

Parish Voice

Summer/Autumn 2023



Mission Statement: To be a place of Christian worship and outreach and a hub for the community enabling people to connect with Jesus and one another.

FROM THE MANSE

Over the course of the last year I have discovered for - one reason or another - that modern cars are complex computer machines. In the last twelve months, I had to call breakdown services three times. I have been a member of this organisation for most of my driving life, but I have only needed to call for their assistance this past year. I must say my heart sinks when a warning light illuminates on my dashboard which, in turn requires me to stop. On two separate situations when the light came on, the onboard computer simply shut down the engine in order to protect it and there was nothing more I could do. In such situations you simply have to stop, phone for help, wait and try and keep calm, which is not always easy when you're normally someone who likes being on the move all the time. Perhaps, there is a life lesson in all of this.



The hardest thing in life to achieve, is not success but a sense of balance.

At times, we all need to pay attention to the warning signs that go off in our lives. Modern living means that for many of us we don't take the breaks that enable us to 'restore our souls'.

Sometimes we believe the lie that says stopping would somehow be irresponsible or lazy. At other times, we fear that we will not be able to achieve everything because we take time for ourselves. It is quite clear to me that one of the hardest things in life to achieve, is not success but a sense of balance. So in all the busyness and stresses of the day, please do not forget your soul. Please don't wait until you *have* to stop and pay attention to it.

In the well known and loved Psalm 23, we read, “¹ *The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.* ² *He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;* ³ ***he restores my soul.***”

These words were written about 3000 years ago and yet we are still slow in taking note of them. Rest allows us to enjoy the journey of life and not just the destination. Rest enables us to remove ourselves from the normal routines and responsibilities and through doing so, makes it possible for us to be open and ready to listen to God. When God makes you lie down in green pastures and beside still waters, enjoy them!

These occasions will refresh you and restore you.



Summer, I believe, is a time when we can focus on some of this without all the demands that press upon us at other times. Let's recognise the warning signs that might be illuminated at the moment. There is a lot of change happening in the church and wider society and this can be hard to live with. We must acknowledge the impact this has on us and take time to practise soul care for in doing so, our souls will be restored.

*thank
you*

There are so many people in our church family who give so freely of their time and energy. I cannot thank them enough for all of this. Their contribution is appreciated greatly and makes a huge difference to us all. But, may we all take the time we need to allow our souls to be refreshed. Reconnect with God who provides you with all your needs. Be thankful for all the good things that you enjoy in your life and remember that you are a beloved child of God. Take time to rest this summer and, if you're using a car, pray for journeying mercies!

With all good wishes and every blessing,
Your minister and friend,
Allan

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus said: "I am the bread of life: he who comes to me shall not hunger and he who believes in me shall never thirst; he who comes to me I will not cast out. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness: for they shall be satisfied."

*The Minister and Kirk Session invites you
to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on*
Sunday 3rd September 2023
Forgandenny Church at 10.30am.



Note: Communion elements of grape-juice and gluten-free bread will be provided at this Communion Service

Please contact your elder or Allan Wilson (01738 812463 or AWilson@churchofscotland.org.uk) if you would like to receive home communion.

CHURCH REGISTER



DEATHS: *Left this world, but not forgotten*

08/03/23 – Baby Archie Edward Alexander Ross (stillborn)

24/03/23 - Sheina MacDougal Roberts, aged 87 years

02/04/23 - Alexander (Sandy) Gleig Stirrat, aged 90 years

05/05/23 - Rosemary (Rosie) Helen Davies, aged 89 years

31/05/23 - David (Davie) Todd, aged 95 years

14/06/23 - Elizabeth (Betty) Martin McFeat, aged 91 years

03/07/23 – Phyllis Ballant Baillie, aged 86 years

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING AND BLESSING

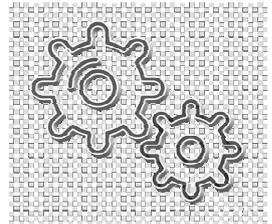
18/06/23 – Arlo Michael Alasdair Macqueen, son of Eleanor and Alasdair Macqueen - in Dunbarney Church.

WEDDINGS

03/06/2023 - Claire Pollington & James Stiles in Forgandenny Church.

PRESBYTERY MISSION PLAN & READJUSTMENT

In June, the Presbytery of Perth's Mission Plan was approved. What this means for Dunbarney and Forgandenny is quite significant. The plan states that there will be ONE minister of word and sacrament to cover from Abernethy through to Dunning. As a result, some readjustment will need to take place in the autumn.



Abernethy and Dron and Arngask Church will link with Dunbarney & Forgandenny as will Aberdalgie and Forteviot Church. Eventually, Dunning will become a Local Mission Church under the supervision of Dunbarney and Forgandenny. Sadly, Forgandenny Church is to close within the next *five* years which will be hard and painful for many of us but be assured that we will do this in the most caring and sensitive way.

Essentially these changes are required because congregations are becoming smaller, older and income is dropping. Furthermore, there are fewer ministers available to cover the whole of Scotland. In Perth, the ministry allocation has been reduced by nearly 40%. Tough times means that tough decisions are required to be made. I am adamant, however, that our congregation remains active and outward facing as much as possible as we love and serve God and our neighbours.

Clearly the details still require to be worked out but, inevitably, service times in each of the churches will likely be affected through changes in the wider area network. We all need to work together to make this work.



As soon as I know more information, you will be informed. At various points in the near future there will also need to be congregational 'indicative' votes which will be organised by the presbytery. Your participation in each of these votes, would be

greatly appreciated.

During this period of change, we will discover there will be many doors of opportunity that God will open up in service, in ministry, and in ways to care for others. Let's commit to working together and caring for one another in the coming months and years.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED - AUTUMN 2023

Once again, I propose running 'Christianity Explored' in the autumn. This is for anyone who wants to discover or rediscover, their Christian faith. The message of Christianity is pretty simple. It's all about one life, the life of Jesus, and it can be summed up in the answers to three questions.

"Who is Jesus?" "Why did Jesus come?" and "What does it mean for us?"



CHRISTIANITY|EXPLORED

Over five meetings, participants will be given time and space to think about the big questions of life and to explore the life of the man at the heart of the Christian faith. Mark's Gospel is used throughout. Meetings will take place either in person or on zoom and there will be a further opportunity for anyone - who is currently not a member - to 'join' the church if they so wish. It is proposed that the sessions will take place as follows: w/b 16 Oct, w/b 23 Oct, w/b 30 Oct, w/b 6 Nov & w/b 13 Nov

If you are interested, please contact the Rev Allan Wilson awilson@churchofscotland.org.uk or 01738 812463.

FROM THE NEW PROBATIONER – DR. IAN MORRISON

Hello! I'm looking forward to meeting you in person soon but until then, I thought this would be a good opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Ian Morrison and I'm a candidate for Ordained Local Ministry (OLM) in the Church of Scotland. Allan has very kindly agreed to supervise my probationary year, so I'll be joining you from September and I'm looking forward to becoming part of your church family during my final stage of training.

I live in Perth with my wife, Susan and my two daughters, Rebecca and Elizabeth. We also have a very lazy labrador dog called Austin. As a family, we really enjoy taking the dog for walks and volunteering for St Andrews First Aid and St John Scotland. We've recently bought a campervan (called Rusty Morrison) and we're looking forward to lots of new adventures around Scotland and further afield.

Our home church is Perth North, where Susan is an elder but as a family, we've also spent time in Kinross and more recently in St Madoes as part of my training. It's been wonderful to join other congregations, meet new people and make lots of new friends.

I'm from Larbert originally but moved to Glasgow for university, where I trained as a doctor. I also spent some time in research and Susan and I were lucky enough to work in the USA shortly after we got married. We moved to Perthshire in 2011 and I now work as a Consultant Neurologist based in Ninewells Hospital. Susan works in care homes throughout Perthshire and Fife, and is a qualified Parish Nurse.

I was called to Ministry about 8 years ago but it took a long time for me to build the confidence to respond. God was very patient though and I have a real sense that He's guiding me through my training, especially bringing me to Dunbarney and Forgandenny.

Over the last few years, I studied at the Highland Theological College and when I started, I wasn't sure if I could juggle family commitments, work, study and training. However, it's been amazing to experience God's support and encouragement, giving me the opportunity to do everything He's asked. As an OLM, I'll volunteer my time to the Church while continuing to work in the NHS and although I'll be busy, I know God won't leave me to manage this alone.

I'm currently training with a wonderful, faithful and diverse group of candidates from across Scotland (and Europe). I know people are worried about the next few years for the Kirk but whenever I meet with my fellow candidates or spend time with congregations who are responding to God's call, I'm filled with real hope and excitement for the future of the Church in Scotland. I'm not sure what God has planned over the next few years (and beyond), but I'm certain it's going to be good!

I hope you have a lovely summer, and my girls and I are looking forward to seeing you in September.

With Blessings,

Ian, Susan, Rebecca and Elizabeth.

(Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever - Psalm 106:1)

FROM THE SESSION CLERK

I would like to say a big thank you to those involved in Sunday worship from setting up the church, arranging and providing flowers, delivering them afterwards, welcoming you as you arrive and those preparing and serving teas and coffees afterwards. A special thank you to Linda who opens up her house to serve tea and coffee at Forgandenny..



It is great to see both buildings used for the end of term school assemblies, packed to the gunnels with parents, carers and friends as the P7's prepare to go to BIG school. Emotional and really loud singing from the children as they responded to Allan's call and response to God Knows Everything. They knew all the actions and were very comfortable with Allan as he chatted with them about how even the smallest things and people are SO important to God.

Changes ahead for the pupils and changes ahead for us. One day soon Dunbarney will close to be refurbished, the pews will be removed, the heating updated, the kitchen extended, and we will have a building that will be easier to use for those in our local community. The Kirk Session recently agreed to a local craftsman repurposing the lovely wood from the pulpit into something new that can be used in the new space. Sadly, with so many buildings having closed or facing closure there is no market for church furniture items that are familiar to us.

A wee reminder about Cycling Without Age as the weather gets better, please get in touch if you know someone who would like to get out and about on the trishaw either locally or in Perth.

Starter Packs, if you have had a wee clear out and have items that could help someone set up a new home then I am happy to collect them from you.

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SAFEGUARDING IN THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Safeguarding – protecting children and adults at risk from harm – is a permanent and necessary part of Church life. The needs of the child, adult at risk, or survivor come first. This is also called the paramountcy principle.

In order to ensure this fundamental principle is followed all congregations are required to have a Safeguarding Panel with a Safeguarding Coordinator appointed by the Kirk Session.

The coordinator is tasked with the responsibility of ensuring that all people, paid and unpaid, who are tasked specifically to work with children and vulnerable adults, are safe to do so. A recruitment and vetting procedure ensures that this is the case.

One of the pillars of safeguarding is the training of all those working with or responsible for the protection of these vulnerable groups.

The Kirk Session is ultimately responsible for ensuring that all procedures are followed and that any instances or suspicions of abuse are dealt with appropriately.

A Trustees Training course has been organised for all church elders who must attend either this training session or one of the others organised by other presbyteries throughout Scotland.

Similarly, paid workers and volunteers working with these vulnerable groups have to attend an Introductory Training session which has been organised for our volunteers.

Again attending one of the courses organised by other presbyteries is possible.

These vetting and training procedures ensure that all those tasked with working with children and vulnerable people are safe to do so and know how to respond when faced with instances of suspected abuse, ultimately ensuring that our church is as safe an environment as we can possibly make it.

Steve Fulton, Safeguarding Coordinator

FROM THE REV. PHILIP MAJCHER

In 1982 I was called to my first charge, Wigtown and Kirkcowan in Dumfries and Galloway. The manse was in Wigtown which was a lovely old county town.

The village of Kirkcowan lay about ten miles west. I used to do around 20,000 miles a year, most of which was pastoral. We loved it, were very happy and all our children were born during that ministry in the space of five years.

On every occasion I attended the General Assembly there was

always a call for more military chaplains. After much thought and prayer, I decided to apply. I felt I required more life experience to become a better minister. The intention was to do a three-year short service commission. Somehow three years became twenty.

The army was a bit of a culture shock. We moved to Tidworth, and I was then sent on what is known as the *Vicars and Tarts Course at The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst* in October 1987. The course trains doctors, dentists, vets and chaplains.

During that six-week course I learnt to change clothes in seconds and eat a meal in minutes. We marched everywhere and everything was rush, rush and rush and then wait. I clearly remember polishing shoes at midnight on numerous occasions prior to reveille at 0600 hrs.

My first posting was to the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards, (Scots DG). We spent four and a half years with them in England and Germany. After two years, the second of which was in Fallingbommel Germany, we concluded that it was time to return to parish ministry. God had other ideas as I was to learn that the Regiment was earmarked for a tour to Northern Ireland. I wrote to the Chaplain General asking if my commission could be extended for a further two years so that I could go with them. He agreed.

As it turned out I never saw Northern Ireland. Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait in August 1990 sparking what became Gulf War 1. It is said that war is 98% boredom and 2% terror. I would agree. I flew



out and ended up sitting in the Saudi desert for around six months. I remember playing football in the sand in January 1991. The sun was shining but it was freezing. We heard a plane, someone looked up and said to me, "*Padre that pilot is off to kill someone.*" Though not in those precise words!

At the end of February, we crossed the berms and advanced to cut the Basrah Road to Kuwait City. I witnessed first-hand the carnage on that road. Anything that moved on any road in Kuwait from January 1991 was destroyed. Those fleeing Kuwait City with their trucks of loot met the same fate. The Iraqi army surrendered as we advanced, and the Scots DG were fortunate to lose nobody. A number however were never quite the same again because of what they had witnessed. It was years before many of them sought help for what was PTSD.

On our return to Germany, we then lost several troopers in car accidents - all young men in their twenties. We now know that service personnel post tour have a higher than average likelihood of being killed in a road accident following an operational tour.

After the first Gulf War in September 1992 I was posted to the 2nd Battalion Scots Guards, in Edinburgh. This was a short posting as I was promoted to CF3, (Major) and posted to Aldershot as Staff Chaplain to the Assistant Chaplain General 4th Division, minister of St Andrew's Church Aldershot and chaplain to 7 Royal Horse Artillery who were an airborne unit. I was incredibly busy juggling three huge jobs and there were not enough hours in the day. It did not help that I was replacing a CF2 (Lt Col). I was also asked if I would do a PhD during this posting. I declined. Somehow, I also squeezed in a short tour in NI with 1st Bn Scots Guards as I knew the Commanding Officer from Edinburgh. It was surprisingly restful after the pressure of Aldershot. Happy days.

From 23 October 1996 - 02 August 1998 I was posted back to Tidworth as the Senior Chaplain, 1st Mechanized Brigade. During that posting I deployed with the Brigade to the Balkans. I had responsibility for 9 chaplains in the South, East, and North of the Serb Republic. The brigade HQ was in Sipovo.

I knew what war could do having seen what the Iraqis did to Kuwait City. Sipovo and its surrounding villages had been trashed by the Croats. In vast tracts of land, houses had been torn down. Those left

standing were stripped bare. Anything that could not be stolen was destroyed, including the animals in the field.

In many areas there was no running water or electricity but once peace was restored, the Serbs got on with life, rebuilding what they could. The Salvation Army did sterling work feeding a lot of hungry people and counselling traumatised children.

The countryside around was also mined making travel difficult off the main road. If a road was blocked in any way, it generally meant that it was mined. We were also told to stay off the grass verges as mines that had been lifted were sometimes just placed on the grass verge by the farmer.

The Serb clergy, several of whom I got to know as I had my own interpreter, were interesting. On arrival you would be offered a small glass of slivovitz, followed by what was 'Turkish coffee' but one would never call it that. You began to recognize the different types of slivovitz. If when the bottle was opened, you smelt plums it was generally drinkable. The other kind of slivovitz which had no smell, was rocket fuel. One could not refuse as that would be construed as bad manners, but one small glass was more than sufficient. Fortunately, I also had a driver. Bismarck said that the "Balkans were not worth the bones of one Pomeranian Grenadier." Every side in the Yugoslav civil war had blood on their hands, be they Croats, Serbs or Muslims. In many cases what happened was payback for what had been done generations ago. Families did not forget, and took blood for blood.

One of the things I discovered in the Balkans was how much we have lost here in the UK because of pesticides and herbicides. In any grass verge along a road you could count a dozen or so varieties of wildflower in an area three foot by six foot. Some hillsides were just covered in flowers. I remember waiting for a helicopter one sunny afternoon in a meadow watching dozens of butterflies feeding on the wildflowers. It gave a snapshot of what the UK must have been like pre-WW2.

After 1 Mec Bde I was nearly two years in Portadown as Senior Chaplain 3 Brigade and then Senior Chaplain Soldier Training. Thereafter I quickly became too senior to have a chance to be deployed operationally.

When Gulf War 2 began I was in Germany with the *Allied Rapid Reaction Corps* (ARRC). Thereafter I was at Divisional Level as an

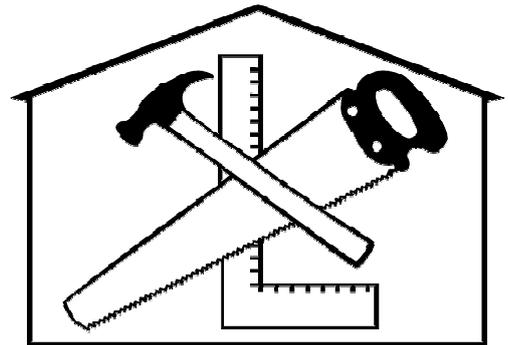
Assistant Chaplain General managing chaplains, which is akin to herding cats.

I took Premature Voluntary Retirement in 2007 to accept the call to London, Crown Court, Church of Scotland where we had fourteen happy years living and working in central London. On my retirement from Crown Court, Covent Garden, I retired to Perth returning after nearly 50 years away. It is great to be home.

Rev Philip Majcher

REFURBISHMENT PROJECT

We're now at the stage of waiting for various approval processes to complete, so that we can select and appoint a main contractor. At the time of writing (early July 2023), it looks like we may have to wait until later in the year to get started on the site work. The Refurb Committee members



have been using the extra time effectively to review the plans with the architect, in order to design a number of minor improvements which will help to make the sanctuary and kitchen spaces as versatile as possible.

We are actively planning how to minimise the temporary disruption when the work starts, and the various users of the church and hall will be contacted about alternative arrangements during the upgrade. The main church gate on Manse Road will be used by the contractors and the front garden will be out of bounds to the community. It will still be possible for pedestrians to access the church hall from the Orchard gate (behind the Scout Hall) for a number of weeks, however as soon as the kitchen work commences it will be necessary to close off the corridor to the toilets and kitchen, and at that point the hall may not be usable in its current form.

As mentioned elsewhere in the Parish Voice, there is a special day being organised at Dunbarney for Saturday 23rd September. This will showcase various significant events in the community which have shaped the current church (last major upgrade was 100 years ago!), and how we are planning to update the space to be as flexible as possible for the next generation. I hope you will be able to come along to see the plans and take part in the event.

George Bell

COSY SPACES

“I was new to Bridge of Earn and coming to Cosy Spaces has helped me to settle into the village”.

“I was lost since my partner died and coming here has really helped”.

“I’m going to miss this over the summer, I don’t cook for myself so home-made soup and baking is a real treat”.

“We feel really welcomed here”.

These are just some of the appreciative things people have said about their experience of attending Bridge of Earn Community Cosy Space in Dunbarney Church Hall.

About 373 people attended (plus 166 volunteers) on a Friday over the last 6 months. Almost 600 bowls of soup were consumed and around 56 batches of home baking enjoyed. Some people came a few times, some came most or every week. All were warmly welcomed by a willing band of volunteers.

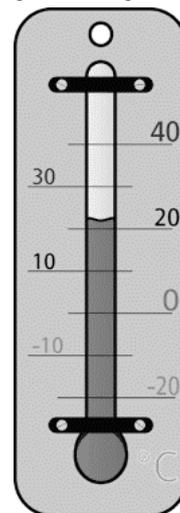
Coordinating and running each of the sessions has involved a bit of work but it has not been particularly onerous thanks to the enthusiastic response of the community in offering face to face help and in providing soup and home baking.

The helpers agree that they have enjoyed taking part and often feel better connected to each other and to the community through their involvement. A special mention goes to Charlene, Christian, Anne and Margaret who week by week ensured that kitchen hygiene and food preparation met all the necessary Local and National standards and in so doing kept everyone safe.

This initiative offered so much more than a warm space, it offered a place for community to grow, develop and thrive. We learned so much more about each other. The joys, the sorrows, the pleasure and the pain of people who are our neighbours and make up our village. This is a community who want to care and look out for each other, one to be proud of belonging to.

The last 6 months of Cosy Spaces was made possible and was provided free through the sponsorship of Perth & Kinross Council, The National Lottery and The Cameron Group. Bridge of Earn Baby & Toddler Group also benefited from this funding and were able to provide free sessions and warm snacks over the same period.

We intend to review your feedback, our financial position and any possible impact of Dunbarney Church Sanctuary refurbishment, but Cosy Spaces aims to be back in the Autumn and we hope to continue



throughout the Winter. Please come back to see us, or come for the first time, bring your friends, tell your neighbours and pass the word on.... Everyone is welcome in our Community Cosy Space.

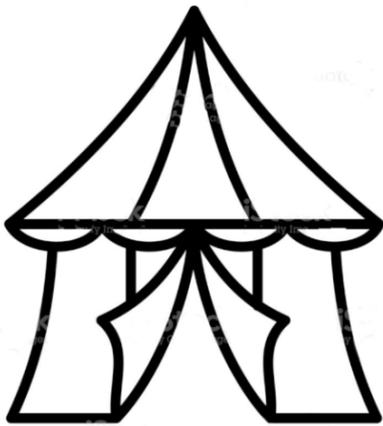
Margaret Bell

GALA DAY 2023

June 17th was a grey day with a cool east wind blowing, but there was no doubting the warmth felt amongst those who gathered in Victory Park to celebrate Gala Day. Plenty of folk were milling around enjoying all that was on offer. There was a great atmosphere.

As a church family we value community, and so it was important to be present at the Gala, to meet new people in the parish and get to know

them a little. We really hope that everyone who visited our gazebo felt valued in some small way. Whenever we were asked the question "How much is it? A pound?" it was so good to reply "No. Everything's free here!"



We hosted two activities. For the young folk there was badge making to do, which proved to be very popular. They made button badges with their names on, decorated with stickers or their own hand drawn designs. The badge making machine required a good deal of TLC to keep it

going all day, but thankfully it stayed the course.

Our other activity was also artistic and you may have noticed the end product on display in the park notice-board by the bus stop. It is a large drawing cum jigsaw of the bridge over the river with the title 'Bridge of Earn Together'. People of all ages were invited to colour in one of the jigsaw pieces and sign it with their name. The idea was to celebrate community. We are all different, yet we all matter. If any one piece is missing, then the picture cannot be complete. And so it is with our village community, don't you think? We all count. (Those of us who watched the picture developing as the day progressed also witnessed how things change when people work together. It was fun!)

Our Gala Day contribution this year was definitely a success. All visitors to the stall seemed happy with their time alongside us. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way - including all the budding artists and makers! Here's to next time!

Kirsty Jackson

REFURBISHMENT FUNDRAISING

As we now have permission to move forwards with the Refurbishment again, it was agreed to set up a Refurbishment Fundraising Committee to supplement funds we already have set aside.



As many of you will know, it has been 100 years since the last major refurbishment of the Dunbarney Sanctuary so we are planning an Exhibition covering “100 Years in Brig”. This will take place on Saturday 23rd September from 10am until 3pm and will include displays of

church, local community groups and school life over the years. Admission to the Exhibition will be by donation, there will be fundraising stalls (cake ‘n’ candy, produce, craft etc), and teas/coffees, burgers will be on sale. The updated refurbishment plans will also be available to view.

That evening, we plan “A Century of Memories” – a musical journey back through the years. More details will be available nearer the time.

If you would like to help on the day, or with setting up on the 22nd, please speak to any of the Committee members – myself, Avril Fulton, Anne Larg, Charlene Hunter, Trudi Nicol, Karen Wilson, Alec Grimmond. More information will be in the Orders of Service, the website and Facebook in due course. Get the date in your diary and we look forward to seeing you there.

Elizabeth Dalgetty (Chair)

ECO CHURCH GROUP

Huge thanks to everyone who recycle on a regular basis. We’d like to draw your attention to recent advice from PKC regarding brown and blue recycling bins.

BROWN BIN

Our church brown bin was recently red tagged and not emptied as there were paper cups in it. Although the paper cups were 100% compostable, PKC does not accept them - the reason is that some paper cups have a plastic lining and the sorting machine cannot distinguish between these and purely paper ones so they say NO to all paper cups in the brown bin.



BLUE BIN RECYCLING

Stick to the Six

By only recycling the items listed, you can help reduce the amount of contamination in blue bins. Here are the Six:

Paper - including letters, newspapers, magazines, envelopes (including windowed), catalogues and directories

Cardboard - including packaging and boxes, tubes from toilet and kitchen roll

Plastic bottles - including (all with their tops on) drinks, detergent, shampoo, sauce and oil bottles

Plastic containers - including yoghurt pots, punnets, trays and tubs (N.B. Plant pots cannot be recycled via the blue bin).

Cans and tins - including food and drinks cans, biscuit tins and empty aerosol cans

Cartons - including Tetrapak and Purepak

Please remember to rinse, flatten and place your items loose in to your blue bin. Make sure all items are CLEAN AND DRY!! If in doubt, keep it out!

CHURCH HALL ACTIVITIES OVER THE SUMMER

I'm delighted to say that the hall has been a very busy place this year so far but things will be quieter in July and August. Here is a list of what's happening and when groups start up again after the summer break.

Ladies and Men's Exercise Classes

No classes in July but will begin again on Monday 7th Aug.

9.45-10.30 (less mobile ladies) 10.45-11.45 for ladies and 3.30-4.30 for the gents.

Yoga Class, Monday evenings from 7.15-8.45.

RVS Lunch Club is term time only so will resume on Tuesday 22nd

August from 11-1.

Wednesday Lunches will resume on the 2nd Wednesday in September from 12-1.30

Carpet Bowls will meet again in September on a Tuesday from 2-4pm

Chatterbox meets in term time only so will begin again on Thursday 17th Aug from 9-11am.

Bridge Club - Thurs 7 Sept, 1.30-4pm

Earn Singers - Thurs 17 Aug, 7.30-9.30pm

Dandelion Group, 10-12am, first Saturday of the month

Banner Group, Tuesday ??? Laird's Loft, Forgandenny, from 2-4pm

Sunday Morning Teas and Coffees after worship at Dunbarney.

Hire costs: Per hour £16; Half a day £50; Whole day £95

NB Please contact me regarding hall bookings in the first instance as the calendar in the hall may not be up to date. Sometimes I'm waiting on confirmation before I update the calendar.

Avril Fulton (Hall Convenor)
Mobile: 07977290268

BIG BRIG YOUTH PROJECT

We are really pleased with the response we have had to our initial 4 week trial offering a youth drop in session on a Wednesday evening (6-8pm) for all local children between P7 and S3. Feedback was so good from the kids who came along that the sessions were immediately extended for a further 4 weeks taking us to the last week of term.

Attendance for each session (except the one where P7s were on their school trip) has been steady at approximately 24 children with a good mix of both boys and girls.

Activities are offered such as playstations, pool, darts, football table, crafts, board games and a general lounging area as well as food and snacks.

The endeavour has been supported by KYTHE (Kinross Youth Enterprise) who helped us develop what was needed providing guidance and support, and also by Perth & Kinross council with funding to allow the purchase of items and food for the venture.

We are really keen to get this going again after the summer and indeed the children were specifically asking that we would, so feedback from them has been very encouraging.

We could not do this at all without the help of the volunteers who kindly give up their time and energy to help out.



For us to be able to sustain this long term, we feel we do need to be able to have a pool of helpers to draw on, so that the regulars can take a break from time to time so do please think about whether you could offer some help, even just occasionally so that we can make this a long term venture.

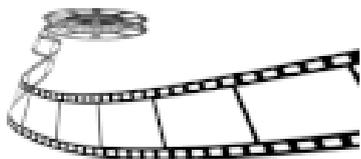
Looking forward to next term when the current P7s will have started high school and hopefully we will see some new P7s coming along aswell.

Please contact Peter on peter@kythe.org.uk if you are able to offer any help at all.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Since the last Parish Voice, the Social Committee have hosted an enjoyable Volunteer Thank you Coffee Morning ,a Summer Walk in Forgandenny and provided the refreshments for the Christian Aid Quiz Night organised by John and Senga Prior.

Look out for future activities after the summer break which will include an Autumn Walk and a Film Afternoon. All are welcome to come along to these events where you can enjoy good company, home baking and plenty chat.



Wilma McCullough

BRIG WALKERS

Every weekday morning at 8.30 anyone wishing to go for a walk meet at Sandra Ritchie's house on Heughfield Road.

The regular Thursday lunchtime walk leaves from the car park opposite the Institute at 12.30pm, just turn up!

Check out the Brig Walkers FaceBook page or contact me.



Sandra Ritchie
Mobile: 07723 757565.

WOMEN'S GROUP

We are in the process of creating the new syllabus and although it's not quite complete, here are the dates for your diary and talks / outings that have been confirmed.

Sept 20 - Chinese Cooking Demo by Jade Garden

Oct 25 - Ladies Night (Fundraiser)

Nov 15 - TBC

Dec 5 (Tues 2-4) - Decorate Forgandenny Church for Christmas

Dec 6 - Christmas Meal at Jade Garden Restaurant

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Jan 17 - Film Night

Feb 21 - TBC

March 20 - AGM + Speaker from charity

April 17 - talk by Glen Ewen, chef at Earn Coffee Shop

*This year's chosen charity which we are supporting is 'Violence Against Women and Girls'.

We look forward to welcoming you all in September for a Chinese Cooking Demo.

Meanwhile, we hope you have a great summer.

Avril Fulton (Chair)

RVS LUNCH CLUB

The Club which meets Tuesdays 11am till 1 pm is off until the 22nd Aug as the meals are provided via the school kitchen. Volunteers to assist with lunches, Volunteer Drivers to provide transport (on a monthly rota) and anyone new wishing to attend please contact me for more information.

TEA @TWO Continues to meet over the summer in the lounge of Caledonia Sheltered Housing. Everyone is welcome to join us on the 1st Friday of the month at 2pm. Always tea, cake and laughter and in July some fun bingo, August Bus Trip, September The Food Train.



If you can volunteer that would be great.. We especially need Drivers for the winter months.

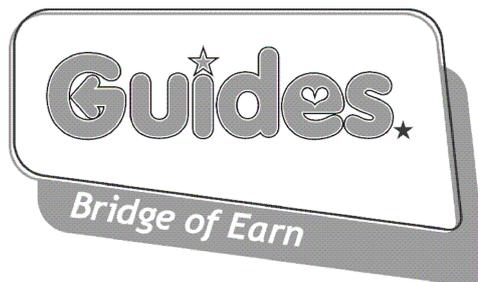
Sheila Stewart mobile: 07518 888009

1st BRIDGE OF EARN GUIDES

We are desperately looking for leaders/volunteers to take over running the meetings for the girls.

The leaders are retiring in October and some have already retired this month and without help the unit will have to close at the October holidays if they can't find help. Training is online and the commitment is term time or what you decide.

If anyone thinks this may be for them please contact Helen Jackson, Leader & Commissioner on 0775157771 or hjackson10@aol.com



EARN SINGERS



Earn singers resume on Thursday 31st August at 7.30 pm in Dunbarney Church Hall. There will be a short AGM followed by a social evening when we hope to welcome back all our singers plus a few new ones. During the autumn term we will be practising for the Kinross 'Choirs together' in November and our

Christmas Carol concert in December. We are looking forward to meeting everyone again after the summer break so please come along and join us.

SONGS OF PRAISE IN DUNNING CHURCH

August 13th at 3.00pm

An afternoon of singing and fellowship is to be held in Dunning Church on 13th August at 3.00pm. You're all invited to come along and sing hymns old and new, with refreshments afterwards in the hall. We really look forward to seeing and hearing you there!!

FOR THE LITTLE ONES



Colour-in this picture of Jesus Blessing the Children

STRATHALLAN CANOE CLUB

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EVERYONE IS INVITED TO BOOK OUR:

COME AND TRY SESSIONS

SATURDAY 5 & 12 AUGUST

BRIDGE OF EARNS

SESSION GROUPS & TIMES

0930-1030 - 9-15 YEARS

1030-1130 - 16-30 YEARS

1130-1230 - 30+ YEARS



- EQUIPMENT WILL BE PROVIDED
- YOU NEED TO BE ABLE TO SWIM A MINIMUM OF 25 METRES
- WEAR SUITABLE WARM CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR THAT YOU DON'T MIND GETTING WET



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FROM THE EDITOR

Many thanks to those who have contributed to this edition of *Parish Voice*.

The deadline for articles for the next issue is **Sunday 1st October 2023**. It would be helpful if articles could be sent as attachments to Anne Rodgie, Church Secretary at dfpoffice@btconnect.com with Anne Larg being copied into the email (e.anne.larg@gmail.com) Thank you.



MOVING HOUSE

If you are moving house, please would you give your new address to the Church Office on 01738 812463.



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