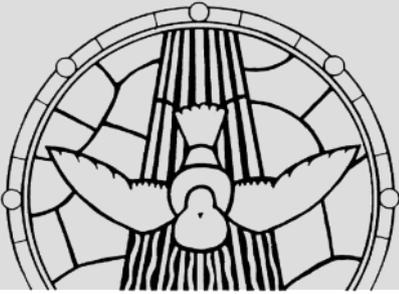


# Newport-on-Tay

# Church of Scotland Journal

March 2020



## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

**Luke 9:28-36**

### Seeking God's Approval for our Lives

The transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Hermon was a very decisive event in the career of Jesus Christ because it was here that he sought approval for the journey he was about to begin towards Jerusalem for the salvation of mankind. While he was there praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Moses and Elijah appeared to him in glorious splendour, talking with Jesus. One

was the law-giver of Israel and the other was the greatest of the prophets, respectively. It was as if the princes of Israel's religious life and thought told Jesus to go on, because we are told that they spoke about his departure which he was about to bring to fulfilment in Jerusalem. Jesus could now set out to Jerusalem, certain that at least one little group of men knew who he was, certain that what he was doing was the consummation of all the life and thought and work of his nation, and certain that God approved of the step that he was about to take.

We began the season of Lent on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020 dubbed Ash Wednesday. Lent is the time of year in the Christian calendar when we journey with Jesus Christ through his trials and tribulations and eventual triumph over the powers of death and hell. Lent is the time when many through the sufferings of Jesus think and pray deeply about the problems of the world and some take personal retreats for spiritual nourishment. Others use the period of Lent to curb some of the things that hinder their walk with God or are not helpful for their wellbeing. Since Lent is a spiritual journey for all of us, we need to learn from Jesus and seek the face of God and his approval and guidance in much the same way as our master did on the mount of Transfiguration before engaging his journey to the cross.

I understand that we cannot go to the mountain and expect Moses and Elijah to appear. But we can seek God's approval for the things of our lives through prayers and by discussing our plans with fellow believers and family members as we pray together about them. As we begin the season of Lent, may this be a time for us to examine our ways, repent of our failings and imitate God's love and mercy. Let us engage the practice of prayer, fasting, donations and other spiritual acts of mercy.

The season of Lent will culminate in new life at Easter time. May we welcome this season of repentance and renewal with hope and grace. And may we seek to know the will of God in our lives.

Every Blessing

*Rev Dr Amos Chewachong*

# NEWPORT CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

***Our vision is to be a church which inspires people with the Good News of Jesus Christ through our enthusiasm, worship, witness, nurture and service.***

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## Parish Register

### Death

25th Jan Mr Ronald Fraser  
Wormit Dist 26

### Changes of Address

Mr Alexander Cameron and Mrs Sheila Cameron  
From:- Newport-on-Tay Dist 16  
To:- Tayport Dist 28

Mrs Ruby Leslie  
From:- Wormit Dist 25F  
To:- Newport-on-Tay Dist 34S

## Minister's Commitments

Our minister is continuing his duties as Interim Moderator at Kilrenny Parish Church and as such he will be conducting the evening service on the first Sunday of the month there.



From 11th - 19th March (inclusive) Amos will be in Cameroon. Anyone requiring ministerial Pastoral Care should contact Rev Dr Jim Connolly on 542626.

Material for the **April** edition of the Journal should be emailed to:

newportcos@btinternet.com by

**Sunday 22nd March 2020.**

## Thank You

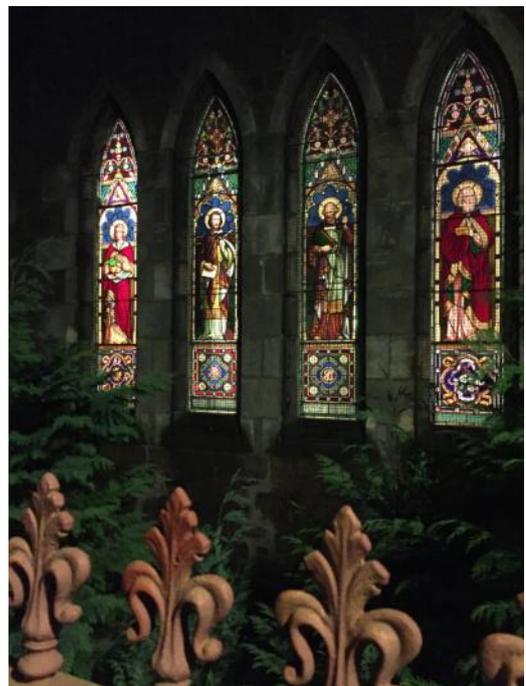
Thank you for the beautiful flowers. They are lovely and lasted well. We are now over the nasty virus we had over December/January. Love to all our friends in Newport Church.



**Tom and Joyce Hagan**

This photo was taken by Lesley Gray one Sunday prior to the evening service and captures the Apostles Windows beautifully.

See it in colour on the church website at [www.notchurch.co.uk](http://www.notchurch.co.uk)



## HOUSE GROUPS

You are invited to join one of the House Groups held in the community. Don't wonder what you're missing - *just come along and find out!*



**Monday afternoons 2:00pm**

44B King Street

**Contact** Edith Campbell on 542865

**Tuesday mornings 10:00am**

10 Albert Crescent

**Contact** Trish Barclay on 542503



**Tuesday evenings 7:30pm**

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## Update on Malawi Safe House

As everyone will no doubt remember the church very kindly made a generous donation towards the furnishings of a safe house in Malawi from the Harvest offering. The progress in putting up the building was delayed by the annual rains which were still going on in mid-February. However the foundations are now laid and hopefully the walls will be going up soon. It is still likely to take two to three months before it is complete.



All the organisation including the build is being coordinated by a local organisation called Fisherman's Rest. They have worked in an area about 20 minutes drive south of Blantyre, the largest city in Malawi, for more than 20 years (see map). If you want to know more about their work go to: <https://www.fishermansrest.net/about>

The following is adapted from the website (with permission).

'Fisherman's Rest was purchased in 1997 by the Chichlowscy family. Since then it has changed from a family home to a family run lodge, which supports long standing community programmes. Fisherman's Rest is set within an enchanting 500 acre forest with breathtaking views over the Great Rift Valley and our very own nature reserve.

For twenty years Fisherman's Rest has been working alongside its communities in the surrounding schools and villages. It is a thriving not for profit Lodge and Nature Reserve, which employs more than one hundred people from the local community.'

Current projects include improving water supply through the maintenance of bore holes and pumps, promoting education through school feeding programmes, building classrooms and equipping libraries, and improving the environment through for example tree planting.

Fisherman's  
Rest and Safe  
House

For more information see the board in the link passage or ask one of us.

**Catherine and Neil Merrylees**

## Prayer Ministry

### Psalm 85 v 12

***"The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest."***

Thoughts for prayer courtesy of Pray for Scotland

Restore

Revive

Rejoice

**Restore** Scotland's inheritance as a godly nation.

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

2 Chronicles 7 v 14

**Revive** The church in Scotland so that many can receive this salvation.

"Revive us, and we will call on your name. Restore us, O Lord God Almighty; make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved."

Psalm 80 v 18-19

**Rejoice** Give us thankful hearts to Rejoice in Him so that the heavens will also Rejoice over Scotland again.

"Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let them say among the nations, 'The Lord Reigns!'"

1 Chronicles 16 v 31

**Church Prayer Team**

**Trish Barclay, Ann Barona, Moira Clark, Alison Heywood and Nancy Pong**



# manno matters



We are so blessed with some new and returning volunteers. We welcome back Linda who also brings lovely cheese scones every Tuesday morning. We welcome Sarah and Sharon to the manna team. They are settling in very well. We still have space for a few more if you have some time to spare.

We have the most amazing selection of gifts. We have lots of new designs of socks. Our ever popular jute bags have new designs too. From giraffes, cats, dogs and busy bees. Our cards too are always popular and at a reasonable price.

We have a new neighbour with the Newport baker opening every weekend. This has made us a bit busier on Saturday morning which is great.

We have regular groups who come in on a Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. If you know a group who might want to get together on a Wednesday morning they can get in touch with me or Morag.

Many thanks.

Diane & the manna team

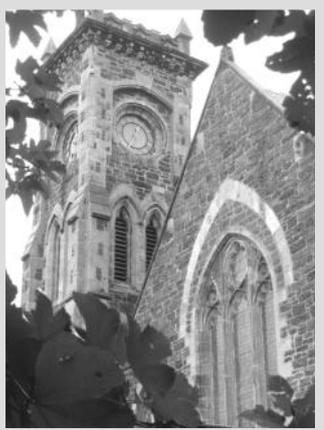
**manno** is open Tuesday – Friday 9am-5pm and Saturday 10am-5pm

manno (01382) 542781

Diane Miller (01382) 541141 & dianemillermanna@gmail.com

Morag Rowley (01382) 541157 & rowley.4@btinternet.com

## 150 Years



Many of you will be aware that this year marks 150 years since our church building was opened for worship on Sunday 6th November 1870. We plan to mark this milestone later in the year. I was interested to learn that William Berry's great-grandfather (John Berry 1824-1877) was a member of the original fund-raising

committee for the new church. It would be interesting to know how many of our present members had ancestors who were involved in the church at that time. If you can shed any light on this, please get in touch.

Thank you.

**Mairi Shiels**

07879 677120 or [mairishiels@btinternet.com](mailto:mairishiels@btinternet.com)

## Can You Help?

The Church of Scotland General Trustees require that each congregation appoints a Health and Safety Administrator as a legal requirement. It is the collective responsibility of our Kirk Session to ensure that we have suitable resources, policies and procedures in place for health and safety.

We are looking for someone within the congregation to take on this role. Comprehensive guidance is available on the Church of Scotland website at :-

<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/resources/building-and-property-resources/general-trustees-health-and-safety-toolkit/organising>

There are two local workshops planned for March/April 2020, when training will be provided.

If you are interested in assisting with this role please contact Francis Robertson, our Session Clerk, using the details on the back page of this Journal.



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# Sunday Club



Sunday Club

## Teaching So Far

We have been continuing looking at a series of sessions on the Life of Jesus. As before we are basing these sessions on the online Energize materials. We began by looking at Jesus' nativity, childhood and baptism and have more recently been looking at His time in the wilderness and His disciples. This series will continue until the summer, apart from some specific Sundays and also Funday Sunday activities during holidays.

## All Age Service

There will be an all-age service on the 1st March. This is being coordinated by Claire Owen and the children will be taking an active part in all aspects of the service.

## Lent Foodbank Collection

At the all-age service we will also initiate a foodbank collection to be held during Lent. We encourage the young people to take a lead on this to help them to understand the challenges that some people in our community face. Of course we greatly appreciate contributions by all members of the congregation.

## Bake Sale

The children and Youth Seekers are also planning a bake sale on the 1st March after the service. This is to boost funds for supporting Rimberto via World Vision. See below for more information.

## Update on Sunday Club Sponsorship of Rimberto from Bolivia

As you will know, we have committed to sponsoring through World Vision, Rimberto, a young boy from Bolivia. The children keep up-to-date with Rimberto's progress through frequent reports received from World Vision. This allows them to better understand the lives of children growing up in very different circumstances and to pray for Rimberto and his family and community in a relevant and intercessional way.

## Fundraising

We continue to fundraise through the weekly offerings of the children and other donations from members of the congregation. We also have specific fundraising events such as the bake sale mentioned above. Please do feel free to have a look at the 'thermometer' in the Sunday Club room which records the running total of funds raised and also the information board with some background about Rimberto and copies of letters sent and received. For further information about World Vision and its work do have a look at their website: [www.worldvision.org.uk](http://www.worldvision.org.uk)

**Neil Merrylees, Sunday Club Coordinator**



It's approaching that time of year when Christian Aid launches itself into its major fundraising season. I would like to give advance notice of the annual sponsored crossing of the Tay Bridge on Saturday 25th April at 2pm. Anyone interested in taking part please contact me for sponsor forms.

Please note, it is suggested that participants can run, cycle or dance their way across as a change from walking! Each to his own and I'll be delighted to provide forms for whatever mode of movement you intend.

A sponsored cross requires sponsors and I would urge non-crossers to offer lots of money to walkers/dancers etc.

**Margaret Imlay (01382) 543446**



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# Youth Update

On Sunday 9th February we had our Interactive Workshop on 'What is Church?' led by Bruce Lockhart who is the Scripture Union Regional Worker for Perth, Kinross and Fife. He has worked for SU for 15 years and loves it! He came up and led this workshop. He spoke about the history of what church looked like in the old and new testament and gave the young people some time to imagine what our church could look like. We now know that Church isn't a building, but it can be when just two or three people who believe in God are gathered together, and Church can literally happen anywhere!



During the February mid-term holiday some of the Youth Seekers helped to paint the Youth Room. If you haven't seen it yet please come up any Sunday and have a look!

On February 21st we went to PowerPoint in Edinburgh. We heard Dom Lyons speaking on how we are made for more, and we heard how we need to listen to God about the plans he has for our lives. During the night, we really felt God's presence. He spoke through a few people, who shared Isaiah 53:3-4 and talked about those who may feel alone, bullied and segregated, that Jesus felt the same when he died on the cross. His love is there for us. All we need to do is accept that! It was a truly powerful evening!



We are returning to Lendrick Muir for our summer camp in 2020. The dates are Saturday 11th July – Saturday 18th July 2020. The camp is run by Scripture Union Scotland. The activities that are on offer would be Kayaking, Canoeing, Paddleboarding, Go Karting, Raft Building, Giant Swing, High Ropes, Low Ropes, Nukemball, Disc Golf, Foot Golf, Bungee Trampolining plus lots more. Cost is approx. £280pp. However, this is an accurate approximation from last year and the price may change. The age range is those leaving P6-S6. We have a few reserved spaces remaining. If you are interested in sending your young person(s) to camp please e-mail me with the young person's full name and the school year they are currently in. It will be a first come first served basis. We may be able to increase our allocation of spaces at a later date! If cost is an issue, please don't hesitate to get in touch, we may be able to get a significant discount from Scripture Union Scotland.

What's coming up?

On Sunday 15th March, we are travelling to Grangemouth for Encounter. This is a prayer event run by Scripture Union Scotland. It is aimed at P7-S6. We would be leaving at 2pm and returning for 9pm. Each Encounter follows a prayer theme from the Bible. This year it is Ephesians 6:10-20, exploring how the apostle Paul tells us to be bold and WITHOUT FEAR. Many young people struggle with fear and anxiety - about faith and where they stand with God; about the future; self-image. We want to encourage them that God's mighty strength is available to them - that they can come and approach God in prayer with freedom, boldness and confidence. Programme includes Bible teaching, worship, chat, prayer workshops, prayer stations, prayer games – and a 2-course dinner in a lovely Macdonald hotel! The cost of this event is £5, and dinner will be provided at the event. If your young person is interested, please email me with the young person's full name and any dietary requirements.



On Sunday 22nd March we will be having our next interactive workshop which is 'A Faith Worth Sharing' with Catherine Dalton. Victor Hugo wrote "A faith is a necessity to a man. Woe to him who believes in nothing." We're often told to have faith - faith in yourself, in your friends, in medicine, even in democracy. But what do we mean when we talk about faith in relation to God? Together we'll be exploring what faith is, why it's worth shouting about, and some ways we can go about sharing our faith with those around us. Catherine came to know Jesus as a teenager. It changed everything in her life and since then she has been trying to share her faith with friends, family, and neighbours. She currently works for K2, a Christian Charity that partners with schools and churches in North East Fife to help children and young people grapple with the significance of Jesus.

Sunday Evenings – 6.30pm -8.30pm – Youth Café – P7-S6 - manna Café - We will be running a programme called 'At The Movies'. We are watching a few different films and are currently working our way through a couple of Marvel Films!

Thursday Lunchtimes – S1 to S3 – Madras College Kilrymont Road – Room 216 – We discuss different topics and look what the bible says! Why not come along and join us?

Tuesday Lunchtimes – S4-S6 – Madras College South Street – Room M6 - Discuss? – We discuss the big questions and provide God's Perspective

Blessings, **Chris Cameron**

**The Stated Annual Meeting** of  
Newport-on-Tay Church of Scotland  
will take place on Sunday 29th March  
immediately following the morning  
service. All are welcome and encouraged  
to attend.

Copies of the accounts  
are available from  
Philip Owen.



## Hang It On The Cross

by Lisa O. Engelhardt

If you have a secret sorrow,  
a burden or a loss,  
An aching need for healing...  
Hang It On The Cross.

If worry steals your sleep  
and makes you turn and toss,  
If your heart is feeling heavy...  
Hang It On The Cross.

Every obstacle to faith  
or doubt you come across,  
Every prayer unanswered...  
Hang It On The Cross.

For Christ has borne our brokenness  
and dearly paid the cost,  
To turn our trials to triumph...  
Hanging On The Cross.



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**Sunday Club:** Sundays 11am (P1-P7)  
Contact: Neil Merrylees, Tel: 07986669430

**Youth Seekers:** Sundays 11am (S1-S6)  
Contact: Chris Cameron, Tel: 07927253827

### Boys' Brigade:

For details of Sections and times  
Contact: Captain, Philip Owen  
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# Calendar of Worship

## Sunday 1st March 2020 All Age Worship 1st Sunday in Lent

**11am All Age Worship** - Rev Dr A Chewachong

**Beadle** : I Waugh

**Welcome** : I Armstrong, A Waugh, P Owen

**Offering** : P Owen, G Johnston, I Armstrong, I Waugh

**Flowers** : E Thomson      **Delivery** : E Wood

**Coffee** : P Broadbent, M Cuthbertson, J McKendrick + P Owen

**Crèche** : D Miller

**No Sunday Club and Youth Seekers**

**6:30pm Worship** - Led by the Worship Team

## Sunday 8th March 2020 Cluster Sunday

**11am Worship** - Rev John Duncan MBE

**Beadle** : M Wright      **Reader** : I Armstrong

**Welcome** : A Waugh, P Owen, L McNicol

**Offering** : E Thomson, J Johnston, K Campbell, M Wright

**Flowers** : V Caird      **Delivery** : A Barona

**Coffee** : A & G Anderson, P Laurence, L McCrickard + D MacLeod

**Crèche** : J Taylor

**Sunday Club** : A Gray, R Monks

**Youth Seekers** : C Cameron

**Youth Elder** : J Campbell

**6:30pm Worship** - Led by Rev Dr A Chewachong

## Sunday 15th March 2020

**11am Worship** - Led by the Worship Team

**Beadle** : I Armstrong      **Reader** : K Campbell

**Welcome** : P Owen, L McNicol, A Griffiths

**Offering** : I Waugh, L Robertson, M Imlay, I Armstrong

**Flowers** : L Robertson      **Delivery** : C Barr

**Coffee** : A Barona, A Heywood, L Hundal, M Rowley + W Imlay

**Crèche** : C Johnston

**Sunday Club** : Y Simpson, S McCowan

**Youth Seekers** : C Cameron

**Youth Elder** : F Harris

**6:30pm Worship** - Led by the Worship Team

## Sunday 22nd March 2020 Mother's Day

**11am Worship** - Rev Dr A Chewachong

**Beadle** : J Campbell      **Reader** : G Johnston

**Welcome** : L McNicol, A Griffiths, B Griffiths

**Offering** : R Caird, L Gray, M Shiels, J Campbell

**Flowers** : C Barr      **Delivery** : B Baxter

**Coffee** : E Campbell, F Harris, M McNicol, E Thomson + C McCowan

**Crèche** : F Harris

**Sunday Club** : R Monks

**Youth Seekers** : C Cameron

**Youth Elder** : M Imlay

**6:30pm Worship** - Led by Rev Dr A Chewachong

## Sunday 29th March 2020

**11am Worship** - Rev Dr A Chewachong

**Beadle** : A Barona      **Reader** : N Pong

**Welcome** : A Griffiths, B Griffiths, J Johnston

**Offering** : C Owen, M McNicol, M Wright, A Barona

**Flowers** : S Gray      **Delivery** : M Clark

**Coffee** : L Balfour, M Clark, J Johnston, Y Simpson + G Johnston

**Crèche** : D Miller

**Sunday Club** : J Wylie, N Merrylees

**Youth Seekers** : C Cameron

**Youth Elder** : A Heywood

**6:30pm Worship** - Led by Rev Dr A Chewachong

## Sunday 5th April 2020 Palm Sunday

**11am Worship** - Rev Dr A Chewachong

**Beadle** : R Caird      **Reader** : K Cruickshanks

**Welcome** : B Griffiths, J Johnston, F Harris

**Offering** : E Owen, N Merrylees, S Johnston, R Caird

**Flowers** : F Davidson      **Delivery** : F Durward

**Coffee** : A Gray, M McCabe, M Shiels, A Waugh + I Waugh

**Crèche** : C Owen

**Sunday Club** : Funday Sunday

**No Youth Seekers**

**Youth Elder** : C Johnston

**6:30pm Worship** - Led by the Worship Team