



CYC NEWSLETTER

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Prayer Points

- give thanks for Iain Macdonald and Paul Bowman who are doing the Kiltwalk to raise funds
- give thanks for the variety of causes who use the CYC including those dealing with addiction
- intercede with the Lord for a new generation of CYC volunteers and Board members to be raised up
- give thanks for the work done by our Treasurer, Gavin MacKenzie
- pray for continued improvement in the health of Craig Parkes, our Board Member
- give thanks for the grant of £750 from Inverness-shire Educational Trust
- pray for the health of Wilf and Pat Urquhart, former members and missionaries, in Burkina Faso who are now in Perth
- give thanks for our faithful volunteers and Board

Easter Treat!



History Lesson



April News

- our thanks go to Ruth Finlay, whose diligence succeeded in obtaining a grant of £750 from Highland Council's Educational Trusts via the Inverness-shire Educational Trust. Well done!
- Iain Alasdair Macdonald has signed up to do a Kilt Walk fundraising event (in a Macdonald kilt) in late April from Clydebank to Balloch (by Loch Lomond). and Paul Bowman will do one in Aberdeen in June. It is expected that 50% will be added by the sponsors to the money raised. Gift Aid adds a further 25%. We hope to use Just Giving. If you would like to support, contact Iain on iainalas@gmail.com or phone or text him on 07752567822. Contact Paul Bownan at pebowman@ukpnl.co.uk or phone or text him on 07894161201. Last time, £5,775 was raised. Support would be appreciated!
- Board Member Craig Parkes' health is improving due to medication and physiotherapy after a period of poor health
- Wilf Urquhart has moved to a flat in Perth, having had to give up driving, and his wife Pat has been in hospital for a protracted spell

Guaranteed!

Are you one of those who diligently retain every receipt and guarantee? Or are you among the careless who frantically search in vain for evidence of purchase when things go wrong? Guarantees give assurance.

God gives guarantees. For example, he guarantees that though heaven and earth pass away, his word shall never pass away. But the most glorious and powerful guarantee God gives is the rising again from the dead of his Son, Jesus. He was declared to be the Son of God by the resurrection from the dead. The empty tomb is abundant, glorious confirmation that Jesus is the divine Saviour, the conquerer of sin and Satan and death.

A guarantee which lies crumpled and forgotten in the boot of a car is of no use, if your purchase is faulty. The difference with Jesus, of course, is that he will never fail or disappoint unlike human purchases, and the guarantee is for eternity, not for a limited time. Have you been given this guarantee that Jesus is the divine Saviour yet have neglected it? The only assurance of eternal life or peace with God is through the risen Jesus Christ. He was raised for our justification. May God give us therefore, strong and joyous faith confirmed in its assurance by the empty tomb and the resurrection of Jesus.

Morning Glory

The Easter morning sun
 Revealed what God had done,
 Dispelling Calvary's gloom.
 The angel's word was clear,
 Announcing "He's not here."
 This is an empty tomb."
 The early morning dew
 Seemed charged with life anew,
 Sweet bird song filled the air.
 The stone, rolled out of place,
 Displayed the barren space.
 The sepulchre is bare!
 Death suffered full defeat;
 Salvation is complete;
 Our Saviour bore our sin.
 His absence from the grave
 Assures His power to save,
 To bring new life within.
 Come, know the living Lord,
 Then go, tell out His Word;
 His victory embrace,
 The empty tomb attests
 God's hand of judgment rests;
 Speak out His saving grace!

Eddie Hughes



The Open Door Project has good cause for rejoicing as the legal log-jam has broken up and things are on the move.

The fund-raising quiz which was to take place in the Trinity Life Hub will now take place there on Saturday, April 26th at 7.30 p.m. Entrance for teams is set at £30.

We are asked to pray for the building work which is to take place in the CYC to accommodate a bookshop. We are also asked to pray for clarity of vision for the Café/ Safe Space in the CYC front room.

CYC?

Some of our readers may wonder what CYC stands for. It is formed from the initial letters of Christian Youth Centre. It is run as a youth centre with Christian aims and principles. The rebranding from YMCA to CYC aimed to refresh our witness.

From the Archives

Last December we promised to give some of the verses composed by the late Rev. David Paterson as a tribute to the late Ella Campbell who was retiring to Bonar Bridge. Here are some verses. (There are 22 verses in total.)

1. In a wee Highland cottage way up in the glen

Where the mountains and streams seem to play

Came a cry from a lassie just new to the world

'Twas the lady we honour today.

2. From the earliest time the good Gospel she heard

At morn and at noon every day,

The sound of the psalms from the fireside went out

From a home that knew how to pray.

3. These prayers were answered one glorious hour

When her soul it received Heaven's Ray.

One look at her Saviour had captured her heart,

The lady we honour today.

4. The Lord touched that heart in the flower of her youth

And said, "I will love thee for aye."

So she walked with her God and learned at His feet,

This lady we honour today.

5. Her life from that moment was His to direct,

Her heart's cry was, "No other way".

He alone she would serve from her youth to old age,

The lady we honour today.

The CYC Week

The following is a list of regular users of the CYC throughout the week. Many of them do very good work and are worthy of support and our prayers.

Narcotics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous

Caley House

Annie and the Hooks

Mark Holmes Football Academy

Kickstart Highland

Home Schoolers

Aberlour Highland

Iain Macdonald points the Way - 2021 Kiltwalk

