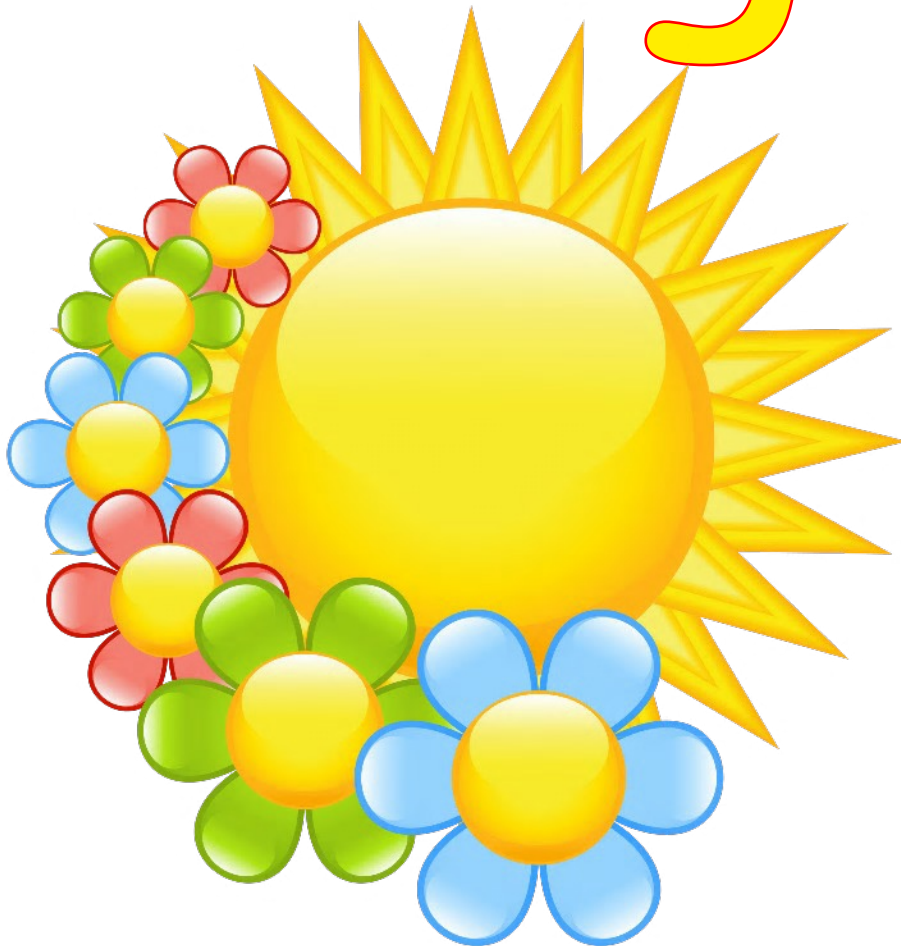




Tidings



Summer 2015

Dear Friends

We are at that wonderful stage of the year when we can look towards summer, given the “unusual” weather that can occur.

I constantly get a “row” for shouting at the Weather Forecasters on the television, as they say things like, “by courtesy of a low pressure system, we are to have inclement weather.”

Courtesy in that sense, doesn’t equate with my vocabulary!

It is though, officially, summer and we will take the opportunity to enjoy the provision that God gives in so many ways.

We only need to look around at our countryside and see all that is there; the promise in the iridescent green of this time; the increasing warmth of the sunshine and so on.

We were across in Arran for a few days and in one of the “blue sky” periods, ahead of us on the road, was the still snow-capped peak of Goatfell and with the clear sky, the evergreens and the increasing foliage, the scene could have been out of Switzerland.

We live in a wonderful country and we are assured in Scripture, that God will remain faithful in provision and that while time exists, seedtime and harvest, summer and winter, cold and heat will remain and for that we must surely be grateful.

In this Church, I am grateful for the continuing warmth of the fellowship and I have been assured by a number of visitors, that they are made to feel most welcome when they come in to the building and then the folk speak to them and there is such a comfortableness in all of that and that is indeed, our task as a Christian community; to share the good we know to be of God and whatever the season, still the sunshine of the love of the Almighty can shine through and can be communicated to folk who need that assurance.

That is how the Holy Spirit works and we are the agents of that Spirit here and now.

I may say that, so far as the search for a new Minister is concerned, the mills are grinding perhaps more slowly than we would have chosen and there have been peaks and troughs experienced by the Nominating Committee in that respect, but the search goes on and the Committee are working assiduously in their task and are prepared to continue that search.

So, for the time being, the *status quo* remains and I am prepared to minister on until a conclusion is reached.

I do hope you all have a happy and relaxing summer and that wherever you are, you will be blessed by peace and rejuvenation.

With All Good Wishes

Sincerely

Norman



What's On

June

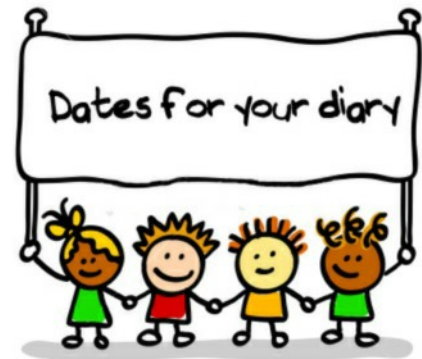
Sunday 7	10.45am	Morning Worship
Sunday 14	10.45am	Sacrament of Holy Communion
Sunday 21	10.45am	Sacrament of Baptism
Sunday 28	10.45am	Morning Worship
	3.00pm	Woodburn Court

July

Sunday 5	10.45am	Morning Worship
Sunday 12	10.45am	Morning Worship
Sunday 19	10.45am	Morning Worship
Sunday 26	10.45am	Morning Worship
	3.00pm	Woodburn Court

August

Sunday 2	10.45am	Morning Worship
Sunday 9	10.45am	Morning Worship
Sunday 16	10.45am	Morning Worship
Sunday 23	10.45am	Morning Worship
	3.00pm	Woodburn Court
Sunday 30	10.45am	Morning Worship
	3.00pm	Woodburn Court



**Services from 19 July onwards may be subject to change dependant on the pending building works*

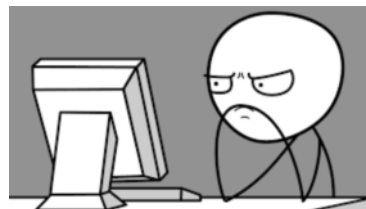
Tidings is Changing

Elsewhere in this issue you'll read of some of the financial challenges we'll be facing in the future that will result in a bit of belt tightening. Part of that process will involve reviewing our expenditure particularly in relation to printing costs and computer consumables such as paper, ink etc. Consequently it has been decided that the Christmas edition of Tidings will be the last to be routinely issued in hard copy.

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Louis Munn
Session Clerk



‘A Problem Shared’

If, like me, our annual accounts make your eyes glaze over, please read on as we have a serious problem.

Basically our accounts can be sub divided into two distinct areas. One is termed ‘Capital’ which details all income and expenditure incurred in the care and maintenance of our property. The other is termed ‘Revenue’ which details all income and expenditure incurred in the day to day running of our premises. The ‘Capital’ side of our budget is in a very healthy state, due mainly to the money accrued from the sale of The North Church and manse, and we have sufficient funds in place to finance all of the work needed now and into the future. The ‘Revenue’ side of our budget is less healthy despite considerable increases in income from halls’ rental and car parking. Put simply our day to day running costs are now showing a projected and continuing annual deficit of around £26,000, which we are currently covering from our reserves (investments income). If this situation is allowed to continue our reserves will dry up in the next few years and we will ultimately incur unsustainable losses in our running costs. We can’t transfer funds from Capital to Revenue so what more can we do?

The Kirk Session, at its last meeting, recognised that our church has a long tradition of giving generously to countless worthy causes but also accepted that urgent action was needed to address the current situation. Consequently it was agreed that our emphasis on giving must now be redirected, not wholly but substantially, towards the needs of The Old Parish. In that regard, with immediate effect and for the near future all proceeds from our Saturday and Sunday Tea/Coffee fellowship will go towards addressing our deficit as will the proceeds from our Harvest ‘coin in the box’ boxes. Harvest Services will continue and our giving will possibly take the form of a retiral offering. All organisations are encouraged to consider organising fund raising activities/events for the church and The Finance Convener and her team will commence planning a longer term fund raising strategy, details of which will be intimated to you in due course. However, due to the ongoing vacancy, a full blown Stewardship Campaign is not envisaged at this stage.

Having read all of this I do hope you realise the serious situation we are in, understand that there is still time to do something about it and perhaps wonder how you can help. We do appreciate your ongoing generosity, however it would be of enormous help if we all now reviewed our personal givings with a view to increasing them where possible. Help and advice on ways to do that can be obtained in the first instance from the Finance Convener, Marilyn Henderson and our Gift Aid Convener, Nesella Barr.

In closing can I also commend to you Nesella’s article on gift aiding your givings. By doing so you will increase your contribution to our church by 25% at no extra cost to you. Please give what I’ve said prayerful consideration. Our future depends on it.

Louis Munn
Session Clerk



Gift Aid

In the previous magazine I was able to report that we had received a payment of approximately £19300 from HMRC because many of you have gift aided your offerings. I thought, in this article, I would try to explain how this sum is generated.

The two main methods of giving are through weekly Free Will Offering envelopes and monthly standing orders to our bank acc. Others prefer to donate by annual cheque, standing orders at greater intervals or through the open plate.

All recorded methods can be gift aided, so if the donor is a tax payer, then I can claim back the tax which has already been paid on that donation. At present, that means an additional 25% for our funds so a gift aided giving of £1 per week, for instance, which is £52 over the year is actually worth £65 to the church. Until recently, cash in the plate did not qualify for gift aid but changes in regulations now allow me to claim for cash up to a maximum of £5000 in any year, bringing in an additional £1250.

At present I have 196 signed gift aid declarations for both individual donations and those from couples. Last year 6 of the annual payments by cheque were gift aided as were 50 of the 70 sets of FWO envelopes issued. Analysis of the bank statement shows that 138 of the 149 standing orders were also gift aided. What do these figures tell us? Many of our members are giving regularly and are committed to supporting the work of the church. There can be no doubt about this and if you are in in this group, the office bearers are grateful to you for your support. Here are some questions for others to consider.

1. Are you a tax payer? Can you help us by allowing us to claim the tax on your donations? If yes, then please contact me by telephone, e-mail, via the church office or speak to me at church on a Sunday morning.
2. Have you reviewed your giving recently? This is straightforward if you give through weekly offering envelopes. I have been asked what you need to do if you give by standing order. Unlike direct debits, you have to make the change to a standing order in person at your bank.
3. Do you contribute through the open plate? If so please bear in mind that our income from the open plate beyond £5000 cannot be gift aided so it would be of considerable benefit to us if some of those who used the open plate changed their method of giving and also gift aided their donation. Please give this some consideration. All recorded donations are dealt with confidentially and if you are paying tax, then your contribution can be gift aided.

If anyone has any questions, I would be happy to speak to you at any time.

Nesella Barr
Gift Aid Convener

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Four People

This is a little story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. I don't know who wrote it, but it could certainly speak to many church situations:

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it.

Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

Alasdair Gordon

Property Committee

Drawings have been prepared by a Consulting Electrical Engineer for the rewiring of the Church and installation of emergency lighting. Tenders are being prepared for the work and when all the approvals have been given work will start the week beginning 13 July. The Internal and External decoration of the Church will be carried out at the same time. The Church will require to be closed during the refurbishment and the Halls used for Sunday services.

Volunteers are required for helping to remove pew bibles, hymn books and pew cushions etc. before rewiring and decoration commences. This would require to be carried out after the Church Service on Sunday 12 July. Personal Bibles and Hymn books should be taken home.

The light above the entrance gate in Church Street has been refurbished and is now lit.

The ventilator on the main roof of the Halls will be repaired over the summer months.

The lights in the ground floor Hall's toilets have been replaced and will come on automatically when you enter.

A new tea urn water boiler has been purchased for the upstairs kitchen.

John Downie
Property Convener



Fellowship Committee

At this moment, the annual golf day has been booked for Troon on 26 May. Unfortunately we have no ladies participating, (at least at the time of writing), but it's still not too late.

As previously intimated, we have arranged a trip on a canal boat from Edinburgh to Ratho, followed by high tea at West Lothian Golf Club. This event has proved so successful that we have had to make 2 separate bookings for the boat and open a reserve list, as all 66 available places have been booked.

On Friday 28 August, we have arranged a concert in the Church and have been fortunate to have been able to book the St. John's Singers to entertain us. It is hoped for a good attendance on that night. Tickets, a bargain at £3 to include refreshments, will be on sale nearer the time.

Following this concert, we will be holding the annual bowls day on Sunday 30 August, as usual at Hamilton Bowling Club. More information will follow and names will be taken closer to that date.

It will soon be time to commence arrangements for the annual Charity Lunch, so for more information keep an eye on the Intimation Sheet.

Iain McLean
Convener



Link Committee

We held our Easter Service on Saturday 4 April in the Church with tea in the Halls after the service. We would like to thank everyone who helped us to make this day a success.

Our next event is our Summer Outing on 7 July so we look forward to seeing you all then.

Jim Naismith
Convener

Choir

In early April, the choir had the privilege of providing music for the annual Link Service held in the Church on Easter weekend. There were 18 choir members present, and our thanks to Jim Naismith and his Committee for their hospitality following the service. It is always a pleasure to share this service with our senior members.

We have now come to the end of our session with the last choir midweek meeting taking place at the beginning of May. It was a busy evening gathering back all the repertoire used over four months of services, and returning music ready for the filing of resources. Fellowship was enjoyed with tea and goodies, and at that time we were able to congratulate Mhairi and Neil McLean on the occasion of their recent silver wedding anniversary.

Congratulations are also due to our Senior Tenor. Peter Condie celebrated his 95th birthday in mid May, and continues to be very involved in the choir. Peter was baptized in the Church, and has taken an active part in many different areas of Church life since the age of 5. He is a committed chorister with almost perfect attendance at practices, morning worship and additional services. His energy and stamina are to be commended – thank you Peter for your continued dedication and support to choir.

I have enjoyed an early break through the month of April, to bank my supply of Vitamin D sunshine, and many of the choir now have their plans made for their travels during the summer months. I trust everyone will have safe journeys and hopefully source the sunshine. We will continue to meet on Sunday mornings before worship through June to August, but as we move into the holiday season, we will revert to Introits only during these months.

My sincere thanks to Myra Harcourt and Grace McGill for their efforts in creating two new covers for the Clavinovas, particularly working with my efforts at pattern making!! Your expertise is appreciated, and the covers are much more acceptable than the temporary “carry overs” from the pianos. I appreciate your help.

And finally our thanks to Forbes for the set up of the Session Room for our weekly meetings. Our new session of midweek meetings will begin on Wednesday 2 September at 7.00pm.

Helen Simpson

Organist

helensimps@sky.com



Saffronhall Singers

Monday night rehearsals for the Saffronhall Singers finished at the end of March after a very successful session. Attendance over the winter was excellent and everyone worked very hard. We gave two concerts in February and March – one at the ladies section of Blantyre Bowling Club and one in our own church for the 1970 Ladies Club – and both seemed to be enjoyed by the audience. From the choir members' perspective, we enjoyed lovely suppers at both events!

The new session will begin on Monday 28th September at 7.30pm.

Campbell Barr

Anchor Boys and Bluebells

Another session is fast drawing to a close and we have many people to thank for all their kindness to us. Over the year we have been given craft materials, sweets, Easter gifts, visits from members of the Kirk and chances to attain credits for badges by making up shoeboxes and harvest boxes. Sincere thanks to all our friends for their kind support.

The young people love to be busy and are very keen to help others.

We have taken part in the Battalion Carol Service and had a successful Christmas film night and party.

A lot of hard work and fun went into the making up of the Easter picture and garden and were appreciated by many people.

The following Bluebells will receive their prizes at the service on 10 May:

Alix Burns, Kayla Hill, Jill O'Brien and Libby Stevenson who have been members for 1 year.

Rebecca Strachan who has been a member for 2 years.

Olivia Burns who joined us in November and is now attending Brownies. We are sorry to lose Olivia but wish her well in her Guiding future.

The Anchor Boys awards are as follows:

1 year service and green badge: Sam Cox, Paul Dwyer, Charlie Finlayson, Nathan Leisegang and Liam Murtagh.

2 years service and red badge; Josh Ferguson.

3 years service, Blue badge and promotion certificate: • Callum Ewart and Michael Lawson.

Callum and Michael will now move up to Junior Section and we wish them every success as they progress through the Company.

We will be holding an end of session party before we break up for the summer.

Nanette McLean
Leader in charge



The Monday Club

The Monday club had a nice outing to The Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh on 20 April, all members found the museum very interesting and the ones that made it up to the rooftop terrace, were rewarded with panoramic views of the city and brilliant sunshine! Our good weather lasted all day, and after a satisfactory high tea at the Queensferry hotel members were still basking in sunshine, in the early part of the evening. The views over the Firth of Forth, from the balcony, external to the dining room and the new road bridge construction, were really superb.

Nesella has organised all our speakers for our next session, to include Linda Orminston/ Rev Norman McKee/St Andrews Hospice and Christmas Lunch on 7 December.

Charlie Duguid

1970 Ladies' Club



After another successful year we finished with our outing to the Royal Yacht Britannia. The new session will start on 10 September. We look forward to seeing you all then.

Avril Cunningham
President

Boys' Brigade - Junior Section

The Junior Section has now finished for the session, and the annual awards have been presented.

The boys have all worked very hard, throughout the year and all have earned their badges. •Dillon Cox, Jack Dwyer & Josh Greaney all earned their Junior Target Award. •Lewis Cousins earned both the Junior Target and the Bronze award. •Four boys worked so hard they earned next year's badge already! Awarded both Bronze AND Silver badges were Lewis Chisholm, Colin Davidson, Brohdan Nicol-Wood and Euan Parkes. Also earning his Silver badge was Greg McIntosh. Finally, earning their Gold Badge and promoted to the Company Section are Euan Davidson and Matthew Greaney.

The Jr Bible Exam trophy was shared by Dillon Cox & Euan Parkes, who both achieved an excellent score of 43/46. •In a very close result, the Sr Bible Exam was won by Euan Davidson with 47/50, who narrowly beat Greg McIntosh who had 46/50.

The May Walker memorial trophy for best attendance was shared by Colin Davidson & Greg McIntosh who both recorded a perfect attendance record.

The John Walker memorial trophy for best overall boy was shared between Colin & Euan Davidson.

Best Wishes and good luck to Ross Smart who is off to Ireland for a years work experience. •Ross will be missed by the boys and Officers alike, and we wish him best of luck, but we look forward to his return in due course.

Finally, we hope you all have a great Summer, and we look forward to welcoming the boys back in September.

Alan Brown
Leader in charge



Brownies

The Brownies have been doing two different interest badges since starting back in January this year. They first of all completed the World Issues Badge which involved the girls finding out about recycling bottles, cans, clothes and finding out why this was good for the environment. They had to complete a weekly water usage chart realising just how much water they used. They covered a section on fairtrade and made chocolate pancakes and finally learned about how people communicated in different countries. They next completed their Cooks Badge, firstly they sewed and decorated an apron, they served morning coffee to the people of the Church. They had to cook a breakfast/lunch for their family and we are going to visit and see behind the scenes of Sainsburys Supermarket on 26 May which should be good fun.

Low Waters Bowling Club have asked the girls along on Tuesday 12 May for a taster session of \outdoor Bowling which should be a challenge. The girls always enjoy a challenge so we look forward to this. We are finishing up on 2 June with a Brownie treat (a visit to the cinema)! And that's us until 1 September.

We have had an enjoyable session.

We are always looking for new girls to come along aged 7-10 years. Please contact Helen on 07708 844005 for more information.

Helen, Linda, Lynn



Boys' Brigade

The Company held its Company Service and Presentation of Awards on Sunday 10th May 2015. Euan Davidson and Greg McIntosh from the Junior Section, and Russell Anderson and Struan Wilson from the Company Section, helped with the readings and prayers. All did very well and we are very grateful for their contribution to the worship.

The Company Section awards were as follows:-

Mrs J M Mackechnie Recruit Challenge Medal

Ewan McIntosh and Euan Baird

James Alston Dykes Indian Challenge Medal For General Efficiency

Cameron Marks, Struan Wilson and Jack Anderson

John Allan Trophy for Most Improved Boy

Russell Anderson

Junior Bible Exam Challenge Trophy

David Chisholm

Misses Jamieson Senior Bible Exam Challenge Trophy

Cameron Marks

Mr & Mrs A Harley Squad Challenge Trophy

Cameron Marks, Andrew Reynolds and Jack Anderson



President's Badges and Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Awards

This has been a very successful year for a number of the boys who have now completed the work for their President's Badges and Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Awards. The President's Badge is the second highest award in The Boys' Brigade.

In tandem the President's Badge and Duke of Edinburgh Award require commitment, character and determination – and completion of gruelling expeditions!

Qualifying for very well deserved awards:

President's Badges

Callum Hunter, Andrew Reynolds, Sam Walker, Lewis McParlane, David Anderson and Struan Wilson

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Russell Anderson, Cameron Marks, Callum Hunter, Andrew Reynolds, Sam Walker, Lewis McParlane, David Anderson and Struan Wilson

Mrs Nanette McLean

We are fortunate to have Officers who devote voluntarily their time and talents to working with the boys at all ages in the Company.

A special presentation was made to Mrs Nanette McLean in recognition of thirty years of dedicated service to the Company and The Boys' Brigade.

Nanette continues to serve with energy and enthusiasm and we are extremely grateful for the leadership she continues to give to the Anchor Boys and Bluebells.

Ross Smart

Ross is studying chemistry at University and his course requires that he work for a year in industry before going back to finish his degree. Around September he will be off to Cork to work for Pfizer. Regrettably that means we will lose him for a year as a leader in the Junior Section. Ross is hugely well liked and respected and we will miss him. We know he will do extremely well and he goes with our very best wishes.

Church of Scotland and Boys' Brigade World Mission Project 2015

The Service provided an opportunity to launch our fundraising plan to support this year's World Mission Project. Overcoming technical problems Graham Horne gave two excellent presentations, first on the project itself to provide resources for an anti-bullying campaign in Trinidad and Tobago, where bullying and gang culture is an extremely serious problem, and second for our fundraising bike ride on 27th June 2015 from Glasgow to Edinburgh along the towpaths next to the Forth and Clyde and Union Canals. Thanks are due to Graham for the time, care and thought given to each of the Presentations. He did seem somewhat relieved when the laptop fired into life for the bike ride video!! Thank you to all of you who have already donated or pledged funds to support the project.

Company Thanks

As a Company we have been well supported throughout each session.

On behalf of the Company I'd like to thank especially the following folk:

Rev Norman McKee - throughout the session Norman has been hugely encouraging of all of the Company's activities and in planning our Church Services. His help and guidance – and good humour – have been invaluable.

Mrs Andrea Davidson - Andrea as always has been a huge help dealing with various BB related emails and compiling the Orders of Service for our Services.

Liaison Elders - Alex Stoddart for the Anchor Boys, Sandy McKinnon for the Junior Section, and Louis Munn for Company Section, all continue to take a strong and active interest in what the boys are doing and maintain a vital link with Kirk Session.

Congregation - as our congregation we are indebted to you for all your support over the year. We are grateful not only for your financial support for our Coffee Mornings and World Mission fundraising but also the regular encouragement given to the boys.

Parents and Families - a huge thank you is due to all of the boys' families for their taxi runs on a Company night and to all Battalion parades, competitions and events, and for help with the World Mission projects. We are massively grateful for the time and commitment given to furthering the work we do.

Officers and Staff – we have a very committed and talented staff - in the Anchor Boys, Nanette McLean, Gillian Buttery, and Alan and Lynne Young, in the Junior Section, Alan Brown, Frank Gardiner, Graham Horne and Ross Smart, and in the Company Section, Gordon Scott, Graham Horne, Iain Gray and Fraser Ewart. They all give freely of their time and abilities in serving the boys in their care and in furthering the work of the Brigade, The appreciation due to them is immeasurable.

Boys – most importantly thanks are due to all the boys in the Company for their attendance, hard work, enthusiasm, participation, competitiveness, and the fun and enjoyment they bring to all that we do.

Finally, and on a very personal note, thank you very much indeed for the Long Service Certificate presented at the Service. Gillian was equally taken aback but just as appreciative on the presentation to her of a beautiful bouquet of flowers – no doubt in place of a much deserved Long Suffering Certificate! I have been very fortunate over the years to have worked in the Brigade with many boys and officers at Company, Battalion and National level. I believe there are none finer or better than the boys and officers we have in our own Company just now - but please don't tell them I said that!!

Thank you

Alistair Buttery
Captain





Guild

Whose we are and whom we serve
A world to serve

The theme has now come to an end. Over the past 3 years we have enjoyed interesting speakers.

The new theme be bold - be strong "Go in Peace" has been received. The syllabus is being prepared.

A new banner is being made by the Banner Group for 2015-2018.

I hope everyone enjoys the summer break along with the good weather.

Avril Boothroyd
Coordinator

Safeguarding

Recently we received a communication from the Church of Scotland Safeguarding Service including a poster which has to be displayed in church premises. The poster names the Safeguarding Coordinators and how to contact them. It also features the Church's key safeguarding message: ***if you suspect or witness harm or abuse, or it is reported to you, you must immediately report it to your Safeguarding Coordinator.*** It draws attention to the need to protect both children and adults at risk and makes reference to historical abuse (for which the Church has a policy too) and risk posed by sex offenders attending worship. Details of the Church of Scotland Safeguarding Service website are also on the poster and all relevant documents can be accessed there. Copies of these documents are available in the church office for those who do not have access to the internet.

Should you have any questions please don't hesitate to speak to one of us.

Nesella Barr/David Young
Safeguarding Coordinators

Congratulations

Congratulations to Drew Clayton who won several awards including the Battalion bible award, Best Boy Award and was presented with The Queen's badge at 2nd Hamilton Boys Brigade.



The Scottish Bible Society

The visit of Bible World van with interactive and computerised areas to teach children about the Bible in an interesting and fun way was a great success. The children's and teacher, Bill Maxwell's, enthusiasm was a joy to witness.

A very big thank you to those from Hamilton Old Parish who volunteered to help during school visits. I think they enjoyed it as much as the children - I certainly did! Each child was given an illustrated testament of Luke's gospel so an exciting outreach just before Easter.

Thanks also to collectors on Bible Society's Flag Day on 18 April which realised a total of £372.48.

Muriel Eadie

I'm Fine Thank You!

There is nothing the matter with me,
I'm as healthy as I can be.
I have arthritis in both my knees
And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze.
My pulse is weak, and my blood is thin,
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

Arch supports I have for my feet,
Or I wouldn't be able to be on the street.,
Sleep is denied to me night after night,
But every morning I find I'm all right.
My memory is failing, my head's in a spin
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

The moral is this as my tale I unfold -
That for you and me who are growing old,
It's better to say "I'm fine" with a grin,
That to let folks know the shape we are in.

How do I know that my youth is all spent?
Well, my "Get up and go" has got up and went.
But I really don't mind when I think with a grin,
Of all the grand places my "Get up" has bin.

Old age is golden I've heard it said
But, sometimes I wonder as I get into bed.
With my ears in the drawer, my teeth in a cup,
My eyes on the table until I wake up.
Ere sleep overtakes me, I say to myself,
"Is there anything else I could lay on the shelf?"

When I was young my slippers were red,
I could kick my heels over my head.
When I was older my slippers were blue,
But still I could dance the whole night through.
Now I am old my slippers are black,
I walk to the store and puff my way back.

I get up each morning and dust off my wits
And pick up the paper and reads the "Obits."
If my name is still missing I know I'm not dead,
So I have a good breakfast and go back to bed.



Flower List 2015

June	07	Mrs Irvine	25 Forrest Gate
	14	Mrs Graham	32 Udston Road
	21	Mrs Taylor	37 Swisscott Walk
	28	Mrs Mair	61 Portland Park
July	05	Mrs Elder	4 Pine Park
	12	Mrs Buttery	21 Dungavel Gardens
	19	Mrs Brown	9 Forrest Crescent
	26	Mrs Stenton	98 Chatelherault Crescent
August	02	Mrs Queen	23 Avonside Grove
	09	Mrs McKinnon	61 Silvertonhill Avenue
	16	Mrs Morrow	42 Silvertonhill Avenue
	23	Mrs Moffat	Ft 6/4 101 Townhead Street
	30	Mrs Nelson	10 Lilac Hill
September	06	Mrs McLean	28 Rosevale Crescent
	13	Mrs Downie	6 Stonebyres Court

Donations to the fund are always welcome since they assist with the special occasions such as Harvest.

Thank you for your generosity and co-operation.

E Gardiner

01698 427852



Flower Delivery

June	07	Miss D Hastie	60 Cameron Crescent
	14	Mrs E Irvine	25 Forrest Gate
	21	Mrs H Simpson	20 Oak Lea
	28	Mrs M Stenton	98 Chatelherault Crescent
July	05	Mrs K Hunter	39 Woodburn Park
	12	Mrs M Gilroy	34 Cheviot Road
	19	Mrs H McGreevy	2 Alloway Gardens
	26	Mrs N McLean	28 Rosevale Crescent
August	02	Mrs E Buttery	21 Dungavel Gardens
	09	Mrs M Latimer	33 Montrose Crescent
	16	Mrs H Lyon	16 Swift Bank
	23	Mrs L Kinsman	27 Smithycroft
	30	Mrs B Stoddart	11 Wallace Place
September	06	Mrs M Baird	41 Portland Place
	13	Mrs M Eadie	5 Birch Brae

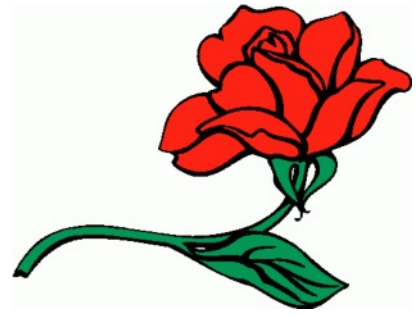
Flowers are usually delivered after the Morning Service. If the date is unsuitable, please try to re-arrange or contact:

Kate Morrow

01698 420748

Rose Bowl List 2015

June	14	E Harley
July	05	J Orr
	12	F Hunter
	19	L Craig
August	02	I Samson
	16	G Robertson
	23	N Meek
	30	M McGlynn
September	06	P Scott
	13	G Keir



Flower Circle

A big thank you to the members of the Flower Circle who helped decorate the Church so beautifully for Easter!



Sunday Coffee Rota

Volunteers are urgently required to assist with serving tea and coffee after Sunday Service.

If you are able to assist can you please contact the Church Office on 01698 281905.

If you can spare some time it would be greatly appreciated.



The KiltWalk 2015

Another year, another KiltWalk and another fantastic backing from the Old Parish.

A few weeks ago I took part in the 2015 KiltWalk from Hampden Park to the shores of Loch Lomond in Balloch. The weather was not in our favour as over 6000 people started the 26 mile trek, but as the miles tumbled and the sun emerged, the fantastic community spirit kept everyone moving and knowing it was all for such a worthy cause helped my friend Colin, my brother Mark and I keep moving to complete the walk in almost 10 hours exactly.

I'd like to personally thank all members of the Old Parish for their sponsorship and encouragement on the lead up to the day as well as the congratulations after it. It really does make the aching muscles all worthwhile, with a total of almost **£400** on its way to help Scotland's sick children.

Now on to next year!

Alan Young





Entered into Eternal Life.
"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

*God of grace and peace, in your Son Jesus Christ
 You have given us new birth into a living hope.
 Strengthen us now to live in the power of the resurrection
 and keep us united with our loved one
 from whom in death we are not divided;
 for You live and reign forever and ever. Amen*

*9 February 2015
 Catherine Hughes, 111 Hall Street*

*16 March 2015
 William Reid, 30 Royellen Avenue*

*25 March 2015
 Isabella Reid, 10 Alexander Gardens*

*2 April 2015
 Margaret Paterson, 39 Chantinghall Road*

*14 April 2015
 George Steven, 25 Martin Court*

Weddings

"That they be the one"

*3 May 2015
 Lindsay Maxwell to Stephen Thomson*



Baptisms

"Let the children come to me"

*15 February 2015
 John Chris Thomson Muncie*

*26 April 2015
 Robbie Jack Argue*

*17 May 2015
 Ross William Hooper*



Loving God of all provision,
we come to you in this season
of relaxation and refreshment.

We see the evidence of your creation and
we praise you for colour and sound and senses.
We praise you that we are encouraged and enlivened
when we are aware of all you do for us;

in nature;

in person;

in community;

in the depth of all we are and need.

You are the satisfier of all that is good for us and
your wisdom is unceasingly without comparison and so,

as we thank you and come to you in all praise,

we pray that you will provide for all,

as you provide for us,

that the summer of the love you show

will be evidenced in the lives of others

whose lives matter to you as much as ours do.

So may it be as we give your Holy Name

all Glory and Praise,

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen.