

HUMBIE PARISH and COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Minister's letter

Hello,

I hope you're all well, enjoying the beautiful autumn colours – and keeping warm! Autumn is such a lovely time of year, when our gardens, fields and woods look like God has brought out crayons of all different shades, and where we can see – and taste – the richness of the food that is growing all around us. It is a time when we traditionally think about what we are grateful for, in our Harvest Thanksgiving service, where we also appreciate the beauty of the world around us in remembering our task to protect this world and our planet, and when we think about how much we have and how we can share with those who are struggling. Many thanks to all who have supported our Harvest Foodbank collection, and the Christmas Shoebox Appeal. All donations are very much appreciated and will help people in need.

It's been a busy summer across the two parishes, and the winter promises to be full of events, too. Very soon, our Remembrance Service will take place, and we hope that many of you will be able to join us. And then it's not long until Advent – and we hope that you might join us for our Advent services, the Nativity service and Watchnight on Christmas Eve, and the Christmas Day service.

We have recently begun a new series of Evening Services which will offer a slightly different worship experience. They take place roughly every six weeks, alternating between Sunday and Wednesday evenings, and move between the different churches across the parishes. Please see our service sheets, website and facebook page for more details.

And, as welcome as you are at any of the events and services, you're always welcome to get in touch at other times, too. Just like we offer a listening ear in school chaplaincy, and are on hand for family services like baptisms and weddings in the parish, we are also here at other times – so just get in touch if you would like a chat.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Best wishes,

Anikó

You can find sound recordings of our Sunday services on the worship page of our website. If you would like to receive a CD of these, please call Anikó on 01620 811193.

We send out a weekly email with details of the upcoming services and other information. If you would like to receive this, please write down your email address here and give it to the minister, or email her at aschuetzbradwell@churchofscotland.org.uk.

Email:

I would like to receive the weekly parish email and agree for my email address to be held for that purpose.

LIST OF ELDERS

Session Clerk	Liz Hunter	2 Leaston Farm Cottages
	Elizabeth Bayne-Jardine	Hattonhill
	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

CHURCH ROLL

Marriages

18th August Rebecca Jamieson and David Treagus, of Bathgate

13th October Jake Cowpland and Rachel Craig, of Edinburgh, conducted by Rev Cowpland.

Messy Church

Our latest Messy Church was held in Humbie on 2nd September with the theme this time being “friendship”. We were delighted to welcome 36 children of all ages with mums, dads and grandparents. As usual, the various activities proved very popular and the creativity expressed by the children at the craft stations was quite amazing, showing what huge talent they have. It was a bit of a struggle to stop the creative activities in time to allow games to take place before Anikó related the stories about friendship from the Bible, which included Ruth and her mother-in-law Naomi, also David and Jonathan who were great friends; Mary and Martha, the sisters who related to their friend Jesus in very different ways. These show that there are many different forms of friendship between different ages, cultures, etc. If you are able to look on the church website/face book page, you will witness the great concentration and attention of the children, when hearing the stories. The song, Jesus loves me, this I know, beautifully taught and played by Sharon was most appropriate. Then, in the kitchen, we faced quite a challenge in providing a light supper of sausages, beans and mash to so many and only just managed to feed them all. The fruit and jelly and ice-cream went down well. Apologies to the adults, who missed out this time.

The next Messy Church is scheduled to take place on 20th January 2019. Please watch out for advertising nearer the time and come and join in the fun.

Once again, if anyone wants to help out or just bring some new ideas, please contact Margo or Janice

Holiday Club

We are currently exploring the possibility of holding a Holiday Club next summer. If your family might be interested in participating in such a holiday club, please get in touch.

News from the Humbie PTA

The Humbie PTA is working hard to get ready for the Humbie Bonfire and Fireworks event. Please join us on the 4th November from 4 15pm - 6 15pm, in Humbie for fireworks, food, and fun. This event is a lovely chance to gather together as a community around a cosy fire, but it is also a fundraiser for the After-School Club at Humbie Primary.

Our next exciting event is the Humbie Winter Market, which is taking place on the 24th of November from 10am – 3pm. We are being joined by a raft of talented and skilled artisans who will provide us with a day of Christmas Shopping in the comfort of the village hall. You can also join us for a coffee and lunch, music, face painting, story-telling, craft activities for kids, and maybe, if we’re good, a wee

visit from a Mr Claus himself. We hope you have a lovely day and once again, thank you in advance for supporting this event; all the proceeds raised support Humbie Primary and the wonderful work that goes on there.

We really are busy setting up these events and the parents at Humbie Primary are absolute legends for their hard work and unfaltering devotion, but we couldn't provide these events without the support of our wider community. Our events have been very successful because people in the wider community get behind us and help in a variety of forms. Thank you all!

Hayley Dalrymple, PTA Chair

Community Council

The Community Council has a new website:
www.humbiesaltounboltoncommunitycouncil.com.

Minutes of meetings will be posted there and, as the site develops, this will be the main source for finding out about the activities of the Council. Many thanks to Rhona Wilson of East Saltoun who has prepared the website.

If there are any issues you would like to raise with the Community Council, please contact Alastair Beck, Margo Hodge or Frank Kirwan.

Community Funds

The following awards have been made since the last Newsletter

Humbie Community Fund

Humbie Primary School PTA – 2018 Fireworks Night:
£550

Dun Law Trust (DLX)

Oxton & Channelkirk CC - Broadband Survey: £1,000

Bird Gardens Scotland CIC – contribution to development of education facilities: £20,000

Humbie Village Hall – reroofing project: £17,828

Oxton Community Development Ltd (shop) – equipment and additional staffing costs (start-up):
£5,800

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 is now into its 17th season. After a hiccup with equipment failures at the end of last season, all is working well (touch wood). Our season continues throughout the autumn:

Friday, 26th October: *Summer 1993*

Friday, 30th November: *Lady Bird*

Friday, 14th December: *Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again* (This will be HBO's usual pre-Christmas extravaganza – look out for more details nearer the time).

Membership is only £25 – it's great value and great fun.

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 the possibility of joining the group and would like more information, please contact Rab Sneddon (833391) or Al Beck (833647).

Lothian Broadband is growing: we're almost at 1000 subscribers and we now employ 15 local people.

Humbie is proving to be a fertile ground for growing broadband! The Lothian Broadband wireless network is growing on a weekly basis, with new sites providing dense coverage across East Lothian and expanding west into Midlothian, with new sites in North Middleton and beyond coming online recently. New frontiers are being secured south too, as the network develops into Oxton and beyond into Lauder.

Network development brings new customers and, as we expand into new areas, we are gathering more local champions who are helping us to spread the word about Lothian Broadband and hosting essential equipment. These champions are key to our success and we wouldn't be approaching 1000 customers without them. Don't forget we have a **Refer a Friend scheme** - for each connected customer you refer to us, we will credit your account with £25 (www.lothianbroadband.com/referafriend).

As the network and customer base grows, so must the team to support them. We have been delighted to welcome several new team members over the last few months. Our strategy of employing talented, local people is paying off and we are going from strength to strength. You may have noticed our new, full electric van parked at The Hub. We excitedly await the arrival of a Hybrid van to join the fleet in the next few weeks.

As the team grows, so does the need for transport but we are determined that our carbon footprint doesn't grow at the same rate!

If you have any questions about our service, please get in touch or pop in to chat to the team.

www.lothian.com **or** info@lothian.com
01620 698001

Humbie Players – Pantomime

This year's panto is **Dick Whittington and his cat** and will be performed in the Village Hall on Friday 7th December at 7.30 pm and Saturday 8th December at 2.30pm **AND** 7.30pm. Tickets for each show cost £10 for adults and £5 for children (which includes Mince Pies and Mulled Wine) are available now at the Humbie Hub.

Community Christmas Lunch

Arrangements are currently underway for the annual Community Lunch, which will be held in the Village Hall on Monday 10th December. Invitations will be sent out nearer the date.

Christmas Ceilidh

There will be a Christmas Ceilidh in Humbie Village Hall on Friday 28th December 2018. Please mark the date in your diary and buy your tickets soon to avoid disappointment. Doors open at 7.30 and the band will play from 8p.m until 12 midnight. The hall's capacity is limited. Tickets costing £10 (including light supper - BYOB) will be available in the Hub very soon or can be ordered by email from humbie-becks@zen.co.uk

John Morris from Shillinghill is the person behind this initiative and he and Jenny Gardner from Pathhead (with others) will be the ceilidh band.

The event is sponsored by the Humbie Community Fund and all proceeds will go to Humbie Hall Trust to help with current and future hall improvements.

SWI – The Rural

On Saturday 2nd June, Members of the SWI set off for their annual summer outing, our destination Traquair House. We stopped for coffee at Barony Castle Hotel en route. Some of us managed to tackle the steep steps and were rewarded with a view of the concrete great Polish map of Scotland. Unfortunately, the weather was not kind to us as we resumed our journey so we didn't manage to enjoy the lovely gardens but Traquair House, which is claimed to be the oldest continually inhabited house in Scotland was

truly worth a visit. While not strictly a castle, it is built in the style of a fortified mansion. It contains a brewery which makes Jacobite Ale and House Ale. We had afternoon tea in the garden café, before taking the scenic route home and were quite surprised at how quickly the roads had flooded during the heavy and persistent rain.

At our first meeting of the 2018/19 session, we were finally able to hear from Russell Clink of Nairn's Oatcakes, who had been postponed from the March and April meetings because of the snow. He obviously had enjoyed his term of employment with Nairn's and gave us a very full and, at times, amusing history of the Company which was established in 1896, showing us a variety of packaging used throughout the years – from the old tin boxes with pipers and heather to the more up to date cardboard ones. He brought with him a very generous variety of samples which we thoroughly enjoyed with the cheeses supplied by our Tea Ladies.

Our October meeting was held in The Hub, to allow the Humbie Players to rehearse on the stage in the Village Hall. The speaker was Geraldine McCullagh who had visited before and this time she introduced us to Hand Reflexology. She gave us a very informative demonstration on The Stress Control Workout. We all had therapy oil on our hands and joined in the hand workout which allows one to relax when feeling tense. Geraldine answered several questions raised by members, who then gave her a hearty vote of thanks for a most enjoyable and relaxing evening. Arrangements were made at the meeting for the annual October Charity evening which had been agreed as a Beetle Drive, instead of our usual Whist Drive – this was to see if we could gather a bit more support than in recent years. Names were also taken and menu selections made from Members for our 99th Birthday Party.

The Beetle Drive, held on Friday 19th October proved to be a great success, attracting a total of 22 adults and 7 children. From my position in the kitchen on the night, I was delighted to hear the cheers, laughter and "awws" from those taking part. As well as several of our members, we had visitors from other Institutes and a few people who had seen the posters and just wanted to come along. Most of them asked that we let them know when the next beetle drive would be held as they had thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Our chosen charities this year are The Butterfly Trust (Cystic Fibrosis) and the East Lothian Foodbank, who will share the proceeds of over £300 (and counting). Six bags of groceries, very kindly donated by the

people who had attended, were delivered to the Foodbank in Tranent on 22nd October.

Members are now looking forward to celebrating Humbie SWI's 99th Birthday in the Tweeddale Arms Hotel, Gifford on Thursday 1st November. Next year will see us celebrating our 100th Birthday and arrangements to celebrate this huge milestone are underway.

There is a change to the date of our usual December meeting, which will take place on **Thursday 29th November – a week early**. We are looking forward to a demonstration on Wreaths for Christmas by Lottie Brown, who will also be attending the PTA Winter Market on 24th November.

Our January meeting, which is always on the second Thursday, due to Festive holidays, will be held on the 10th and our Vice-President, Karen McKnight will demonstrate Wet Felting. Some of us **should** be fairly proficient in this as we are having a Needle Felting class on 10th November, under the tuition of one of the SWI National Evelyn Baxter Scholars.

On 7th February, we are looking forward to welcoming Karen of KT's Country Kitchen, who will be giving us a "Taster Session".

In March, we shall be making detailed arrangements for our 100th Birthday Party and on 4th April, we propose to hold a fund-raising Silent Auction and Coffee Evening (please see posters nearer the time for more details).

At county level, East Lothian Federation held a very enjoyable and successful Fashion Show in the M and Co store, Haddington on 11th October. This was a fund-raiser towards our Triennial Federation Show which will be held 12th October **2019**.

A copy of our syllabus for the current session is on the Notice Board in the Village Hall. If any ladies wish to join us or just come to the occasional meeting, you will be made most welcome.

Janice Dagg Secretary

Humbie Hub

The Hub continues to thrive in all areas, we celebrated the launch of the Hub's 5th birthday on 30 September 2018. It's been a roller coaster five years!! We've had a fabulous summer this year with all the good weather and the holiday flat, Keith View, has had its busiest summer season so far! Let's hope it continues.

We are now preparing for the Christmas "rush" and will be stocking a selection of gifts and foodie produce by as many local suppliers as possible. Watch out for the FB posts keeping you all informed of what we have, you can also visit our website. Can I also remind everyone that we welcome suggestions about items you would like us to stock in the shop - or make in the cafe? We aim to stock a wide variety of essentials but are open to more ideas.

After a few staffing issues at the start of the Summer, we now have a full team in both the shop and the cafe. However, people come and go, so if anyone is looking for a part time job, just let us know.

On the Post Office, although we are open all day Monday to Friday and half day Saturday, we are still only paid for opening 16 hours per week:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday - 9.00am - 1.00pm.

There are very few occasions when we do not have a trained PO member of staff on duty and in the event of this happening, the PO will be closed out-with the contracted hours. If we know in advance, we will give prior notice. Please also note we will be closed for 1 hour between 11.00am and 12.00 noon on Wednesdays to allow us to carry out the weekly and monthly balance.

The Hub's aim and purpose is to serve the community and beyond and we hope you will all continue to support us.

The Hub's current exhibition continues until early November and, entitled Coasts & Coves, is of work by Sarah Knox. Sarah is an established artist and art teacher with a background in arts broadcasting and gallery education. Based at Beaverhall Studios in Edinburgh, Sarah's work focuses on shorelines and wild places - painting and filming on location before refining and developing canvases in the studio. Her practice involves capturing the spirit of a place and her oil paintings, watercolours and prints explore the poetry of dissolving form, colour, atmosphere and light. Our November exhibition will feature new work by Liz Neilson and Ann Dickson. Liz is a native of East Lothian who has never tired of sketching and painting in her home surroundings. Landscapes, seascapes and even industrial heritage sites often feature in her work. Drawing, painting stitching all feature in Ann's work. She is fascinated by art in all its wonderful forms. Her art is inspired by the beautiful land and seascapes of East Lothian.

Morag Taylor, Manager Humbie Hub

07717661451 or 01875 833262

Humbie Hall

Humbie Hall has had another busy year with lots of interesting events. We have all been enjoying the newly planted beds, kindly organised by Frank Kirwan and funded by Humbie Community Fund, please take a look if you are passing.

The felt tiles have been blowing off the roof for some time so consequently Andrew, Joy and Lynne and have spent time organising funding to provide a new steel roof to last for the next 40 years. We have successfully secured funding from Viridor and DLX to replace the roof. We have chosen a company to do the job and we hope the scaffolding will go up soon and the job will start in a few months. We hope to be able to run the Hall as normally as possible, but please let us know if a problem arises. We are very grateful for all the support from the Community.

We are also very grateful to the free Wi-fi provided by Lothian Broadband for the benefit of all Hall users.

Iona Abbey Appeal



The Iona Community is holding an appeal to raise in £500,000 by the end of the year, for

essential repairs and upgrading of the residential centres on the Isle of Iona. The island is the birthplace of Christianity in Scotland, since St Columba established his community there in 563 AD. The Iona Community welcomes around 1500 guests each year in the Abbey and MacLeod Centre, and has played a significant role in the island's economy. Reverend Kathy Galloway, Joint Leader of the Community, said: "The Iona Community wants to continue to welcome people to share life in community for generations to come, and to make sure we are accessible for all. We have raised a magnificent £3 million to date. Another £500,000 is all we need to cross the line. We are hopeful that people in Scotland and beyond will recognise the great need to safeguard Iona Abbey as a living place of hospitality, and ensure that thousands more people can visit this special place seeking sanctuary and inspiration." The appeal is under the patronage of HRH The Princess Royal. If you would like to support the Appeal, please visit the Community's website at iona.org.uk/capital-appeal-

information/, call 0141 429 7281, or speak to Anikó for more information.

Our Church and Data Protection

Many of you will have received communications recently from various organisations, regarding data they hold about you. This resulted from the need to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which came into force on 25 May. Church congregations are also covered by the new legislation, mainly in relation to the collecting, storing and sharing of personal data (primarily names, addresses and contact details) of members or anyone else who has regular contact with us in connection with church purposes. The GDPR rules apply to all information held, both electronically and on paper, and includes Communion Rolls, baptismal and safeguarding registers, as well as all other records, files or lists. We are required to retain all personal data securely (in locked drawers and password-protected computer files) and only to disclose it to Church authorities or to colleagues when required as part of our "legitimate (church) activities". If we need to process anyone's personal data for other purposes, out-with the specified category, we will advise you and seek your explicit consent on a form designed for that purpose. We have carried out a Data Audit, recording what data we hold, why we hold it, who has access to it, and how it is kept securely. This audit record will be reviewed annually. In addition, we have put appropriate policies in place regarding Data Protection, Privacy and Data Retention. You can view, or download, these documents on our website, or look at printed copies which are on display in the church.

If you have any concerns or queries about the requirements of GDPR and how we are complying with it in order to keep your personal data secure, do not hesitate to have a word with Liz Hunter (Session Clerk) who is our Data Protection Coordinator.

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 Humbie Community Fund for covering the printing costs. Large print copies are available on request. Comments or suggestions for future issues would be most welcome.

Please contact Janice Dagg on 01875 341800 or daggjanice@gmail.com

Church Services

A detailed monthly service list can be found at the church entrance, on our notice board at the Humbie Hub, and on our website.

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).

November 2018 – April 2019

Date	Points to note/Where	Reader	Coffees/Teas	Flowers
4 November	Communion	Liz H	Janice D	Sophy C
7 November	Joint St Martin's Candle Service Humbie 7.00 pm			
11 November	Remembrance Service - 10.45 at the War Memorial lead by Rev L Morrison	Paddy S	Margo H	Ruth S
18 November		Sandy W		
25 November		Patrick F		Anne M
2 December	1 st Sunday in Advent	Joan S	Jessie G	
9 December	2 nd Sunday in Advent	Colin L		Team Effort
16 December	3 rd Sunday in Advent with Lessons and Carols.	9 required – to be arranged		Team Effort
	Joint Blue Christmas Service. Yester 4.00pm			
23 December	4 th Sunday in Advent	Jonny G		Team Effort
24 December Christmas Eve	4.00 pm Nativity Service followed by refreshments 11.30 pm Watchnight Service led by Janice Dagg			
25 December Christmas Day	Joint Christmas Service. Bolton 10.30am			
30 December	Joint with YBS at Humbie	Jim H	Lynne L	Team Effort

6 January		Jill K	Sarah H	Fiona R
13 January		George P (Jnr)		
20 January		Alistair S		Sarah W
27 January		Andrew B-J		
3 February		Al B	Ruth S	Lynne L
10 February		Margo H		
13 February	Joint Valentine Eve's Service. Bolton 7.00pm			
17 February		Max W		Janet B
24 February		Liz H		
3 March		Janet B	Liz H	Anne M
10 March		John H		
17 March		Muriel P		Hillary M
24 March		Patrick E		
31 March	Joint Service Yester 11.00am with Teas/Coffees beforehand			Margo H
7 April		Lois B-J	Joan S	
14 April	Palm Sunday	Sandy W		Easter – Team Effort
18 April	Joint Maundy Thursday Communion Service Saltoun 7pm			
19 April	Joint Good Friday Service Humbie 7pm			
21 April	Easter Sunday followed by Teas/Coffees	Janice D	Margo H	
28 April		Joan S		Fiona H-J
5 May	Communion			