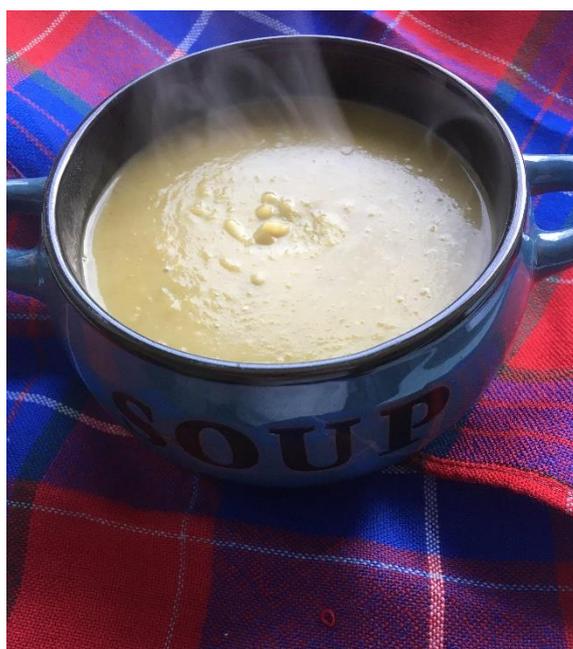


St Mungo's Parish Church

GUILD NEWSLETTER

February 2021



Dear Friends,

It's a pleasure to send you good wishes from the Committee and members of our Guild.

After we closed the door at the last Guild meeting for the proposed 11 weeks isolation, we never imagined 52 weeks on we would still be in the same situation.

I must admit to having a moan or two about losing the freedom to go out – just OUT – anywhere! So much has been missed over the last year but we are so grateful that we are not TRAPPED at home but SAFE at home.

It's strange that you can go to the Bank wearing a mask and ask for money!

We are on an odd journey with no maps or guidance, but we must look to the light at the end of the long tunnel to a future with FAITH in science and Faith and trust in our God who sees and loves us just where we are and He will see us through and beyond this pandemic.

The Committee had a Zoom meeting recently. It was lovely to see friends on the screen and, believe it or not, I was nervous and lost for words. I have got used to a quiet life. It is hoped to have another Zoom meeting in future and with as many Guild members as possible so please do get in touch so that you can be included.

Ludgate Church are going to organise a Zoom meeting for the World Day of Prayer in March and they are hoping we can join them.

I hope you will enjoy reading the enclosed material over a cuppa. When the weather is favourable (April onwards) **let's** plant our own rays of sunshine and have gorgeous Sunflowers to warm our hearts and feed the birds in Autumn. It's not a competition – just a bit of fun. Who doesn't like a cheery Sunflower!

You will also find enclosed a Guild Blessing card.

Without 'U' there would be no 'US' .

Take care, God Bless,

Christine

NATIONAL GUILD NEWS

Over recent months, the Guild has produced a weekly e-newsletter which those of us with access to the internet have been able to receive. We did consider printing them off for everyone but unfortunately it was going to be too expensive. Every week the e-news covers a range of topics. There is a message from the Convenor or one of the other office bearers, there are suggestions about who to pray for on a daily basis as well as items about what individual guilds are doing, news about what the guild is doing nationally and internationally and a link to YouTube where you can hear a hymn.

Some recent items included one about a virtual soup lunch on Sunday 14 to show your 'love' for the six Guild projects. All you had to do was make some soup, think of the people in the projects whilst you were enjoying it and donate to our Guild projects. The Moderator held a Zoom quiz in aid of Guild funds one Saturday evening and the organist in a Church in Bellshill had an evening concert of hymns chosen by Guild members. There was also a "Monday Memory" in December with a picture of the bowlers at the Convenor's challenge in 2017.

ST MUNGO'S GUILD FINANCIAL STATEMENT

As Treasurer, I have now prepared and had audited the accounts for the last two years without having the opportunity to report back to you. The good news is that we are still solvent.

The last fund-raising events we had were the Project evening in February 2020 followed by the Leap Year Coffee Morning. This meant we were able to send £400 to Guild headquarters as our contribution to the Guild Projects in 2019 - 2020.

We have not had a single meeting during the past Guild year but we have been able from our reserves to donate our usual £1000 to the Church as well as send a further £400 for Guild projects for the year 2020-2021. We also sent a donation to Strathcarron Hospice and one to the Sailor Society to help provide small treats for the sailors whose ships were in Forth ports and who had not been able to get home for many months because of the pandemic. We asked ladies to pay a reduced subscription for this year although we had no meetings and I was able to send of a cheque for our subscriptions to Guild Headquarters.

I have always said that the ladies of St Mungo's Guild were very generous and I do not change that view. Thank you to everyone who has put aside their collection over the last year. It means we will be able to continue to help those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Jean Nicolson

Guild Treasurer

OUR OWN "TUESDAY" MEMORIES



This was a selection of the cakes at last year's coffee morning which we had, fortunately, moved to 29 February so we were able to hold it just before lockdown started. Little did we think it would be almost the last time we would see one another for months.

Just a reminder of our canal trip from Linlithgow in 2018 which was followed by a meal at the Dutch Inn. Hopefully we will be able to have a Guild Outing at some time in the future.



OLD TESTAMENT ANAGRAMS

Something to get your brain working!

Burns me	
Chair haze	
Eds jug	
Evil is cut	
Hail Mac	
Hurt	
I jam here	
On gloom of sons	
Our needy Tom	
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