



From the Manse

I was sorting through a scrapbook and found a newspaper clipping – an article I'd written a long time ago. It was when I was in my first parish that I received the gift. It is always a lovely surprise when someone brings you back a memento of their holidays. The gift was a Prayer for Peace Candle, now isn't that a lovely idea.

One of my congregation had been on holiday in Canada and visiting a local church on the Sunday morning noticed the candles and was told their story.

Some of you may know the story of the Prayer for Peace Candles which began back in 1985 when the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in York, Pennsylvania visited the then Soviet Union.

After a service in a Russian Orthodox Church in Odessa an elderly woman pressed three rubbles into the pastor's hand and asked that he do something for peace. What could he do for world peace for three rubbles?

Back home in his church inspiration came to him when he got the idea of lighting a candle - a symbol of peace - and making it a permanent feature of the chancel.



His congregation were so taken with the idea that they bought candles as gifts to give to any visitors to the church so that in turn the visitors would take a Prayer for Peace Candle back to their home church.

The candle which I still have came to Scotland via Alberta in Canada and Bluffton, Ohio and Prayer for Peace Candles have travelled goodness knows how far and wide.

The candles are lit during Sunday worship as a reminder that Christ is the light of the world and through him, in prayer, we join with all who seek and long for peace in this world.

These candles are a special gift. They cross the miles and go over the barriers of denominational differences to show that together we long for and pray for peace and with Christ at the heart of prayer we know and trust that change happens. Think of how much the world has changed since 1986.

Prayer for Peace Candles were taken home to churches in the USA, Scotland, England, Ireland, Canada, Kuwait, Australia, South Africa, Denmark and doubtless to many other corners of this beautiful, broken world. What more precious or needful gift then and now than the gift of a Prayer for Peace.

Rev. Wilma Johnston

BLUE DOOR - 14th—19th DECEMBER

Below is an extract from a letter sent to John Muir

"It is not too soon to start planning ahead. During your week you will need volunteers and things to sell! A raffle is also very popular and if you have good prizes, it can help increase the total money raised. Our little shop can get very busy. Groups who come with lots of stock can raise in excess of £2000 in one week. Just imagine how many items at 20p or 50p that is! Now is a good time to start rounding up members, friends and family and encouraging them to donate items. The more good quality items you bring in, the more that you will make."



BB Report

This is the last report for session 2014 – 15.

The boys competed for the Groundwater Shield on Wednesday 20th May. This is a football competition for junior Section boys. This year, after being postponed several times due to the football pitches being waterlogged, we eventually opted to hold the event at the 3G pitch at KGS. A big thanks to Graham Scott and Neil Ewing for their help on the night. After some close games, Holm were unbeaten until they played Finstown in the final, when Finstown won 1 – 0. Finstown won the shield.

Our last event for the session was the Awards Ceremony at the East Mainland Church. This year we had Orkney Battalion Chaplain, Jack Muir, present the awards. Reverend Wilma had the boys listen and count a specific word, which kept them on their toes. Two of the boys then handed out sweeties to the congregation who got to eat their sweetie only after a small verse had been read. That kept the congregation on their toes as they had to listen for the name of their sweetie.

As we close for the year I thank the parents for their help and support whenever necessary. We look forward to session 2015 – 16, when we will start again in September.

Jack McIntosh (Captain)





6th MAY MEETING

The president welcomed everyone to the meeting including the speaker June Freeth. Hymn 521, 'Children of God,' was sung and the scripture reading was from John 14: v 27-31. After prayer, the minutes were read

by Julia. With some business attended to, June Freeth spoke on the Guild Theme, 'Go in Peace.'

June used Philippians, 'being in the right relationship with one another, ourselves and God' as a starting point to define peace. She considered Justice and Equality and spoke in depth about the Battle of Gallipoli 1915, where both Australian and New Zealand troops, as well as UK forces, took part. The casualties of this battle were linked to Orkney, as sphagnum moss, which is both absorbent and antiseptic, was gathered on the islands to be used as wound dressings. To support family members enduring hardships, food parcels were sent. June emphasised the need to learn from the past and that by overcoming painful events in the past we can enjoy the future.

A quiz on the significance of the date 6th May was held to test our wits, with a bunch of yellow roses resembling the Peace Rose, as a prize. June had prepared Anzac biscuits and Trench Cake both of which were surprisingly good, (due to very basic ingredients) to enjoy with tea which was prepared by Thora.

Nancy gave the vote of thanks and the meeting closed with hymn 706 'For the healing of the nations,' and with prayer.

Maureen Tait

SUMMER RALLY

Representatives of almost all the Guilds in Orkney gathered at Orphir Church for the annual event on 4th June at 7pm. The convener, Mrs Elizabeth McVicar, welcomed everyone to the Rally as did Mr M. Prentice on behalf of Orphir church. Rev. Stephen Manners, as Moderator, brought greetings from Orkney Presbytery. Favourite hymns were sung, accompanied by Mr. Steven Flett on the organ. With a reflection and prayers from the Convener, two Orphir members followed with the Bible readings. Orphir church choir sang, unaccompanied, several lovely pieces.

Rev. Roy Cordukes, minister of Firth, Rendall, Evie and Rousay, gave an amusing, light hearted address including things that happened to him in the past.

It was good to meet with friends from other Guilds over the welcome cup of tea provided by Orphir Guild.

Maureen Tait

JUNE MEETING

Maureen welcomed members to an evening of 'Songs and Poems of Peace.' The opening hymn "How lovely is thy dwelling place" was accompanied by Isobel and Joyce read Psalms 122. Maureen then read prayers for peace.

Discussion followed about the six new projects selected for Guild's to support for the next three years.

Members shared their thoughts on peace with verses from Helen Steiner, Draycot Del, Wendell Berry and Eddie Askew. Articles included two doves, a 1st World War ladies scarf and a dove made from a paper plate. Musical items were heard from a Michael Marcus CD and also Pan pipe music. There were also reminiscences of hymns of peace, a prayer and a Springwatch programme. All these things together made a very interesting and varied evening.

Tea was served by Mabel and Thora. The hymn 'Be still for the presence of the Lord' was sung before the closing prayers.

Maureen Tait



Month	Date	Time	Event
August	29 th	2:00pm	Sponsored Walk from the East Mainland Church
September			TBA - Flower Festival
	2 nd	7:30pm	Guild - Mr & Mrs A. Bonner - Visit to Poland, Session Room
	4 th	3:30pm	Messy Church in East Mainland Church
	6 th	11:00am	Worship with the Sacrament of Holy Communion & Sunday School + Tea in the East Mainland Church
	13 th	11:00am	Worship & Sunday School in the East Mainland Church
	20 th	11:00am	Worship & Sunday School in the East Mainland Church
	27 th	11:00am	Worship with Back to Church Service & Sunday School in the East Mainland Church
October	2 nd	3:30pm	Messy Church in the East Mainland Church
	4 th	11:00pm	Worship & Sunday School + Tea in the East Mainland Church
	7 th	7:30pm	Guild - Mr David Miller - Flying High, Session Room
	11 th	11:00am	Worship in the East Mainland Church
	18 th	11:00am	Worship in the East Mainland Church
	22 nd	11:30am	Guild - Business Meeting followed at 2pm by the Winter Rally, East Church, Richard Fowler - International Justice Mission
	25 th	11:00am	Worship with the Harvest Thanksgiving (Donations going to the Presbytery Partner Scheme for Congregations in Malawi) in the East Mainland Church
November	1 st	11:00am	Worship & Sunday School + Tea in the East Mainland Church
	4 th	7:30pm	Guild - Julia Archibald - Patchwork Quilting, Session Room
	6 th	3:30pm	Messy Church in the East Mainland Church
	8 th	10:50am 11:30am 12:45pm	Services at the Deerness and Holm War Memorials Remembrance Service & Sunday School in the Church Service at the St Andrews War Memorial
	15 th	11:00am	Worship with the Sacrament of Holy Communion & Sunday School in the East Mainland Church
	22 nd	11:00am	Worship & Sunday School in the East Mainland Church
	29 th	11:00am	Worship & Sunday School in the East Mainland Church
December	6 th	7:00pm	Guild Carol Service in the Holm Community Centre
Reminder	14th - 19th Dec.		East Mainland Church in the Blue Door



Below is a photo taken following the Sunday School Prizegiving which was held on Sunday 21st June



Spot the Difference



Find 6 differences between the pictures



Blue Door - 14th—19th December

Please start looking out your goods early for the Blue Door which is less than 4 months away. If you can't store them, then bring along your boxes to the Kirk and we can store it for you. Please label clearly that your goods are for '**The Blue Door**'.

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It couldn't be simpler and over 400,000 people use it to raise funds for causes close to their hearts. Find out more at <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/eastmainlandchurch>.

The link is on our website

Savoury Teas

The weather was very different from the glorious sunshine of 2014, and there was no show of water buffaloes just up the road. However, inside the Deerness hall, there was the usual mouth-watering display of savouries and a tempting array of baking, preserves and plants on the sales table. Our supporters surely went away well satisfied with their outing and many thanks must go to them and everyone who contributed to this successful fund- raising event which realised £888.10.

Isobel Clouston

Christian Aid Week 2015

East Mainland total before gift aid is added was **£2865.75**. Thank you and well done to all concerned.

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