



Carnock & Oakley Parish Church



Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them.
Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good.

Romans 12:9

Newsletter Winter 2019

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Diary Dates

Next Communion will be on Sunday, 1st December 2019.

Sun, 1 st Dec	Communion	10:00am	Oakley
		11:30 am	Carnock
Sun, 22 nd Dec	Dunfermline Town Band	6:30pm	Carnock
Tue, 24 th Dec	Carol Service	7:00pm	Oakley
Wed, 25 th Dec	Christmas Service	10:00am	Carnock
Sun, 29 th Dec	Joint Service	10:00a ^q m	Oakley

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

Church Website

For latest news and information on Carnock & Oakley Church events and activities visit our website regularly at - 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,

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Welcome from Rev. Charles Lines

Two for the road

Evelyn and I are not long back from a two-week break. As per usual we had nothing planned or booked until the last moment, when we decided to spend four days in Portsoy, Aberdeenshire. This was a chance to explore a part of the country we had never visited (also, we found reasonable accommodation at the Sail Loft bunkhouse!). The trip turned out to be beyond all expectations: we drove up and back through the Cairngorms, which was a treat of autumn colours; we had the Sail Loft mostly to ourselves, including a wood burning stove to play with and keep us cosy (give me a fireplace and a pile of wood and I can amuse myself for hours!); we had four lovely sunny days when much of the country was having rain; and we met a delightful couple from Normandy.



After returning from Aberdeenshire we enjoyed two more lovely autumn days in the West, and I climbed Ben Lomond for the nth time in glorious sunshine. Then we finished off with two nights in Peebles, and had a grandstand view of an awesome firework display.

But the highpoint of the holiday was none of the above; it was a visit to the Church around the corner from where we were staying in Peebles before making our way home (it's often said that God saves the best till last!). As the building began to fill (and it did literally fill) it gradually became apparent that this Church had a very healthy age distribution; children of all ages, the 30 to 50 age category (so often missing in churches), and the elderly were all well represented (I was gobsmacked to learn after the service that many children who usually attend were missing!). The service was relaxed and informal, with nothing scripted apart from the Communion (which was not at all funeral), yet the message was uncompromising. The praise was led by a couple of singers and accompanied by a keyboard and guitar. The children were encouraged to take an active part and at one point were all invited up to lay hands on the soon-to-become trainee minister (there wasn't enough of him for all the children to find a place on his back!). And before every service a breakfast is on offer for those who want it (had to get that one in!).

I realised I was seeing my vision of church being lived out. It was a wonderful and blessed experience.

The fact that the minister was a young(ish) man with a young family was no doubt a contributing factor in the demographic of the congregation. Also, having a youth worker surely was a big help. It made me reflect on the fact that I'm now possibly too old to realize the vision I have for ministry.

However, like many of you, I have a lifetime of learning experiences (failures and successes) to draw on, which give me something unique to offer in ministry, and there's still fire in my heart for an adventure of faith, if anyone else is up for it?

***With love,
Charles***

Kirk Session Update

The Kirk Session met on Wednesday, 7th August and 11th September and by the time you have received this, will have met again on Wednesday, 13th November.

The Minister updated the Kirk Session on his pastoral work including a renewal of wedding vows and received reports from the Friendship Team, the PVG Co-Ordinator and the Roll Keeper.

The Kirk Session noted the Friendship Team drop ins at Oakley entitled "T@2" were continuing and were pleased to note more were beginning to attend.



The future of the mid-week services, the Saturday morning prayer breakfast and the Prayer Chain were discussed. The mid-week services will continue as a soup and sandwich lunch aimed at the wider community.

Arrangements for Remembrance Sunday were agreed.

The Kirk Session agreed now would be a good time to consider whether the current church constitution should be changed. It agreed to consider this at a future meeting and invite a church who had gone through this change recently to meet with the Kirk Session to share their thoughts.

***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, 1st December at 10.00am at Oakley and 11.30am at Carnock.

During this, the Season of Advent, why not pray over asking someone who used to worship in the past but does not do so now or as often as they once did, to come and join us for the most special of celebrations.

Andrew Croxford
Session Clerk

Christmas Services

The times and locations of church services for the Christmas period are as follows:

Sunday, 22nd December, Town Band, Carnock at 6.30pm
Tuesday, 24th December, Carol Service, Oakley at 7.00pm
Wednesday, 25th December, Christmas Service, Carnock 10.00am
Sunday, 29th December, Joint Service Oakley 10.00am
Sunday, 5th January, normal service times

Andrew Croxford
Session Clerk

TODAY'S ECCLESIASTICAL CHUCKLE

(provided by Andrew Croxford)

Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

The Guild

Guild Report



We commenced our Guild this year with a quiz evening for Guild week called the Big Quiz, questions set out by the Guild office. This took place on 10th September 2019 and we were delighted that 16 teams took part from our Church organisations and other churches in the Dunfermline area. It was a very successful evening with over £300 raised for our Guild projects. Wilma was our very competent quiz master and Evelyn our excellent scorer. On 17th September we had Charles our minister, dedicate the guild, gave us Holy Communion and then a very amusing and interesting talk on our theme, Companions on the Road. On 15th October we had a talk with slides from Maureen Dickson the new Guild Convenor, on one of the Guild Projects we are sponsoring this year. She was accompanied by Dalgety Bay's Project co-ordinator. On the 19th November we are looking forward to a talk on Genealogy from Brenda Borrows and on the 10th December, it is our annual Christmas dinner at Garvock House. Marion Brand is organising it this year and I believe there are around 36 members and friends joining us on this fun occasion. She has asked me to tell you there is still room for anyone else who would like to join us. If you wish to attend, please let Marion know at Oakley on 851046 or myself at Carnock 850354.

That takes care of the first half of our session and will look forward to the second half of our syllabus, commencing with Shonaid organising our Scot's Night on 21st January 2020.

Ann Riddell
Secretary

Carnock Coffee Morning / Hobbies Group

Our coffee morning is still running well with a varied amount of people attending each Wednesday morning. It is good company, lots of fun chat and fine tea & biscuits. Usually it is Carnock ladies that attend but occasionally some Oakley Church ladies join us too and that is very nice. We would welcome anyone wishing to join us and so come along any Wednesday



morning from 10.30am to 12 o'clock. Ann Millar, Anna Murray and myself take turns on duty in making the coffee that Anna purchases for us, and her varied biscuits are well worth attending for.

We shall be having a coffee morning lunch at Carnock Inn hopefully, but this has not been arranged yet. Recently we had a new person, Ruth, join us who attends the church, and we were very pleased to have her with us at the coffee morning.

Ann Riddell
Secretary

Scrabble Group

Our scrabble group on a Monday afternoon is still well attended, with our 10 members present most days. It was sad we lost Joan, who was one of our original members, but Shirley has now taken over the Treasurer's job, that Joan did for many years.



We are planning to have a lunch on 16th December in the Carnock Inn at 12 o'clock and then over to the Church for our usual scrabble afternoon at 2:00pm.

We usually have good fun on this day and look forward to this for another year. We shall still have our usual break at 3:00pm for tea/coffee and either a cake or maybe just biscuits, depending on how full we feel after our lunch.

Ann Riddell
Secretary

Shoe Box Appeal

We had a wonderful response from everybody for the Shoe Box Appeal this year. The final number amounted to 72 boxes. Also, very generous cash donations were received.

Thanks goes to everyone who contributed, and also who helped to fill the boxes with the many goods that had been handed in, including the covering of them.

With grateful thanks
Jessie Wylie



Kate MacDonald – Mission Partner

Kate would like to wish you all a Blessed, Peaceful and Joyous Christmas.

Margaret Lowe



Finance

Our funds at 31st October 2019 were as follows;



	01/01/2019 £		31/10/2019 £
General Fund	12645		7860
Fabric Fund	7757		7807
Property Renovation Fund	19459		19459
Mrs Dawson's Legacy	1000		1000
Music Fund	209		210
Youth Evangelism	4410		4410
TOTAL FUNDS	45480		40746

General Fund

Our General Fund at 31st October 2019 was £7860, that is a decrease of £4785 since the beginning of the year. We have £1970 to come from HMRC for the period 6th July to 5th October 2019.

- Our “extras” in the past three months were;
 - Midweek Service £36
 - Rag Bag £36
 - Ian Walker Concert £607

- There was one item of large expenditure
 - Hymnal Plus £2676

Thank you once again for your support.

Isobel Gibson
Treasurer

Other Items

COUPLE OF THINGS FROM ISOBEL GIBSON

FWO Envelopes for 2020

If you give by a FWO envelope your elder should give you them for 2020 when they visit.

Life & Work

If you would wish to receive this magazine in 2020 and have not already ordered, please speak to Isobel Gibson.

The annual cost is £30.60.

CHRISTMAS POST

As usual we will sort Christmas Cards.

The boxes will be in Church on Sunday, 1st December and Sunday, 8th December.



Sorting will be done on Monday, 9th December. Any help on this day would be greatly appreciated at 10:00am in Oakley Church. The cards will then be in both Churches ready for pick up on Sunday, 15th December and Sunday, 22nd December.

PLEASE NOTE CARDS SHOULD ONLY BE PUT IN POST FOR PEOPLE WHO ATTEND CHURCH.

Donations will go to the Church's Christmas Charity.

NB: We cannot accept responsibility for the cards left in church.

Thanks
Chris & Phyllis

OAKLEY ART GROUP



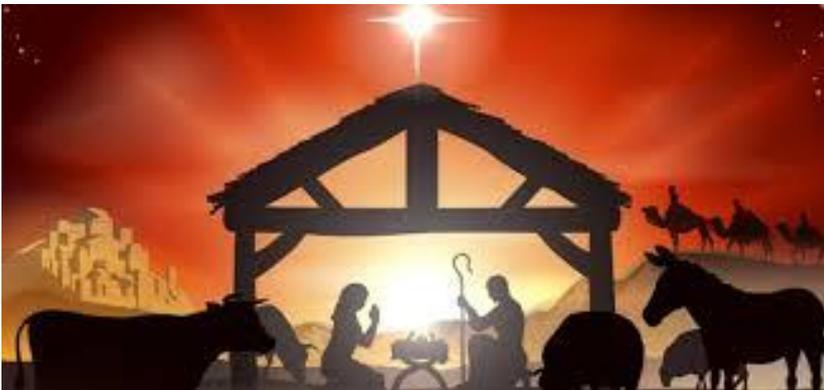
Do you want to bring out the artistic side of you? Ever wondered how you would do with a paint brush in hand or a pencil to create your own personal magic?

Oakley Art Group are meeting every Thursday from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in Oakley Church Hall, for drawing and painting.

Come and join us for a lovely after of fun and fellowship, tea, cake and a good old chat.

If you are interested, speak to Irene in Church.

All are welcome!



Learn to love God
and learn to love
other people.



Let us Pray

Dear Lord,
You walk beside us, you are always there. Come be in our waking, go with us everywhere. Your hand will lead us, your light will show the way. Come be in our thinking, be our guide today and every day.

Amen