

Broomhill Hyndland Parish Church Magazine



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From the Editor

Welcome to the May issue of our Church Magazine. The beginning of April was a busy time in the Church with the Holy Week and Easter services. As you can see from the photo below, there was a good turnout for the Dawn Service on Easter Sunday despite the weather and the promise of Storm Dave! Gordon and I were returning home from visiting our daughter in Dundee that day and I had the delight of driving through a blizzard – not what you expect in April!



This month we have the Christian Aid Plant Sale on Saturday the 16th to look forward to and remind us that summer is just around the corner. Our next magazine will be the summer issue, covering June, July and August. The deadline will be close of worship on Sunday, 24th May, so please send contributions to Nickie in the office by then.

Carol MacCallum

By Brenda Stewart



Thank you to those who came to Hyndland Hall for breakfast, the atmosphere was so uplifting. After paying the bills, there was £64.00 in hand. This is to let you know I have put this to paying for 3 boxes to our friends on Malawi, who send their best wishes to Broomhill Hyndland Congregation. As from May, boxes will be going through the Scotland Malawi partnership in Bathgate.

Ann Henderson

May 2026

Worship Diary

Services led by Rev George Mackay

Sunday	3	10.30am	Morning Worship Naseby Sanctuary
		11.30am	Informal Communion Marlborough Sanctuary
Sunday	10	10.30am	Morning Worship Naseby Sanctuary (Led by Revd Tom Pollock)
Wednesday	13	1.30pm	WD40 Novar Halls
Sunday	17	10.30am	Morning Worship Naseby Sanctuary
Wednesday	20	7.30pm	Kirk Session Naseby Small Hall
Sunday	24	10.30am	Morning Worship Naseby Sanctuary
Wednesday	27	1.30pm	WD40 Novar Halls
Sunday	31	10.30am	Morning Worship Naseby Sanctuary

Our Church Family

Deaths

Jim Pyper

Novar Drive

Jean Connacher

Kingsborough Court



A View from St Kilda

This coming Sunday is third Sunday of the Easter season!
Yes, the third already.

The children have finished their two-week break, the shops have moved on to something new and perhaps selling the Easter eggs off cheaply, and some of my colleagues haven't answered their emails because they are on holiday!

Three Sundays ago, we were up in the gardens thanking God for Easter – and also for holding back the rain, and then heading down to the Novar Halls for brekkies. Weeks have passed; the world has moved on at a fast pace.

Traditionally, we read about Thomas on the second Sunday, and one of the loveliest stories in the Bible on the third – the walk to Emmaus. The story has so much contained within it that should be a great comfort and joy: from Jesus' journeying with the two strangers and explaining Scripture, as he does with us daily; to the recognition of Christ in the breaking of bread and the hearts of the strangers burning within them when he spoke to them on that dusty road.

Three weeks have passed and yet, the reading set for this Sunday, Luke 24 at verse 13 starts with the line, 'On that same day...'

After all that had happened – the ups and downs of trying to follow their Master; the meal; the denials; the death on the cross and then the rolling of the stone – they left and couldn't fathom what they had experienced and heard.

'On that same day'... writes Luke.

The same day as the resurrection has taken place! You would have thought rising from the dead would have been enough for the first day – a full day, and then down time, at least for a little while.

Take a nap. Read a book.

Sit somewhere quietly and reflect what God has done – but no...
... on that SAME day.

Two strangers are walking along the road. Why? We don't really know. Maybe they wanted to get as far away from Jerusalem, the place of pain. Maybe they wanted to talk about the moments that meant a lot to them, that had particular significance, a miracle that had stayed with them, a particular pictorial parable that brought a smile to their faces, or what it all meant – the three years of ministry with him.

And Jesus comes along beside them.

They were enraptured in spite of themselves, their grief forgotten, their despair set aside as they listened to him tell them what they already knew but had forgotten on that terrible day. He talked on and on, every book, every scroll, every story they thought they knew, but that now sounded new on that day. When they got to Emmaus, they didn't want it to end, so they begged him to stay with them, to eat with them. They opened the door to their lives, and he walked in and sat down with them. Then, he took the bread and broke it.

'That same day' – and their eyes were opened.
Three weeks have passed, but we should be living as of 'that same day'. We should be treating every day as the day of resurrection, 'that same day' burning in our hearts, how everything has changed, running to others to tell of our experience.
'That same day', hope was made.
'That same day', struggling followers were re-united and uplifted.
And, as I said at the beginning, since Jesus travels with us, talks with us, his presence enriching us, maybe we should take on board that first line..
'On that same day', an everyday for us!!

**Your friend and minister,
George**

EXPRESSWAY

We rush through our days trying to get
from A to B,
the destination the objective,
the pedal to the metal,
driving, living on the max,
from one duty and task to another,
from the reality of the here and now,
to the dreams and desires of tomorrow.
Held up,
we see every second as one lost,
every lane blocked as a moment wasted,
every road sign a frustration.
But in each stop and start,
foot on the brake,
a chance to take on the wider world,
an opportunity to see what we often fail
to see,
to observe from a different perspective,
an escape from the fast lane,
pausing with God.

AMEN

George



**(The picture of Christ, near the arches,
at the side of the expressway heading into town.)**



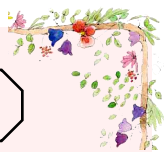
Christian Aid Week

10th - 16th May 2026

7 days to make a difference.

This Christian Aid Week, what will you do?





Our Church Family

We would like to thank everyone for all the support and kindness shown to us following the death of Catriona's Mum. It was very much appreciated.
With love,

The Robertson Family

Exam Reflection

As exam season begins, many of the young people within our church and our community are carrying a mixture of hope, pressure and uncertainty. This period can feel overwhelming, even for the most confident students. As a Church family, this is a moment for us to surround them with encouragement, compassion and prayer. Faith can offer ways to ease this anxiety. Encourage young people around you to take a breath and remember that God walks with them into every exam.

There are so many verses that gave me strength during my own exams not so long ago:

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."

1 Peter 5:7

"If God cares so wonderfully for flowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you."

Luke 12:28

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." **Jeremiah 29:11**

So, if you know of a young person sitting exams this year, I encourage you to give them a short verse or prayer on a sticky note to carry with them as a reminder that they are not facing this alone.

Let us hold them all before God in the coming weeks, those sitting exams, those supporting them at home and the teachers guiding them. Whether they are a part of our congregation or not, may they know peace in their preparation and confidence in their abilities. And may they feel the love of our congregation cheering them on. Please keep the young people from our community in your prayers and may God's calm, courage and comfort rest upon them.

Hannah Watters

OFFERINGS (1st JANUARY TO 31st MARCH 2026)

<u>Weeks 1 to13</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>
Monthly Bankers Order	14,295	20,524
FWO Direct to Treasurer	0	100
In the Plate - Sunday	2,430	2,350
Totals	16,725	22,974

Your continued support through Freewill Offering is much appreciated.

FREEWILL OFFERING ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2026

As I advised you in the March magazine, some of your Standing Orders for FWO in January were not received – and returned to you by the Bank - due to a Bank error. Standing Orders from February onwards are now being received correctly but the reduction in our Freewill Offerings is as a result of that Bank Error.

If anyone wishes to change to, or set up, a monthly Bankers Standing Order for Freewill Offerings, please contact me on 07717406594, or by email on johnr.thomson@btinternet.com

TRUSTEE REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR 2025

These have been approved by our Kirk Session and sent to the Independent Examiner, Glasgow Presbytery and The Office of Scottish Charity Regulator.

GIVING TO GROW AND PRESBYTERY DUES IN 2026

Our contribution of £95,196 to Church of Scotland in Edinburgh is being paid monthly by Bankers Order. Presbytery Dues of £5,661 will be paid during the year.

The Finance Team





Egg-cellent Creativity: A Cracking Easter Success!



This year's *Easter Egg Diorama Competition and Family Fun Day* turned out to be an absolute triumph - proving once and for all that when you give people eggs, glue and a vague concept, wonderful (and occasionally slightly chaotic) things will happen!

For many, the word "diorama" was a brand-new addition to their vocabulary, but that didn't stop the incredible creativity on display. Entries ranged from thoughtful and reverent depictions of the Easter story to brilliantly imaginative (and sometimes delightfully unexpected) creations. There were moments of awe, moments of laughter and more than a few occasions where we found ourselves asking, "How did they do that?"



A special congratulations goes to our winner, Gill Atkinson, whose *Kelvingrove Art Gallery Eggs* stole the show - an inspired and brilliantly executed creation that had everyone talking (and slightly wondering if we should all raise our game next year!).



Beyond the competition, the hall was buzzing with activity. There were crafts to get stuck into, games to keep everyone on their toes and a scavenger hunt that may or may not have revealed a slightly competitive streak in some of our younger - and older - participants. Meanwhile, others took the opportunity to enjoy a quieter moment with tea, coffee and treats, proving that "family fun day" can also include sitting down with a biscuit and a chat. Perhaps the most joyful part of the day was seeing the mix of familiar faces and new visitors filling the space. It was a lovely reminder that church is not just a place we gather on Sundays, but a place where creativity, community and connection can flourish in all sorts of unexpected ways.

A huge thank you goes to everyone who helped make the day such a success - those who created dioramas, ran activities, baked, served, set up, tidied away and came along to join in the fun. We couldn't have done it without you.

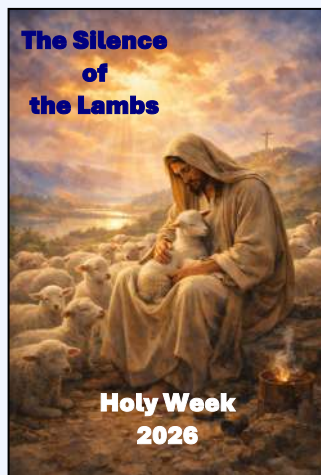
After such a fantastic turnout, we're already wondering what next year might bring... though we suspect the bar has now been firmly set (and possibly egg-ceptionally high)!

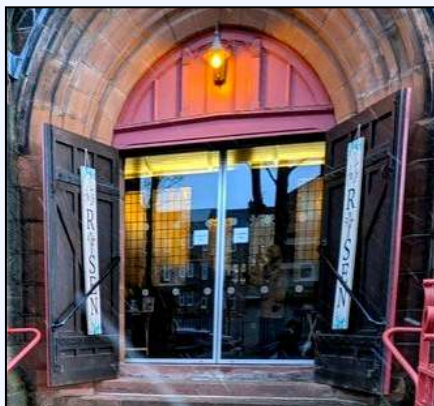
Amanda Heather

Our Holy Week Journey at Broomhill Hyndland

Photos taken by Brenda, Norma and I of our wonderful Easter displays, which Norma organised and Andy helped put up. We received lots of really encouraging comments and it was lovely to have them change over Holy Week!

Barbara McTavish





Junior Church

Hello all. We've had a a quiet time of it these last few weeks with the schools off on their Spring holiday. On Easter Sunday however, we were delighted to welcome several new faces to Junior Church.

The children enjoyed making Easter bunny crowns and Easter cross sun-catchers to take home. It's always lovely to have children we haven't met before join us. We hope to see them again. If you have any children in your extended family, friends or neighbours please do mention us. And if anyone asks what we do - it's usually a happy mix of a Bible story, some games, a craft of some sort and of course, a wee snack (just to keep energy levels up!).

Below are a few recent photos of Liam and Sabrina sporting Easter bunny ears, and our craft activity from 'Jesus appearing to Mary Magdalene'. Sabrina was great at finding the pictures for this story hidden around the room and Liam got full marks for his recall after the story!



**Gill Atkinson
Junior Church Team**



Anchor Boys

As the Easter holidays draw to a close we are into the final few weeks of the Anchor Boy session before we finish up for the summer. As Easter approached, the boys learned about the story of Easter and in particular where Easter eggs come from.

After a game of Easter-themed bingo, we also made our own Easter biscuits, complete with green icing, jammie dodgers for Jesus' tomb and mini eggs for the stone. Some of the biscuits even made it home before the boys had a chance to eat them all!

We now only have a handful of meetings left before we draw the Anchor Boy session to a close with a short prizegiving ceremony on our final night of 8th May.

This will be a key moment as most of our boys will be taking the step up to join Junior Section at the beginning of next session, meaning we will have plenty of room for new faces when we return in September. Before then, we'll also have our end-of-session day trip, which we hope to confirm details of very soon.

Craig McQueen
Officer-in-Charge



Junior Section

After a well-earned Easter break, the Junior Section is back and looking ahead to the final few weeks of the session.

Before Easter, we were delighted to host the District Figure Marching competition. It was a great event, with our boys performing well to take first place. This adds the District title to our earlier success at the Glasgow Battalion competition.



We are now putting the finishing touches to our Annual Inspection & Display, which will be held jointly with the Company Section. The display will take place in the large hall on Friday 15th May at 7.00pm. Friends and family are warmly invited to come along and enjoy what promises to be a great evening.

Following the display, we will round off the session with our Annual Trip. This year, the Junior Section will join the Anchor Boys for a day out at Almond Valley Heritage Centre. We last visited in 2023 and are really looking forward to returning to see the animals and enjoy all the park has to offer.

Gary McQueen



Company Section

Shortly before Easter, our Bugle Band competed at the BB Scottish Band Championships for the first time in many years. Playing alongside a variety of pipe bands and marching bands from across Scotland, it was a great experience for band members, with a strong performance resulting in us taking home two national novice shields, plus the Glasgow Battalion bugle band trophy.



All our efforts are now focused on preparations for our 118th Annual Inspection and Display which takes place in the large hall on Friday, 15th May beginning at 7.00pm, and everyone will be made most welcome. The evening will feature a number of items that reflect our programme of activities such as drill, bugle band, vaulting, games and fellowship, with the boys currently working on all of these along with the opening and closing ceremonies.

We will be welcoming Rev. Dez Johnston, President of The Boys' Brigade, as our Inspecting Officer, and the evening will also feature our prizegiving ceremony, with the boys competing for a number of individual and squad prizes reflecting the work of the Company over the course of the year. We are also looking forward to presenting one boy with his President's Badge and four boys with their King's Badges – the highest award in the Brigade – following two years of work to complete the various required elements.

Attention will then turn towards Summer Camp 2026, which takes place at Lagganlia Outdoor Centre near Aviemore from 7th - 10th August.

We expect to have 12 boys attending and we will be packing as much into the weekend as possible.

Craig McQueen
Captain

On Sunday 19th April, we had the pleasure of the Rt Rev Nick Bundock preaching at our Morning Worship. Our own minister, the Rev George Mackay, as Moderator of the Presbytery of Glasgow, has been sharing activities with Nick around Glasgow and as part of Glasgow Churches Together. Nick said it was the first time he had ever preached in a Church of Scotland church and it was an honour. It was for us too - Nick is Bishop of the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.



'Beautiful blooms in Amanda's garden and Jordanhill Park'





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



I like to say thanks for a lovely weekend.. (Vera Lynn)



The city of Dublin has seen some serious historical events,
not always pleasant.
But during this Easter weekend it was full of tourists, locals,
musical buskers and snippets of different languages.
Everyone seemed to be there to celebrate.

Where would be good for an evening meal?
Try the Church. There it was, a converted Church.
It had good food, live music and that energetic Irish Dancing.
I wanted to watch the entertainment after my meal.
There was one table near the stage,
occupied by a young woman on her own.
She didn't mind that I sat down at her table to have a drink.
She was from Switzerland.
We talked, listened and marvelled at the dancers' skill.
Show over.
No! I was not to pay for my drink. Her treat!

Next day, waiting in torrential rain for the Dublin Express back to the centre,
a bus arrived. Not the one I was supposed to get.
However, in the Irish brogue, the driver ask where I needed to go.
This bus goes there too, a longer journey, but same stop.
Euros in my hand to pay, but he said "Och, just get on".

The Hotel staff also showed similar kindness.
Kostia, from Ukraine, brought my evening meal.
Of course we chatted. His Mother had recently visited him.
I said I was sure she would be glad he was safe in Dublin.
As I left, he offered me the gift of a drink,
because he had been so happy that I had spoken with him.
So there I was, having a freebie hot chocolate.

Next morning trying to book an extra night, Danilla, from Argentina,
took my phone in hand and sorted it all out.
All this above and beyond her work....
customers are supposed to book using the dreaded on-line method.

Swiss, Irish, Ukrainian and Argentinian folks from these different parts
of our small Planet which is 'hanging in the Universe',
showed an 'Auld Scottish Wumman' kindness and generosity.

We are on this Planet for about three score years plus.
So go for it, and make it memorably kind and generous
like those super young people in Dublin.

Lovely weekend indeed!

Jen Brooks





Heart for Art



Our Spring Exhibition

Hot off the press!

We have just enjoyed another wonderful Heart for Art exhibition, showcasing the brilliant artwork produced by our participants.

Everyone was very appreciative of the effort put into the paintings and several prints were ordered. A lovely afternoon on a beautiful Spring day, enjoyed by all who attended.

A big thank you from all of us at Heart for Art for your continued support.

**Carol MacCallum
Volunteer**





Joint Events Calendar

Month	Social & Events	Growing Young	Friends of Naseby	Christian Aid
May 2026	Saturday 16 th (Novar) TBA Christian Aid Plant Sale	Saturday 23 rd TBA Pentecost Birthday BBQ		See Social & Events column
June 2026		Saturday 13 th Evening TBA Board Games Night		
July 2026	Saturday 25 th ? TBA Commonwealth Games Celebration		TBA Picnic in the Park	
Aug 2026	TBA Craft and Chatter Night			
Sept 2026	Friday 25 th (Novar) TBA McMillan Coffee Morning	TBA Harvest Lunch		
Oct 2026	TBA 7.00pm Family Quiz Night		Saturday 31 st 5.15pm Pumpkin Parade	

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Nov 2026	Saturday 14 th (Novar) 2 - 4.00pm Winter Bazaar			
Dec 2026	TBA 10am - 12noon Santa's Grotto TBA 6.30p - 7.30pm Community Carols			Early December Autumn Fayre
Jan 2027				
Feb 2027				
March 2027				Mid March Spring Fayre





Sunday Hospitality



May 2026

3 Rona Park
Emma Kinloch
Brenda Stewart
Gail Allbutt

24 Elizabeth Niven
Judith Johnston
Claire McLetchie
Kirsty McMillan

10 Christine Munro
Avril Sharp
Amanda Heather
Marie Turnbull

31 Ann Henderson
Elizabeth Dickie
William Moffat
Helena Woo
Carole MacGregor

17 Cheryl Osborne
Jill Syme
Andrea Thomson
Stuart Murdoch

Fellowship



Thursday Coffee & Chat



May 2026

7 Don Swanson
Sheila Christie
Janette McVicar

21 Gail Allbutt
Sheila MacDonald
Liz Anderson

14 Alma Thomlinson
Ann Henderson
Avril Sharp

28 Barbara McTavish
Carol McNicol
Lyndsay McGill

Come along, all are welcome!

Attendance at Church Door

3 May 2026

Team 11

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

(in charge Moffat & Rogerson)

10 & 17 May 2026

Team 1

Gail Allbutt
John Boyle
Linda Boyle
Don Swanson
Bill Thomson
Pat Thomson

(in charge Boyle & Boyle)

24 & 31 May 2026

Team 2

Liz Jack
Rona Park
Sheila McDonald
Barbara McTavish
Gordon Smith
June Smith

(in charge G Smith & Park)

welcome
to Broomhill

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



Flowers in Church



May 2026

3 Mairi Fraser

10 Pat Thomson

17 Marie Turnbull

24 Pauline MacKenzie

31 Liz Jack

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A lovely view of
Inverness Castle
taken on a glorious
day in March.
It's now a museum
and well worth a visit
if you're in the area!

Joyce Morton

Would contributors please ensure that material for our
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close of worship on Sunday 24th May 2026.
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