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From the Editor

Welcome to the April issue of our Church Magazine.

As I write this, the sun is shining and the temperature has definitely risen a few degrees, encouraging the hyacinths and daffodils to show their faces! This magazine contains details of all our Easter services, so keep it handy for reference.

On page 10 you will see a poster for our Heart for Art exhibition on 23rd April. As those who have been to previous exhibitions will agree, it is definitely worth a visit. There will be tea and coffee available along with Heart for Art merchandise for sale. You will also have the opportunity to order prints of the paintings on display. Please come along and support our group of very talented artists and enjoy their brilliant artwork.

The deadline for the May issue will be close of worship on Sunday, 19th April. Please send any contributions to Nickie in the office by then.

In the meantime, I'd like to wish you all a Happy Easter.

Carol MacCallum



Our Church Family

Deaths

Stella Coubrough

Olive Byers

Pat Ross

Nan Miller

Dunblane

Churchill Drive

Eastcote Avenue

Broomhill Path



April 2026



worship diary

Services led by Rev George Mackay

Wednesday	1	1.30pm	WD40 Novar Halls
		7.00pm	Holy Week Service Naseby Sanctuary
Thursday	2	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday Communion Naseby Sanctuary
Friday	3	7.00pm	Good Friday Worship Naseby Sanctuary
Sunday	5	7.00am	Easter Dawn Worship Kingsborough Gardens
			
		10.30am	Easter Day Celebrations Naseby Sanctuary
Sunday	12	10.30am	Morning Worship Naseby Sanctuary
Wednesday	15	1.30pm	WD40 Novar Halls
Sunday	19	10.30am	Morning Worship With Bishop Nick Bundock, Bishop of the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway Naseby Sanctuary
Sunday	26	10.30am	Morning Worship Naseby Sanctuary
Wednesday	29	1.30pm	WD40 Novar Halls

A View from St Kilda

Specsavers. (Though there are other companies).

I wonder if you have ever thought of the irony, that Scottish football referees are sponsored by Specsavers?

I cannot remember how long the company has sponsored them, but ask most fans and they will tell you about many dubious and debatable decisions. In my last charge in the south-side, sitting in my congregation on occasion, was none other than Willie Young.

Now, with apologies for many of our readers, most of you will not know who Willie Young is, unless you are interested in football. It is not like here, in Broomhill Hyndland, having Stuart Murdoch in your congregation – everybody knows about Stuart and his group, Belle and Sebastian; Stuart, Scottish musician, writer and filmmaker and the lead singer for the forementioned indie pop band.

No, Willie Young was an official Scottish referee as well as a lawyer (I better watch what I am writing, I don't want sued!!). What makes Willie famous was that he was the referee that officiated at the Cup Final at Celtic Park on the 16th of May 1998, when Hearts eventually won the Cup 2-1.

Enough about Willie. Enough about Stuart. Back to Specsavers.

There has been a resurgence of a particular advert that made me smile.

It is an Arctic winter scene, and from the sky a parachute falls with a large box attached. The man rushes out and opens the wooden crate, to find a clown jumping out.

He returns to his station and heads for the C.B radio and says,

'I said send supplies, not surprise!'

Specsavers, of course, deals with hearing and seeing.

Mary, heads to the tomb and finds that the body of Christ is not there.

In the garden, she sees a figure and believing he is the gardener, asks 'I am looking for my Lord, do you know where they have put him?'

'Mary,' he responds, and the voice takes her back.

Jesus doesn't say, 'Surprise,' but you can rest assured that Mary's face turned white, perhaps she staggers slightly, and her heart must have been racing. 'Surprise', doesn't really sum up the shock that she must have been in and then of course, the relief and the release of grieving emotions to tears of joy.

'Surprise' and 'supplies' are going to follow both Mary and all the disciples in the days to come: from the doubting of Thomas and the disciples huddling in the locked room, to the supplies that would be given by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, and to us, to send us out into the world, equipped and gifted by God to spread the good news that Christ had risen and he would be with us from time to eternity.

Specsavers – for seeing and hearing.

Mary saw, Mary heard his voice...and believed.

Some of the disciples took longer but got there in the end.

And for us, hearing and seeing too. Hearing God who calls us to celebrate after Holy Week, the joy of Easter, the hearing of his voice day and daily, guiding us. And with vision, seeing God at work in our lives and in our world, supplying us with the gifts of the Spirit and surprising us in the places and the people we least expect.

Can I thank you all for the effort and the witness that you have made this Lenten, Holy week and Easter time – the surprising and innovative ways that you have thought of, to tell our community and beyond, the difference it makes having the resurrected Christ in our lives.
Have a happy Easter,

**Your friend and minister,
George**



Dear Father God

Thank you for your love for all of us and for all that you have done for us. Thank you for our homes, families and friends and for the food you have provided.

We remember those who do not have warm homes and plenty food and especially the ones we know about and support in Malawi where floods have damaged their crops.

Keep us safe and help us to live the way Jesus taught us.

Amen

Children's Prayer

by the 'Young Ones'

Our Church Family near and far!

G'Day Broomhill Hyndland!



G'Day Broomhill Hyndland, sending you warm sunny greetings from Sydney!

I've settled well into the laid-back Australian lifestyle and am really enjoying my studies and all the new experiences that life down under has to offer.

Thank you all so much for your kind messages and warm wishes as I begin this exciting chapter. It truly means a lot.

I also really enjoyed catching up with Shona when she was visiting Sydney last month. It was lovely to see a friendly face from home and spend time with someone who could understand my accent!

I'm missing everyone back home and look forward to seeing you all again in the future.



Iain McCallum

Meet our new Youth & Family Development Worker Hannah Watters

Hello! Its lovely to meet you all, I'm Hannah the new Youth and Family Development Worker at Broomhill Hyndland Parish Church. I'm very excited to be joining this church family.

I spent many years at home in Maryhill Ruchill Parish, where I've supported the delivery of Sunday School, Holiday clubs, school visits and general youth related activities. I'm passionate about creating spaces where young people feel valued, supported and encouraged to grow in faith and confidence. I have had my own unique and varied experience of Christian youth organisations, and want to help create a space in which more young people can thrive. This has brought me many exciting opportunities including being asked to attend The General Assembly as the youth representative for the Presbytery of Glasgow in 2023.



Interestingly, my first ever church experience here at Broomhill Hyndland was attending Parents and Toddlers. My grandparents, Nan and Norrie Watters, were previously members here and brought me every Wednesday morning. My father and uncles also attended Broomhill as young people and were member of the 130th Boys Brigade in their youth.

I am in my final year of an undergraduate degree in Politics and Theatre Studies with a particular interest in social development, community work and creative practice. This is and always has been motivated by my faith, as I believe that contributing to a more compassionate, just and hopeful society is a core part of living out my Christian values. As a creative, I am very enthusiastic about using the arts to connect with others. Outside of this I am also a freelance theatre practitioner, but hope to bring my own creative spark to this role and all our young people.

I am excited to work with you all and learn more about all the goings on of Broomhill Hyndland!

Social & Events



On Saturday 21st March we held an Afternoon Tea for our Congregation, which was an enjoyable afternoon for all!

April will see the Cherry Blossom Festival held in conjunction with the Friends of Naseby Park.

We hope that we will be blessed with good weather. The halls will be in use with the BB having a burger stall, a Junior Church stall and a stall providing information about the Church. The social committee will be providing refreshments. All this alongside the various stalls and activities organised by the Friends of Naseby Park.



All offers of help and assistance will be much appreciated. The more offers we have, the less time people need to spend helping!

May will be busy with the Plant Sale, but in June we plan to hold another games night which proved great fun last time!



Cheryl Osborne

**Glasgow NW Foodbank
Blawarthill Parish
Church**



Glasgow NW
Foodbank
Together with Trussell



**Easter Collection
Sunday
19th April 2026**



The Foodbank is very much appreciative of and continues to need our ongoing support. The current war in the middle east is adding to the cost of living difficulties for families who need our support.

Our Easter Collection for the Foodbank will be held on Sunday 19th April.

The priority items for food are UHT milk, diluting juice, tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned vegetables, tinned tomatoes, tinned and packet potatoes, tinned fruit, tinned custard/rice, jars of pasta sauce, tea, coffee (small jars), sugar, rice and cereal. They are also short on dog food.

Currently it has plenty of beans, pasta and cat food.

The Foodbank also need toiletries such as shower gel, shampoo, razors and shaving foam. Deodorants and toilet rolls are on its priority list.

The Foodbank does not have facilities to store fresh, refrigerated or frozen produce.

Thank you for your ongoing support and any donations you can give to this collection.

Norma I A Paterson



CROSSREACH

Care you can put your faith in

Spring Exhibition

You are cordially invited to attend a special preview of the Heart for Art exhibition. A display of selected artwork by the artists from Broomhill Hyndland Parish Church.

Date: 23rd April 2026

Time: 2pm - 4pm

Venue: Broomhill Hyndland Parish Church
64-66 Randolph Rd, Broomhill,
Glasgow G11 7JL



We look forward to seeing you!



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Baubles!

From the Pews: A "Worldly" Suggestion for Our Christmas Tree

It feels like only five minutes ago that I was sitting in the sanctuary, admiring our fabulous church Christmas tree. It was truly beautiful and so perfectly color-coordinated.

My own tree at home? Not so much.

You see, we have a bit of a tradition in our house. Whenever we travel to another country, or even just a different city, we try to bring back a decoration to hang on our tree. As a result, our tree is a riot of mismatched colours and textures from all over the UK and, indeed, the world. Our Gold Legoland Bauble hangs proudly beside our bright blue hand-painted inside-out glass bauble of the Sydney Opera House! It might not win any "Most Elegant Tree" awards, but it is truly unique to our family. Every bauble and ornament holds a memory of a happy adventure or a place we've explored together.

An Idea for Our Church Family. I've been thinking: wouldn't it be wonderful if we did something similar for our church tree?

While it's almost time for Easter, it's actually the perfect time to start thinking ahead. As we begin to plan our holidays and trips for the coming year, I'd like to encourage everyone to look out for a small souvenir or decoration to bring back for the church.

Imagine a tree decorated not just with matching baubles, but with hand-painted trinkets from European markets, small tokens from seaside holidays in the UK and ornaments that represent the many different cultures and places our congregation visits.

Seeing How Far We Reach

It would be a beautiful, visual reminder of how far-flung our congregation stretches into the world. Each year, as we decorate the sanctuary, we can see the "map" of our travels hanging right there on the branches.

It's just a small idea, but I think it would make our Christmas celebrations feel even more like a shared family adventure. So, if you find yourself somewhere new this year, maybe tuck a little something for the church tree into your suitcase!



Lynda McCallum

Junior Church

Hello everyone.

Junior Church have two special things for you to look out for this month.

Our 'Last Supper' Mural

These last few weeks we have been very busy working on a big art project - our own three metre long version of Leonardo Da Vinci's 'The Last Supper'.

We started this a couple of months ago with the children using blown up balloons dipped in paint and bounced on paper to create the textured tapestry panels that hang behind the disciples. This was a very popular activity with all the children.

Next we talked about the meal itself. The Bible only mentions the bread and wine that Jesus blessed and shared, but there would likely have been other traditional passover foods on the table - lamb stew, fish, olives, bitter herbs. For our picture the children made collage plates of food.

Drawing and decorating the disciples themselves was a big joint effort, with everyone from our youngest members taking part.

Special thanks to Erin, Andrew and Emily who helped to draw the figures.

Please take time to have a look at our Last Supper in the small hall and give the children your feedback on it.



The Easter Story Trail Posters

Another exciting thing to look out for this month are the posters of 'The Easter Story Trail.' Each A4 poster features a different character from the Easter story and a hidden augmented reality LEGO animation.

Try it now and be amazed! Just point your phone camera at the QR code and click on the link to download a little piece of software. Then point your camera at the picture with the red dotted line round it to watch Peter's story. Got it? Congratulations - now go show your family and friends how tech-savvy you are!





All five posters - Peter, Pilate, The Centurion, Mary and the Angel will be on display around the church at Easter, and the children will take home their own copies to share the Easter story with their friends.

Gill -Junior Church Team



Anchor Boys

Anchor Boys enjoyed the chance to join with older age groups at the Service for Uniformed Organisations held during March, and they especially enjoyed the march past afterwards. Thanks go to everyone who attended. Recent meetings on Friday nights have seen the boys exploring a wide variety of themes, many of which have focused on dates in the calendar. The arrival of Chinese New Year towards the end of February gave us the chance to explore some of the customs of the occasion, and for the boys to make their own paper dragons.



That was followed by World Book Day in early March during which we read some stories and completed some activities based on the books of Julia Donaldson.

Ahead of the Service for Uniformed Organisations, the boys had the chance to take a look around the sanctuary and completed a picture quiz seeing how many things they could find during their tour, and most recently we had a pirate-themed evening with a range of games and crafts. There will be more activities after the Easter holidays as we move towards the end of the Anchor Boys session in May.

**Craig McQueen
Officer-in-Charge**



Junior Section

Junior Section has had a busy and enjoyable month, with a mix of competitions and special activities.

At the start of March, six of our boys travelled to take part in the BB Glasgow Battalion figure marching competition, jointly organised and hosted by BB Paisley. The team – Callum, Ethan, Jamie, Forbes, Ronan and Isaac – performed very well and were delighted to win the Glasgow competition against strong opposition from across the city.



**Junior Section with medals and certificate at
BB Glasgow figure marching event**

We also had eight boys competing in the District Ten-Pin Bowling competition a few days later, with a special mention to Callum who finished third in the senior age group.

Four boys – Callum, Craig, Ethan and Aaron – represented us in the District General & Bible Knowledge Quiz in mid-March, putting in a strong performance as Callum, Craig and Ethan finished as runners-up out of seven teams.

It was also good to see such a strong turnout at the Uniformed Organisations service, where the boys took part in worship and the march past. Thank you to the congregation for their encouragement and support on the day.

Looking ahead, we will be hosting the District figure marching event for local Companies in the west end at the end of the month. After that, Junior Section will take a break over the Easter holidays before returning to prepare for our Annual Inspection & Display on Friday, 15th May.

On behalf of all the boys and leaders, I wish you a peaceful and happy Easter.

Gary McQueen



Company Section

Thanks go to everyone who attended the Service for Uniformed Organisations in mid-March.

It was a welcome opportunity to bring all three sections of the Company together and share in morning worship, and we were pleased to make it outside for the march past in between the rain showers.

There have been plenty of other activities happening in recent weeks including district competitions against other local companies. Congratulations to Daniel and Duncan Gillatt who each won gold in their age groups at the District Ten-Pin Bowling Competition, and to Ollie Leitch who finished third in the juniors.



Further congratulations to Daniel who took home silver at the seniors' District Badminton Competition at Scotstoun, and to Harris Miller who also won silver in the junior age group.



March also saw our four most senior boys attend their King's Badge Residential Course at Lapwing Lodge near Paisley, where they joined around 50 other boys from across Glasgow to complete one of the final requirements for gaining the highest award in the Brigade.

We hope to see them presented with that award at our 118th Annual Inspection and Display, which takes place in the large hall on Friday, 15th May beginning at 7:00pm and to which everyone is warmly invited.

Craig McQueen
Captain



Scottish Country Dancing

The group will have their last evening on Tuesday 28th April.

We have had no certificated teacher this session since September, so I would like to thank Lilian Murray and Elspeth Johnson who have helped me teach the group each week. This has enabled the group to continue.

We will restart in September/October and details will be in the church magazine.

We wish the congregation a lovely summer with hopefully some good weather.

Andrea Thomson



Firstly, a big word of thanks to the organisers, pancake-makers, servers, stall-holders and other helpers as well as to the many generous people from different churches who came to support our Spring Fayre last Saturday at Jordanhill Parish

Church. Springtime sunshine greeted a friendly, cheery, chatty gathering, and after less than two hours we had raised £1,466 in our ongoing efforts to support the work of Christian Aid. Well done to all! Our own church is now planning for our annual PLANT SALE during Christian Aid Week, on Saturday 16th May.

The global turmoil I referred to last month has reached a new level in the last few weeks and the amount of upset and concern has spread more widely across our world. Problems and pressures linked primarily to the oil/gas crisis focused on the Strait of Hormuz off Iran are immediately noticeable in very rich Gulf countries as well as internationally, however they are also affecting many very poor countries and people in parts of Africa and elsewhere as a result of uncertainty in supply and cost of agricultural fertilisers which are produced and exported from large factory sites in Qatar, Oman and Saudi Arabia.

Aid agencies, including Christian Aid, regularly highlight that many sub-Saharan countries suffer endemic problems of poverty, climate variability, internal disputes and lengthy civil wars. Disruption to supply and cost of vital fertilisers can greatly diminish soil nutrients and impoverish harvests, thus potentially exacerbating serious ongoing food production problems. More immediate reports however, especially within the **continuing humanitarian crisis in Sudan**, focus on instability, civil upset and violence with drastic consequences for millions of people.

"If I'd stayed they would have killed as all! I gathered up the children and fled." Akech's memories of that terrible day when soldiers came, and she and her surviving children ran for their lives, are raw and painful.

Every day, the war in Sudan drives more and more people into South Sudan in search of safety. To date, an estimated 1.1. million people have arrived. Renk, in the north-east, is one of the first places reached by fleeing migrants where life, even at the best of times is very hard, and more challenging than ever for people to meet their most basic needs. After weeks of journeying, families who've arrived with nothing but the clothes they're wearing wait in exhaustion, holding on to whatever strength and hope remains.

Providing aid to so many in need has become much more demanding. Recent substantial funding cuts by many governments, including our own, but especially in a wide variety of ways by the US president, are greatly diminishing international aid provision and are putting huge pressures on the UN, government and non-government agencies to address huge problems of suffering, displacement, food and health provision. A Funding Crisis has been identified by the UN, and specifically Christian Aid has launched an Appeal to encourage vital support for thousands of displaced families within the dire situation in Sudan; "In the

face of limited resources and thousands and thousands of individual situations, cash assistance is an incredibly effective and quick way to support people to access food, water, shelter, medicine... Whatever they need most. Please support people who have lost everything."

You can donate to this Appeal - online at caid.org.uk/Survive, or by telephone 08080 004 004, or by post to Christian Aid, York House, Wetherby Road, Long Marston, York YO26 7NH. Thank you.

Don Swanson



**Our Spring Fayre
raised an amazing
£1,466 for Christian
Aid!**

Photos by Brenda Stewart



Joint Events Calendar



Over the last few years the Social and Events team in the Church have been steadily building up a number of regular events which have received good support from the congregation and the wider community. Some of these events have been jointly undertaken with the Friends of Naseby Park with whom we enjoy a happy relationship for the mutual benefit of our local community. This year we started a two year participation with the Church of Scotland Growing Young Programme. This is really a programme focused on creating a true generational mix within our congregation by attracting back younger families. Part of this programme is to try out a number of new events designed to appeal to families. Some will succeed, others may not.

The result of this effort will be a fairly busy calendar throughout the year. Care is being taken to avoid clashes of dates and to that end an initial joint events calendar has been drawn up for the rest of the year. We plan to add in Christian Aid and Cluster Church events. The first draft is provided on the next page. Some dates and times have still to be added. This calendar will be posted on our notice boards, so please keep an eye out for updates.

These events are mostly provided through a small team of people. We could do with additional support. If you feel you can help with any of the events, please contact Cheryl Osborne or me.

Norma I A Paterson

Month	Social & Events	Growing Young	Friends of Naseby
April 2026		Saturday 4 th 11.00am – 1.00pm Easter Event	Saturday 25 th Cherry Blossom Festival
May 2026	Saturday 16 th Christian Aid Plant Sale - Novar	Saturday 23 rd Pentecost Birthday BBQ	
June 2026		Saturday 13 th Evening Board Games Night	
July 2026	Saturday 25 th ?? Commonwealth Games Celebration		Picnic in the Park
August 2026	Craft and Chatter Night		
September 2026	Friday 25 th - Novar McMillan Coffee Morning	Harvest Lunch	
October 2026	Family Quiz Night		Saturday 31 st 5.15pm Pumpkin Parade
November 2026	Saturday 14 th - Novar 2.00pm – 4.00pm Winter Bazaar		
December 2026	10.00 – 12.00 am Santa's Grotto 6.30pm – 7.30pm Community Carols		

Hyndland Community Hall



Hyndland Community Hall, is an extremely busy place, open from 9am till 9pm daily and 7 days a week.

The following will give you an idea what activities go on.

Dance classes: Tappy Toes for pre-school
Natalie Marks Ballet for all ages
Adult Ballet
Young at Heart for Mature Ladies.
Singing: Colour Strings
Spanish: Kidslingo
Adult Groups: Zumba, Luna Yoga, Karate and Bridge.

Lite Bite Lunch Club runs on a Friday and on alternate Wednesdays followed by our WD40 Church Service. These have been running since 1998.

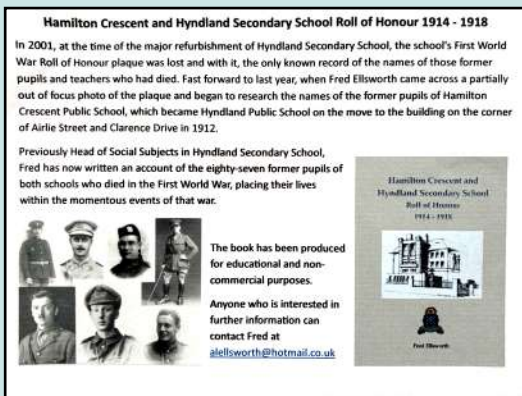
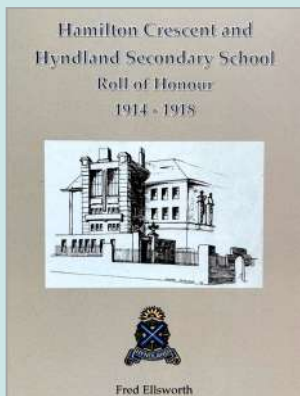
U3A, Finnish School and Czeck School visit once a month.

On Sundays we welcome the Congregations of the Hope Church and Mosaic Church.

There are a few hours not used, so we have the Novar Nursery, Soundbath and parties taking up some hours.

WE ARE IN NEED OF HELP to take on the every day running of the building and to organise the Annual Maintenance Contracts and there are always odd doors needing to be rehung! If you are interested please contact Barbara McTavish, John Boyle or myself.

Ann Henderson



Fred Ellsworth, former Head of Social Subjects at Hyndland Secondary School, has kindly given our Congregation a few copies of his book **'Hamilton Crescent and Hyndland Secondary School Roll of Honour 1914 - 1918'** which is his account of the Roll of Honour of eighty-seven former pupils who died in the First World War. For further information contact Fred at alellsworth@hotmail.co.uk

Copies are available in the vestibule.

Barbara McTavish



Confused?

I spotted this scene on Clarence Drive this week!!

Jen Brooks

AN ADVENTURE IN VIENNA

Congregation member and theatre director Richard Baron has been having an eventful time directing the comedy farce *The Complete Works Of William Shakespeare (Abridged)* at the world renowned Vienna English Theatre.

Just before opening night on 18th March, one of his three actors suffered a muscle tear during final rehearsals. For a fast-paced, physically demanding comedy, this could have meant cancelling the production altogether. Replacing the actor wasn't a realistic option either. Since Brexit, hiring British performers on short notice to work in Vienna has become complicated, with work permits taking up to three months.

Instead of cancelling, however, Richard and the production team chose innovation and came up with a simple but demanding idea: adapt the show and integrate the injury into the performance. The actor would perform in a wheelchair.

What followed was an impressive team effort. Within just a few days, the entire staging and choreography were reworked. As an unexpected twist, rather than limiting the production, the change added a completely new dimension. One of the standout moments now being a fully staged sword fighting scene performed in wheelchairs!



The Complete Works Of William Shakespeare (Abridged) is no ordinary play. Since its premiere in 1987 by the Reduced Shakespeare Company, it has become one of the most successful and widely performed comedies in the world. The concept is simple yet brilliant: all 37 of Shakespeare's plays are performed in just 97 minutes. The result is a fast-paced mix of satire, physical comedy and clever storytelling.

This production delivers a whirlwind journey through Shakespeare's tragedies, comedies and histories. Expect dramatic deaths, absurd humour, rapid costume changes and constant surprises. With a tag line "if you like Shakespeare, you'll enjoy the show - if you don't, you'll love it", the production is designed for everyone. Whether you are a Shakespeare expert or someone who has never read a single play, the humour is accessible and engaging.



As one reviewer put it, "for anyone looking for a European holiday in a wonderful city and a night of laughter, creativity and something a little

different, this is an ideal choice. It's not just a visually engaging and tightly paced production that keeps the audience entertained from start to finish - it's a reminder of what makes live theatre so exciting: its ability to adapt, surprise and bring people together."

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged) runs until 30th April 2026, with ticket prices ranging from €27 to €57. The production is expected to attract strong demand, so if you're interested in coming along for a Vienna adventure please speak to Richard or visit the theatre's website at: <https://www.englishtheatre.at/english/home>

Bonnets

The word, bonnet, comes from "beguine" around the 13th century. It referred to a laywoman belonging to a Christian community. These women chose to wear simple, sober clothing, but were known for their bonnets.

In 1597 the Bonnet Makers of Glasgow were established as a Guild/Trade and still function, I believe, as a charitable group. Later around 1650, when the Guild in Stewarton was recognised, it became known as the 'Bonnet Toun'.. In the winter when farm work was difficult, the farmers knitted bonnets, long before any of these craft guilds were acknowledged... Stewarton Gala held there, is still celebrating bonnet making. The neighbouring town of Kilmarnock became known for it's "Big Kilmarnock Bunnet", not to be confused with the football legend "the Kilmarnock Pie"!

Wearing special Easter clothes started way back in the 4th century. In slightly more modern times in the 1870's New York, strolling down Fifth Avenue after Church, wearing Easter Bonnets, became the fashion. Irving Berlin wrote that he could write a sonnet about an Easter Bonnet. As a child I thought the words were, "I could ride a comet about.....". and I thought that hat must be some size !

Nowadays, it seems only to be at weddings and the races when sumptuous hats get worn.

Is it time to bring back joyful Easter Bonnets?



Jen Brooks



Christian Aid Plant Sale – Saturday 16th May

**Grow something beautiful
this spring—both in your
garden and in the lives of
others.**



Spring is in full swing, and we're delighted to invite you to our annual Christian Aid Plant Sale at Broomhill Hyndland Parish Church on Saturday 16th May from 10am-12pm.

Whether you're refreshing your garden, brightening up a balcony, or just love a good browse, there will be plenty to choose from - including bedding plants, patio pots, hanging baskets and window troughs. It's the perfect opportunity to pick up something beautiful for your home while supporting a truly important cause.

This year, supporting Christian Aid feels more vital than ever. With increasing global challenges - from conflict and displacement to the growing impact of climate change - many communities are facing deep and ongoing hardship. Christian Aid works alongside these communities to provide practical support, resilience and hope, and your purchases at the plant sale will directly contribute to that work.

Teas and coffees will be available, so do come along, have a chat and make a morning of it. Entry is free, and for the first time, we're pleased to offer contactless payment for added convenience.

Preorders and Fair Access

If you would like to secure specific plants in advance, preorder forms will be available from Amanda Heather or in the vestibule. Completed forms can be returned to Amanda Heather, Ann Henderson, Don Swanson, or Jen Brooks.

To ensure fairness for everyone attending on the day, no plants can be removed or set aside before the sale begins at 10am unless they have been preordered using the official form. We really appreciate your understanding in helping us keep the event fair and enjoyable for all.

So bring your friends and neighbours, come early for the best selection, and help us make a real difference - one plant at a time.

Amanda Heather



CHRISTIAN AID

FREE
ENTRY

Plant Sale

10AM
-12PM

SATURDAY
16TH MAY

BEDDING PLANTS
PATIO POTS
HANGING BASKETS
TROUGH & MORE!

HYNDLAND HALLS
24 NOVAR DRIVE

HIGH QUALITY PLANTS GROWN IN LANARK!
CONTACTLESS CARD PAYMENT, CHEQUES, OR CASH GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED



Sunday Hospitality



April 2026

5 Ann Henderson
Elizabeth Dickie
William Moffat
Helena Woo
Carole MacGregor

19 Pauline MacKenzie
Catriona Robertson
Catriona Sharp
Julie Gillies

12 Joyce Morton
Janette McVicar
Morag Lippiatt
Don Swanson

26 Pat Thomson
Gillian Beattie
Alistair Beattie
Barbara McTavish

Fellowship



Thursday Coffee & Chat



April 2026

2 Sheila Brown
Jill Beattie
Jeanette Wylie

23 Norma Paterson
Linda Francis
Andrea Thomson

9 William Moffat
Carol or Gordon MacCallum
Robbie Wishart

30 Andrew Hemphill
John Boyle
Linda Boyle

16 Cheryl Osborne
Pauline MacKenzie
Christine Munro

***Come along,
all are welcome!***

Attendance at Church Door

5 April 2026

Team 9

Kirsty McMillan
Joyce Morton
Mat Morton
Lorraine Ross
Jeanette Wylie
Judith Johnston

(in charge Ross & M Morton)

12 & 19 April 2026

Team 10

Norma Paterson
Jane MacKinnon
Pauline MacKenzie
Stuart Murdoch
Brenda Stewart
Ronnie MacKinnon

(in charge MacKenzie & Paterson)

26 April 2026

Team 11

Claire McLetchie
Ann Henderson
Janette McVicar
William Moffat
Anne Rogerson
Robbie Wishart

(in charge Moffat & Rogerson)

welcome
to Broomhill

As usual - if you are not
available, please arrange for a
replacement. Thanks!

Flowers in Church

April 2026

5 Easter Day!

12 Gillian Beattie



19 Brenda Stewart

26 Jim Hamilton

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