



By the way...

Easter
2019

Plant Sale

The annual plant sale will take place in the church car park on Saturday, May 18th, from 10.30am – 12.30pm. The plants will once again be supplied by Parklea Association Branching Out in Port Glasgow, an organisation which provides horticultural training to adults and young people with special needs. There will be a wide selection of plants available, which are always of the best quality, and can be ordered in advance. Order forms will be available in mid-April and can be obtained by emailing langbankcnl@gmail.com, or come along and choose on the day. Cream teas will be served in the church hall from 10.30am

Please come along and support the church and this very worthwhile organisation.

Quiz Night

The church annual quiz night was a great success. Sister Andrea kept us on our toes with a varied selection of questions which tested our knowledge, and Finlay McLennan did a great job as score keeper. Halfway through the evening everyone enjoyed a delicious supper, which helped to make up for our dismal scores.

The evening raised £410, which we decided should be donated to the Mozambique Disaster Fund. Many thanks to all who gave so generously on the night, and special thanks to Sister Andrea for making it such an enjoyable evening.



Langbank Singers

The Langbank Singers have had another busy season. Our first engagement was performing at one of a series of monthly "Music at Noon" concerts held in St Luke's Church in Paisley on a Saturday. This was well attended, and money raised went towards St Luke's organ fund. Christmas found us carol singing at Finlaystone, where we received our usual warm welcome and raised £80 for the local charity "Something for Romania". We combined with the church choir from St Andrews for our Candlelight Service in Langbank Church and after a good sing of old and new carols, we enjoyed mince pies and mulled wine in the hall. Christmas Eve found us carol singing at Gleddoch House to an audience consisting mainly of family and friends.

We started 2019 by entertaining at our own SWI Scottish Evening, where we thoroughly enjoyed haggis, neeps and tatties at the end of our performance. February found us over in Dumbarton at the Riverside Church Guild's fundraising evening and in March we entertained at Howwood Church's "Choruses and Cakes" evening. Our session comes to a close at the end of May with our annual night out.

The Singers practise on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm in the church upper hall. If you enjoy singing (you don't have to be a budding soloist) and would like to give it a try, phone 540752 or come along any Thursday evening.

Gala Day and Village Website

This year the proposed date of the Village Gala Day will be **Saturday 22nd June** (timings to be confirmed). As usual this event will only work if we have volunteers who are willing to help with the planning and on the day itself and therefore if you are able to help or have a great idea for an activity which you think will work well at this event please contact us via our **new Village website** www.langbank-community.com/ or telephone Jacqueline on 540728 or email: jacqueline2012@btinternet.com.

Once details have been finalised, they will be shared via the Village Website, Langbank Community Facebook page and on village notice boards.

Our new **Village Website** is in its infancy so we welcome feedback on the types of things you would like to see here. Perhaps some of our village groups would like to provide details about their activities or local businesses may wish to advertise. Maybe you just have some stunning village photos to share.

Church News

Church Refurbishment Update

Plans for redeveloping the church building to create an area for wider use within the village whilst still maintaining it as a place of worship have proceeded to the planning stage. Plans have now been drawn up and lodged with the Planning Department, and at present we are awaiting a response. Hopefully more information will be available soon.

SPRING

In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise;
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until it's season,
something God alone can see.

Easter Services

You are warmly invited to join us for our Easter Services:

April 14, **Palm Sunday** - Langbank Church at 10am
April 18, **Maundy Thurs** (Communion) - Langbank Church at 6.30pm
April 19, **Good Friday** - St Andrew's Church at 7pm
April 21, **Easter Sunday** - Langbank Church at 10am

An Easter Message



My Dear Friends

As I write this article for the newsletter my mind has somehow strayed to thinking about time. In that regard we are approaching the most important season in the Christian Church when we celebrate Easter. It is the time for renewal and as you read this article hopefully spring will be well and truly on its way. It is the time for new growth; I personally love to see the daffodils and the crocuses pushing their way through the soil. There is anticipation in the air that creation once again has woken from its winter slumbers.

There is a special feeling to spring and early summertime but the most important aspect of this time of year is that we celebrate the most amazing event in the history of the world; the crucifixion and resurrection of our Saviour Jesus Christ. It always causes me to marvel when I think of all that God has done for us and the abundant hope that Jesus brings.

This will be the first Easter I have been able to enjoy with the folks in Langbank and St Andrew's and I am really looking forward to sharing in the various services with you. Soon we will see the spring lambs playing in the fields; my late father-in-law was a sheep farmer so the imagery of Jesus the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world has for me special significance.

When men want symbols of power they look to mighty beasts and birds of prey. Russia uses the bear, Britain the lion, France the tiger, the United States the spread eagle. All fearsome and ravenous in their own way. It is only the kingdom of heaven that would dare use as its symbol of might, not the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, but the helpless Lamb, and a slain Lamb at that.

In the book of Revelation, the image that dominates is one that takes us resolutely to the cross. **It is of the Lamb..** In spite of all of the forces of evil ranged against him, the Lamb of God is the agent by whom the total rule of God is finally successfully established.

I pray that you will all have a Happy and Blessed Easter and that you will be able to join us at one or all of our Easter services, and especially on Easter Sunday when we once again thank God for his salvation and the new hope that we have in his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

God Bless you all

Jack

Village News

Neighbourhood Watch

Fortunately, for the past year or so, Langbank has been largely free of crime. The best way to keep it that way is for residents to take note of anything suspicious that may affect them or their neighbours and report it to the police, by calling 999 in the case of emergency, or 101 to contact the police station at Johnstone via Police Scotland.

The community liaison office at Johnstone is PC Fraser Williams, who attends the monthly meetings of the Langbank Community Council.

The Neighbourhood Watch in the village was set up 25 years ago by Brian Wallace, who kindly co-ordinated it until last year. It consists of residents across the village who volunteer to keep an eye open for any potentially criminal or antisocial behaviour and alert the police. They also pass information on to the NW co-ordinator who circulates it by email. If you would like to join this mailing list, please contact Mark Ellis at mark.ellis3@btinternet.com (Tel. 540 795). For advice on securing your home and personal property, see the Police Scotland website:

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/home-and-personal-property/>

It contains advice about gardens and sheds, which is particularly useful as summer approaches.

The Johnstone and Renfrew Police Twitter account carries recent information about crime and crime prevention: <https://twitter.com/JohnsRenfPolice>

The Community Council has a supply of **Smartwater kits** for marking household items with scannable information. Smartwater markings can deter thieves and allow the police to trace the owners of recovered property. These kits are subsidised and only cost £12.50; please contact Gloria Dunn on 540 313.

LOLLIPOPS FOR LANGBANK presented by

THE CHAMBER POTS - Sunday, 9th June 2019, 2.30pm in Langbank Church.

John, Margaret, Louise and Elspeth have been together for about ten years having met when they all played in Glasgow Chamber Orchestra. They play for weddings, afternoon teas, flower and Christmas Tree festivals.

Music is a huge passion in each of their lives and the quartet is just one way in which they spend their leisure time. John enjoys ice-hockey and is an avid supporter of the Glasgow Clan, Margaret is a snowboarding Disney aficionado who enjoys long walks with her Old English Sheepdog, Louise is currently studying for a Master's in Education, whilst Elspeth is embracing a whole new musical challenge as she begins learning to play the organ.

The Chamber Pots will present a selection of their favourite lollipops for your delectation and delight, with music ranging from Pirates of the Caribbean to a medley from the Sound of Music; there's some fun beside the seaside and a different take on Mozart.....

Tickets, priced £5, will be available soon and can be obtained by emailing langbankcnl@gmail.com or just come along and pay at the door.

What's Happening

BRIDGE Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. New members welcome.

CAMERA CLUB Meeting in the Church Hall at 7.30pm on the 2nd and 4th Monday in the month.

DROP IN CAFÉ Each Monday in the Church Hall, 2 – 4pm. Enjoy a chat, a cuppa and delicious home baking.

KEEP FIT Alyssa will welcome you to METAFIT, Sunday 5pm and CIRCUITS, Thursday 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

YOGA Tuesday evening 7.30 to 9pm in the Village Hall. Contact Sara 07962347950. New members welcome.

LANGBANK SINGERS Come and join us in the Church Hall on Thursday at 7.30pm. Contact, Mary 01475540752.

PLAYGROUP Children 2.5 to 5 years (term time) Friday morning in the Village Hall. Places available, all children from Langbank and surrounding area welcome. Contact Jen 07947983025.

UNDER 3's Friday morning in the Church Hall 10 – 11.45am. Great for parents and children. Contact, Natalie 07053616851.

SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCH Come and join us in the Village Hall on the 1st Wednesday of the month. Enjoy a variety of soups & sandwiches, and a chat.

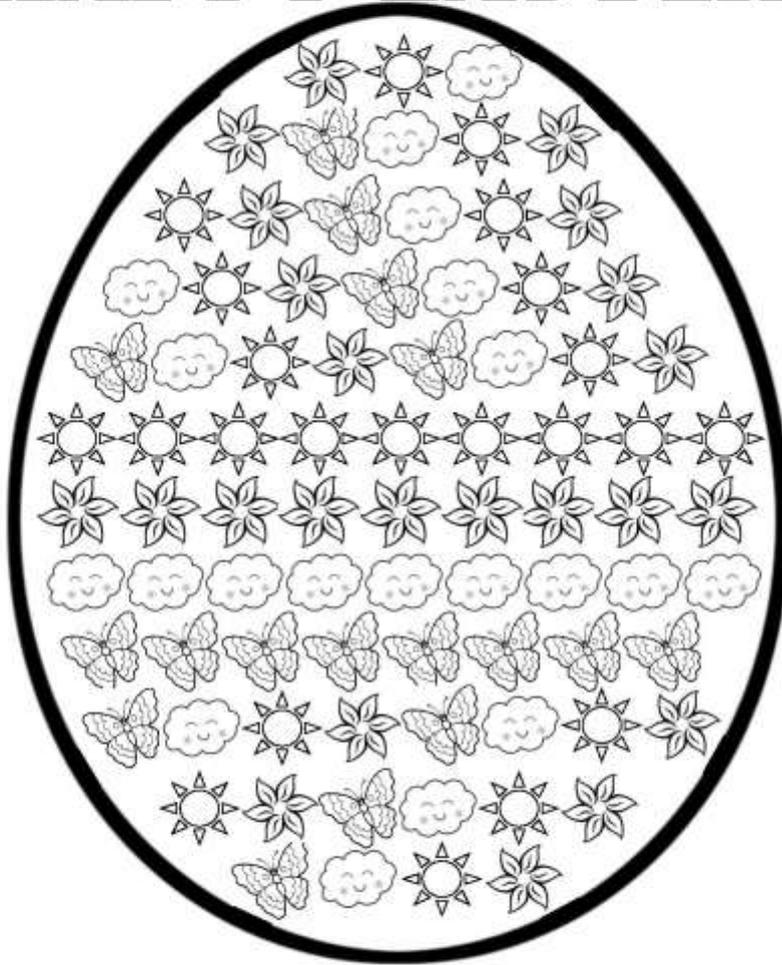
COMMUNITY COUNCIL meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm in the church hall. Open to all.

Bikeability

The P6/7 pupils of Langbank Primary will be participating in their Bikeability training in the coming weeks. Having completed their basic training in the playground last year some of the children will be ready for phase 2 which takes them out onto the streets around the school. There will be signs up to warn drivers and the children will be accompanied but please watch out for them.

Hello, boys and girls. Here are some Easter activities for you to complete.

HAPPY EASTER!



Can you count how many of each thing can be found inside the Easter egg and write the numbers below?

Butterflies _____

Clouds _____

Suns _____

Daffodils _____

Once you've counted them all why don't you colour them in.



Make Easter Nests

Ingredients

10 cupcakes – either bake your own or buy pre-made

Chocolate icing – homemade or bought is fine

5 Cadbury Flakes

1 bag of Cadbury's Mini Eggs

1. Cover each cupcake with a generous layer of icing.
2. Cut each Flake into 2 or 3 pieces and then cut them in half lengthways.
3. Make a little nest on top of the cupcakes using the Flake pieces.
4. Place a few Mini Eggs in the centre of each nest using more icing to hold them in place if needed.

Enjoy!

Langbank Parish Church : Sunday Service - 10.00am :

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