



GARDNER MEMORIAL CHURCH

Do Justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God

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THE LINK

FEB/MAR 2020

Some thoughts for the Link

Rather than a personal thought this month I thought that I would share some of the resources that I use in services to either remind you or keep you in touch ... Malcolm

The Master taught that one reason people are so unhappy is that they think there is nothing that they cannot change.
He especially enjoyed the story of the man who says to the shopkeeper,

“This transistor you sold me is excellent for quality of sound;
but I want it exchanged for one that has better programmes.’

“What is it you seek?” “Peace,” said the visitor.
“To those who seek to protect their ego true Peace only brings disturbance.”

And to a religious group that came to gawk at him and ask for
a blessing, he said with a roguish smile,
“May the peace of God disturb you always!”

I came across a double tribute to two men who contributed free of charge to Spanner Films.
I thought it was a great description of love in action...

Two men of outstanding wit, courage, brains and heart
Two men who refused to compromise or pander or kowtow
Two men who ran towards friends and strangers in trouble
Two men who knew right from wrong
Two men who fought against the tide to keep crucial ideas alive
Two men who radiated kindness
Two men who lit up every room they entered
Two men without whom the world is a darker, more dangerous place
Two men who never punched down
Two men who enhanced our films in a thousand small and large ways
Two men who never accepted a penny for weeks of work
Two men who lifted my heart and fortified my resolve each time we met
Two men I am honoured and blessed to have known and loved

When asked if he was never discouraged by the little fruit his efforts seemed to yield, the Master told the story of a snail that started to climb a cherry tree one cold, windy day in late spring.
The sparrows on a neighbouring tree had a good laugh at his expense.
Then one flew over and said,
“Hey, blockhead, don't you know there are no cherries on this tree?”
The little fellow did not stop as he replied, “Well, there will be when I get there.”

TEN THINGS GOD WON'T ASK YOU WHEN YOU DIE

God won't ask what kind of car you drove,
He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.

God won't ask the square footage of your house,
He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.

God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet,
He'll ask you how many people you helped clothe.

God won't ask which diet you were on,
He'll ask how many hungry people you helped to feed.

God won't ask what your highest salary was,
He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.

God won't ask what your job title was,
He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability

God won't ask how many friends you had on Facebook,
He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.

God won't ask in what neighbourhood you lived,
He'll ask how you treated your neighbours.

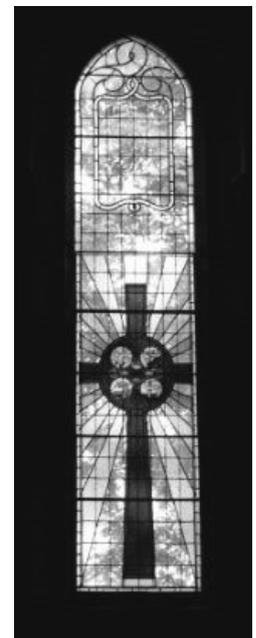
God won't ask about the colour of your skin,
He'll ask about the content of your character.

God won't ask why it took you so long to seek him,
He'll lovingly take you into his Kingdom, not leave you at the gates of Hell.

Submitted by Margaret Smart

Memories

Life can never stay
the same
No matter how we try
Our hands can never
stop
The clock of life from
ticking by
But love remains,
unchanging
In the care of sorrow-
ing hearts
For as the love of life
is stilled
The love of memory
starts



Deaths

James Scott
Gerty Stewart
Margaret Hutcheon
Norman Smith
Jim Hood
Lindsay Crowe

Our thoughts and prayers are
with family and friends at this
time



Mother Teresa of Calcutta visited Cambridge in 1975 to receive an honorary doctorate and deliver a lecture on poverty. The frail body of this Albanian Nun climbed the platform to rapturous applause.

When the clapping died down she said "In the West, one of the greatest problems is loneliness, people die alone. You have the greatest evidence of Poverty. Poverty of the Spirit. It can only be fed by the bread of heaven: Jesus Christ. In India our greatest problem is togetherness, diseases are easily spread but hardly anyone dies alone. We have the greatest evidence of Poverty. Physical Poverty. It can only be fed by the bread of heaven: Jesus Christ."

Out of a cloth satchel she took a loaf of bread, broke it in half, passed it on and said "Share it, and go and do likewise"

Wild Geese | Mary Oliver

You do not have to be good.
 You do not have to walk on your knees
 for a hundred miles through the desert repenting.
 You only have to let the soft animal of your body
 love what it loves.
 Tell me about despair, yours, and I will tell you
 mine.
 Meanwhile the world goes on.
 Meanwhile the sun and the clear pebbles of the rain
 are moving across the landscapes,
 over the prairies and the deep trees,
 the mountains and the rivers.
 Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the clean blue air,
 are heading home again.
 Whoever you are, no matter how lonely,
 the world offers itself to your imagination,
 calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting
 over and over announcing your place
 in the family of things.

Submitted by Dorothy Black



Karen and Ros were just two of the many winners in the Community Prizes drawn at Christmas in the City events held in our Hall



Dina and the Haggis at our well attended Burn's Lunch in the Church Hall.

FLOWER LIST

Date	Name	Arranger
FEB		
02.02.20	Mrs Ann Robertson	Mrs Margaret Christie
09.02.20	Mrs Mary Henderson	Mrs Chris McDonald
	Mrs Ann Martin	
16.02.20	Mrs Margaret Riddoch	Mrs Chris McDonald
23.02.20	Mrs Susan Guthrie	Mrs Jean Wigglesworth
MAR		
01.03.20	Mrs Morag Dale	Mrs M Jamieson
08.03.20	Ms Evelyn Clark	Mrs M Jamieson
15.03.20	Miss Doris Clark	Mrs M Jamieson
22.03.20	Mrs Lorna Watson	Mrs Jean Wigglesworth
29.03.20	Mrs Maureen Steel	Mrs Jean Wigglesworth
APR		
05.04.20	Mr & Mrs Lyndsey Cameron	Ms Evelyn Clark
12.04.20	Mr Alan Young	Ms Evelyn Clark

Please can all flowers be delivered or handed in by 10.30am on the Friday morning

This year's Link Magazines will be available for delivery on these dates.

Sunday(s)

5th April

5th July

4th October

6th December

"Flowers can't solve all problems, but they're a great start."



Doris's quiz night.

Doris is holding her annual quiz on Friday 20th March at 7.30pm.
Teams of 4 (or even 3) for £12.
As usual, she would appreciate offers of help to set out the hall on the afternoon of quiz and also donations of sandwiches, baking etc. Please contact Doris on 624320



“Coffee and Chat will commence on Thursday, 6th February @ 10am. Come along for a coffee or tea and some home baking. Everyone welcome and we extend an invitation for anyone who hasn't been before to come along and enjoy the friendly chat. Cost is £2.50 and all proceeds go into Church funds.”
The Coffee & Chat Team.



Souper Sunday is Sunday 16 February 2020 following Worship. Money raised to go to World Mission HIV fund

REGULAR EVENTS, ALL WELCOME. COME TRY SOMETHING NEW

Steel Pan Band practice Mondays in the session room at 2pm.

Gardner Craft Group meet in Newington Gardens big lounge Tuesdays 10 –12 noon..

Toddler Group meet in the Church Hall every 2nd Wednesday 10-11am £1 per family 12th/26th February, 11th/25th March.

Coffee & Chat meet in the Church Hall every Thursday 10-11am.

Community Singing Group meet every 2nd Thursday from 1-3pm in Newington Gardens, restarts 6th February.

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Brechin Churches Together AGM on Thursday 6th February at 10am in Brechin Baptist Church
- Holy Communion at Gardner on 23th Feb 2020 at 11am.
- Thinking Day is 1st March
- Our AGM is Sunday 29th March

Christmas in the City

Our Coffee morning / Soup lunches / afternoon tea and mincemeat pies & craft tables were well attended.

Congratulations to all the Community prize winners.

Huge thanks to the Gardner Craft Group who donated £270 to church funds.

Christmas Lunch / Burns Lunch

Well done Ladies for all your hard work at these successful events.



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