

HUMBIE PARISH and COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Minister's Letter

In this joyful Easter time, we celebrate Spring: with longer and warmer days, and signs of new life all around us – the lambs and calves in the fields, colourful flowers in our gardens, and the world looking a lot greener than only a few weeks ago. In the church, we celebrate the promise of new life at this Eastertide, too, in the resurrection of Jesus: his coming to new life, and the related promise to each of us of forgiveness, of new beginnings, and ultimately, of eternal life. So, Eastertide is a time full of promise, of light and joy. This was certainly reflected in the Easter Assembly of Humbie Primary School and Nursery, held at Humbie Church in early April, with lots of laughter and music and daffodils and cake. And yet, looking at the world around us, we see much turmoil and division, anxiety and even fear. In times that threaten darkness, light is needed even more: and all of us can contribute to there being more light than darkness in the world, more joy than fear: we can stand together and seek dialogue rather than division, we can choose understanding and tolerance rather than insisting on our point of view, we can all reach out and offer gestures of kindness to those around us. Even fear can be overcome if we know we have friends standing with us: something even the first disciples experienced in the uncertain time after that first Easter. There is certainly much life in our community: read on to find out about some of the things planned for the coming weeks and months. I wish you a joyful and happy summer.

Anikó

Worship Group

Would you like to occasionally lead prayers in our services, and be part of the team that every few months prepares and leads a Sunday service? And/or would you like to help plan and lead the (sometimes more reflective, sometimes more creative) Evening services that we offer every six weeks? And/or do you play an instrument, and would like to contribute to our services with your music on occasion? If you're interested to hear more about any of these, please speak to Anikó.

Holiday Club

Following requests from families in our parishes, we are looking forward to offering a taster Holiday Club this summer. It will run for three mornings between 6 and 8 August, in Humbie Church and the adjacent Stables, with a limited number of places for primary school-aged children. Bookings will open on 29 April, on a 'first come first served' basis. Booking forms are available from our website and the church.

Songs of Praise

On Sunday, 26 May, our morning service will be a Songs of Praise service. If you would like to nominate a favourite hymn to be included, please write it down and give it to Anikó by Sunday, 12 May.

Communion services

As we only gather for our formal Communion services twice a year, while some of our members would like to receive Holy Communion more frequently, we now offer a shorter celebration of Holy Communion at the end of the morning service twice a year, in February and August, as well as our Maundy Thursday Communion which we hold jointly with Yester, Bolton and Saltoun Church. Everyone is welcome to participate in these Communion services.

The Kirk Session have also made a decision to use non-alcoholic Communion wine in future, to allow everyone to fully participate in the celebration of the sacrament. If you have any questions, please speak to the minister.

LIST OF ELDERS

Session Clerk	Liz Hunter	2 Leaston Farm Cottages
	Elizabeth Bayne-Jardine	Hattonhill
	Alex Campbell	Keith Marischal
	David Cunningham	East Peaston
	Janice Dagg	Saltoun Station, Pencaitland
	Donald Hardie	Chesterhill
Treasurer	Margo Hodge	Humbie Mill
	John Mair	New Mains
	George Pate	Stobshiel Mains
	Max Ward	Stobshiel House
	Sandy Wilson	Shillinghill

CHURCH ROLL

Baptism

Eowyn Gwendolyn Easton Hall, daughter of Thom Hall and Tessa Till on 24th February

Death

Colin Charles Bayne-Jardine, on 12th January 2019

Messy Church

Our last Messy Church was held in East Saltoun on 20th January and had a “water” theme. There is a lot about water in the bible, both literally and figuratively, and so we looked at the various states of water and applied that to Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We explored the properties of water – floating, sinking, dilution, and capillary action in various fun and interesting ways, with no-one getting too wet. We played a game involving crossing the Red Sea by answering questions on how we should protect the water in our world.

Once again, this was a great, fun afternoon and, after hearing about the importance of water to us all, singing and a short prayer, the children sat together to enjoy a lovely supper prepared by the ladies of East Saltoun.

The next Messy Church will take place in Gifford Village Hall on Sunday 12th May from 4 – 6 p.m. and the theme will be “The Good Samaritan”. We'll have crafts and team games, a baby and toddler corner, and, as always, a story, a song and supper together. Bring a friend if you like. **(All children also need to bring an adult).**

Looking further ahead, we are in the very early stages of planning the following Messy Church in September/October 2019 with a theme based on “Fostering Compassion” – an Ormiston based charity working with looked after children and rescue animals. If anyone would like to help out or bring some new ideas forward, please contact Margo or Janice.

Community Council

Minutes of the Community Council’s monthly meetings (September – June) can be accessed at the CC’s website – www.humbiesaltounboltoncommunitycouncil.com. The next meeting will be held in Humbie on Monday, 1st May.

Occasional “community” information is circulated by email. If you would like to be added to, or removed from the mailing list please send your contact details to humbiecomcouncil@gmail.com

To raise any issue with the Community Council please contact any of the Humbie representatives Alastair Beck, Margo Hodge or Frank Kirwan.

Community Funds

The following awards have been made since the last Newsletter:

Humbie Community Fund

Humbie Players/Humbie Hall Trust - £324.50 (contribution to cost of new curtain rail for village hall)

Christmas Ceilidh in aid of Humbie Hall Trust - £400

Christmas Community Lunch - £244.06 (thanks to Anna Young and others for organising this event)

Humbie Hall Trust - £254.92 to replace two damaged solar panels

Humbie Box Office - £300 to sponsor two children’s films

Thanks to everyone who expressed an interest in becoming in becoming a Trustee of the Community Fund. Colin Lowrie, as Chair of Humbie Community Fund, is considering how best to take this matter forward and will follow up with everyone soon.

Humbie Community Fund holds significant reserves and new project proposals are always welcome. The application process is simple and for more information about the Fund and how to apply please contact the Fund’s Secretary/Treasurer, Al Beck – humbie-becks@zen.co.uk

Dun Law Trust (DLX)

Following Morag Taylor’s resignation as a DLX Trustee, applications were invited from members of the Humbie community. The applications received were reviewed by the Trust’s Chairman, Henry Gibson and Colin Cavers, one of the Trustees from Oxton. John Pelan from Humbie Mill Cottages was nominated as Trustee and his appointment was confirmed at the February Trustees’ meeting.

£1,500 was awarded to each of the four participating communities (Humbie, Fala, Oxton and Heriot) to fund small projects. Humbie Community Fund manages these funds and the application process is as for that fund. No other awards have been made since the last Newsletter.

Humbie projects have greatly benefitted from this fund but Trustees will welcome new and innovative project proposals. The closing date for receiving applications for the May Trustees’ meeting is 26th April. If you want to discuss anything informally, please contact John or Al Beck. More information and details of how to apply to the Trust can be found at the recently updated website – www.dunlaw.org

Humbie Box Office

HBO'S final film of our 17th season is **LEAVE NO TRACE** and will be screened in the village hall on Friday, 26th April.

If you would like to join the Committee to help plan and contribute to organising our 18th season please get in touch with Al Beck or David McAlpine or you can email info@humbieboxoffice.co.uk

Humbie Community First Responders

The small group of volunteers continue to provide a First Responder service for the Scottish Ambulance Service as work and personal commitments permit.

If you are interested in joining the group and would like more information, please contact Rab Sneddon (833391) or Al Beck (833547)

Lothian Broadband - Moving at a Superfast pace.

A lot has happened for Lothian Broadband so far this year. The network has grown significantly and we are moving into exciting new territories with wireless coverage in Lauder to the south and East Middleton to the west. With this wireless network growth, we have welcomed five new colleagues to the team since the new year - more friendly faces in Humbie!

The end of 2018 brought new investment in the business and with it the opportunity to carry out two Fibre Projects in East Lothian, delivering Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) to around 200 homes and businesses. Currently, we are working hard to plan these projects to ensure smooth delivery before the Autumn.

We remain extremely grateful to our homeland of Humbie for their support in our growth to date. Please make the most of our Refer a Friend scheme if recommending us to friends and family. Find out more at www.lothian.com/referafriend/. It's our little way of saying "Thank-you", with a £25 credit to your account as well as your friend's account, when they get connected.

If you would like to find out how Lothian Broadband could help your business, please call 01620 698001, email info@lothian.com or visit www.lothian.com.

Humbie PTA

The PTA are pleased to say that our three annual events (Bonfire Night, The Humbie Winter Market, and Burns Night) were a great success and we've been having a wee break to re-charge our batteries. Thank you so much to our community for their support in these events. We are a small school and we hugely appreciate the patience, elbow grease, and support you give us every time we do a fundraising event for the school – we really couldn't run these events without your help.

We are very excited about a new venture with the Humbie Orchard. A set of new planters have been added to the orchard thanks to the kindness and mastery of Mr Hunter and a generous donation of supplies from the Windymains Mill. These will make an excellent outdoor classroom for the kids once we have painted and filled them in with soil. What a great project!

Also, as an important reminder, we ask anyone in the area who is keen to send their children to Humbie Nursery to note your interest with East Lothian Council.

The Humbie PTA

HUMBIE PRIMARY SCHOOL
NURSERY ENROLMENT



Please remember you are able to complete a Nursery Enrolment form at Humbie Primary School as soon as your child is 2 years old

You are welcome to visit our school at anytime
(Tel. no. 01875 833247)

Humbie SWI (The Rural)

Members of Humbie SWI celebrated the Institute's 99th Birthday with a lovely meal in the Tweeddale Arms Hotel, Gifford on 1st November 2018. The two cakes in the shape of number nines, baked and decorated by Margo Hodge, were cut by our oldest and youngest new members – Moya Marshall and Kayleigh Myles and we all enjoyed a piece of each with our tea/coffee. Our December meeting was brought forward by a week to 29th November when we were treated to a demonstration on "Wreaths for Christmas" by Lottie Brown, who uses the older method of covering rings with moss and tying it with string – a lengthy but very effective process, then tying on various floral and foliage decorations. She also made a beautiful table centre decoration and answered the many questions raised by members, as well as promising to research and advise us of the origin of the wreath, which she did the next day. The wreath was donated to our monthly raffle and the table decoration was presented to our Honorary President, Betty Bell, along with a card and chocolate cake, to mark the occasion of her up-coming 90th Birthday. If you have access to our facebook page, there is a lovely photograph of Betty, holding one of our future members – baby Curle – who was just under 3 weeks old, along with the card, cake and flowers.

In January, we were again treated to a demonstration by our Vice-President Karen McKnight on wet-felting, showing some lovely examples, which she had made previously and giving suggestions as to how they might be displayed. Great concentration followed when members were very enthusiastic and creative in making a variety of artistic samples, which Karen had the unenviable task of judging as our monthly competition.

At our February Meeting, Karen Torrens, KT's Country Kitchen, gave us a taster session of some of the meals she can provide – with a view to catering at our 100th Birthday Party in November 2019 (more later). All samples were delicious and it was difficult to decide which to choose – eventually being decided on a show of hands.

Our March meeting was dedicated mainly to discussion of our centenary celebrations. Members had formed into various sub-groups to put forward recommendations of how to mark and fund this happy and ongoing year-long celebration.

Summer Outing – We are planning a day trip to Dundee' new V & A Museum on Saturday 1st June leaving Humbie at 10 a.m. We have booked a 35-seater coach so there will be places available for a few ladies

from the Humbie area, who may wish to join us. We are unable to secure a guided tour of the Museum as there are other groups already booked in but admission is free. There is also the choice of visiting the Discovery ship, The MacManus Art Gallery & Museum or just take in the local shopping centre. Members have been asked to give me their names and a £20.00 deposit (non-refundable) by 2nd May (our AGM). We will stop for morning coffee on the way to Dundee and for High Tea at The Steading, Biggar Road, Edinburgh on the way home. Further details and costs will be available locally in due course.

100th Birthday Party will take place in Humbie Village Hall on Thursday 7th November, with invited guests from Federation and National level as well as all former Presidents.

Gleanings of Humbie Parish – we have a small team of volunteers who have agreed to update this local publication for sale. Printing costs have already been sought and we have provisionally secured funding towards this project.

Collage for display in Humbie Village Hall – we are also looking to make up a collage showing some of the various activities of the SWRI/SWI over the last 100 years and work on this is still under consideration.

Silent Auction – we held a fund-raising Silent Auction on 4th April, instead of our usual meeting. Although it was not as well attended as we had hoped, we managed to raise the magnificent sum of £1306.50. Local businesses will be thanked individually, in writing, for their very generous donations of "Lots" for this event. Our sincere thanks go to all those Rural Members, from other institutes in East and Midlothian as well as everyone who supported the event.

Easter Bunny Drive – (similar to a beetle drive for anyone who needs to ask) the date of this has been put back a week to **Friday 3rd May** at 7.00 p.m. in Humbie Village Hall. Entry Costs are Adults - £3.00 and Children (under 16) - £1.00, which includes teas/coffees and home-baking, as well as appropriate prizes. There will also be a raffle and any donations will be very much appreciated.

Duck Race at the stream running beside the church, then family fun at the hall on Saturday 8th June – further details will be advertised locally nearer the time.

Federation Quiz – several of our members took part in the East Lothian Federation Annual Quiz night, which was a friendly and enjoyable event. The winning team was The Gifford Bumble Bees.

The Triennial Federation Show will take place on Saturday 12th October between 2.00 and 5.00 p.m., in Athelstaneford Village Hall. Admission costs are £4.00 for adults and £1.00 for children under 12 years, which includes refreshments and delicious home-baking. This year, we have introduced a novice section of 3 competitions for the new Centenary Trophy, which is open to Members who have never won a 1st, 2nd or 3rd prize in a Federation Show. Humble Members are busy getting their entries organised, especially for the Co-operative Sections, which are keenly contested by all Institutes in the District. There will also be a children's section, which is open to all children, entitled "Halloween Mask" and the classes are A – pre-school; B – 5 to 8 years; C - 9 to 12 years and D – 13 to 16 years. Show schedules are available from Janice Dagg, Show Secretary.

We are hoping for a lot of entries in all classes as this is a great opportunity to showcase all of the lovely handcrafts and baking skills of our Members. A prize draw will be held on the day with many prizes; tickets may be purchased from Members from May onwards.

Once again, I would invite ladies to come to any of our meetings which are held on the first Thursday of each month from September to May at 7.30 p.m. in Humble Village Hall. We have a wide selection of speakers and demonstrations as well as the legendary Humble Rural teas.

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Humble Hub

The Hub enjoyed a busier winter than last year, partly due to the snow staying away! We are very grateful to our regular customers who continue to support us and thank you all! We had our first Hub evening event in February, an Italian night, the aim was to bring our visit to Como into Humble, it was a great success and was enjoyed by all who came along. Unfortunately, the same night, the Hub was broken into! Thankfully, there wasn't too much disruption and we got back to normal very quickly.

Our next evening event, an Indian Night, has unfortunately been postponed, due to Allie leaving. Allie has decided to take another path in her life and although we are very sorry to lose her, we wish her well in her new career. We are now looking for another cook, or 2 part time cooks, so if anyone is interested or knows anyone who may be interested, please let us know.

Our current art exhibition is pictures of wildlife, from the Arctic circle by Jean Manson entitled "A Fragile Wilderness", which includes some limited-edition prints; pop in and have a look, they are amazing. Jean gave an interesting talk on Friday 5 April on her travels and experiences. For information on future art exhibitors, check out our website or visit our FB page.

Our regular therapists, Dawn Cowan (Massage) and Geraldine McCullough, (Indian Head Massage and Reflexology) continue to use our therapy room regularly, Mondays and Thursdays. Geraldine recently held a mindfulness evening in the Hub which was well attended and very interesting.

Finally, we are still looking for suggestions on a use for the phone box! Any suggestions? Let us know please.

Thank you to all our customers near and far, from the community and beyond!

Morag and the Humble Hub Team

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Church Services in Humbie Church, May – November 2019

A detailed monthly service list can be found at the church entrance, on our notice board at the Humbie Hub, and on our website. The Sunday service takes place at 9.30am, unless otherwise indicated.

Please put your reading dates in your diary. If you are unable to read on the suggested date, please swap with someone else and let Liz know (01875 833223).

Date	Points to note/ where	Reader	Coffees/ teas	Flowers
05.05.	Communion	Liz H	Moya M	Fiona H-J
12.05.		Lois B-J		Muriel P
19.05.		Jim H		
26.05.	Songs of Praise	Alex C		Sophy C
02.06.	Morning service	Janice D	Linda L	
02.06.	Joint Evening Service at Yester Church, 7pm	n/a		
09.06.	Pentecost	Joan S		Hilary M
16.06.		Lynn L		
23.06.		Patrick E		Anna E
30.06.		Johnny G		
07.07.	Joint service at Humbie Church, 9.30am	Patrick F		Sarah H
14.07.		Jill K		
17.07.	Joint Evening Service at Bolton Church, 7pm	n/a		
21.07.		Paddy S	Jessie G	
28.07.		Max W		
04.08.		Andrew B-J	Janet B	
11.08.		Al B		
18.08.	Short communion after the service	Margo H		Sally H
25.08.		Janice D		
01.09.	Morning service	Janice D		
01.09.	Joint Evening Service at Humbie Church, 7pm	n/a		
08.09.		Sandy W		
15.09.		Janet B		Carolyn P
22.09.		John H		
29.09.	Joint service at Yester Church, 11am coffees/teas beforehand	n/a		

06.10.		Muriel P	Muriel P	Fiona R
09.10.	Joint Evening Service at Saltoun Church, 7pm	n/a		
13.10		George P(Jnr)		Janice D
20.10.		Colin L		
27.10.		Alastair S		Margo H
03.11.	Communion		Jessie G	
10.11.	Remembrance - 10.45am at the War Memorial			Ruth S
17.11.				
24.11.				

The editor would like to thank all those who have contributed in any way – through articles, help or advice – to this issue. Thanks also to the Trustees of the Humble Community Fund for covering the printing costs. Large print copies are available on request. Comments or suggestions for future issues would be most welcome.

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