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Dear Friends,

I hope that this letter finds you well and enjoying the summer. I am smiling as I write this because today has been a mixture of lovely sunshine and torrential showers – not ideal summer weather.

It has made me think about things tho. For scripture records that we should let our yes be yes and our no be no – and of having a secure and definite faith which does not blow hot and cold on a whim – but rather is sure and steadfast, as well as being definitely one thing or the other. All that from sunshine and showers!!!! But I am sure you know what I am meaning - I think that today more than at any time we all have to be clear where we stand as far as our faith goes and can't afford to be lukewarm about it.

Over the summer we have been studying Philippians and as ever I am in awe of how the early Christians stood up for what they believed, spoke up for Christ and were not afraid what the world thought about them. The writer of the letter to the Philippians, Paul, sought to encourage the Church at Philippi to keep up the good work. To be shining stars for the gospel of Jesus Christ. That is such a lovely picture – shining like stars.

I know whenever I look up at the night sky and see the stars shining – I am instantly cheered up and feel somehow that all is well. God is in control of the universe, and that nothing can ever really get in the way of that. So the idea of you and I, as Christians shining like stars, is one which definitely appeals and make me realise just how much we all can do in our own individual way, to shine some light and some cheer into the lives of those around us. And we do it because we are loved by God and want to share that love with other people. Something for us all to think about

Anyway hope you are having a good summer and that like me you are looking ahead to what the rest of the year has to offer in our individual lives, our Church and in our community

With my love and prayers as ever
Fiona N



PRAYER

Over the next few months please pray for

- safe travel and holidaying for those who are getting away
- those who are finding this time of year lonely as relatives travel away
- those who are unwell at home and struggling with new sets of circumstances

BREAKFAST CHURCH

For four weeks in July we had Breakfast Church which went really well. We had fairly good attendances and it was a nice opportunity to share breakfast and a short and informal act of worship, together.

Fiona would like to thank all those who attended, for their support, and a special thank you to those who helped to prepare and serve breakfast. A huge thank you also to John Scougall, for preparing the power points for our services and ensuring that we had music each week.

This was a very worthwhile exercise, and will be discussed at our next Kirk Session.

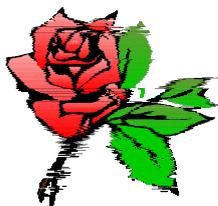
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WEDDING

27th May Jenna Hagan and Jamie MacInnes

FUNERALS

10th June	Helen Cooke
1 st July	Donald Plant
7 th July	Robert Pettigrew



CHURCH DIARY



AUGUST

Church services at 11am every Sunday with Summer Sunday Club for children

20 th	10-12noon	RNLI Coffee Morning
22 nd	7.30pm	Congregational Board

SEPTEMBER

4 th	11am	Communion
	3pm	Communion
11 th	11am	Stewardship Sunday
12 th	7.30pm	Kirk Session
18 th	11am	Harvest Sunday

OCTOBER

2 nd	11am	BB & GB Dedication Service
		BB Officers Communion and Dedication Service
10 th	7.30pm	Congregational Board
29 th	7.30pm	Stepps Songsters
30 th	11am	Bible Sunday

Messy Church and Café Church will be resuming in September – so please watch out for Church notices for when these will be happening

HARVEST

For a number of years now we have been sending posies out to members of the congregation to mark Harvest Sunday, along with raising money for local charities. The Minister would like to thank all those who have helped with this over the years – especially the flower ladies and all those who have delivered on our behalf.

We won't be doing posies this year, but will be devoting our efforts to raising funds for charities who help the poor in our community.

One way of raising money will be our produce stall – where people are invited to bring along things that they have made, grown or produced (edible or otherwise), and they will be sold after our morning service on Harvest Sunday

Please watch out for church notices and help if you can.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School, Creche and Youth Group will start back on Sunday 4th September. I look forward to seeing all the children and hearing all about their Summer holidays.

Any child aged birth to 18 wishing to join us on a Sunday morning will be made very welcome.

The Sunday School / Youth Group allow the children to learn through play. Not all children enjoy the same activities so we offer a choice of activities for the children to choose from each week.

Hope you all had a lovely Summer.
Joyce McClelland, Sunday School Leader

GUILD

Well ladies here we are, last magazine before the Guild starts again for the new session, so here's a wee bit to whet your appetite

Oct 5th is our opening night and the Rev Fiona has agreed again to come and enlighten us with her talk on the Theme "GO IN JOY"

Oct 19th STREET PASTORS – should be interesting eh?

Nov 2nd "DARKNESS IN THE AFTERNOON"

Honest we don't put the lights out – so come along.

Our Guild will host the Hamilton North Presbyterial Council this year.

15th Sept - a Convener meeting

27th Oct - Autumn Rally - Speaker Rt Rev. Albert Bogle

Senga McGuire (Sec)

THURSDAY CLUB

The Club meets in the Church Hall from 2pm – 3.30pm each Thursday.

The new session begins on Thursday the 13th October and the entertainment will be provided by the McMullen Concert Party.

The following week there will be a speaker from "Scotty Brand" Foods.

Please do come along, you will be made most welcome.

Moiria Kyle, Secretary

FUNDRAISING

Events for 2016 are fast coming to an end! The Committee thanks everyone most sincerely for all the encouraging support over the year so far. The Summer Fayre raised the sum of £841.

Our next event is a Concert to be given by Stepps Songsters with a programme catering for all tastes in music. This will take place on Saturday 29th October in the Church Hall and tickets priced £5 for adults will be on sale in the Hall from Sunday 28th August.

Bringing our year to a close will be the Christmas Fayre on the afternoon of Saturday 19th November. More information will be given on this nearer the time. Keep watching the Sunday Service sheet!

Now some advance notice for 2017. On Friday 19th May we shall again be hosting an evening with Shine Youth Music Theatre. Their visit in 2015 was very much enjoyed so do take the opportunity to hear them again. We also plan to hold a Silent Auction next year (date to be arranged), but you will have time to clear your attic of all those valuable items.

Finally, we really do need more members, especially males. Please speak to any member of the Committee if you can help. Meantime put the above dates in your diary and come along. Remember we rely on YOU, and remember too there's a place for U in F ndraising.

Anne Clemenson, Fundraising Committee

CHRISTIAN AID

The total amount collected for Christian Aid in Coatbridge was £5,943.06. This involved money being collected from 12 churches, and events such as A Big Sing, a sausage sarnie, quiz, house to house and street collection and a donation from our Thursday Club.

Lots of willing people took part in a host of ways to raise this money and the Committee thank you all for your help and hope you will help again next year. Moira McCall and Sandra Burns

RNLI (LIFEBOATS)

Our Annual Coffee Morning will be held in New St Andrew's Church Hall on Saturday 20th August from 10am till 12 noon. Tickets price £2 can be bought from any Committee member or just pay at the door. Donations for the Tea Room or the stall will be gratefully received.

Coatbridge has a very small branch and this is one of our major fundraising events, so please come along and support us.

ORGAN RECITAL

At the invitation of the Lanarkshire Society of Organists an organ recital will be given by Andrew Forbes, the brilliant young organist recently appointed as Organist and Master of the Music at Glasgow Cathedral. The date is SATURDAY, 15th OCTOBER at 2.30pm. Details to follow but put the date in your diary now.

Our Organisations

1st COATBRIDGE BOYS BRIGADE



The 2016/17 session of the Boys Brigade will begin as follows

Anchor Boys p1-p3 Enrolment night Wednesday 24th August (No uniform)
First full night Wednesday 31st August (Uniform if available)

Junior section p4-p6 Enrolment night Wednesday 24th August (No uniform)
First full night Wednesday 31st August (Uniform if available)

Company section p7 & s1-s6 Enrolment night Friday 26th August (No uniform)
First full night Friday 2nd September (Uniform if available)

All old and new members welcome. For more updates and reminders see our facebook page and our website or contact Jim Elliot on 07983450183

1st COATBRIDGE GIRLS' BRIGADE



We hope you all have a lovely summer break.

Girls' Brigade will start our new session with "Registration and Go" on Tuesday 30th August. This will allow relevant paperwork to be completed by parents of girls registering for our new session.

Tuesday 6th September - all sections to meet in hall in uniform.

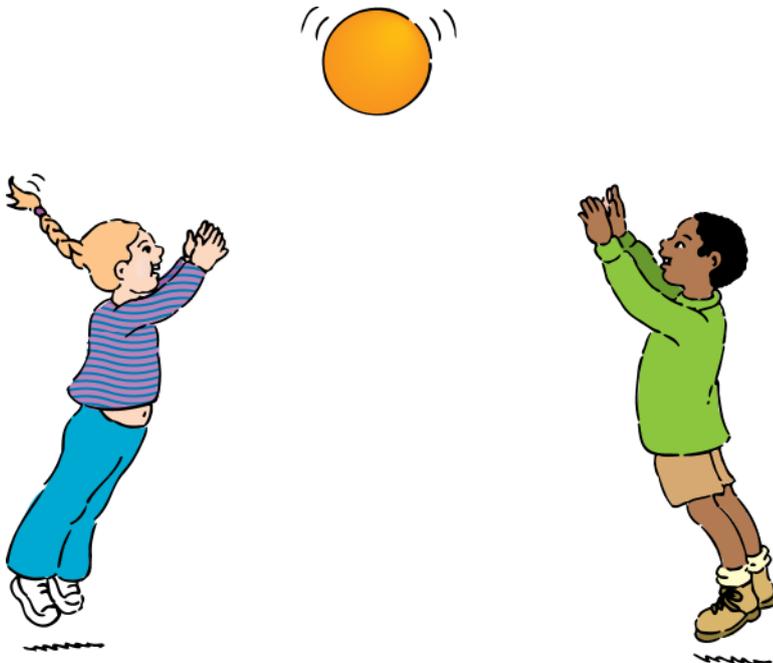
If there are any parents that are able to give Girls' Brigade some of their time please contact me, every little helps.

Division syllabus dates will be given in early September. Our recruitment drive will take place mid August.

All existing members will receive a flyer regarding return date for new session.

We look forward to seeing all the girls at start of the session along with any new girls aged 5-18 years.

Regards,
Irene Krebs (Captain)





6th COATBRIDGE RAINBOWS, BROWNIES, GUIDES.



Rainbows: Over the weeks leading up to us finishing we did lots of crafts and learned new games and new songs. We have 8 Rainbows going up to Brownies and we already have had a number of girls on our waiting list. We finished the session with a party which everyone enjoyed.

Brownies: They have been working on different badges and getting things ready for one of the Brownie leaders who is getting married on the 20th August 2016. The girls were arranging a hen party for her last night. The theme was Princesses and Pirates a great time was had by all.

Guides: We finished our session with parents night. Best Guide was Elise Lyttle and Best Patrol was Daffodil. We are now back from our trip to Washington which went really well once we got there. Every day the girls went to different museums and spent an afternoon in Girl Scouts headquarters and then met up with a group of Girl Scouts for dinner. On the Sunday we went to the church where Peter Marshall, a minister from Coatbridge who went out and became the minister to the senate and the members were only too happy to give us a tour.

Senior Section: They have finished their session and a number of them were in Washington with us and had a ball learning about the history of America, walking in a 4th of July parade and just seeing how they celebrate the 4th of July.

Alexis Crichton, Guide Guider

If anyone would like to know more information about any of the above sections like when we meet and what age do they cover please don't hesitate to contact me either by e-mail alexis_douglas@btinternet.com or by telephone number 01236 755222.

KIDS PAGE



The Olympic Games and the Bible

The first Olympic Games, held in Greece in 776 BC, were part of a religious festival to honour Zeus, the god of sky and leader of the Greek gods who lived on Mount Olympus.

At first there were only short straight races to keep Greek men fit for war. Other events were added later but there were no team sports and no women were allowed! The only special leaves – no medals!



prize was for the winner – a wreath of

The ancient Games ended in 393 AD when Roman emperor Theodosius banned them - he outlawed worship of the ancient gods because of new beliefs in Christianity.



These Games were a huge part of the ancient world and are used in the Scriptures to illustrate Biblical principles in a way that readers of the time could understand and identify with.

In the New Testament the apostle Paul compares the races run in the Olympics, to life.

As athletes dedicate themselves to training in order to compete in a race, we should all dedicate ourselves to living lives which follow the example of Jesus.



How do we train for this?

By reading and studying the Bible.

By attending Sunday School and Church.

By asking God, through prayer, to help us to be the best we can be by following the example of Jesus in the way we live our lives.

Hope you are having a good holiday and see you all back at Sunday School on the 4th September.



The Family Tree

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Harvest Sunday



18th September 2016

If you are able, please bring something you
have grown, made or produced to sell at our
Harvest Stall
All proceeds to our charities