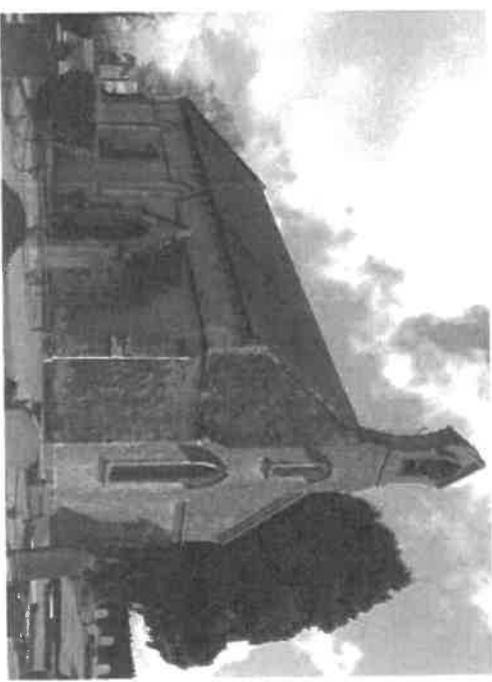


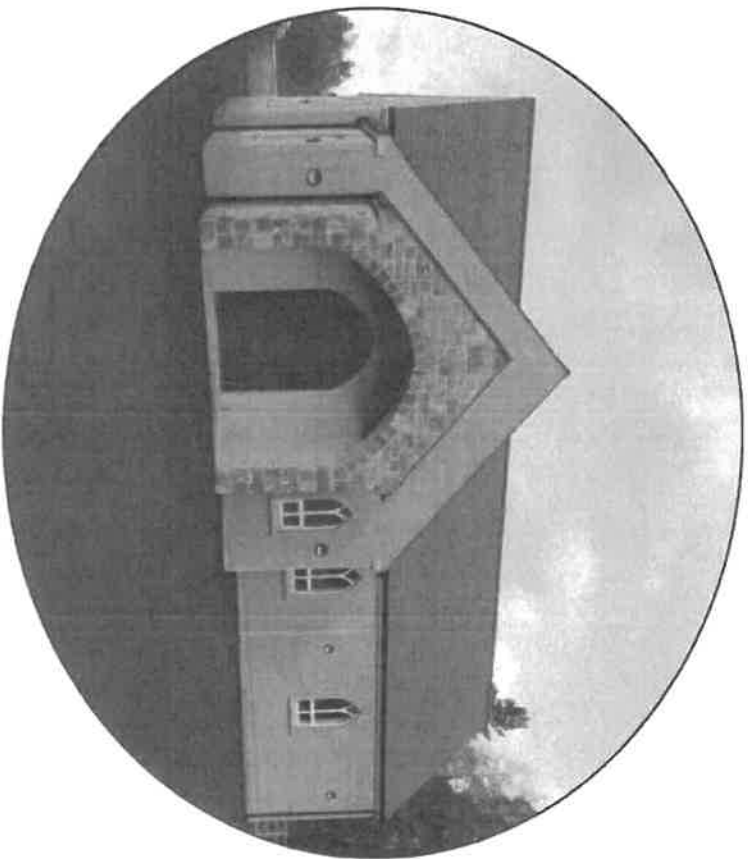
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## A NOTE FROM THE MINISTER

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Happy Easter everybody, should be happy. Christ has made the final complete sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. After rising from the dead he appeared over a period of 40 days to the Apostles and others, teaching them from the Scriptures the meaning of his death and resurrection. Now he has entered the heavenly sanctuary, of which the earthly one was merely a type of pattern. The Temple cultus with its Priests and sacrifices was a temporary measure, limited in its effects. However it provides us with the categories of thought by which we can grasp what God has done in death and resurrection of Jesus. He is our great high Priest, appointed by God to come before him as our representative. Jesus entered God's presence on our behalf and presented his own blood as a sacrifice of atonement, and he sat down, his priestly work done, at the right hand of the Father, the place of the chief executive, but also the place of the counsel for the defence. "If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the father, Jesus Christ the righteous one, the one who has made propitiation for our sins". In Hebrews, chapter 10 facts, based on true events are stated in the first person and place some obligations on believers.

Let us consider how we may spur one another on to love and good deeds. V24, the call to follow Christ and to be united with him, is a call to fellowship in a community of redeemed people with a common commitment to Gospel truth. Think you can do without one another? Think again. Those who don't eagerly desire to be with Christ's people most likely have no love for Christ. Can't forgive others? Probably have no experience of having been forgiven.

Let us not give up meeting together as is the habit of some. Why do people stop attending? Some, of course find other Churches, no problem. It doesn't matter what lifeboat you are in so long as you get out of the water. The main reason people stop coming is because they never really had a grasp of what Christ has done for them. Many stopped following Jesus, because they didn't like his teaching. When he asked the Disciples if they would leave too, they said, "To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life"

Let us encourage one another, V25. We need the encouragement of meeting together. Who encourages you? Who are you encouraging, it'd easy to become weary and discouraged, especially in an environment which is increasingly hostile to Christianity, or where evil seems to be increasing both within the Church and without. "All the more as you see the day approaching" The resurrection of Jesus from the dead means this present world is under judgement and passing away. The day is coming. By setting aside a day for meeting together, encouraging one another and hearing God's word means we are not concerned merely with "life under the sun, we look forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness" The struggle to keep going is worthwhile, because when Christ appears, you will appear with him in glory. He who promised is faithful.

Hope to see you in Church

Bill.

# BRANTRY OFFICERS 2023/2024

Rector: Rev. F. W. Atkins

## Church Wardens

Mr. M. Campbell (People's) Mr. D. Marshall (Rector's)

## Glebe Warden

Mr. J. Bloomer

## Supplemental Glebe Warden

Hugh Warner

## Select Vestry

Mr. W. Armstrong

Mr. C. Armstrong

Mr. P. Bloomer

Mr. D. Bloomer

Mr. C. Bloomer

Mr. F. Caddoo

Mrs. H. Campbell

Mrs. E. Kilpatrick

Mrs. J. Kyle

Mr. I. McNeill

Mr. H. Warner

Mr. N. Williamson

## Parochial Nominator

Irwin McNeill

## Supplemental Parochial Nominator

Emily Kilpatrick

## Synods Person

Hugh Warner

## Supplemental Synods Person

Helen Campbell

## Honorary Treasurer

Mrs. Helen Millar

## Honorary Secretary

Mrs. Amanda Donzala

## Envelope Committee

Treasurer, Mr. John Millar, Mrs. Sarah Bloomer

## Organists

Mrs. Louise Bloomer,

Mrs. Julie Kyle and Miss. Alanna Bloomer

## Sunday School Teachers

Mrs. Louise Bloomer,

Mrs. Julie Kyle and Mrs. Amanda Donzala

## Safeguarding Trust

Mrs. Helen Millar and Mr. Hugh Warner

# BRANTRY PARISH REGISTER 2023

## Marriages

None

## Baptisms

Jacob Meryn Jonathan Edgar Marshall 26/3/2023

Lauren Eveline Sadie McNeill 26/10/2023

## Burials

Mary Jane (Molly) Mullan 28/2/2023

Florence Evelyn Williamson 16/5/2023

Gladys Winters 1/6/2023

Mary Elizabeth (May) Williamson 29/12/2023

## HEATING LOAN

1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023

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Balance 31/12/22.....8,855.95  
31/12/23 Loan Repayment..7,943.74

Account closed as of 3/4/2023  
by funds from No.1 Account &  
Rectorry Account

## TREASURER'S STATEMENT

2023 has been a year we have carried on with the successes of 2022.

The Church Hall continues to be used well for social events, coffee mornings, jive classes, Sunday school, Mother's Union and meetings, which is all good news.

In April 2023, following the Easter Vestry, we paid off the loan for the heating system. This means in the last 3 years we have paid off our two loans before their settlement dates, which entitled us to get a discount. Huge thanks goes to all our Parishioners for their continued support.

Once again I have to thank my husband John and daughter Sarah, for their help counting the subscriptions and giving support, along with the Select Vestry and James Bloomer.

Our finances are up again slightly on last year and hopefully we shall be able to use some of this on the fabric of the Church during 2024.

Thank you ALL for your support and generosity.

Helen Millar