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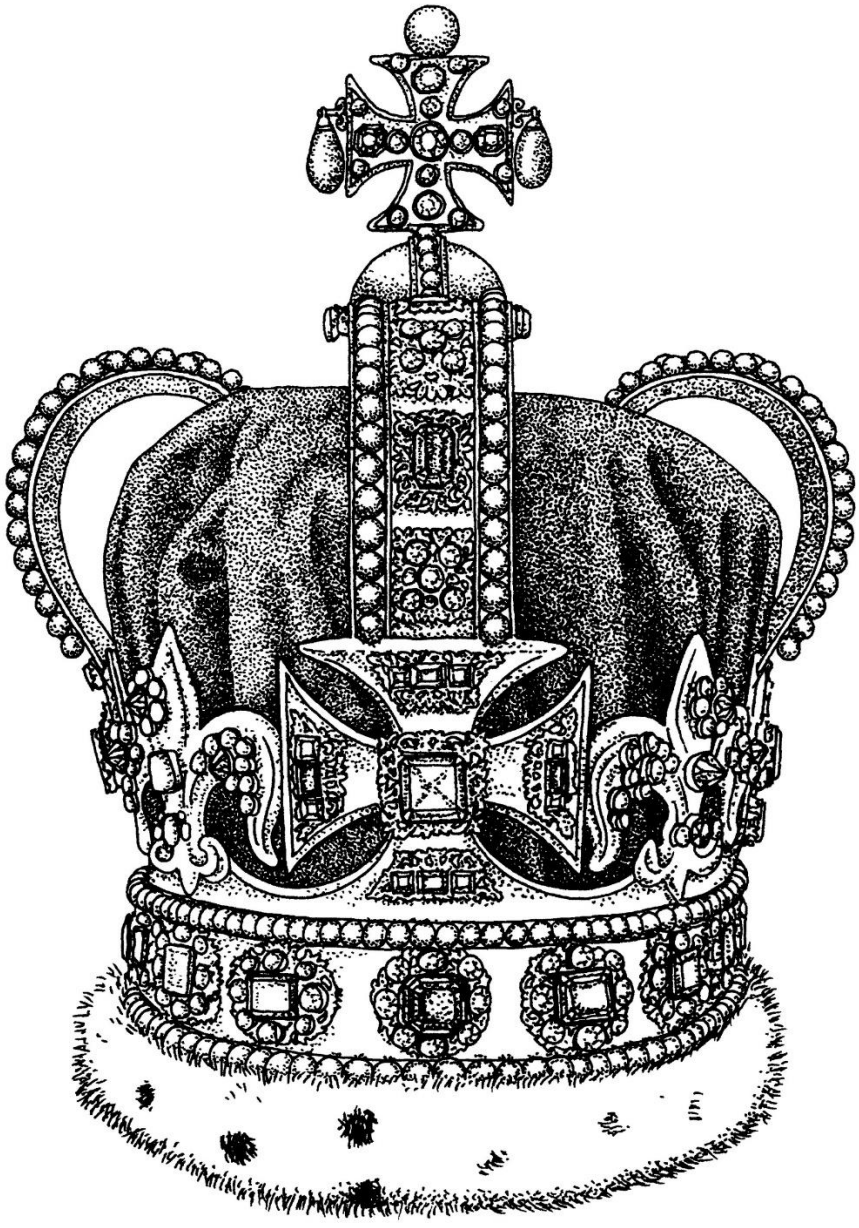

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Sadly, in recent months we have said goodbye to two friends, who have played a big part in our congregational life.

In February, John Inglis, our former beadle, passed away. John was born and bred in Berwick, but spent the biggest part of his working life in the RAF, which took him and his family to different parts of the

UK and the world. On the death of his wife, Thea, whom he had met in Germany, John responded to an invitation to become the Beadle and he served very diligently in this role for 12 years. John showed dedication and hard work in his service to the church. He always wanted everything to be ‘just so’, and this was appreciated by all. Always immaculately turned out in jacket, shirt, and tie with shoes highly polished he did the job to the best of his ability. Much loved by all the ladies in the various groups who knew that John would sort anything out for them and in return they kept him supplied with all the biscuits and cakes he loved! He eventually retired in July 2013 aged 79, though he still attended church every week.

In April there was the death of one of our retired elders, Elsie Greenaway. Elsie, who was originally from Glasgow, moved to Berwick with her husband Colin in retirement. Elsie threw herself into community life. She gave many years of service to the League of Friends of Berwick Infirmary and was a well-loved member and elder of Wallace Green. Elsie worshipped diligently week by week, was a keen supporter and committee member of the Guild, a member of the choir until 2016, a valued member of the group that visited a local care home monthly to lead a service, and she was also the person who oversaw the distribution of *Life and Work*, amongst the congregation. As an elder, she was assiduous in attending meetings and in visiting her district.

Holy Communion

We will be celebrating Holy Communion on Sunday June 11th at 11am. On this occasion, our worship will be led by a group of our members and we will be giving thanks for the life of our congregation. All welcome.

Please note that we are no longer handing out communion cards to everyone on our roll quarterly. The function of the card is to remind us that communion is happening and invite us to come along, and this task is now carried out by the Kirk News. We will, however, continue to return those cards handed in at previous communions, since many of us appreciate the tradition of handing in our communion cards as we come to the sacrament. If you have not received a card with your magazine, but would like to hand in a card when you next come along to communion, please just look out one of the cards you have previously received and hand this in. If you cannot find a card at home, and would like to receive one, please let me know.
After the service there will be a retiral offering for the local **Alzheimer's Café.**

Congregational Register

Deaths
(*denotes communicant member)
John Inglis*, 19.2.23
Eileen Gillespie, 29.3.23
Elsie Greenaway*, 2.4.23
Henry Spence*, 5.4.23

New Communicant Members

Denise & Jim Paton
Jean Common

Minister's Letter

Dear Friends,
On Sunday, May 28th May we celebrate one of the most important days of the year from a Christian perspective: Pentecost or Whitsunday. On this day, we remember the events so vividly portrayed in Acts chapter 2. There, we read of the coming of the Holy Spirit to the early Christians, a gifting that we think of as the birthday of the Church. Certainly, it was the infusion of power and courage that the Spirit brought, that enabled the Church to begin to grow and thrive. Prior to the Spirit's coming the Christians were a dispirited group, hiding from their enemies. After Pentecost, however, nothing could stop them witnessing to their Lord as they preached, healed and served in his name.
On the day of Pentecost itself, the Spirit's arrival was signalled by three supernatural phenomena. There was a sound like a gale-force wind, a vision of, what seemed like, tongues of fire and the gift of the ability to speak in languages that hadn't been learned beforehand. The last of these signs was particularly significant. Because of this gift, the Christians were able to speak of the great things that God had done in a way which was understood by the people of many nationalities who heard them. The gift of tongues broke down the barriers between peoples, uniting them in recognising that God was active and calling them to be part of one people, reconciled in love.
The Spirit still works to draw folk into one loving community. How much our troubled world, fragmented by divisions of class, creed and race, still needs the harmony that the Spirit brings.

Yours,
Adam

Membership

Adam would welcome enquiries from anyone who would like to join the membership roll of the congregation. Membership formalises a commitment to the congregation and our mission and allows for involvement in congregational decisions and leadership of the church. Though, of course, all are welcome to participate in any and all of our activities regardless of whether they are formally members or not.

For your calendar

Sunday 11th June - 11am, Holy Communion
Monday 12th June - 6.30pm, Kirk Session
Tuesday 13th June - 1.15pm, New Horizons' Trip
Sunday 2nd July - Church Picnic after worship

New Horizons

Our final meetings of this session brought the programme to a successful ending. In April, we had a fascinating talk from Rena about Wooler Common, a beautiful spot and a place that we all now want to visit! In May, Joan encouraged us to moved towards 'Green' households, as she reminded us of the many practical ways in which we can care for our environment. Our summer trip has been arranged for Tuesday 13th June, when we are having a sail on the Tweed, followed by afternoon tea. All welcome. If you are interested in going, please let Adam know asap.

Clean

Thanks to those who came along on a Saturday morning in March to help clean the church for Easter. It was a fun and very productive morning.

We now have a rota for the weekly cleaning of the church premises, and more helpers would be welcome. If you can help – it doesn't normally take any more than an hour to do the basics – please sign up on the sheet in the Session Room. (AH)

Church Cleaning

The first Six months of the cleaning rota has gone very well and we had a mass Spring Clean just before Easter. This gave the church a really good ‘going over’.

A new six month rota is just about to go up in the Session Room, please consider if you can help out. It only takes an hour and the more people we have, the less each person has to do! I am available to talk through what is required, so if you are able, please consider helping out. We want to keep our beautiful building as clean and tidy as we can.

Rita

Church Picnic

We intend to have a picnic off-site on Sunday July 2nd after church. Daniel and Karen Fleming, former members, have invited us to use the large garden of their house near Kelso, so we are praying for the sun to shine! All welcome – transport will be provided.

Church Building

I know a lot of you have been asking me where we are with the proposed changes to the building. We have now got final plans and are receiving detailed costings for each element. We shall now start to apply for grant funding to gather as much money as we can to pay for the work.

Nothing happens quickly, I’m afraid, but we want to get this right and get the best we can for our lovely building and secure its future long term.

Watch this space and I shall bring you up to date in the next Kirk News.

Rita

Craft, Cake and Chat

The C,C and C group is continuing to meet on a fortnightly basis. There is a lot of chat and laughter that goes on while we do our respective craft items. There is, of course, the half time tea and cake interval.
There is a regular group of between 8-12, all doing whatever project there are currently undertaking. So far, we have had knitters, crocheters, embroiderers, a drawer and painter and a wreath maker. The group were also responsible for making the palm trees we had in church for the Palm Sunday Service
It is a chance to restart old skills or try new ones. If you have any queries or want to know more, then please have a word with me.
Rita

Summer Opening of Church

We would like to open the Church for one day a week during the summer months (July-September). We would be looking to be open on Friday afternoon between 1-3pm. Two people would be required to be on hand to open doors and assist any visitors. If you feel this is something that you could do, please pit your name on the rota in the Session Room.
If we can get enough volunteers, we shall be open from Friday 7 July until Friday 15 September (this is part of the Heritage Open Weekend, when we are open until 4pm and all day Saturday 16 September.)
If you think you may be able to help out, but have a query, then please speak to me.
This is an important opportunity for us to open our doors and welcome visitors into our beautiful church.
Please consider if you can help.
Rita

Gift Day

It is very difficult to believe that we are approaching the half-way mark of another year.
We are grateful to you for your on-going financial support for the congregation. Unfortunately, however, the first six months of this year has seen the need to spend many thousands of pounds on repairs to the Manse and the Church steeple. For instance, our quote for the necessary work to the steeple – going on as I write this – is £5400. The top of the steeple was unstable due to rust in the joints. So, this was absolutely essential expenditure, but of a kind whose benefits are not evident to the eye.
With all the additional calls on our monies so far this year, and in order to replenish our depleted funds, the Kirk Session have agreed to hold a Gift Day on Sunday 10th September. Your support of this event would be greatly appreciated. As a collective group, I am sure we can raise enough funds to make a difference, to offset the cost of building maintenance.
There are no other matters to report on at present.
Please can I encourage you all to support events held in the forthcoming months. As well as the obvious benefit of fellowship and enjoyment, there is always a financial benefit too.
Wishing you all the best of summers.
Brian Tait
Treasurer

Keep Fit

The keep Fit Class continues to meet Tuesday Mornings 10.00-11.00 with nice gentle exercise followed by tea, coffee and biscuits and putting the world to rights. New members are always welcome.
Susan

Images from Easter Sunday

The Coronation of King Charles III

Our new King had shadowed his parents since he was a young boy, perhaps the longest apprenticeship ever served. As a Nation and Commonwealth there was much pomp, celebration and ceremony to be followed on Saturday 6th May.
We were already privy to the important and significant items on the agenda of the new King and he has made the transition from Prince of Wales to Monarch in a seamless and dignified way. (He had had plenty of time to consider his role.)

Now that the dust has settled there is an opportunity for us to think about the impact of the day and if this Carolean era will influence our lives in any way.

Reflections on two Coronations

The first time I heard Zadok the Priest was on 2nd June 1953. Handel's music had the same electrifying effect 70 years later. Sung during the anointing of the monarch, which is surely the most sacred rite of the whole ceremony. It reminded me of how kings were anointed in the Bible. The Chrism Oil is made with oils from the Mount of Olives mixed with the essential oils of patchouli, nutmeg and clove. It is reputed to inspire prayer. It smells of balsam – I wonder who makes it today?

The late Queen's Coronation was the first time I ever watched television. We crowded into a sitting room in Edinburgh and watched, spellbound, in black and white, on a small screen that couldn't have been more than nine inches square. All school children in the Scottish Borders were given a Coronation mug.

In 1953 there was a great sense of optimism and hope in the country. We were rebuilding the nation after the devastation of World War II and hoping for a better life for ordinary people. A new Elizabethan Era we were told and so it was.
On Saturday 6th May 2023 the police arrested demonstrators in London. Republicans need to remember that Royals are born to serve their country and their people. It would seem that Politicians are born to serve themselves.

Watching our King's demeanour throughout the Ceremony it was obvious that he was very moved and all too aware of the immense responsibility of his role. I believe we watched the Coronation of a compassionate, kind, caring and thoughtful individual in wonderful colour on a big screen in Church this time.

Who could forget the Three Cheers given by his troops in Buckingham Palace Gardens?

VIVAT REX!

Diana Higham

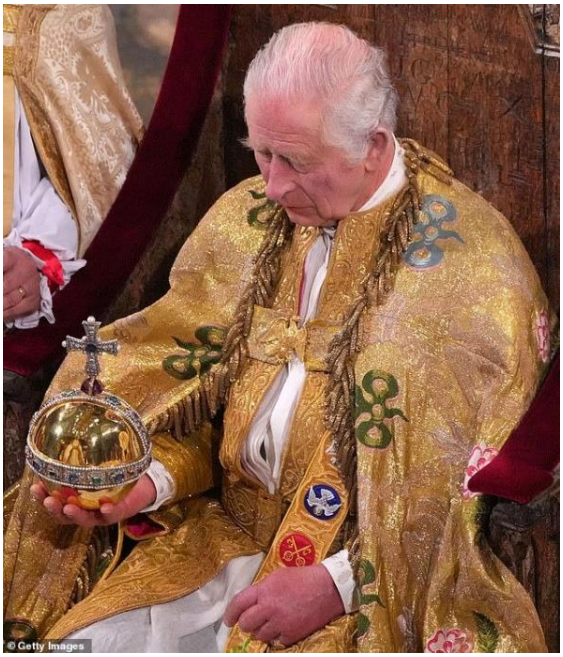
A day to remember

The Coronation of Charles III. I was fortunate enough to watch in St Andrews Wallace Green on the big screen. It was great to view this historic event with friends. The decoration of the church and the lovely spread really added to the occasion. Somebody even played a piece of music they had written in the church to honour the event. It will be a day that stays with me as a treasured memory for a long time.
The ceremony contained a lot of religious symbolism from ancient times. Some of the central ideas in the coronation even pre-date the British monarchy. In ancient Rome, the Emperor was called the 'Pontifex Maximus'. A pontiff was a priest who administered the religious Roman rites. 'Pontifex' meant 'bridge builder' in Latin. So, the priest was the person who built a bridge between the gods and the people. He mediated between the Divine and the world. The emperor was the 'great bridge builder' connecting heaven and earth. And, in theory, his political power flowed from his spiritual role. His right to govern came from his function as the person who ensured that society was built upon the solid foundation of the sacred.

The coronation included similar ideas. It was said in the ceremony that Charles had been set apart by God to rule as monarch. Charles's power comes with two responsibilities. First, as the Supreme Governor of the Church of England, he is to maintain the Protestant Reformed religion and the true profession of the Gospel. Second, his kingly sword symbolised the king's obligation to do justice, stop the growth of iniquity, maintain good things, and punish and reform those that are evil. The order is important: the spiritual task precedes the temporal because the monarch's sacred duties are the fountain from which their administration of justice flows. This was reflected in the fact that the first gift Charles received was that of a bible. The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland presented the book, specially made for the coronation. He advised the king that he should be "ever mindful of the law and the Gospel of God as the Rule for the whole life and government of Christian princes." Put another way, if you have a right relationship with the

Divine, then you will be a wise leader. In turn, if the sovereign is in harmony with the sacred, then justice will prevail within society.

The Stone of Scone, also known as the Stone of Destiny, also represents this reality. It is placed below the seat of the throne that Charles sat on during the ceremony (see the picture on the right). It has been used to crown Scottish kings and queens for several centuries. Legend has it that Scota, an Egyptian princess, brought it with her to Scotland after she and her husband were exiled following the Exodus of the Israelites. In this mythology, the Stone was originally associated with Jacob's dream at Bethel. In Genesis 28:10-22, Jacob was on the run. He had stolen his older brother's birth right and, as such, Esau who had promised to kill him. Fleeing for his life, at night Jacob was exhausted. He used a stone as a pillow and went to sleep. He then had a dream within which he saw a stairway reaching from earth to heaven. Angels were going up and down upon it. God was at the top of the stair. He promised Jacob that he and his descendants would inherit the land upon which he was lying. So, the Stone of Destiny was in Jacob's dream the foundation of a ladder between God and the world. By extension, the king crowned sitting upon the Stone of Scone is becoming the Pontifex, the living bridge between the sacred and his subjects.



Ultimately, the king's authority is subservient to the King of Kings: Christ. Jesus is the ultimate mediator between God and humanity because He is God incarnate. His sacred authority over the political order was represented by the orb. Its cross sits atop the globe, showing that above all powers, including Charles's, Christ is King. So, the monarch is a kind of living image of Jesus Christ. The sovereign shows, albeit imperfectly, what Jesus does for us by mediating between God and humanity. Perhaps this is best seen in Queen Elizabeth II's life of service. She dedicated her life to serving the people of this country, taking the time to support others where she could. Service, putting others first, is a kind of sacrifice. Her leadership imitated the ultimate service and sacrifice that the King of Kings made. He put us first and offered up his life on the cross so that we might be forgiven and receive salvation.
I hope and pray that Charles II will, like his mother, become a living embodiment of the way of service. In so doing, he would fulfil his role as a symbol of Christ, thereby becoming a bridge builder that connects public life with the sacred.

Nathan Hood

Tailoring for the Coronation

Many of you will have watched the Coronation programme about tailors producing the uniforms for it. The presenter, Patrick Grant (of Great British Sewing Bee fame), mentioned his Berwick connection. A local man, Nichol Morton, has quickly researched and issued the following ancestral details which may be of interest to readers. Thank you, Nichol, for allowing this to be published.

The presenter was Patrick Grant, the clothing firm owner from the Great Sewing Bee. It turns out he had military connections with his great grandad being a bandmaster. He (Patrick) actually teared up in the programme when they brought out the template for the uniform his GG would have worn, 'The most interesting bit,' said Patrick, 'of all this was that he was in the KOSBs , the 2nd Battalion.

So, I had a bit of a delve into his family history today and found out it was his mother's (Susan) grandfather (Walter Henry Clarice Alma Fitzearle) who was the bandmaster.

Despite Patrick's Scottish background and the grand name, Walter was in fact English and born in 1895 on the South Coast. His father, John, was a sailmaker at Rye in Sussex. John was also a noted bandsman so that is from where Walter got his musical ability. He joined the Army young - in the 1911 Census he was a 16-year-old bandsman in barracks at Aldershot, but with the 1st Battalion Cameron Highlanders. He also served with them in WW1 as a Sergeant.

He married in 1917 near Invergordon in Ross-shire. Rachel Morris Wilson was from Perthshire. He was definitely in the KOSBs in 1928 - he's mentioned as being in the 2nd Battalion in China in his dad's obituary.

They had two children, a son, also called Walter, born in January 1918, who died in WW2 in 1943. He was a Flight Lieutenant in the RAF. They also had a daughter, Jean, born in Rawalpindi in India 2 years later in 1920. Between the two World Wars, the 1st Battalion served in India and Chanak (1922), Malta and Palestine (1936). 2nd KOSB served in Ireland, Egypt, Hong Kong and India, where it was when war broke out in September 1939.

In September 1939, Rachel and Jean were lodging in Berwick at 5 Silver Steet, with the Purvis family, dad Francis was a tailor. Walter was obviously based at Berwick Barracks by then.

Daughter Jean was 19 and working as an assistant at a chemists, I wonder which one it was?

She married the following month to a John B Mitchell - I wonder if he was a soldier too as I can't find out anything about him. Maybe somebody out there knows something. She married again in 1950 so perhaps John died in WW2. This time it was to an engineer and they spent several years in Sierra Leone.

Patrick's family on his Grant side came from Musselburgh. His dad James Grant was the manager of The Marmalade band back in the day - he died from COVID in 2020. His relatives were yarn designers in Galashiels so the cloth trade is obviously in his genes. Patrick was sent to Barnard Castle for his schooling, mainly because he was rugby-mad (his dad became a rugby trainer later too); then a degree in engineering at Leeds; then into an ailing clothing company which he rejuvenated. And the rest we know…… but his connection to Berwick I didn't know about until today.

Bryon Longbone

Carolean!

It's been a funny few months, royally speaking anyway. I wonder how many of us have been caught out:

> Hands up those of us who have found ourselves singing the National Anthem? (tick)
> Hands up those of us who have used the wrong pronouns when singing the National Anthem? (tick)
> Hands up anyone who has been somewhere when the Loyal Toast has been made, and got mixed up? (tick)
> Hands up if you still think of yourselves as being Elizabethans? (tick)
> Hands up if you realised you weren't Elizabethans anymore but didn't know what you were? (tick)

Hands up if you really didn't know what Carolean was but I know it's not me as I'm Capricorn? (tick)

Oh well. Never mind. Give it another 25-30 years and I might know what I'm doing …… maybe. (tick)

God Save the ~~Queen~~ King!

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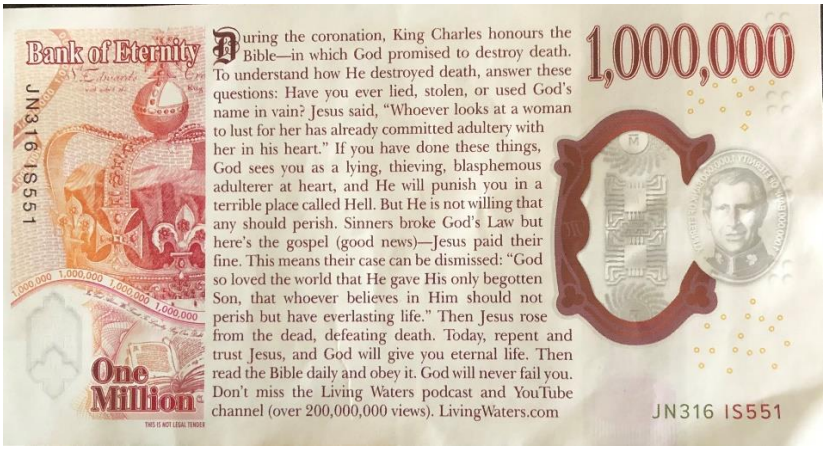
Perhaps a helpful addition to the coffers?



Every picture tells a very happy story.

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry

The recently released film, ‘The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry’ has been viewed with interest by many people in Berwick.

The film (which closely followed the book by Rachel Joyce) is the story of a very ordinary man in his 60s, named Harold Fry. He learns that his old friend, Queenie, is dying. He embarks on a walk from the West Country until he reaches her Hospice in Berwick-upon-Tweed.

On his journey, Harold has time to reflect on his life. On regrets, missed opportunities and mistakes made throughout his life.
The story of an unremarkable man who makes a remarkable journey.

We don’t actually have a Hospice in Berwick, but we do have the next best thing. I took the opportunity to meet with Tina Penney, who is Manager of the HospiceCare Shop in Hazel Marsden House, Ivy Place.

The Berwick HospiceCare Centre and Shop opened in its current guise in 2015, it is in the Hazel Marsden House.

Hazel Marsden was an Occupational Therapist at Berwick Infirmary in the 1980s and was one of the founding members of the Alnwick and Berwick Day Hospice. When she died in 2002 she left Hospice Care a legacy of £200,000 which was used to buy the Old Seaman's Mission. This was then named Hazel Marsden House in her honour. HospiceCare is governed by a board of Trustees, who are all volunteers.

The Hospice moved from their previous location in West Street in 2002, originally providing Day Care a couple of times a week, along with outreach services.

The space now incorporates a thriving Charity Shop, which is open six days a week. There is a community space at the back of the building.
This peaceful facility is really well used offering valuable, discreet professional support to many in the community, often at a very difficult time in their lives. There is also a Dementia Drop-in Café, a Bereavement support group and a knitting group.

Front of house, there is a dedicated team of 25 volunteers who are ably managed by Tina Penney. Tina capitalises on the strengths of all her volunteers, whether it is displaying goods, cataloguing books, dealing with donated items, or working on the shop floor – there is something for everyone.

The shop is busy and central to raising much of the money needed to provide the wonderful HospiceCare Nurses and the support given to those with life limiting conditions.
The aim is to provide responsive, holistic care for those who wish to spend their final days at home.

I was overwhelmed by the kindness and discretion which underpins the work at Hazel Marsden House. It is a lovely shop and always on the lookout for donations.

An interview with Kevin Golding

Kevin, along with his wife and son settled in Berwick-upon-Tweed in 2016 after living and working in the West Midlands, Ludlow and retiring to the South Coast. That distinctive West Midlands accent is still recognisable in his voice.

After trying out other churches in the town, Kevin found his ‘Spiritual Home’ at St Andrew’s Wallace Green. He loved the welcome given by

Adam and members of the congregation and felt at home with the Church Service.

Kevin is a man who certainly likes to keep busy. With a degree in Public Administration, he is a professional organiser. His working life was spent within Local Government and the NHS. In retirement he is heavily involved in the Probus Club. Currently, he is both Chairman and Acting Secretary. He delights in planning events for the weekly Probus meetings, especially those that showcase another of his passions – music and film. From Elvis to Film Noir and everything in between!
He was telling me about his extensive collection of both vinyl and 78s. These are played on an 'Old School' record player, which is part of a very sophisticated sound system.
There are currently 20 active members of Probus and they are always on the look-out for more. If you are a retired professional with an interest in finding out more about the club, either speak to Kevin or pop along to their weekly meetings which are held every Wednesday at 10.00 am in The Parish Centre.

Kevin met his wife, Rosemary 42 years ago, when he was working for the Health Authority in Dudley. She was working there as a Higher Clerical Officer and their many shared interests made them a perfect match. Not many can proudly boast that they took their future wife brass rubbing on their first date! Kevin and Rosemary were married in 1981.

Kevin and Rosemary moved to Winchester where Kevin obtained a post as Office Manager at the City Council. Rosemary moved down to their new home and obtained an administrative post supporting an Education Officer implementing the new GCSE structure in Hampshire Schools by Hampshire County Council.

Kevin obtained a good promotion to Shropshire County Council merging three former Administrative Departments into one supporting around 170 staff in Planning, Architecture and Valuation – no easy task!

Kevin has a large extended family who are good at keeping in touch. They are looking forward to an upcoming get-together of 33 adults and 3 children. (Interestingly, in a venue where Kevin had a holiday job as a silver-service waiter).

He is also in contact with a group of friends from university days and they get together every year with people jetting in from all over the world.

I was delighted to talk to Kevin as he is both interesting and enthusiastic about life. As well as his interests in music, film and Probus, he volunteers at two local animal charities.

Life hasn't always been straightforward for Kevin and over the years he has struggled with low mood and depression. He told me that his strong faith has helped him throughout his life and got him through some very difficult times.
St Andrew's Wallace Green is central to Kevin's life and I would like to thank him for taking the time to speak to me and for sharing his story.

JGM

The Berwick Food Bank is available to any household who may be in crisis or have financial restrictions. It is housed in the William Elder Building and the service is predominantly run by volunteers who give up their time to make the service sustainable. The full-time staff also help and support clients on many levels, eg signposting other organising that could help, as well as meal planning.
Recipe books created and published by Nourish are being provided by the Food Bank as part of the Sustainable Food Initiative.

The Food Bank continues to be extremely well used. The uptake in April was more than double from the last year. However, there has been a drop in donations of food. This has been mitigated through generous donations of money.

Contributions of food, toiletries and cleaning products are always welcome.

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Notes from the Editor

Many thanks for all the contributions to the Kirk News, with special thanks to all those who shared their thoughts about our new Monarch.

Thanks to Kevin Golding for agreeing to be interviewed – I am always happy to chat if you would like to share your story.

Thanks to Rita and Rena for their photos.

The next KN will be out a little early as the Editorial and Printing Team are having to attend a wedding in Italy!

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