

**Church of Scotland  
Scone & St Martins Parish**



**Church News**

**April/May 2020**

## Parish Register

### Deaths

28 February 2020 Adam Pattinson, 96 Stormont Road, Scone  
3 March 2020 Stella Blyth, Balhousie Coupar Angus Care Home  
4 March 2020 Barbara Black, 11 Destiny Drive, Scone  
4 March 2020 William Freeburn, 2 Kenworthy Avenue, Scone  
6 March 2020 Ronald McIntyre, 36 Abbey Road, Scone  
8 March 2020 Jean Wardlaw, 8 William Place, Scone  
12 March 2020 Ada Ferguson, 22 Balformo Road, Scone  
21 March 2020 Elizabeth Sinclair, formerly St Martins

## Church News

Material for the May edition should be forwarded to the church office (tel 553900; email [sconeandstmartinschurch@talktalk.net](mailto:sconeandstmartinschurch@talktalk.net)) or to the editor Moira Daly ([moiradalyscone54@gmail.com](mailto:moiradalyscone54@gmail.com)) by Thursday 28 May 2020. Please send in any items you think will be of interest to the congregation.

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Dear Friends,

This letter comes out in the Church Magazine from Palm Sunday onwards. No Donkey Parade or Palm Waving this year. Well, maybe this is not happening on the pathways of Scone and St Martins but you can enter Palm Sunday in mind and spirit and travel with Jesus through Holy Week to Good Friday and Easter Day. What does the word Hosanna mean? Some imagine as they hear the cries along a dusty road as the crowds welcome Jesus into the City and as they shin the trees to get a view of him, and scatter their cloaks in front of him, that the word Hosanna means three cheers for Jesus!

In our Easter Faith it can mean that: Sing Hosanna to the King of Kings. But let us not forget the origin of the word, it comes from the Hebrew and translates, "Save us", "Deliver us". It was a cry for help that the nation would prosper and not be destroyed (Psalm 118: 25). It was the cry of an oppressed people for freedom. It was a cry for help that was to journey into a song of praise.

Journeying: How many people ought to be journeying on the pilgrim paths this season but the paths to the holy places seem to have gone quiet; there are not the same crowds journeying upon them. I wonder what journeying they are doing. Is there anyone who is not finding these times we are living in, strange? Some may be travelling paths of the mind seeking freedom from sadness or depression. Others may be travelling paths seeking freedom from pain, a cure for a loved one, personal healing and wholeness. Still others may be travelling seeking freedom from anxieties and dreads. All may be longing to emerge from the coldness and darkness of existence into the new light and life of blessing.

The journeying of Holy Week addresses much of that yearning and many were the changes known within and without the City walls.

But when I look to Christ I see in all life's journeying a call to prayer and an example in prayer life, identity with our griefs and sorrows, total self-giving love, knowledge of the agony, experience of darkness and death, witness that these do not have the last word, and in the offering of new life the granting of us to have the confidence to confess through the offering of his unconditional grace: O Death where is thy victory? O Grave where is thy sting? Thanks be to God who gives us the Victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

What are the paths you pilgrims travel? Travel the paths of true Hope, Faith and Love. Travel the paths of healing and mercy in your prayers. Travel the path of thanksgiving that in every circumstance of life you have a Saviour and Friend who is ever with you. Remember the old hymn? *What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear; what a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer. O, what peace we often forfeit, O, what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry, everything to God in prayer. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged, take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness, take it to the Lord in prayer. He is the One who gifted us the prayer: Our Father which art I heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory for ever. AMEN.*

Praying upon you, the Peace, Love and Life of Jesus Christ, Maudeen

**Easter Day, how much I love it. It is my favourite day of all the year!**



I don't mind confessing it, the excitement that bubbles away inside me on the Eve before Easter. Can you imagine it? You will find me up at Dawn on Easter Day. Maybe someone should warn my next door neighbour that I must make the Easter Acclamation, three times, at Dawn and when the Church Bells Ring!

**Indeed, at 10.44am, on Easter Morning, you might like to open your window to hopefully hear the Church Bells ringing and when they stop you might like in your own homes or gardens to join me in the Easter Acclamation: Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia! Don't whisper it. Shout it three times!**

Thereafter I invite you to sing, Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia, our triumphant holy day, Alleluia, who did once upon the Cross, Alleluia, suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

**In your Prayers give thanks, make confession, and know Christ's acceptance and love. Sing your favourite Easter hymn and hear this lovely reading for Easter Day from John 20: 1 – 18:**

*Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him."*

Read on into the verses missing - the reading concludes with:

*Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go tell my brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'"* Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her."

Join Mary and travel the path that takes you beyond any prolonged wintering of spirit to the new birth of Easter with all the hope and promise Christ holds forth to you in Resurrection Blessing. Open your whole being to the warmth and joy and light and love of the early rays of Easter Dawn!

I am going to travel a few paths in body and spirit on Easter morning. The first will be out of bed to prepare to tread the second path, out into the garden. From there I'll travel the path into the Kirk yard and Grave yard and with Mary I'll hear His voice; onwards the 4<sup>th</sup> path will travel to the banks of Burnside where I'll meet with Him in all creation and celebrate the Water of Life. The fifth path will take me to Balforno Road then far beyond, out to St Martins and yet further on to the place he stopped and supped with them and where their eyes were opened and he vanished from their sight. The sixth path will take me all around the parish and as I continue to know his Presence and Blessing in our locality, I'll hear Pilate's wife ask, "Where is he now?" And I'll hear the Centurion reply, "Into All the World" and my prayers will go globally that Christ's Resurrection Power may be known and accepted the world over. The seventh path will lead me to a room at home where I'll encounter Christ of the wounds and I'll hear the words, "Thrust your hands into my side", "Be not faithless but believing", "Blessed are those who have not seen yet believe". He was, and is, and is to come.

**Will you travel the Easter paths with me? And in your own homes will you break bread and give thanks for the Risen Christ.**

*O Sons and Daughters let us sing, the King of Life, the Glorious King, o'er death today rise triumphing: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
On this most holy day of days, our hearts and voices, Lord, we raise, in this triumphant hymn of praise: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**A Happy and Blessed Easter to you all,**  
Maudeen



## **KIRK SESSION NEWS**

It is with regret that we have received the resignation of the Session Clerk, Mrs Marian Forgan. We warmly and appreciatively thank her for the service she has given as Session Clerk, especially throughout the vacancy period. We wish her well, and we wish her good health, and look forward to her continuing contribution to the life of our church.

In the meantime and during this period of great uncertainty across the nation, Mr Mike Moir should be contacted in relation to any session business.

Maudeen

## **Depute Session Clerk's Report**

As you will all know by now, the church buildings are now closed and, of course, use of the church halls by all the various groups has also been stopped.

Originally, it was thought that we could have the church open at certain times for prayer but that has also been stopped and we are now following all the instructions from the Church of Scotland.

So whilst it is time of great uncertainty, we must remain optimistic and ensure that we look after all those members of the congregation and of the wider community who are in need of assistance, whatever that may be - doing a shopping or picking up a prescription or just making contact by phone or through social media.

It may seem strange to say it, but I think our phone has been used more in the past week than in the past few months - so much for social isolation!!! And, it is hard to avoid, as I can't run off to the hills for a day.

However, I am sure that we can all pull together and ensure that we are not part of the very selfish people who have really made a drama out of a crisis, by stockpiling food and goods that are very unlikely to be required in the quantities bought. Is there really a need for 10 kilos of rice and 10 different kinds of pasta?

The Kirk Session will not meet until this is all over, which I suspect might very well be into June before it is clear what will happen. But, let us all try to be as upbeat as possible and remember to look out for your family, friends and neighbours.

Mike Moir, Depute Session Clerk



### **Telephone Prayer Chain**

A Telephone Prayer Chain is available to support in prayer any person/s in the church or community, or their family or friends whether living here or elsewhere, particularly if urgent prayer is required for matters such as illness, operations or other problems. Phone requests to Lilian at 553651 or, if she is unavailable, Ina at 551607 or Helen at 01821640560. You can write your request on a prayer request slip, sign it or leave it unsigned as you wish, and place it in the Church Prayer box on a Sunday morning.

Lilian Murchison, Prayer Convener

Dear Friends,

We are doing our best to help you keep in contact at this time. I am grateful to Mike Moir and to Robin Walker for their invaluable help and collegueship. As a team we are endeavouring to keep the Kirk Session and the Membership abreast of the latest developments through email, the web page, and Facebook, as appropriate. Pastoral telephoning and the conduct of funerals is ongoing.

Much is being dealt with on your behalf, quietly and efficiently. Do not hesitate to contact the Manse if I can be of pastoral assistance to you. We are grateful to Moira Daly for making the magazine available and to Christine Munro. Thank you also to Roxy and to Margaret Macmillan, the Pastoral Convener who called when out on her day's short exercise and who stood at the hedge and I in the porch way of the manse as we conversed. After she left, I thought, now, if anyone needs to make contact in addition to the manse phone being available, it would be possible to hold a type of vestry hour, in emergencies, by your phoning and letting me know that you are to arrive at the archway into the garden of the manse and I could converse with you from the doorstep of the manse some safe distance away. For the moment though, do not breach lockdown and stay well.

Thank you to Dr Lilian Murchison, our Prayer Convener for keeping alert to Prayer Initiatives. Many, in different ways are quietly caring for one another, thank you. We do have those working on the front line of Medical Care within our Congregation and Parish, including in our local Health Centre. Our prayers are with you all.

Now, not only are we giving thought to the well-being of the local church and parish but also to the National Church. Robin Walker will keep you up to date with that and Mike Moir with some of the business other than finance. We are keeping this publication as upbeat and newsy as we can to give you material to read other than on the Virus.

To you all, especially those extra challenged at this time, to any who are unwell or feeling the stress, and to all who have lost loved ones in recent times, not all of whom wish their names in this magazine, our love and our prayers.

Maudeen, your Minister

PS Never forget that the God of the New Testament is the God of Saving and Healing Love!

PPS I smiled when going out to the bin the other evening. Looking down the steps from the Manse Garden into the Car Park, there parked was a car with the registration HUG. It made me smile as I thought of all the hugs that will be given when this time is over and of all the Celebrations and Services of Thanksgiving. Do feel free to make arrangements in advance!

Meantime, feel God's HUG being extended to you.

Maudeen xo (o = HUG and x needs no explanation)

It was a good start to a month which unfortunately turned bad towards the end. No need to specify the bad, we all know about that.

Now for the good. The biggest event was the chess team of Logan, Lewis, Harris and Matthew retaining the Scottish Area Chess Title by beating the 128 Glasgow by 6 games to 3. It was a well fought contest in which Scone got away to a flyer in round 1 winning 3 games to nil. The Skakeraw trophy was presented to the boys by Barry Anderson who is one of the Battalion Vice Presidents. The progress during the afternoon was relayed by text to the team's mentor, Alex Collie, who was then languishing in PRI. This meant that the boys were again in the National Finals which were due to be played in Dunblane at the end of the March but it was one of the first victims of the plague. It is hoped that the Finals will be played at some time in the future but who knows when that will be.



The other main event was the participation in the service in Scone New on 15 March. Boys read lessons; said prayers; and participated in a playlet, all on a nautical theme which had been conceived by the Minister. It went down well with the congregation and the Minister was well pleased with the efforts of the boys. After the service there was a short march past at which the salute was taken by the Minister and Barry Anderson. Very pleased that Barry devotes such time to the Company in which he was once one of the leading lights.

Iain Lamond





## CHRISTIAN AID NEWS

Dear supporters, I am sure that you will not be surprised to learn that the Bridge Cross, Christian Aid coffee morning, door-to-door collection and other planned events for Christian Aid have been cancelled at this time.

We hope that, after the present crisis, we will be able to get together for some other fund raising events.

Unfortunately, this will mean a very large short fall in Christian Aid's income this year which means that the most vulnerable will suffer greatly. If you would like to donate to Christian Aid you can do so online at [caid.org.uk/donate](http://caid.org.uk/donate).

Hope that you are all keeping well.

Peggy Lamond (07803 015509) for Scone and St. Martins Christian Aid committee

### **Christian Aid and Climate Change**

Kenya story - The rains that used to reliably feed the crops in Kenya's Kitui County are now irregular and absent. People are going hungry as crops continue to fail. They've lost their livestock and with it the opportunity to make enough money for their children to go to school.

Christian Aid's partner Anglican Development Services - Eastern is helping farmers in the area adapt to the unpredictable weather.

Naomi Mumo was one of the farmers who worked with ADSE. She is now chair of her local women's advocacy group on climate change.

Naomi says 'In the future, we want to be a good example: we want to lead in climate advocacy so that other members of the community also take action. I pray God gives strength to continue with the work of climate advocacy. As Naomi says, 'the whole world is polluting the environment. The responsibility is everyone's'.

Stand together with Naomi and together we stop this climate crisis. More information at [caid.org.uk/climate](http://caid.org.uk/climate).

### **Social & Fund Raising**

The Social & Fund Raising committee thank everyone who helped in any way at our Coffee Morning on 7 March and helped raise a grand amount of around £1,100.

We unfortunately have had to cancel our Bingo Tea on 15 May due to the current situation but hopefully it will be run at a later date.

We will keep you up to date re Fund Raising in this magazine.

Anne Lamond, Social & Fund Raising Convener

## **The Royal Voluntary Service or RVS**

You may have heard of us, but what do we do? We are one of Britain's largest volunteering charities supporting thousands of people each month in both hospital and the community. Scone and the surrounding areas benefit from our services, but we can always do more, and maybe with your help?

Volunteering makes a difference to our older population by providing companionship on hospital wards, running lunch and social clubs, helping with transport issues, befriending, supporting in the home where needed, and also after discharge from hospital to help you get back on your feet. This can all help individuals maintain independence, making communities stronger.

The RVS are happy to help in our communities: would you be too? For more information please contact Geoff Bird at the Royal Voluntary Service office on 01738 633975 or email [perthsupportingyou@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk](mailto:perthsupportingyou@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk)

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## **SCONE AND ST MARTINS PARISH CHURCH**

### **75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY VE DAY**

**8 - 10 MAY 2020**

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the Nation's plans to commemorate and celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary have had to be postponed. A proposed new date of 15 and 16 August will combine and mark both VE Day and VJ Day, but will of course be dependent on the easing of the current restrictions. As we go to print even a date in August seems optimistic. However we may be able to mark the anniversaries with just the lone piper and a bell ringer. Further information and any changes will be posted on the church website [www.sconeandstmartins.org.uk](http://www.sconeandstmartins.org.uk) or Facebook and Twitter.

Part of our original plan was to hold an Act of Commemoration for the Fallen and this will now be deferred until later. There are 14 names of WW2 personnel on Scone War Memorial and 6 names of WW2 personnel on the St Martins War Memorial. We should like to make contact with any known descendants who might wish to take part in remembering their loved one. We have information on one Scone family and one St Martins family. Any information on the others will be gratefully received by Ian MacKinnon (01738 551975).

Ian MacKinnon

## My Granny

'I'm no yer Granny!' my Granny used to tell Big Papa  
When he called her Granny in front of us.  
Well, Granny, you were my Granny,  
And I was taught never to shove my Granny off the bus

Amongst other things. Perhaps more important than the bus,  
My Granny taught me to live a life full,  
To plan for fun and friends and family,  
Her inspiration often reminds me to pull

My socks up when I'm feeling overwhelmed. When growing up  
Granny's moniker was tied to a place  
"Granny-in-Perth" then "Granny-in-Scone"  
And living down south, you may wonder if it were the case

That we grew up not knowing her well. But the opposite's  
True. When we were little, she was about  
Soft mints on car rides, feeding ducks,  
Camping next to caravans, never eating jam without

Using a spoon, changing curtains with every new season,  
Walks down the woods and Quarry Mill,  
Bell-ringing, stripping the willow,  
Singing, humming, painting, writing, baking... I will

Always feel I got a good dose of her genes. At Uni  
Granny tried to talk sense to me  
When no-one else could. As an adult,  
I learned some of her adventures, such as taking to the sea

And sailing round Africa by ship. Such as setting  
Up a B&B so Papa  
Could adjust his sea legs to land.  
Such as embracing technology. Papa would clap her

On the back for this as he refused to go online.  
In recent years I've loved our calls because  
Granny knew what it's like in a marriage  
With travel and foreign lands and time apart from those you love.

'I'm no yer Granny!' my Granny may say to some of you,  
But she means so much to all of us,  
And so although not your Granny, I hope we can agree  
We'll always keep her on the bus.

Liz Corbishley, granddaughter of the late Ada Ferguson (17.02.1933 - 12.03.2020)

**Scone & St Martins Parish Church  
Summary of Receipts and Payments  
For Year ended 31 December 2019**

	<b>2019</b>		<b>2018</b>
	£		£
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Donations, including Offerings & tax recovered	93,375		96,433
Fundraising activities (net)	10,557		11,341
Rental of premises (hall lets)	23,943		19,706
Income from Investments and Interest	2,111		1,894
Release of capital from funds held by Church of Scot	60,995	note 1	0
Grant from Ashton Mackenzie Trust	8,000	note 1	0
Guild and clubs' receipts	4,531		3,787
Other receipts	<u>4,938</u>		<u>9,418</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u><b>208,450</b></u>		<u><b>142,579</b></u>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
Ministries & Mission & Presbytery dues	65,636		50,476
Minister's removal costs, car allowance and council tax	3,748		0
Locum minister and pulpit supply costs	829		12,494
Staffing costs	19,375		18,687
Fabric maintenance & repairs	10,640		7,707
Refurbishment of manse	37,144	note 1	1,000
Refurbishment of toilets: Burnside	30,851	note 1	0
Heating & lighting	9,432		11,706
Equipment repairs, maintenance, & renewals	7,874		1,426
Insurance	7,838		7,985
Printing, stationery and advertising	5,650		5,331
Guild and clubs' payments	2,428		2,268
Other payments	<u>6,744</u>		<u>6,242</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u><b>208,189</b></u>		<u><b>125,322</b></u>
<b>NET SURPLUS FOR YEAR</b>	<u><b>261</b></u>		<u><b>17,257</b></u>

Notes:

1. The release of capital from funds held on behalf of the congregation by the Church of Scotland General Trustees, and the grant from the Ashton Mackenzie Trust, were to finance the refurbishment of the Manse and the Burnside toilets.
2. The annual financial statements have been approved by the Kirk Session and independently examined.

Robin Walker, Treasurer

### Church Calendar

Due to the current situation, all activities are cancelled until further notice.

**Scone & St Martins Parish Church Finances  
Receipts for 2 months ended 29 February 2020  
(excluding Guild and Clubs )**

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	2020	2019
	£	£
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Offerings	11,216	12,041
Tax recovered on Gift Aid	3,158	3,215
Donations	65	110
Weddings & funerals	120	50
Hall Lets	3,264	4,324
Other income (net)	<u>272</u>	<u>449</u>
 Total receipts	 <u>18,095</u>	 <u>20,189</u>

Notes:

- Offerings are down by 7% on last year, partly due to timing differences in weekly freewill offering receipts.
- Hall lets have also slipped back, with a few users discontinuing this year.

### Church Finances

We are facing a period of uncertainty for the Church's finances, with the suspension of services for an indefinite period. Our income from hall lets and from fundraising are likely to be greatly reduced. Offerings paid to our bank account by standing order will not be affected, but we could have a long delay before we can catch up with the collections which our members contribute on Sundays by the weekly freewill offering (wfo) envelopes, and the potential loss of open plate offerings.

For those who use the wfo envelopes, or the open plate, it is of course an option to wait until the current restrictions come to an end, and then resume your offerings. We would encourage you to think about switching to payment by monthly standing order through your bank. Information on this is available from Margaret Nicol (01738 552232) or Robin Walker (01738 551936).

Thank you for your continuing support.  
Robin Walker, Treasurer



### UGANDA

In Uganda the blind are diagnosed and marginalised because of their disability. They are poverty stricken and cannot afford the Bible in braille. In the community where they live, they are invisible. The blind exist in society but they are hard to locate because of discrimination, even by their loved ones. People have a negative attitude towards them which means that they are usually excluded from holy sacraments, listening to preaching or even participating in church choirs. This leads to lack of self confidence. Please pray that the blind will have, through God's word, more opportunities for access to education, health and other services from the government, church and other agencies.

Jim Currie



## GUILD

The 2019-2020 session came to an end abruptly due to the coronavirus emergency. The meetings scheduled for 17 and 24 March had to be cancelled. It is hoped that Jane Sheldon's talk on Linus Quilts can be rescheduled and that the AGM will be held at a later date.

On 10 March Lorna Tunstall was the speaker on one of the Guild's projects "Journeying Together" which is concerned with empowering teenage mothers in Zambia. The work is undertaken in conjunction with the United Church of Zambia. The mothers live in areas where there is no electricity, no running water and poor housing. The girls are anaemic and malnourished. The project helps 50 young mums at a time, providing plastic sheets for birthing and baby clothes. Education on alcohol problems, pregnancy, harmful traditional practices, HIV and AIDS is available. The girls are trained in various trades such as laundry, tailoring, basket weaving and growing and selling produce.

On 13 March four of us attended the Perth and Kinross Guilds Together Lunch and Annual Business Meeting at Letham St Mark's Church. Iain Whyte, National Secretary was the speaker. He gave a potted history of the Guild and highlighted that Guilds had supported projects all over the world.

We send our best wishes to everyone in the current crisis and hope you all keep well.  
Margaret Buchan, Guild Secretary

### Children's Story - Teddy

We needed milk and bananas, so off we set to the Co-op down the road. The doors open as you approach them without a push or a pull. There she was, a little girl three and a half years old with her grandad standing in the middle of the doorway and she was crying. Boy! was she crying. She yelled and yelled, poor wee girl. I don't like to see little children distressed, so I went over to them. She was bent in two, hair touching the ground, crying sore. Grandad was trying hard to comfort her. I said, "My what a big noise from a wee girl!" She straightened up at once and stopped crying as if you had turned off a tap. Grandad explained she'd left her Teddy in the caravan and wanted to go back for it before they entered the shop to get rolls for breakfast. "Has Teddy had his breakfast?" I asked. "No? then you, me and grandad will go into the shop and buy rolls, then you can go back to the caravan and give Teddy his breakfast. Then you will have the whole morning to play with Teddy and grandad". In we went, the little girl in the middle, taking our hands and skipping happily. We bought the rolls and all was well. Off they went in the car back to the caravan and Teddy with the breakfast rolls in a white bag. The Lord Jesus was very fond of little children. He told his friends to take especially good care of them, they are precious. Yes! and precious to us too.

Dear God,  
thank you for my friend next door and my  
friend across the street.  
Please help me to be a friend to each and  
everyone I meet.



Anne Lamond

## Tae a Virus

Twa months ago, we didna ken,  
yer name or ocht about ye  
But lots of things have changed since then,  
I really must salute ye

Yer spreading rate is quite intense,  
yer feeding like a gannet  
Disruption caused, is so immense,  
ye've shaken oor wee planet.

Corona used tae be a beer,  
they garnished it wae limes  
But noo it's filled us awe wae fear  
These days, are scary times.

Nae shakin hawns, or peckin lips,  
it's whit they awe advise  
But scrub them weel, richt tae the tips,  
that's how we'll awe survive

Just stay inside, the hoose, ye bide  
Nae sneakin oot for strolls  
Just check the lavvy every hoor  
And stock-take, your loo rolls

Our holidays have been pit aff  
Noo that's the Jet2 patter  
Pit oan yer thermals, have a laugh  
And paddle 'doon the waater '

Canary isles, no for a while  
Nae need for suntan cream  
And awe because o this wee bug  
We ken tae be....19

The boredom surely will set in,  
But have a read, or doodle  
Or plan yer menu for the month  
Wi 95 pot noodles.

When these run oot, just look about  
A change, it would be nice  
We've beans and pasta by the ton  
and twenty stane o rice.

So dinny think yell wipe us oot  
Aye true, a few have died  
Bubonic, bird flu, and TB  
They came, they left, they tried

Ye might be gallus noo ma freen  
As ye jump fae cup tae cup  
But when we get oor vaccine made  
Yer number will be up.

Anonymous (submitted by Mike Moir)

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