

Life

September 2016

In

Netherlee

Kirk



Services for September



- Sunday 4th September 10.30 am Morning Worship
- Sunday Club resumes
- Sunday 11th September 10.30am Morning Worship
- Sunday 18th September 10.30 am Morning Worship
- Sunday 25th September 10.30 am Morning Worship
- Farewell to Rev David Maxwell
- Sunday 2nd October 10.30 am Morning Worship
- Harvest Thanksgiving
Family Service with food
donations to LHM,
Retiring Offering to Sri Lanka,
Launch of Shoe Box Appeal.

OPEN



DOOR

Recommences Wednesday 7th September 2016.

Offering hospitality and friendship every Wednesday from 10.00am

There is a short worship service in the lesser sanctuary followed by
tea/coffee and chat at 10.30am

All welcome

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request. Please contact John Montgomery on 637 2416

From the Minister



Dear friends,

It is marvellous to see our plans for the refurbishment of the church halls coming to fruition after years of careful planning and prayerful consideration. We look forward to having an excellent suite of halls for the church and community which are worthy of the Lord our God. Over these past few weeks a great team of folks have been working together to finish the work. We have had architects, quantity surveyors, engineers, contractors, tradesmen of all descriptions and of course humble labourers, all of whom were necessary, and all contributed to the completion of the work. It serves as a great illustration and indeed a reminder that God is engaged in His own building project, creating a spiritual household not made with hands, yet involving people of all kinds, gifts and talents.

Peter described God's people as living stones being built into a spiritual household whose foundation and cornerstone is Christ. Although God is the chief architect and builder, we are required to play our part by building with the appropriate materials, (2 Cor. 9-10) and to build according to God's instructions. The ancient Psalmist warned that, "Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labour in vain." (Psalm 127) Jesus likewise told the parable of the wise and foolish builders, (Matthew 7: 24) the wise being those who listened to God's word and who put it into practice. And so the building materials we have are prayer, to listen to the architect; God's word, for clear instructions; and the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which are given to each one of us to build each other up in love (Eph.4:16). God has at our disposal the building blocks of faith, grace, forgiveness, love and mercy and much, much more. So let us take the opportunity to re-commit ourselves to get involved in God's spiritual building. He depends upon all our different gifts and talents. All of us are important to God and all are useful in His spiritual building.

I'm mindful too that we are likely to be forming a Nominating Committee soon to begin searching for a new minister for the creation of a linkage and eventual union of Stamperland and Netherlee Congregations. It is, if you

like, a re-modelling of the church's mission in our area, a refurbishment with new leadership and new ideas. This will require all of us to work together to ensure that God's building work continues in our combined parishes.

We are blessed to have the new halls and facilities at our disposal and we are blessed to have the opportunity to build a new church together in partnership with our friends in Stamperland. Let us embrace this opportunity with both hands for the sake of the Gospel and the Glory of our faithful God.

Yours sincerely in Him,
Rev Tom Nelson



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Come along for fun and friendship at Messy Church

An opportunity for busy young families on a Sunday afternoon from 4-6pm to experience church through games, crafts and activities; as well as something to eat as a family. It's OK to drop in at the last minute – you're always welcome.

Over session 2016/17 the proposed dates are **Sunday 6th November**, then 11th December, 22nd January and 5th March.

Kirk Session

Summer is not quite over and already the Rouken Glen Garden Centre has erected the displays for Christmas!!! It seems to get earlier every year which I think is frightening. That said, I hope for you all, that the summer break lived up to your expectations. Those of you who have regularly attended the early services during the summer will have been delighted at the success of the **“Bags of the Bible”** theme and the wide reaches of our world that our Bags have got to. Thanks to all of you who sent back your pictures which have been a delight to view each Sunday. The message of **“I will be with you wherever you go”** was certainly commented on by passers by who asked to take a snap and may have started a conversation or two. We were also surprised at how quickly we sold all the bags, so if you missed out this time then be quick off your mark next year when we may well repeat the idea. The theme provided some challenges for the sermons taken by Tom, David and Fee.

The Kirk Session last met formally on 7 June but as it was so long ago may I be excused for not boring you with past history. We did however have a joint meeting with Stamperland and the **Presbytery Vacancy Procedures Committee** for them to advise us what the next steps would be now that Presbytery had approved the draft basis of linkage leading to union and would formally be giving Stamperland permission to call a new minister. It was a useful meeting with the two Session Clerks asked to start thinking about preparing our Parish Profile document and the need to appoint a joint Nomination Committee (formerly a vacancy committee) probably in the early part of the new session.

It is the Congregations who appoint this committee (7 from Netherlee and 6 from Stamperland) which is posing a bit of a dilemma for us as we are instructed to have a committee which is truly representative of the age, gender, organisations and interests of the whole congregation. With only 7 people from Netherlee as our share of the Committee this will prove quite a challenge. **To help us with this task I would ask the Congregation to give this matter some serious thought and to provide me with any suggested names of members for the Committee so that we can find out if they are**

interested in having their name put forward. It is likely that the meeting to appoint the Committee will be either the 23 or 30 October so I would be grateful for any names to be provided to me by the end of September. For your interest when we were looking for a new minister in 2001/2002 we had a vacancy committee of 19. Quite different from today!

Just to keep you up to date the work on the **Halls project and the new heating system** is well under way. A project meeting earlier this week provided the good news that it was on track to be completed by 3rd October. The further good news from our structural engineers is that the problem of the eaves trusses in the Welcome Hall corridor is not as great as we originally feared. You may have heard that part of the heating proposals included the installation of an **Air Source Heat Pump**. As we had been unable to satisfy ourselves about the sound levels from the pump within a residential area and as we had received serious expressions of concern from our near neighbours about the likely constant noise from the pump, we concluded, after careful thought and reflection, we should not install one which will reduce the cost of the project and was a great relief to the neighbours. We are in the business of getting on with the people in our community, not alienating them.

Once the project is complete and the building handed back to us by the contractor the allocation of cupboard space and the installation of shelving etc. will take time. Organisations should be prepared for a short period of disruption until we get everything back from outside storage. **We were quite astonished at the amount of stuff we transferred to the gallery from the various cupboards**, some of which I am sure could easily be disposed of. **All organisations will be asked to have a ruthless clear out of their cupboard contents before they repopulate their storage space**, and hopefully this will generate some space for future use. I appreciate that some clearing out was done by certain groups as the cupboards were being emptied in July but there is still plenty of scope for more to be done. Start thinking now,- particularly the Mother & Toddler groups.

The **Congregational roll** at 7 June 2016 stood at 608.

With the Halls disruption I have **missed** there being **no Holiday Club** this

year but maybe the organisers have enjoyed the break! I have also missed the **Thursday Guild Coffee mornings** during the summer and have had a sense of “missing out” which I know will be temporary.

My thanks to the **volunteer families** who helped out at the 9.30am part of the summer services and also to those who carried out the welcome and reading at the second part. Thanks are also due to Barbara Cochrane and her support team for arranging **tea and coffee** served from the vestibule and into the Lesser Sanctuary while the Large Hall is out of commission. Despite the change attendances for coffee were surprisingly well supported. I have noticed a reluctance on the part of members to vacate the church at the conclusion of the services and to hang around in small groups having a chat once Steven finishes his voluntary. I wonder if we are feeling a bit “lost” with all that is going on within our premises.

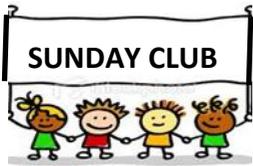
We are aware of a **need** to train **more operators on the use of the AV system**. Holiday breaks resulted in us being shorthanded during the summer and no DVD's produced or any live streaming for a couple of weeks. If you have an interest in this technology, its importance to our communication strategy, and becoming a member of the Operating Team please get in touch with me or any of the existing team of Neil, Caroline or Pete who will let you know what level of commitment is required. Full training will be given and age or gender is no barrier.

Looking forward, meetings have started up with the Finance Committee, Worship Committee, Business Committee, Halls Project and Vacancy Procedures so I guess the summer break has well and truly ended and we are into a new session.

John Montgomery

Session Clerk

20 August 2016



As we look ahead to a new session, we thought you would like a reminder of what the Sunday Club got up to last year as was shared by Karen at the promotion service in May, as well as an update for the new session.

Last year we again had 31 children of primary school age on our role with many attending almost every week. Our leadership Team was once again headed by Helen Illingworth, Sunday School Superintendent, with members Jean Balfour, Cath Dunbar, Niall Illingworth, Marilyn Love, Vivienne Mair, Elaine Murray and Karen McQueen. Lorraine Johnston has continued to support us by acting as treasurer, no mean feat when we hand over several pounds in brown pennies!

Our material this year has had us considering our Bible heroes and we have walked with the apostles. We have some very artistic leaders who help to share the gospel through craft, so we have had a Passover house and meal this year and really beautiful items such as the Mother's Day baskets and thank you cards. In November, once again, we took part in the Blythswood Care appeal to send shoeboxes filled with useful items to those in need in Eastern Europe. The boxes put together by the Club joined others from the congregation to give us a grand total of 135 boxes, 55 more than last year. The Sunday Club also donated £260 towards the distribution of the boxes. Also in November we invited two former Sunday Clubbers, Sarah McCluskie and Sophie Aziz, along to tell the children about their up and coming trip volunteering in Nepal. The children were interested to hear from young people who were part of their group only a few short years ago.

In the run up to advent, we took part in the Christian Aid campaign to provide education and mosquito nets to families in Nigeria at risk from malaria. We decorated pictures of mosquitoes and put them on the pew ends and set aside our offerings in December for the campaign. With donations from the congregation we sent £260 to Christian Aid. A wonderful way of getting our children to understand that there is more than one type of Christmas present. Our ever popular Christmas parties saw us enjoying fun games, food and a treasure hunt. Younger members joined the Sunbeams for their party.

The following Sunday we lead the congregation through our nativity presentation where the biggest challenge was erecting a time tunnel up to the pulpit. Once again the children rose to the challenge to present a heart-

warming version of this marvellous event.

Given the number of children involved in Saturday activities, and the number of groups now meeting in the halls, we decided not to hold our usual Coffee Afternoon this year. Instead, on 28th February, we used a theme from Tearfund and held a 'Stir it Up Lunch'. The children chopped vegetables on the previous afternoon, and we provided soup, bread and home baking to those who attended in the large hall after the service. Niall also ran his famous tombola and the children gave a short presentation on the work of Tearfund to prevent flooding in Malawi. We are grateful to all those who supported this event both by helping and attending. £950 was raised on the day and topped up from our offerings; we received a lovely letter from Tearfund thanking us for our donation of £1000.

Week by week the children bring one and two pence pieces which we save for the charity Starter Packs. Members of the congregation from time to time pass us more 'brown pennies' for which we are very grateful. We contacted Starter Packs and spent £68 on various household essentials. This can be anything from toilet rolls to duvet covers.

Our recent record with the weather for our Sunday Club outing has been woeful, although we normally return happy if not soaked and frozen. Undeterred, we arranged our Sunday Club Trip to Kittochside Museum of Rural Life in the hope of a change in our luck. Our patience was rewarded and we spent a beautiful sunny and warm afternoon outside at the museum. Our final meeting on Communion Sunday saw us head to the playpark at Netherlee Pavilion in the sun, ideal for our 'Netherlee Bag' picture.

Although all the ages are now together we are continuing with the former structure when it comes to promotions, so we promoted Primary 2 and Primary 5 children within the Club. We have no Primary 7s this year. Our Primary 2s – Cameron Hill, Simon Patterson and Rhea Wilson. Our Primary 5s – Priya Baines, Kyle Crawford, Ross Duncan and Eva Wilson. Well done to all for your faithful attendance.

We start our new session midst the Halls alterations. Please meet the Sunday Club leaders in the front pews from 10.15am. We expect to be using Netherlee Pavilion, so coats advisable! The children will be returned to the church as close to 11.45 as possible. Any changes will be intimated when children are dropped off, so do say hello.

We extend a warm welcome to all children P1 to P7.

The Sunday Club Team



Netherlee Anchor Boys are back - can you help?

Last session Netherlee Anchor Boys started the year with five boys and ended the year with twelve (or, as a politician might put it, "last session Netherlee Anchor Boys saw its membership soar by 140%..."). The Company was also delighted to see four boys - Thomas, Jack, Zak and Jacob - promoted to the Junior Section, and is keen to see their number, and more, replaced with new recruits this year.

As one Anchor Boy independently observed last term: "The more there are in Anchor Boys the more who will hear about Jesus. The more who hear about Jesus the more there will be in heaven. And the more there are in heaven the more fun we will have."

The Anchors - who are meeting in Merrylea Church during the hall renovations - have assembled for the first time in the 2016/17 session and were encouraged to start with eleven names on its books. But they want to grow more and know that, with the help of the congregation, they can do just that. Do you know any boys in p1-p3 who might be interested in coming along for games, sports, crafts, stories, baking and general fun on a Monday night from 6pm-7pm? If so, let the Anchors know.

But it's not just recruits that the congregation can help the Anchors with. Do you have a skill or an interesting pastime you could come and teach the boys about? Could you bake some cakes for them to decorate? (one of their favourite activities!). Could you lead them on a sports, games, craft or Bible learning activity? Could you lend a hand at a party night or at an outing? Could you teach them some new songs? Or could you help coordinate a pizza making night?



The Anchor Boys are the foundation upon which the Boys' Brigade is built. If you can help swell its numbers or assist in its work - even if only for one night a year - please speak to the Minister, any of the BB leadership or call Anchor Boys leader Alistair on 07434 521 928. You never know, it might result in you getting that spare seat on the bus to the next ten pin bowling night...

*Alistair Haw
Leader*

Finance Committee Stewardship Campaign

The last stage of the campaign was to review the charge we were making to non church organisations for hall lets. We considered that it had been some 8/10 years since the last increase, local churches are charging at least £16 an hour and local authority lets started at £19.10 an hour which doubles at the weekends from 5pm on the Friday.



A letter was sent to all lessees advising them that from the 1st September our rate would increase from £10 to £12 an hour and it would be reviewed annually in future. The new rate will now be applied once the lessees are back in the halls in October following the refurbishment.

From the Treasurer's report, you will read that following the stewardship campaign he is confident that we will not have a deficit at the year end.

Members have responded positively to the campaign and over the summer our funds have been boosted by £3,540 in one off donations. Members have also increased their monthly givings and this should over the remainder of the financial year boost income by some £1,100. We will also benefit from the tax recovery from those donations/increased givings that have been given by gift aid.

It is hoped that further increases in givings will materialise in the last 4 months of the year as members complete new standing orders. It is felt that perhaps standing order inertia has restricted the response from those members (the majority) who use this method of giving. Not all members have access to online banking and it is not always easy to visit a branch to initiate a change to a standing order. To make it easier for members to change their standing orders the Finance Committee agreed that from September blank standing order forms and envelopes will be available in the lesser sanctuary. Completed forms should be put in a sealed envelope marked for the attention of Dennis Burt and placed in the offering bag. Dennis will then contact the member's bank and arrange for the new standing order to be implemented.

Dennis is also more than happy to visit members who wish to renew their standing orders. He can be contacted on 633 0309.

The Finance Committee wish to record our thanks for the positive response to the stewardship campaign,

Thank You

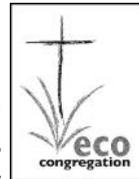
Allan Mathieson

Finance Committee Convener

Eco-Congregation.

Sometimes being an ecologist creeps into my other roles!

Isabel (my older Irish granddaughter) has a birthday in late November which kind of squashes into Christmas. It means that her birthday and Christmas presents have a winter theme. Recognising this problem I started giving "half birthday" presents that encourage outdoor activities. This year I repeated a gift I gave my grandson (Isabel's cousin). I gave Rowan and now Isabel a proper pond dipping kit. My experience of students using a proper net, white trays to look at the material collected, a simple key for identification and a magnifier opens up a new world.



When visiting Isabel recently we opened up the box that had the kit. She was fascinated with the contents. We then went to a pond she visits regularly but had never done any dipping. We had great fun finding lots of wriggling bugs, swimming bugs, things with lots of legs and some with none. Please note - no formal names. We did use one name. We found lots of really small leeches! Isabel liked the way they moved.

Rowan has used his net so much that we have had to replace the net! With this kit getting new nets is not difficult.

I started "pond dipping" with a jam jar and string handle and a minnow net. I am still known to dip into ponds to check their wildlife. I hope I am passing the interest to other generations! I look forward to tadpoles in spring.

Sheena Wurthmann

Brownie News from 3rd Netherlee

Eventually at the end of the last session, we managed to get outside and end the year with a well-deserved ice cream. The Leaders were very proud of the Brownies who conducted themselves very well when out and about in Netherlee. It was disappointing that we had not got all our planned spring and Nature Walks in for the session but we hope to still carry this out at the start of the new term.



The new session for 3rd Netherlee Brownies starts on Thursday 1st September 2016 @ 6.30pm at the usual place of the Scout Hall. All Brownies should return to their Brownies pack even if they are 'due' to move up to Guides this year. Arrangements for 'moves' will be made later on in the session.

We have lots planned for this year including, *hopefully, (*hopefully because places are balloted) a sleepover at Glasgow Science Centre literally under the stars. We will also be continuing our Five Year Programme of 'Being our best', with introductions to exciting activities and people. All this would not be possible of course without the unstinting support of the 3rd Netherlee Team, namely, two Assistant Leaders and four Youth Helpers. They give of their time and more importantly their energy to ensure that the Brownies are seeing positive role models delivering the extensive programme set by Girl Guiding.



A lovely Thank You message came from the Chief Guide herself, on this subject, thanking the whole team for a successful 2015/6 year and wishing them the best for the forthcoming 2016/7 one, the message came during National Volunteers Week at the beginning of June 2016. Let's hope then for some more summer weather as we embark on the programme for 2016/7 and the adventures that it will bring. Netherlee—You have been warned!

Jane Cowan, Brownie Guide Leader and Team

www.girlguiding.org.uk



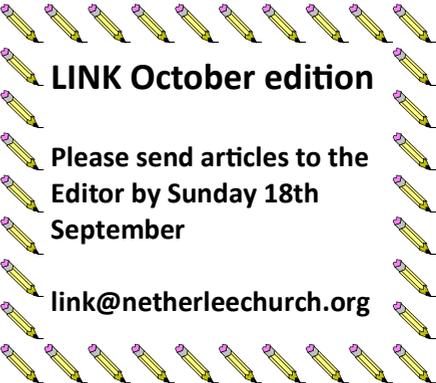
One would think that our reading over the summer period would be light and easy going. Susan Calman's book (our July read) "Cheer Up Love" has the sub title "Adventures in depression with the Crab of Hate".

Most of our discussion was about depression and its various forms and effects on lives. No - we have no magic solution or cure but being prepared to talk seems to help those who suffer this 'sickness'. The problem is that the sufferer needs someone to listen and support. Medication helps but it is a challenge to manage the dosage and to come off the medication. Susan Calman does not take medication and has only recently found talking beneficial.

Our choice of book for our August meeting is E. P. Sanders book "The Historical Figure of Jesus". The style of writing is very academic. I find I have to concentrate and read with care. I suspect that I am in my summer reading mode. I look forward to hearing the views of the rest of the group. Now I need to work hard and try to finish all 290 pages and be able to discuss the main points intelligently!

Sheena Wurthmann

 * Flower Rota—September *
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 * Sept 4 Marilyn Love *
 * 11 Jean Edgar *
 * 18 Sarah Sinclair *
 * 25 Elizabeth Proudfoot *
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Church Register



Deaths

18.6.16 Mrs Christina McQueen 6 Gordon Road 42 Elaine Balfour
19.7.16 Miss Maisie Gibson Wellmeadow Lodge 91 Mabel Bell

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Removed from Roll on request

3518 Mrs Marion Miller, 3 West Montrose St, Helensburgh 91 Mabel Bell

Baptisms:

Adult: Wednesday 8th July - Alan Fairlie, 4 Riverside Gardens, Busby,

Infant: Sunday 29th May - Iona Jane Christie

Daughter of Neil and Katrina Christie,
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Sunday 24th July - Laurie Joseph McDonald

Son of Douglas and Sharon McDonald,
11 Burnbrae Place, East Kilbride, G74 1ES



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