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Remembrance Sunday

The Service of Remembrance 2018 was an opportunity for all of us to remember, reflect, honour and give thanks for the many men and women who gave their lives for us.

The traditional acts of remembrance brought the congregation together and we shared the 2 minutes silence with our brothers and sisters throughout the world as we stood with our thoughts of love and admiration for those gave their lives to allow us to have the life we have today.

The service had very special moments for many and this included a poem written by young man on the frontline who sent it back to his

young lady in Paisley. Towards the end of the service the names of those servicemen who belonged to Mossvale, North and Wallneuk Churches were read out and their memory dedicated in the crosses, one for each man, which are on display outside the front door of the church. During the uplift of the offering WW1 songs were played and this allowed everyone to come together in song. All of the hymns, music and readings were specially chosen to reflect our thoughts and give our thanks on this remarkable day 100 years after the end of WW1.

Very special memories for a very special occasion.

*Marching Men,
by Marjorie Pickthall*

*Under the level winter sky I saw a
thousand Christs go by. They
sang an idle song and free as
they went up to calvary.*

*Careless of eye and coarse of lip,
they marched in holiest
fellowship. That heaven might
heal the world, they gave their
earth-born dreams to deck the
grave.*

*With souls unpurged and
steadfast breath they supped the
sacrament of death. And for each
one, far off, apart, seven swords
have rent a woman's heart.*

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Peter's Message

Dear Members & Friends of Wallneuk North Church,

Greetings from the manse. As we know November is a month of remembrance. We remember what happened in the past even 100 years ago "World War" Each day holds a lot of time for all of us: 24 hours, 1, 440 minutes, & 86,400 seconds. Yet most of us, wish, "If only we have had more time in a day!" In the book of Ecclesiastes, Ch 3, we read, there is a Hebrew poem, that mentions, time, 28 times. There is a time for this, and a time for that. One commentator says, whatever, happens, there is nothing, we can do about it." From the moment we are born, we are assigned, to a clock, which is ticking, all the time, but the clock is not always in our favour. When we see a little child, we think, that child has seventy or eighty years ahead of him, or her. The reality is, the child is losing time at the rate of 86,400 seconds each and every day.

We gladly accept the nice, good & happy parts, of life, but when we face sad, a bad, hard & difficult times to loose, a time to mourn, and even a time of death we find it difficult to accept. Therefore, we weep & cry, which helps us to bare the sorrow, especially when we allow the tears to flow. We must also remember that 'weeping may be for, a moment, or for a night, but joy comes in the morning'. We cannot deny, that there will be an ache or pain, because of the loss of some one, we love.

We need to remember the Hebrew word for vanity, means "vapor" or "breath." The theme of the poem is, that everything in life is meaningless without God. Vanity, Vanity all is Vanity. But, with God everything is, meaningful. In the poem, there are actually seven matching pairs of contrasts. First of all we see, The poem starts with the times that begin and end every human life. We do not decide to be born, let alone the time to be born. The time to be born and the time to die are beyond our control. The first pair is matched with a second pair, Verse 3 says, "a time to kill, and a time to heal." Again, we don't control this appropriate time. We cannot kill whenever we want to do so. However, we don't promote wars or killing but most people believe that there are appropriate times to kill, in self-defence, or in time of a just war. But there are also appropriate times to heal, that is, to preserve life when the war is over, and a peace treaty, has been signed. Paired up with "a time to kill, and a time to heal" is "a time to break down, and a time to build up" (Ch 3: V3).

Here I have my picture with wee Tommy, who reminds us of a time of wars. World wars, 1 & 2 including other wars like Iraq, Afghanistan & Assyria. There was "shock and awe" as buildings were bombed, and broken down. But after the hostilities ceased, they were rebuilt. Let's remember all our departed loved ones and those, who sacrificed their lives in the wars. Please pray for peace in the world, in our countries, in our cities, in Paisley our Town, in our families & peace in our hearts.



If any one needs a visit please contact me through your elders or directly.

Yours in Him,

Kind Regards,

Peter Gill x

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Members of Church who died in 1st World War

Church Code W-Wallneuk, N-North and M-Mossvale

Rank	Name	D.O.B.	D.O.D	Church
Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders				
L/Corp	Francis Bunton	24/10/1880	21/10/1914	W
Pte	Richard Hall	1890	16/10/1918	W
Pte	John McGinnis	6/9/1899	24/8/1918	W
Pte	Thomas Morrison	29/7/1890	8/10/1915	W
Pte	Malcolm B Paul	10/7/1886	12/10/1917	W
Corp	Anstruther T R Pole	20/4/1892	27/9/1915	W
Pte	James Reid	27/5/1883	23/4/1917	W
Pte	John McA Beith	19/6/1896	19/6/1896	N
Sgt	Edward Graham	29/12/1886	12/4/1916	N
Pte	William Hunter	3/3/1894	22/11/1917	N
Pte	Joseph Keating	2/1/1898	8/3/1918	N
Pte	Joseph McLauchlan	17/4/1896	3/10/1918	N
Pte	Hugh Torrens	30/6/1887	5/10/1918	N
Pte	William Wilson	1/2/1897	2/5/1917	N
Lieut	A Gardyne Young	21/1/1887	13/10/1917	N
Cameronians Scottish Rifles				
Pte	John Anderson	1883	20/7/1915	W
Pte	John S Millar	25/1/1883	8/9/1917	W
Pte	Robert A McTear	1/7/1894	25/11/1917	N
Pte	Stephen O'D Paterson	16/9/1880	7/8/1915	N
L/Corp	Robert Sheridan	4/6/1883	21/6/1918	N
Royal Engineers				
Sapper	Samuel Connell	17/3/1899	21/7/1916	W
Sgt	Thomas Durham	1891	22/9/1918	N
Driver	Samuel Fulton	28/7/1896	3/7/1916	N
	Alexander Halden	30/6/1887	5/10/1918	N
Sapper	Henry L Hooper	4/7/1882	30/7/1918	N
Sapper	Robert McRamsay	16/5/1893	6/4/1917	N
Sapper	Peter Rowan	27/9/1882	28/3/1917	N
Sapper	John McLachlan	20/12/1882	29/11/1918	M

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Rank	Name	D.O.B.	D.O.D	Church
Royal Scots Fusiliers				
Pte	John P Arnott	5/7/1884	30/7/1916	W
Piper	Daniel McL Keith	27/8/1882	27/6/1915	W
Pte	William Reid	9/4/1881	30/7/1916	W
Pte	John McInnes	3/8/1899	25/10/1918	N
Pte	Bolton Boyle	1884	2/8/1917	M
Queen's Own Cameronian Highlanders				
Pte	William M Bailie	12/3/1890	13/8/1916	W
Pte	William A Brodie	14/2/1885	16/9/1916	N
Pte	David Hamilton	17/9/1887	2/3/1917	N
Sgt	Andrew Jackson	4/12/1890	30/9/1915	N
Pte	James Hall	24/2/1894	25/9/1915	M
Gordon Highlanders				
Pte	John G Anderson	9/9/1883	27/4/1919	W
L/Corp	Daniel Connor	21/12/1887	25/9/1915	W
Corp	David Connor	3/10/1892	25/9/1915	W
Pte	John G Connor	10/3/1896	25/8/1917	W
Pte	Robert Giles	1880	20/9/1917	N
Pte	Cameron R Gribben	29/12/1896	23/4/1917	N
Pte	John Spiers	4/7/1892	25/9/1915	N
Seaforth Highlanders				
Pte	William R Gibson	20/7/1899	13/10/1918	W
Pte	William Storrie	18/11/1877	26/3/1918	W
Pte	Daniel Watson	23/7/1889	13/10/1918	W
L/Corp	George Johnston	1897	19/5/1918	N
Pte	Thomas Little	25/2/1894	4/10/ 1917	N
L/Sgt	Angus McKinnon	3/10/1895	18/8/1917	M
Highland Light Infantry				
Pte	John McLean	27/5/1897	26/7/1918	W
Pte	James S Shiells	16/6/1892	22/8/1915	W
Pte	Thomas Sutherland	3/10/1895	1/7/1916	W

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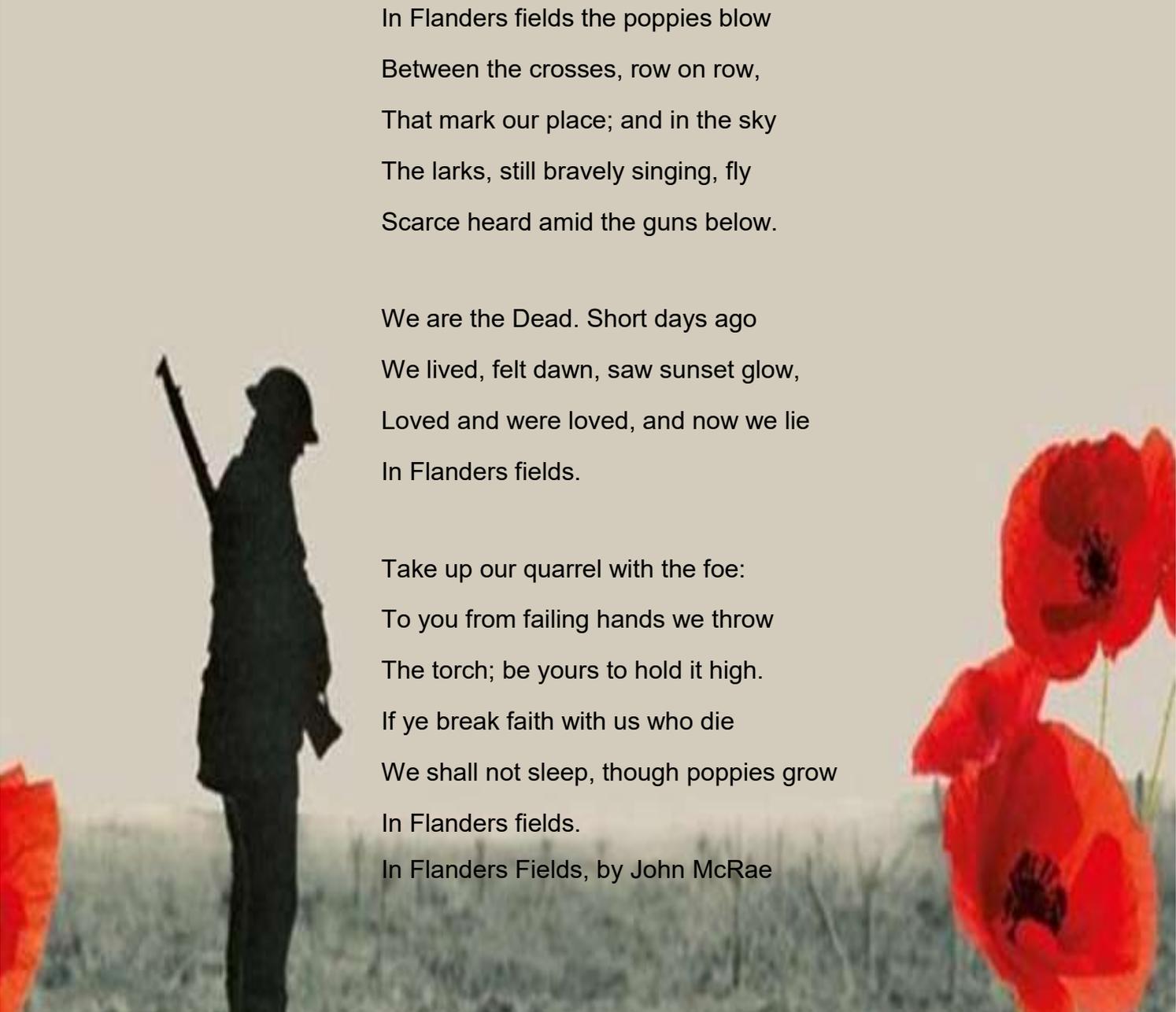
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Rank	Name	D.O.B.	D.O.D	Church
Highland Light Infantry / continued				
Pte	Charles Wilson	1880	25/9/1915	W
Pte	Robert Hilton	3/9/1889	29/3/1917	N
Pte	John Holmes	10/6/1881	7/4/1918	N
King's Own Scottish Borderers				
Pte	William Campbell	1898	12/10/1917	W
Pte	John Ferguson	3/10/1893	25/9/1915	N
Pte	Alexander Milne	23/9/1876	3/9/1916	N
Royal Army Service Corps.				
Pte	James Chivers	5/5/1880	6/4/1917	W
Royal Scots				
Pte	James Colquhoun	12/5/1895	10/10/1917	W
Pte	Thomas P Neish	4/6/1885	13/11/1914	W
Black Watch				
Pte	Walter McIntosh	13/5/1898	30/9/1917	W
Royal Naval Reserve				
2 nd Eng	David Murray	18/1/1880	1/4/1917	W
Royal Field Artillery				
Gunner	James G Richardson	30/10/1896	4/3/1917	W
London Scottish				
L/Corp	Samuel Breakey	21/7/1892	31/8/1918	N
Pte	John McDougall	1886	22/11/1918	N
Duke of Wellington's Regiment				
L/Corp	John Orr	25/4/1891	27/11/1917	N
Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers				
Pte	William Rodger	2/4/1898	16/8/1917	N
Pte	James Patrick	1876	3/1/1917	W
Canadian Mounted Rifles				
Pte	Charles S McNab	3/8/1886	8/8/1918	M

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Rank	Name	D.O.B.	D.O.D	Church
Canadian Expeditionary Force				
Pte	John R Duncan	1897	2/4/1917	W
Australian Imperial Forces				
Pte	James C Black	3/8/1893	12/6/1918	W
Battalion Unknown				
Pte	John Sneddon	1898	1917	W
Machine Gun Company				
Major	Robert R Neilson	4/10/1893	13/4/1918	N



In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

In Flanders Fields, by John McRae

8th Paisley Brownies and Guides

The 8th Paisley Brownies and Guides have had a busy start to the new session. We started work on our new programme, the brownies have worked on their baking badge and the guides have worked on their photography badge. We have had a visit to the Apple store at Braehead, where we learnt coding and had to make a code to guide a robot around a maze. We took part in the Paisley Halloween parade along with other units in Paisley division. We have had a Halloween party.



We will be holding our annual Christmas coffee evening on Wednesday 28th November at 6.30pm. Tickets £2.00.

We still have room for girls aged 7-14 years.

Gillian Clements

Interfaith Service & Lunch Sunday 18th November 2018

The Scottish Government has declared 2018 to be the Year of Young People. One of the main aims of the year is to develop better understanding, co-operation and respect between generations. Faith communities have an important role to play in providing opportunities for people of different generations to dialogue and engage in activities together. So please join the family of Wallneuk North in our Interfaith Week event. To find out more contact:

Rev. Peter Gill 07951 764 262 or email petergill18@hotmail.com

11:00am – 12:00pm : International Service for All Faith

12:00pm – 01:00pm : Blessings of Couples Plus Tea & Coffee

01:00pm – 02:30pm : Lunch at La Rambla Restaurant £5 per head

02:30pm – 04:00pm : Musical activities by musical band "The Kams"



Bollywood Singing & Dancing, Poetry and recitation from all faiths

What's on this Christmas @ Wallneuk North Church

2nd Dec 11am - Holy Communion

2nd Dec 6:30pm - Churches 2gether

9th Dec 11am - Gift Service

16th Dec 11am - 9 Lessons & Carols

23rd Dec 11am - Nativity Play

24th Dec 11pm - Christmas Eve Service

25th Dec 11am - Christmas Day Service

Please join us for our Christmas celebrations.

Eulogies

Bill Reid was a life long member who was baptised here over 85 years ago. He was married to Margaret and they had 2 daughters, Evelyn and Fiona. Bill took responsibility as the Sunday School Superintendent for a while and gave this his meticulous attention. He helped in the church in many ways and supported many of the activities. His other great love was gardening and he was involved in different societies both as a member and an office bearer. His greatest achievements were with fuchsias. He was a regular attender until ill health made it impossible for him to be there.

Betty McCall came to the church with her husband Jack when the union took place. They played an active part in the church and its activities. She was a regular member of the Friendly Hour and then Tuesday Together. She was well known for her skill as a baker and could be relied on to produce tasty items for any Coffee Afternoons or Fayres. She celebrated her 100th Birthday last year with friends and family. She had been unable to attend in the last few years due to failing health but was happy to hear about what was happening.

Margaret Allison was well known for her cheerful outlook and was always smiling. She cared deeply about people and was always there with an encouraging word or a hug or to listen. In recent years she had taken responsibility for ensuring that the church was decorated with flowers each week and on special occasions. She also looked after the financial side of this work. She was married to Andrew and they had 2 daughters, Nicky and Kim and several grandchildren. In the last few months before her death she became unwell and this meant she couldn't attend the church as she had in the past.

Betty Smith was originally a member of the North church but came to join us at the union. She was married to Jim and they had 5 children, Laura, William, Robert, Jim and Graeme (deceased). She had a great love of music. She was also a keen traveller and went several times to America. She also visited Greece a lot as her daughter Laura lived there for a while. She had been a member of the Friendly Hour and also attended Mid -Week Services. Her greatest love was for her family and she delighted in hearing all they were doing. In recent years mobility problems meant she needed more help and she lived in several care homes where

she enjoyed the company of others.

Marion Quinn had celebrated her 99th birthday just shortly before her death. She had been a telephonist in the mill in her early life. She married her husband Joe who also worked in the mill and they had 2 sons, David and Alan. Later she welcomed grandchildren and great grandchildren. Her husband, Joe also worked in the Royal Eye Infirmary for a time. During the 2nd World war he had been a prisoner and was among the first to be released at the end of the war. Although she was almost housebound for a number of years she did attend the Ralston Day Centre one day a week. Apart from this she had cares going in several times a day.

Arthur Sherratt had been a regular member of Wallneuk North along with his wife, Susan and their 2 daughters, Kare and Kim. He was an elder and also BB Captain for a number of years. In the 1980's he decided to train for the ministry and this he achieved. He became minister at Kilbarchan West church and stayed there for many years. When he was Moderator of Presbytery he was responsible for the Induction of our present minister, Peter. He had recently retired. He requested that his funeral service be held in Wallneuk North as he regarded this as his 'home' church.

George Hamilton born in Govan on 9th August 1933, the surviving twin, weighing only 2lb 1oz a miracle baby. He started Greenfield Primary in 1938 and his teacher, punished him by smacking him with a slipper, because he wrote with his left hand. This didn't deter him, and he became a full-blown leftie, in more ways than one. Joined the church in 1956. He became an Elder in 1962 and went on to be a Presbytery Elder. He was not afraid to rattle a few Presbytery feathers to fight Wallneuk North's corner. He was the Property Convenor for over 30 years and loved the church building. Married to Christine in 1956 they had 4 children Maureen, Anne, Christine and George. He had 7 grandkids and 2 great grandkids. He was a lecturer at Reid Kerr College for nearly 30 years and President of the EIS for further education. He loved his gardening and made home made jam which he would sell for charity. He was a member of Elderslie Golf Club for 50 years. He was still actively involved with the church, always prepared to give his opinion. He was diagnosed with liver cancer in June and sadly passed away on the 25th of August just after his 85th birthday.