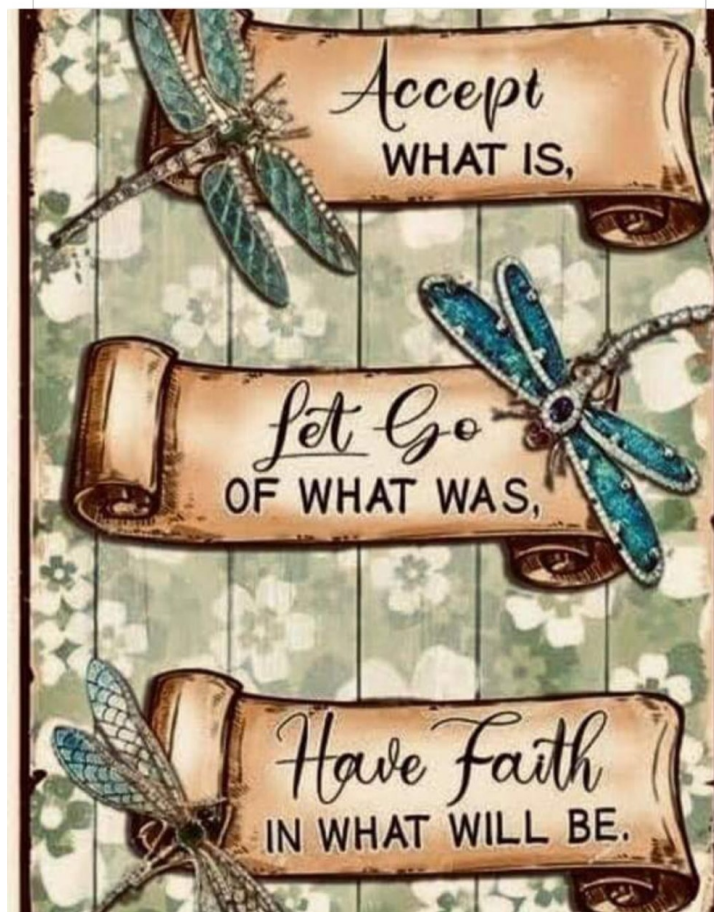


NEW CONNECTIONS

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Strathaven: Trinity Parish Church

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Dear Friends,

To say the summer is moving through quickly, seems to be a negative statement, not as in the seasons, but in the weather!

Anyway, we are moving forward and I hope that you have made the best of what we have had and, who knows, maybe the best is yet to come! I am thoroughly enjoying being Interim Moderator and yes, I am a wee bit busier than before, but I prefer that to being a couch potato!

It has been my privilege to continue with you folk in Strathaven in whatever way I am able to serve you and the support and encouragement I have been given, is second to none.

As we look forward, there are things a plenty waiting and, on that front, I want to complement particularly, Julie Robertson, for the way she has, in the first instance, coped with the schools, but importantly, the programmes she has devised throughout the summer and prepared into next session. Also, a big thank you to the people who have volunteered to help her.

As you know, David McKee is back with us in September and we'll be supporting him as he moves forward towards his Ordination and subsequently to his own Charge.

We continue to remember and pray for Shaw and Christine as they too move forward in his Moderatorial year.

So, we keep going and "gallivanting" as we might and look ahead to all that we can do in service to our Lord here in Strathaven and wherever we may be.

With Blessings,
Norman.



PREACHING ROTA

As always, the rota may need to be altered but at least it gives an indication of who's scheduled for where. A special thank you to Valerie, Robin, Norman and Julie for assisting.

If anyone would like to assist by concluding a service (announcing offering, leading offering prayer and intimating closing hymn followed by blessing) or opening a service (this will be at Glassford and Strathaven involving up to and including children's address) then please volunteer to the minister who will provide appropriate resources.



September

1st Sept	<i>Glassford Communion:</i> Norman at Glassford and Strathaven; Robin at Chapelton
8th Sept	<i>Chapelton and Strathaven Communion:</i> Robbie at Chapelton and Strathaven; Norman at Glassford
	DAVID MCKEE ARRIVES
15th Sept	David at Chapelton and Strathaven; Valerie at Glassford
22nd Sept	David at Glassford and Strathaven; Julie at Chapelton
29th Sept	David at Chapelton and Strathaven; Robin at Glassford

October

6th Oct	<i>Harvest:</i> David at Chapelton and Strathaven; Robbie at Glassford
13th Oct	Norman at Chapelton and Strathaven; Valerie at Glassford
20th Oct	David at Chapelton and Strathaven; Robin at Glassford
27th Oct	Shaw (as Mod for BB Founder's Day) at Strathaven; David and Julie (on start at both) at Chapelton and Glassford

November

3rd Nov	<i>Glassford Communion.</i> Norman at GLASSFORD; David at Chapelton and Strathaven
10th Nov	<i>Remembrance</i> Robbie at Chapelton and Strathaven; David at Glassford
17th Nov	Norman at Glassford and Strathaven; David at Chapelton
24th Nov	David at Chapelton and Strathaven; Valerie at Glassford

FUNERALS

Jim Hamilton	10 May
Maureen Slater	23 May
Janette Buchanan	10 June
Ena Cathie	6 August
Alison Brisbane	12 August



BAPTISM

7 July

Andrew William Baillie

14 July

Blair Anthony Thomson

WEDDINGS

*Bronwyn Lesley Brownlie and
David Thomas Carvel*

20 JULY

Alma Mitchell and Danny Sneddon

30 AUGUST

LECTIONARY READING



September

- September 1, 2024 Song of Solomon 2:8-13 ; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 15; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
- September 8, 2024 Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125; Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17; Mark 7:24-37
- September 15, 2024 Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 116:1-9; Wisdom of Solomon 7:26 - 8:1; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38
- September 22, 2024 Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1; Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22; Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54; James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37
- September 29, 2024 Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22; Psalm 124; Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Psalm 19:7-14; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

October

- October 6, 2024 Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Psalm 26; Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 8; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16
- October 13, 2024 Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15; Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31
- October 20, 2024 Job 38:1-7, (34-41); Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c; Isaiah 53:4-12; Psalm 91:9-16; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45
- October 27, 2024 Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22); Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 126; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

November

- November 3, 2024 Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146; Deuteronomy 6:1-9; Psalm 119:1-8; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34
- November 10, 2024 Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; Psalm 127; 1 Kings 17:8-16; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44
- November 17, 2024 1 Samuel 1:4-20; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25; Mark 13:1-8
- November 24, 2024 2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18); Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

STRATHAVEN FLOWER CALENDAR

September

- 1st Mr D. Smith and Mrs B. Rogerson
8th Mrs M. Somerville and Mrs M. Menzies (Communion)
15th Mrs N. Fleming
22nd Mrs E. McGowan
29th Mrs L. McConnell

October

- 6th Mrs I. Anderson (Harvest)
13th Mrs P. Izatt and Mrs N. Nixon
20th Mrs M. Law
27th Mrs K. Greenock



November

- 3rd Mrs S. Newman
10th Mrs C. Murray and Mrs A. Arnott (Remembrance)
17th Mrs J. Bryce
24th Mrs C. Campbell and Mrs M. Foster

Anne Grady (tel. 523285) & Lilly McConnell (tel. 520989)

GLASSFORD FLOWER CALENDAR

September

- 1st Mrs L. Taylor
8th Mrs S. Gilmour (Communion)
15th Mrs M. Hamilton
22nd Mrs M. McIntyre
29th Mrs M. Gilmour

October

- 6th Mrs C. Anderson (Harvest)
13th Mrs S. McKinlay
20th Miss N. Brownlie c/o Mrs B. Beetham
27th Mrs M. Frew



November

- 3rd Mrs L. Wallace
10th Mrs M. Muircoft (Remembrance)
17th Mrs M. Frew
24th Mrs J. Cairns

J Meikle (tel. 520941) & R Andrew (tel. 521662)

CHAPELTON FLOWER CALENDAR

September

1st Mrs R. Redpath (Communion)
8th Mrs A. Milwain
15th Mrs A. Kelly
22nd Mrs R. Andrew
29th Mrs S. Ballantyne

October

6th Mrs F. Meikle
13th Mrs J. Ballantyne
20th Mrs M. Struthers
27th Miss I. Marshall

November

3rd Mrs R. Millar (Communion)
10th Mrs J. Meikle
17th Mr W. Frame
24th Mrs F. Smith



Mary Frew (tel. 300268) & Val Allen (075 785 06102)

PASTORAL CARE

The Pastoral Care Committee is updating the list of members who would value additional visits (to your own and those made by the Minister) or a pastoral care visitor from the church. If you know of anyone in your district, of whatever age, who would appreciate such a visit, please email the office at strathaventrinity@gmail.com and they will be put on the list.

OFFERINGS

The Sunday offering (collection) is now being taken during the service in all three buildings.

We are conscious that many have switched to direct giving which has proved to be invaluable particularly over the last few years. Therefore, simply let the offering bag pass you by on a Sunday. Thank you to everyone for your continuing support.

Offering: In addition to bank transfer, electronic offerings can be made using the link <https://cos.churchofscotland.org.uk/donate/?cong=171167> or via the QR code



SCOT'S KIRK PARIS

After such a special weekend in Edinburgh in May where we attended the General Assembly, the service in St Giles and then the Moderator's Reception, we decided that we would love to go to Paris for the special service in the Scot's Kirk on Sunday 7th July. We flew over early on Saturday, arriving in Paris mid morning. We were fortunate to be able to attend a very special one-man play, "Beyond The Chariots" in the church on Saturday afternoon. This play was about the life of Eric Liddell after the Olympics, about his life in China as a missionary, where he died in 1945 as a Japanese prisoner of war. It was a very moving and emotional play and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Shaw & Christine attended this too, and after the play we had refreshments provided by the members of the church, we were made so very welcome.

The following morning we had a wonderful 40 minute walk from our hotel to the church, along past the Place de la Concorde and Champs Elysees where there were lots of preparations happening for the Olympics.

Again, we were given a very warm welcome from the members of SKP, and were also joined by Kirstin & Arran Kinniburgh who were on holiday nearby. The service was wonderful, very uplifting and Shaw did a fabulous sermon from the very same lectern that Eric Liddell had used 100 years ago.

At the end of the service a 5 year old boy from the congregation led us all in singing "The Lord Bless Thee and keep Thee", all so very special. This was followed by Shaw unveiling a plaque to mark the occasion, then we were all invited upstairs to join the members in a lovely lunch.

What a fabulous 36 hours in Paris, just so special and we feel very privileged to have been able to be present. A once in a lifetime opportunity and we are both so glad that we were able to be there.

Maureen Geraghty

COMMUNION—2024

Communion Sundays will fall on the customary Sundays for each location:

- **Chapelton & Strathaven** - Second Sundays in March, June, September and December
- **Glassford** - First Sundays in February, September and November, and second Sunday in May

It would be appreciated if you could use the hand gel which is available on entry to the church. If anyone is uncomfortable with receiving communion from the elders you may of course refrain or indeed bring your own.

All elders are asked to meet before the service.



As moderator, every month Shaw will write an article in Life and Work magazine – I really do recommend this magazine to you all – and we will endeavour to print these in New Connections.

August: **Stepping out in faith:** In his first column, the Rt Rev Dr Shaw Paterson writes about why the Church needs to be at work in the world in moving forward.

Picture the scene less than 24 hours earlier I had encouraged commissioners to the General Assembly to go back to their parishes and communities and build together the church of Jesus Christ. In that message, I shared with them an annoyance I have when travelling.... when others step off an escalator and stop to take stock of where they are going next: left, right or straight ahead. They do so completely unaware of the resultant pile-up of people behind who cannot, as a result, get off the escalator. My message was that we all need to step out, step forward, in the confidence that the Holy Spirit is with us.

Well, as Christine and I were making our way back to Strathaven with four heavy cases between us we struggled to the train station to discover the escalator wasn't working. There was a large queue for the lift and so it was a tortuous trip down a flight of stairs. I couldn't help but smile as I would much rather have a pile up at the bottom of an escalator than the aches and pains of using the stairs.

Jesus calls us to follow him. At times we may not have a clear idea of where we are going, or (to use the illustration above) where we will step off the escalator, but he will be with us on the journey. God will help us use our talents, our gifts, and our abilities to make a difference in other people's lives. In the short time I have been travelling around the country preaching, meeting, sharing, I have been amazed to witness the incredible force for good that the church offers in the communities it serves. Even with all the changes and challenges, the church has not stopped but has continued to step out and step forward. I am already seeing for myself how congregations in so many different ways make a positive contribution to those around them. It is wonderful to see the Gospel of Jesus Christ at work with so many buildings together to share God's love and the Good News of Jesus Christ. I am seeing scripture in action: (for) *'I tell you, whenever you do this for one of the least important of these members of my family, you did it for me!'*

While it's always good to take stock of where we are, we must not stop. Every single one of us has to think of how we care for others, of how we fulfil that great commandment to love our neighbours. Yes, preaching is an integral part of ministry and it is great that so many of our congregations now have worship leaders and that we have moved beyond it being the minister's job. For we are all ministers. But we also need to get out of the pulpits and the pews of a Sunday morning and be the church at work in the world... we need to continuously review the needs in our parishes, the issues that people are living with and respond. We need to keep moving forward.

What I have already witnessed in these early months of my tenure fills me with encouragement, for I see the evidence of Christ's work everywhere.

**CHILDREN, FAMILY AND YOUTH WORKER -
JULIE ROBERTSON**

Well, the weather may have not been up to much but I hope you all enjoyed the break from the routine and had a wonderful summer.

We managed some day trips and time away as a family which is always nice to do.

Over the summer we ran our holiday club and introduced Rock Solid. A new group for those P7-S6.

Our Holiday Club focused on Jesus as a restorer, and we heard stories from the bible of Jesus healing and of restoring people like Peter who had denied him.

The crafts were very popular and a huge thank you to all who assisted an attended – it couldn't have happened without you!

Rock Solid will be added to our term time activities but upon discussion with some parents and our young people it was discussed that a Sunday night may not be the most suitable for everyone so there will be some changes to times and days for our term time activities so please note changes in the dates for your diary section!

Over the summer I have been up taking some training around autism and inclusive churches for those who have neurodiversity and am looking at making a couple of recommendations/suggestions to the Kirk Session and will keep you up to date with this.

I am also part of the Godly Play Scotland group arranging and running the European Godly Play conference to be held later this year in Perth, so this has been exciting and a busy thing to be part of. I will share more details but tickets for the conference are on sale and you can access these via Godly Play Scotland's web page or Facebook. If you would require this in an alternative format or way let me know and I can arrange this for you.

I am looking forward to another exciting year with you all!

Till next time – Blessings!

Julie

After-school clubs:

Thursday After School runs in Glassford from 15.00-16.00.

We will be off 26th September.

MESSY CHURCH:

Messy Church will now meet monthly in **CHAPELTON** on the second Friday of the month on a Friday evening.

We will next meet on Friday 20th September from 17:30-19:30. This will include a light meal if I have sufficient volunteers. If you would like to volunteer to join our Messy Church team, please let me know or pop along to our next planning meeting which will be held in Strathaven vestry on Wednesday 11th September at 6pm.

TODDLER GROUPS:

Toddler groups run term time as follows:

Monday – Strathaven 10-11.30.

Wednesday - Chapelton 10-11.30.

If you are able to make some toast and juice or help put out some toys then please get in touch. If you have pre-school kids and you just want to come along and eat said toast and get a coffee, please feel free as I would love to see you.

Rock Solid

Rock Solid is a new fellowship group for those P7-S6. We will run the last Friday of the month in Strathaven upstairs meeting room from 19:30-21:00. Our first meeting will be on Friday 30th August. If you would like to assist in the leading or preparation for Rock Solid please let me know.



Welcome back!

We hope everyone had a wonderful summer holiday, despite the weather, and have now settled back into their routine.

We are looking forward to busy Sunday Schools with lots of different activities, games and trips in the pipeline!

We look forward to seeing lots of children each week and, as always, a warm welcome awaits any new starts.

Many thanks,

The Sunday School Teams



CHRISTIAN AID 2024

The final amount raised and sent to Christian Aid on 9 July 2024 was £3,014.00. This included money raised from – envelope donations; Quiz; Glassford teas and donations; Monday evening Keep Fit; Sunday School; Men's Group; donations made to the church bank account and Strathaven tea money.

The value of gift aid slips collected and returned amounted to a further £245.50.

Many thanks to everyone who helped to raise this money.

PROVERBS CROSSWORD

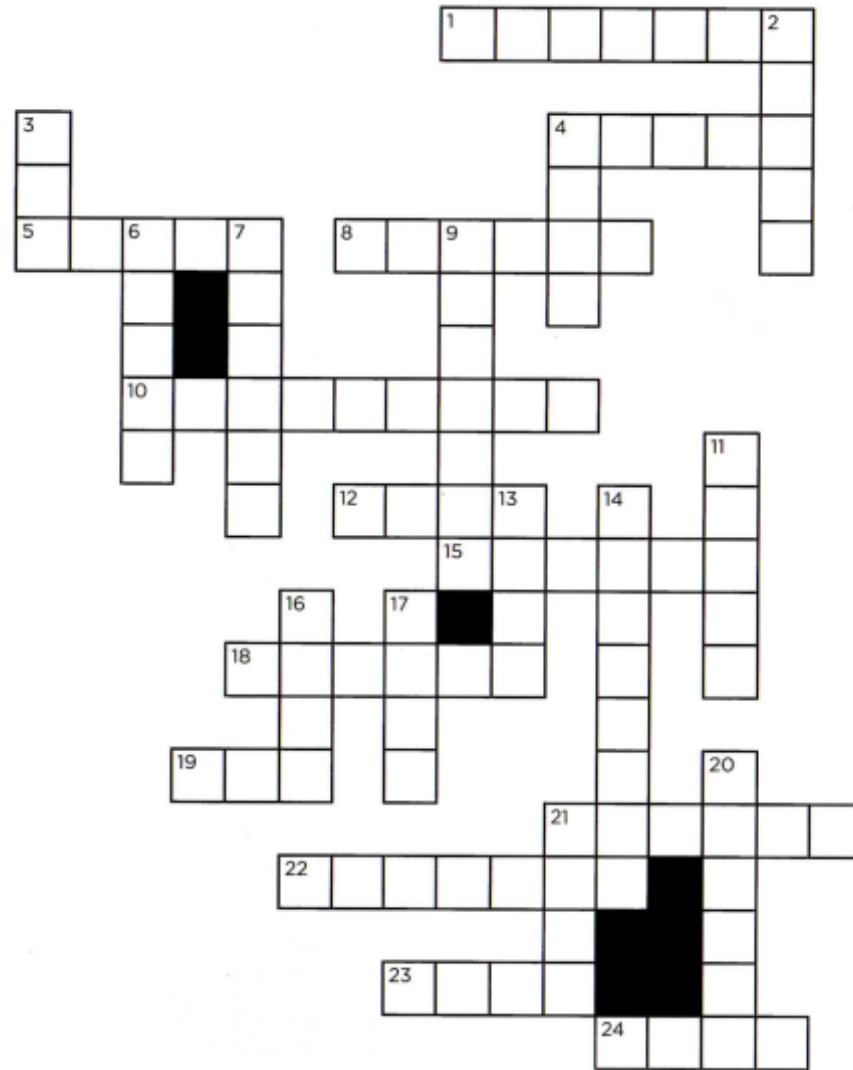
He spoke three thousand proverbs and his songs
numbered a thousand and five. —1 Kings 4:32

Across

1. A father warns that these might try to entice his son (1:10)
4. What goes before destruction (16:18)
5. The name of the Lord is a strong this. (18:10)
8. This calls aloud in the streets (1:20)
10. Number of chapters in proverbs
12. This sharpens iron (27:17)
15. What is exalted by righteousness (14:34)
18. What the people of the city gate bring the woman of Proverbs 31 (31:31)
19. What a wise son brings his father (10:1)
21. This person loves at all times (17:17)
22. What the children of the Proverbs 31 woman call her (31:28)
23. Wrote Proverbs 30 (30:1)
24. What comes after a haughty spirit (16:18)

Down

2. What the Lord determines when man plans his course (16:9)
3. A sluggard is told to observe this insect (6:6)
4. What lazy hands lead a person to be (10:4)
6. What a gentle answer turns away (15:1)
7. A woman of noble character is worth more than these (31:10)
9. He wrote most of the Proverbs
11. Solomon tells his son to eat more of this sweet food (24:14)
13. To have a good one of these is more desirable than great riches (22:1)
14. The woman of Proverbs 31 planted this "out of her earnings" (31:16)
16. This color hair is a "crown of splendor" (16:31)
17. Being led astray by wine or beer is not this (20:1)
20. Wrote Proverbs 31 (31:1)
21. This "of the Lord" is the beginning of wisdom (1:7)





1st. Strathaven Boys' Brigade

We restart our new session on Thursday 29th August in Trinity Church, Strathaven



Anchors (P1 to P3) 6 to 7 p.m.



Juniors (P4 to P6) 7 to 8 p.m.



Company Section (P7 upwards) 7.30 to 9.30 p.m.

Experience tells us that the BB has changed young people's lives, so why not come along and join the fun and be part of the company. BB provides opportunities for children and young people to:

- have fun
- play games and sport
- learn new skills
- have new experiences
- engage with friends

BB also changes Volunteers' lives. What could you do with the time you have?

Our volunteers get a great sense of satisfaction from watching the children and young people develop their confidence and skills, as well as have lots of fun. In addition, working to improve your community gives a huge sense of personal achievement.

As a volunteer you'll gain from the experience by making new friends and learning new skills that you can use at work or put on a CV. The BB will provide you with training opportunities to build on your existing skills as well as support guidance in your role.

There are many ways of helping for people with different interests and lifestyles. Whether you can give up an hour a month, or volunteer every week, then we have a role that is right for you.

How do I find out more?

If you are interested in finding out more about enrolling or volunteering, then please contact Captain David Lipowski (07921396485) or just come along.

1ST STRATHAVEN BOYS' BRIGADE

Two of our young Officers Lenny Kooijenga and Alistair Mungall were last month given the opportunity of a lifetime by joining the crew of the Ocean Trust Yacht for a week's adventure on the high seas. They left Greenock and travelled to Millport, Arran, Northern Ireland, Campbeltown, Tarbert, Holy Loch and back to Greenock.

There were ten young BB men onboard from all over Scotland and we are very proud that we had two representing our Strathaven Company.

Their exploits included sailing in Force 7 winds with 2 metre waves with most of the boys seasick, taking the helm on route to Belfast and having to change sails to catch the wind on Loch Fyne.



LIFE AND WORK

Life and Work is the magazine of the Church of Scotland. In a history spanning over 140 years, it has established itself as the voice of the Church of Scotland.

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Each monthly issue includes a forum for views on current social and moral issues; a monthly meditation and regular articles on the spiritual side of life; reviews of the latest books, videos, and Christian resources; and regular features on the Church worldwide.

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GUILD

The new Guild session starts with the Annual Gathering in Edinburgh on Saturday 7 September when several members will attend. The Rt Rev Dr Shaw Paterson is one of the speakers and we look forward to the Gathering.

From September all Guild meetings will be held in Strathaven at 2.00 pm. The first meeting will be held on **Tuesday 10 September** when Loudoun Friends will entertain. The group consists of men and women who play fiddle, accordion and keyboard. We hope to see **as many men and women** joining us at any of the meetings during the new session.

If you have wondered before what is involved in coming to a Guild meeting then please come along to 'try before you buy' – we are a friendly group and you will be made welcome. We have either a speaker or musical entertainment and then tea or coffee with home baking. We normally meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month with all meetings starting at 2.00 pm in Strathaven. The Avondale Community Bus is available to transport anyone who requires it – Marjorie Lamb organises this and you can call her on 07872 050305 to book a seat. If you would like further details please speak to Elizabeth McGowan (President), Morag McKay (Treasurer) or Ishbel Anderson (Secretary).

For the new session we have various speakers and groups booked to entertain and before Christmas this includes - Liz Allan (local author and speaker); Ailidh Ballantyne (local lawyer) and Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity. We are also planning to hold a concert by Stonehouse Male Voice Choir on Friday 8 November; an outing to Livingston shopping centre on 26 November and a Christmas Lunch on 17 December. Meetings then re-commence on 14 January – full details will follow in future New Connections magazines.

Hope to see you on Tuesday 10 September at 2.00 pm.



CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Annabelle is available to provide Citizens Advice in the vestry on a Tuesday from 10am till 1 pm. If you have an issue you would like help with please call 07592995152, leave a message and she will get back to you.

This photo page is taken from the Facebook page: 'Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland'. If you are online and are on Facebook, it is well worth visiting and even following the page. Shaw is doing a remarkable job of selecting photos and commenting on each of them - in the midst of very full, incredible days.

One can just see him at 4am typing away to keep the whole church family, including us here in Trinity, included in his Modatorial journey. He speaks of the exchange of ideas at many, many meetings, lovely unusual meals and lots of hospitality, huge congregations, wild life spotting, and much, much more. I'm sure there will be a lot more to come in the future from this amazing Moditorial African adventure.

Maureen Geraghty



Fairtrade Fortnight: 'Be the Change'

Fairtrade Fortnight 2024 will run from the 9th to 22nd September

It's 30 years since Fairtrade products first hit the shelves and this year for Fairtrade Fortnight, we're spotlighting how YOU can 'Be the Change', by choosing Fairtrade every time.

Our goal is more than people just being aware, it's about them encouraging an active choice to support over 2 million Fairtrade farmers and workers across 58 countries, wherever possible, to ensure they can earn a fairer wage.



This year's campaign will highlight that however big or small a purchase this Fairtrade Fortnight, you have the power to #BeTheChange.

- * When you choose Fairtrade, you contribute to a fairer, more sustainable future for food production.
- * When you choose Fairtrade, you help ensure farmers receive a fairer price for what they grow.
- * When you choose Fairtrade, you help rebalance power in supply chains.

Be The Change, Choose Fairtrade.



The Strathaven Fairtrade Group has asked the local supermarkets to highlight any Fairtrade products they are selling. Please look out for the fairtrade mark in the supermarkets and the smaller shops and cafes in Strathaven and beyond. If at all possible support the Fairtrade mark.



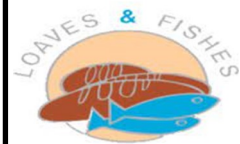
Thank you, as ever, for all the support we receive every month at the Fairtrade stall - every sale matters and helps support vulnerable workers in the Developing World.

Maureen Geraghty

LOAVES AND FISHES

A huge thanks to all who support Loaves and Fishes weekly by bringing food and toiletries to church each week. The charity is hugely grateful for all the donations which we make.

Some of the items needed are:



- Tinned meats/ tuna
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned soup
- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Rice
- Cereals
- Pot noodle

The list is endless and anything which is 'in date' will be acceptable.



HEALTH HELP INTERNATIONAL

Over the summer months money has been rolling in to the Choongo School Appeal and has reached £19 350+. Building work is well under way on the dormitory, the walls are up and the latest pictures shows work on the roof has started. Zambia is currently experiencing a severe famine and extra funds have been sent out to help with a feeding programme.

In Kerala they have their problems too with torrential rain and landslides causing problems in many parts and again extra funding has been sent out to provide additional assistance. Thank you to all our supporters who make all this possible.

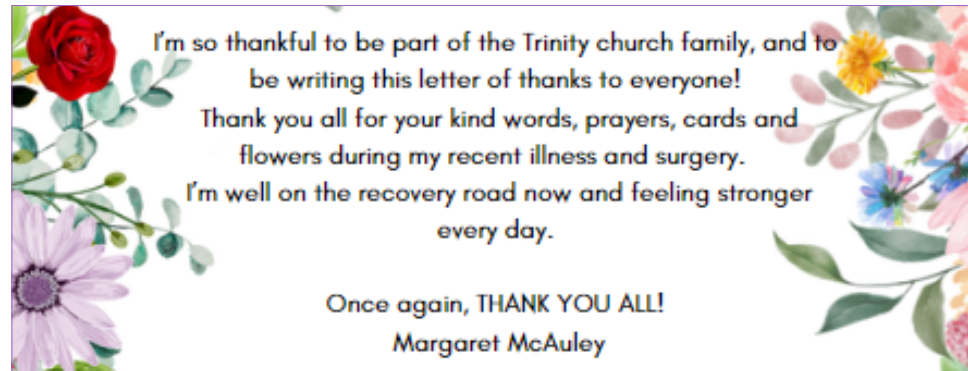
Kathleen Russell



"Thank you for the beautiful flowers and good wishes I received from the church. It means a lot during my illness"

Joyce Thomson





REMINDER! New Connections has now gone digital!

If you would like to receive the magazine via email rather than hard copy, please would you pop a message to Ruth at the office on strathaventrinity@gmail.com with your name, who your elder is and your preferred email address.

LIVE STREAMING

Our Strathaven services are live-streamed (and available as a recording later). It is only the chancel area and first two pews that are in sight of the camera. Parents, in particular, should be aware that if they do not wish their child to be visible 'on-line' then they should ensure that that they sit a couple of pews from the front.

We are now well established with live-streaming services from the Strathaven building on Sundays and for funerals and weddings (when requested). However, we would value some additional volunteers to assist and then a rota can be established. You do not need to understand how live-streaming works. It's straightforward if you are used to working a computer. Please get in touch if you wish any further information about what is involved or speak to one of the 'team' on a Sunday.

LADIES KEEP FIT

Keep Fit classes will resume on Monday 2nd September.

Cillia McLeary

What I want for
SEPTEMBER



Simplicity
September



Smile
September



Self-love
September



Sympathy
September



Serenity
September



Start-fresh
September

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Memory Club

The dates of the September meetings of the club are Wednesday 11th September when we shall enjoy an afternoon of quizzes and games, and on Wednesday 25th September the Clydeside Kelpies, harpists, return to entertain us. Both meetings at the usual time of 1.30 – 3.15 in the large hall of Trinity Church, Lethame Road.

If you or a loved one are experiencing issues with memory loss due to dementia why not come along and enjoy an activity, some musical entertainment and a chat over tea and coffee and home baking. Often, a family member accompanies the person experiencing issues and can find some support from others in the same position. New members are always welcome.

We are also a Help Point for the Playlist for Life charity so if you are interested in setting up a personal playlist and need some advice please call in during one of our meetings. Having your own list of personal favourite tunes which evoke memories can help a dementia sufferer have a sense of calm and help with conversations with family members. Most of our members have their own playlists which they can play at home either from a laptop or computer or USB stick or from a simple music player and family members tell us the music is a great help to the person with the memory issues and is played time and time again.

For more information please contact Lynda Horn on 07778579504

TRINITY MEN'S COFFEE GROUP

There is a men's group that meets in the Rankin Room (upstairs in the hall) on Wednesday mornings between 10.30 am until 12 noon for coffee/tea, biscuits and a chat. Come and go for part or all of the time, as suits you.

WHEELIE BINS

We have been advised that the bin lorries will no longer empty our wheelie bins unless the lid is able to close.

In Strathaven - the church wheelie bin is the black bin located in the manse garden. This bin is of sufficient size for normal activities. However, if you are having a function/party/event that generates more rubbish than usual please arrange to take it to the amenity site for disposal. Please do not stack the bin with the lid open or leave on the ground adjacent as birds and foxes make quite a mess.

CAR PARKING

Please be considerate of our neighbours when parking for church events! Please ensure you park responsibly and be careful not to block anyone's access.

This applies for Sunday services, funerals, weddings and weekday activities in the halls.

At busy times parking is a premium and so please only use the car park off Crawford Street when attending the church or halls - there have been several instances lately when the car park has been full prior to anyone arriving for a church/hall event! Therefore, do not be afraid to ask if others who are parking in the car park are attending something in our premises and, if not, encourage them to park elsewhere.

KIDS KLUB

Kids Klub meets on those Sundays when the Sunday School is "on holiday". Children wishing to participate should go into Church as normal for the children's address then make their way to the large hall where there will be board games for them to enjoy during the remainder of the service.

It would be great if we could have a few more helpers (we need two per session) – the role is supervisory and there is no requirement to plan activities. Now is a good time to contact me so that PVG forms can be completed. There is no regular commitment for Kids Klub – just operating on a "now and again" basis. I will put together a rota, depending on who is available.

Claire Campbell (01357 520191)



BIGGER PICTURE for Academy Learners ...

Mondays and Fridays at Lunch Time

Academy learners are welcome to come along to the large hall for a hot chocolate and biscuits (and a Toastie, if they wish) while eating their lunch, or watching cartoons on the big screen.

Please let as many as possible know about the hall being open – it's a dry and warm place to have lunch.

We still need volunteers to help make toasties and/or hot chocolate and simply 'be there'. For more information please speak to Cillia Mcleary.

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Lifts to Church
If anyone requires a lift to Church, please contact
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NEW CONNECTIONS

EDITORIAL

Welcome back. I hope you have all had a restful if not particularly warm summer! It certainly has been a strange one. When considering what to write my mind was all over the place.... a general election, Olympics, farewell from Andy Murray, riots and through it all the coolest, wettest or the hottest summer (depending on your corner of the country).

Certainly, refugees and immigration have been major issues – what with the on-going tragedy of Gaza and an article in Life and Work from Open Doors relating that Sudan Christians feel forgotten with ongoing conflicts resulting in 9 million people on the run – ‘the world’s largest mass displacement’ – yet it receives very little publicity and therefore I would imagine little help from international aid. And all this topped by riots in England and N Ireland against refugees and immigrants. What a mixed-up world we live in. My thoughts go to a man who said ‘I have a dream’ and another who wrote ‘Imagine’. Will we ever turn our swords into plough shares?? Heartfelt thanks to the thousands who sacrificed their weekend (using Norman’s vocabulary of Sunday 18th August) to protect suspected targets and to give the convincing message that



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immigrants and refugees **are** welcome here. I was also delighted by a very apt banner displayed by Celtic fans at a recent football match during the time of the riots. With a surname like Geraghty, it was much appreciated as a reminder of the contribution to the country from refugees and immigrants!



I did enjoy the excitement of the Olympics (improved with the sound turned down at times - why do commentators feel the need to shout all the time) – but maybe not so much the tennis after our favourite Andy Murray bowed out of competitive tennis. I loved the acknowledgement of other athletes particularly the quiet handshake from one sporting giant to another!

Determined not to let the rain and wind deter me I have still managed to get out and about round the quiet Strathaven lanes enjoying the countryside, the sometimes-misty views and the friendship of countryside companions – I even took a selfie!



And so that was my take on the summer to date – maybe there is more to come which just might include warm sunshine and peace in Gaza. We can only pray.

Take care

Maureen

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