Kibbutzim nearby, a few guests and former volunteers from Beit Bracha, a Christian guesthouse in Migdal, and a young couple who were married at St Andrew's Jerusalem several years ago. I felt the joy of the resurrection fill my heart as we sang the great hymns of Easter. But I am reminded in this Easter season that the empty tomb of Easter invites us to see life where we expect only death. The empty tomb invites us to search for love where there only seems to be hate. The empty tomb invites us to seek peace where violence is said to reign. The empty tomb invites us to sing a song of redemption when the world sees only sin. The empty tomb invites us to proclaim hope where there seems to be only hopelessness. Because whether we are grieving or joyful, Christ rose again. Whether we are doubting or believing, Love conquered death.

Blessings

Kate

*Margaret Lowe*

# Finance

Our funds at 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019 were as follows;



	01/01/2019 £		30/04/2019 £
General Fund	12645		6363
Fabric Fund	7757		7757
Property Renovation Fund	19459		19459
Music Fund	209		209
Mrs Dawson's Legacy	1000		1000
Youth Evangelism	4410		4410
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>45480</b>		<b>39198</b>

## General Fund

Our General Fund at 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019 was £6363, that was a decrease of £6282 since the beginning of the year. WE have £4518 to come from HMRC for the period 6<sup>th</sup> October 2018 to 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

- There was no unexpected expenditure in the past four months
- Our “extras” in the past 4 months were;
  - Midweek Service £169
  - Scrabble Group £100
  - Carnock Coffee Group £100
  - Coffee Morning in Oakley in March £263
  - Guild Donation £200
  - Rag Bag £28

Thank you once again for your support.

**Isobel Gibson**  
**Treasurer**

## Other Items



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The Friendship Team are delighted with the response to our open afternoons. Numbers have been increasing since the start of the year and we are slowly getting to know our regular visitors. We would love to see even more people dropping in for a cup of tea or coffee and a blether with friends and the chance also to make new ones.

We have a vague theme for our afternoons. In January we had a Rabbie Burnsish theme and in March we had a CD of photos of Old Dunfermline displayed on the screens in the church and folks enjoyed reminiscing about Gala days and shops now long gone.

A light hearted quiz on the tables has promoted discussion and debate on each afternoon. Folks seem to enjoy this – though there are no prizes – just the knowledge that you knew the answer.....or not!

Summer is approaching and we will continue to open the church on the last Wednesday of the month during July and August. Perhaps if you are looking for something to do on a Wednesday afternoon you might consider popping in to join us. Dates for the next few months are:

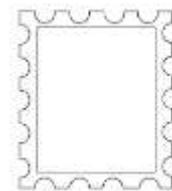
Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> May  
Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> June  
Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> July  
Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> August

Please put them in your diary and if you are free drop in to see us. We would also encourage you to bring along a friend or neighbour.

**Winifred Narbrough**  
**(Friendship Team Co-ordinator)**

## Stamps

Thank you for continuing to collect your used stamps. Last year £2433 was raised for the Hungarian Reformed Church of Transcarpathia who give valuable support to children and young people with learning difficulties and disabilities.



The 2019 Stamp Appeal will be supporting the Chigodi Women training Centre in Blantyre, Malawi which is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as is the World Mission Stamp Appeal.

The project being supported by the 2019 stamp appeal will identify 40 vulnerable girls and women and deliver 12 months hands on training in tailoring and fashion design. The clothes made will be sold to help generate income for the project and make it sustainable.

More information is available on the world mission web site.

Please continue to collect your used stamps, every little helps.

CAN I PLEASE REMIND YOU TO LEAVE AT LEAST A ¼ INCH BORDER  
(I am happy to trim the stamps.)

Thank You

**Chris**

**Thank you**

I would like to thank the Church family for their cards, flowers, visits, phone calls and most of all your prayers that I received during my recent bout of ill health. I have been told to take things easier for the next few weeks.

Thankyou all again.

**Shirley Young**

## Come and Join us for an evening with The Ian Walker Band

Come and join us at Oakley Church for what promises to be a fantastic evening with the Ian Walker Band.



Ian himself is from Glasgow and is a very successful and popular singer and songwriter and has released twenty albums/song books.

Jimmy Scott is from Bo'ness and has been signing and playing Country Gospel music since the 1960s.

Moe Walker is from Holywood, Northern Ireland and has performed as an acclaimed singer on the music scene for many years.

They cover a wide variety of types of music guaranteed to keep you entertained, so please come and join us on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> September – IT WILL BE GREAT!



# Do Not Ask me To Remember

Do not ask me to remember,  
Don't try to make me understand,  
Let me rest and know you're with me,  
Kiss my cheek and hold my hand.

I'm confused beyond your concept,  
I am sad and sick and lost,  
All I know is that I need you  
To be with me at all cost.

Do not lose your patience with me,  
Do not scold or curse or cry,  
I can't help the way I'm acting,  
Can't be different though I try.

Just remember that I need you,  
That the best of me is gone,  
Please don't fail to stand beside me,  
Love me 'til my life is done.



This was written in the supporting of caregivers and to remember that patience, especially in the unknown is so important to our loved ones. Author Unknown.

# WELCOME



Have  
Faith  
in  
GOD



***Let us Pray***

Dear Lord,  
Give us a great desire to seek You daily and refresh our  
souls and spirits with the living water of Your Word.  
Thank You also for the times we have with our Church  
Family. Help us to refresh them as well.

***Amen***