

# Dalziel St. Andrew's Parish Church

## *'The Kirk at The Cross'*

Believing in Christ – Belonging to Christ – Becoming like Christ



## ***Kirk Matters***

Congregational Newsletter  
**September – November 2014**



# The Manse of Dalziel St. Andrew's Parish Church

*Dear friends*

**QUESTION: What do the following have in common?**

A teenager with special needs, a godparent who is a wheelchair user, a young woman being treated for breast cancer, a bereaved family in Canada, a partially sighted woman, a carer for sick elderly husband.

**ANSWER: All have benefitted from our Makeover – Forward for Jesus!**

Some people had reservations about the changes we made two years ago, suggesting that the financial costs could not be justified. What price can we put on a sixteen year-old who worships every Sunday with us via our website? How much is it worth paying to allow dignified access to our chancel area for a godfather in a wheelchair? How grateful do you think are the family in Canada, who quietly joined us for the funeral of a dear one through live internet streaming? What about those who, courtesy of LCD screens, can now actually see a baby's face during baptism? And, these are just a few of many, many stories that could be told of those who are benefitting from our extensive use of digital media and a refurbished sanctuary.

From parents in the crèche room each Sunday to persecuted Christians in areas where it remains tough to be a disciple of Jesus every day, and on to folk in our world who are deaf or hearing-impaired, we are now providing an essential service, which is greatly valued. Of course, we don't always get it right, and it has been a steep learning curve for those working with and using the technology. But, we are trying, and, oftentimes, we are succeeding in reaching out beyond our church walls in a way that is quite wonderful, and God honouring.

This is surely part of what Jesus meant when He commanded His first friends to ***"make disciples of all nations."*** You can also be a part of this as you support the work financially and in prayer, as well as letting others know what is on offer – pass the message on – get involved!

[www.youtube.com/user/dalzielstandrews](http://www.youtube.com/user/dalzielstandrews) ; [www.dalzielstandrews.org.uk](http://www.dalzielstandrews.org.uk);  
[www.facebook.com/dalzielstandrews](https://www.facebook.com/dalzielstandrews)

***Derek W. Hughes***

# Dates for your Diary



**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

***Church Anniversary*** = 18 years since union

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

Kirk Session meeting at 7:30pm in small hall

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2014**

All-age worship for ***Harvest Sunday*** @ 11:00am  
Thank-offering envelopes available for TEAR Fund

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

Congregational Board meeting at 7:30pm in small hall

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

***Holy Communion*** @ 11:00am and 6:30pm

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

***“DRESSY MESSY” Church*** from 3:30-6:00pm

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

Annual act of ***Remembrance*** @ 10:45am

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2014**

***ADVENT*** = Gift service for Women’s Aid @ 11:00am

**Watch out every Sunday for worship services, which are  
live-streamed, filmed and uploaded  
to our church YouTube channel.**

# Kirk Session

## MARCH 2014

The Kirk Session met on Thursday 13 March 2014. The Moderator opened the meeting with a reading from the Gospel of Luke chapter 18: verses 9 -17, a hymn and constituted the meeting in prayer. Forty elders were present, with eleven apologies.

**BUSINESS ARISING: Holy Baptism:** A notice of motion was proposed to amend the wording of the Kirk Session's policy on Holy Baptism as amended on 14 November 2013. This proposal will be distributed to the elders prior to the May meeting where discussion and a vote would take place. **Statistics for Mission:** The Moderator informed the Kirk Session that the data prepared by the Church of Scotland Statistics for Mission Group based on the 2011 census had been made available to elders through an on line link or by a hard copy available from the office. The Moderator proposed that a small working group be set up to look at the implications this data might have on our mission to the parish and advise on any action required. The Kirk Session agreed that the Rev<sup>d</sup> Derek Hughes, June Adam, Stephen Day and Crawford Moffat serve on this group. **Attestation of Records:** The annual attestation of records for area 3, Motherwell, took place on Wednesday 12 March 2014 at the Presbytery Office, 353 Orbiston Street, Motherwell. The following records were submitted to Presbytery: Kirk Session Minute Book and Sederunt, Financial Court Minute Book and Sederunt, Communion Roll, Supplementary Roll, Baptismal Register, Child Protection Register and Property Register. All were approved.

**CORRESPONDENCE: Ministry and Mission Contribution:** A letter was received from the Church of Scotland Stewardship and Finance Department stating that our total contribution to Ministries and Mission for 2014 will be £80,887. **Ministry and Mission Contribution:** A letter was received from the Presbytery of Hamilton stating that Dalziel St Andrew's Ministry and Mission contribution will be reduced

by £2000 for the year 2014. **Organ Scholarship:** Intimation was received from the Presbytery of Hamilton detailing funding for two Organ Scholarships for 2014/15. Details and an application form have been posted on the notice board. **Robert Crowe:** A letter was received from Robert Crowe thanking the Kirk Session for all their prayers, cards and also flowers received during and after his stay in hospital.

**PRESBYTERY REPORT:** The Report of the Presbytery of Hamilton meeting on Tuesday 4 March 2014 was presented by Dr Stephen Day. The seating arrangements had been altered for this meeting. This resulted in Ministers being segregated from other members of Presbytery and also raised a health and safety issue, as egress would have been impeded in the event of an emergency evacuation. Presbytery received an interesting and informative talk from an Army Chaplain. Rev<sup>d</sup>. Derek Hughes, has been appointed to serve as Convener of the Ministries Development Committee until August 2015.

**MAKEOVER REPORT:** The February 2014 Makeover Report was distributed to each Elder prior to the meeting. The Kirk Session noted the progress being made in the various phases of the Makeover Project – Forward for Jesus.

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES:** The Moderator informed the Kirk Session that the Holy Week services would be held in St Mary's Parish Church on Monday 14 April to Friday 18 April. This is St Mary's centenary year.

**GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER SUNDAY:** The Session Clerk informed the Kirk Session that elders would be required to serve at Holy Communion on Easter Sunday and also for welcome duty on Good Friday, when the Sanctuary will be open for private meditation.

**STUDY LEAVE:** The Moderator informed the Kirk Session that he had applied for study leave from Monday 2 June 2014 until Sunday 15 June

2014. This will involve attendance at the European Christian Internet Conference at Bossey, Switzerland, giving him an opportunity to meet, exchange and share experiences with like-minded Christians throughout the world about how best to use the advantages afforded to the Church by the digital revolution. The Moderator stated that he would be available to moderate at the Kirk Session meeting on 12 June.

**ORGANISATION REPORTS: Guild:** Janice Weir and Bill Millar visited the Guild. They found them in good health with 40 on the roll and 35 attending on any given night. President Mrs Mary MacKenzie and her team have put together a varied and interesting programme of speakers. The meeting opens with a bible reading, hymn and then a prayer. On some nights soloists entertain the ladies with song. The night's speaker is then introduced and the meeting finishes with tea being served. We are fortunate to still have a Guild in our church and all praise to the committee who work towards that end. **Boys' Brigade:** Douglas Graham and Bill Baxter visited the Boys' Brigade on 15 November 2013 and 7 February 2014 and were warmly welcomed on both occasions. **Anchor Boys** - At the start of this session the number of boys was down considerably on last year mainly because 12 boys had moved up to the Junior Section. A combination of leafleting and the Minister's chaplaincy of Muir Street School have increased the roll to 20. The boys are led by Lorna Geddes. **Junior Section** - There are a total of 18 boys in the Junior Section, which makes for a very lively group during the activities. The boys are led by Myra Anderson and have an interesting and packed agenda. **Company Section** - This year is the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Company. Special events and celebrations have been arranged throughout the year. The Company follow a varied programme. One of the projects is building an eco-greenhouse with some of the boys learning the bagpipes. The Company Section has 23 boys on the roll with 7 studying for the Presidents badge and 3 for the Queen's badge this year. The Captain, Colin Weir, has been invited to the Royal Garden Party at Holyrood Palace and is also on a short list of three for Uniformed Youth Leader

of the Year. We are fortunate in having such dedicated officers within all sections of the Boys' Brigade working with our young people.

**Sunday School:** Jean Stevenson and Iain Guthrie visited the Sunday school on 27 October 2013 and 16 February 2014 when they observed the lessons for each of the three groups. The material used is Go Teach. **Beginners** – aged 3 to 5. There are 16 children on the roll with a rota of two teachers on each week out of the pool of 4 teachers. On each occasion there were 10 children present who were enjoying colouring in worksheets. There are quite a number in this group who will be moving up to the primary after the summer. **Primary-** children at school primary 1 to 3. There are about 10 children in the group with two teachers out of a pool of 6. These children are more mature than the beginners and can undertake activities with a small amount of support. **Juniors** – children at school primary 4 to 7. There are 14 on the register with about 6/7 at the class. These children are very engaged with reading and answering questions from the teacher. At present there is one teacher on every week out of a total of 3. The teachers hold regular meetings with Mrs Brown where planning and other issues are discussed. We should all give thanks that we have a flourishing Sunday school led by so many able teachers who inspire our young children in learning stories from the bible. **Bible Class:** Margaret Kells and Jim Rae visited the Bible Class on Sunday 9 February 2014. There were 3 girls present and are led by Fiona Ross, Andrew Geddes, David Hughes and David Young who work a flexible rota, as they are involved in other church activities. The same themes as the Sunday school are followed but with age related materials. There is a relaxed atmosphere in the class with the group being able to express themselves and explore ideas which helps them get the most out of the study. The Bible Class may be small in numbers but it is a valuable asset to the church family and these young people are given an opportunity to explore their faith in a safe environment.

**ENQUIRERS:** The Moderator informed the Kirk Session that he had started a series of meetings for 5 enquirers who may be interested in becoming members.

**SICS (Scientists in Congregations Scotland):** The Moderator informed the Kirk Session that along with Dr Stephen Day he had a meeting with Dr Andrew Torrance the project leader of SCIS (Scientists in Congregations Scotland). The proposal was to encourage debate between Christians and Non Christians who have been scientifically trained. We would be involved, at no cost to our congregation, in the running of seminars and workshops to stimulate discussion and find common ground between these groups.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES:** David Miller informed the Kirk Session that we do not have an effective audit trail for reclaiming gift aid from the Inland Revenue. Imbalance had been found between the ledger and gift aid envelopes. Sybil Miller and David will monitor the count during the next few weeks and draw up a list of instructions to be posted in the count box and given to group leaders. No gift aid claim could be made without an effective audit trail being met.

**ALTERATIONS TO THE COMMUNION ROLL:**

The Kirk Session agreed to transfer out the following members to the Supplementary Roll:

- Pamela Speirs, last known address 14 Kilnwell Quadrant, Motherwell,
- Greta Torrance, last known address 51 Draffen Tower, Motherwell, now in Aberdeen nursing home.
- Ronald Coombes, last known address 489 Merry Street Motherwell, now moved to U.S.A.
- Suzanne Anderson, now moved to Australia.
- Rene Burns, now moved to Australia.
- Sue McBride, now moved to Wales.
- Emma O'Neill, 21 Mulberry Close, Leamington Spa.

The Kirk Session agreed to transfer in from the Supplementary Roll:

- Mrs Lily Kirkwood, 126 Glenview Court, Motherwell

## MAY 2014

The Kirk Session met on Thursday 8 May 2014. The Moderator opened the meeting with a reading from Romans Chapter 13: verses 8 -10, a hymn and constituted the meeting in prayer. Forty-six elders were present, with eight apologies according to Sederunt sheet.

**BUSINESS ARISING: Holy Baptism:** Linda Irvine proposed that the Kirk Session's position on Holy Baptism should be altered to read "At least one parent or legal guardian of a child being presented for Holy Baptism ought to be a church member. In exceptional circumstances and only with the recommendation of the moderator and by the approval of the Kirk Session the person presenting the child for Holy Baptism may be a close family member. In such circumstance they must also be a church member." Linda explained that this rewording of the proposed amendment is to avoid any confusion (and to address the concerns raised at the Kirk Session). After an extensive discussion the proposal was defeated. The Moderator informed the Kirk Session that consensus was important and we need to live with different viewpoints and the status quo now existed. He stated that he would write to the two correspondents who had raised the issue explaining the Kirk Session's decision.

**Statistics for Mission:** The Moderator informed the Kirk Session that the working group set up to look at the implication of the data prepared by the Church of Scotland Statistics for Mission Group based on the 2011 census had met and their observations had been distributed to Elders prior to the meeting. The main points were:

- 1) We have a high percentage of elderly living alone in our parish. Our Befriend Motherwell service has begun to address this.
- 2) 2,248 people living in our parish are young adults aged 25-44. Some of those will have young families. There is scope for us to reach out more through our existing youth organisations and Messy Church.
- 3) About two thirds of people are connected with a Christian denomination. Almost all of the others 2500 have no religious affiliation.

- 4) More than 2,000 people report to having left school with no formal qualifications. We wondered if a literacy and numeracy project could offer support to those who may be struggling with the basics.
- 5) More than half of the properties in our parish are owned.
- 6) Employment statistics are broadly in line with the national average.

**Good Friday Meditation:** The Session Clerk thanked those elders who had helped with welcoming visitors to our Sanctuary. Thirty-five people had attended the Good Friday Meditation.

**CORRESPONDENCE: Session Clerks and Elders Conference:** A Session Clerks and Elders Conference will be held on 24 to 26 October 2014 at Tulliallan Castle. Anyone interested in this training opportunity to contact the Session Clerk. **World Mission Council:** The World Mission Council magazine has been posted on the notice board, this issue concentrates on climate change. **Helen Lawson:** A letter was received from Helen Lawson thanking the Kirk Session for the beautiful flowers received from the Kirk Session on the death of her aunt. **Susan Duncan:** A letter was received from Susan Duncan thanking the Kirk Session for the flowers received after her brother's death. **Bill and Jean Jack:** A letter was received from Bill and Jean Jack thanking the Kirk Session for the flowers, cards and visits received on the death of Bill's brother George. **Glasgow City Mission:** Correspondence was received from Glasgow City Mission thanking Dalziel St Andrew's for the generous donation of over 400 Easter Eggs. These would be distributed at their City Centre project and Child and Family Centre.

**PRESBYTERY REPORT:** The Report of the Presbytery of Hamilton meeting on Tuesday 6 May 2014 was presented by the Moderator as Dr Stephen Day (Presbytery Elder) had been unable to attend due to a prior engagement. Liz Magunnigal, coordinator of Befriend: Motherwell, reported on the work she is leading in our project to serve isolated elderly people in our area. This was well received by everyone in attendance and stirred some interest from other congregations. Derek Hughes made intimation of the service we offer,

via our internet live stream each Sunday. He supplied presbyters with a leaflet outlining the drive towards helping people who are hearing-impaired, and requested that they spread the message to those who may benefit. Derek also asked folk to consider if there is someone they know who might be able to help with signing for the deaf each Sunday. Chapelhall Parish Church and Kirk O'Shotts Parish Church are to be linked at a Presbytery service to take place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 7:00pm within Chapelhall Parish Church. A service to commemorate the beginning of the First World War is to be held within Bothwell Parish Church on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2014 at 2:30pm. Presbytery noted a letter from the Revd Dr John Sharp (retired from East Kilbride: South) with respect to his resignation from membership of The Church of Scotland and his demission as a Minister of The Church of Scotland. Presbytery noted receipt of a letter from the Revd Agnes Moore (Bellshill: West) giving notice of her intention to retire on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2014. Presbytery noted receipt of a letter from the Revd Georgina Baxendale (Motherwell: South) giving notice of her intention to retire on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2014. Presbytery noted the advertisement of a new post – Vocations Champion – in conjunction with Lanark Presbytery, to try and encourage more women and men to answer a call to the range of ministries within The Church of Scotland.

**MAKEOVER REPORT:** The March 2014 Makeover Report was distributed to each Elder prior to the meeting. Douglas Graham (Property Convener) informed the Kirk Session that the replacement of the windows in the Caretaker's flat would commence on the 19 June. The Kirk Session noted the progress being made in the various phases of the Makeover Project – Forward for Jesus.

**HOLY COMMUNION:** The Session Clerk thanked the elders who had helped serve the elements at the service of Holy Communion on Easter Sunday. He also thanked the Moderator for the thought provoking and very moving service. The Arrangements for Holy Communion on Sunday 1 June had been distributed to elders prior to

the meeting anyone unable to carry out duty to inform the Session Clerk as soon as possible.

**NOMINATION OF PRESBYTERY ELDER:** Dr Stephen Day had expressed his willingness to continue to serve as Presbytery Elder. The Kirk Session thanked Dr Stephen Day and unanimously elected him to serve for a further year.

**TRAINING IN CONDUCTING FUNERALS:** Correspondence was received from the Revd. Keith Ross (Congregational Development Officer) regarding the interest there would be in participating in a training course on the conduction of funerals. Anyone interested in this to contact the Moderator or Session Clerk in the first instance.

**GIFT-AID:** David Miller informed the Kirk Session that he had drawn up a set of instructions for Welcome Groups on the procedures for counting and recording the offerings for the purposes of Gift-Aid. Copies of these instructions would be given to the Welcome Group leaders and also posted in the count cupboard.

**SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB:** Anne Brown (Sunday school Co-ordinator) informed the Kirk Session that a Summer Club “Fit for a King” using Scripture Union Materials would be run on Sundays over a period of 6 weeks during the summer holidays. A Holiday Crèche would also be available. Leaders and helpers will be required. It is hoped that these activities would encourage parents to come along and participate in Sunday worship.

**ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS:** The Moderator informed the Kirk Session that we have now five enquirers who have completed the course of instruction and are now ready to be admitted to full membership of the Church of Scotland.

They are as follows;

- Hazel Brown, 75 Harvest Drive, Motherwell ML1 2RT

- Aileen Bryce, 50 Wilson Street, Motherwell, ML1 1NP
- Colette Dougan, 35 Challum Drive, Motherwell, ML1 2FD
- Daniel Tudor, 53 Challum Drive, Motherwell, ML1 2FD
- Jean Watson, 46 Forgewood Road, Motherwell, ML1 3TH

The Kirk Session approved and is delighted to welcome and admit these new members on Sunday 18 May 2014 at morning worship. The Moderator, Session Clerk, Welcome Group Elders, their District Elders and family members who are Elders will give the right hand of fellowship.

**ALTERATIONS TO THE COMMUNION ROLL:**

It was with sadness that the Kirk Session learned of the death of Alison Buchanan, Park Springs N. H., Motherwell, ML1 3TA.

In by transference certificate: Aileen Bryce, 50 Wilson Street, Motherwell, ML1 1NP.

**Crawford Moffat**  
Session Clerk



**Makeover Project**

**“Forward for Jesus”**

**Update to end of  
July 2014**

**Lift:** Work is nearing completion on the installation of the lift. It will be commissioned soon. The portable lift is in the large hall and available

for use for any events. New electrical sockets have been added to the hall.

**Roof:** Final approvals to grant funding have been received from the Heritage Lottery Fund and the relevant contract for overhaul of roof and walls is being signed. A meeting has been held with the contractor and work on the roof and walls is scheduled to commence on Monday 11 August. It is expected that work will last to around November. A new CCTV system is included as part of the contract. Work on pruning of the overhanging trees is scheduled to be undertaken in first week in August, in advance of the main contract. This will allow the CCTV system to be installed with 6 cameras.

**Caretakers Flat Windows:** Work is completed on installation of double glazing to the flat.

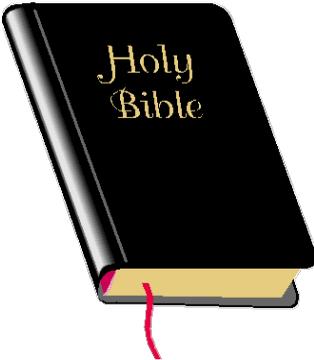
**Audio/Visual:** A new screen has been added to serve the transept area. The existing screen will remain in place to help those in first two rows. Two additional Sockets have been added on the upper floor balcony area to allow extra screening if required by a full building.

**Thanks:** Thanks to all who continue to help in any way.

**Recommendation:** The Kirk Session, Congregational Board and Congregation are asked to note progress being made in the various phases of the Makeover Project – **Forward for Jesus.**

**Douglas Graham & Alex Baird**  
Property Convener & Chairman of the Congregational Board

# Bibles for Africa



*“No one can read this book without being convinced that there is Someone here at work besides mere human beings.”  
(J.B.Phillips)*

Thank you for the continued donations of bibles which come my way for onward shipping to areas of the world where people are not so fortunate as us in having ready access to The Word.

The most recent edition of Book Aid News includes the following;

*“Since Book Aid was launched in 1987, we have received up to ten tons of Christian Books and Bibles every week. That is a lot of books! And there is no let-up. **Praise God!***

*We praise God for the team of volunteers who handle these mini-mountains by sorting and selecting each book, then packing ready for shipping abroad to book-famine areas.*

*As Book Aid continues in its 26<sup>th</sup> year please pray on as we seek to know God’s will and direction for the continued programme of shipping books and bibles overseas.”*

Many thanks to all within our congregation, and also from other congregations in the area, who continue to help with this wonderful flow of love. Any unused bibles I will gladly pass on to Book Aid.

In His Service  
**Alex Baird**

# Girls' Brigade



Well, we are ready to start the next session and hope that we have some 'new' girls join us – especially those still at primary school. If you know of any young girls, tell mums and dads to bring them along and try us out. New subjects and new games are two areas the officers are looking forward to.

We enroll on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August in church halls between 6.30 and 7.30pm - so come along and sign up for more fun, and get all the information!

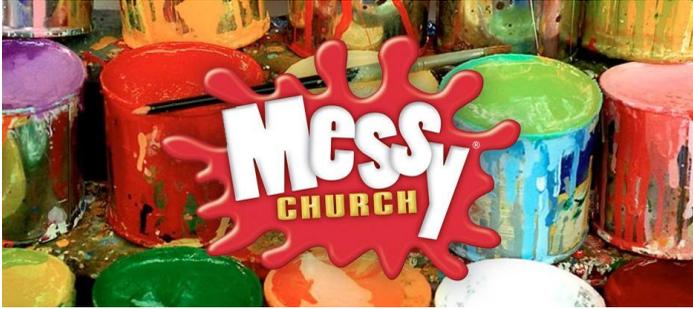
Please remember that we still do 'cash for castoffs' and value any items passed our way from the congregation as well as parents. When it comes time to put away summer things and look out the warmer items, think of us and pass to us as there is a collection in October.

Many thanks.

**Liz Bogle**  
Girls Brigade Captain

## Dalziel St. Andrews Toddlers

Play begins on 19<sup>th</sup> August when we start back. Hope all the regulars return and if you have a wee one and are looking for company for them then Tuesday mornings are for you! 10am – 12noon in the church hall – all welcome.



We have now run three Messy Church events, and are geared up for a further two before the end of 2014. The first of these will be called **“DRESSY MESSY.”** This will concentrate on the Bible story about ***Joseph and his amazing technicolour dream coat,*** and will take place in our church halls on the afternoon of ***Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October from 3:30pm.*** Everyone is asked to come along dressed for the occasion in his or her brightest clothes.

If you haven't been to one of these MESSY CHURCH events yet, you really are missing out. The whole experience is aimed at young families in our community, especially those who have little or no existing connection with our congregation, but certainly not exclusively so. Some photographs from previous events can be viewed via our church website – they look great! 😊

Of course, we would appreciate if you could pre-register (through the website) your intention to be with us. This will greatly assist us in being properly prepared for the numbers we need to cater for on the day.

It promises to be a chaotic and colourful time of fun, faith, family and friends.

**Come and join us on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

**We begin informally at 3:30pm in the hall** with tea, coffee, juice, biscuits and cakes, taking time to catch up with each other, and make

new friends. This is followed by a period of crafts and games, as well as a very brief time of relaxed, informal and totally interactive praise in the church sanctuary, before getting our teeth into some lovely grub!

Once again, there will be no charge for the whole day. We are very grateful to a couple of people in our church family who have made this possible through their personal generosity.

**Come along and enjoy this innovative approach to church.**

**More information and details** on how you can be involved are available through contacting **Lesley Angus, Lorna Geddes, or Liann Weir.**

***P.S. – We are looking for knitters, who would be willing to give a little of their time to lovingly create some very special items ahead of our WOOLLY WINTER messy church event. If you can help, please speak to one of the leaders above as soon as possible.***

## Joy!

O God, give me in my life the fruit of joy. Help me always to be happy and cheerful. Help me still to smile even when things go wrong. Help me always to look on the bright side of things, and always to remember that, even when things are at their worst, there is still something to be thankful for. Don't let me grumble and complain; don't let me be a pessimist and a wet blanket. And help me to find my happiness, not in doing what I want, but in doing what you want, and not in thinking of myself, but in thinking of others, through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen

(William Barclay 1907 – 1978)

# Music at Dalziel St. Andrew's

*'Come let us sing for joy to The Lord;  
Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before Him with thanksgiving  
And extol Him with music and song.'* Psalm 95:1-2



Music is an important and powerful part of our worship, as we unite our hearts and voices in hymns and songs praising God, or quietly meditate on a message or melody brought to us by the choir, or a recording played through the sound system. Music and singing are gifts from God and it is right that we should praise Him and share these gifts with others. We, as a congregation, sing hymns with an understanding and passion ably led by our choir. We sing a variety of traditional and contemporary hymns accompanied on both the pipe organ and the keyboard; we are indeed fortunate to have such a wealth of worship music readily available to us. Hymns are intended to tie in with the readings for each service and reflect on the mood and tone of the theme for the day. Choir items and other music hopefully add to the worship experience, bringing it all together for us as a congregation.

The recently refurbished Walcker pipe organ enhances worship quietly and also with great power; it provides music before the service for people to quietly prepare for worship, leads our singing and can 'lift the roof' in a crescendo of sound as we leave the sanctuary at the end! The electric piano is more suited to accompany modern worship songs and also provide an accompaniment for the choir to sing.

The choir rehearse every Wednesday evening from 7.30-9.00pm in Lower Rooms 1/2 from September through to the end of April. Practices are generally light hearted, though we do have some serious moments preparing hymns for Sundays along with relevant choir pieces to sing during the uplift of the offering and for special occasions in the Christian calendar. At present we have 23 members and try, on most occasions, to sing in 4-part harmony.....soprano, alto, tenor and bass. To be able to continue singing in harmony, we do need more members.....now! New members are always welcome; you do not have to be able to read music, although it is helpful to be able to follow the rise and fall of the melody. If you would like to think about joining us then why not come along to one, or more, of our rehearsals and give it a try.....why not come along with a friend; we would be delighted to welcome you. Joining the choir is a commitment, but not everyone in the choir is able to attend every rehearsal.

As a choir and congregation we were all sorry to lose one of our regular choir members in Rankine Williams. Rankine was a committed member of the choir who turned up faithfully to rehearsals and each Sunday when he was able. Rankine struggled with health issues over very many years, but never complained about the daily challenges he faced. We give thanks for his life, his dedication to the choir over many years and know that he is now at peace with his God and Creator.

## **Reachout Project**

Donations of tins and packaged food are always welcome to help those less fortunate within our town. There are donation zones within the church building should you wish to contribute.

**All donations are very much appreciated.**

# Sunday School & Bible Class

I hope everyone has enjoyed a happy relaxing summertime.

The children who have attended all or some of the holiday club Sunday sessions have enjoyed the fun of 'Fit for a King'. It is good to see the children and their parents continuing to worship during the summer when they are able.

The fun and games followed a theme based on our King Jesus – A King with a difference; A King who cares; A King who is killed; A King who came back; Come into the kingdom concluding with Let the Games Begin – 'Fit for a King'.

Thank you to all helpers and leaders who willingly staffed the holiday club and holiday crèche throughout the summer. These activities could not have taken place without members of the Church family being willing to give of their time and talents and work with the young people of our Church. It has been a most successful holiday club.

On **Sunday 17 August** the children enjoyed an All Age Worship and Registration Forms for Sunday School were completed by Parents and Guardians. It is very important that every child attending SSBC is registered with all relevant details provided.

On **Sunday 24 August** all classes resumed. A series of four lessons from the Old Testament started our Sunday School and Bible Class (SSBC) Session. The theme is titled Four Good Kings –

1. August 24<sup>th</sup> King Jehoshaphat
2. August 31<sup>st</sup> King Joash
3. September 7<sup>th</sup> King Hezekiah
4. September 14<sup>th</sup> King Josiah

The following children have moved up to the next department of Sunday School-

**Crèche to Beginners** - Callum Johnstone, Alie Robertson, Rachel Robertson, Lewis Cameron and Callum McCulloch.

**Beginners to Primary** – Isla Robertson, Abigail Weir, Ewan Angus, Charlotte Brown, Joshua Arbuckle, Nathan Robertson, Josh Porter, Adam Bruce, Emma Neilson, Damien Gilfillan, Clara Walker and Lucy Deery.

**Primary to Juniors** – Natalie Thomson, Samantha Sharkey, Euan Barrie, Liam Ross, Maia Brown and Aaron Deery.

**Juniors to Bible Class** – Ewan Porter, Caitlin Steven and Taylor Dykes.

We wish all the children who are part of our young church family a happy time in classes as they learn more about our faith.

In the last magazine report I omitted to welcome two children to our crèche. Alan and Michelle Milton have been bringing their 2 year old son Alan James (AJ) and their new baby daughter Rachel. We warmly welcome them to the Crèche Department. We are blessed in our Church family to have so many young families bringing their children to Church each Sunday.

As always can I ask that you continue to pray for the children and their parents/guardians and the SSBC Teachers in their preparation and planning.

**Anne Brown**  
Sunday School and Bible Class Co-ordinator

## **Social Committee**

We hope that everyone has enjoyed a good summer. The Committee would like to thank the Boys' Brigade for hosting the American Brunch in July. Over £300 was raised from the event.

Dates for your diary;

**Saturday August 30th** - Senior Treat

**Sunday October 19th** - Harvest Lunch after Morning Service

**Saturday 1st November** - Craft Table Top Sale in the Large Hall with Teas/Coffees in the Small Hall

**Saturday 6th December** - Annual Christmas Fayre.

Further details will be issued via the Church Notices.

**Janette Black**  
Social Committee Convener

## **Befriending Motherwell**

Our project to help bring support to elderly folk in the town is growing with expansion into Group Befriending work with activities now at Glenview Court, Ravenscourt and Mission Place.

We are in discussion with Social Work and Carers together to see if there is scope to expand even further into Telephone and Peer Befriending. It is a big step to take to significantly expand our work in these areas, particularly so in relation to Telephone Befriending work.

Please do pray for us as we look to see if this is an appropriate area to develop into with the added pressures of recruiting many more volunteers to help us if we do indeed go this way.

If you can spare just an hour each week to help in either the one-to-one Befriending or the new Group work, please do get in touch and I

will gladly explain what is involved. You can contact me by calling into the church office on either Tuesday or Wednesday mornings, or by emailing: [befriending@dalzielstandrews.org.uk](mailto:befriending@dalzielstandrews.org.uk) or by telephone at 07796012462. Thank You.

**Liz Magunnigal**  
Befriending Co-ordinator

## Only Kidding!

**Daughter** - “Dad, I’m in love with a boy who is far away from me. I am in Australia and he is in the U.K. We met on a dating website, became friends on Facebook, had long chats on WhatsApp, he proposed to me on Skype, and now we have had two months together through Viber. Dad, I would like your blessings and good wishes.”

**Father** - “Wow! Really!! Then get married on Twitter, have fun on Tango, buy your kids on Amazon and pay through Paypal. And if you are fed up with your husband, sell him on Ebay”

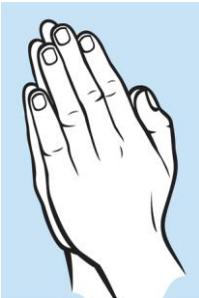
## Lift

The new lift is now in operation and helping all to reach the upper floor halls. Just hold the button when you enter the lift to either go up or down. The lift is equipped with a back-up battery which ensures that, in the event of any power failure, any passengers can still use the buttons to get out at the ground floor. There is also an alarm fitted with direct access to a new telephone line. An annual maintenance contract is arranged with Stannah (the manufacturers) as part of the contract.

# The Prayer Groups

“I lift up my eyes to the hills, where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord. The Maker of Heaven and Earth. The Lord will keep you from all harm, He will watch over your life. The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and for evermore.”

**Psalm 121 vs 1-2 & 7-8**



Prayer Groups meet in the Prayer Room

**Monday 7.30pm – 9.00pm**  
**&**  
**Wednesday 1.00pm – 2.00pm**

For a number of years now we have gathered for the prayer hour on a Wednesday afternoon and Monday evening.

Over this time we have uplifted to God numerous requests for prayer. We have been truly blessed by our gracious God with wonderful answers. What an encouragement this gives to everyone.

Requests for prayer can be made via the prayer boxes at the front and rear church doors or via our church website.

We would welcome most warmly, new folks to any of the groups – why not pay us a visit? Both groups start back in September.

**The Prayer Groups**

# Helping the Deaf and Hard of Hearing



Rae Blagg continues to assist those who worship with us via the internet with the signing of prayers for the deaf or hard of hearing. This is a most exciting outreach as we strive to open up God’s Word to many who, to date, have not been able to “hear”. The signing augments the screen offerings which contain text for hymns and Bible Readings and appropriate camera angles to assist with lip reading.

New leaflets have been widely distributed to organisations locally who work with deaf people. Please do pray for success as we strive to touch more lives for Jesus in this way.

Can you help? Do you sign? Do you know of anyone who is able to do so? If you think you can help, or know of anyone who might, do let us know. Thank you.

**Alex Baird**

# Congregational Board

The Congregational Board resumes activity after the summer break with the first meeting scheduled for Thursday 25 September at 7.30p.m.

We are delighted to say that we have several new volunteer Board Members who have joined us in recent months. There is no need to await the AGM before considering joining our activities focussing on the Financial, Property and Social aspects of our Congregation's life as well as overseeing the work of Befriend Motherwell.

If you would care to sit in to see what is involved, with no obligation to proceed to become a member, do turn up at the meetings. You will be made most welcome.

**Fiona Ross and Alex Board**  
Clerk and Chair of the Congregational Board

## Sisterhood

The Sisterhood resumes on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October @ 2pm when the speaker will be the Rev Derek Hughes. A warm welcome awaits all previous and new members alike.

**Janette Moore**  
Secretary



# Priceless Treasures

What could I give you that would truly please  
In topsy-turvy times like these?  
I can't take away or even make less  
The things that annoy, disturb and distress,  
For shops don't sell a single thing  
To make the heart that's troubled sing.  
They sell rare gifts that are ultra-smart  
But nothing to warm or comfort the heart.  
The joys of life that cheer and bless  
The shops don't sell I must confess,  
But friends and prayers are priceless treasures  
Beyond all monetary measures,  
And so I say a special prayer  
That God will keep you in His care,  
And if I can ever help you, dear,  
In any way throughout the year,  
You've only to call, for as long as I live,  
Such as I have I freely give.

**(Helen Steiner Rice)**

# Letters and Cards

*I wish to express my sincere thanks for the beautiful flowers and good wishes which I received on the occasion of my recent birthday. As always, thank you too, to all those involved in this work. I appreciate all this very much.*

**Betty Murray**

I would like to thank all for the prayers, cards, flowers and visits I received during and after my recent stay in hospital. Knowing that the congregation of Dalziel St. Andrew's are thinking and praying for you lifts your spirit and gives you strength. God bless you all.

**Crawford Moffat**

*I would like to thank Derek and the congregation for the beautiful flowers I received after I came out of hospital. Also Jim for delivering them. I am very grateful.*

**Ann Fraser**

*I wish to say thank you for the lovely flowers I received for my birthday, also thanks to Maureen for delivering and spending time chatting.*

**Anne Barr**

*With grateful thanks for the beautiful flowers I received on the occasion of my birthday.*

**June Paterson, Auchlochan**

*On behalf of my dad, Bert Williamson, I would like to thank you for the church flowers which were delivered to him on the occasion of his 94<sup>th</sup> birthday. I requested that the flowers be placed in dad's lounge so that all the residents can share their beauty. We had a small family lunch with him at Park Springs and I am sure dad enjoyed it in his own way.*

**Sandra Jackson**

*Another year gone and another year older – but who is counting – it all depends on ones outlook in life. I feel a lot younger after received the lovely flowers for my birthday. Thank you very much.*

**Margaret Anderson**

*I write to thank you for the beautiful flowers delivered to me recently following the death of my father. I would be grateful if you could also pass on my deep felt thanks to my friends in the Church choir, the guild and the congregation for their telephone calls, flowers and beautiful sympathy cards. This has been a great comfort to me at this sad time.*

**Margaret Colquhoun**

*I do appreciate the visits of the Minister and Session Clerk and thank them for their visits and prayers; also thanks for the prayers of the Elders and congregation; the flowers from the Church and of course, those who deliver them. All of this is indeed a morale booster to me.*

**Frank Reford**

*I would like to thank you and the church for the lovely flowers I received for my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. They were very much appreciated.*

**Jean Melvin**

*Many thanks for the beautiful flowers which were so kindly sent to us on Sunday in memory of Rankine Williams. Your kindness was much appreciated.*

**Barbara Barr and Margaret Mills**

**Letters, e-mails and telephone calls have also been received from the following people, expressing appreciation for cards, prayers, flowers and support 😊**

**May Thomson, Pearl Grierson, Ismay Ferguson, Babs Rae,  
James Melvin, Betty Morton, Marion Taylor,  
Wilma Alexander, Irene Struthers,  
Aileen Bryce, Jean Paterson, Helen Wilson**

# Congregational Register

## **BAPTISM: the LORD bless you and keep you**

**Oliver (Ollie) Robert Tudor,**  
infant son of Daniel and Abi (nee Doyle)  
on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2014

## **MARRIAGES: joined together by God's love**

**Susan Elizabeth Reford and Matt Boland**  
on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2014

**Kelly Salter and Robert James Simpson**  
on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2014

## **FUNERALS: left this world, but not forgotten**

James (Jim) Corbet, 37 Earnock Avenue, Motherwell

Elizabeth (Betty) Margaret Pearson, 67 Watling Street, Motherwell

Elizabeth (Betty) Graham, 552 Merry Street, Motherwell

Grace Fulton McAulay, 38 Brandon Court, Motherwell

Thomas (Tom) Corbett, 104 Burnside Tower, Motherwell

Mary (June) Gilmour, 14 Northfield Street, Motherwell

Archibald (Rankine) Williams, 17 Douglas Street, Motherwell

Catherine (Renee) Matthewson, 1 Bannerman Drive, Mossend

Janet (Netta) Rennie, 217 O'Wood Avenue, Holytown

# Flowers in the Chancel

<b>September 2014</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	Jean Spiers, 15 Hillhead Avenue Margaret Anderson, 140 Manse Road
	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	Etta Warnock, 61 Douglas Street Dave & May Currie <i>In Memoriam</i>
	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>HARVEST</b>
	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	Susan Miller, 16 Airbles Crescent Betty Hamilton, 20 Merryton Tower
<b>October 2014</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	June Adam, 24 Jerviston Street June Adam, 24 Jerviston Street
	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Flower Fund (donations welcome)</i> Edith Ross, 6 Glenhead Drive
	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	Mary Dick, 13 Rosehall Terrace, Wishaw Margaret Reid, 2 Calder View
	<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	Jean Stevenson, 1 Champion Road Mrs M Gemmell, Netherton Road
<b>November 2014</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Margaret McClure, 6 Shirley Gardens Helen Gibb, 22 Sharp Street
	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	The Cavinue Family <i>In Memoriam</i> Les & Fiona Corbet, 3 Elvan Street
	<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	Agnes Douglas, 17 Fir Grove, New Stevenson Margaret Sneddon, 26 Law View, Overtown
	<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Irene Ormiston, 43 Cadzow Street Marion Smith, 214 Hamilton Road
	<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	Susan Duncan, 11 Wellview Drive Margaret Hands, 10 Arran Road

# Flowers in the Vestibule

<b>September 2014</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	Cathie Warren, 45 Ballater Crescent, Wishaw
	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	Mrs Rae Blagg, 97 Fife Drive
	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>HARVEST</b> Jeanette Moffat, 19 Douglas Street, Overtown
	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	Elizabeth Malloy, 12 Queen Elizabeth Court
<b>October 2014</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	Irene Struthers, 10 North Street
	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	Janet Currie, 54 Orchard Street
	<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Flower Fund (donations welcome)</i>
	<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	Jim McCord <i>In Memoriam</i>
<b>November 2014</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Aileen Dobson, 10 Wellview Drive
	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	Barbara Brown, 41 Allan Tower
	<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	Mary Caldwell, 69 Brandon Court
	<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	The Kerr Family, 8 Cassels Grove
	<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	Donna Gardner, 134A Crawford Street

**Thank you to everyone who kindly donate to the flowers which beautify the sanctuary during worship.**

If you would like to help in this so special outreach of love please add your name to the Flower List (on the wall outside the kitchen) or **speak to Aileen Hamilton or Rae Blagg**. This involves donating towards the cost of the flowers which both adorn our sanctuary and then give support to so many when delivered to homes after the service.



# Organisations & Activities

Sunday	11:00am	Morning Worship in Main Sanctuary
Sunday	11:00am	Crèche, Sunday school & Bible Class
Sunday	12:00 Noon	After service tea/coffee bar
Sunday	3:00pm	Worship at Glenview Court (Monthly)
Sunday	6:30pm	Evening Worship (as announced)
Monday	9:30 – 11:30am	Crafts Group in Small Hall
Monday	2:00 – 4:00 pm	Carpet Bowls in Large Hall
Monday	5:15pm	19 <sup>th</sup> Motherwell Rainbows
Monday	6:30pm	19 <sup>th</sup> Motherwell Brownies
Monday	7:30pm	Men's Club in Small Hall
Monday	7:30pm	Prayer Hour in Sanctuary Quiet Room
Tuesday	6:30pm	Hamilton Presbytery (1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of Month)
Tuesday	6:30pm	Hamilton Presbytery Committees (3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of Month)
Tuesday	7:00pm	The Church of Scotland Guild
Wednesday	1:00pm	Prayer Hour in Sanctuary Quiet Room
Wednesday	2:00pm	Sisterhood in Small Hall
Wednesday	6:30pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Motherwell Girls' Brigade
Wednesday	7:30pm	Choir Practice in Lower Rooms
Thursday	2:00 – 4:00pm	Carpet Bowls in Large Hall
Thursday	7:30pm	Kirk Session in Small Hall (2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of Month)
Thursday	7:30pm	Congregational Board in Small Hall (3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of Month)
Friday	6:00pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Motherwell B.B. Anchor Boys
Friday	6:30pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Motherwell B.B. Junior Section
Friday	7:00pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Motherwell B.B. Company Section

# Abbeyfield

The Abbeyfield House, 17 Douglas Street, Motherwell, provides supported accommodation.

We currently have rooms available, which would suit someone who would enjoy the company of a small group of friendly residents.

Lunches and evening meals are provided by our staff.

If you are interested and would like more information, please telephone 01698 263 309 or 0131 225 7801

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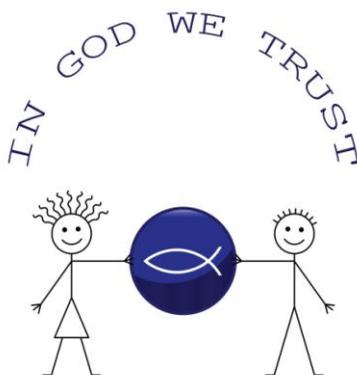
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