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Ralph Green enjoying his return to fishing

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Our Minister's Letter

Dear Friends,

I would like to introduce you to my friend and colleague, Mandy Hickman Ralph. Mandy, like me, was an Ordained Local Minister, which means she voluntarily worked 10 hours a week for the church, as a qualified, part-time minister. Mandy, like me, then felt called to full-time ministry. Mandy and I journeyed together through our 15-month probationary period and she is now a parish minister in Ayr. Mandy is black. I woke up today to this Facebook post from her on the 'Ministers' Discussion Forum':

"This morning I wake up and I feel that 'I can't breathe' after enduring weeks of escalating racism. Racism is nasty, it's chronic and it eats away at people's self esteem, their wellbeing, their health and their confidence. Whether badged up as a joke, as satire, a throw away comment - it's still racist.

When you sigh and mutter 'what next' about statues, programmes, songs - think about the hurt and pain that causes others.

When you sit back and say nothing when another is being racially abused or take the tack, this is nothing to do with me, well it is and your silence is deafening.

When you take the superior attitude you know better, you belittle your fellow black person.

Over the past few weeks I've dealt with the levels of racism I thought we'd left behind in the 70s. Offensive posts, Enoch Powell posts, golliwog posts, being told I am racist because I don't understand the white view of racism. All from church members. Today finally I find myself questioning if there is a place for me in the Church of Scotland, which so far has said nothing as a national church about racism in Scotland. While I consider the way forward can I ask you to be mindful of your fellow black ministers who may in the background be dealing with this upsurge of racism too. Thank you."

I cannot describe how much reading this made my heart ache. No one deserves this. The fact that she has been subjected to the evil of racism by church members makes it more appalling and I would ask you all to join me, and over 50 (at the last count) ministers who have replied with their support, in praying for Mandy and her ministry.

The phrase 'Black Lives Matter' is not about saying that people with dark skin are more important, or valuable, than those with lighter tones. Instead, 'Black Lives Matter' is a call for us all to recognise that many people, both in the past and now, have found the complete opposite to be true.

How should we respond to this?

1. We should recognise that we all tend to pre-judge others based on their appearance, background, accent, or some other, unimportant, detail. Such thoughts are normal but should not be allowed to influence our behaviour. Ask yourself, 'How often has my first impression of someone been completely wrong?'
2. We should guard our language. If a comment I make causes offence, I apologise. I do not seek to question why it caused offence, it has, so I apologise.

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3. We should recognise that, while it is not our fault, we live in a society whose wealth has been built on the oppression of others. There are countries throughout the world whose residents are impoverished by the legacy of colonialism, which used **their** wealth and **their** people to build the wealth and infrastructure of **our** country. Justice and morality suggest we should aim to redress these wrongs, whether that be through our own actions (Fairtrade shopping, campaigning, etc.) or through the judicious use of our votes.
4. We must speak out! Silence is not a principled response. It is only by speaking out against racism that we can hope to influence this behaviour.
5. Remember that God created all people in His Own Image! Our minds are incapable of comprehending the full reality of God but, in His Love, He created us in His Image. As soon as we look down on anyone else, we look down on the Image of God! We dishonour Him!

Finally, I do not pretend to be blameless or have all the answers, but I do believe that God weeps at this evil. As Christians, we are called to demonstrate the love of Christ – a love that never turns its back on those in need!

Many blessings,

Carl

To explore this issue further, I recommend going to the Gordon Presbytery Website or Facebook page, and following the links to 'Pastoral Conversations', where there is a series of discussions on racism.

Heavenly Father,

We know that, along with us, You weep at racism. We ask You to help us to work towards ending this evil.

Help us guard our own feelings, banishing prejudice from our hearts.

Help us guard our tongues, ensuring that our words do not cause offence.

Help us override our pride and apologise when we hurt another.

Guide us to take decisions that help redress racial injustice, both present and past.

When we hear racism, help us to confront it.

In all ways, Lord, help us to be dissatisfied with being merely non-racist. Enable us to be anti-racist, lovers and friends to all who are made in Your Image, help us to be workers for the promotion of Your love.

In Jesus' name,

Amen



The Editors of The Saltire are most grateful to Caitlin, Anne and David Irvine (Carl's youngsters) for delivering the July magazines to our members throughout Inverurie. We have been aware that many folk in our congregation are not comfortable with digital matters and have therefore missed out on the April, May and June editions of the church magazine. Hopefully everyone will be able to read the latest issue. If you have not received your magazine, please contact Linsey at the Church Office.



Add Glamour to your kitchen! During lockdown, some folk have been very busy doing all sorts of inventive crafts and our fellow elder, Mo Vernal, is one of them! After the 175th anniversary of St Andrew's Church, we had some tea towels left over, and Mo came up with a brainwave as to how these could be re-invented - and make money for the kirk!



Being an accomplished needlewoman, over the past few weeks, Mo has transformed tea towels into lovely blue and white aprons with broderie anglaise round the edges and all wrapped individually in a clear plastic cover. If you would like to buy one (or two or three!) please contact **Mo on 01467 628778**. The cost is very reasonable - **only £5.00** - and, not only will you have a super apron for yourself or for a gift, but you will help our church. Thanking you in advance!

Local is back! Odd things have been happening to the world in these past weeks of lockdown. It's got bigger. Worshippers from Canada, Australia, the USA and South Africa are taking part in online church services. Churches throughout the UK are telling the same stories, with increasing numbers of people logging on.

It's got smaller. Even with the relaxation of regulations, many people are still working from home, home-schooling and mostly exercising within walking or cycling distance from where they live. It's got faster. Arrangements for funerals were speeded up, with registration and funeral planning carried out over the phone. A doctor's appointment by telephone significantly cut down waiting time.

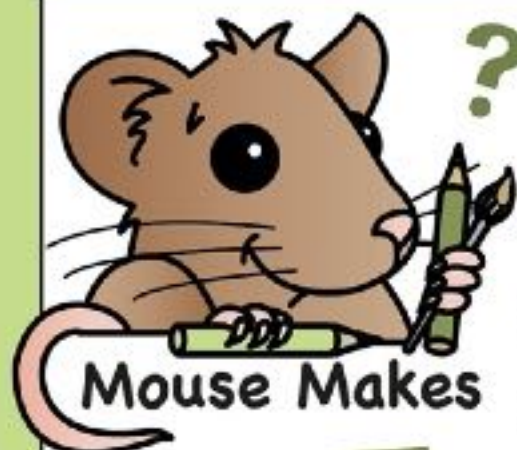
It's got slower. Shopping takes longer with queues that people would have complained about before the lockdown. The shops have done a great job to keep the shelves stocked and maintain social distancing. What will the long-term impact of the Covid-19 lockdown be? One of the key outcomes is that local is back, and perhaps this will for the time being be a permanently happy outcome.

For decades, there has been great emphasis on globalization, and how the world is a much more connected place. It is, and the internet has kept many vital businesses running these past weeks. But people have also come to value what's on their doorstep and in their local streets.

Neighbours have become more important. Local shops, pubs and restaurants, parks and open spaces are being valued and appreciated, as well as the people working hard to keep local services going. Christianity is now a major global religion, with billions of followers around the world. But it began local. It began with Jesus Christ, travelling by foot, preaching and healing around a small area of the Middle East. From its local roots, the faith spread around the world.

Today, churches around the world are deeply rooted in their local communities and are seeking to follow Christ's example of love and caring. Each of us is rooted into our family, into our key relationships and into where we live. During this pandemic, each of these has grown in importance.

Extracted from Parish Pump



FIND THE MISSING HUSBANDS

Match the wife
to their husband

MARY	BOAZ
SARAH	JACOB
RUTH	ZECHARIAH
REBEKAH	JOSEPH
RACHEL	ABRAHAM
ELIZABETH	ISAAC



WHO AM I?

The last letter of one name is the first letter of the next name.

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- Wrote 13 New Testament letters
- He wrote the third Gospel

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- Mother of John
(Luke 1:3)
- Sarah's servant
(Genesis 16:21)

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- Joseph's mother (Genesis 29:35)
- His wife turned to salt (Genesis 11:31)

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- Paul's friend
(2 Corinthians 8:27)
- A brother of Jesus
(Matthew 13:55)

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- Ruth's mother-in-law. (*Ruth* 3:1)

IT'S A PUZZLE!

God sent 9 plagues
on Egypt...

What were they?

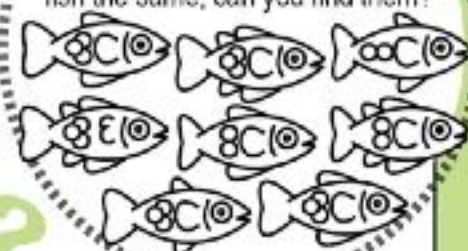
Change each letter to the one after it in the alphabet to find out.

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EQNFR
FMZSR
EKHDR
CHRDZRD
OKZFTD
GZHK
KNBTRSR
CZQJMDRR

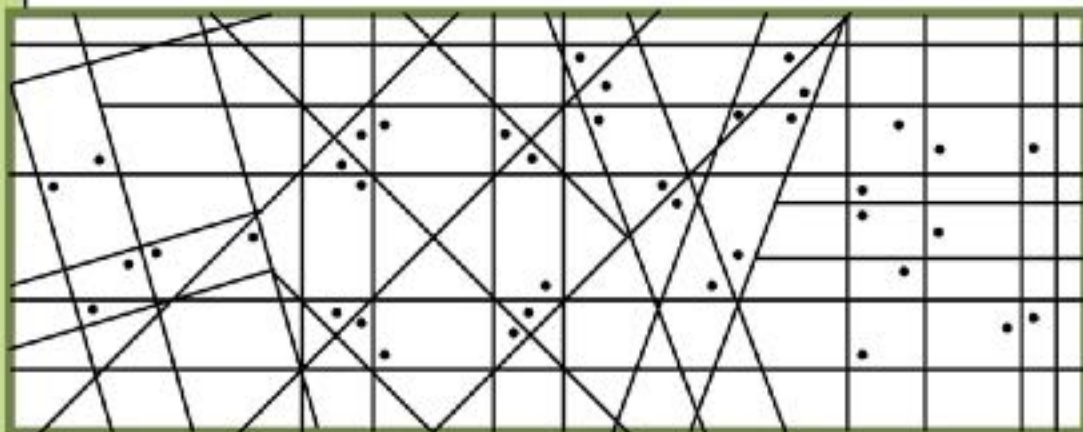


FIND THE FISH

The Disciples have been fishing and have caught **TWO** fish the same, can you find them?



Colour in all the shapes with a DOT to find out what Jesus wants us to do



A Classic Tale: Two interesting and related Stories

STORY NUMBER ONE

- Many years ago, Al Capone virtually owned Chicago. Capone wasn't famous for anything heroic. He was notorious for enmeshing the Windy City in everything from bootlegged booze and prostitution to murder. Capone had a lawyer nicknamed "Easy Eddie." He was Capone's lawyer for a good reason. Eddie was very good! In fact, Eddie's skill at legal manoeuvring kept Big Al out of jail for a long time.



Al Capone

To show his appreciation, Capone paid him very well. Not only was the money big, but Eddie got special dividends, as well. For instance, he and his family occupied a fenced-in mansion with live-in help and all of the conveniences of the day. The estate was so large that it filled an entire Chicago City block.

Eddie lived the high life of the Chicago mob and gave little consideration to the atrocity that went on around him.

Eddie did have one soft spot, however. He had a son that he loved dearly. Eddie saw to it that his young son had clothes, cars, and a good education. Nothing was withheld. Price was no object. And, despite his involvement with organized crime, Eddie even tried to teach him right from wrong. Eddie wanted his son to be a better man than he was. Yet, with all his wealth and influence, there were two things he couldn't give his son; he couldn't pass on a good name or a good example.

One day, Easy Eddie reached a difficult decision. Easy Eddie wanted to rectify wrongs he had done. He decided he would go to the authorities and tell the truth about Al "Scarface" Capone, clean up his tarnished name, and offer his son some resemblance of integrity. To do this, he would have to testify against The Mob, and he knew that the cost would be great. So, he testified.

Within the year, Easy Eddie's life ended in a blaze of gunfire on a lonely Chicago street. But in his eyes, he had given his son the greatest gift he had to offer, at the greatest price he could ever pay. Police removed from his pockets a rosary, a crucifix, a religious medallion, and a poem clipped from a magazine.

The poem read:

"The clock of life is wound but once, and no man has the power to tell just when the hands will stop, at late or early hour. Now is the only time you own. Live, love, toil with a will. Place no faith in time. For the clock may soon be still."

STORY NUMBER TWO - World War II produced many heroes. One such man was Lieutenant Commander Butch O'Hare. He was a fighter pilot assigned to the aircraft carrier Lexington in the South Pacific.



Butch O'Hare

One day his entire squadron was sent on a mission. After he was airborne, he looked at his fuel gauge and realized that someone had forgotten to top up his fuel tank. He would not have enough fuel to complete his mission and get back to his ship. His flight leader told him to return to the carrier. Reluctantly, he dropped out of formation and headed back to the fleet.

As he was returning to the mother ship, he saw something that turned his blood cold: a squadron of Japanese aircraft was speeding its way towards the American fleet. The American fighters were gone on a sortie, and the fleet was all but defenceless. He couldn't reach his squadron and bring them back in time to save the fleet. Nor could he warn the fleet of the approaching danger. There was only one thing to do. He must somehow divert them from the fleet. Laying aside all thoughts of personal safety, he dove into the formation of Japanese planes. Wing-mounted 50 calibers blazed as he charged in, attacking one surprised enemy plane and then another. Butch wove in and out of the now broken formation and fired at as many planes as possible until all his ammunition was finally spent.

Undaunted, he continued the assault. He dove at the planes, trying to clip a wing or tail in hopes of damaging as many enemy planes as possible, rendering them unfit to fly. Finally, the exasperated Japanese squadron took off in another direction. Deeply relieved, Butch O'Hare and his tattered fighter limped back to the carrier. Upon arrival, he reported in and related the event surrounding his return. The film from the gun-camera mounted on his plane told the tale. It showed the extent of Butch's daring attempt to protect his fleet. He had, in fact, destroyed five enemy aircraft.

This took place on February 20, 1942, and for that action Butch became the Navy's first Ace of W.W.II, and the first Naval Aviator to win the Medal of Honor. A year later Butch was killed in aerial combat at the age of 29. His hometown would not allow the memory of this WW II hero to fade, and today, **O'Hare airport in Chicago** is named in tribute to the courage of this great man.

So, the next time you find yourself at O'Hare International, give some thought to visiting Butch's memorial displaying his statue and his Medal of Honor. **It's located between Terminals 1 and 2.**

SO WHAT DO THESE TWO STORIES HAVE TO DO WITH EACH OTHER?
To find out look at the bottom of page 8

Cruse Bereavement Care Scotland

Despite lockdown and social distancing, Cruse Scotland's services have remained open and been available to anyone bereaved, anywhere in Scotland.

As social distancing measures are relaxed, we anticipate that this may lead to an increased demand for bereavement support. Some of your parishioners may surface from lockdown struggling with their losses, and even be expressing signs of complicated or disenfranchised grief.

I would like to emphasise that Cruse Scotland has built capacity to cope with an increased demand in this event, and would encourage you to signpost patients to us, who might benefit from our support.

Although we are unable to meet with clients on a face to face basis meantime, our clients are offered the option to receive support via telephone counselling or online counselling, using the NHS platform: Attend Anywhere.

At the time of writing all clients requesting bereavement support are allocated to one of our counselling teams within a two week period, regardless of where they live in Scotland.

I would appreciate it if you could share our message: ***that no one need struggle with the death of a loved one alone. Cruse Scotland is here and ready to help.***

Our contact details to pass to any of your parishioners are:

Helpline: 0845 600 2227

Email: support@crusescotland.org.uk

Please feel free to add our information to your website or Facebook page if you use one. If you have any questions about any aspect of this letter, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

**Linda Stuart
Area Administrator
Cruse Scotland
North Area**



Cruse Bereavement Care Scotland exists to promote the well-being of bereaved people in Scotland. We have over 270 volunteers in local teams across Scotland who give 38,000 hours of their time each year.

**Tel: 01224 626522
Web: www.crusescotland.org.uk**

Our national phoneline received over 12,000 calls last year.

Tel: 0845 600 2227 *

*** calls cost 5p per minute plus your phone company's access charge**

Butch O'Hare was "Easy Eddie's" son.

Congregational Roll

ST ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH CHANGES IN ROLL 28th May - 30th June 2020

Recently Deceased

Service conducted by

At the time of going to print there had been
no notification of any deaths.

Remembering the man who

founded Barnardo's ... It was 175 years ago, on 4th July 1845, that Thomas Barnardo, the humanitarian and philanthropist, was born in Dublin. He founded Barnardo's, a charity which continues to care for vulnerable children and young people.

The son of a furrier, he worked as a clerk until converted to evangelical Christianity in 1862. He moved to London, intending to study medicine and become a missionary in China. He never qualified as a doctor – despite being known as Dr Barnardo – and soon decided that his real calling was to help poor children living on the streets of London, where one in five children died before their fifth birthday.



He opened his first home for boys in 1870 and soon vowed never to turn a child away. Most Victorians saw poverty as shameful, associating it with poor morals and laziness, but Barnardo refused to discriminate. He made sure boys were trained and found them apprenticeships.

When Barnardo died in 1905, he left 96 homes caring for more than 8,500 vulnerable children, including those with learning difficulties. Because he believed that children should ideally grow up in a family setting, in 1887 he introduced an early form of fostering – boarding out children to host families. Barnardo's last words before he died were, ***“There is still so much to do”***.

Extracted from Parish Pump

How true these last words were. In 2019 over 300,000 children, young people, parents and carers were supported by Barnardo's through more than 1000 services across the UK. Barnardo's Scotland works with more than 16,300 children and young people in our 140 specialised community based services across Scotland. The generosity of members of St Andrew's Church is greatly appreciated when they support Barnardo's by purchasing Christmas cards every October during coffee time after the service.

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Answers to Quiz :

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| 1. Wick | 19. Coldstream | 37. Turnberry |
| 2. Barrhead | 20. Eyemouth | 38. Tyndrum |
| 3. St Andrews | 21. Biggar | 39. Wanlockhead |
| 4. Bellshill | 22. Drymen | 40. Whitburn |
| 5. Portobello | 23. Bathgate | 41. Dyce |
| 6. Crosshouse | 24. Castlemilk | 42. Cockbridge |
| 7. Oban | 25. Callender | 43. Findhorn |
| 8. Musselburgh | 26. Eaglesham | 44. Applecross |
| 9. Hamilton | 27. Motherwell | 45. Balloch |
| 10. Coatbridge | 28. Drumchapel | 46. Cowie |
| 11. Greenock | 29. Lockerbie | 47. Falkirk |
| 12. Perth | 30. Erskine | 48. Dundee |
| 13. Harthill | 31. Forth | 49. Bearsden |
| 14. Penicuik | 32. Neilston | 50. Doune |
| 15. Saltcoats | 33. Shotton | 51. Dornoch |
| 16. Ayr | 34. Dollar | 52. Montrose |
| 17. Blackwaterfoot | 35. Shotts | |
| 18. Burntisland | 36. Tongue | |



The queue

While waiting in a socially distanced queue early one morning for the supermarket to open for us 'seniors', I was surprised to see a young man saunter along and try to cut in at the front of the queue. A furious old lady waved her cane at him, and he quickly backed away.

A moment later, the young man tried again. He managed to dodge the old lady, but then two old men started

shouting at him. Again, the young man backed away. But he wasn't giving up, and soon the young man approached the queue for the third time. By now, all of us pensioners were ready for him, an angry wall of opposition.

The young man stood there for a moment, and then shrugged his shoulders. "If you people won't let me unlock the door, none of you will ever get in to shop."

Extracted from Parish Pump



April/May newsletter

Hello from the Boys' Brigade and hope the recent weather has helped with all your garden chores and allowed you more outdoor time. As you are probably aware, we, as a group, have also been unable to meet every week, but through the initiative of the Boys' Brigade we have embarked on a project called #BB at Home. The project offered six tasks for each of the three Sections: Anchor Boys, Junior Section, Company Section and Seniors and we have been overwhelmed with the support and participation from all three sections and parents. It has been amazing.

Our original programme obviously was disrupted, and also our annual open night and presentation of awards which was scheduled for Friday 30th May. We decided the best way to have a conclusion for the session was to conduct a ZOOM meeting on Monday 1st June. We had 17 participants, some seated in the garden sun while others keenly waited to see what each boy had achieved during the session. The Company Section completed 102 tasks amongst the three boys; Junior Section completed 170 tasks amongst the six boys; and the Anchor Boys completed over 230 shared by 7 boys.

We set a goal for medals: 15 for Bronze medal; 25 for Silver Medal; and 30 for Gold. We can announce

we are presenting 15 gold, 0 silver and 1 bronze. In addition to these medals we presented VE Day participation badges for boys who had held either a VE celebration party or constructed a VE Day Air raid shelter. Most of the completed tasks were submitted in the form of photographs and videos.

In addition we presented our annual Major and Service Awards. We had one Senior who achieved the highest award, the Queen's Badge, but due to illness he was unable to log into our meeting. We would like to thank all the parents, officers and helpers who have committed and dedicated their time to this year's session. However, next year we will have lost two of our helpers for our Anchor Section and **URGENTLY request** if anyone who can help, even on a rota basis, to please make contact with the team.

We hope to arrange a meeting, when appropriate, to present the major awards and have an open Registration evening for parents, grandparents, aunties and uncles to come along. We can then have a social cup of tea. We are all looking forward to this occasion.

We are now looking forward to the summer break and we will keep you posted as to how our summer goes.

Take care

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The Church Office by 20th July 2020.

St Andrew's Safeguarding Statement

*(Relating to the Protection of Children and Young People in the Church.
 Adopted by the General Assembly, May 1997.)*

The Church of Scotland has a deep concern for the wholeness and well-being of each individual. It seeks to safeguard the welfare of all people, regardless of age, who come into contact with the church and its organisations. It is the responsibility of each individual within the fellowship of the church to prevent the physical, sexual or emotional abuse of children and young people and the vulnerable. St Andrew's Parish Church has a Zero Tolerance Policy to any form of abuse.