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190th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

190 years after Busby Parish Church opened its doors to worshippers, well over 100 members and friends celebrated our anniversary with a special service on May 10th.

Contributing to the special occasion were no less than four ministers: Rev. Calum Macdonald, our interim moderator who led the service, our own member Rev Dr John McPake who led prayers for others, our former minister, Jerry Eve who gave the bible readings and moderator of Glasgow Presbytery, Rev George Mackay who gave the sermon and children's address. A huge thanks to Craig McDonald for preparing the lunch which followed and rounded off a great celebration.

Busby Church has faced existential threats throughout its long history. Today's threats don't come from falling attendances and support, Busby's membership having been growing in recent years, but from within the Church of Scotland itself and we pray that we will survive present and future threats as robustly as our predecessors, so that we can celebrate our 200th anniversary in 2036.

190 YEARS OLD - AND STILL GROWING!

Officially celebrating our 190th Anniversary on 10th May this year, it's great to see Busby's old church maintaining its' relevance to the community today with a recent surge in membership.

Following Jerry's retiral last Autumn, Sunday services have changed, now delivered by our own 4 worship leaders, having recently completed their training at Glasgow Uni, supplemented by Reverends John McPake and Wilma Pearson, and our Interim Moderator, Calum Macdonald.

Regulars, Craig McDonald, Shona Park, Maureen McCallum, Malcolm Hastie and Laura Bailey have all become members, with Laura's husband, Matt, joining as an adherent. Also welcomed were Rev. Dr. John and Ellen McPake, John's daughter Kirsteen McDonald and son-in-law Craig. Four others joined too - Beverley Greene, Cathy Mallon, Fiona Hislop and Scott Dodds, enjoying the new-format Sunday morning worship.

If you haven't been before, or for a while, why not come along and see what's happening (11am – 12noon each Sunday). You're assured a warm welcome, a thoughtful service and, if you fancy, a sociable chat over a cup of tea afterwards.



From left to right, our session clerk, Robin Bulmer, Rev Dr John McPake, Rev George Mackay, Rev Calum Macdonald and Rev Jerry Eve



Busby Community Council recently celebrated the first anniversary of the re-establishment of the Council following the disbandment just a few years ago, with their 2026 AGM on 12th April at Williamwood High School.

Over the past year the Council members participated in a number of initiatives and local activities to benefit the local community and are actively planning more for the coming year.

Did you know that Busby Community Council has been reformed?

We are here to:

- Act as a voice for our local area
- Articulate the views and concerns of people in Busby on a wide range of issues of public concern.
- Support our community, represent your views and co-ordinate with the local authorities



What does a Community Council do?

The purpose of community councils is to act as a voice for their local area

We would love to hear from you!

- If you
- have an idea to improve our community,
 - need support in getting something fixed or
 - want to get involved in the Council,
- contact us at:
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Meeting location:
Usually at Williamwood High School
Meeting dates: 2nd Tuesday of the month (check East Renfrewshire council website for details)
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<https://eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/busby-community-council/>

Would you like to be a Community Councillor?

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St Andrew's Church, Aysgarth, in the Yorkshire Dales, is a scenic and historically rich church near the Aysgarth Falls in Wensleydale. Sheep wander through the graveyard, keeping the grass cropped. Inside, the church is tranquil, with beautiful stained glass depicting the Passion and Ascension of Jesus.

Still an active Anglican parish and open to visitors, the church offers a glimpse into a monastic past with its medieval Jervaulx Screen, a most remarkable and beautiful treasure. The screen uses animal imagery and carved leaves to symbolise sin, danger and human moral behaviour.

The leaves which run the length of the frieze represent untamed nature and therefore sin.

The dragon, emblem of evil, thrusts out its tongue as a warning that God's house should be kept reverently quiet. Another creature bites into the leaves of sin, savouring them, while antelopes are shown with their horns tangled in sinful thickets. Together, these images offered a vivid warning against drunkenness and other forms of moral failing to the illiterate. Thankfully we live in the 21st century!

The view of nature as God's handiwork, familiar from 'All Things Bright and Beautiful', is largely a product of 19th-century thought. There is great joy in pausing to appreciate the natural world especially at this time of year.

The 15th century vicar's stall is similarly decorated. However, the congregation of St Andrew's Church also display a sense of humour, with a mock up minister watching over his church!



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Thank you for bringing God's love into the lives of children affected by leprosy. Your wonderful gift of £217.29, is bringing deep healing for children like Nisha in India.

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But you saw Nisha's pain deep inside, her longing to belong. You came alongside in friendship. You've shown what it means to welcome and restore in Jesus' name.

Through your kindness, Nisha has found the treatment and support she needs at Champa Hospital. She knows there is hope for her future, thanks to you.

Thousands more like Nisha are waiting for help. And with your committed support, Leprosy Mission teams are gearing up to reach them. Thank you for bringing God's hope to children. For believing in blessing little ones today, and future generations. I will be forever grateful.

Steven McLeish, Scotland Country Head



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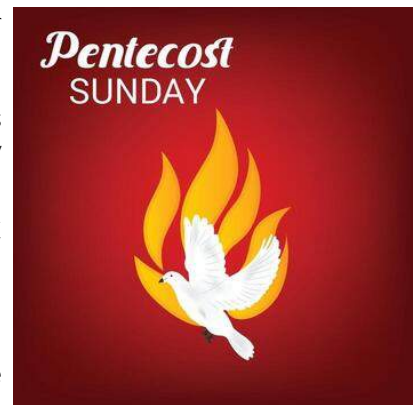
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On Pentecost Sunday, 24 May 2026, we were delighted to have Robin Bulmer leading our worship with such thoughtfulness and grace.

Pentecost is a Christian festival that happens 50 days after Easter. Literally, Pentecost comes from the Greek word *pentēkostē*, which means "fiftieth". It celebrates the day when the Holy Spirit came to Jesus' followers. The Bible says they were filled with courage and began speaking in different languages, "in tongues" so that many people could understand them. Christians believe this was an important moment because it helped them share Jesus' message with the world. Pentecost is often called the birthday of the Church.

- The 4 symbols of Pentecost are:
- Fire: Represents the "tongues of fire" that rested on the Apostles' heads, symbolizing the purifying, energizing, and transformative power of the Holy Spirit.
- Wind: Symbolizes the "rush of a violent wind" that filled the room, representing the unseen but powerful presence of the Spirit and the breath of God.
- The Dove: Represents the Holy Spirit descending from heaven, symbolizing peace, purity, and new beginnings.
- The Breath of God: Echoes the act of God breathing life into creation (and Jesus breathing on his disciples), symbolizing the giving of spiritual life



MARILYN ROSS



BUSBY BROWNIES

We were disappointed to hear that Rebecca, the Brownie leader was giving up at the end of March. She had been an excellent Brown Owl and every weekly meeting was well organised and great fun for the Brownies. Since then, Busby Guide leaders, Lynne and I, have been organising the meetings.

We are looking for new volunteers to take over running Busby Brownies. So far, we have one local girl who is keen to become a leader of the unit but ideally, we would like to have another one or two to help her. There are about 20 Brownies at present with a few moving on to Guides and a few on the waiting list who will join after the summer.

Brownies meet on Monday evenings in the Church hall between 6.30 and 7.45 pm. They finish for the summer on 1st June and will restart at the beginning of September. Ideally, we are looking for volunteers over 18 who could help run the Brownie unit. We would also be pleased to have girls 14 years old or over to become Young Leaders.

You can register your interest in becoming a volunteer on go.girlguiding.org.uk or contact me directly.

Pamela Mill 644 4452



CHURCH FLOWERS

I would like to thank everyone for their donations to the Flower Fund and to those who so kindly arrange the flower displays every week. This is very much appreciated by all. There are still a few Sundays available on the calendar in the vestibule if you would like to pen your name and donate to this. The recipients of the flowers week by week are always so grateful and delighted to receive them.

Linda Smith (Convenor)

Our 2nd year has come to a close on a Marvellous High with all 8 Rainbows completing their Gold Award - the Highest award in Rainbows! They all had to complete 9 badges to achieve this and we were delighted to get them awarded to them by our District Commissioner Pamela Mill on Tuesday night. One of the badges was to help other people so we raised money for the Guide Dogs by filling smarties tubs with 20 pences and pound coins and we are delighted to say we raised £150.00 pounds! On our last night they came and visited us and we handed over the cheque. Many of our Rainbows are now flying up to Brownies and we wish them all the best in the future. We would also like to say a massive Thank you for all the support Busby Church has shown us and how welcoming they have been. I hope you all have a wonderful summer and we will be back in September.

Kindest wishes and many thanks
June and Joanne
Rainbow Leaders

RAINBOWS





PAMELA MILL

The Guides continue to have great fun on Tuesday evenings. Although the weather has been fairly unpredictable, we have managed to spend some time, most weeks, in the Church grounds.

We have a full unit at present with 36 Guides. We also have several girls who are volunteering with us for the Duke of Edinburgh Award. They are great at organising games and supervising the girls when they are completing activities.

Recently we have been working on the Skillbuilder Feel Good badge. This has included discussing the importance of certain foods for our health, ideas for encouraging people to take more exercise and ways to relax if feeling anxious or stressed. The girls made up short sketches to show how exercise is important for our wellbeing. Most of the Guides love acting activities. At our last meeting they wrote down things that make them happy which they stuck on the lids of jam jars. They then filled jars with water, glitter and food colouring. This was to make a happy jar which they could shake to improve their mood.

We hope to have a barbecue in the Church grounds before the end of the session.

We were delighted recently to receive a cheque from Busby Masonic Club. They had raised money for both Brownies and Guides from a raffle. We really appreciate their generosity. We will probably use this money to buy craft materials and other equipment for our weekly meetings.

Thanks as always to my leaders, Lynne, Jacqueline and Lynsey for their help every week. Thanks also to all the girls who make Tuesdays such fun.

As with Brownies, we are always keen to get more adult help as there are regularly over 40 of us in the hall. Please contact go.girlguiding.org.uk if you are interested in volunteering with us.

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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE!

Can you find 8 differences between the two pictures?



COLOUR ME!



DRAW AND WRITE

Draw a picture of something that makes you happy.

Why does it make you happy?



KIDS' PAGE

SUMMER WORD SEARCH

Find and circle the words from the list!

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P	A	L	M	T	R	E	E	Y	H	K
V	A	C	A	T	I	O	N	G	Q	L
H	A	P	P	Y	S	U	M	M	E	R

WORD LIST

- SUNSHINE
- BEACH
- WATERMELON
- SWIMMING
- ICE CREAM
- SUNGLASSES
- SANDCASTLE
- BEACH BALL
- FLIP FLOPS
- PALM TREE
- VACATION
- HAPPY SUMMER

JOKE TIME!



Why did the cookie go to the doctor?

Because it was feeling crumbly!

DID YOU KNOW?



Honey never goes off! Archaeologists have found pots of honey in ancient tombs that were still good to eat!

DESERT ISLAND DISCS

The Selection of Christina Hogg

"My name is Christina Hogg and I am 73 years of age. I began thinking, do I have 8 songs I really like and ended up with a list so large that I have had to cut out so many songs I love. My final choice of songs are as follows:

Picture courtesy of BBC Radio 4

- 1 Unchained Melody – Righteous Brothers – I really love this song and when I hear it I remember one of my favourite films "Ghost"
- 2 It must have been Love – Roxette – Once again a really lovely song with memories of another favourite film "Pretty Woman"
- 3 Cheer Down – George Harrison – All my favourite songs seem to remind me of films I really enjoy and this one is no different because it features in "Lethal Weapon 2"
- 4 I don't want to miss a thing – Aerosmith – Yes, another favourite song reminding me of a sad film this time - "Armageddon" where Bruce Willis saves the world but is killed in the process
- 5 Hallelujah – Alexandra Burke – This is my favourite version of this great song. She sings it with such power and feeling.
- 6 Summer of '69 – Bryan Adams – This is a favourite as it reminds me of the year I met Graham and 56 years later we are still going strong like this song
- 7 Highland Cathedral – Any Pipe Band – I just love listening to the Bagpipes and it is such a beautiful song. (C'mon Scotland)
- 8 Great is Thy Faithfulness – This is just a lovely Hymn and the words really make me feel looked after.

The book I would like to take with me is Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte.

The item I would really like to take with me is a piano. I can't read music but love to sit and play with one finger all the songs I like and being stuck on a desert island would give me all the time to become proficient at it.



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A HISTORY OF OUR CHURCH AND ITS ORIGINS

PART FIVE - Busby In The Early 20th Century

by MAUREEN POTTER

Photographs courtesy of East Renfrewshire Council Heritage Group

In the fifth part of her history of Busby and our Church, Maureen looks at developments from 1900 until the start of the Great War. Her thanks as always to the late John McVicar and his book on Busby.

The 20th Century was welcomed by the village in a mood of hopefulness. The two churches were now part of the same denomination for the first time. Despite the school having been burned down all other activities in the village were thriving. The Printworks felt confident that there was still a future in the Calico Printing Trade giving hope to the workers.

Queen Victoria died in January 1901 and was succeeded by her 60 year old son Edward VII. On the day of her funeral, Saturday 2nd February, all activities in the village were suspended in a mark of respect. A special community service was held in Busby Greenbank Parish Church of Scotland. A procession of all the local organisations were led from the village behind the Busby Brass Band playing, "The Dead March in Saul" towards Greenbank where they were met by the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, the School Board and the Parish Councils. The service was conducted by the three local clergymen and the three church choirs combined to sing appropriate anthems. The church bell was tolled throughout the service to add an air of solemnity to the occasion.



In March 1901, the employees of Inglis and Wakefield, the largest employer in the village informed their employees that the Calico Printworks would close at the end of June. This was devastating news for the village causing much anger and distress. The Calico Print Industry was in decline throughout the country and the Busby closure was part of this. There was little work in the village so many started to look further afield for work and relocated with their families elsewhere. Rev William Melville preached a sermon on Sunday 14th April in the West Church about the crisis in the village. A result of the crisis was the closure of some local groups including the collapse of Cartvale Football Club although it was re-started soon after by local volunteers and readmitted to the SFA on 26th August 1902. The building of the new school was suspended for 6 months as it was difficult to predict the projected role due to the number of families leaving the village. However, in June 1901 the Scottish Education Department instructed the Busby School Board to start building the new school for a projected role of 288 pupils. Some workers did find work with G & J Weir, Cathcart despite it being a long daily trek from Busby. Others joined the army, found work on the railways or emigrated. The closure of the Printworks tore the heart out of the village as 800 people out of a population of 1917 left. It took many years for the village to recover.

In February 1902, part of the redundant Calico Works building was fitted out as a Poor House in anticipation of need in the village due to increasing poverty and deprivation. Once it was built very few locals used it but many from local areas such as Eastwood, Neilston, Lochwinnoch and Rutherglen did.

Plans began in 1902 to celebrate the Coronation of Edward VII but were thwarted by the sudden illness of the King. However Busby decided to go ahead with the bonfire, fireworks and feeding 70 plus children and the inmates of the Poor House and rounded off the day with the singing of the National Anthem and benediction as planned. Each man in the Poor House was given tobacco, each woman some tea and all the children a toy. The planned celebratory church service was changed into an intercession service with prayers for the full recover of His Majesty. When the Coronation eventually did take place, the village was decorated with bunting and a special ticketed dinner was held in the Wilson Hall for the wealthier in the village. The proceeds from this event was donated to the Busby Association for the Relief of the Poor.

Rev William Melville of the West Church was involved in a tragic accident in 1903. While changing platforms at Eglinton Street Railway Station, it appears he slipped and fell under the oncoming Cathcart train. His funeral was held on Saturday 23rd April. All the shops in Busby, Sheddens and Clarkston were closed as a mark of respect. Blinds were drawn in the houses which bordered the route of the hearse to Cathcart Cemetery. The church paid for Mr. Melville's funeral as his widow was almost penniless. The congregation raised £694 in memory of Mr. Melville. This money was invested to give Mrs. Melville an income of £30 a quarter until her sons grew up. She died in 1918 and is buried beside her husband in Cathcart Old Cemetery.



Church Road with the church and school further up the hill on the left

As a result of Mr. Melville's death the Presbytery began to discuss the possibility of the two Busby Churches being joined again. A proposed scheme was drawn up, accepted by the East Kirk Session but rejected by the West Kirk Session who wanted to keep their own building on the grounds that it was more centrally situated in the village. Further discussions took place with various options but eventually the idea of union of the two churches was put to the side. In the intervening years the possibility of union of the churches was raised and eventually took place in 1990.

The new Busby School was opened on 12th February 1904 by Mr John Robb J.P. with various local clergy attending including Father Walter Kelly from St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church.

Rev. Donald Dow was ordained and inducted on 22nd December, 1904 to the West Church. He soon settled into village life and built up a good relationship with people at all levels in society. In August 1905 Rev McFarlane Wright was appointed assistant minister to Rev Adam Henderson in the East Church. He was formally inducted on the 27th September, 1905.

In October 1906 a Baptismal Font was presented to the West Church by Mrs Davidson in memory of her son Dr. John Donaldson. It was first used in March 1907 and is still used today for baptisms.

In 1908 the Liberal Government of the day decided it was time to modernize the many infantry volunteer groups throughout Britain. These reforms were very unpopular initially and many volunteers left in protest. Those who stayed were given improved training. It could be said that if it hadn't been for Lord Haldane's foresight the British Government would have had a less strong, well trained fighting force in 1914.

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When Edward VII died in May 1910 he was succeeded by his son George V. A joint commemoration service was held in Busby Greenbank Church of Scotland with all local clergy in attendance. Once again a procession led by Busby Brass Band comprising local organisations walked from the Main Street to Greenbank. A collection was taken in both East and West Churches in memory of the late King and given to the Victoria Infirmary and other local hospitals.

Summer holidays began a week early in 1911 for Busby Children so that they could celebrate the Coronation of King George V. In the morning of Coronation Day, there was a joint service in Busby Greenbank Parish Church of Scotland conducted by all local clergy. In the afternoon the poorest people in the Parish were entertained to a dinner hosted by the Parish Council. All the 650 children in the parish followed the Pipe Band to Carolside Farm for a picnic. They were given enamel Coronation mugs, milk, pastries, sweets and a King George V penny. After the picnic they all walked back to the village where the pipe band rounded off the day by playing the National Anthem followed by three cheers for the King and Queen.

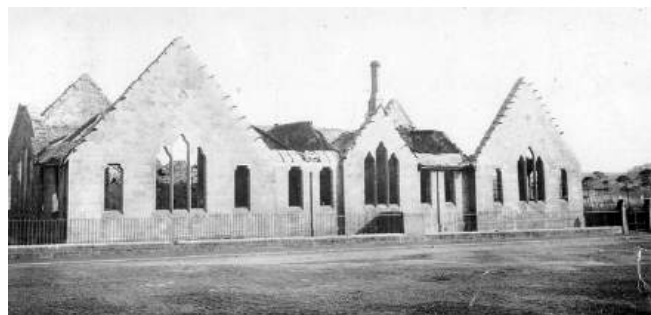
As well as the excitement of the Coronation in 1911 possibly greater excitement was caused by the coming of aviation locally. Mr James Weir of G. & J. Weir Ltd. attempted to fly in a small aircraft from the new aerodrome in Barrhead to Lanark but crash landed in Carmunnock. "Colonel" F.S. Cody, a Texan with British Citizenship managed to fly from Renfrew Airport in a 60 h.p. Biplane travelling at a speed of 65 m.p.h. over Busby to Hamilton where he landed safely.

In 1913 the West Church re-opened after the installation of the new pipe organ, redecoration of the sanctuary and the addition of a new hall and kitchen. The total cost was £1844, £1200 of which had been raised by the congregation. A service of re-dedication took place led by Rev Professor MacFadzean assisted by Rev Donald Dow.

1914 started with the usual round of activities in the village. The summer school holidays started on 21st June with the children due to return to school on 18th August. Those who could afford a holiday took their usual Fair Holiday in appalling weather and those who couldn't made the best of their own situation. On Tuesday 4th August, war was declared between Great Britain and Germany. War fever spread rapidly throughout the country. Busby was no exception and soon succumbed to it, not realising that this war would have a profound effect on the lives of everyone alive. The local Territorial Army of Highland Light Infantry, Cameronians and Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders were called up with many travelling by tram from Spiersbridge to Paisley. The Southern Press printed the following poem written by a Clarkston lady.

Our country is calling to mothers,
Will you send us your sons - today?
Or selfishly keep them beside you
While other folks ride away?

This poem sadly reflects the sentiments of the bulk of the population in the autumn of 1914. They thought it would be over by Christmas. It wasn't!



The burned out school above with the present school below which replaced it in 1904



THE GUILD

PEARL MUNRO

After four years as Convenor of Busby Guild I have finally retired from the position.

Future meetings will be led by Mrs Irene Morrison, Mrs Linda Smith or Mrs Fay McIntyre and I am really looking forward to the change of leadership.

However you have not heard the last of me - I will be in charge of two guild meetings, one of which will be the making of Christmas decorations for the church hall, which I have done for more years than I care to remember, and the other meeting will probably be some sort of craft as well.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time as convenor and I wish to thank all the members for putting up with me for so long, and I look forward to the 2026....2027 session.

DROP-IN CLUB

LINDA SMITH

We are looking forward to the new Session which begins on the first Wednesday in September this year.

It would be great to see new faces coming to join us every Wednesday morning for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat – please bring a friend!

For more information contact
Linda Smith (Treasurer) 0141 644 3827

Eva's class recently made these as part of a project where they ran their own cafe featuring local and seasonal produce.

I was lucky enough to acquire some rhubarb just across from the church to make a batch of these.

Enjoy,
Shona

Ingredients

For the muffin mix:

175g caster sugar
175g rhubarb finely diced
125ml buttermilk (or a mixture of half yoghurt/half milk if you cant get buttermilk)
30ml vegetable oil
1 egg
5ml vanilla extract
200g plain flour
5ml baking powder
5ml bicarbonate of soda

For the crumble topping:

50g demerara or granulated sugar
50g plain flour
25g porridge oats
5ml ground cinnamon or ginger
50g butter or hard margarine

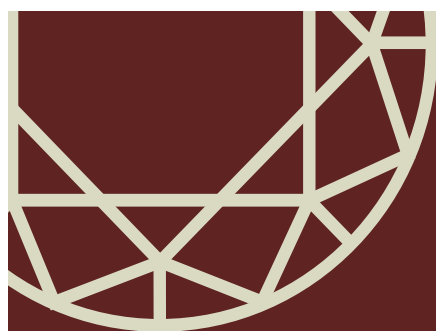
Method

1. Heat oven to 220C/200C fan/gas 7. Line a 12-hole muffin tin with paper muffin cases.
2. Stir the caster sugar and chopped rhubarb together and set aside.
3. Make the crumble topping. Mix together the demerara sugar with the flour, oats and cinnamon, then rub in the butter until clumpy with your fingertips.
4. Stir the oil and egg, vanilla and buttermilk into the sugary rhubarb (don't worry if it's a little bit juicy). Now, add the flour, baking powder and bicarbonate of soda and stir well.
5. Quickly spoon into the cases, then scatter each with a thick layer of the crumble mixture. Bake for 15-18 mins until golden and a cocktail stick poked into the centre of a muffin comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack.

BUSBY BAKES

SHONA PARK

Rhubarb Crumble Muffins



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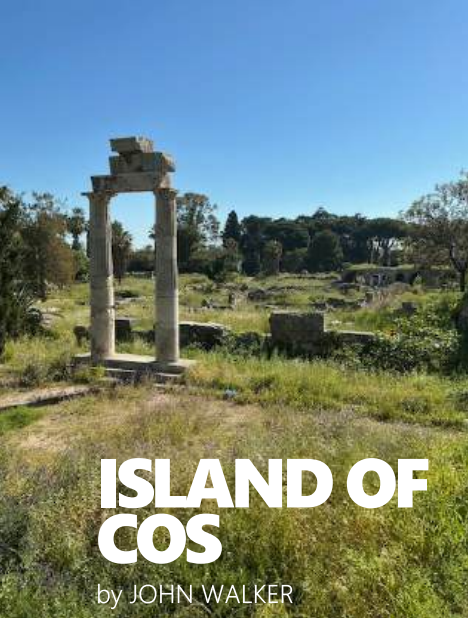
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ISLAND OF COS

by JOHN WALKER

I arrived in Kos (Coos) on midday on Wednesday, 15 April 2026, and sitting by the harbour I read that there is only one mention of this island in the Bible:

Acts 21:1

"And it came to pass, that after we were gotten from them, and had launched, we came with a straight course unto Coos, and the day following unto Rhodes, and from thence unto Patara."

Paul would likely have gone to the Agora (pictured), the old marketplace, to find out what was going on, to buy food, or to meet contacts.

These islands off mainland Greece were great places to get away from persecution. There was no doubt about it at the time when he was living, the troublemakers were the Christians. Caesar demanded kingship and complete loyalty. Christians made it known that they worshiped only one King: Jesus the Christ. Because of this they were seen as troublemakers.

Islands like Kos in Greece became places where the early Christians sometimes escaped to. As then as now nothing has changed; for many Christians who speak out today and proclaim what was said and written are also pursued.

Four hundred years before Paul visited Kos, there was a man called Hippocrates. You may know him from visiting your doctor, for all physicians take the Hippocratic Oath, binding both doctor and patient to confidentiality. Hippocrates spent his life studying the human body—asking why people get sick and what could be done about it. He travelled, observed, and treated patients, even being called upon by powerful leaders and generals.

The division of body and spirit is still a fascinating subject today. As everyone who reads this will I am sure agree the body is full of ailments, and no one goes through life without trouble. However, the mystery of the spirit within us at all times remains wonderfully mysterious.

I am sure in ancient times, it would have been known about such people who went around trying to solve health issues like Hippocrates. Jesus, however, healed and gave others the power to do so as well, and this is the most wonderful thing for both young and old to hear:

Matthew 4:23

"And Jesus Christ went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people."

CHURCH ASSOCIATION

It has been a busy year for the Church Association. After-service tea on Sundays, November Fayre, Rev. Jerry Eve's retiral lunch and the 190th anniversary of our church, followed by a lunch for 100. Many invited guests attended including the moderator of Glasgow presbytery and visitors from local churches. We are a small committee of 5 so we have to depend on support from all the church organisations. So, again, many thanks to all who have helped over the past year.

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