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The Link welcomes articles and letters, which can be sent by e-mail to **cafairholm@outlook.com** or by post (Claremont, Hartfell Cres. Moffat DG10 9AL). All communications should bear a name and, if possible, a telephone number. Anonymous contributions will not be accepted.

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May I ask you to ensure that any article submitted is either one you have written yourself or one that you have had permission to reprint.

I would like to thank all those who have contributed to this edition of the Link Magazine— Local businesses and of course our regular contributors. All the contributions make for an interesting and varied read.

We wish all readers a wonderful Spring and happy and peaceful Easter. The Summer edition of the Link is due out in July The Editor.



Collection of food items for local families.

May I remind you that this is still continuing and the school is always very grateful for all contributions which they ensure are delivered to those in our communities who need a helping hand.

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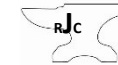
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2024

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Upper Annandale Parish Church

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<https://www.uapc.co.uk>



MINISTER

Rev. Elsie Macrae



Elsie.Macrae@churchofscotland.org.uk

OFFICE BEARERS

Session Clerk: Donald Walker

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Dear Friends, I cannot believe we are already journeying through Lent; I must admit although the weather is no warmer it is nicer to see lighter days. I am not minding too much the 7:45am walk I sometimes do, as it gets milder and lighter.

A lot has already happened and looking at the Churches bulletin there is a lot of exciting things lined up, things to indeed keep us amused and entertained- something to look forward to and get many of us out of our homes. But, as I was preparing to write this I was meditating with "UCB Word for Today", I was drawn to the title – 'SEARCHING FOR SIGNIFICANCE'?

The song by Dean martin comes to mind 'You're nobody till somebody loves you, cares. You may be a king... The world is still the same, you never change'. When you meditate on the words it surely is scary and brings deep concern. I would like to think that we all hope that we matter, no matter what, I mean we all want our lives to matter, to mean something. We all strive to ensure we are noticed one way or another. At times we find ourselves grabbing the latest fashion trend that the market place is pushing to us, we think if we use the latest product or jump on the latest craze we will matter and yet immediately we get on the latest wagon it seems to never last and soon it all becomes yesterday's news, yesterday's style- I guess the truth to the matter is we can never gain significance from the outside, for significance comes from within.

Isaiah 43:1-3a reads "Jacob, the Lord created you. Israel, he made you, and now he says, "Don't be afraid. I saved you. I named you. You are mine. **2** When you have troubles, I am with you. When you cross rivers, you will not be hurt. When you walk through fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not hurt you. **3** That's because I, the Lord, am your God."

How marvellous is such knowledge, the one that we can trust, the one that knows the worst of you and yet will never let you down, for God always believes the best of you even though no one else will. As we look on to the coming months let us meditate on what is meaningful to our lives but also be rest assured that each one of us matter to God, we are precious in his sight- to God we are significant.

Yours in Christ Elsie

Dates for the Diary

What's on at UAPC	Regular activities
Monday Pilates – 6-7pm	Fridays – Toddlers 10-11.30am
Tuesday – Slimming World 5-7pm	Saturdays - Men's Breakfast club 8.30-9.30am (last Saturday of Month)
Wednesday – Drop in Wednesday (Usually 1st & 3rd Wed) 10-11	Sundays- Teens on Sundays 6-8pm (once a month) check calendar for dates
Bible study classes 2.30-4.30pm	
Thursday Yoga- 6.30-7.45pm	
Starting soon	Saturdays – Zumba classes 10-11am-starting 16th March
Mondays – watercolour for wellbeing classes with Jan McBeth- starting 18th March	New activities are starting up regularly so keep checking the website and facebook pages for updates
Tuesdays – Exercise classes 11-12 with Lisa - starting 14th March	
Thursdays – exercise classes 11-12 with Lisa – starting 21st March .	

April 6th/7th	Craft Fayre
March 13th 6:30-8:30pm	Menopause Awareness Session
March 18th 1:00—3:30pm	6 week watercolour classes
June 8th	Glasgow Chamber Orchestra
June 9th	Moffat Mountain Rescue Charity Challenge
2025	
June 14th	Budapest Cafe Orchestra
New events are being booked in regularly, so please check the website www.uapc.co.uk and posters for full details	
Anyone wishing to book the hall or church for events please contact Alison 07715 574666	



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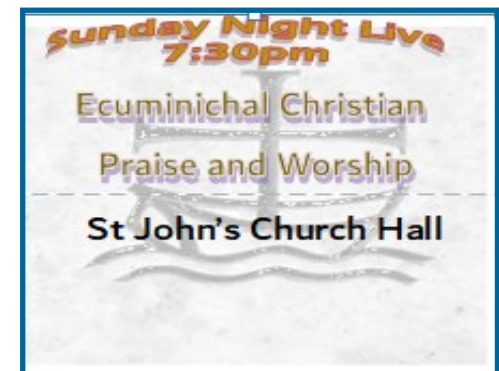
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Good News!

The Thursday Message

At the heart of the gospel message is spreading the "Good News" and mission to our congregation and parish. Bryan and Evelyn continue to deliver a Thursday Message by hand to folks because they have not got access to a computer and others get it by E mail.

If you are interested in being on either list please phone 01683 220475 or 07841073259.



Sunday Night Live 7:30pm

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 Praise and Worship

St John's Church Hall

Reading Joel 2:12-13

Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.

Reflection

“The camera never lies” is no longer true. Everything can be edited, smudged out, recoloured, enhanced. Mistakes can be rectified or turned into features until the finished composition

bears little resemblance to the original subject. So is the potential for us as the children of God today to be recreated

in the likeness of God. The cross of baptism on our foreheads renewed on Ash Wednesday a symbol of the potential of the transforming love and mercy of the Creator.

The repentance in our hearts a beginning on the road to change that starts with a single step. Returning to God whose editing is filled with compassion and love. Following Christ into the desert to discern anew our image and purpose as children of the living God at large in the world today. So let us as a newly formed people discern God’s purpose for us, let us be gracious in our conversations, slow to anger and abound in steadfast love.

Prayer

God we thank you, our creator, for your belief in us as individuals and as your church to be who you created us to be, your beloved children. You sustain us all through life

with your extravagant love and boundless compassion. As we journey through Lent and make decisions about the future may we create space to discern your presence and your action in our lives. As we remember your sacrifice, we resolve, with your help, to remain steadfast in faith, renewed in love. May your Spirit descend on us now transforming the ordinary into the amazing, transforming us and your Church into the marvellous creation you created us to be. Amen.

Death On a sadder note Jim Armstrong from Crossknowes (the Smiddy) Wamphray Moffat died on the 31st January 2024. Jim was married to Muriel Scott for 20 years. They enjoyed their holidays together and Jim enjoyed golf and gardening. He will be missed in the Community. Our thoughts are with Muriel at this difficult time.

NEW CHAIR ORDER

Since the order was placed and paid for 100 chairs in April 2023, the company involved, Rosehill Furniture, have failed to deliver the goods. The matter has now been in the hands of the Law department of the Church of Scotland for some time and below is a copy extract from their latest communication with the company.

“We require in writing within the next 14 days – on or before Friday 1 March – the date by which you promise to make delivery. This requires to come with an undertaking that should it not be met then a refund will be provided in full.

This promised delivery date should be by the end of April. If this is something you cannot manage then please just immediately cancel and refund our clients’ order.

Our clients have instructed us to set out these firm deadlines as a final opportunity to you. Should you fail to meet any of these deadlines then I am instructed to issue a notice of cancellation and to raise court proceedings for payment of the sums paid.”

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Town Hall 01683 221102	Food train. 01556 288427
Alcoholics Anonymous 03301 596 494	Women's Aid. 07710 152772
Childline 0800 1111	Health Visitors 01576 205531
School Nurses 07795 291296	

Painting of Jesus's entry into Jerusalem.



The painting is by local (Johnstonebridge) artist, Sheila Mullen, widely considered in artistic circles as one of the foremost women painters currently working in Scotland.

Contribution by Peter Newsome. Peter says:- I particularly like the set of the donkey's ears; it's doing its work as it's expected to, but it really isn't happy about the noise and movement around and about it.

Menopause Awareness Session – Ask the Expert – free drop in for tea and chat – Wednesday 13th March 6.30 – 8.30pm in the Church hall, also April 17th 6.30-8.30 with a creative theme.

Pilates with Kate – Mondays 6-7pm Main Church, please book, see posters around town or Facebook

Strength and Balance Class - Tues 12.30-1.15, Church hall, please book through Active.Communities@dumgal.gov.uk

Yoga with Jacqui le Broc – Church hall, Thursdays 6.30- 7.30pm, please book, see posters around town or Facebook

Zumba and Flexercise with Lisa – Main Church, various times please book, see Facebook

Helen Moores-poole

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AWARENESS
SESSIONS**

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NEXT SESSION

WEDNESDAY 13th March 6.30-8.30PM

**GUEST
SPEAKER**

**Sister Katrina Martin, NHS
Specialist Menopause Nurse**

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Drop into any of the sessions on Wednesday 6.30-8.30pm
March 13th, and April 17th 2024

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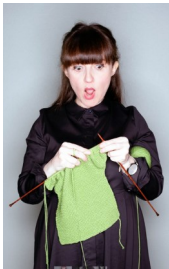
Get up, get moving this Spring... building a happier, healthier community

The lighter nights are coming and Spring is definitely in the air, the crocuses and daffodils are starting to appear and so what better time to shake off those winter hibernation habits...

The past few years have taken their toll on many of us, and it's fair to say that life, with everything that's going on in the world, is often still difficult. Getting active and getting moving has never been more important for all of us. Physical activity not only builds up our physical health and resilience and helps control our weight but also improves our mental health, promotes better sleep and builds social connections. As we age it gives us more years in better health and enables us to continue to be independent for longer. For those of us who are working it can help us manage stress and find new friendships during life's difficult times. So why don't we do more of it?

It's often said the hardest part is getting out the door, getting started, getting your trainers on... Upper Annandale Parish Church is pleased to host a wide variety of classes which are attended by many of our congregation but open to all, so you're sure to find a familiar face.

A new venture for us this year has been the Menopause Awareness Sessions, facilitated by Lesley Atkins of The Nourishing Space. These have been free drop-in sessions, a safe space to talk things through with topics so far including self-care and nutrition. At our next session, 13th March, we are thrilled to have Specialist Menopause Nurse, Katrina Martin coming along to answer any and all the questions you've ever wanted to know and more including the daft or embarrassing ones! In April we'll be talking about creativity so please, don't struggle alone and please do join us..



As part of our commitment to a healthy happier community, body and soul, and in support of the many working age women juggling it all, Elsie also organised a Ladies Comedy night with Jo Enright, a comedian who has appeared on Phoenix Nights and Live at the Apollo, who combines her Christian faith with brilliant and witty observational humour. On a cold dreich February night over 100 women from across D&G gathered together to laugh and share - it's fair to say we laughed til our smiles ached – laughter really can be the best medicine. Thank you Elsie, and all who helped to make this a really great night, it was truly appreciated.

We are all very blessed to live in a community where so many volunteer their time so that in addition there's lots going on in and around Moffat, Beattock and Johnstonebridge at the Proudfoot, Town Hall, Gym, Men's Shed and local village Halls from watercolour to walking, boxercise to craft. If you are able to access Facebook (you don't have to be a member to see what's on there) you'll find lots of ideas on the Moffat Community Support page or keep an eye on the newsagent's window! There's also info on the Upper Annandale Parish Church Facebook page or on the screens at the start of services too and some more ideas listed below, so let's get up and moving this Spring...



Upper Annandale Parish Church

Year ended 31 December 2023

The year to 31 December 2023 has been a momentous year for Upper Annandale Parish Church as it marked two historic events. Firstly this year saw the formation of Upper Annandale Parish Church through the union of Moffat St Andrew's Parish Church with the congregations of Kirkpatrick Juxta, Johnstonebridge and Wamphray Parish Churches to form the united parish of Upper Annandale Parish Church.

Secondly the year saw the completion of the major project to redevelop the building of St Andrew's Moffat to create a multi-purpose space for use in worship and for wider community purposes. This project has been successfully delivered by the main Contractors, Brick & Steel Construction Ltd under the supervision of Scott Wham Architects Ltd . on time and on budget, As previously reported the building element of the project cost £580,038+VAT an enormous sum funded by over £200,000 in grants, the legacy provided by the late David Campbell together with the donations and fund-raising efforts of Members and friends. Apart from the main building project the major items of relate to audio visual equipment which is being funded by grant of £12,000 and access to an unsecured interest -free loan where we have drawn-down £50,000 of the £100,000 offered.

In financial terms the draft Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 show an income for the parish of Upper Annandale donations increased to £6/dale combined for the latter four months of 2023 of £80,803 with expenditure of £80,803 giving a modest surplus of £2708 before adjustments. Our income from donations increased to £54,512 from £53,031 the previous year but income from property rental income decreased due to the Church buildings being closed for renovation.

At the year end we retain our investment in the property at Orlig in Moffat which continues to generate a reliable income of £6,600 per year and bank balances of £92661.

Since the rededication and reopening of the Church building in August 2023 we have seen the building starting to be used as we had hoped for Worship, and wider community use for example the Christmas Tree Festival, concerts-

for instance the Hungarian Café Orchestra, the Dumfries Male Voice Choir a Ladies Comedy Night etc with plans for many more in the coming year.

It is too soon to be able to quantify the financial impact of the renovations but we can face the future with confidence in being able to provide a splendid location for future Worship and facilities for the many and varied needs of the whole community.

We continue to rely on the generosity and support of our members and friends for all their efforts we give thanks as we go forward into 2024 in our renovated building and a combined parish of Upper Annandale

Anne Sanders Treasurer



ANNANDALE CHURCHES TOGETHER

LENT TALKS 2024

Our theme this year is:

" The Death and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ "

ALL THE TALKS WILL BE HELD AT ST JOHNS CHURCH, FROM 7pm - 8.30pm

DATE	HOST
Tuesday 20th February	Sunday Night Live
Tuesday 27th February	St Johns
Tuesday 5th March	St Lukes
Tuesday 12th March	Upper Annandale PC
Tuesday 19th March	Sunday Night Live

ANNANDALE CHURCHES TOGETHER

**PROGRAMME OF
EASTER EVENTS 2024**

DATE and TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday 24th March 6.30pm Palm Sunday	Upper Annandale Parish Church	Talk by Rev Alison McBrier Moderator of the Southwest Presbytery
Friday 29th March 8.50am Good Friday	"The Boat", next to Station Park bridge	Walk of Witness
Sunday 31st March 7am (BRITISH SUMMER TIME !) Easter Sunday	Station Park Pavilion	Open air Easter Morning Service



Christian Aid Week in 2024?

Christian Aid Week will take place from 12th to 18th of May.

It may seem a little early to be talking about Christian Aid week, but the planning is underway. Christian Aid week this year runs from 12th to 18th May and we will need the usual army of kind folk to deliver envelopes through every door in Moffat, Beattock, Wamphray and Johnstone Bridge. So, be prepared to be asked once again for your help delivering envelopes, and if you've never done that before, please let us know if you can help with this task, because it's good to spread the load.

Like last year, we will need locals to return their cash filled C.Aid envelopes to designated locations, these locations will be printed on the label attached to the red C.Aid envelope.

This year we expect to have more of a presence on the High Street during C.Aid week, and will be using hand held devices to make it easy and quick to donate electronically. This will help those of you that now find you don't carry loose change.

We hope that this year we can raise at least the same as last year, which in C.Aid week was £3075. Every year Christian Aid, as a global organisation, is doing more than the year before, sadly, the times we live in are creating greater and greater needs. War is a dreadful thing and the poor are usually the first casualty. Christian Aid stands side by side at the front line of need, in dreadful and often dangerous situations. It lets the poor know that someone cares - you!

Please do all you can to support Christian Aid as they get aid to where it's needed.

Fiona McLean

Moffat Christian Aid Chairperson



Teens on Sunday



Come join a safe space where you can wrestle with your thoughts and share your faith opinions in a safe and friendly environment.

2024 Dates: 7th April, 5th May, 2nd June, 8th Sept, 6th Oct, 3rd Nov, 1st Dec

UAPC Hall



Wednesday's Drop in Sessions

These continue to take place and we are delighted that there have been several new faces who have decided to join the happy band.

We remain convinced that the folks who attend enjoy a warm haven and the chat that takes place in a comfortable, bright, cheerful, supportive environment.

The scones are fresh and ringing the changes with the flavours makes for an interesting eat, although there is always the opportunity to go plain!

One spin off is that the Church is benefitting from the voluntary donations which people make for the tea and the coffee. We do not ask for these, but folks are generous and God is good.

We are keen for others to come along, all are welcome. For information on dates please look at the posters in the town the Church notice board and the church intimations.

We look forward to welcoming you when you Drop In!



All will start at 6pm

Come along and join in the singing and worship

Praise Service

March 3rd in Beattock Hall

June 2nd in Wamphray Hall

September 1st Johnstonebridge Community Centre

December 1st UAPC Hall



The move of Father Jim last year, from St Lukes here in Moffat to a new position in Ayrshire, was quite a blow for the ACTs community; as convener of the group his commitment to, and belief in the value of, the work of ACTs was a powerful factor in encouraging the churches in our area to work together in a spirit of ecumenism, particularly at key points in the Christian calendar.

Fr Jim's is a hard act to follow, and I can say this with some authority as it has fallen to me (by default, it must be stressed) to take on the convenership of ACTs in his place. What has struck me from the outset is just what a nice group of folk make up this community, and how willing everybody is to play a part in ensuring that the work of ACTs goes on.

Hopefully some readers will have enjoyed our Advent activities leading up to Christmas, and the Agape Supper late in January; and now our thoughts are focused on Lent and the approach to Easter.

We have taken as the theme for this year's series of Lent Talks, "The Death and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ"; these weekly evening talks have customarily been hosted by our friends at St Johns, with each evening being led by a different church or community. The evenings are very informal, and for some folk have been a 'gateway' into the ACTs community, should they feel drawn to this.

The programme of evenings has been displayed on the screen in church, and also in the entrance lobby of the church; by the time you read this, the February talks will already have happened, but for March the Tuesday evenings are, 5th (St Lukes), 12th (UAPC), and 19th (Sunday Night Live); all at St Johns, and all from 7 - 8.30pm.

As Easter itself draws near there are other events which have for years now been a part of Moffat life in the spring. On Sunday 24th, at 6.30pm, we have an ecumenical Palm Sunday service at UAPC, which we're hoping will be led by Rev Paul Singh, of St Johns, and which will include a reflection by Rev Alison McBrier, Moderator of the Southwest Presbytery; we had hoped to welcome her to our Agape Supper back in January, but the storms that evening prevented her from travelling. Hopefully the weather will be kinder at the end of March!

On Friday 29th, Good Friday, we have our annual "Walk of Witness", led by the Cross and visiting the various Moffat churches; this begins at "The Boat", next to the Station Park bridge, at 8.50am, and finishes with refreshments at St Johns church hall.

Finally, on Easter Sunday morning, the 31st, we gather for an open air service at the Station Park Pavilion at 7am; do remember, by the way, that this is the very night that the clocks change, so we gather for 7am British Summer Time ! This service will be led by Andy Shuttleworth, with Gillian Henson as ever providing the music on her keyboard; at the end of the service we repair to St Johns, for bacon rolls and a hot drink.

May I, on behalf of Annandale Churches Together, wish you all a blessed Easter season.

Peter Newsome.

Session Clerk Report

Every year I think it will be different but of course it never seems to change, with Christmas and Easter running into one another in what appears to be no time at all. This is of course, a sign of a busy church and it seems to be getting busier each year.

The final service was held in Kirkpatrick Juxta church on 31 December 2023 and the church was filled to capacity downstairs with some people also upstairs. Fitting tributes to the history and life of the church were given by Peter Newsome and Andy Shuttleworth with the service being led by Rev Elsie. This resulted in a very moving and poignant service which was complemented with a beautiful Baptism. KJ church will be sadly missed but we are pleased that UAPC is now benefiting from their regular attenders coming to Moffat and integrating into church life here. We in the Kirk session appreciate their help and input as our church goes forward.

A successful mandatory Safeguarding training course for Trustees (the new name for elders) was held on 31 January 2024 with most trustees attending.

Elders Retiring; Sir Neil McIntosh, James Buchanan and Margaret Buchanan have announced their retirement from eldership. We extend our sincere thanks and gratitude for their long and faithful service to our Lord and our church.

Installation of the Audio/Visual equipment is now almost complete with the projector and camera system in weekly use. This is proving to be very successful and useful and seems to give a different dimension to the services. Session is very grateful for the skills and dedication given by the volunteers who operate this technology.

The heating system has still got one or two issues with the timing controller, which was not helped by the two recent power cuts/surges. The net result of this is that the controller is going to be replaced with a new one which we hope will prove to be more reliable in future use. The system is much more efficient resulting in a better heat delivery and retention in both the hall and the church but with the doubling of energy costs in the last two years we continue to struggle with the cost of heating as a KWh of electricity costs 28p compared with a KWh of gas at 7p. This seems totally incongruous with the aim of becoming a low carbon usage institution and Country.

It is gratifying to report that the demand for using the hall and the church continues to increase with activities such as Drop-in, toddlers group, Pilates, yoga, Slimming class, exercise for the elderly, painting and craft groups. Reservations for the church include meetings for Concerts, Scottish tourism, Eagle Festival presentation, and bookings for dances and receptions.

As we proceed towards Easter with its special services we remember the core focus of our church as Lord Jesus Christ, by whose Grace we venture forth.

Happy Easter to everyone, Donald Walker

UAPC Teams

Session Clerk: Donald Walker & Helen Braid

	Worship	Pastoral & Fellowship
Team Leader		Hilda Saville
Vice		Laurie McVeigh
	Kate Durran	Linda McMinn
	Jane Paterson	Anne Colledge
	Arthur Milton	Peter Newsome
	Robert McVeigh	Margaret Richmond
	Jeff Brown	Ally Kirkwood
	Hilda Saville	Jeff Brown
	Ann Gordon	
	Peter Newsome	
	Andy Shuttleworth	
	Erin Bullard	
	Mission & Outreach	Finance
Team Leader	Jane Paterson	Ann Sanders
Vice	Fiona McLean	
	Chris Moore-Poole	Elizabeth-Jane Wilson
	Janice Welsh	Sheila Thomson ?
	Ann Gordon	Marion Little
	Mary Brown	Donald Walker
	Fiona Paton	Jackie Shuttleworth
	Helen Moore-Poole	
	Property/Fabric	Fund Raising
Team Leader	Fiona Paton	Ann Gordon
Vice	Andy Shuttleworth	Ally Kirkwood
	Hazel Macdonald	
	Graeme Paterson	
	Neil McIntosh	
	Peter Bower	
	David Richmond	
	Jim Paterson	
	Donald Walker	

UAPC Governance changes

With the changes to the parish boundaries and the consolidation of the churches, there has also been a change in how to ensure that our church operates effectively, efficiently, legally and in a manner appropriate to carrying out the work of God, it is important that we have suitable governance arrangements

As such there have been teams set up (page 23) that are able to operate with some autonomy to ensure there is reduced delay in carrying out activities/arrangements.

As you will see on the list there are quite a few holes in the list, would you consider filling one of those holes to strengthen a team? If so please contact the person down as Team Leader/Vice Leader, Donald Walker or Rev. Elsie.

MISSION AND OUTREACH TEAM

The Mission and Outreach team is made up of people from UAPC, our aim is to explore ways in which we can reach out to people of all ages within the parish of Beattock, Wamphray, Johnstonbridge and Moffat. In our last meeting we talked about starting a Youth Alpha for our young people, connecting with other Church groups, Sustainability and Praise and worship. The group is still very much in its infancy but with prayer and encouragement and enthusiasm we hope that we can spread the love of God in words, actions and deeds throughout our parish and beyond.

God Bless

Jane Paterson

PASTORAL CARE AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP OF U.A.P.C.

And Jesus concluded, "In your opinion, which one of these three acted like a neighbour towards the man attacked by robbers?" The teacher of the Law answered, "The one who was kind to him." Jesus replied, "You go, then, and do the same."

This group relies on receiving prompt, accurate information about members who have become ill, lost loved ones and also those about to celebrate significant birthdays and anniversaries. We are able to make contact, provide a listening ear, send cards, and give flowers and offer comfort and prayers. Please provide information to Rev. Elsie Macrae, Hilda Saville, Jeff Brown, Laurie McVeigh, Peter Newsome, Linda McMinn and Alison Kirkwood.

News from UAPC Wamphray :Spring is on its way. The days are lengthening in the morning and at night. Snowdrops have been beautiful this year and the Crocuses are beginning to peep through. In a week or two we will have the daffodils as well. The little lambs are in the fields as well. They are lovely to watch jumping around especially on a nice sunny day.

On the 22nd December 2023 we had a beautiful wedding in our church conducted by Rev Elsie McCrae. Laura Catherine Meney and Lewis Kenneth David Mundell. Lewis is the youngest son of David Mundell.

We held our Christmas Eve Service which was well attended with Arthur Milton conducting this lovely service.



Alpha Youth, starts 3rd March at UAPC

Our evenings start with food at 6pm.

If you're a teenager and want to explore questions about God, Jesus, Faith and the Bible, come and join our Youth Alpha group, it **starts on March 3rd at UAPC hall from 6pm to 8pm.** You'll always be welcome to join in.

What is Alpha Youth?

Alpha Youth is a series of sessions designed to start an open and honest conversation around some of the big questions of life.

Topics at Alpha Youth include: Who is Jesus, why did he die, how do I read the Bible, how do I pray, who is the Holy Spirit, and does God heal today?

Alpha Youth is a space for you to explore faith on your terms.

There's no pressure, no follow up, and no charge.

Enjoy some food and friendship while you explore these topics.

There are 3 parts to Alpha Youth:

Part 1 will run 2 nights per month from March till June.

Part 2 will run during a weekend away, over the summer.

Part 3 will run during September and October.

(Dates will be flexible to work around exam time)

Followed by a 20 minutes video of our topic for that session.

Ending with an open discussion and a chance to ask your questions.

Alpha Youth creates a space for young people to have meaningful conversations about life, faith & purpose.

Presbytery Report

Over the winter months the amount of business dealt with by presbytery has been significant, as would be expected for such a large presbytery and at such times as these. A great amount of work has been done and continues to be done regarding the former presbytery plans, now incorporated into the presbytery plan for the South West.

I think every meeting I have attended has involved reports and/or representations on the closure, linkage or union of churches, with representations made by ministers, elders or members of the congregation regarding their own respective set of circumstances. While Presbytery attempts to deal with all cases fairly and compassionately, there has been much heartache expressed by those speaking about what the loss of their places of worship over many years will mean to individuals, congregations and communities.

The Presbytery of the South West has determined that it will be a 'mission focussed' presbytery and, to that end, the Missionary Convener, the Rev Gavin Niven has been very active in presenting ways that churches can develop and promote mission locally. During the Presbytery meeting of 5th December, he drew attention to a key part of mission for the church- the creation of new worshipping communities.

The Church of Scotland has set up the £25 million Seeds for Growth Fund which supports projects aimed at church growth, reaching out to people who do not belong to an existing church, with particular emphasis on church planting.

Over a seven-year period, Seeds for Growth will award grants to support:

- The planting of new worshipping communities
- Work focused on the development of new forms and fresh expressions of church life
- Creative engagement with all sectors of society, in particular with those aged 40 and under, in every case promoting the advancement of religion and the overarching purpose of the numerical and spiritual growth of the Church
- Community transformation motivated by Christian service.

Over the initial three years (2023–2026), the fund will prioritise the support of:

- The planting of new worshipping communities
- Work with people aged 40 and under.

Gavin described the first two phases of creating worshipping communities, namely the identification of 'pioneer initiatives' and thereafter the process of training ministry teams as part of the development of learning communities. Further information on this topic is available from presbytery.



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My personal information may be used to send me news and other activities relating to the redevelopment project

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BANK TRANSFER
Bank: Bank of Scotland plc
Sort Code: 80-09-11
Account Number: 00859063
BIC: BOFSGB21094
IBAN: GB37 BOFS 8009 1100 8590 63
REF: CHAIR

CASH OR CHEQUE
Cheques should be made payable to: St Andrew's Church Moffat Redevelopment Fund. Cash and cheque payments can be handed in to Anne Sanders, Treasurer St Andrew's Moffat, Greystones, Hartfell Crescent, Moffat, DG10 9AL.



Phase 2 of the project, commencing now, will involve the purchase of floor coverings, chairs and audio-visual equipment, to further enhance the usability and inclusivity of the space. Unfortunately, there is a shortfall of approximately £80,000 to allow Phase 2 to go ahead and complete the overall project.

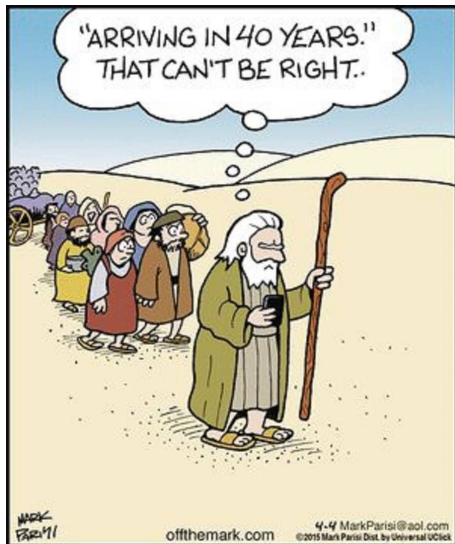
In order to help raise the outstanding funds, we are asking individuals and businesses to take part in a “Sponsor A Chair” initiative. Each new chair will cost £145, however we are asking for a donation of £125, and you can select to donate towards the cost of one or more chairs. Individuals that are UK taxpayers are asked to kindly consent to GiftAid if possible, as it will allow tax to be claimed back from the government at no extra cost to you. Businesses registered with Companies House should note that there is tax relief available for qualifying charitable donations.



Donations to the “Sponsor A Chair” initiative can be made by completing the online application and payment available at <https://www.standrewsmoffat.org/post/sponsor-a-chair> or by filling out the form on the opposite page and returning it to Anne Sanders, or to Elsie or one of the Elders at the end of Sunday Services.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Church Place, Moffat DG10 9ES, Scotland, UK
 Web: www.standrewsmoffat.org/redevelopment-project Mail: standrewsmoffat@gmail.com
 Charity no.: SC012236

A significant item of business has been consideration of the Faith Overture for Presbyteries, proposed by the Theological Forum of the Church of Scotland and the proposals for change currently being debated by presbyteries.

The proposal centres around the Westminster Confession of Faith which is given special place in the Church of Scotland. The proposal is that its place should be taken by a book of five statements of faith (one of which will continue to be the Westminster Confession).

This was brought to the November Kirk Session Meeting at U.A.P.C. where, after a brief discussion and vote, I was advised to vote in favour of the overture. The item was made the ‘order of the day’ at the Presbytery meeting on 5th December and, after debate a vote was taken at which 54% of those attending voted in favour of the motion proposing the overture and 46% voted against. This process is being repeated in presbyteries around Scotland and the results will be collated at this year’s General Assembly. If the overall vote is in favour of the overture, the process will be repeated (i.e. we will discuss and vote on this proposed change again later this year for presentation at the next General Assembly); if the vote is against the overture at this year’s Assembly, the overture fails and will not be reconsidered.

It is quite a complex subject so the Theological Forum have produced a useful video which is available on YouTube. It features Rev Dr Alasdair MacLeod and the link is: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7_YkZfCWLuU

I am conscious of the amount of business going on at presbytery and the limits what can be shared in this report. To that end I have contacted the Presbytery Clerk’s office to enquire if there is a means of people gaining access to papers etc. At the moment the Presbytery has a Facebook page a website is under construction. When this is completed it is intended that documents will be available for all to peruse. In the meantime, should you have any queries regarding Presbytery, please do not hesitate to contact me at andyshuttleworth@live.co.uk

Andy Shuttleworth

Presbytery Convener U.A.P.C.



WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?

A couple of Sundays ago I was collared by Elsie just as I was leaving the church. She wanted me to meet a gentleman, Billy, who had visited UAPC and was trying to find out a bit more about his grandparents who had lived and worked in the area. He had a copy of the details from when they were married at Kirkpatrick Juxta Church in 1904 and that they had lived in the 'Station House' in Beattock. I was able to show him the house and take him into the church. Sadly he has no pictures of either his grandmother or grandfather and has no idea what his grandmother looked like as she died when he was very young. But as he stood in front of the chancel where his grandparents would have proclaimed their vows, he was visibly moved. "This is a real 'Who do you think you are?' moment," he said.

He was, of course, referring to the popular TV programme where, in each episode, a celebrity investigates their family tree and discovers sometimes amazing things about their heritage. It is certainly a very enjoyable and often informative programme and has perhaps contributed to the current rise in enthusiasm for people digging into their past and uncovering their own family trees. But, as an old cynic, I am reminded of the dangers of following only those branches of the tree which appeal to us. After all, while we all have one biological mother and father we have two sets of grandparents, four sets of great grandparents and eight sets of great-great grandparents. I suspect it is always tempting to quote our heritage as being from the line that gives us the best tartan or the link to some great artist, rather than the one which shows us to be a descendent of a sheep stealer or embezzler.

My own daughter (bless her) discovered that, through an ancient Irish ancestor on her mother's side of the family, she was in fact a distant (a very distant) relative of the late Queen Elizabeth II. This was a fact she delighted in reminding me of on a fairly regular basis, pointing out that I had no royal blood at all. Sadly, this treasured relationship proved fruitless and resulted in her being, to use her own words, "Pure ragin'!" when she didn't receive an invite to either Prince William or Prince Harry's weddings.

Who we are, where we came from, what we used to do is generally important to us- it helps us to define who we are in the here and now. For some people it is more important than for others and some can find it challenging when they have to let go of their past, especially when that includes the trappings of power and achievement.

In Genesis chapter 12, when God spoke to Abram about the plans He had laid out for him, there was no reference to Abram's past or his heritage; when Jesus spoke to the Samaritan woman at the well He stunned her with His knowledge of her past, but it was the here and now and what was to come that he emphasised. What she had been didn't matter- it was what he promised her was to come that changed her life. Again, when He met Zaccheus, despite the reaction of many in the crowd, Jesus seemed to take little interest in the person Zaccheus had been. For Him, it was the potential and the future of this wee man that was important.

Millenium and Long Service awards

Hilda Saville and Marleen Mailley both received the Millenium award which is presented to anyone in the community for the committed work they do.

We also had a presentation to those with 30+ years of service as elders, certificates signed by the Moderator of the General assembly Sally Foster-Fulton.

Besides those on the photos Blair and Margaret Blacklock and Margaret Buchanan were also recipients.

There was over 30 years of service from teach of the 11 elders.

Also Adam Anderson received a special award for all the work he has done while a treasurer at St Andrews, for all the successful grant applications and pushing the refurbishment project forward.





The Masons at Upper Annandale Parish Church

Faith, Hope and Charity

As was mentioned at the service 16th December, 2023 by the Grand Superintendent of the Province Royal Arch Chapter of Dumfriesshire, the fundamental principles of masonry are Faith, Hope and Charity.

The Faith between Mason and the sovereign God on doing His will, also the faith that is being built with UAPC as we continue working together and actively participating in the life and work of the church.

The Hope of mason working in collaboration with the different communities in Dumfriesshire and Galloway.

Charity We are now into 2024 and several events are in the early stages of preparation, but first let us look back at 2023 when a total of £3,950 was donated. This was made up of £1,900 from the Abseil in October towards C.H.A.S., £750 from the ceilidh in November again towards C.H.A.S., £700 for an all-surface disabled bike to a youngster in Canonbie, £500 to Annandale and Eskdale youths trip Taiwan to do voluntary work and £100 to assist a young lady to attend a seminar in Ireland.

Now on to 2024, on 11th July, Elsie along with Bill Wells, Colin Johnstone, Grand Superintendent of the Royal Arch and Danny McMeeken, District Grand Prior of the Knights Templar are doing a sponsored Zip Wire over Penrhyn Quarry in North Wales, The World's Fastest Zipline (125 mph), all are paying their own expenses. This is to raise money for a defibrillator at Upper Annandale Parish Church and any excess money going to children's charities in Dumfriesshire and Galloway.

On 25th August, 2024 the District Grand Priory of Dumfriesshire and Galloway of the Knights Templar will be holding their annual Divine Service in Upper Annandale Parish Church at 3pm. Last year the members of the congregation who attended were suitably impressed. Make a note in your diaries for this year.

Again on 15th December we shall be again participating in the morning service.

At this moment this is all that has been organised, but watch this space.

Bill Wells

And when Jesus meets with us, He cares about us and our lives, those things which trouble us, those things we fear or which cause us pain, those things we regret. But He has no interest in our family trees, how important or unimportant we are or have been. Who we used to be is of no consequence to Him. Jesus' focus is very much on who we are and who we can be. The gift He offers is a brand new life, a life that starts anew every day, a life made new through His Grace to live the way He calls us, a new life following Him and being His hands and feet on earth.

Similarly, as I said to Billy, while we are all very proud of our four respective churches and their histories, which have come together through our union, none of that really matters. I'm not saying we should ignore or forget our past but what matters, what really matters, is what we as U.A.P.C. do from today onwards. How do we move forward proclaiming the Love of God and being his hands and feet in our communities?

Who do we think we are? Just a collection of folk who turn up on a Sunday morning because that's what we've always done? Or people who have been touched by the Holy Spirit and are ready to play our part in doing God's work, caring for His people, making His Kingdom come, here in Upper Annandale.

Andy Shuttleworth



The Men's Breakfast is in the church hall on the last Saturday morning of the month January to May and September to November. There is no formal speaker, we just enjoy each other's company, and sometimes we put the world to right, over a bacon roll or two and a cup of Coffee or Tea. We meet at 8.30am and are often finished by about 9.30am leaving the rest of Saturday free

to do other things.

There are about 10 of us at the moment and any new Breakfasters are always welcome. If you want to come along and enjoy the company just give Jeff Brown or Jim Paterson a call before the preceding Friday. We are always thankful to Jeff who does the careful catering in the kitchen beforehand.

Jim Paterson

Rosemount, Well Road, Moffat DG10 9BT (01683220299)

Fundraising Committee

By the time you read this, many of you will have enjoyed our recent concerts. Despite a miserable Saturday evening we had a great turn out for Dumfries Male Voice Choir who entertained with a variety of musical pieces including songs from Les Miserables. Later in February we welcomed Ian and Tim with a celebration of Simon and Garfunkel – another great night enjoyed by all. Bruce Davies the Fife singer and acoustic guitarist made his way to Moffat at the beginning of March for an afternoon of inspirational song. Many thanks to all who supported these events.

Keeping on the musical theme our next concert will be on Saturday 11 May at 7.30pm when the Glasgow Madrigals will be visiting Moffat. The group of 30 or so sing a Capello. Entry to the concert is free but donations will be welcomed.

On Saturday 8 June at 7.30pm we will be joined by small ensembles from the Glasgow Chamber Orchestra including Upper Annandale's own Hazel MacDonald. The ensembles will perform a wide range of musical genres and instruments will include string quartets, wind groups and mixed ensembles. From pop to romantic and everything in between, come along and enjoy some light entertainment.

If you'd like to hear Glasgow Chamber Orchestra in action, come along to hear us play in our next concert on Sat 9th March in Sherbrooke Mossspark Church with a lovely programme of Bizet, Mozart and Copland.

Easter Craft Fayre

Saturday 6 April, 10am – 4pm

We will be having a craft fayre in the church on 6th April. A variety of local crafters will have stalls and entry to the event is free. Tea, coffee and home baking will be available for £3.

If you would like to have stall, at a cost of £10, please contact Alison on 07715574666 by 28th March.

Moffat and District Community Council

Moffat's community has a new opportunity to influence the shape, size and look of Moffat's Town and surroundings for many years to come. A new Government instrument, to be recognised and referred to by Local Authorities has recently been created, it's called a 'Place Plan'.

Local communities in Scotland, like our in Moffat, can now develop their own 'Plan' for the next few years. Developing a 'Plan' is now 'in hand' here in Moffat. It's not going to be a detailed listing specific projects, nor is it going to detail how or when they will happen, rather it's going to be more of a description of a general 'direction of travel' for our Community and Town environment.

Sincere thanks to all who kindly provide flowers for the church.

We now have a chart on the board, in the church lobby where you can choose a date on which you would prefer to provide flowers (or make a donation, if you prefer). Just enter your name against that date and tick your preference. Someone from the Pastoral Care and Fellowship Group will contact you in the week prior to the date, as a reminder.

Any queries, just give me a ring on 221827

Thank you, Hilda Saville

UAPC Wamphray HUB

The WAMPHRAY Hub is still meeting on a Monday morning between 10am and noon. It is being well supported. Laughter and Chat is always the aim. Dominoes, cards on offer. Everyone is welcome so come along and enjoy the camaraderie at the hall in WAMPHRAY.

WAMPHRAY Carpet Bowling is held every Thursday 7.30pm in WAMPHRAY Hall. At present we have around 28 members. New members always welcome. October-March.

SWI We meet monthly, 2nd Tuesday of the month in WAMPHRAY Hall. New members always welcome. At present we have over 20 members. If you feel you want to learn new skills come along from September – May.

KNIT and NATTER

September – May held once a fortnight in the Wamphray village hall 7pm-9pm. Come along and join us if you feel it's for you. We have around 20 people at present.

Whist Drive held in January raised £95.00

Whist Drive held in February raised £100.00

Everyone present had a good time!



CHURCH FLOWERS - MARCH TO JULY 2024

UAPC—Moffat

3rd March	Margaret Richmond	2nd June	
10th March	Sandra Taylor	9th June	
17th March	Elizabeth Brown	16th June	
24th March	Marion Little	23rd Jun	Fay Salmon
31st March	Wendy Simpson	30th June	
7th April	Mary Brown	7th July	
14th April	Hilda Saville	14th July	
21st April	Myrtle Little	21st July	
28th April	Elsie Macrae	28th July	Isobel Craig
5th May			
12th May	Anne Johnston		
19th May	Alison Murray		
26th May	Pat Yeamans		



UAPC—Wamphray

March 3rd	Sandra Laidlaw	June 2nd	Sheila Thomson
March 10th	Gayle Lamont	June 9th	Mandy Melbourne
March 17th	Linda McMinn	June 16th	Eliz-Jane Wilson
March 24th	Fiona Richardson	June 23rd	Ann Braid
March 31st	EASTER		
April 7th	Kirsty Scott	July 7th	Helen Harrison
April 14th	Lynn Scott	July 14th	Rosemary Cowan
April 21st	Margaret Shearer	July 21st	Karen Currie
April 28th	Lorna Sloan	July 28th	Denise Dempster
May 5th	Mary Starkey	Easter Sunday Service will be held at 10am all welcome. Flowers in vases would be appreciated!	
May 12th	Flora Stewart		
May 19th	Laura Thomson		
May 26th	Lynne Thomson		

Here in Moffat, the Community Council has taken on the task of creating our very own 'Plan'.

This is being based on previous extensive consultations in the Community, which created an Access Plan, and a Community Action Plan. Although these were widely consulted on, these Plans did not carry the 'official' recognition of a 'Place Plan', which has a new and specific role in Local Authority planning processes.

Based on these extensively discussed starting points, there have already been numerous meetings with local groups involved during early 2024 to build up a picture of aspirations that is as inclusive as possible of everyone's views and desires for our future. The draft plan that's been created so far, talks of Moffat retaining its essential character, remaining a destination point for Visitors and Tourists, protecting both the local architecture and the beautiful scenery that surrounds us. It talks of an ecologically sensitive community, minimising waste and optimising the countryside for agriculture and recreation.

This Place Plan will continue to evolve over Spring and Summer 2024, with all of Moffat's Community groups invited to contribute to its development, and then when we have a 'final' draft it will then be published for full public consultation in our community, probably in early autumn of this year.

We may not be able to achieve 100% agreement on every single issue the Place Plan refers to, Community don't work that way, but so far there has been near total unanimity on the draft as it has evolved.

When we are as happy as we can be that the Place Plan describes what the Community 'wants' over the next 5 years and beyond, the Place Plan will be officially lodged with Dumfries and Galloway Council, who are then required to reference it prior to any planning developments that could impact on the Plan. It will also be a support for grant funding for all those organisations whose aims coincide with the Place Plan.

This is the very first time we have tried to create a 'Place Plan', and the Community Council has involved representatives from Holyrood and Dumfries and Galloway Council to make sure we are presenting them with what they need and can recognise. Many other local communities in Dumfries and Galloway are also developing their own 'Plans'.

If you are part of, or represent a Community organisation, and would like to see the Plan as it evolves, or would like to contribute to its development, you will be very welcome!

To obtain further details, contact Moffat and District Community Council at secretary.mdcc@gmail.com .

We look forward to hearing, and I hope, including your views.



Dear friends,

Greetings from the Kitega Centre, we are excited to share with you the incredible impact your support has had in 2023.

This being our 25th anniversary we are amazed how far we have come from a few children with disabilities gathering together under a tree to what we have today

Your partnership and generosity have paved the way for numerous achievements and empowered community members to live sustainably. We are thrilled to share some key highlights of this impact:

Support for Children with Disabilities: Thanks to your support, over 40 children with disabilities have received special support resulting in increased independence and improved social skills. Three of these children have even started running their own small businesses, showcasing their potential and applicability of the lessons learned at the Centre. We are also preparing to graduate atleast three more children to follow the same path in 2024.

Education for Vulnerable Children: Your support has made it possible for more than 300 vulnerable children to access education. Through scholastic materials and project porridge incentives, these children not only have access to education but also experience the joy of learning and achieve academic success. Project Porridge has improved overall health and concentration of the pupils as they attend school.

Community Empowerment: We have empowered and equipped over 300 community members with sustainable living skills through VICOBA Plus. There has been a general improvement in livelihoods for instance in 60 homes that we managed to visit, family incomes have increased by 5%, enhancing the economic well-being of individuals and households. Furthermore, more than 40 new businesses have been established, and have survived for more than six months fostering local economic growth and promoting entrepreneurship.

VICOBA plus is an engine for personal transformation that inspires individuals to utilise available resources for better. It empowers those who feel stuck with a mindset of "I can" and cultivates community that believes "Yes we can".

Replication of Training: The success of the VICOBA Plus training programs provided by the Kitega Community Centre has sparked interest from other communities in the region - Rwanda, DRC, Burundi, Tanzania, and Kenya. The model is an effective tool for personal and community transformation; working with different regional leaders with the support of African Road Inc we have replicated the model to help communities address their own community needs.

We have been able to provide training and mentorship to over 300 individuals across the region who are actively implementing the model in their own context.

Our work has gone beyond Kitega and Uganda and has also created a ripple effect of positive change across the East African Region.


Legal Aid : Through the legal Aid project, the Kitega Centre has been able to provide legal aid to community members, assisting them in navigating the legal system. Over 50 individuals have received legal advice, enabling them to protect their rights effectively. We are proud to share that five cases have received positive rulings, ensuring access to justice for community members.

Katungulu Community Hospital: The construction of the community hospital has generated excitement and anticipation within the community. This special healthcare facility, made possible by your support, will soon open its doors, providing essential healthcare services to community members. The establishment of this hospital will significantly improve overall health outcomes and well-being.

These highlights represent just a fraction of the incredible impact of the Kitega Centre.

A testimony of transformed lives, empowered individuals, and fostered sustainable development.

We are immensely grateful for your continued support, and we invite you to celebrate these achievements with us.



Dumfries Blood Bike Donation:

Coffee and Tea after the service at UAPC Wamphray on a Sunday raised £100.00 for the Dumfries Blood Bikes. It was nice that Jonathan Coupland could come and accept the cheque. Jonathon was a local and his mum is still resident in Wamphray at Roughlake.



Experience is the best teacher .
Everyone gets individual instruction. (Anon)