

Dalziel St. Andrew's Parish Church

'The Kirk at The Cross'

Believing in Christ – Belonging to Christ – Becoming like Christ



“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.”

(Matthew 7:24)

Kirk Matters

Congregational Newsletter

June – August 2015

The Manse of Dalziel St. Andrew's Parish Church

Dear friends,

Well, how did you get on with all that chocolate over Easter? I failed miserably.....to eat it all, I mean. Mind you, I tried my level best. ☺ Yet, perhaps I ought to add that I'm used to failure. It is integral to my understanding of what brings me to a place where I need the LORD to work in my life. The apostle John phrases it this way in his first epistle – ***“If we claim we have not sinned, we make Him (God) out to be a liar and His word is not in us.” (Chapter 1, verse 10)***

A crucial first step towards getting right with God and being adopted into His family as a daughter or son is to actually admit that you (and I) are not perfect. AND, then (as John explains in verse 9 of the same chapter), the miraculous can occur: ***“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”*** That has got to rank right up there with the most important verses in Holy Scripture. It invites us to be totally honest before our Creator and speak to Him about what He already knows and understands – i.e., that we are fickle and frail human beings who mess up and get it wrong constantly, that we stand in need of His pardon and help if we are ever to amount to anything worthwhile in our lives.

It seems to me that the summer months are often thought of as a time for renewal of our physical resources. Whether that comes from lounging on a beach in some exotic destination, or simply taking some time to chill out with friends and family at home, away from the demands of work, it amounts to the same thing. Maybe we can apply similar principles from a spiritual point of view and, confessing our weakness, doubt, anxiety, need, cry out to the LORD for His help.

God bless you wherever you end up over the next few months. I pray that you will know His presence and benefit from His pardon.

Derek W. Hughes

Dates for your Diary



Sunday 7th June 2015

Sacrament of Holy Communion

at 11:00am and 6:30pm

ALL who love the LORD are welcome to attend!

Sunday 21st June 2015

Service suitable for all ages at 11:00am

to close the Sunday school year

Sunday 21st June 2015

Brief service at Glenview Court.

ALL welcome to attend from 3:00pm

Sunday 28th June 2015

Messy Church event and Barbeque from 3:30pm

Please register ahead of time at the church website.

ALL welcome!

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

Kirk Session

DECEMBER 2014

The Kirk Session met on Thursday 11 December 2014. The Rev^d. Derek Hughes (Moderator) welcomed everyone and updated the Kirk Session on sick, bereaved elders and their families. He asked that all be remember in prayer. The Moderator then opened the meeting with a reading from Isaiah 11: verses 1-9, a hymn and constituted the meeting in prayer. Thirty-nine elders were present, with ten apologies according to Sederunt sheet.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Enquirers: The Moderator informed the Kirk Session that a group of four enquirers had satisfactorily completed a course of instruction and three had expressed a desire to go forward to membership. Admission to full membership of the Church of Scotland will take place at a service to be arranged during January. The Names are Lynsey Allan, 46 Heron View, Motherwell. Sarah Jane MacNamara, 97 Dechmont Avenue, Motherwell and Laura Mitchell, 14 Hoy Gardens, Motherwell. The Kirk Session approved and are delighted to welcome and admit these new members.

(S.I.C.S.) Scientists in Congregations in Scotland: Stephen Day informed the Kirk Session that the first meeting of scientifically minded members of our congregation had now taken place. After a power point presentation discussions on the themes and follow up took place.

Christmas and New Year Worship: The Moderator intimated that he proposed that we continue with the increasingly popular Christmas Eve service at 6.30pm and then a Watch-night service at 11.30pm. On Christmas day a half hour service at 11am with children and adults encouraged to bring gifts they have received. The service on the 28 December at 11am will be followed in the afternoon by Messy Church entitled Woolly Winter. The Kirk Session agreed.

Christmas Fayre: Janette Black thanked all who helped and took part in our annual Christmas Fayre. A sum of £2215 was raised and will go to the church General Account.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Church of Scotland Guild: A letter was received from the Secretary of the Church of Scotland Guild Hamilton South Presbyterial Council wishing God's Blessing on all at Dalziel St. Andrew's and thanking the Rev^d. Derek Hughes for his contribution to their Autumn Rally held in Dalziel St. Andrew's.

Presbytery of Hamilton (Data Protection): Presbytery Instructs each Kirk session to send two representatives to a training conference on data protection to be held in Dalziel St. Andrew's on the 26 February 2015 at 7.00pm. Anyone interested to inform the Session Clerk.

Presbytery of Hamilton (Ministry and Mission Allocation): Intimation was received from the Presbytery of Hamilton on the proposed Ministry and Mission contributions for 2015. The sum allocated for Dalziel St. Andrew's was £87,396. Willie Brown, Treasurer, had queried this and a calculation mistake by the Church of Scotland has been rectified. The Dalziel St. Andrew's allocation for 2015 is now £78,680.

Presbytery of Hamilton (General Assembly Youth Representatives): Presbytery encourages all Presbytery Elders to pass on the information about General Assembly Youth Representatives to anyone who is a member or regular attender of the church and aged 18-25.

Church of Scotland Law Department: Intimation was received from the Church of Scotland Law Department regarding the Data Protection Act 1998. The Law Department has produced an on line webinar on the subject and this should be mandatory viewing for all Ministers and Office Bearers. Details are available from the Session Clerk.

Church of Scotland (Vocations Conference): Details of the Church of Scotland Vocations Conference to be held at Renfield St. Stephens, Glasgow on Saturday 7 February 2015 have been posted on the notice board. Further information can be obtained from the Session Clerk.

Wilson Devlin: A letter of thanks was received from Wilson Devlin thanking the Minister and the Kirk Session for the church flowers received and their prayers for the recovery of his grandson Drew.

STUART LOVE:

Stuart Love informed the Kirk Session that he had been looking at ways his training could benefit the congregation. Stuart had been in discussion with Eric Geddes our Musical Director and proposed restarting the evening services as a first step. These would initially be held once a month starting on the 25 January 2015 with the Clyde Bank Salvation Army Band and then continuing with four different, less formal and more relaxed services. Feedback would be sought from those participating and attending and if positive, regular evening services could be restated in September. The Kirk Session agreed.

PRESBYTERY REPORT:

Stephen Day gave the Presbytery Report and informed the Kirk Session that the Overture under the Barrier Act on Civil Partnerships had been voted down by Presbytery.

The Revd. Stanley Cook and the Revd. James Hunter were thanked for their 40 years' service as ordained ministers.

Presbytery approved the basis of linking Cleland and Wishaw St. Marks.

MAKEOVER REPORT:

The November 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.

FIRST AID TRAINING:

The Session Clerk informed the Kirk Session that St. Andrew's Ambulance had made a generous free offer of a day's emergency first aid training to members of Dalziel St Andrew's and any affiliated organisations. Anyone interested to contact the Session Clerk or Douglas Smith (Health and Safety Coordinator).

FREE WILL OFFERING ENVELOPES:

The Moderator informed the Kirk Session that the free will offering envelopes were now available for distribution to the elder's districts. He thanked Christine Mathie for preparing and coordinating the Free Will Offering scheme.

ORGANISATION VISITS:

Crèche: Janette Black gave the report on the Crèche on behalf of June Adam and Margaret Day. Both June and Margaret had spent a number of mornings recently as volunteer helpers in the Crèche. The register now stands at 22 and ages vary from a few weeks old to aged three. The availability of toys and finance are healthy although cupboard and general space can be a problem. The committee do a sterling job of organisation but are always on the lookout for more volunteers. The Crèche is in a healthy and organised position and all those in charge should be congratulated for their hard work.

Rainbows and Brownies: Nancy Beck and Cathie Hastie have visited the Rainbows and Brownies and have always been made most welcome at both units. There are 10 Rainbows with two leaders but could take more girls if they had another helper. It was a great pleasure to see the girls enjoying themselves with various activities. The Brownies have 24 girls with four leaders. The girls were employed on badge work during our visit and seemed to be enjoying this immensely. Both units are very busy working with the girls but it is sad that there is no Guide unit for them to progress to. A new leader for the Guides would be welcomed with open arms.

Men's Club: Roy Simpson and Douglas Barr visited the Men's Club and were welcomed by President Iain Guthrie. They found it to be in good health with approximately 15 members attending each night. The club is always looking for more and younger members but they are in good heart.

'LEARN' PRESBYTERY CONFERENCE FOR ELDERSHIP:

Over 70 people had attended the recent 'Learn' Presbytery Conference for Eldership and the 'Learn' materials from Mission and Discipleship Council will be available early in the New Year.

LAWSON BEQUEST:

William Brown (treasurer) stated that the sum available for distribution from the Lawson Bequest interest this year was £2343.15. He proposed that we follow the distribution to the youth organisations as made last year. The allocation would be: Boys' Brigade £745, Girls' Brigade £745, Brownies and Rainbows £480, Sunday School £373.15. The Kirk Session agreed.

HOLY COMMUNION: The arrangements were distributed.

WELCOME ROTA 2015-2016: This was distributed to Elders.

MODERATORS REMARKS:

The Moderator asked for volunteers to help deliver 3500 Dalziel St Andrew's Christmas cards to houses within our parish. He also informed the Kirk Session that Peter Currie will be 100 years old on January 5, 2015. The Kirk Session requested that the Session Clerk send congratulations to Peter on their behalf.

ALTERATIONS TO THE COMMUNION ROLL:

In by Resolution of the Kirk Session: Mrs Helene Nisbet, 19 Coursington Gardens, Motherwell. From Elim Church Motherwell.

In by Transfer Certificate: Christine and Andrew Scott, 6 Kirkhill Road, Wishaw from Motherwell St. Margaret's.

The Kirk Session were sad to hear of the deaths of: Jean Miller, 13 Staig Wynd, Motherwell. Jean Sloan, Orbiston NH, Java Street, Motherwell. Nan Cullen, 4 Burnside Tower. John Richards, 510 Bellshill Road (adherent.)

Out by Transfer Certificate: Agnes and Tom Douglas, 17 Fir Grove, New Stevenson, Motherwell to Wrangholm Parish Church, New Stevenson.

FEBRUARY 2015:

The Kirk Session met on Thursday 12 February 2015. The Rev^d. Derek Hughes (Moderator) welcomed everyone and updated the Kirk Session on sick elders and their families. The Moderator then opened the meeting with a reading from Luke 24: verses 13-35, a hymn and constituted the meeting in prayer. Forty-six elders were present, with nine apologies.

MINUTES:

The minutes from the previous meeting on Thursday 11 December 2014 were distributed to each Elder prior to the meeting. These were adopted and signed.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Evening Services: Stuart Love, Student in Training, informed the Kirk Session that the evening service, led by the Clydebank Salvation Army Band and our Choir, on 25 January 2015 had been a great success and well attended. The next evening service would be held on the 1 March 2015.

Messy Church: The Moderator thanked all who had helped with the Messy Church event 'Woolly Winter' between Christmas and New Year. Although the numbers had been down, about 70 attending, there had been a number of new contacts made. The focus of Messy Church is on young families with no prior connection to the church and in this context it has been very successful in attracting new children to the Sunday School and our other youth organisations. The worship element is about 15 minutes long and although Messy Church is hard work it is great fun. The next Messy Church will take place on Sunday 22 February 2015 and will be based on the theme of the Good Samaritan.

(S.I.C.S.) Scientists in Congregations in Scotland: Stephen Day informed the Kirk Session that he was now in the process of setting up

a web site and resourcing books and other materials for the Scientists in Congregations in Scotland group meetings.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Girls' Brigade: A letter was received from Captain Elizabeth Bogle of the 3rd Motherwell Company of the Girls' Brigade thanking the Kirk Session for the financial support they had received from the Lawson Bequest.

Sunday School: A letter was received from Elaine Geddes, Sunday School Treasurer, thanking the Kirk Session for the cheque received from the Lawson Bequest. This will greatly help with the running costs of the Sunday School, Bible Class and Crèche.

Peter and Anne Currie: Thanks were received from Anne and Peter Currie for the flowers and card received from the Kirk Session on the occasion of Peter's 100 birthday.

Presbytery of Hamilton: Notification was received from the Presbytery of Hamilton on the appointment of The Revd. Derek Hughes as Interim Moderator of Newarthill and Carfin during the absence of their minister.

Presbytery of Hamilton: Intimation was received from the Presbytery of Hamilton of the resolution to appoint as Commissionaires to the General Assembly of 2015 the Minister and an Elder from the nominated congregations this included Dalziel St Andrew's Parish Church.

World Mission Council: The January edition of the World Mission Council magazine was received. This month's issue focuses on 'Fairtrade'. Also intimation was received about the Church of Scotland HIV Programme 'Souper Sunday'. Details will be posted on the notice board.

PRESBYTERY REPORT:

Stephen Day gave the Presbytery Report and informed the Kirk Session that Presbytery had decided that due to the lack of Ministers taking up Interim Moderator positions it had been decided that in future those who refused would not be included on the attendance rota for the General Assembly. Funeral poverty was also discussed and how Kirk

Sessions and Congregations could help the bereaved with funding if required. The Moderator informed the Kirk Session that we already have a Benevolent Fund, which can and does help confidentially with these kinds of issues.

MAKEOVER REPORT:

The January 2015 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.

ATTESTATION OF RECORDS:

The annual attestation of records for area 3, Motherwell, will take place at the Presbytery Office on the 17 March 2015. The Kirk Session received the following records for submission to the 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.

ANNUAL STATISTICAL RETURN:

Helen Lawson, Roll Keeper, and Crawford Moffat, Session Clerk, completed the Church of Scotland Annual Statistical Returns. These were returned to Hamilton Presbytery Office. There were 510 Communicants on the Roll with 171 persons on the supplementary roll as at 31 December 2014.

ORGANISATION VISITS:

Girls' Brigade: Margo Graham and Irene Dalton visited the Girls' Brigade in November 2015. Captain Liz Bogle informed them of the sudden death of Liz Campbell who had been a parent helper, auxiliary and friend to the company for 20 years her talents will be sadly missed.

The crocheted remembrance poppies were produced on a smaller scale this year but still managed to realise £2500 for Erskine Home. The Girls and Officers have been hard at work fundraising for their July visit to Paris. The newly formed Girls' Brigade Choir sang beautifully at

last years Christmas Concert held in the church. There are 46 girls enrolled with 13 officers and helpers. The Company is in good heart with very capable officers and helpers.

Sisterhood: June Millar and Rollo Brant visited the Sisterhood in November 2014. Anne Currie, President, and all the ladies of the Sisterhood made them very welcome. Mrs Janette Moore, Secretary, has compiled a most interesting and varied syllabus. Margaret Marshall, Treasurer, has organised two outings to the Bentley Hotel with more planned before the end of the session. There are 22 ladies on the roll with an average of 17 attending each week. The Sisterhood is very well run and gives an opportunity for ladies to meet with friends and enjoy an afternoon in a Christian atmosphere. Good wishes and blessings were passed on from the Kirk Session.

Prayer Groups: Sybil Millar and David Young visited the Monday and Wednesday Prayer Groups in November 2014 and February 2015. The Wednesday Group is lead by Anne Kerr and meets in the afternoon. Seven ladies were present at the time of the visit with some unable to attend. Updates were given on people and situations and prayer request cards were passed round. The ladies prayed for each request. The Monday Prayer group is lead by Derek Hughes. On the day of the visit 12 people were in attendance. A Bible passage was studied and the group were encouraged to think about the way this passage affected them and their situations. The group then prayed for people and various situations. These meetings are uplifting and friendly. Continued support and encouragement of our Prayer Groups is sought. Prayers can be submitted on Prayer Cards or via the Web Site. All requests are treated in strict confidence.

Bible Class: Margaret Kells visited the Bible Class in February 2015. There are six young people on the roll two were present on the day of our visit. There are three leaders on the rota, David Young, Andrew Geddes and David Hughes. On the day of the visit they were studying a passage from Genesis. A workbook called Team Search is used to further study the passage and the group's findings are further discussed. Andrew Geddes and David Hughes are stepping down from leadership of the group but David Young has agreed to stay on for a

further year to enable new leaders to come forward. We hope that this will be the case as our Bible Class is very necessary as an encouragement to our young people in a vital stage of their lives.

HOLY COMMUNION:

The Session Clerk informed the Kirk Session that at Holy Communion on the 1 February 2015, cards had been received from 221 communicants plus 6 visitors at the morning service and 17 at the evening service making a total of 244. This compares with a total of 271 at Holy Communion on February 2014. The Session Clerk thanked all who had helped prepare the Sanctuary and serve the elements. He especially thanked the Moderator for conducting two uplifting and moving services. June Millar reported that some members of the congregation had questioned the use of only non-alcoholic wine. The Moderator stated that it had been the unanimous decision of the Kirk Session to serve only non-alcoholic wine at Holy Communion. This was to enable the service to be inclusive to all members.

BEADLE:

The Session Clerk nominated Graeme Miller, who had been standing in as the Beadle since the retirement of Arthur (Arti) Spence, for the position of Beadle. As no other nominations were received the Kirk Session agreed unanimously to appoint Graeme Miller as Beadle.

EVENING SERVICE OFFERING HOMOLOGATION:

The Moderator stated that at the evening service on the 25 January 2015 an offering of £263.42 had been collected. As the Clydebank Salvation Army Band wanted no donation or expenses it had been proposed that this sum would go towards defraying the cost of the "Reach out and Listen" seminar to be held on the 7 March 2015. The Kirk Session agreed to homologate this in retrospect.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:

The Moderator informed the Kirk Session that Dalziel St. Andrew's would be hosting this years "World Day of Prayer" on Friday, 6 March 2015.

REACH OUT AND LISTEN:

The Moderator informed the Kirk Session that Dalziel St. Andrew's would be hosting a seminar on Saturday 7 March 2015 entitled "Reach Out and Listen". The purpose of this seminar is to discuss how we might improve our service and include deaf and hard of hearing people in worship.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2015:

The Moderator informed the Kirk Session that Dalziel St Andrew's had been nominated this year to appoint a minister and an elder to act as commissioners to this years General Assembly. Our Presbytery Elder, Stephen Day was unable to act as commissioner due to work commitments. If there were no other nominations the Session Clerk had agreed that he would be willing to serve. The Kirk Session appointed the Moderator and the Session Clerk to act as Commissioners.

ALTERATIONS TO THE COMMUNION ROLL:

The Kirk Session was delighted to admit by Profession of Faith: Lynsey Allan, 46 Heron View, Motherwell. Sarah Jane MacNamara, 97 Dechmont Avenue, Motherwell. Laura Mitchell, 14 Hoy Gardens, Motherwell.

In by Certificate of Transference: Mr Wilson Davidson, 10 Campbell Drive, Glasgow from Barrhead Bourock Parish Church. Mrs Christine Campbell, 99 Hamilton Road, Motherwell from South Wishaw Parish Church.

Out by Certificate of Transference: Mrs Margaret Hamilton, 31 Queen Elizabeth Court, Motherwell to Overtown Parish Church.

It was with sadness that the Kirk Session learned of the deaths of Mrs Ruby Ross, Netherton Court Nursing Home, Wishaw. Mrs Annie Cooper, Thornhill House Nursing Home, Wishaw. Mrs Mary Thomson, 7 Shields Tower, Motherwell. Mrs Nan Brown, 70 Glenview Court, Motherwell. Mrs Margaret Peat, Tempelton House, 78 Stonelaw Drive, Rutherglen.

Crawford Moffat
Session Clerk



Makeover Project

“Forward for Jesus”

**Update to end of
March 2015**

Lift: Work is complete on the lift which is working very well and being well used.

Roof: Work is finished on the roof and walls. The installation of the CCTV security system from Pointer Alarms took a little longer than expected but is also now complete and system operational.

The conclusion of the Architect is that it has been very important to address all of the previously unseen problems in roof and windows as this will prevent much more serious concerns developing in years ahead.

Upper Floor Toilet: Work is just about complete with final small adjustments taking place.

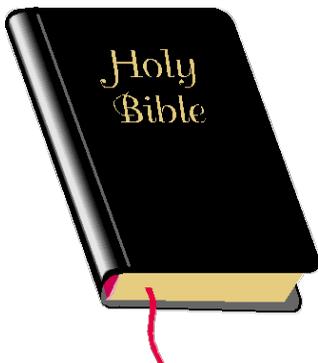
Caretaker's Flat: Work is progressing. This major refurbishment includes heating; kitchen; bathroom; electrics; doors; flooring and decoration. It is hoped to have all completed in next few weeks.

Thanks: Thanks to all who continue to help in any way and for everyone's patience.

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

Ian Morrison & 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)*

Many thanks for the continued "harvest" of no longer needed/used bibles which come

my way. I have recently been able to deliver a further three boxes of bibles to Book Aid who gather them in and ship a container load to Africa or Asia as soon as they have enough to do so. We do know just how much this donation of God's Word is needed and appreciated wherever it reaches. Please do pray that the Word of God touches hearts wherever it finds its way. Well done and thanks.

P.S. Book Aid was 60 years old in 2014!

In His Service
Alex Baird

Sunday School & Bible Class

The Sunday School and Bible Class (SSBC) session draws to a close this month following a successful year of good attendance by the children who have been following an interesting and varied programme of lessons from The Old Testament and New Testament using Go Teach, Come Learn materials.

Since Easter the classes have been looking at Abraham - man of Faith, during a six week series in the months of April and May.

The crèche, with the babies and toddlers, follow their own varied programme of activities. Play is an important aspect of learning at this young age along with learning new rhymes and simple repetitive songs. Healthy snack time is always a favourite part of the Sunday morning programme for the wee ones. We are indebted to the well organised dedicated teachers and rota of helpers each Sunday who look after the little ones with such loving care.

Two new babies have joined the crèche register since the last magazine report. We welcome Eilidh MacNamara baby daughter of

Kevin and Sarah Jane. We also welcome Alyssa Cassidy who is now the youngest member on the ever growing SSBC register. Alyssa is the baby daughter of Suzanne and Martin and little sister of Kayla who is in the Beginners department.

Emily McGowan has been warmly welcomed into the primary department. It is hoped she will be very happy in this large enthusiastic group of 5-7year olds.

The Bible Class group of teenagers will see some changes before the start of next session. More information about this will be given in the next issue of Kirk Matters.

On 7th June, Communion Sunday, all departments are following their own programme of activities based on the BOOKS OF THE BIBLE. Learning through art and craft, word searches, music etc..... helps all children learn the names of the bible books by completing fun based learning activities.

On Sunday June 14th all children should come dressed in comfortable sports clothes. A Sponsored bounce and other fun events will take place. The sponsored event is being held to raise funds for our own SSBC in Dalziel St, Andrew's. All children will have a sponsor sheet and one will also be posted on the general notice board. It will be a happy time for the children who can have fun with their SSBC friends. Throughout the session the children also are very generous at giving to charities abroad and home through their weekly offerings.

Sunday 21st June is the last day of this session. All classes including crèche children will be in church for an all age service to round our year off with a happy family service.

On Sunday 28th of June there are no classes but at 3.30pm it is hoped children and their parents will attend Messy Church based on a bible sea-shore theme. Lots of fun activities and a summer BBQ will take

place. Please come along and start the school holidays with FUN. Registration must take place in advance to help with numbers for catering.

The success of previous Summer Sunday Holiday Clubs has encouraged the continuation of this initiative. July 5th to August 9th inclusively will be the dates of the club. This year the bible theme is on the Parables taught by Jesus. The club will run during morning service times. Children should come dressed for lots of fun and games. Outside in the sun or inside if the weather is not so good. Snacks will also be available. The holiday Club is open to all. The Summer holiday club will run in tandem with the Summer holiday Crèche. The crèche will be staffed with a rota of helpers and crèche teachers. Thank you to all who have offered to staff either of these groups in giving of your time and talents to work with the young people in Dalziel St Andrews.

SSBC restarts on August 16th with registration of all classes and an All Age service. It is hoped there will be a large turnout of children, parents and friends to welcome the beginning of session 2015/16. Classes will start back in groups on Sunday 23rd August. All new members will be warmly welcomed.

Finally, Thank you to the parents/guardians for bringing the children so regularly, the children for participating in learning more of God's love and the teachers and helpers for all of their planning and teaching throughout the year.

Happy Summer time to all!

Anne Brown
Sunday School and Bible Class Coordinator

Social Committee

Since the Social Committee Report we have held the Christian Aid Lunch and a Strawberry Tea – thanks goes to all who supported these events.

On Sunday 21st June we have a Makeover Table both before and after the Morning Service.

- **5th July is the Annual American Brunch.**
- **29th August – Annual Senior Members Tea.**

There are future events planned for later on in the year and these will be notified both in the Church Newsletter and the Church Notice Sheet.

Janette Black
Social Committee Convener

Guild

Our session finished with the closing social. Entertainment was by The Bearsden Fiddlers and was enjoyed by all.

Our annual outing to Loch Lomond Shores and on to Callander for High Tea will take place on June 6. The bus leaves Pollock Street at 10am.

The new session of the guild commences in the autumn and we look forward to welcoming both old and new members.

The Committee



Our Consultant, Douglas Hutchens, who has been providing an independent view of the Project including shaping the way forward, is soon to produce his report. Early draft suggest a most exciting but also challenging time ahead as we attempt to consolidate and grow our Befriending work.

To assist us go forward, and also to help in external fund raising, Befriend Motherwell has now been successfully registered as an independent Charity by the Charity Commissioners.

As we plan ahead so the important work carried out by the team of staff and volunteers continues in one-to-one; group; telephone; and well-being befriending.

Our efforts have now been supported by The Robertson Trust who have most generously offered to help with funding for 3 years! Isn't that great.

Please do pray for success for this latest initiative as we continue to work to serve the Lord via our project.

We can always do with extra support. If you have an hour to spare and week there is sure to be an area of work at Befriend Motherwell you can help with. Just give myself (07796012462) or Colin (07736285850) a call.

Liz Magunnigal
Befriending Co-ordinator

Supporting Erskine



Recently, over 100 people packed our main hall to hear about the great work done by Erskine Home amongst our veterans of the armed forces.

During that time, Captain Liz Bogle of 3rd Motherwell Girls' Brigade presented a cheque for £2,500 to Susan Bradley from Erskine to be used in their work. The money was raised through the hard work of officers and girls in crocheting poppies around Remembrance Sunday.

This most recent cheque added to several thousand pounds our Girls' Brigade Company has already raised for Erskine in previous years. Well done to everyone involved.

The Prayer Groups



Both the Monday evening and Wednesday afternoon groups have now stopped for the summer period, but will resume again in the autumn. Nevertheless, you can still ask for prayer through submitting a card in the prayer box at the front and rear church door, via our church website or by contacting the Church Office (01698 264097 or via email: office@dlsa.org.uk).

Be not afraid to pray – to pray is right.
Pray, if thou canst, with hope; but ever pray,
Though hope be weak, or sick with long delay;
Pray in the darkness, if there be no light.
Far is the time, remote from human sight,
When was and discord on the earth shall cease:
Yet every prayer for universal peace
Avails the blessed time to expedite.
Whate'er is good to wish, that ask of Heaven,
Though it be that thou canst not hope to see:
Pray to be perfect, though material leaven
Forbid the spirit so on earth to be:
But if for any wish thou darest not pray,
Then pray to God to cast that wish away.

Hartley Coleridge (1796 – 1849)

Helping the Deaf and Hard of Hearing



Our **Reach Out and Listen Seminar** held on Saturday 7 March was a huge success. We are very keen to improve the service we offer to the deaf or hard of hearing. Not just by way of new technology but also in regular worship.

With over 40 in attendance we had a wonderful time with very good presentations from Richard Durno (Minister of John Ross Memorial Church in Glasgow), from Rosie Addis (Minister of Albany Church in Edinburg) and from Derek. Although the presentations were very good the Seminar was organised so that we “listen” to what deaf or deafened people have to say on their own behalf and here we were inundated with most helpful suggestions. Some fairly straight forward and easy to implement whilst others more challenging.

Among the good ideas for the day was the hiring of Electronic Notetakers who typed on to our screens every work spoken so that all could feel included. We also had wonderful help from three Signers (including our own Rae Blagg).

All present were delighted with the excellent teas/coffees/sandwiches/cakes/biscuits provided by Janette, Doreen and Jeanette. The feedback questionnaires also highlighted the

importance of the welcome on the day which was in the most capable hands of Crawford.

With technical and support advice (for our first ever Seminar!) from Colin, Liann and Helen we had a well prepared and committed team all playing their part.

Already there have been moves to take on board some of the suggestions with a letter from Derek to Church H.Q. suggesting that Electronic Notetakers would be a great addition to General Assembly debates already receiving favourable consideration.

A follow-up meeting is being planned now to see how we might indeed tackle some of the other suggestions and so open up the marvellous Word of God to as many “listeners” as we can.

Our feedback questionnaires provided such encouraging scores and appreciation for the effort we have made to date to Reach Out and Listen to all who wish to hear the Word of God.

Please do continue to pray for success as we go forward in His name.

P.S. One of the suggestions was “Can you take this Seminar all round Scotland”. Another was “What about organising a similar initiative for the blind and visually impaired”

What wonderful challenges come our way.

Alex Baird

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land



We have booked our Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 14 to 23 October of this year.

As part of our preparation for the Pilgrimage we held an informal meeting of those who have registered to go as Pilgrims and also included in the evening one or two people who were still considering whether to join in. The travel schedule takes in visits to Jerusalem; Mount of Olives; Bethlehem; the Via Dolorosa; Worship in Jerusalem; Masada and the Dead Sea; A Mediterranean Day; Nazareth; Sea of Galilee. We have now added, as a result of a suggestion at the meeting, a visit to the River Jordan. We also hope to drop in on Tabeetha School in Jaffa where our Missionary Partners Antony and Darya Short are based.

Might you be interested in going? Our tour organisers, McCabe Pilgrimages, confirm that there is still time to add on names but final details must be lodged around July to allow travel details and hotel reservations to be completed.

If you would wish to attend please do let us know so that we can arrange some catering in advance.

Doreen & Alex Baird (262915)

Girls Brigade

Well it's been a really quick GB session peppered with fundraising activities for the Paris trip. Many thanks - to those kind folks who donated directly to me or another officer. It is really appreciated.

All the sections have now completed their badge work for this session. Everyone had fun with the 'extras' and the new girls. We especially are in need of girls going into P7 in August, if you know anyone.

Our parents/ friends/ awards night, will be past by the time this issue comes out. As will the commissioning of Lieutenant Chloe Macdonald who was a Warrant Officer in our company before joining the world of work. Time has permitted her to re-join and train, and we welcome her as Lieutenant Macdonald, especially as Lieutenant McCall cannot attend due to her new job.

In March we had a 'get to know us better night' where some officers sat in a circle with the Juniors and Brigaders; the new girls being spaced around the circle, in twos. Everyone was asked if they were comfortable with the idea of telling us all two things about themselves which we didn't know already. It could be happy, sad, a fact or something funny! 'Feelings', 'awareness', 'consideration', 'respect' were all part of their study during the session and all were sensitive as to what they revealed. Officers took part and learned quite a lot about the girls we have had for a few sessions as often confidences do not creep into the normal work. Some asked questions of the others, and were answered! Everything was confidential to the group, and 'the four walls'!

New crafts were introduced using 'yellow moon' an online company for supplies, and decorated glasses were ready for Christmas, as well as Easter items which were different.

A time of rest is approaching for all, once our closing night is past, and officers are already planning next sessions work - having listened to what the girls are interested in finding out about, or practicing.

We all hope the readers have a good summer achieving as they wish, peace and quiet, renewed friendships, a change of scenery etc. and we ask all to pray for some decent weather as the girls 'sleep'! on board the ferry on the North Sea for both crossings! A special thought from 6th – 11th July would be appreciated by all 44 of us.

Liz Bogle

Captain, 3rd Motherwell Girls Brigade

Property Matters

Caretaker's Flat

Work on our Caretakers flat has taken rather longer than we had hoped with some unexpected problems emerging along the way. These have now all been addressed.

The property has been completely refurbished with new electrical circuits, lightings, heating, kitchen, bathroom and decoration. We have also taken the opportunity to install lower ceilings with insulation inserted above to assist in making noise from use of the upper floor halls more acceptable.

We do hope to welcome George and Laura Martin into their upgraded flat very soon. We are very grateful to Colin Weir for his assistance in carrying out and overseeing all of the various areas of work.

Upper Floor Toilet Refurbishment

In 2013 we secured funds to carry out our upgrade of the toilets and kitchen in the halls. At that time the hope was that the toilet located on the upper floor could also be refurbished but the tenders came back at a price which prevented this being addressed.

Thankfully, with further generous help from Viridor Credits, we have now been able to complete this work which just about brings an end to the Makeover Project – Forward for Jesus. It has been a long four years but so well supported. In aggregate the Treasurer advises that we have spent around £1 million on our property which hopefully will allow us to go forward for our Lord with confidence in our very impressive suite of town centre “B” Listed buildings.

Thanks for all support.

Ian Morrison
Property Convener

Church Flowers



There is always an opportunity to add your name to the Flower List which 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. If your name is not on the list, and you would like to help in this so special outreach of love, have a look at the list which is on the wall outside the kitchen. Aileen Hamilton can advise.

Congregational Board

The AGM provided the opportunity for those members of our Board who had served their 3 year term to consider whether they wished to continue for a further similar term. Thankfully most have agreed to do so and we very much appreciate this renewed commitment.

We had four members who have now opted to step aside for the moment and the Board acknowledged the service given by Myra Davies, Betty Morton, Maureen Pollock and Anna Gibson (Anna moved away from the area earlier in the year).

We are delighted to welcome five new volunteer members, Irene Ormiston, Sandra and Ian Jackson, Stuart and Jean Watson. We do thank them for their willingness to serve at our eight meetings we hold each year and so help us oversee the financial, property and social aspects of our congregation's life as well as supervising hall lets and the ongoing work of Befriend Motherwell.

We follow an open door policy with anyone interested in attending the Board meetings most welcome to do so without any commitment to proceed to become members.

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

Toddler Group

Last June 2014, we said goodbye to nine of our toddlers as they were off to Nursery.

It's great to see the babies turning into wee people, each with their own personality, but sometimes difficult to fill the empty spaces. Some new mums, and grans, have ventured to join us for a cuppa, and chinwag, as the children play and get to know each other, but we say goodbye to another three this June, again to nursery.

If you know of anyone who has a baby/child and would like some company for them, tell them to pop in. We are in the lower hall every Tuesday, August to June, during term time. We have toys out by 10am, tea & coffee around 10.45, and rhymes about 11.45 as we tidy away items.

We look forward to some new members in August.

Liz Bogle and Maureen Pollock

Seat Appeal

Over recent years we have had to discard chairs from the large hall collection as they have become worn or broken. Having had a good look at them it is time we thought of securing a fresh supply.

Over the next few months we plan to raise funds to see if we can order some new chairs, perhaps in the summer. Already the income generated so kindly by Christine Scott from her craft table sales at the Tea/Coffee time after worship is heading in this direction.

We hope to hold a lunch and also perhaps one or two "Makeover Tables" before and after church.

If you would like to donate to the "**Seat Appeal**" all contributions to myself would be very much appreciated. Thank You

Janette Black
Social Committee Convener

When God Smiles

*Stamen by stamen and leaf by leaf
The earth grows lovely beyond belief
Blade after blade the grass renews
The lush green colour of wayside views.*

*Primrose by primrose the air grows sweet
Mixing and making the Spring complete
Sunbeam and sunbeam for miles and miles
The world grows fairer because God smiles.*

Kathleen Partridge

Letters and Cards

I would like to express my thanks to Derek, the congregation and the Kirk Session for the flowers and the many cards I received on the passing of my sister in law Margaret Clark. This was greatly appreciated by all the family as is the support that continues to come from my church family.

Irene Dalton

Iris, Stuart & Ruth wish to thank the Rev Derek Hughes for the help, support and words of comfort he gave us on our recent sad bereavement. It was very much welcomed and appreciated.

Iris Allan

On behalf of my mum Margaret Sneddon I would like to say thank you for the beautiful flowers and good wishes she received on her 96th birthday.

Janette Moffat

I would like to express my thanks and gratitude for the beautiful flowers received on my birthday, delivered by Janette Black and also those received last week delivered by Bill Millar.

Anne Morrison

I would like to express my sincere thanks for the lovely flowers I received on my birthday. Also thanks to Susan Duncan for delivering them to me and for the time shared with me. With grateful thanks to all.

Jean Paterson

I would like to thank you very much for the flowers and good wishes I received on my 88th birthday. They were lovely and very much appreciated. Thanks also to all the good people who provide this wonderful service.

Walter Wilson

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

**Betty and Jack Hamilton, M Anderson, Myrtle McCulloch,
Betty Hamilton, Cathie Lilly, Pearl Weir, Anne Horne,
May Brown, Janet Main, Cathie Hastie,
J Sutherland, May Dudgeon**

Congregational Register

BAPTISMS: the LORD bless you and keep you

Heath Romeo Mitchell
infant son of Gregor and Laura

Andrew Alexander James
infant son of David and Lorna

Eilidh Elizabeth McGowan Macnamara
infant daughter of Kevin and Sarah Jane

WEDDINGS: the love of our LORD joins two hearts together

Jamie Hill and Stefanie Louise Jarvie
on Saturday 25th April 2015

FUNERALS: left this world, but not forgotten

Hugh Bracken, Parksprings Home, Motherwell
Agnes (Nan) Muir Pelling Brown, 70 Glenview Court, Motherwell
Margaret Pryce Peat, Templeton House, Rutherglen
James (Jim) Gilchrist Law, 93 Montalto Avenue, Motherwell
Robin Nicholson, 8 Kirk Street, Motherwell
Margaret Donaldson, 73 Vulcan Street, Motherwell
Margaret Winfred Clark, 26 Bannockburn Place, New Stevenston
Anne Jackson Stirling, 560 Merry Street, Motherwell
Jean Davis, formerly at 538 Merry Street, Motherwell
Isabella (Isa) Willan Currie, Avonhaugh Home, Stonehouse
Irene Foster, 66 Hospital Road, Wishaw
William Alexander Hillan Allan, 7 Wellpark Road, Motherwell
Mary (May) McNicol, 2 Findlay Street, Motherwell

Flowers in the Chancel

June 7th	Margaret Mair, 17 Airbles Farm Road Margaret Colquhoun, 168 Westwood Road, Newmains
June 14th	Anne Gillespie, 11 Clyde Tower Edith Ross, 6 Glenhead Drive
June 21st	Irene Ormiston, 43 Cadzow Street Helen Lawson, 25 Saffron Crescent, Netherton
June 28th	ANONYMOUS DONATION
July 5th	Betty Morton, 35 Muirhouse Road Liz Bogle, 157 Machanhill Road Larkhall
July 12th	FLOWER FUND Margo Graham, 26 Dalzell Avenue.
July 19th	A.H IN MEMORIAM Janet Dunbar, 11 Cassells Street
July 26th	Jean Paterson, 145 Airbles Road Ismay Ferguson, 5 Cunningham Street
August 2nd	Jeanette Reford, 45 Kirknethan FLOWER FUND Donations welcome
August 9th	FLOWER FUND Donations welcome FLOWER FUND
August 16th	Aileen Hamilton, 26 Ross Drive Myra McPhail, 18 Forgewood Road
August 23rd	FLOWER FUND Helen Thomas, 13 Fort Street
August 30th	Doreen Baird, 22 Annan Glade Etta Thomson, 59 Calder Grove



Flowers in the Vestibule

June 7th	Lesley Walker, 4 Alyssum Crescent
June 14th	Cathie Hastie, 16 Dalzell Drive
June 21 st	Helen Lawson, 25 Saffron Crescent, Netherton
June 28 th	Elizabeth Malloy, 12 Queen Elizabeth Court
July 5th	Margaret Anderson, 140 Manse Road
July 12th	FLOWER FUND donations welcome
July 19th	Jean Stevenson, 1 Campion Road
July 25th	The Dempsey Sisters, Bellshill Road
August 2nd	FLOWER FUND donations welcome
August 9th	Anne Currie, 42 Viewpark Road
August 16th	THE GUILD
August 23rd	Helen Kennedy, 47 Anderson Tower
August 30th	Janette Black, 20 Queen Elizabeth Court

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 th Motherwell Rainbows
Monday	6:30pm	19 th 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 st Tuesday of Month)
Tuesday	6:30pm	Hamilton Presbytery Committees (3 rd 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 rd 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 nd Thursday of Month)
Thursday	7:30pm	Congregational Board in Small Hall (3 rd Thursday of Month)
Friday	6:00pm	2 nd /4 th Motherwell B.B. Anchor Boys
Friday	6:30pm	2 nd /4 th Motherwell B.B. Junior Section
Friday	7:00pm	2 nd /4 th Motherwell B.B. Company Section

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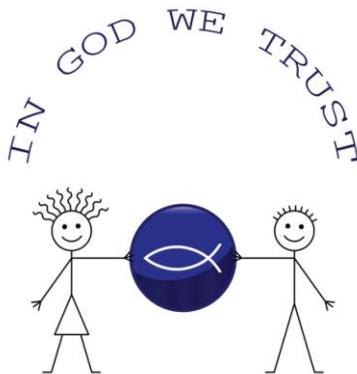
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