

The quarterly newsletter from St Kentigern's Church

Outreach

September - November
2016

Dear Friends,

As a congregation you are entering into a time of change and challenge after a lengthy period of settled ministry with Grant Barclay. Presbytery has appointed me to serve as your Interim Moderator over the coming months, and I look forward to getting to know you better. I deliberately chose not to say that I will be with you in your "vacancy" as that implies that without an ordained minister the church is empty, and that is not the case at all. From what I know of you so far you are a busy congregation, already trying new things in worship and witness - "people on the curve" as Grant said in the previous issue of this magazine. As your Interim Moderator, I encourage you to keep travelling along that "steep learning and discipleship curve" as you move forwards in faith to serve God and proclaim the Gospel in church, parish and beyond.

Over the next few weeks and months there will a number of matters to be dealt with by your Kirk Session, Office Bearers and myself, with the support of the Advisory Committee appointed by Presbytery to provide assistance to you. There are some practical matters to be attended to before the appointment of the Nominating Committee who will have the task of finding a new minister for this charge. In the meantime, I urge you all to take some time to think creatively, honestly and prayerfully about what kind of ministry you think would be most suitable for St Kentigern's - for both congregation and parish. You might find it helpful to chat about this with each other, and with friends and family who are not church-goers. A Parish Minister is called, after all, to serve all within the parish, not only those who attend church. Chat, think, pray and let your Kirk Session know what kind of ministry you envisage. This will be helpful for them as they work to put together a Parish Profile which potential applicants will look at to get an idea of whether God is calling them to St Kentigern's.

The Church of Scotland as a whole is having to come to terms with the reality that there are many more charges looking for a minister than there are ministers looking for a charge. Many congregations are being challenged by lengthy "vacancies", but as I've already said, your church is not empty. You, God's people, are present. God is with us in all times, and he is with you now as you keep moving forward along that curve, in faith and hope.

Your Interim Moderator

Alison McBrier

St Kentigern's Church

people together following Jesus



Thank you - and keep going!

Karen and I have been quite overwhelmed at at the love and generosity you have shown us in the time before we left St Kentigern's, and especially at the social on Saturday and the service on Sunday 13th and 14th August. So, through the pages of Outreach, I'd like to express our heartfelt thanks to you all.

To those who sent cards both to Kilmarnock and to Giffnock, who thanked us for work we'd done in the past and who wished us well for the future, I am grateful for you showing your concern and gratitude. I was only ever doing my job, but it was very satisfying to hear from some of you that you had found my ministry helpful.

To those who came along to the social - and we were quite bowled over by the number of people who were there - and especially to those who made the hall look so lovely with the different table layout; to those who prepared a real feast - with great steak pie and sweet trolleys the like of which are unlikely to be seen in other churches for a long time; to Reachout for playing and singing, to Sandy for speaking, Bill for leading us in prayer and Ian for holding the evening all together we want to say a big thank you.

To those who came on the Sunday even though that was a difficult time, who joined in worship and prayer - and to some who had travelled far to do so, I am most grateful.

Your gifts to us were generous beyond our deserving - thank you. I received a lovely curling stone made from Ailsa Craig granite with the dates of my ministry engraved; I'll treasure that for many years. With the most generous money you gave us, Karen and I are planning to buy something we will use very regularly which will allow us to strengthen friendships with many people. We have space for a larger dining table in the new manse and are thinking about using your gift towards that, as well as perhaps a piece of art to help us remember Ayrshire.

It goes without saying that we will never forget our time in St Kentigern's. Our family was raised here, we have encountered the presence of God among you, and I have seen you grow as a people enriched by faith in the living Christ. However I am now not your Minister; I can't return to do anything ministerial because that devalues the ministry of you as people of God together in New Farm Loch called by God to serve. I will pray for you, and I'll be delighted to learn of progress you make in all sorts of ways as you work together to grow God's kingdom of faith, love, discipleship and justice for all.

I don't find Paul's final words to the Ephesian elders in Acts 20 too relevant. Unlike then, we will come across one another again; we aren't overly concerned for savage wolves or persecution and so my watchword isn't 'Be on you guard.' Instead it is: God is faithful: so look forward in faith; move forward in faith; grow deeper and wider in faith in Christ Jesus through study, prayer, worship and service. And may God bless you, each and all together, now and always.

Your former Minister,



Grant's Farewell Evening

Approximately 125 people gathered on Saturday 13 August to say farewell to Grant, Karen, Katie, Andrew and Kirsten. The Hall was beautifully laid out by the Social Committee with Stuart Dey and his sister Janice, Drew and Margaret Keachie, Father Martin Chambers and his colleague Kevin Rennie as invited guests.

The evening had an atmosphere of warmth, good humour and an air of anticipation. The meal, prepared by the Social Committee was of such a high standard that some restaurants would have been proud to serve. The singing, led by Reachout, was inspiring. Bill Wilson led us in prayer and then Sandy gave a moving and amusing Tribute to Grant. Thereafter Tracey presented Grant with a gift from the congregation, flowers to Karen and a small token to Katie, Andrew and Kirsten.

Father Martin Chambers reflected on his first meeting with Grant when having just moved into St Matthew's, surrounded by boxes the door was knocked and Grant stood there introducing himself as the local minister. From then on the two have been close friends and the two churches working closely together. Grant responded in his usual enthusiastic manner saying the time was now right for him to move on knowing he was leaving our congregation in good stead. Sadie then gave the vote of thanks for what was a truly memorable evening.



Below is a poem which Tracey and Ian composed and read out prior to the presentation

In '95 you came along
To join us here – our happy throng.
Karen and Katie came as well
A life story we now can tell.

With lots of ideas to hash and bash
And enthusiasm the speed of Flash
You drove, then cycled to and fro
Always a man on the go.

We saw the family then increase
For sleeping at night there was no peace.
Andrew and Kirsten to the fore
But Karen said, “There will be no more.”

For you brought us change, you made us close
And you even managed to bring back those
Who'd left our church, who'd lost their way –
Allowing us to have some say.

Summer services have been quite a range
Sailed with Paul and Ted to lands so strange
We now are in a little stew
As we travel back with Dr Who.

Our services have moved with the times
No pulpit talks or church bell chimes.
Instead it's videos, computers and screens
That help us understand what the Bible means.

If a kettle is brewing we know we will see
You arriving for a nice mug of tea.
But don't forget the sponge or scone,
Battenberg or meringue – they'll all be gone.

It is now time for you all to go.
We will miss you that is so,
Onward now to Orchardhill -
It will be hard – your boots to fill.

Thank You

What a lovely surprise on Grant's final Sunday to receive a gift from you all. Thank you. It was most unexpected and I was moved and almost lost for words. I have thoroughly enjoyed the privilege of serving God and the Congregation of St Kentigern's in the role of Session Clerk over the last 31 years and thank you all for uplifting and sustaining me through prayer and encouragement. I have witnessed many changes in the life of our congregation and as a congregation we have met and conquered many challenges as we have depended upon God's grace. Now is a new chapter in the life of our congregation. We look back with thankfulness for Grant's ministry but now look forward to what God has planned for us. Be in no doubt God has a wonderful plan for us.

I love the words of the old chorus

“Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace”

I look forward to continuing serving as an Elder and am sure will be kept as busy as previously. For the next year I will be assisting Tracey Hamilton as our new Session Clerk and would value your prayers for Tracey.

Irene was delighted to receive the beautiful bouquet and it has given us great pleasure in our home.

Blessings
Ian



Incoming Session Clerk

Hello

I just wanted to put a few words in the mag regarding my new post as Session Clerk. I was sworn in on Grant's last day but Ian will be my right hand man for some time yet, which I am thoroughly happy about.

I'd like to thank Grant, Ian and the Session for entrusting me with this position. It will not be without it's challenges and with big shoes to fill, I am glad I know that I will have a lot of support not just from Ian but you all too.

Timothy says church officials should have a good reputation, be self-controlled, sensible, well-behaved, friendly to strangers and be able to teach. Well I know I pass in some of these areas, maybe not always sensible (lol), but hopefully we can work together with God's grace and help to take our church forward - wherever it leads.

Tracey Hamilton



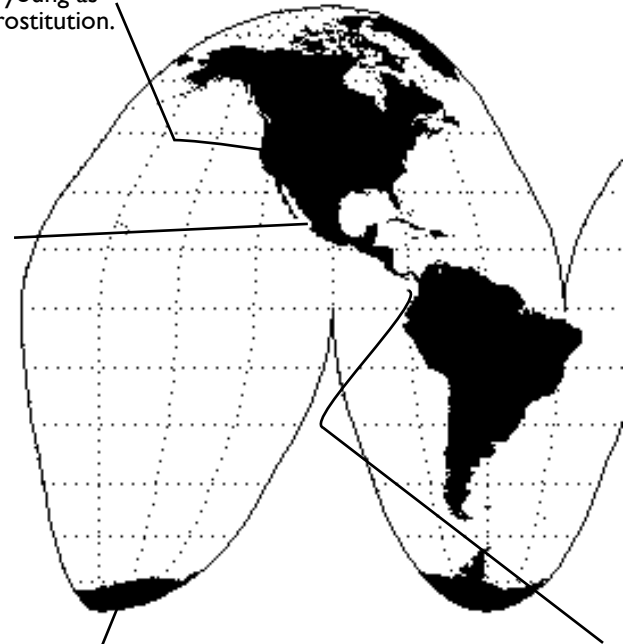
Prayer around the world

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 pray for the victims of the major human-trafficking ring shut down in Maryland, US, where girls as young as 15 were being forced into prostitution.

We pray that God would protect Christians in Mexico, particularly converts, from the increasing violence committed against them by drug cartels and indigenous communities

We pray for the fragile continent of Antarctica, which is being exploited in many ways - over fishing - both legal and illegal, increased tourism, oil exploration, etc.

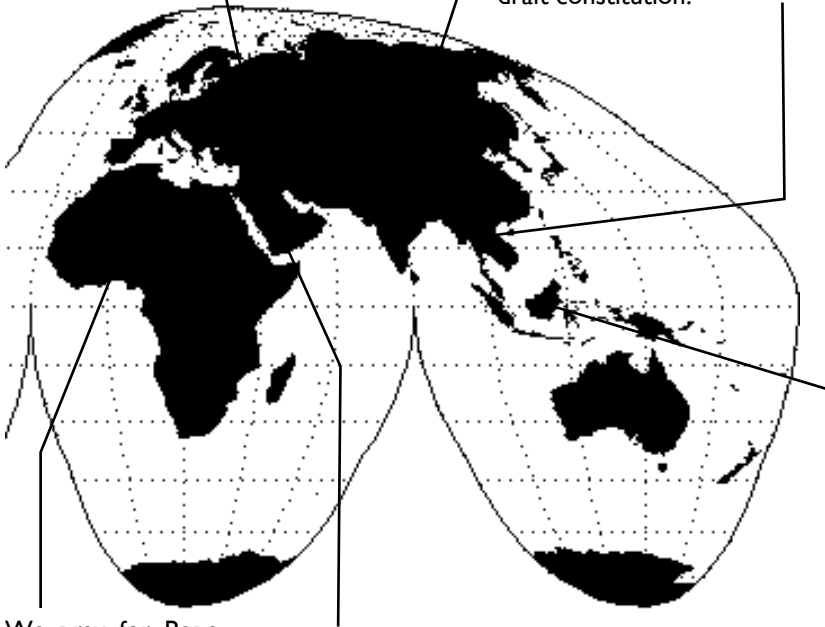


We pray for pastors in Colombia receiving death threats: thank God for their shining witness and pray that they will find a safe place to live

We pray for the citizens of Syria, where more than 250,000 have lost their lives in the ongoing civil war, where 11 million have been forced from their homes, where 4.5 million have become refugees fleeing their country, and where attacks on medical facilities are occurring every 17 hours.

We pray for the labourers being exploited by businesses in China, India, North Korea, South Sudan and Sudan, especially the children forced to work long hours in order that we may buy less expensive goods.

We pray for the people of Thailand, where a deadly wave of bomb blasts has occurred over the past several days in response to voters approving a new draft constitution.



We pray for Pope Francis' visit, as part of his Fridays of Mercy, to former sex slaves living in a housing centre in Rome, Italy: Women trafficked from Romania, Albania, Tunisia, Ukraine, and Italy, and victims of severe abuse, which the Pope called "a crime against humanity".

We pray for the citizens of Yemen, where the civil war has cost more than £10.5 billion, has killed more than 6,500 people, and has displaced 2.5 million more.

We pray for Christians in work and school in Brunei who are being discriminated against because of their faith and for church leaders, many of whom are under constant surveillance by the authorities.

Church in the Wider World Committee

Well Sandy and Jon have been to Romania and back, and their trip was very successful, bringing back a lot of useful information. Having 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, they will report back to Session and the World Mission Council on their findings in the very near future. They have of course spoke to the congregation recently. This project replaces our project in Arua, which has been completed.

The books will continue to be on sale on a Sunday morning and if you have any books, CDs or DVDs to donate please bring them along on a Sunday. All the money collected is going to the elderly in Amac and Hirip.



We will be having our Souper Sunday lunch on Sunday 25th September directly after the morning service. This is in aid of the Church of Scotland HIV/Aids Programme and it is hoped as many of the congregation as possible will stay behind to enjoy a bowl of soup. Souper Sunday offers an opportunity to raise much needed funds for a wide range of HIV initiatives at home and overseas.

More information can be obtained by visiting

http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/serve/world_mission/hiv_programme

The persecuted church is still very much in our prayers and we will continue to bring this to the attention of the congregation in various ways, eg. church website, Facebook, prayer meetings, etc. We use resources from the World Mission Council, Open Doors, etc to keep everyone up to date.. You can have a look at their web pages at

http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/serve/world_mission or

<http://www.opendoorsuk.org> or <https://www.christianfreedom.org>. Have a look and see what is happening to brothers and sisters throughout the world.

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 church

- That we would be united in our commitment to follow where Jesus leads in uncertain times
- That we pray for our new Session Clerk, Tracey Hamilton, and give her all our support
- For all those who will lead us in worship in the coming months, particularly our Interim Moderator Alison MacBrier

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
- Our planned Community Garden next to the church and for all those involved in bringing this to fruition.

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
- The churches in Presbytery who like us are in vacancy
- For our friends in St Matthew's in their worship and service.

For our world

- Our new project in Romania and our continuing fellowship in Christ with the churches in Amac and Hirip
- Our friends in Arua, Uganda and especially in the schools and St Peter's Church there
- For all those Christians throughout the world who are persecuted for their faith

Worship in coming weeks

First Tuesday Service

Our First Tuesday Services start back on Tuesday 6th September and continue on Tuesdays 4th October, 1st November and 6th December. Service starts at 2 pm and there will be tea/coffee, cakes and a chance to blether after the service.

Lord's Supper

We celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Sunday 2nd October at 11 am and also on Tuesday 4th October at 2pm in our first Tuesday service. We hope that as many members as possible will join us round the Lord's Table.

Remembrance Service

Our Remembrance Service will be on Sunday 13th November at 10.50 am.

Reachout

Reachout will be performing a Praise evening on Sunday 23rd October at 7pm in aid of our Romania Project to help the elderly. We will be taking a collection after the evening in aid of the project.

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



Church Calendar

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 4	Elders Conference Monkton 1.30 – 4pm
Tuesday 6	First Tuesday Service
Wednesday 7	Fresh Expressions meeting 11am - First Edition
Saturday 10	Games Night - Our Church
Tuesday 20	Kirk Session
Sunday 25	Souper Sunday - Wider World
Sunday ?	Harvest TBC

OCTOBER

Sunday 2	Communion
Tuesday 6	Communion
Saturday 8	Ladies Retreat
Tuesday 13	Session Committees
Tuesday 20	Congregational Board
Sunday 23	Praise Concert by Reachout in the evening
Sunday 30	Christian Aid Service - Other Churches
Sunday ?	Enrolment Service TBC

NOVEMBER

All Sundays	Foodbank Table - Community
Tuesday 1	First Tuesday Service
Saturday 5 November	Bonfire Night Messy Church - Community
Sunday 13	Remembrance Service
Tuesday 15	Kirk Session Meeting

DECEMBER

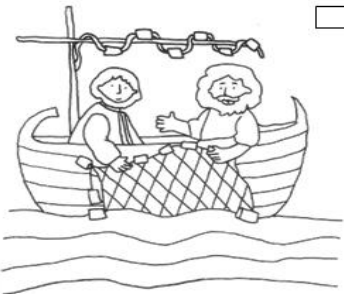
Tuesday 6	First Tuesday Service - Christmas Tea
Saturday 10	Christmas Party - Our Church
Tuesday 13	Kirk Session Committees
Tuesday 20	Congregational Board
Thursday 22	GB Carol Service
Saturday 24	Christmas Eve Services
Sunday 25	Christmas Day Worship

All dates for specific events should be referred to the Kirk Session for approval and a booking form submitted to Sadie Speirs so she can record this in the Church Diary.

Maximum of one fund raising event each month if required so we do not put too much financial pressure on the Congregation.

The risen Jesus and the disciples

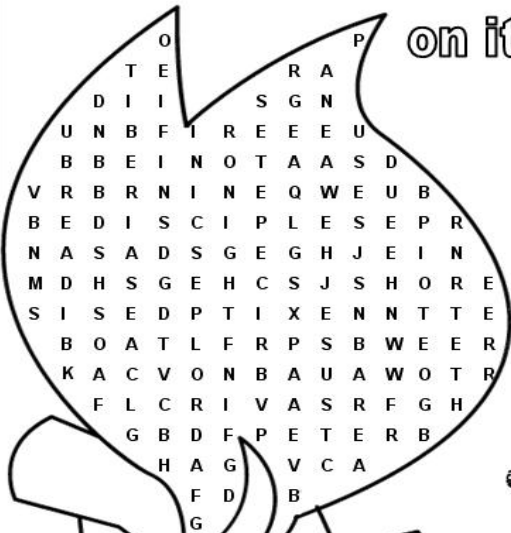
(John 21,1:15)



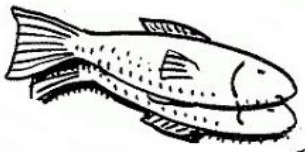
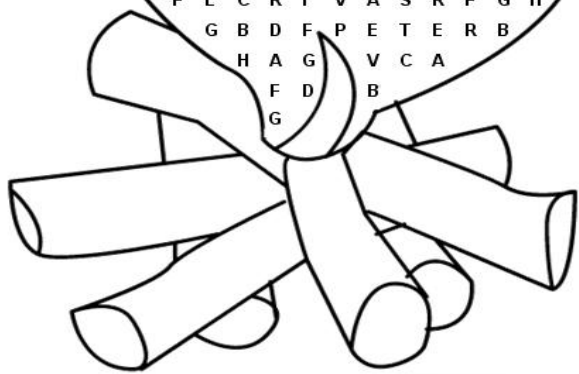
When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread.



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- Jesus
- Sea
- Disciples
- Peter
- Boat
- Night
- Shore
- Net
- Fish
- Lord
- Fire
- Bread



Find the hidden words



Junior Church Dates & Events 2016/17

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.

Sing @ Diversity event in January - date TBA

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.

May day Holiday - 30th April - no JC

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 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



Other Churches Session Committee

“150 at an evening service, most of them young people” – Recipe for Success?

If someone blindfolded you, took you to the main shopping centre of Kirkintilloch, and asked you to look and say where you were, you could easily have said, “King Street, Kilmarnock”. Yet although the towns are of a similar size and their shops look similar, 150 people attend a church evening service in Kirkintilloch, most of them youth in their late teens, twenties or thirties whereas in Kilmarnock relatively few go to church. I asked Mark Fyfe, Youth Pastor of Kirkintilloch Baptist church, “Why? What did his church do differently?”

He explained that firstly people had been praying for years about what the church could do to reach those in their late teens, twenties and thirties, and been undertaking youth community work for 26 years. Other approaches he mentioned in their aims were:

1. Create environments to form relationships and break down barriers

The Friday night community youth club, because its proven track record, has the respect of the community and the Local Authority and receives funding for a youth weekend for the training of younger leaders and items of equipment. The club’s aim is purely to build relationships with the youth and to serve the local community in this way and is not regarded as a church outreach.

A chaplaincy programme to the local High School is run by the church’s youth and children’s ministry worker. Again regular visits to the school, chatting with pupils, offering silly challenges with prizes, and running a cafeteria on a Friday have helped change suspicion to acceptance and a listening ear when Assemblies are taken.

2. Encourage leadership training

Thirty younger volunteers (from the church and outwith) help with a variety of activities aimed at those in P7 to S3. Leadership skills are being developed through this and these volunteers have become very committed to this Friday night club.

3. Have a discipleship programme

An “Equip” programme for senior secondary pupils is run on a Sunday morning and is like a Bible Class.

Through the week, House Groups meet for each of the secondary school years, each year having about 10 in it. Their aim is to develop relationships and discipleship. The leader of each group moves up each year with his/her group until that group leaves school.

After S6, young people from Kilmarnock Baptist Church move to churches in the city coinciding with their university/college education, although now more are staying around Kirkintilloch and two house groups have been set up to cater for this group.

4. Involve the young people in the evening service

“6.30” is the name given for this service, which begins with cookies and coffee. Young people plan the service along with the youth pastor and they play an active part in hosting the service which has a varied programme. At the end, a youth café providing hot dogs and toasties helps those attending to chill out. Young people come out for the whole evening and invite their friends.

For these youth, Christianity is a way of life rather than just a Sunday event.

Jim McHardy
Other Churches Committee

FELLOWSHIP OF KILMARNOCK CHURCHES

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)

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

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

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

The Golden Age Group

We meet once a month on a Tuesday afternoon from 1 - 3 pm. We enjoy meeting together in the small hall of the church, where we have entertainment, talks, information afternoons, etc and always finish off with a cuppa and a blether. There are 'no strangers here only friends who haven't met yet.'



Our programme to the end of the year is as follows:

20th September - Max Flemmich, Phone Museum.

18th October - John Smillie 'And Halloween.'

15th November - Jim Law, St Andrews.

December (date to be confirmed) - Christmas Dinner.

Pie, Pint and Parable

We meet on Wednesday 7th September at 7 pm in First Edition, Bank Street, for a pie, pint and parable. We extend a warm welcome to all in our church and community to come along and enjoy a time of fellowship and a blether. All welcome!

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 5th October.



Women's Hour

The Women's Hour start back on the 3rd October when they have their Opening Social. They will be entertained by Take a Bow that evening. All are welcome to attend and enjoy a time of fellowship together.

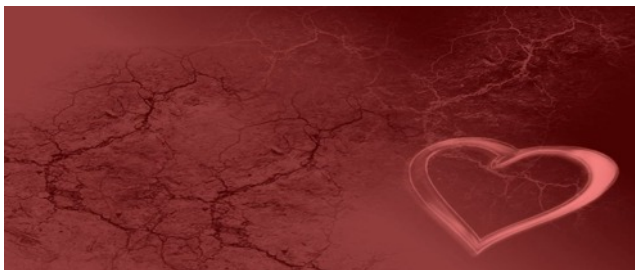
All ladies of the congregation, their friends and members of the community are most welcome. On Open Nights we would like to extend an invitation to men to come along and join us.

Our Syllabus to December is as follows.

- October 3rd Open Night - Take a Bow
- October 10th Stephen Brown - Family History
- October 17th Parcel and Book Night - parcel to the value of £2
- October 24th Open Night - Rev. Dr. Grant Barclay
- October 31st Open Film Night

- November 7th Open Night - Bon Marche
- November 14th Barbara Graham talk on Mary Slessor
- November 21st Scripture Union
- November 28th Open Night - Hand bell Ringers

- December 5th Candlelit Tea
- December 12th Party



Youth Church

Youth church leaders and members are looking forward to a great year ahead. We are being joined by some newcomers from Junior church and to celebrate we are going on an outing to Airspace in East Kilbride on Friday 2nd September.



Junior Church

Junior church is on Sunday mornings at 10.50am for all kids aged 3 to 12 years.



We have 5 regular teachers, all disclosure checked, and we separate the kids into two groups - SU Bubbles Group is for kids aged 3 to P3; SU X-Stream Group is for our older kids. Sometimes we do things together, like singing. For more information see the church website - stkentigern.org.uk.

Come and join us as we learn more about Jesus.

Here's when we meet over the next 3 months. Our meetings are in the lounge at 11am unless stated otherwise:-

Sun Sept 4th

Sun Sept 25th

Sun Oct 2nd

Sun Oct 16th

Sun Oct 30th

Anyone of secondary school age and just beyond, will be made very welcome. Come and join us for food, fellowship, friendship, fun and to find out more about following Jesus.

Clarinda McHardy

"LADIES' RETREAT!"

A reminder to all the ladies that our next Retreat will take place in the church on Saturday 8th October, starting with tea/coffee and home baking at 10am. Lunch will be provided and we will finish by 2pm. We will be focusing on Amazing Grace!



If you haven't given your name to Clarinda already, please do so as soon as possible. Suggested donation of £6.

Clarinda McHardy



Hi everyone

It was great to be back at GB again, even if it was a week earlier than normal, and better still to see 13 regulars and 2 new PIs starting. A great start to our year especially when PI find it hard to get back out after a full day at school.

We have loads planned already for the year and all these events can be found on our website at 5thkilmarnockgirlsbrigade.weebly.com. I try to update it as often as possible. Forthcoming events include helping with the church street clean and messy church events, a sponsored Board Games/Bring a friend night and fancy dress party at the end of October.

If you know anyone of school age they would be most welcome to join us on a Thursday at 6pm.

Tracey Hamilton, Captain



Pathfinders and Pathfinders+ for boys from P1 to P7 is here to provide fun & friendship in a safe, caring and Christian environment.



We do all types of games and activities from bible stories to dodge ball with some sticky donut challenges and Pie Face thrown in for good measure.

Want to find out more call or text Gavin on 07749 825671 or come along on Friday's Sept - May 7pm till 9pm.

We start back on Friday 9th September. Hope to see you there!



Messy Church



It was wonderful to welcome new children and their parents/childminders/grandparents to Messy Church at the start of our new session and also to welcome back those from last session. All quickly got involved and said it was great. This is the response we like to hear and hope to welcome more pre school children on a regular basis. We heard the story of creation through visual aids, made a creation mobile, sponge painted animals and then had fun playing with playdough. Our story was reinforced by watching a short video, singing a song and then afternoon tea.

Gillian Rooney has joined our team until Christmas and we are delighted to have Gillian on board. This session we are going to look at stories from the Old Testament so please look at our Messy Church Notice Board in the Large Hall to see the children's craft work.

We meet on the following dates from 1 – 2.30pm.

September: 13 and 27

October: 18 and 25

November 8 and 22

December 13

Irene



HARVEST MESSY CHURCH FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

By the time Outreach is published we will have had our Harvest Messy Church on Saturday 3 September so will report on this in the next magazine.

We will be holding another Messy Church for primary school children on **SATURDAY 5 NOVEMBER** from 5.30 – 7.30pm and the theme for this one will be Bonfire Night. We hope both these events will be well supported.

Messy Church is a very informal way where mums and dads can join their children in a meal, fun, crafts, , singing and still hear the message of Jesus love for everyone. A meal is provided at no cost.



Our Church

On behalf of my committee I would like to update you all with a couple of forthcoming events in our church. We are holding a Board Games Night on Saturday 10th September 7 - 8.30pm when you are welcome to join us for some fun, catchup, nibbles and a laugh.

Later for your diaries, please note we are having a Christmas Party on Saturday 10th December. If you came along to a previous party you will know what to expect: lots of festive cheer and fun.

Our committee is all about bringing the church together for a variety of purposes, both spiritually and to encourage togetherness, and we are always looking for new members. If you feel you have some ideas that we could try and wish to help then speak to one of our committee for more details.

Sharon Hamilton (Chairperson), Ann Brown, Margo Dregghorn, Margaret Murray, Tracey Grant, Janey Burnett, Denise Clark.

Church in the Community

Kier Construction will be heavily involved with our Community Garden project (Kier Construction are builders of the new academy campus). It is proposed that the garden will have a fence surrounding it with gates at both ends, all of which Kier Construction will provide. A seating area to be included along with mature trees, raised beds the produce from which to be used for the community.

The Community Café will resume on Monday 12 September from 10 am to noon in the Lesser Hall of the Community Centre.

Our local MSP Mr William Coffey joined us for the Litter Pick Up on Saturday 27 August. A report will appear in the next issue of Outreach.

A Foodbank Table will run during the month of November and a list of items will be announced in the Order of Service sheets in due course. Our response in the past has been wonderful and in donating food items we can ensure that folks in need will have a better Christmas.

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:

September

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

October

- 2nd Our Church
- 9th Church in the Community
- 16th Other Churches
- 23rd Church in the Wider World
- 30th Our Church

November

- 6th Church in the Community
- 13th Other Churches
- 20th Church in the Wider World
- 27th Our Church



Who's doing what in coming weeks

Welcoming people and uplifting the offering

September J McHardy, T Grant, K Murdoch and I Kerr

October M Craig, D Clarke, A McDonald and H McMurtrie

November L Gayle, J Simm, S Wilson and N Gray

December Ian Rennie, Irene Rennie, C McHardy and J Houston

The Count

September W Kerr and N Chisholm

October W Craig and A Fratson

November Irene Rennie, M Drummond and M Dreghorn

December Ann Brown and Joyce Simm

Making a welcoming cuppa

We meet after the morning service for our time of fellowship over a tea/coffee. We are looking for a new tea convener, as Lorna has moved to help Junior Church. Thanks to Lorna for keeping the rota up to date.

Fairtrade

St Kentigern's is an accredited Fairtrade church committed to using Fairtrade tea and coffee and we would like to encourage donations of tea/coffee for after the morning service and at other times to have the Fairtrade logo. The Co-op, Tesco, Morrisons, and M&S, to name just a few, all stock Fairtrade products. Just look for the logo.



Flower List

September

4th Sadie Speirs
11th Margaret Murray
18th Jean Hood (Barclay Dr)
25th Jean Craig

October

2nd Betty Griffen
9th Sadie Speirs/Maureen Connolly
16th Elizabeth Caldwell
23rd Margo Dreghorn
30th Box

November

6th Sadie Speirs
13th Ann Hogarth
20th Box
27th Box

Thanks to all these people for putting flowers into the church and also to those who donate through the box.

Thanks also to the ladies who make up the flowers and arrange to have them distributed. The care and attention they give to this duty is to be admired.

Thank you

Betty Kerr

Flower Deliveries

September Helen Tomlinson

October Nancy Chisholm

November Denise Robertson

The Flower

Flowers are purple,
As you shall have one,
For your sweetness,
Because I thought of you,

Place it next to your heart,
For every time it beats,
The flower will never wilt,
Nor fall apart,

I will give you my soft kisses,
My tender hugs,
To make you feel,
All warm and fuzzy,

And to see you smile,
Cause you are precious,
And don't want you to break,
For that purple flower is meant for you,

And you alone...

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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 to our Interim Moderator

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!

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