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LETTER FROM OUR LOCUM MINISTER

Happy Easter everyone!

Despite all the lockdown measures we can still proclaim, "He is Risen." Death could not hold him and neither can our present restrictions. We have missed the wonderful Easter Day celebrations when we have gathered together, united in praise and adoration for our God who raised Jesus from the dead.

I suppose we can have some affinity with those early disciples who were bemused and uncertain about the truth of what had happened. The reality of the resurrection and its effect on the disciples' lives dawned on them slowly. It took some time for the realisation to sink in and bring them peace and joy. We live in the light of that resurrection and in the long line of witnesses to the truth of Jesus' power and influence over a believer's life. We have the joyful prospect of discovering more and more of the immeasurable love of God in Christ as we journey with Him day by day.

As we emerge from the darkness of these recent months, it is my prayer that we will discover a wonderful new beginning in fellowship with one another again and with deeper assurance of God's journeying with us. As He met with the disciples in surprising ways on that first joyful morning, may He meet with us wherever we find ourselves in the days and weeks ahead.

God bless you and your loved ones,

Rev Tom Nelson, Locum Minister

HOLY WEEK SERVICES 28TH MARCH TO 3RD APRIL

Rev Tom Nelson will post a short reflection on Facebook and WhatsApp throughout Holy week.

Rt Rev Martin Fair has curated special services for Holy Week for use by congregations within the Church of Scotland. The daily videos will be shown at 8.00am, beginning on Palm Sunday, 28th March on the [Church of Scotland website](#), the [YouTube channel](#) and on the Church of Scotland [Facebook page](#)

If you don't have Internet access, you can listen to an audio version by calling this number: **03333 40 92 00** (Local call charges apply).

COMMUNION SERVICE ON EASTER SUNDAY 4TH APRIL AT 10.30 AM

During our Easter Service we plan to celebrate communion together as we worship on Zoom from our homes.

If you would like to participate, then please have a little juice and bread to hand. The children and young people are very welcome to join us with their parents, if they wish.

Rev Tom Nelson, Locum Minister

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SOLE NOMINEE

The Nominating Committee has chosen the person who they wish to propose to the congregation of Rutherglen: Stonelaw to be the new minister. The name of the person proposed is the Rev. Neil H. Watson, who is currently the Minister of Belhaven linked with Spott Parish Churches in the Presbytery of Lothian.

Arrangements will be made for Neil to conduct worship at the 10.30 am service on Sunday 18th April 2021.

The official 'Notice of Nomination' detailing the election process approved by the Presbytery of Glasgow will be issued in due course.

I would like to thank and commend the members of the Nominating Committee for their diligence on behalf of the congregation.

May I also take this opportunity to thank and commend the Manse Vacancy Committee members who have worked so diligently towards the purchase of a new manse and the sale of the old manse.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Gavin McFadyen Interim Moderator



GOOD NEWS FROM THE MANSE COMMITTEE

The Manse Committee is pleased to report that it has concluded missives (i.e. we have a binding contract) to acquire a new manse. This article gives some more details about the sale of our old manse and the purchase of the new one. The Committee hopes to provide further details once we have entry.

We explained in the September & October 2020 magazine the background as to why we recommended buying a more modern property. The Kirk Session backed this and we set about selling 80 Blairbeth Road. With a modest budget, we made some necessary repairs and did some painting to prepare for selling. We accepted an offer informally in October and we are very pleased to report that the sale of 80 Blairbeth Road was completed on Friday 26th March.



The replacement is 12 Hawthorn Way, Cambuslang, about 1.2 miles from our church building. It was constructed about 16 years ago and meets the Church of Scotland's manse requirements for the number of rooms. The house consists of a lounge, dining room, kitchen with breakfast area, a utility room and a WC. On the first floor there are four bedrooms, two with en suite bathrooms, together with a dressing room / box room and family bathroom. In the attic there are two further bedrooms, the larger being an

alternative spacious family room, and a shower room. We anticipate that one of the bedrooms will become the minister's study. As would be expected, the house is fully double glazed and has gas central heating.

The property was constructed with an integral double garage which the current owners converted into a gym. We are likely to recommend changing it back to a double garage but intend to seek the opinion of our incoming minister. Outside, there is a paved area at the front of the house with parking for two vehicles and, at the rear, a large south facing patio with a lawn and shrubs beyond.

Once we have entry we will do some redecoration and replacement of the carpets where necessary, again taking into account the views of our new minister. We believe that the proceeds from the sale of the old manse will be sufficient to cover the costs of purchasing and the necessary redecoration etc. of the new manse.

We believe this property will offer our new minister a good family home which will be much easier to heat and maintain compared to 80 Blairbeth Road. As you will see, our work is not over yet and in the meantime, the Manse Committee is grateful for all the prayers supporting this process over the last year. We ask that these continue in order to help us through the coming weeks.

Manse Vacancy Committee

Stuart Menzies, Arlene Allen, Lois Boyle, John Cuthbert, Helen McKechnie, Jane Paulsen, David Russell, Walter Smyth, Isobel Wilson.

WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY

At the time of writing, the Kirk Session had not decided when to reopen the Sanctuary for worship, but we were hoping to do so in the not-too-distant future.

For this reason, along with the magazine, we are enclosing a leaflet and further guidance from the Church of Scotland, for your information. Members thinking about attending worship in the sanctuary are asked to read it carefully and adhere to the restrictions it describes - when the time comes for small numbers of us to attend a service.

When the Kirk Session next meets on 6th April, we hope that a decision about reopening the sanctuary will be made, and a date passed to the congregation by email.

If you receive your magazine by post and have not already heard when the sanctuary is reopening, please contact Thérèse Reid after 6th April:

Mobile: **07508 213 099** Email: therese.stonelawchurch@gmail.com

David McTaggart, Session Clerk

PASTORAL CARE

Rev Tom Nelson is available for pastoral matters during the week. If you or someone you know would appreciate a chat with the minister, please contact him on **0141 534 7834** or via e-mail at tnelson@churchofscotland.org.uk.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dear Friends,

As we are still (at the time of writing) only two full months into 2021, there is not much for me to report on. It is too early yet to draw firm conclusions about how our finances for 2021 are looking.

In assessing the General Fund I have been studying how our regular income compares to Budget. In the two months to the end of February this was slightly (£300) behind Budget i.e. not too far from where it would be expected to be. If this trend continues, and other income and costs also stay in line with Budget, then I would hope that we would be close to putting the General Fund in a similar position to where it was at the start of 2020 - before last year's significant deficit. There is, however, a lot of 2021 still to come.

Euan Campbell, Church Treasurer 07413 580 103 treasurer@stonelawchurch.org

As has become standard, I have included a reminder on page 22, for anyone who wishes to do so, of the ways in which you can donate to Stonelaw Church.

CAN YOU HELP?

Over a year ago, volunteers from the Meeting Place Café and some others attended a Food Hygiene course. Practices at the Café were reviewed, and some changes were to be made in the future. Since then, of course, the Café has not operated but we need to be prepared.

One stipulation is that all volunteers must wear aprons, which should not be a problem. The other is more expensive. Washing dishes by hand cannot be done at the required temperature and so a commercial dishwasher is required. This will cost over £1000, as cheaper domestic dishwashers are not suitable. Since this became known, some members of the Congregation have offered to contribute towards the cost. If you would also like to help, the Treasurer, or any Manager would be happy to receive your donation. For those who are eligible, such donations could be Gift Aided – increasing the value of your gift.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and extra thanks to those who respond!

Jane Paulsen

DATES FOR OUR DIARIES

SATURDAY 10TH APRIL AT 2PM Easter Bake Along – see page 15.

SUNDAY 18TH APRIL AT 10.30AM Rev Neil H Watson to preach as Sole Nominee.
Details to follow.

10TH -16TH MAY Christian Aid Week. See page 21.

18TH AND 20TH MAY 12.30-2.30PM Proposed opening of Stonelaw's Spring Hub .
See page 16.

SEE PAGE 23 for how to access our weekly events - the Sunday Morning Service, Wednesday Prayer Meeting, Grace and Truth Bible Study - and the Monthly House Groups. For Coffee and Crafts, see page 15.

Apologies for not writing anything for the magazine for some time. Although Presbytery did not meet between April and August last year, we have met on Zoom since September – usually about 250 of us! So, business has continued pretty much as normal but without anything of great significance to Stonelaw. However, during the last two meetings, words which may bring shivers down your spine have begun to be uttered: “New Presbytery Plan”.

Realistically, it was always going to happen. We know that on top of an already vulnerable financial situation, the Church of Scotland as a whole will suffer as a result of Covid. Reduced income from givings and building rental have affected all congregations across the country. At this year’s General Assembly, decisions will be made which will affect us all. In advance of that, Dave Kendall, the Church’s Chief Officer addressed the March Glasgow Presbytery meeting. Below, you will find a report of his presentation which was kindly written up by Grant Barclay, Interim Presbytery Clerk, who has given permission for me to share this with you.

THE FUTURE AND THE CHURCH

Dave Kendall, the Church’s Chief Officer, gave a realistic but hopeful picture of the Church of Scotland. His key idea was that we have much to do as we become more missional, more relevant and more contextual– and that we must do this in ways which are affordable.

Dave, who has a long association as a member of the Kirk, closely involved in the life of his own congregation, spoke about four main issues. He started, though, by outlining his determination to be focused on local need, and is clear that he sees his current work as a ministry and an out-working of his faith, serving God through the Church’s administration.

Dave recognised that the past year has been difficult and complex in every part of the work of our church and that it is remarkable that we have still found ways of making progress despite this. We may have been in lockdown with our church buildings closed for long periods but a huge amount of energy and imagination has meant that the work and witness of the Church has continued. He passed on his grateful thanks to everybody present for their invaluable contribution to this.

He first explained a little about national finances, reporting that the deficit in 2020 was £0.9M, the lowest in many years. This had been achieved thanks to the congregations all striving to meet their Ministry and Mission contributions, with only a relatively small shortfall despite the pandemic, while also achieving savings in the year of £5.2M in national office functions. The overall 30% recurring reduction in the costs of the national church functions has now been achieved, meeting the target set only a couple of years ago. The planned deficit in 2021, though, is estimated at around £11.4M, which is primarily due to the reduction in Ministry and Mission contributions.

Dave then touched on congregational income for 2020. Figures from around 60% of congregations are available and so, whilst not complete, are fairly reliable. It seems that there has been an average reduction in congregational income through the Covid-ravaged year of around 20%, which would equate to a potential total loss of £17-18M.

The question Dave asks is, ‘How can we best support congregations who are most affected by the pandemic and its effects?’ It is expected that these effects shall be felt during the years 2021 and 2022. To address some of this challenge, Dave pointed out that the average reduction in Ministry & Mission contributions in 2021 is around 18%.

One of the largest challenges facing the Church in the short term, Dave said, was the target of **six hundred ministries by 2025**. That is, forecasting suggests that there will be around six hundred full-time ministries across Ministers of Word and Sacrament and Ministry Development Staff* by the middle of this decade. Presbyteries will be required to plan for these posts in a fresh round of Presbytery planning, starting shortly after the General Assembly.

Note from JN: *This is a reduction of around 20% in the advisory figures produced by the Ministries Council in 2018 for the number of ministers (611) combined with the target number of MDS posts (120).*

The proportion of MWS and MDS staff will be flexible for Presbyteries to allocate locally. The new Presbytery plans will be five-year rolling plans, reviewed and developed each year in line with figures from the Faith Nurture Forum as presented to the General Assembly.

The figure of six hundred comes about for three main reasons. Firstly, it is projected that over 400 ministers will reach retirement age in the next few years. This represents about 60% of the ministers currently in charges. Secondly, recruitment has been lower than the number of retirals for many years, a difference of about 20 people per annum which builds, over time, into a significant reduction. Finally, financial projections strongly suggest that a diminishing Church will only be able to afford around six hundred ministries. We can afford no more, unless something changes.

Dave concluded by focusing on Presbytery's role. He was clear that financial sustainability was only one issue among many. He also recognised that all areas of the Church will need to work towards the six-hundred ministries target. Dave saw potential benefit in the radical reform of Presbyteries which is currently underway, but also the need to equip Presbyteries for success. Given the diverse ways in which Presbyteries work, one size shall not fit all, and he explained that work is ongoing to tailor support to specific areas of Scotland.

Dave reminded us that much ministry does not need to be carried out by paid post-holders, and pointed to Readers, Ordained Local Ministers and worship leaders like himself as a rich resource for the Church in years to come. 'The whole people of God matter,' he said.

He also encouraged Presbytery to learn lessons from the experience of the pandemic. We have discovered that we are able to work differently, and we can - and must - benefit from the experiences of 2020, and from many years past.

He finished, though, by looking to the future. We need to do new things, and develop as Christ's Church, so that we become increasingly missional, relevant, contextual and, yes, affordable.

The meeting ended in prayer by the Moderator for the work of all the Church staff, including Dave Kendall.

So, there are challenges ahead. Please hold the future of the Church of Scotland in your prayers.

Janís Neill, Presbytery Elder

**Ministry Development Staff roles range from family/youth/outreach workers to more traditional roles such as Parish Assistants and Associate Ministers.*

CHURCH REGISTER

Mrs Hilda Rew died on 7th February 2021. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Mrs Maynie Mason died on 1st March 2021. Our thoughts and prayers are with Maynie's son John, her twins Kay and Jim and her four grandchildren.

Mrs Jean McIntosh died on 28th March 2021. Our thoughts and prayers are with her great-niece, her great-nephew and her 'adopted daughter', Janis Neil.

STONELAW CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Mrs Elizabeth (Betty) MacKinlay died on 27th February 2021. Although not a member of Stonelaw Church, Betty attended regularly for several years, sitting with her friends, Maureen Holland, Elizabeth McDonald and Adele Molloy. (See p.11 for a tribute to Betty.)

As a congregation, we are sad that in these difficult times we can rarely attend the funerals of our church family friends. For this reason, we include extracts from the tributes to Maynie Mason and Betty McKinlay. Many thanks to Rev Colin Sinclair, Rev Tom Nelson and the families for allowing us to share them here.

MAYNIE MASON 1927-2021

Maynie was born on 2nd April 1927 as Maynie Drummond Fingland, the first child of William and Margaret, and elder sister of Marget. The family lived first in Dennistoun and later in Maxwell Park. After school, Maynie trained at Jordanhill College as a Primary School teacher, and went on to teach first in Jordanhill College School and later in Wolseley Street Primary School in the Oatlands area of Glasgow. During this time, she worshipped in Sydney Street Church, where she taught in the Sunday School and was Brown Owl for the church pack.

Maynie met James Mason (Jimmy) an electrical engineer, through James' sister, Janet, a friend and teacher colleague. They were married in Glasgow University Chapel on 11th July 1956. Their first home was in Drumsargard Road, Burnside and it was from that time onwards that she and Jimmy began their long connection with Rutherglen Stonelaw Church, supporting the ministries of Tom Morton, Alastair Morrice and Alistair May. Soon the family expanded to include their son John followed by the twins, Kay and Jim. Later they moved to Viewpark Drive and eventually, once Jimmy had retired, to Greystone Avenue.

At Stonelaw, Maynie was active in the Young Women's Group, then later in the Guild, and during the late 1980s and 90s, ran the Young Women's group crèche for the next generation of young mothers. Jimmy too was very active in the church; he became a much-loved Session Clerk and active choir member.

Sadly, Jimmy died suddenly and unexpectedly in 1997, but Maynie was always stronger than she looked; she coped with life without him for the next 24 years. Maynie was a much loved and devoted gran to Jim and Sarat's daughters, Shonagh and Eilidh, and to Kay and Adrian's sons, James and Oliver. Maynie remained very active until her late eighties. She continued to host a Church home group in the house and visited her 'old ladies' and Guild members at home and in care homes.

During the last year or so at home in Greystone Avenue, Maynie needed more support. She recognised this and decided to move into Abbeyfield, which became home for her last two years. The thread running through Maynie's life was her absolute faith, kindness and total lack of selfishness. In a note in her own Bible, beside Galatians 2:14, are these words:

“The gospel cannot be maintained by doctrine if it is denied in practice.”

Maynie lived out the faith that lay at her heart.

Rev Alastair Morrice (Stonelaw’s minister 1987-2000) wrote: “...I suppose it was in the ministry of encouragement that Maynie excelled, though she probably never thought of it that way herself. Personally, for me, she was a totally loyal supporter: in worship morning and evening; at our Mid-Week Prayer, and in other fellowship times. It is people like Maynie Mason who build churches! She was dependable and gentle, with that fragrance coming through which we know comes from the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. Her quiet, unassuming spirit and, occasionally, caring advice, made her a great support to the young mothers in our church at that time, and as the years passed, she also had a great ministry among older members. My wife Mary and I cannot think of Maynie without a sense of deep appreciation for that lovely sheltering and nurturing spirit which was conveyed in her whole life”.

Her last minister, Rev Alistair May (2002 – 2020) said, “Summing Maynie up isn't easy. The two words that come to my mind are gentleness and kindness. She had a heart for people. Her humility meant that she wouldn't strike anyone as an obvious pastor, but that's what she was. Indeed, as a minister, anytime you went to see Maynie, you knew it was you who was being blessed and encouraged above all. She wasn't pushy in her faith - but every conversation was always salted with a gentle sense of God's presence. She was, of course, faithful in visiting (actually, "faithful" doesn't do her justice - she was extremely sacrificial in her commitment to others) and in phoning people. Even in her failing years, the conversation always turned outwards from her own struggles to 'How is so and so?' and prayer for others was at the heart of it all”.

When my wife Ruth and I were part of Stonelaw with a young family, Maynie, who lived along the street from us, was a good friend, a much-appreciated babysitter, and after we left for Edinburgh, remained interested and supportive in all we were doing as a family. She was a person who always made you want to live better, and one whom you would hate to let down. She was utterly unselfish.

Among the many letters that John, Kay, Jim and family received was a card of condolence from one of her Stonelaw Church friends which summed her up:
'Lovely, caring, quiet, gentle, gracious, patient, kind, always with a ready and genuine smile, helpful, discreet, unassuming – when I think of Maynie, this is how I think of her. She was absolutely lovely.'

We give thanks for a life well lived and take comfort in our Christian hope. May she rest in peace and rise to glory.

Rev Colin Sinclair

ELIZABETH (BETTY) MACKINLAY 1929-2021

Betty was born on 31st August 1929 to John and Hannah Leebody, at Lower Craighall Road, Port Dundas. She had an older brother, Arthur, two sisters, Hannah and Grace, and two older half-brothers, Alex and Jackie. When she was six years old her father died, leaving her mother to bring up the family on her own. Betty valued the close family bonds that lasted throughout her days.

When she left school, Betty worked in the City Glass Works office, where she met David MacKinlay. They married in February 1953, set up home in Dennistoun and soon had a daughter, Linda, and a son John. Needing to find a bigger home for the family, Betty and David moved to Dunard Road in Rutherglen where they lived for the next 22 years, creating a wonderfully hospitable, welcoming home, before moving to Dunbar Avenue for their retirement.

Betty went back to work once Linda and John were at school, first in the dairy in Hamilton Road and then in Galls in Stonelaw Road. She enjoyed meeting folks there and in Galls, especially, was in her element, because the shop sold fabric and wool and she was very good at sewing and knitting.

Once Linda and John left home, Betty and David moved to Dunbar Avenue to enjoy their retirement. Sadly David died in 2006, after 53 years of marriage. She felt the loss of her husband keenly, but she had two loving sisters who helped her through the sad times. Betty found a new lease of life and new friends, especially through her neighbour, Maureen Holland, who invited her to come to Stonelaw Church with her. Betty became a regular attender, making new friends here too.

Betty was blessed with five grandsons and played a big part in each of their lives. She went on to have five great-grandchildren. She was proud of all the family's achievements.

We give thanks for the long life of Betty MacKinlay, for her love of family and devotion to David. Betty was a loving, caring wife, mother, mother-in-law, gran and great gran, sister, aunt and friend. Hers was a life well lived, fulfilled and blessed.

Rev Tom Nelson

OTHER CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Mrs Myra Howitt has asked us to share her new address. We wish Myra well in her new home at 66 East Kilbride Road, Burnside G73 3DT.

NEXT STEPS: OUTREACH ON OUR CHURCH RAILINGS

Back in February, some of you will have seen an amazing banner and splendid bunting decorating our railings.

What testimonies to share with our community:

“God's Love Is Real and Forever!” and **“God Loves You.”**

How amazingly beautiful and simple are those messages?

Next time you are passing, look out for Stonelaw's new Easter display! A huge thank you to all involved in planning, making and installing these messages to the people of Rutherglen.



Therese Reid

See page 15-17 for more from the Next Steps Group



The Bible has many examples of people who came to faith and were mightily used by God from a very young age. For example, Daniel and his friends were very young when they became successful government officials in Babylon. Samuel was just a small boy when the Lord first spoke to him. These and many other examples may cause older folk to think that life just passed them by, and they are late to come to faith. Some who are already in the faith might be drawn to believe that God would not use them, especially now that they are older.

However, unlike us, God does not judge by outward appearances but by the heart (1 Samuel 16:7). Therefore, if we ever feel as if our or someone's else's age disqualifies them from becoming a transformational Christian, here are a few things to consider:

THE PARABLE OF THE VINEYARD WORKERS

In Matthew 20:1-16, we read of an estate owner who hired workers for his vineyard at different times – early in the morning, at 9 o'clock, at noon, at 3 o'clock and 5 o'clock. When evening came, all workers were paid a full day's wage regardless of the time they were hired. Therefore, even if it looks as if we are at the 5 o'clock stage of life, the vineyard owner (God) has some work and a reward for us. Would we join Him?

THE PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit's empowering role in helping people live a godly life is evident in the Bible. In the promise of the outpouring of His Spirit, God did not spare any age group. Older men (and women), younger men (and women), sons, daughters, and servants are all mentioned in Joel 2:28-29. Why then would God empower older men (and women) if they were not useful anymore?

GREAT EXAMPLES IN SCRIPTURE

Scriptures are full of people who had an encounter with and were mightily used by God when they were older. For example, everything we know about Abraham started when he was 75 (Genesis 12:4). Also, Moses and Aaron were 80 and 83 years old, respectively, when they first stood before Pharaoh (Exodus 7:7).

It is never too early, nor too late, to become a believer and an agent of God's will on the earth.

'For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him' (2 Chronicles 16:9).

His eyes are on the hearts of people and not on the number of birthdays celebrated. Be blessed and encouraged.

Madalitso Chikumbanje

BOOKS, GLORIOUS BOOKS!

I love reading! The enforced 'rest' which we have all been experiencing in lockdown, has given us the opportunity to read more than usual. I have found time to work my way through a few volumes of fiction and non-fiction. However, I am not a disciplined reader because I find it very difficult to stop! As a result, I read into the early hours of the morning, especially if my book is a page-turner.

I am indebted to friends in the church family for supplying me with books which have been recommended; one of which was reviewed in 'Life and Work'. After reading about **Home is Where** by Margaret Newbigin Beetham in that magazine, my curiosity was aroused. This is a memoir written by the daughter of Lesslie and Helen Newbigin, missionaries in India between the 1930s and the 1970s (who for many years were supported financially by the Stonelaw congregation.) This book provides an insight into the complicated but interesting lives of their children – in particular, their daughters' lives.

Among many incidents in the writer's childhood, the one which stands out for me was when Margaret Newbigin Beetham describes her feelings when her parents move back to India from England - for another five years! Staying in a boarding school for that amount of time without seeing her parents began her life-long sense of abandonment. She is also honest, in saying that she realised very early that she would have to separate herself from her father's world. This book is an eye-opening account of the impact on children, in the 1940s-50s, of parents who were committed to missionary work overseas.

I was given a copy of **Say Yes to Life** by Ruth Valerio just before the beginning of Lent. This Lent book was recommended by the Archbishop of Canterbury last year, so I thought if it was good enough for Justin Welby, then it must be good enough for me! Dr Ruth Valerio is an environmentalist, theologian and social activist who is also the Influencing Director at Tearfund. Her book draws on the seven days of Creation and she relates the themes of light, water, land, the seasons, creatures, humans and the Sabbath to matters of environmental concern. It is a very thought-provoking book.

The writer recounts many striking stories, but I would like to share one of them with you. A Tearfund worker was visiting a coastal community in Bangladesh, where the people were living in basic shacks on a very narrow strip of land between the sea and the commercial shrimp farms behind them. These people had constantly to build dykes to keep the sea at bay as the levels rose. A lady from that community explained to the Tearfund worker that she had had six homes before the one she was in now. She had had to keep moving back from the advancing sea, as the coastline crumbled. Now, this community had nowhere to go because they had retreated as far as they could. What a sobering thought!

Remember that reading has many advantages. The right book can distract you from whatever is bothering you, reduce stress, lower blood pressure and heart rate, and simply pass the time enjoyably. So, take advantage of the many physical and psychological benefits waiting for you, in the pages of a good book. Keep reading!

Margaret A. Borland

Uncover My Mysteries

I am the God of mysteries. Reclaim your childhood wonder and awe, and choose to follow the trails I lead you on.

I am always speaking, and every day has wondrous revelation to be found in it. You just need to open your eyes and ears and expect to find me.

Hear me speaking in the day-to-day; every time you look around, there's a chance to see something new of me. Notice things that catch your eye that may seem small and meaningless. Take note of your dreams in the night.

I am longing to show you what's on my heart.

Daniel 2:22 NIV *He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him.*

Jeremiah 33:3 NIV *Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.*

Proverbs 25:2 NIV *It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings.*

<https://www.propheticscots.com/2021/03/16/uncover-my-mysteries-your-lion-bites-word-for-today/>

THE MYSTERIES OF FATHER GOD

The year 2021 has caused me to reflect deeply on the mysteries of Father God. On Tuesday January 5th, my younger sister, Betty, died suddenly at home. From the very moment I set eyes on her, 60 years ago, we have always been close. Some of you may remember that she came and looked after me following my hysterectomy three years ago, and last year we went on a cruise to the Canary Islands to celebrate her 60th birthday. On my last visit with her, I was writing her Christmas cards for her. We laughed all day and while writing the cards for our other two sisters, we established that I was her "Favourite Sister" That'll do me, thank you. So many memories to treasure.



On Tuesday 9th March, my twin grandsons, Max and Arlo, were born unexpectedly early. Already in 2021, I have seen our Heavenly Father holding life and death in his hands - the two areas in our life over which, ultimately, we have no control - two great seasons for celebration, celebrating a life just past and celebrating new life - looking forward and looking back, holding onto precious memories and embracing new and wonderful times to come.

As I write, on 16th March, the boys are one week old and breathing on their own, little miracles, one 3lbs and the other 3lbs 1oz. So many memories to make. Hidden in plain sight, the mysteries of God. Look around. Treasure your loved ones, young and old.

Therese x

NEWS FROM THE NEXT STEPS GROUP



Next Steps Group members: Joyce Allan, Fiona Benson, Shona Forsyth, Marlene Galt, Susanne McCabe, Dorothy McTaggart, Jennifer Menzies and Thérèse Reid.

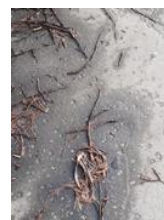
LENT

This year the Next Steps Group has been delighted to highlight many different and exciting Lent reflections, activities and challenges for singles, children, groups and families - something for everyone.

Mr. Gray, Head Teacher of St Columbkille's Primary School invited us to take part in a Lenten Challenge; the Scottish Bible Society offered us "Wonder Walks" and the Moderator Dr Martin Fair issued the challenge to find the cross of Christ, "Hidden in Plain Sight."

HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

A huge thank you both to Rev Tom Nelson for sharing the photographs of 'hidden' crosses on Sunday mornings and to everyone who contributed them. I have to say, my favourite was Margaret McDade's photograph of the cross on the pavement, with what looked like a crown of thorns at the foot of it. Such a simple, yet powerful image. Thank you, Margaret.



*Ed. To see more photos, go to www.stonelawchurch.org, choose **News** and **Hidden in Plain Sight**.*

BAKE ALONG ZOOM STYLE



On Saturday 20th February we had our second Bake Along led by Jennifer Menzies. We were baking macarons - what a challenge! (but only for me personally, trying to bake along with my granddaughters Niamh, 10 and Callie, 7...). I know that our other bakers and spectators had a lovely afternoon, even if it was bedlam, hilariously so at times, as we were often all at different stages in the recipe! The results were very colourful indeed.



(See page 17 for Liz Maltby's account of the Macaron Challenge!)

Why not join us for the next Bake Along, if you can access Zoom? It's on **Saturday 10th April at 2pm** and will be on an Easter theme. The recipe is still to be confirmed but it will soon be available on the church website. Alternatively, email Jennifer Menzies on jennifermenzies70@gmail.com or phone her on 647 4664.

COFFEE, CRAFTS AND COMPANY ON ZOOM



The new Coffee and Crafts groups are going well too.

Dorothy McTaggart (hosting on Mondays 7-9pm) and Fiona Benson (hosting on Thursdays 2-4pm) report that those

attending are simply enjoying one another's company, not necessarily knitting or crafting. So please join us, at either meeting or both; for half an hour or for two hours, and bring some craft to work on - or just come for a blether.



Codes for all Zoom events are available every Saturday in the Congregational Email.

Dorothy McTaggart 07815 949 648 Email dotmctag@msn.com

Fiona Benson 07980 734 182 Email fiona.benson@sky.com

NEXT STEPS: EASTER, HOPE AND THE SPRING HUB

EASTER HOPE FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



Bags of Hope and Love have been distributed to all our young people, from the Cradle Roll to Connect Two. Each bag contains an age-appropriate Easter book and an Easter treat of some description. This is our way of saying, “*You matter! We are thinking of and praying for you.*”

Much focus has been on outreach to the elderly and vulnerable but let us not forget that our children are vulnerable too. Jesus loves them so much, and these gifts are a little token from Stonelaw to remind our children of just how much they are loved.

JARS OF HOPE

These simple gifts were such a success at Christmas that it was decided to do this again for Easter. Once more, the message of Hope is simple, yet so powerful.

If you have perhaps dismissed this type of outreach as superficial or pointless, I want to share my recent experience with you.

Shortly after my sister’s death in January, when my daughter’s twins were seriously ill in the womb, my car got stuck in the snow. This was the last straw! Do you know that feeling? There I was, trudging up to the house, when I heard a voice saying,

“Excuse me?” I turned around and saw a young girl of about 14 or 15.

She said, “I want to give you this,” and handed me a box of Lindor chocolates.

When I came into the house, still amazed, I went onto our church WhatsApp page, as I do every morning, and the daily scripture was,

“*Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man.*” Mark 1:41 Really!

This young girl, Orla, will never know that God himself used her to reach out and touch my brokenness, but I will NEVER forget.

So, if you haven't done so yet, can I encourage you to bless someone's life with a jar of hope, a bunch of flowers...anything?

SPRING HUB IN THE MEETING PLACE

We had a team ready and all the permissions in place to open our Winter Hub, when along came the latest lockdown! I am happy to report that we now all have our Food Hygiene certificates and that full deep cleaning procedure training has been given.

Our Spring Hub will open (we hope) in the week commencing 17th May, when the current restrictions are lifted. We plan to open on **Tuesdays & Thursdays from 12.30 – 2.30pm**. Both days will be run by the volunteers named below.

Unlike our regular mornings in The Meeting Place, the Spring Hub, which is our church’s way of opening our doors once more to our community, will simply be a place where people can meet for a coffee. We will be serving tea, instant coffee and wrapped biscuits only. There will be no charge set, to avoid any cash handling, but instead, a donations box by the exit for those who wish to contribute.

If you’d like to book a slot to come for a coffee with a friend, please contact Thérèse Reid, our Track and Trace co-ordinator, on **07508 213099** or therese.stonelawchurch@gmail.com

Spring Hub Team Members: Linda Alison, Joyce Allan (*Thurs only*), Pauline Cuthbert, Mary McDougall, Adele Molloy and Thérèse Reid



NEXT STEPS: POSTSCRIPTS

READY, STEADY, BAKE!

It was Saturday 20th February at 2pm, and my spoons and mixing bowls were at the ready. Time for my first Stonelaw Bake Along! Although I'm a keen baker, having seen that the chosen challenge was macarons, I have to admit to feeling slightly nervous - but of course there was no need for that. Jennifer guide us as, each in our own kitchen, we shared our top baking tips and tricks while navigating our way through making these tasty treats.

Eventually, after a few mishaps here and there, and with icing sugar all over the kitchen (I really need a shield like Moira's for my bowl!), the macarons were ready. Between us we had a fantastic selection, with lots of different colours, sizes and flavours.

The macarons, (apart from some casualties along the way) were then placed into boxes and tins, ready to be sampled and shared with our friends and family. Admittedly, a few of mine didn't quite see past the kitchen door, due to some essential quality control checks! With such wonderful company, it was a jolly afternoon, and a blessing to take part.

20th February may have been my first Bake Along, but it most definitely will not be my last. If you haven't joined in before, please think about coming to the next one, which takes place on Saturday 10th April. Bakers and spectators are all welcome. It truly was fun. I can't wait to find out what Jennifer has in store for us next time.



Liz Maltby

In case you're feeling curious about macarons and macaroons: a **macaron is a French sandwich style biscuit made from almond flour and egg white meringues, with a filling of buttercream, caramel, jam or a filling of your choice. Macaroons, which are crisp on the outside and soft in the middle, have coconut as their main ingredient.*

JARS OF HOPE: A POSTSCRIPT

During a recent Sunday service, Fiona Benson told us how much she's been enjoying giving out Jars of Hope filled with sweets and a message of hope to people she knows.

A few months ago, a Romanian friend of mine brought a little gift bag to the school, filled with rolled up pieces of coloured paper, each with a Bible verse on it. I was delighted! Now I pull one out from my bag whenever I'm looking for inspiration - so I decided to use some of these in my own Jars of Hope, to pass on God's word in my gift. I have loved giving these to others and seeing the surprise on their faces.



I've now printed a batch of these Bible verses on coloured paper. Can you see them mixed in with sweets in the photo here? If you'd like to use some in your own Jars of Hope, I have them ready in a sealed, clear container. You can collect them at my house, 57 Farme Castle Court, G73 1AA. Simply text or ring to let me know you are coming, and I'll leave them at my front door alongside some gel. Feel free to come with a jar of your own, fill one up with the Bible verses and use them in your own jars of hope. If you can't get out, give me a phone on 07817 663391 and I'll deliver some to you on my daily walk!

The Next Steps Group really wants to encourage as many of you as possible to make up these jars for others; this is a great opportunity to share God's Word.

Susanne McCabe



NEWS FROM STONELAW'S YOUTH ORGANISATIONS

131ST COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE

The Covid virus forced us to adapt and develop a strategy to keep up contact with the boys. All our projects involved family participation indoors, especially during the winter months. These consisted of games, quizzes, science experiments (with adult supervision) - and drawing competitions which were forwarded to BB Glasgow Battalion.



Comments and photographs sent by parents via WhatsApp allowed us all to encourage the boys' attempts. This month, a battleship game and blow football were made (lofts are great workshops!) and supplied to the Junior and Anchor Sections, who along with their families seemed to have had a lot of fun.

My Girl Friday, Anne, and I want to thank the team leaders, parents, carers and all our boys (and some girls) for their enthusiasm and support. Keep safe.

Walter Smyth.



2ND RUTHERGLEN RAINBOWS



The Rainbows (aged 5-7) started meeting on Zoom at the end of November and since then, with the exception of holidays, we have met virtually, on Zoom, every Tuesday evening. This has definitely been a learning experience, both for the girls and for their leaders. Our activities have been led by the girls' requests, their favourite activity being working together on a 'crazy' drawing on the Zoom Whiteboard, closely followed by sharing their news. One week we tried some miming: acting out what we'd done at the weekend while others guessed. We spent 10 mins guessing what one girl had done, before being told she'd played a game of Charades with her family – it should have been obvious!

As part of the First Aid badge, the girls had an extra challenge: to clean and apply a sticking plaster to their own 'cut' (drawn with red lipstick) with one hand, instead of having help from a friend! For the 'Colour my Mood' activity we played Pictionary on the whiteboard with the girls drawing what made them feel happy and everyone else guessing what it was. At Chinese New Year we were adventurous and attempted to make a lantern each – and the girls have made it clear they like making crafts! So we're going to try to make more things in the coming weeks and see how we get on.

We were happy to start these meetings with a small number of girls, while everyone got used to Zoom, but we will look to invite some more girls from the waiting list soon.

Helen Paulsen, Rainbow Leader

2ND RUTHERGLEN GUIDES



The Guides (aged 10-14) have been meeting on Zoom since late October. Initially we met weekly, but soon the girls and leaders agreed that for Zoom, fortnightly works better. We have 15 girls attending regularly, for fun activities, badge work, and to start each session, a fitness activity. Our next challenge is to try Breakout Rooms for the badgework!

Jan Morgan, Guide Leader

LODGING HOUSE MISSION: REMEMBERING STEPHEN MITCHELL

Many of you will have heard the very sad news that Stephen Mitchell, manager of Lodging House Mission, died on February 7 aged 60, after contracting Covid-19. Below you can read extracts from an article about Stephen by Holly Lennon, writing on the Glasgow Live website.

We would like to thank Gus Smeaton, LHM Director and a good friend to many in Stonelaw, for sharing this with us. To read the full article, go to:

<https://www.glasgowlive.co.uk/news/tributes-paid-lodging-house-mission-19855273>

17th February 2021

Tributes have been paid to a man who dedicated his life to helping Glasgow's homeless and marginalised population. Stephen Mitchell has been described as a 'dedicated and caring champion for the homeless and marginalised people of Glasgow'. For over thirty years, Stephen worked tirelessly to help those most in need, firstly through the Wayside Day Centre (later known as The Marie Trust) and then the Lodging House Mission, where he became manager in 2018.



Through his work, he created a caring environment for the city's homeless men and women, helping them with everything from welfare benefits to food and emotional support. He was known to go to great trouble to make anyone with whom he came into contact feel welcome.

Ex-colleague Martin Johnstone said, "That his work in homelessness was his life is true, but only in part. (...) It was evident that Stephen's priorities were firstly to his family and to his faith. His work pattern was one of always starting early. This was no accident. His aim was to make it home and to have as much time with his family as he could. Stephen spoke openly of his faith and his family. 'God bless you!' would commonly be his words on parting. I was blessed to know him."

As the coronavirus pandemic began in early 2020, Stephen quickly adapted the working of Lodging House Mission to focus their efforts where they were most needed and could have the greatest impact. It was thanks to his work that other agencies across the city were able to provide such essentials as emergency clothing and hot meals, to those who experienced homelessness during the crisis.



Deacon Claire Herbert said: "Stephen reached out to our partner agencies and was then able to multiply the effect of the impact we were able to have. Stephen was generous with the provisions he had at his disposal, never losing sight that what was given was for the benefit of others and not to promote ourselves."

*If you would like to support LHM's work, you can send a cheque to **Lodging House Mission, 35 East Campbell St Glasgow G1 5GT** or to give online, go to www.lhm-glasgow@org.uk.*

CAMBUSLANG AND RUTHERGLEN REACHOUT TRUST

At the time of writing, Ross and Alison were still on furlough and Greg was continuing to run the Reachout office from home.

Greg asked us to continue to pray for the work of Reachout and also for the work of Scripture Union. As a result of the lockdowns, SU is finding life difficult financially, especially when it comes to the funding for residential/outdoor centres.



Contacting Cambuslang and Rutherglen Reachout Trust:

Cambuslang Parish Church, 1 Arnott Way, Cambuslang G72 7JQ Tel 07837 193028
Email greg.crrt@outlook.com Website: <https://crrt.org.uk/>

RUTHERGLEN AND CAMBUSLANG FOODBANK

We're delighted to say that we have now moved into our new warehouse. It is a very good, accessible space which will make all our operations a lot easier. We are very grateful to the churches who have allowed us to use their premises as temporary warehouses, especially St Columbkille's, where we had our warehouse for the last 8 years.



We're still open in spite of the lockdown, so anyone in need of food is invited to come along:
St Columbkille's Church, Rutherglen Mondays & Thursdays, 12.30pm - 2.30pm
The Baptist Church, Cambuslang Fridays, 12.30pm - 2.30pm.

If you need food, please come along to either Centre. If you can bring a Red Voucher please do, but if you cannot bring one, please come anyway and we will help you.

Donations are very welcome and can be handed in at our permanent collection points at **Morrison's** in Cambuslang, or on Rutherglen Main Street, at **The Co-operative**, **Nationwide Building Society** and **Laurie Ross Insurance**. **Boots** collects toiletries for the Foodbank. During the month of May there is also a permanent collection point at **Tesco** in Dalmarnock.

Alternatively, you can hand in up to two bags at either of our local Foodbanks, but please do so before they are open for service users, so between 11.30 am and 12.30 pm. If you have more than that, please get in touch with me to arrange a drop off at the warehouse.

At the moment we are particularly short of the following items:

- Sugar
- Diluting juice
- Coffee
- Rice pudding
- Jam
- Washing-up liquid
- Soap powder
- Men's deodorant

Thanking you for all your support,

Katharina Nimmo, Manager, Cambuslang and Rutherglen Foodbank
Mobile: **07393737030** Email: info@rutherglencambuslang.foodbank.org.uk

Christian Aid Week does not happen until next month, but as this issue of the magazine covers both April and May, we'd like to put you in the picture now.



Just like last year, we can't run our usual fundraisers. However, so long as there are men, women and children still living in extreme poverty, and dealing with conflict, drought, floods, locust infestations, inadequate healthcare and sanitation - and Covid-19 too - Christian Aid and its local partners will carry on doing their best to help. Let's support this work if we can.

HOW CAN WE CONTRIBUTE TO CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2021?

Pray for this important appeal, that the money raised in Rutherglen during Christian Aid Week will make a lasting impact on the lives of the poorest of the poor.

Donate in any of the following ways:

- Put your donation in the Christian Aid envelope that came in the post along with your church magazine. One of us will pick it up from you if you give us a ring. You can wait till May to do this, or just call one of us whenever suits you – see below. We will collect your envelope in a Covid-safe way.
- Give online, to the Rutherglen Churches Christian Aid Week page on JustGiving: www.justgiving.com/rutherglencaweek2021
- If you get your magazine online but don't do online banking, give Jean or Jill a ring - see below. We can pop an envelope through your door and collect it later.
- Call Christian Aid on **020 7523 2269** to give by telephone.

Take part, if you are able, in the **150k in May 2021 Challenge!** Or sponsor us!

This means signing up to try, independently or with someone in your household, to walk, jog or run an average of 5k (3 miles+) a day during the month of May - and inviting friends and family to sponsor you, either online at www.justgiving.com/150kinMayca2021, or using a traditional Christian Aid sponsor form. (*Just ask, if you'd like one delivered to you.*)

We raised over £800 in the 150K in May 2020 Challenge – can we do better still in 2021?

Join our Watch Party (*date to be confirmed*) to see the film

Thank you for the Rain, which tells the story of Kisilu Musya, a smallholder farmer in Kenya who has used his camera to capture the life of his family, and show the human costs of climate change. The showing will be free, but donations are very welcome at www.justgiving.com/rutherglencaweek2021



Here's a link to the trailer: <https://thankyoufortherain.com/trailer>

Thank you, Stonelaw people, for all the support you have faithfully given to the work of Christian Aid over many decades. We are very grateful for whatever you can contribute this year, whether in prayer, collecting sponsors or by making a donation.

Jean MacKenzie 647 4913 and Jill Rennie 569 9340
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INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS ISSUES OF THE MAGAZINE

STONELAW CHURCH PRAYER CHAIN

Do you have a prayer request, **or** would you like to pray for others in the congregation, in our local community and beyond? Why not sign up for our Prayer Chain?

Normally John Shaw organises the Prayer Chain, but until his shoulder injury has healed, please contact Janis Neil on **0141 634 1901**, or email prayerchain@stonelawchurch.org

HAVE YOU MISSED A SUNDAY SERVICE?

You can catch up with any service, on Zoom or once we are back in church, by listening to the audio recording on our website, at www.stonelawchurch.org Go to **Worship** then **Service Recordings** at any time after 2.30pm on the day of the service.

If you think there are any inaccuracies or omissions on the website, please get in touch by emailing: info@stonelawchurch.org

HOW TO GIVE TO STONELAW CHURCH

You can contact the Church Treasurer, Euan Campbell, on **07413 580 103** or by email at treasurer@stonelawchurch.org

STANDING ORDER/ ONLINE BANKING

Either a one-off payment or a standing order can be set up using online banking. Our bank details are as follows:

Account: Stonelaw Parish Church, **Account Number:** 00465105, **Sort Code:** 80-12-75.

If you wish to set up a standing order but do not have access to internet banking, a Standing Order Form (to send to your bank) can be found on our website at:

<http://stonelawchurch.org/giving> or contact Euan Campbell (see page 26) to ask for one. If you are thinking of setting up a standing order, then please remember you are free to cancel this at any time.

POSTING A CHEQUE

We are also able to accept donations by cheque. These should be made out to Stonelaw Parish Church and posted to our Free Will Offering Treasurer: Iain Morrison, Flat G/L, 5 Parkhill Drive, Rutherglen, G73 2PJ

TEXT DONATION SERVICE

We have set up a text donation service to allow donations by text for those who are not able to use online banking or cheques. To use this service, text **STONELAWCH** followed by the number of pounds you wish to donate to **70085**. E.g. **STONELAWCH 5** to donate £5. If you are thinking of using this service, then please remember that we will not keep a record of your phone number or use it to contact you for any reason.

GIFT AID

If you are a UK taxpayer, donating to the church through the Gift Aid scheme means that we are able to claim back 25 pence for every £1 that you give – at no extra cost to you. If you would like to give using the Gift Aid scheme, you will need to complete a declaration form (also available on <http://stonelawchurch.org/giving>) which should be completed and returned to Iain Morrison, as Freewill Offering Treasurer, at the above address.

HOW TO JOIN ZOOM LIVE BY PHONE, AT THE LOCAL RATE



If you would like to join our Zoom Sunday Service at 10.30am, or the Wednesday Prayer Meeting at 7.30pm, **live by phone**, please ask anyone who sees the Saturday emails for the specific Zoom Meeting ID and Passcode. (See page 26 for Contact Information.)

Five minutes before the start time, dial 0131 460 1196. You will be asked to enter the specific Meeting ID and then the Passcode for that Zoom meeting.

LISTEN TO A RECORDING OF OUR ZOOM SUNDAY SERVICE BY PHONE

Alternatively, you can listen to the **audio recording** of the Sunday Service from 2.30pm onwards each Sunday, or during the week, on 0141 465 4368. Before the recording is played, you will hear the Stonelaw news that was sent out in the previous Saturday's congregational email. (For more details, see page 24)

JOIN A HOUSE GROUP LIVE BY PHONE ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

Call Jennifer Menzies for the 10.30am group and Dorothy McTaggart for the 7.30pm group. See the foot of this page for their phone numbers.

WORSHIP ONLINE ON ZOOM

To use Zoom, you need a computer, iPad/tablet or smartphone. Download the app and choose Join Meeting. You need a specific Meeting ID and Passcode to log in. These are shared each week in the Saturday Congregational Email. To sign up, please email info@stonelawchurch.org

It's always easier if you try to log into Zoom about ten minutes early. If you have trouble accessing a Stonelaw event on Zoom, please call Janis Neil on **0141 634 1901**.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE ON ZOOM AT 10.30AM

During the sermon there are Breakout Rooms for Discoverers (children up to P7 and their leaders) and for Connect2 (young people from S1 upwards). In addition, after the service, everyone is invited to join Breakout Rooms for a time of fellowship.

PRAYER MEETINGS ON ZOOM 7.30PM

Every Wednesday 7.30-8pm, with a short time for fellowship afterwards.

GRACE AND TRUTH BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM EVERY FRIDAY AT 5.30-7PM

Are you young, or young at heart? Let us study the Bible together!
Led by Mada and Mirriam Chikumbanje. Contact Mada on madalitsochikumbanje@gmail.com **07789 619 349**

HOUSE GROUPS ON ZOOM ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

The next House Group meetings will be on Thursday **1st April** and Thursday **6th May**.

To find out the Meeting ID and Passcode, call

*Jennifer Menzies on **07974 793 235*** to join the **10.30am** group

*Dorothy McTaggart on **07815 949 648**, to join the **7.30pm** group.

MAGAZINE CALENDAR 2021

Month(s)	Deadline for submissions	Issue Date
Summer 2021	16th May 2021	6th June
September & October 2021	15th August 2021	5th September
November 2021	17th October 2021	7th November
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