

The quarterly newsletter from St Kentigern's Church

Outreach

June - August 2016

On the curve...

The curve in the phrase 'ahead of the curve' comes from an S-shaped diagram of the way large groups of people start to take new ideas on board. Rogers found that, when something is very new, only a small number of people - the 'early adopters' - give it a go (that's the lower part of the S-shape. But if they like it, they tell their friends and associates and before long many people have taken up the idea, leaving only a small proportion at the end who are slower to get on board. Those who are 'ahead of the curve' are simply those who have done slightly sooner what most will do slightly later on.

We are, in St Kentigern's, slightly ahead of the curve of doing church in different ways. Our slightly innovative approach combines Fresh Expressions, multi-leader worship and technology for communication. Many churches in Scotland will be using these much more in the coming years; we've been doing this for just a little while longer. There is an article inside which gives reasons why we might think we're broadly on the right track. But we need to keep going. We cannot give up on these things as passing fads - imagine if you'd said that about the Internet when it started to become popular around 2000 - or think that, if we resist enough, it will all go back to the way it was. We are on the curve.

But we are not the first to be there. The earliest Jesus movement was on a very steep learning and discipleship curve in the months following Pentecost. Without Jesus' physical presence they had to rely on leaders who were not religious professionals, though they had spent much time in Christ's company. They faced trying times, changed their views about many things and their ways of working quite dramatically - and saw the Good News of Christ spread rapidly. They were people on the curve.

So we can feel threatened by all the change we see around, or we can recognize that it's unavoidable and swallow hard and endure it. Or we can see real possibilities being opened up to us by developing ideas, society and technology and we can make the most, for God, of what we see by faith God is giving us.

We remain people on the curve. That's the most exciting place to be!

Your Minister,



St Kentigern's Church

people together following Jesus



Worship in coming weeks

Lord's Supper

We celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Sunday 5th June at 11.15 and also on Tuesday 7th June at 2pm in our first Tuesday service, which will then have a break over July and August. We hope that as many members as possible will join us round the Lord's Table.

Junior Church thanksgiving

We meet to give thanks for all that junior Church and youth Church have achieved this session on 12th June as we encourage quite a number of our young people who are moving up from Junior to Youth Church.

Then, the following week, we start...

Summer services

Here's what we're doing over the Sundays of summer to explore aspects of our faith and worship in slightly different ways for all ages.

Doctor Who, Angels and the Theology of the Church

We're going to have a look at a wide range of key ideas which inform our faith over the summer Sundays and wrap it all up, for children of all ages, in a presentation involving Doctor Who. We shall see the Time Lord as never before and even (we hope) take a step in the character's development which even the BBC hasn't taken. Look out for regeneration and re-generation, too! We hope you'll enjoy this creative and different approach to worshipping together.

This year the Stamp Appeal will support the Church of South India's Othara Eco-Spirituality Centre.

The Church of South India (CSI) has recently opened the Othara Eco-spirituality centre near Thiruvalla in Kerala. It is a place where people can come to learn about climate change and the importance of conserving the earth God has given us.



This year the Stamp Project will support some of their ecological innovations including the harvesting and re-use of rain water, the establishment of a biogas plant to power the kitchens and the development of a small dairy and chicken farm for native breeds.

Through retreats and conferences, CSI hopes that the knowledge people gain at the centre will inspire them to live sustainably and encourage others in their community to do likewise. They want to encourage people to appreciate and understand that 'caring for the earth is not only a calling, but a lifestyle.'

Exactly where are going?

The Presbytery, our regional grouping of Church of Scotland congregations from Darvel to Irvine and Uplawmoor to Riccarton, continues to struggle with working out what's best as we move forward. It seems there are two challenges: the reluctance of any congregations to amalgamate with others - which Presbytery largely supports - and the decline in number of Ministers which is now beginning to bite and appears only to be getting more severe.

The Presbytery has held a couple of open meetings where congregation members have been able to share with one another how they see things in the future. These have generally helped Presbytery to see what it doesn't want (large-scale amalgamations of congregations) rather than what it does want (how can reasonable quality ministry in worship and teaching be continued in the same number of churches with fewer trained and available people?)

It is likely that the June meeting of Presbytery will be invited to accept the proposal that the Presbytery uses almost all the money which currently supports the Mission Primer Fund (from which we have derived huge benefit in past years) to employ a worker who will engage with congregations to come to an agreed view of the way forward.

If it is accepted that, other than in the two major town centres and in Stewarton where there are still two congregations, we don't really want to reduce the number of congregations, the only answer is to increase the number of people who can offer good-quality ministry in an accountable way and maximise high-quality communication tools. We're already doing all this to a limited extent and we could develop this much further.

Those who have been developing their thinking and practice in leading worship are doing a very good job, though the children's talk and the sermon remain more challenging. But people are beginning to lead the time all together, and are doing it well. We've also dipped our toe in the water of having part of a sermon delivered by video, and that promises to be a hugely useful route especially since our ability to stream a service has foundered on slow bandwidth. None of this new world is particularly strange to us and gives us real cause to be optimistic about the future.

But we need to demonstrate that it does work, and the proof of the pudding is in the seating. How many people engage with God together at some point through the week? If we add in the Fresh Expressions, how does the total increase? We are moving to a different way of being church and the signs are that we're not too far away from current thinking across Scotland. We need to keep supporting, continue to critique constructively and keep contributing all in faith that these new steps are part of God's purposes for us here, now and into the future.

Fresh Expressions of church

We are continuing to explore a whole range of Fresh Expressions of church over the next three years. We have had to drop one which wasn't popular and have changed another, much for the better. We're seeing real excitement in our four Fresh Expressions as we reach out beyond our 'churchiness' to meet people where they are, sharing Godly values and the gospel as we go. These are early days and we'd love you to be involved. Here is an update on our Fresh Expressions. We want to keep you posted and encourage you to become involved with what we're doing.

Messy Church

MC reaches out to families with preschool children who don't normally attend church on a Sunday. This is a very informal way where mums and dads can join their children in fun, crafts and still hear the message of Jesus' love for everyone.

We meet during the week on a Tuesday afternoon beginning with games involving children and adults, engage in simple crafts and then proceed with watching Bible story videos. We then have a short time of singing and finish off with afternoon tea. During this we have introduced 'table talk' which is going quite well, though some are a little hesitant.

Our next steps include working out: How do we involve the parents and carers in taking real ownership of Messy Church?

Pie, Pint and a Parable

'The Pie Pint and a Parable evenings at the First Edition are an opportunity to meet up with church - and non church - folk in a relaxed environment and to share a meal and a drink of whatever takes your fancy. We normally spend some time having a chat about life in general and, at some point, our attention turns to the beer mats on the table.

Written on one side of the beer mat is the chosen parable for the night. On the reverse side are some questions to allow the conversation to focus on the parable. Different thoughts and views are then exchanged over the meal and drink.

The evenings are always enjoyable and well attended - possibly due to the informal setting, relaxed atmosphere and good value (£5.99 will get you your meal and drink - the parable is free!). We are always hoping for more people to come along - even better if they can bring a friend with them. Why don't you come next time?

The next Pie, Pint and Parable evening will be held at the First Edition, Bank Street, towards the end of August.

Community Cafe and Drop-in

Geared to providing a place of coming together for the local NFL community with an open door being provided for those who live alone or were in some way isolated within the community.

Since it is only May 2016, it is early yet to decide about the amount of progress our projects have achieved. We did find that the Community Cafe opening times in the Charleston were not ideal, so at the end of April we moved to the Community Centre, open now on Mondays from 10am – 12 noon.

A steady core group of people attend the Cafe, but to date, we have not had many folk from the local community just 'dropping-in'. Remembering that this is an outreach effort by us as a Church it would be great to see more of us inviting/bringing non-church friends or neighbours along.

Community Garden

We're at the stage where we need to get various permissions, which means we also need to develop plans and ideas, before anything can get started on the Community Garden just outside our church. We are making a large plot of ground owned by the church available for community garden use. The application for Planning Permission in outline has been submitted and we've had to answer various questions about the idea. There is a separate management team for this project, though members of the congregation serve on that along with local residents and people from the school. We will be depending on a range of organisations to fund this, but we hope that whilst the new school is being built we might get a deal of assistance with the complex and expensive works. So this remains a long-term project which we always recognised but with potential for increased relationships with local schools, possibly local residents interested in gardening, and church members. We think it demonstrates the Church's concern for creation, too, which we want to emphasise.

Our story so far

We continue to meet to pray, talk and think about these reasonable attempts at Fresh Expressions which reflect some of our thinking about God's leading us in our context and community but which are also flexible and provisional enough to change and adapt as we hear more from those who come along and as we think more deeply, prompted by God's Spirit and informed by our collective thinking.

We're continuing to be supported by David McCarthy, the national Fresh Expressions adviser for the Church of Scotland, who came to meet us in April when we talked through each of the Fresh Expressions. David offered us valuable thoughts about making the most of opportunities which are available to us. David's coming back in September to see how we're doing.

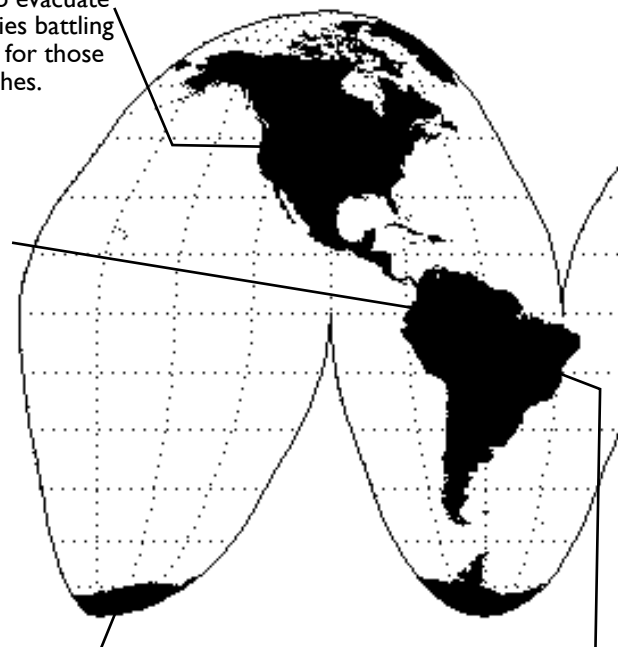
Prayer around the world

Over the summer, why not pray for places which are a bit further afield? Here are some thoughts from worldinprayer.org. You can sign up for weekly emails bringing current needs to God in prayer

We remember the entire 60,000 population of the city of Fort McMurray, Canada, forced to evacuate due to wildfires; for authorities battling to save lives and homes; and for those who need to rebuild from ashes.

We pray for the families of the 600 killed, and the 27,000 injured, and many more left homeless following the earthquake in Ecuador; that despite poor donations from other nations help would still be forthcoming.

We pray for greater concern to address global warming given the news that large portions of the polar ice cap may melt, raising global sea levels and putting at risk the lives of millions of the world's poorest people.

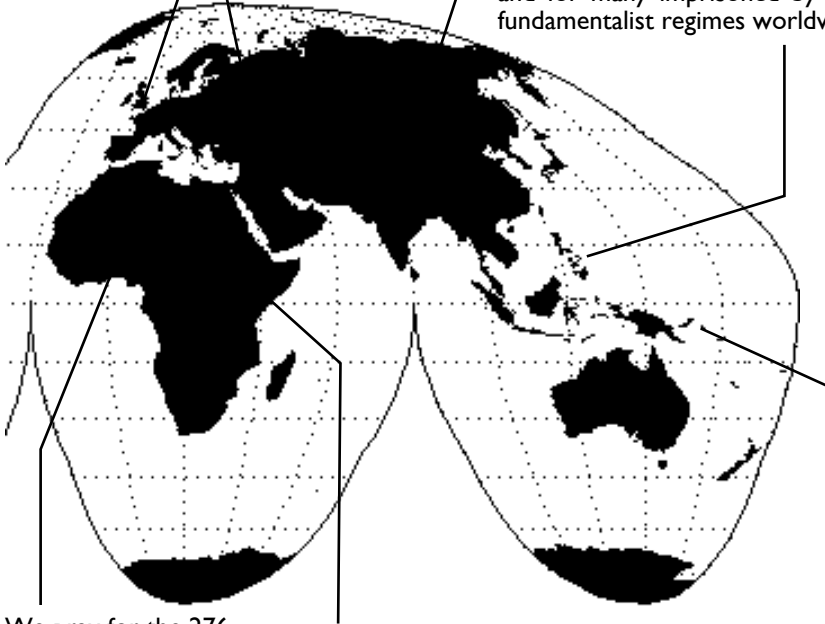


We pray for those struggling in Brazil to get ready for the Summer Olympics in the midst of political turmoil, economic recession, fears about the Zika virus and continuing desperate poverty suffered by millions.

We give thanks that United Kingdom government shall allow unaccompanied Syrian children, already in Europe, to come to live in the UK. We pray for their protection and safety in their new life, and pray for comfort and solace for their families left behind in the chaotic violence of Syria.

We pray for the thousands of Nepali women being trafficked to China, India, and South Korea each year as sex workers and bonded labourers.

We pray for the family and friends of of Canadian, John Ridsdel, recently beheaded in the Philippines by militants linked to the radical Abu Syyaf group; and for many imprisoned by brutal fundamentalist regimes worldwide.



We pray for the 276 girls held by the Boko Haram group in Nigeria, who appear still to be alive; praying for them, their families and the 400 others kidnapped seven months later in the Nigerian village of Damasak.

We pray for the people of South Sudan who continue to live in fear and flee their homes, with little hope of ever returning.

We remember the refugees on Nauru in Micronesia and Papua New Guinea, where hundreds of people, including children, have lived for months and years in Australian off-shore detention centres. In past weeks two people have set themselves on fire, one dying, in a desperate protest at their conditions and hopelessness.

Church in the Wider World Committee

The Christian Aid lunch took place on Sunday 15 May, which we helped out at. Souper Sunday, which supports the Church of Scotland's Aids/HIV programme will place in September. The congregation were very generous in donating sufficient money to pay for 2 houses in response to the "Build a house for Nepal". An article was submitted to the Presbytery Fountain regarding this. Jon Herd attended a Faithshare event to learn more about accessing funding for visiting and twinning with churches abroad.

Articles on the plight of the Persecuted church will be included in Outreach. We ask that you include the concerns of the persecuted Christians in your prayers. Christians in North Korea, Pakistan, Syria and other areas of the Middle East, Nepal, Afghanistan and many other countries throughout the world. There are many organisations who highlight these concerns such as Barnabasaid - www.banabasfund.org or Open Doors UK - <http://www.opendoorsuk.org>. You can also keep up to date with the work of the Church of Scotland World Mission Council by picking up their magazine, WM, from the foyer.

An application for funding to Faithshare for Sandy Brown and Jon Herd to go to Rumania, has been successful and their proposed trip will take place in early August. They have been tasked by the Kirk Session to visit the linked parishes of Hirip and Amac, in North Western Rumania and find out how we can support a project to help the elderly of these villages. The churches they will be attending are part of the Reformed Church of Hungary and their pastors are Sándor Zsolt Keresztúri and his wife Erzsébet.

It is planned to invite a speaker from Compassion UK to highlight their work with Developing World Children.

Stacey Campbell has now joined our Committee.

Prayer (from the last WM Magazine)

Give us a vision of your world as love would make it;
a world where the weak are protected and none go hungry;
a world whose benefits are shared, so that everyone can enjoy them;
a world whose different people and cultures live with tolerance and mutual respect;
a world where peace is built with justice and justice is fired with love and gives us the courage to build it.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen

Prayer for others and ourselves

We group our prayer requests into four: for our world, for other churches and organisations; for our town and community; and for ourselves.

For our world

- Our new project in Rumania and Jon and Sandy's proposed visit soon
- Our friends in Arua, Uganda and especially in the schools and St Peter's Church there
- For Church of Scotland congregations in Paris, Rome, Geneva, south Spain, Brussels, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, Lisbon

For other churches and groups

- Our Presbytery as it develops vision for ministry in the future
- The Fellowship of Churches as it enables us to work together wherever possible in joint witness
- For our friends in St Matthew's in their worship and service

For our community

- The Community Council working to grow a sense of community
- Our Community Cafe, that local folk may find friendship, hope and help
- Future developments in local schools, that the changes may enhance learning for all

For our church

- That we would be united in our commitment to follow where Jesus leads in uncertain times
- That we will clean, maintain and share our buildings well for the benefit of many
- For our summer services, that their creativity will help people to worship God and grow in faith

Thanks from Gary

Gary recently wrote to us to thank us for the gift we gave him on his last Sunday here. He said:

I wanted to write to thank you all for the last eight months. I was truly blessed to be with you for my first placement, and the support you have all given me was a real help and allowed me to gain a vast amount of experience for my first placement. This has been a great foundation for the future.

I also want to thank you for the extremely generous gift you gave me. It was greatly appreciated and I will use it in my future ministry.

With God's richest blessings,

Gary.

We all wish Gary well in the coming months in Bearsden and thereafter in his final two placements; and we will watch with interest to see where God leads Gary, along with Ruth, Gregor and Robbie to serve in the future.



Music Roundup

Lauren, Ross and I recently went to the O2 Glasgow to see Irish Christian band, Rend Collective on their 'As Family We Go,' tour. Wow what an experience that was! The audience was mainly young people but there were more than a fair share of older people also.



Now I have been to many a gig over the years but this was different. This was a mix of gig and church service. The support band, Urban Rescue, from Los Angeles, have just been signed up to Rend Collective's record label. They were very energetic and their drummer was fantastic. His drums were so loud I could feel the base going through my chest. They are a young American band who Lauren took a shine to particularly their lead singer!

Between the acts Pastor Ben Cooley from Hope for Justice, a charity that is concerned with human trafficking and slavery in today's modern world., talked to the audience about their work.

Then it was time for Rend Collective! A marvellous experience with energetic worship songs that kept the audience singing and dancing all night. The majority of their songs were from their most recent album, 'As Family We Go.' These guys and one girl are so multi talented playing an array of instruments. The words were displayed on a large screen above the back of the band, which helped us to sing along.

It was a very meaningful and worshipful experience, giving all the praise to God. If you get the chance to go see these bands I would recommend you go see them!

Now there are many types of Christian music available today! As well as contemporary, there is traditional, worship, gospel, southern gospel, rock, heavy metal and many more. Take a look online or visit a Christian bookshop to find out more.

So who's in the Christian Album Charts at the moment? Well Rend Collective have three albums including No 1, Urban Rescue are in there as well with their new album 'Wild Fire,' 'Have it all' from Bethel Music as well as Matt Redman, Chris Tomlin, Hillsong, Skillet, as well as a couple of compilations of worship songs. So there is something for everyone.

Sandy Brown

Read a good book recently or watched a good DVD!

Well if you have and you've finished with the book or DVD, why not hand it into the Church and Wider World bookstall. The money donated from the sale of the books, DVDs and CDs, that we have for sale on a Sunday morning, all goes to St Kentigern's latest project in Romania.

So far, thanks to your generosity we have raised £120, which we will send onto the churches in Hirip and Amac. This money will help to fund a project to help the elderly in these villages. A number of elderly people in these areas have been left to fend for themselves as younger members of their families have moved away and as there is no benefit system in the country, to help look after them, the Church of Scotland are looking for congregations to take on a project to help the elderly.

With this in mind Jon Herd and I are travelling to visit these churches in Romania at the beginning of August to assess how, we as a congregation, can best support these people. Our flights have been funded by a CoS Faithshare Grant, for which we are very grateful. On our return we will report back to the Kirk Session in September and to the congregation as a whole during one of our morning services.

We ask that you keep the people of Hirip and Amac in your prayers and also for the wider Reformed Church of Hungary in Romania, as we embark on this very exciting new project. Watch out for further reports, etc in the Order of Service sheet, website and future editions of Outreach.

In the meantime, the bookstall will close down for the period of the summer services, as of 12th June and will return on August 21st. So keep a hold of your books, DVDs and CDs till then. Thanks

Sandy Brown



'Reachout will be performing a Songs of Praise evening at Castlemilk Parish Church on the 3rd of July starting at 7pm.

We will be playing a variety of well known hymns in an evening of praise. It would be great to see some of you there!

Junior Church
Dates & Events
2016/17

Start back Sunday, 21st August, 2016. (After schools go back).

No holiday in September.

Harvest Service - Sunday, 25th September, 2016.

Holidays - 9th and 16th October, 2016.

Enrolment Service - Sunday, 30th October, 2016.

Christmas Party - Saturday, 17th December, 2016
(from 2.30pm to 6pm approx.)

Holidays - 25th December 2015 , 1st & 8th January, 2016.
Back on 15th January, 2017.

Holiday - 12th and 19th February, 2017.

Palm Sunday - 9th April, 2017 - not on holiday.

(Good Friday - 14th April, 2017)

Easter Sunday - 16th April, 2017 - not on holiday.

Holidays - 2nd, 9th, 16th April, 2017.

Annual Summer Trip - Saturday 3rd June, 2017.

End of year informal party - Sunday 4th June, 2017.

Thanksgiving Service - Sunday 11th June, 2017.

**PLEASE NOTE - EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
PLEASE REGULARLY CHECK ST. KENTIGERN'S JUNIOR
CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE FOR UP TO DATE
INFORMATION OR CONTACT AUDREY. THANK YOU.**

St. Kentigern's Church

DR. WHO

THEMED SUMMER SERVICES



Sundays 11am,
19th June to 14th August, 2016.
(9 weeks)

Volunteers needed to make this work!
Please use your talents and skills to help us make this
summer memorable. For more details, check the
church website - [stkentigern.org.uk/summer services](http://stkentigern.org.uk/summer%20services)

St. Kentigern's Big Band

We require musicians to play in our Big Band. If you play an instrument and can read music, please join us.

We currently play modern and traditional hymns and songs during the Sunday morning service (11am), about 4 to 5 times a year and have one rehearsal beforehand (10am). We sometime play at a church Praise Night (usually Sundays, 6.30pm.)

Please use your musical talent to praise God.

Please visit the church website for details of instrumental parts available - stkentigern.org.uk/bigband and regularly check St. Kentigern's Facebook page (Big Band).

Please contact Audrey - 07773 691538 for a sign up form.





I praise Your name in song

Sometimes I get disheartened
and don't know where to turn
So I close my eyes and pray to You
because I know that You're the one
My Lord You are my Saviour
and I know I let You down
I try my hardest to get it right
for the King who wears a crown

I pray to You for guidance
I pray to You for strength
I pray to You for peacefulness
and I pray to You at length.

Oh my God I do adore You
for You are the holy King
You sent Your son to die for us
to take away our sins
I'm so glad I've come to know You
and I'll try to do no wrong
So help me through my troubled times
as I praise Your name in song.

Joanne Murdoch



Saturday 11th June 2pm

GLASGOW CATHEDRAL CHORAL SOCIETY

SUMMER CONCERT

at

Crosshouse Church

CONDUCTOR—JAMES SLIMINGS

ORGAN—ANDREW FORBES



TICKETS £5
on the door



EVENTS CALENDAR FROM THE FELLOWSHIP OF KILMARNOCK CHURCHES WITH IN ADDITION SOME ITEMS FROM ST KENTIGERN'S

Sunday 26th June – Service at New Laigh Kirk (Fellowship of Kilmarnock Churches)

Sunday 25th September (provisional) – Service at Holy Trinity Church (Fellowship of Kilmarnock Churches)

Sunday 30th October (evening) – Festival of Praise for Christian Aid, at Kay Park Parish Church

September (provisional) – Reflective Worship Group event, Howard Centre

Wed. 21st September at 7.30 pm - planning committee meeting of Fellowship of Kilmarnock Churches (in St Andrew's and St Marnock's Church halls)

Christian Aid week 2016

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their generosity in supporting this year's Christian Aid Week.



Our lunch raised £336.40 and thanks go to Marion and the Social Committee for their support in providing lunch and to the men who set up the tables and helped clear away.

The Walk on Sunday 22nd was also successful with 15 people walking round the Dean Country Park. Your donations in the envelopes raised £425.25, with an extra £75 being donated via Gift Aid. Thanks also to Sadie who helped count the money with me. The total raised was £836.65.

We thank God and ask him to bless the money raised for Christian Aid Week, that it will lift thousands of people from poverty and overall will be a step closer to ending poverty in our global community.

Margaret Murray

The Work of Scripture Union in Ayrshire

Scripture Union (SU) has over 100 years' experience of working with children and youth. We were privileged to have a visit of Ayrshire's own staff worker, David Clipston who met key members of our church involved with children and young people, and provided us with a helpful honest account of the potential but also the difficulties of reaching young people with the Good News about Jesus these days.

SU considers that relationships are the key to all the work done with children and young people.

The key spheres of SU's activity are:

1. SU groups in schools, the content of which fits in with curriculum of excellence for schools
2. Easter and Summer residential holidays and camps, which offer adventure, escape, discovery and hope. There is an Ayrshire Focus Week in Arran during the 5th week of the summer holidays this year.
3. Weekend breaks, with parents being invited to go with their children to camp
4. Working with churches on summer holiday clubs and missions, and helping churches to realise their vision for mission and evangelism.
5. Pre-school work – and a Messy Church weekend for parents
6. Training and discipleship conferences and hands on experience.

7. Resources

- 7.1 Bible reading notes for all ages, and 'WordLive' (online bible reading notes)
- 7.2 Computer game for 8-11 year olds - Guardians of Ancora, which has a ready been demonstrated in Junior Church by Kirsty Frazer
- 7.3 Prayer notes for daily prayer, magazine with
- 7.4 SU websites are excellent –
<https://www.suscotland.org.uk/what-we-do/>
<http://www.scriptureunion.org.uk/shop/1029.id>
<http://www.scriptureunion.org.uk/8.id>

SU has a lot on offer – it is up to us to take it up!

Jim McHardy
Other Churches Committee

Youth Church

This session we have had 6 young people attending Youth church on a fairly regular basis and we have laughed, chatted, eaten a fairly large amount of chocolate, got to know each other and learned a lot over the weeks. On 17th April we were joined by 3 members of Junior church who are graduating up to Youth church after the summer. We really enjoyed being with them and look forward to being together again next session.



Future meetings:

We meet again on 5th June in the Lounge at 11am as usual.

On Saturday 4th June we are joining Junior Church on their trip to Calderglen Country Park. Audrey Frazer has details.

On Sunday 12th June Youth Church meets in the Church along with Junior Church for a service of Celebration. Members of Youth Church will be presented with a gift.

Our new session resumes on 21st August.

We plan to visit Airspace in East Kilbride around the end of August and more information will be made available about that later.

Our number of leaders was down to 4 recently so I am delighted to say that David and Karlyn Hume have agreed to join the leadership team after the summer. One other person is also interested in joining us.

It is a privilege to work alongside these precious young people who are our church of the future.

Clarinda McHardy

Junior Church

On Sunday 12th June we have our



Thanksgiving

Service, during

the morning service at 11 am. All members of Junior Church are invited to attend the full service where they are presented with a gift to maintain and encourage their Christian learning.

After our Thanksgiving Service, everyone is invited to stay behind and join in a time of fellowship and enjoy a buffet lunch.

This will round off Junior Church for this session. We'll be back on Sunday 21st August at 11am. Have a good holiday everyone.

Don't forget that we have all age Summer Services starting on Sunday 19th June!

Audrey Frazer



Girls' Brigade

Hello and here's to the end of another session of GB at our church. We brought the year to an end with a fabulous display and award ceremony where our elders, Shaona Wilson and Irene Rennie, kindly gave out our prizes. We were also pleased to present Ian Rennie with a gift from the company for all his support as Session Clerk over the last 30 years. The girls performed songs on heroes, acted out a Snow White, signed the alphabet and more. They were all great. Specific praise goes to the two brigaders who took to the stage to sing proving you don't need large numbers to show off talent.

As a little treat we took the girls to Newmilns Ski Slope for an hour of tubing. It proved more exhausting than they imagined but great fun too. At the end of May we were off to Dumfries House for fun and frolics with 1st Largs GB.

I wish all my leaders and girls a safe and relaxing holiday (once camp is over) and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in August.

Tracey Hamilton, Captain

Pathfinders

The boys had a great night at their Fun Night and Awards on Friday 13th May.

Thanks to all the parents, carers and friends who turned up.

Our trip to the Heads of Ayr on the 15th May, was also a great success, with boys and leaders enjoying a great day and glorious weather.

We hope to return on Friday 9th September, but watch out for further details.

In the meantime have a wonderful holiday and see you all in September.

Golden Age Group

We meet once a month on a Tuesday afternoons between 1 and 3 pm, in the small hall, for a time of fellowship, friendship and fun.

21st June - Jamal Mosh from Syria
Silverwod Primary
entertaining us.

July - Holiday

16th August - Irene McMillan
Dean castle

20th September - Max Flemmich
Phone Museum

We hope to see you . Come along and meet friends you never knew you had.



Messy Church



Throughout this past year we have welcomed 36 pre school children to Messy Church along with parents/childminders. On average 21 children faithfully attend and bring with them so much enthusiasm and fun. They are an absolute delight and we are privileged to have made close friendships with the adults.

Our present session is drawing to a close and we have had as our theme "Thankfulness". To help understand our theme more we have looked at Zacchaeus, the woman who touched the hem of Jesus cloak and was healed, the story of the 10 lepers when only one returned to thank Jesus, the healing of the centurion's servant with different crafts to compliment the bible stories.

Our session finishes on 14 June with the children and adults invited to dress as a bible character (this was planned long before Junior Church superheroes). Already many of the children and adults know what they will be wearing and we look forward to meeting our bible characters. However we will be sorry to lose 5 of our children who are moving on to school and one or two will be going to Nursery.

We recently had a Film Night when we showed the DVD War Room and several of the adults attended. This is a thought provoking film about the power of prayer. Obviously the film and supper were enjoyed because we were asked when the next film evening would be. This is really encouraging and we know we are supported through prayer by members of the congregation, one of whom kindly donated funds for the supper.

Its going to be a busy summer break for the Messy Church Team as we will be busy drawing up our programme for next session and also preparing for two Primary School Age Messy Church on Saturday 3 September and Saturday 5 November. Please watch out for further details regarding these two events.

Irene



Church in the Community

The Community Garden planning application submitted to East Ayrshire Council was rejected as the Council required fuller details and scaled plans for the proposed development. This is being attended to and in the meantime various Grant Applications have been made. A Management Meeting will be held in early June when it is hoped to report progress.

The Committee is planning a Litter Pick Up at the 3 local shop areas at the end of August and we would welcome assistance from the congregation. By doing this clean up we want to show the community we care as a Church for the local environment.

The Community Café move to the Community Centre has been positive as it is a much brighter welcoming environment. The new time of 10 am – 12 noon on a Monday gives folks the opportunity to enjoy morning coffee. Please support the Cafe and bring your friends and neighbours along.

Bible Study

Our Bible Study Group has grown from strength to strength with 20 people regularly attending on a Thursday evening. We have just completed looking at Faith in the Fire where faith is tested in various ways. This has stimulated excellent discussion with a wide range of views and experiences always referring to Scripture for guidance and help.

Hopefully we will begin a new course in the autumn and a warm welcome is assured to all who attend. Further details will appear in the Order of Service sheet in due course.

Ian

Elder's Conference

As has been our practice over the past few years an Elders Conference is to take place in the afternoon of Sunday 4 September in the Pioneer Café, Monkton when one of the issues we will be addressing is Stewardship. It is planned to follow this up with a congregation gathering which will include a light supper. We are instructed by Church of Scotland to follow a three year programme with regards to Stewardship and members will be informed more fully of what is involved.

Prayer times

We have the huge privilege of bringing our whole lives, our thanks and our concerns for the church and the world to God as we pray. We know life is busy but we also know a commitment to pray together is right. So we host short prayer meetings on Sunday mornings (when people are coming to church anyway) to pray, in a four-weekly cycle, for our world, other churches and agencies, our community and ourselves.

You are welcome to join us. Your presence speaks volumes - you do not need to speak. If you do speak, your words encourage us all. We meet as friends together before God and would love to see more folks join us. We're currently meeting in the Lounge at 10.30 every Sunday and the rota of subjects is:

June

- 5th Church in the Community
- 12th Other Churches
- 19th Church and the Wider World
- 26th Our Church

July and August no prayer meetings

September

- 4th Our Church
- 11th Church in the Community
- 18th Other Churches
- 25th Church in the Wider World

A Short Prayer to Jesus

May the grace of Christ, our Savior, And the Father's
boundless love, With the Holy Spirit's favour, Rest
upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union With each other and the
Lord and possess, in sweet communion, Joys which
earth cannot afford. Amen.



Who's doing what in coming weeks

Welcoming people and uplifting the offering

June	J Simm, L Gale, S Speirs and T Calderwood
July	A Brown, J Herd, E McDonald and A Hogarth
August	W Kerr, B Kerr, A Fratson and M Dreghorn
September	J McHardy, T Grant, K Murdoch and I Kerr

The Count

June	W Craig and A Fratson
July	J Simm, H McMurtrie and M Dreghorn
August	A. Brown and Irene Rennie
May	W Kerr and N Chisholm

Making a welcoming cuppa

We meet after the morning service for our time of fellowship over a tea/coffee. Further details will be available on the notice board in the foyer or speak to Lorna Farquharson.

June

5th	Liz and Archie McDonald
12th	Ann Hogarth and Clarinda McHardy
19th	Lorna Farquharson and Irene Rennie
26th	Vera Anderson and Liz Watson

July

3rd	Anna Hogg and Shaona Wilson
10th	Nancy Chisholm and Margaret Murray
17th	Liz and Archie McDonald
24th	Irene Rennie and Anna Hogg
31st	Clarinda McHardy and Lorna Farquharson



Flower List

June

5th Jean Stewart
12th Ann Hogarth
19th Nancy Michael
26th Helen Rees

July

3rd Joanne Brown
10th Betty Kerr
17th
24th

August

7th Sandy Brown
14th
21st Joan Dykes
28th

Thanks to all these people who put flowers into the church, whether by choosing a date or donating through the box.

It is lovely to see fresh flowers week by week.

Thank you

Betty Kerr

Remember, if you'd like to say thanks for flowers you receive, there is a list in the foyer that you can add your name to. Your name will be added to the Order of Service sheet later.

Flower Deliveries

June M Dreghorn

July J Burnett

August S Speirs



The Flower

Seasons Produce Me

I am the Flower

I am the flower that connects things together

Like the Bee and the hive, and the bouquet and the emotions

I am the Flower

The Flower that is Unique and One of a kind

I am the Flower that you pick out of ALL of my friends

I am the prettiest of them all

I am the Flower that smell the sweetest

I am the Flower that now is being held in your hand

I am the Flower

Mackenzie Huber

Hospital and home visiting

You'll be aware that for a few years now there's no access for the Minister to the lists of hospital in-patients. If the Minister doesn't know of members who are at home or in hospital and who would value a visit, he'll not be able to do this. It's essential you tell him, and if possible pass on the mobile telephone number of the person who's in hospital. Feel free to phone details and leave a message on (01563) 571280, text details to (07506) 549 529 or e-mail minister@stkentigern.org.uk.

Letting of Halls

We're keen to let our premises be used by others for the good of our community, but we also need time to clean them, and use them for Church work. If you wish to use a hall, could you please fill in a booking slip and place it in the box in the foyer. Please do not print up tickets or posters until you have confirmation of availability. You can contact me at booking@stkentigern.org.uk or speak to me, Sadie Speirs, at church if you have any queries regarding the use of the halls.

Give online!

You're now able to give directly to St Kentigern's online! The web address is **my.give.net/supportstkentigerns** and you can also get there from any page on our church website at www.stkentigern.org.uk. The online giving allows us to reclaim tax on your offering, and the admin fees are low so almost all you give online is passed on to us. It's secure, convenient and quick - so feel free to use this and pass the word around!

The Big Clean

This year the Big Clean will start on Thursday 30th June, when we hope to try something new.

We will have a 'Family Fun Clean,' on Saturday 2nd July. This would mean families, young and old, come along and have fun, while cleaning. If your family would like to take part please let the minister or myself know. We would have lunch together (bring your own sandwiches) and we'll supply the drinks.

It is very important for health and safety that we keep all rooms clean and safe for all those who use them. There will be a sign up sheet in the vestibule by mid June. Please try to help, as the more who do will make cleaning a lot easier.

Sadie Speirs

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