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Dear Friends,

I'm sure that you don't need me to remind you that this month we celebrate Easter where we remember the events that are absolutely central to the Christian faith, the death and resurrection of Jesus.

I came across a very moving story from last year which stands as an account of great courage and heroism in its own right, but also provides a powerful illustration of the truths of Easter.

On Friday, March 23, an Islamist gunman in southern France attacked a supermarket. A jihadist loyal to ISIS, he murdered a worker and customer, and wounded many others. In the subsequent standoff with police, a gendarme lieutenant colonel — Arnaud Beltrame — exchanged himself for a female hostage. Several hours later, the gunman shot Beltrame in the throat and was then cut down himself by police gunfire. Beltrame died early Saturday morning in a Carcassonne hospital. And therein lies a story.

Beltrame and his wife, Marielle, were already civilly married when they toured a local French Augustinian monastery in 2016. While there, they met and befriended a priest. Over the coming two years, the priest — a Father Jean-Baptiste — helped Arnaud and Marielle through dozens of conversations and many hours of marriage preparation to ready themselves for a Roman Catholic wedding.

Father Jean-Baptiste wrote of him:

Intelligent, sporty, voluble and lively, Arnaud spoke readily of his conversion. Born into a family with little religious practice, he lived a genuine conversion around 2008, at almost 33 years old...

By taking the place of hostages, he was probably animated by his commitment to an officer's heroism, because, for him, being a policeman meant protecting others. But he knew the incredible risk he was taking.

He also knew the promise of a religious marriage he had made to Marielle, who is already his wife and loves him tenderly, of which I am a witness. So: Was he allowed to take such a risk? It seems to me that only his faith can explain the madness of this sacrifice which is today the admiration of all. He understood, as Jesus told us, that there is no greater love than to give one's life for one's friends (John 15:13). He knew that if his life belonged to Marielle, it also belonged to God, to France and to his brothers in danger of death. I believe that only a Christian faith animated by charity could ask for this superhuman sacrifice.

I was able to join him at the hospital in Carcassonne around 9pm last night [March 23]. The gendarmes and the doctors and nurses opened the way with remarkable delicacy. He was alive but unconscious. I was able to give him the sacrament of the sick and the apostolic blessing on the threshold of death. Marielle took part in these beautiful liturgical formulas.

The full article from which I have taken this can be found at: <http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/a-lesson-for-holy-week-from-the-witness-of-arnaud-beltrame>) The writer concludes:

It isn't logical, it isn't "normal," for anyone to place his or her life in harm's way for a friend, much less for a complete stranger, as Arnaud Beltrame did. Only a special kind of love can make a person do something so unreasonably beautiful. This why John 15:13 says that no greater love exists than laying down one's life for the sake of another. It's a love so great that on a Friday 2,000 years ago, it turned the world on its head and — with divine irony — defeated death through an instrument of torture called the cross.

No greater love exists than the love God bears for each of us. *That's* the meaning of these holy days. So may God give all of us the blessing of a Holy Thursday, a profoundly Good Friday, and the joy of new life in the Resurrection this Easter.

As the word of God reminds us: Love is as strong as — no; *even stronger than* — death.

Perhaps we are so familiar with the Easter Story that we have lost something of that sense of wonder at the great sacrifice that Jesus made for us so that we could be free from sin and death. May we be filled with joy and thankfulness this Easter as we remember what he has achieved for us!

Colin A. Strong

Celebrating Children

Cards with the message below are given out at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Charleston, South Carolina. While we might make slight changes to the wording, the sentiment behind should be exactly the same in our congregation!

TO THE PARENTS OF OUR YOUNG CHILDREN, MAY WE SUGGEST...

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are Welcome!

Sit towards the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads.

Quietly explain the parts of the pastor, ushers, choir, etc.

Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn the liturgical behaviour by copying you.

If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, let the little children come to me.”

Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know they are at home in this house of worship.

TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH

The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that our congregation is growing.

Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to the parents.

Holy Week and Easter Services

There will be a Maundy Thursday Communion Service in the Church at 7.30 p.m. on 18th April.

There will be an Easter Son-Rise Service at 6.00 a.m. at Nether Raith.

There will be a Family Easter Celebration Service at 10.00 a.m. in the Church.

In addition to our own services:

This year the joint Holy Week Services in Kilmarnock will be held in the Salvation Army Hall at 7.00 p.m. each evening from Monday 15th – Friday 19th April. A different minister will conduct worship each evening with Colin leading the Good Friday Service.

There will be a Good Friday Vigil from 12.00 noon – 3.00 p.m. in the BHS building in King St. As usual this will be divided into 20 minute meditation slots. You are free to come and go as you are able.

Riccarton will be having an Early Morning Service at 8.00 a.m at the top of Craigie Hill on Easter Sunday.

Keswick Ayrshire

Keswick Ayrshire 2019 will take place at the Park Hotel, Kilmarnock from 31st May – 2nd June, 7.30 – 9.00 p.m. each evening. Some of our members were greatly blessed last year! Further details: <https://keswickayrshire.com/>

Funerals

Mrs Moira Scott, 14 Glenraig Ter, died 05/03/2019, funeral 26/03/2019

Mrs Nan Craig, 25 Fulton's Cres, died 15/03/2019, funeral 01/04/2019



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Next Meeting

Thursday 4th April 2019 at 7.30pm

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Meetings 1st Thursday of every month

4th April 2019
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We ask for donations only and all the proceeds will be given to Charities which are chosen each year by those attending the café.

We start this year on Thursday 6th June – 2pm in the Church Hall
For further information contact Sheena Greer (01563 523978) or Irene Couper (01560 600520).

(We are always looking for ladies – or gents – to help with the serving and baking, or even just the washing up! If you would like to get involved, please phone Sheena or Irene)

Fenwick Church Guild

The AGM was held on the 19th March when Susan had us doing craft things with beads - some successfully some not! A decision was made to have our fundraising event for charity in September therefore not competing with all the other Christmas events. Details on this will follow later in the session.

The Spring Tea on the 26th March was very much enjoyed – the Fiddlers were great. It was good to see a number of men joining us who are welcome at any meeting where the subject interests them.

Church Hall Tables

Over the last few years several hall tables have gone missing. This may be individuals borrowing them and forgetting to return them and as these tables are fairly expensive perhaps you could all look in your sheds and outhouses and if you find any please return them before we have to buy replacements.



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Fenwick Bowling Club

The March afternoon whist was held on 7th March. Marilyn Morton was cardmaster and Rose Davis presented the prizes. Pink cards – 1st Jeanie Farquahar; 2nd Margaret Cook; consolation Mary Scott. White cards 1st Lillias Duff; 2nd Anna Steet; consolation Nan Morton.

At the evening whist, Tom Paterson was cardmaster and Marilyn Morton presented the prizes. Ladies – 1st Ann Steele; 2nd J Shields; 3rd Lesley Wilcox; consolation Meg Trainer. Gents – 1st Hugh Morton; 2nd Angus Rodger; 3rd (equal) Moira Young and M Connell; consolation T Douglas. Tom thanked the ladies for the supper and all the donors of the prizes.

The dates for next month's whists are on Thursday, 4th April at 2pm and Saturday, 13th April at 7.30pm, both in the Clubhouse.

The Bridge Lunch, organised by the lady's committee, takes place on Saturday, 6th April at 12 noon in Fenwick Church Hall. If you would like to take a table, please contact Marilyn on 01560 600650 or Jean Murdoch.01563 544691

The bowling opens on Saturday, 20th April at 3pm for the gents and Wednesday, 24th at 2pm for the ladies. Subscriptions will be taken on Wednesday, 17th April, in the afternoon from 2-3pm for the ladies and for the gents, from 7-8pm. Hopefully as many members as possible will pay at this time. Anyone interested in joining the club should get in touch with a member. There will be trial nights when potential members can come along and have a go to see if it is a sport you would like to play. These nights are Fridays – 26th April, 3rd, 10th, and 17th May. Bowls and shoes can be supplied, so just come at 6.45pm and join in with the members.

Thank You

I have greatly appreciated all the expressions of sympathy, bereavement cards and flowers I have received over the past few weeks.

Sincere thanks to all my church family.

Susan Young

Fenwick SWI

The Anniversary Dinner, with the backdrop of the Bulb Show, took place at the Fenwick Hotel on 14 March and was celebrated with members, a good number of ex-members and invited guests. President Maureen Rodger welcomed the company to this special event and after paying tribute to fellow Committee Member Moira Scott who passed away recently, she invited Honorary Members Pat Parkin and Anna Kirkland to cut the cake. Secretary Irene Couper said Grace and we then enjoyed a lovely meal followed by tea, coffee and cake. The display of photos of various events taken over many years was a point of great interest and entertainment, spotting weel-kent faces and enjoying a laugh at the changes in fashion. Maureen gave a very interesting potted history of Fenwick Rural since the first meeting on 5 March 1919 and told us there were 150 members at one time. Linda Retson, National Chair, brought greetings and congratulations from HQ and Marion Gibb, Ayrshire Federation Chair, and Janette Harvey, Treasurer, judged the Bulb Show entries. Unfortunately the mild weather had everyone's plants blooming early and entries were down, however congratulations to the Trophy winner, Norma Barr. Joint runners-up were Jean Speirs and Irene Couper. The raffle was drawn, after which Vice-President Margaret Dykes proposed the vote of thanks and Marion Gibb thanked Fenwick on behalf of the guests. Maureen wished all safe home and closed what was a very enjoyable evening.

Annual Outing:

The outing this year will be on Thursday 23 May and the proposed destination is Hopetoun House. Irene is working on the arrangements and details will be available at the April meeting.

The Movies

A very big thank you to all who attended the Saturday Movie Nights. Our "cinema" being a Church hall, we are somewhat restricted as to what kind of movie we can show but hope you all enjoyed our choices.

We will be taking a break over the Spring/Summer months and hope to resume in October and continue once a month until March. If anyone would like us to show a specific movie – even an old black and white one – please let me or Susan Wadsworth know. It has been decided to stop the Sunday afternoon children's movies but we will show a Christmas movie for our young folk sometime in December.

Through your donations and purchases from the tuck shop we were able to donate a total of £197 to Church funds. Thank you all for your generosity.

Marjory Seaton

Moscow SWI

On Monday, March 4th, Robert Ferguson gave us a fascinating and far reaching talk on the history and restoration of Dalgarven Mill from its monastic beginnings to the foundation of the Dalgarven Mill Charitable Trust. There were amusing diversions that included Glaswegian students, YTS helpers, theatrical dramas and, finally, the wonderful costume collection.

Competition results:- article beginning with the letter "T",
1 Elsie Nisbet, 2 Catherine Barr, 3 Helen Green; decorated cupcakes, 1 Anne Borthwick, 2 Myra Seton, 3 Lily Watson. Three pink hyacinths, 1 and 2 Catherine Barr, 3 Myra Seton, five miniature tulips, 1 Anne Borthwick, 2 Myra Seton. Catherine Barr won the cup for best bulbs. The hostesses were Rosie Morris and Jean Caldwell and Myra Seton gave the vote of thanks. The committee thanks Loudoun Academy for the last minute venue for the meeting.

Moscow SWI recently won the beautiful Nancy Guthrie gavel for the best syllabus in the Ayrshire Federation; thanks to Rosie Pensom for designing the syllabus and to the committee for organising such a wide range of topics.



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FENWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Fenwick Community Council met on 13th March and were please to welcome Fay Podger from the Active Travel Hub, Kilmarnock. The Active Travel Hub is based at Kilmarnock Railway Station and the staff are passionate about promoting Active Travel in East Ayrshire. They want to help people make the transition to healthier and more sustainable modes of travel whether it be walking, cycling, using public transport or a mixture of all three. Check out their Facebook page, “Active Travel Hub Kilmarnock”, there’s loads on offer to encourage us all to become more active. They also offer free ebike trials and organise free bike checks and security marking with local volunteer mechanics. There are opportunities to volunteer to lead walks and bike rides too.

A huge well done to the children in Primary 6 who were out and about in the village with one of the EAC Enforcement Officers on 19th March. As part of their John Muir Award, the children had identified that dog fouling was an issue and designed posters which have been put up around the village to help get the message across to the public.

Thank you to everyone who completed our online transport survey. The results have now been reviewed and the SPT Regional Transport Survey seeking local views has been submitted. The main issues were lack of safe access to the X77 bus service, lack of shelter at the X77 bus stop, X77 buses being full with access being denied, and the need for a bus link from Fenwick to Stewarton/Kilmaurs. Representatives of the Community Council will be attending a Joint Community Council Meeting on 16th April when they will have the opportunity to represent community views and put questions to John Binning, Principle Policy Officer SPT.

East Ayrshire Council are currently consulting on a number of parking proposals, including removal of free Saturday parking in Kilmarnock and the introduction of parking charges in Stewarton, Galston, Mauchline and Cumnock. A number of drop-in events have been organised and there is an online survey. Full details are available on the Council website if you wish to make your views known.

We are pleased to confirm that the Community Council have been awarded an EAC grant of £500 towards the cost of 38 hanging baskets for the village, with the Community Group kindly paying the remaining £260. The Community Group also hang the baskets and organise their care.

The next Community Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th April at 7.30pm in the Fulton Hall. Please come along, we’d love to see you.

LIGHT UP FENWICK

The Light up Fenwick committee will again be running a stall on Gala Day to raise funds for the ongoing maintenance of the Christmas lights and to meet the costs of the switch-on event. We would be very grateful for donations for our tombola stall. Items can be given to Jean Bowes, 2 Rysland Drive or Jenni Shaw, 6 Fulton’s Crescent any time between now and 7th June. Bottles, candles, toiletries, games, toys, homeware, etc. would be greatly appreciated.

FENWICK COMMUNITY LED ACTION PLAN 2019-2024

Our current Community Action Plan 2014-2019 is reaching the end of its life. This was one of the first East Ayrshire Community Led Action Plans to be completed. By having an Action Plan in place, we had the opportunity to participate in a £10,000 Participatory Budgeting event in 2017 where local groups had the opportunity to pitch for a share of the money with residents voting for the projects they felt were most worthy of receiving an award. Many other achievements have been made and we are grateful to the pioneers of our current plan who made it all possible.

Over the last few months the volunteers in the new Action Plan Steering Group have been working towards the launch of the consultation for our new Community Led Action Plan. Consultation questionnaires will be delivered to every household in the community from 22nd April. There will also be a questionnaire for teenagers and primary school children as well as interviews with businesses and local groups/organisations. The views represented will be collated and will be presented at a voting event to be held on 22nd June when village residents will have the opportunity to vote on their priorities for Fenwick for the next 5 years.

To support the process, a drop-in event will be held on Tuesday 30th April in the John Fulton Hall between 4.30pm and 7.30pm. Here you will have the opportunity to meet members of the Steering Group, chat about your ideas with fellow villagers and find assistance with completing your form. Free refreshments will be provided and everyone will be made most welcome in a relaxed, informal environment. We hope that this will help tease out some really good ideas for the future of Fenwick and generate enthusiasm for the consultation.

Community Led Action Plans are widely recognised as the way forward for local communities to shape the future of their community and have greater influence in their own development. They represent the vision and aspirations of the people living there and are a key focus for securing funding for local community development and improvement. You may have been involved in Fenwick's first Action Plan, or, you may be new to Fenwick and this may be your first opportunity to have your say. Whatever the case, this is an exciting opportunity to decide what we want for our village, for the different generations who live here, for the environment, for the public spaces we share. Please take the time to share your views. This really does matter and by getting involved you can help make Fenwick an even better place to live.

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FENWICK GARDEN CLUB

IMPORTANT: Please note change of date for our April meeting, which will now be on **Thursday 25 April** when our guest speaker will be Professor Stephen Phillips. Stephen will give a talk entitled Fuchsias for the Garden and Greenhouse.

We had great fun at the Quiz Night during our February Meeting – our thanks go to the Taylor Brothers for all their hard work and imagination in making this possible.

On 21 March the speaker, David Menzies, Member of the RHS Orchid Committee gave a very informative talk on orchids. David also judged our Spring Plant Show – results below:

- ✿ Bowl of miniature daffodils
1st Fiona McLean 2nd Edna Muirhead 3rd Paul Whitton
- ✿ Bowl of mixed miniature bulbs
1st Margaret Ross 2nd Fiona MacLean 3rd Edna Muirhead
- ✿ Flowering pot plant
1st Fiona McLean 2nd Norma Barr 3rd Janette Dunlop
- ✿ Foliage pot plant
1st Kim Donald 2nd Elizabeth Kelly 3rd Norma Barr
- ✿ Pot of mixed bulbs (normal size)
1st Sheena Greer

Our meetings are held in the Church Hall on the third Thursday of each month commencing at 7.30pm, closing at approximately 9.00pm after the raffle draw followed by tea and coffee.

New members and visitors are always welcome and coming along to our meetings is a good way to meet people.

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HALL BOOKING: APRIL 2019*

DAY/DATE	HALL	TIME	EVENT
Sundays: All 21	Both Both	10.15 – 12noon 2 – 5pm	Junior Church/Creche Easter FunDay
Mondays: 1 15 29 29 29	Paton Paton Guthrie Guthrie Guthrie	2.30 – 4pm 7.30 – 9.30pm 7 – 9.30am 9.30 – 11.30am 6.30 – 8.30pm	Craft Cafe Kirk Session Breakfast Club Mothers & Toddlers Yoga for Mums (NEW)
Tuesdays: 16, 23,30 ALL	Guthrie Guthrie	7 – 9.30am 6.30 – 8.30pm	Breakfast Club Weight Watchers
Wednesdays: 17, 24 3 17, 24 17, 24	Guthrie Paton Guthrie Paton/Guthrie	7 – 9.30am 2 – 4pm 10am – 12noon 5.30 – 8pm	Breakfast Club Fulton Club Badminton Rainbows and Brownies
Thursdays: 18, 25 18, 25 4 11 18	Guthrie Guthrie Upper Guthrie Guthrie	7 – 9.30am 9.30 – 11.30am 7 – 10pm 7 – 10pm 7.30 - 10pm	Breakfast Club Mothers & Toddlers Book Group Fenwick WI Garden Club
Fridays: 5 26 26 12	Both Guthrie Guthrie Paton	2 – 4pm 7 – 9.30am 6.30 – 8.45pm 10.30am – 3.30pm	Set up for Bridge Lunch Breakfast Club BB Quilting Class
Saturdays: 6 27	Both Both	10am – 4pm 9.30 – 1pm	Bowling Club Bridge Lunch Breakfast Club Car Boot Sale (Indoor)

*at 21.03.19: Bookings taken after this date not shown

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N.B. Please note that there will be no additional Bookings taken over the Easter Weekend

(Fri. 19th to Mon. 22nd)



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Church Duties April and May, 2019

Beadles

April

7 K Wadsworth
14 AN Other
21 W McNab
28 J.Logan

May

5 D Barbour
12 A Crosbie
19 K Wadsworth
26 AN Other

Finance Team

April

C McInnes
J Bryson
S Greer

May

J Bowes
A Borthwick

Welcome Team

April

I Wotherspoon
K Geddes
M Tedford
L Hamilton

May

M Young
G Watt
K Crawford

Bible Readings

April

7 Ann Campbell
Alistair Naismith
14 John Douglas
Kay Crawford
21 Susan England
David Barbour
28 Karyn Connor
David Barbour

May

5 Kevin Wadsworth
Derek Mason
12 Ann Campbell
Pat Wilson
19 Gerry McGeever
George Seaton
26 Stephanie Young
Irene Couper

Prayers

April

7 Mark Young
14 George Seaton
21 Anne Naismith
28 Stephanie Young

May

5 Ann Campbell
12 Alastair Naismith
19 Gerry McGeever
26 Mark Young

Flowers

April

7 Nora Shanks
14 Grace Freel
21 EASTER
28 Senga Loudon

May

5 John Murray
12 Ray Hunter
19 Florence McKellar
26 Pat Parkin

Crèche

April

7 Isobel Wotherspoon & Jean Bowes
14 Nan Tivendale & Manuela Barbour
21 Martha Speirs & Catherine McInnes
28 Marilyn Morton & Isobel Wotherspoon

May

5 Jean Bowes & Nan Tivendale
12 Manuela Barbour & Martha Speirs

Tea And Coffee After Service

April

7 Jean Bowes & Marilyn Morton
14 Bill & Enid McNab
21 Anne Borthwick & Senga Loudon
28 Irene Couper & Mary Tedford

May

5 Moira Anderson & Catherine McInnes

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