

Boghall Manse

Professor of Sociology and Baptist preacher, Tony Campolo, neatly summarises what we teach our young folk to be the meaning of life. We tell them to work hard at school so that they will get good grades, if they get good grades they will get to university, if they get a good degree they will get a good job, if they get a good job they will earn lots of money, if they earn lots of money they can buy lots of stuff. A concise summary of our consumerist society. Others have sought meaning elsewhere.

The social psychologist Arie Kruglanski writes about the “search of significance” in young people attracted to violent extremism. He describes the three “N’s” involved in both radicalisation and in de-radicalisation. The three “N’s” are shared by all of us, none more so than the first one. The first “N” is need. The need to feel significant, that one matters, that one is deserving of respect. The second “N” is the narrative; the story which we are told which confirms our needs are being met. The final “N” is the social network; the group which we belong to which confirms that our need is met and that constructs the narrative in which we understand that it is true.

Kruglanski is addressing the problem of those who see violence as the means to an end, which is “a search of significance”. How does the church help those with a search for significance and promote a very different ends and means? A different world from rampant consumerism or hate-filled scapegoating. We start by being very local and practical. We can help create social networks for young folks and older folks. We need to explore our Bible narrative, our Bible stories, in relevant and practical ways so that we make meaning of both the suffering and the joy in our world. And we need to remember and to act in a way in which people know that they are significant, that they matter and they deserve not just our respect but our reverence as Children of God.

Through our Girls’ and Boys’ Brigade, our Guild, the Memory Café, the Foodbank, and the likes, we can help in our own little and local way. I have been so encouraged at the response of our first group to go through the Mindfulness course. A new way of thinking and being has evolved. We will run a second course starting on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October. In the mean time, we will meet on the first Monday of the month as a meditating community, developing ways of finding peace in a frantic world.

Jesus said that the Kingdom of Heaven is within us. It may not have the ‘bling’ of consumerism nor the macho respect of violence, but it is a lasting, an enduring, peace of significance.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Chris

### **BAPTISMS**

*Jesus said, “Let the children come to me and do not forbid them for of such is the Kingdom of God.”*

13 August: David Piotr Janeczek, 57 Waverley Street, Bathgate  
Christine Delincak-Hricova, 90 Boghall Drive

### **FUNERAL**

*Jesus said, “I am the Resurrection and the Life.”*

5 July : Carol Duffie, Norvell Lodge

9 August : David Lee, 193 Elizabeth Drive

**ALL ARTICLES** for the October edition of the church magazine to be in the editor’s hands **by Wednesday 13 September.**

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## WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

3 Sept	10.30am: Morning Worship
10 Sept	10.30am: Sacrament of Holy Communion 6.30pm: Sacrament of Holy Communion
17 Sept	10.30am: Morning Worship talk on 'Safe Families for Children' 6.30pm: Taize Service
24 Sept	10.30am: Morning Worship led by Brenda Galloway
29 Sept	2pm: Service at Norvell Lodge
1 Oct	10.30am: Harvest Festival – 'Malawi Fruits' led by Outreach Group
8 Oct	10.30am: Morning Worship
15 Oct	10.30am: Morning Worship
22 Oct	10.30am: Morning Worship
29 Oct	10.30am: Morning Worship

### Events to note:-

**Sun. 3 Sept** Party in the Park Visit Boghall Church's tent!

**Mon 4 Sept** Meditating Community at 7pm

**Tues 5 Sept** Boys' Brigade resumes at 6.30pm

**Wed 13 & 27 Sept** The Guild meet at 7.30pm

**Sat 30 Sept** Artlink event and concert

**Wed 25 Oct Rob Halligan Concert** 7pm in Boghall Church  
Rob will be performing at Boghall as part of his tour for his new album Wild Horses. Tickets are £5 and you will have an opportunity to buy Rob's new CD. Money raised during the tour will go to Global Care and their work on the Lebanon/Syrian border building and staffing shack schools for refugee children in the camps.

## OUR SPECIAL GARDEN

We're making a garden of peace and remembrance  
round our lovely church in Boghall  
Where anyone can come and sit in the quiet  
to find peace and maybe hear God's call.

A place to hear the little birds' song  
that gladdens the heart every day.  
A song of joy that calls to each one  
lay your worries down – it's bright, not grey.  
Maybe you'll remember someone special,  
someone, to you, who meant a great deal  
who is not here with you anymore  
but quietly you can say what you feel.

A fervent prayer can work wonders,  
the words can lighten the heart  
and you don't have to close your eyes to pray-  
do it while watching the insects dart.  
Maybe we'll pray for all wars to cease.  
Why do tyrants always want more?  
We've seen people with just a blanket  
for warmth, but almost frozen to the core.

So come and sit in our lovely garden,  
let the rest of the world slowly go by  
and listen to the whispering wind  
when memories have, maybe, made you sigh.  
So come on in to this haven of peace.  
It won't cost anything- to you, it's free.  
You'll feel nothing but precious memories,  
So don't pass by, just come in and see.

*May Ross*

## THANK YOU

George and I thank you for the lovely flowers from our church family; also for expressions of sympathy received from friends and neighbours on the death of my lovely sister, Isabel, who had a lovely, friendly smile for everyone.  
*Joan Crawford*

Thank you very much for the lovely roses I received. It was my birthday and they added to the abundance. I hope it won't be too long before I can join you in worship again. Best wishes.

*B. Menzies*

I am writing to thank Boghall Parish Church's congregation for their gift of a beautiful summer flowers bouquet. I am always very grateful to receive the flowers from the church and feel undeserving to get them. This time, though, your gift coincided with the arrival of my great-grandson two days earlier, and I felt very happy to have your flowers to celebrate. Thank you all and very best wishes.

*Susan Ormiston*

I would like to thank the people of the church for the beautiful flowers I received. They were greatly appreciated. Thank you.

*Elizabeth Hiscock*

Grateful thanks to everyone for their cards, flowers and kind words following the death of my loving husband, David; also to Chris for the comforting and personal funeral services; to him and my church family for their support over the last year of David's illness, especially my friend and elder, Cathie Findlay, for her help and support. All was greatly appreciated by both of us. With love

*Janet Lee*

'GUARDIANS OF ANCORA' Thank you to the great team who volunteered to help with this year's Holiday Club – Chris Galbraith, Alice Baxter, Angie Cassidy, John Dunleavy, Melissa Gray, Zoe Hepburn, Ella Hossack, Beth Lockhart, Cooper MacDonald, Eilish

and Islay McLauchlan, Amy Park, Fiona, Mairi and Isla Picken, May Ross, Ann Scott, Eleanor and Hazel Sterrick, and Frank and Margaret Stewart. The theme was set around the Hall of Memory in the city of Ancora where the 'guardians' went on a quest every morning to find the lost story treasures from the Bible.

Thank you also to those who helped in the background – John Samuel, Susie McLauchlan, Brian McNeil, and thanks to our local councillors for their generous funding.  
*Kathy Dunleavy*

## FINANCE

Income & Expenditure as follows:-

<b>Income from offerings:</b>	<b>Regular Expenditure:</b>
April £7,530	£6,014
May £5,535	£7,230
June £5,556	£7,333
July £6,263	£7,115

A new ceiling, lighting and decoration of the back hall has been carried out costing £7,200 and it looks amazing! Repairs to all the window frames within the sanctuary of the church has been carried out costing £3,590. The next major expenditure will be on changing our heating from oil to gas.

### **Easyfundraising**

Thank you to everyone who continues to make online purchases through Easyfundraising. The donation received for purchases made from January to March was £30.51. It is an easy way to raise funds for our church and if anyone wants further information on how it works, please feel free to speak to me.

*Janice Welsh, Treasurer*

*Experience is that marvellous thing that enables you to recognise a mistake when you make it again!*  
*F.P. Jones*

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