

# **New St Andrew's Parish Church Magazine**



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Dear Friends,

As I sit writing this we have just had a spell of lovely weather, and I have like others been trying to get the manse garden in order (no mean feat!!!!). Gardens are funny things, they can bring a lot of pleasure but they can also be hard work. I love to see the way that plants and shrubs survive despite the awful winter and all the rain. Some plants look as tho they are ready to give up and yet a bit of sunshine and they perk up and start to show signs of new growth. It's fascinating and confusing and a mystery all at once.



In the Church we are about to celebrate Pentecost and all that that would mean for the growth and establishment of the Church and Christianity. It's amazing when you read the accounts in Acts of how Christianity just emerged from what seemed defeat and grew and grew, and spread throughout the land and overseas. All because of the Holy Spirit and the willingness of Jesus followers to get out there and spread the word. It's a mystery and fascinating all at once. Well worth celebrating and giving thanks for.

You may remember that in our last magazine I called your attention to articles on Local Church Review and Data Protection. Well the latest from those is that we have had our review, and while we were told to be a bit more specific with our plans, it was fine and we have done as they asked – so watch this space. As for Data Protection we are trying to implement some of our plans. This will include sending out forms (which you may already have filled in) asking for your permission to store your details (ie your name and address) on the congregational roll. I hope you have managed to fill that in and that you are not concerned in any way about that. It's just part of a process to ensure your information is kept safely. If you have not yet filled in a form, do get in touch with your elder or our Session Clerk and ask about it. Anyway hope that you are well, and that everything in your life is as you would hope it would be. If it is not, be assured that you remain in my thoughts and prayers.

With my love and prayers  
Fiona N

## PRAYER

Over the next few months please pray for

- Sunday School
- Our young folk who are facing exams and results
- Home Comforts and the Foodbank



## CHURCH DIARY



### JUNE

5 <sup>th</sup>	11am Communion 3pm Communion
13 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm Congregational Board
18 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Fayre 2-4pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm Cafe Church
26 <sup>th</sup>	11am Sunday School Prize Giving

### JULY

Throughout July we will be having 2 options for services  
A Breakfast Service in the Church Hall which will include a light breakfast and a short form of worship at 9.30am (aiming to finish by 10.15 at the latest) and our regular service of worship at 11am in the Church.

### AUGUST

Services will resume to one option at 11am in the Church

## CHURCH REGISTER

### BAPTISM

13<sup>th</sup> March          Drew Alison Smith

### FUNERALS

19<sup>th</sup> April          Sadie Rankin  
20<sup>th</sup> April          Ian McFie  
29<sup>th</sup> April          Alice Lindsay  
3<sup>rd</sup> May              Nan McMath



## **Kirk Session tribute to Tom Hall**

Tom was born and brought up in Gartsherrie and was one of 6 boys with brothers William, David, Sam, Hugh and John. He enjoyed a happy and active childhood in a close family unit

On leaving school Tom worked for a number years at Glenboig Fire clay brick works. When he was 20 Tom trained in bomber command with the RAF and served his time in India

Tom then went to work at Caterpillar for 32 years.

So Tom was someone who was hard working and conscientious.

Tom met Nessie at the dancing at Coatbridge Palais. They married in 1950 at the then Gartsherrie Church. They had a good and happy life together.

With each being a good companion to the other and keeping the other going over the years – always with a lot of good natured humour.

They had 2 children Janice and William of whom they were very proud

Tom is remembered as someone who was always loyal and loving. A caring person who always wanted the best for the ones he loved. A patient person who tried to deal with life's issues with good humour and acceptance. A good fun person who told great stories, and who always could make you smile even in the hardest of situations. A helpful, supportive and encouraging person who always tried to be there for his family. Someone who was easy to talk to and who always took a real interest in others – for he was over the years a good listener.

Tom was incredibly proud to be grandfather to Laura, Emma, Graham and Stewart, and great grandfather to Sophie, Charlotte, Lily, Lucy, Kai and Rylan.

Really family was a VERY important part of Tom's life and he valued the time he was able to spend with them all.

His interests included golf, bowling, holidays, food, and of course supporting his family.

Tom is perhaps best remembered by many of us here in New St Andrews as a faithful and active church member. As a clerk to the Board for many years. Someone who helped in many aspects of the Church including ensuring the purchase of a new manse. He took a lot of persuasion to become an elder never feeling that he was good enough. However he was persuaded, and once he joined the session was a loyal, faithful and active participant at meetings and a devoted district elder. Always spending quality time with the folks in his district and really taking his pastoral duties very seriously. Tom was not one for being in the limelight, nor was he particularly pushy – although if he wanted to say something then he'd say it.

He always tried to look forward and to be positive and many of us benefitted from his caring support over the years.

So a good and faithful servant of the Church and someone whose faith was very important to him

Tom is remembered by us all with love and affection

### **Kirk Session Tribute to Nan McMath**

Nan was born and brought up in Gartsherrie and was the eldest of 3 girls with younger sisters Helen and Jeanette. She is survived by her sister Jeanette

Nan enjoyed a happy childhood in a close family unit.

Nan worked for the Soldiers and Sailors Help Society for about 5 years. She then went to work for Binder Hamlyn and was secretary to various partners before taking up the position of secretary to the senior partner.

Nan is remembered as someone who was always caring, supportive and encouraging. A very generous person who liked to provide for her extended family.

Nan was very loyal and diligent, not just in her working life, but in her personal life too. A very organised and meticulous person who liked things to be done properly, and would I think very much have subscribed to the saying that if a job is worth doing then it is worth doing well.

Nan was a very accepting person who rarely if ever complained and who really just got on with her lot in a positive way. She showed enormous strength of character during her long period of ill health and faced up to her prognosis with her usual stoicism and acceptance.

Nan considered herself very fortunate to be a part of the lives of her niece Caroline and nephew Ross' life.

Nans interests included holidays, food, especially cakes, her garden, her appearance, the theatre, her daily newspaper and her crosswords

But Nan is perhaps best known by many of us here as a faithful member of the Church who gave dedicated service over the years. Nan was on the Board and was an elder – both duties which she gave of her best to.

She is remembered as a faithful and caring elder who always took a real interest in those she visited – and always remembered what people had spoken to her about. She was very diligent in her duties and really only gave some of these up more recently when she felt she could no longer give of her best.

Nan was well known as the lady who took the tickets at the door of many a fundraising event and always had a ready smile and a warm word of welcome to those who attended.

Nan also for many years saw to the printing and copying of the Church magazine- which was no mean feat as it was in the days when an old

Gestetner was in operation. She was a keen reader of the Church magazine and liked to read it from cover to cover.

Nan was a member of the Guild for many years and was a faithful and loyal attender. She enjoyed the fellowship that she found there and had many friends in the Guild as well as in the wider Church.

Nan also helped with collecting for Christian Aid and the RNLI.

So a hard working, supportive and faithful member of the Church. Someone who had a quiet, but sure faith, and who loved her Lord and her Church and the giving of her self in service to others. A good example to us all.

Nan is remembered by us all with love and affection

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

The Sunday school prize giving this year is on Sunday 26th June during the morning service. This is also the last day of Sunday school for this term. There is however a Summer club for all children throughout July and August and all are welcome to attend.

I would like to thank all the teachers for their hard work and dedication throughout this last year and also the children for attending. Thank you to the congregation for your continued support.

Sunday school will start back on Sunday 4th September.

Joyce McClelland, Sunday School Leader

## **GUILD**

At our AGM Carol Campbell agreed to go on the Committee and also took over as Project Partner.

On 30<sup>th</sup> March we went to Gartcosh Club for a meal with our Link Partners, Lenzie Guild and everyone had a lovely happy evening.

Senga McGuire (Sec)

## FUNDRAISING

The **Glasgow Caledonian Fiddle Orchestra** in concert on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April could have had a better attendance, but the people who came enjoyed it. The sum of £500 was raised.

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May was **DRESS DOWN DAY**. The sum received in the buckets was £274.

The first half of the year ends on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June with a **Summer Fayre Coffee Afternoon from 2-4pm**. Among the stalls will be the usual £1 stall and Cake & Candy, plants and flowers and some outside games. Tickets are £2.50 and will be available shortly.

Donations for the Tea Room, cake and candy and £1 stall (unwrapped please) can be handed in any time (if unperishable) and Saturday morning 18<sup>th</sup> June after 10a.m for perishable items.

Hope you can manage to come along to this last event before the summer break.

Anne Clemenson, Fundraising Committee

## CHRISTIAN AID

The Christian Aid house-to-house collection took place during Christian Aid week from Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May to Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2016. Many thanks to our congregation members who helped collect.

On Christian Aid Sunday we held a “**BIG SING**” in conjunction with St. Patrick’s and Holy Trinity and All Saints Churches, all proceeds going to Christian Aid for their work throughout the world. Although the attendance could have been better everyone who came enjoyed the service (and the tea after). £250 was raised.

## THURSDAY CLUB

Many thanks to Netta Stoddart who resigned as Secretary at the end of the session after many years of service to our Club. Moira Kyle, Secretary

# Our Organisations



## 1<sup>st</sup> COATBRIDGE BOYS BRIGADE

**Anchor Boys** attended a film night as part of their preparation for Parent's night. They also attended the Anchor Boy Funday on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May at St Pats school and a good day was had by all.

The **Junior section** finished the session by winning both the sports and 7aside summer cup - well done to all who took part.

The **Company section** have taken part in scripture knowledge, company drill, and vaulting where they came 2<sup>nd</sup>. In the badminton competition we have finally won two of the games - so well done to the boys taking part. The boys also took part in the Top Team Challenge again competing against companies from all over the world.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> April our Junior section and Company section went to Dalguise for our camp. The boys and officers had a great time and enjoyed the activities on offer. A huge vote of thanks goes to John Scougall for all his organization.

All sections took part in our parent's night on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May where our inspecting officer was Gordon Gilmour from the Battalion and our chaplain was also in attendance. All boys received the badges they had earned and attendance certificates. Anchor boys also received an award for winning the Battalion competition.

Here are the major award winners.

Captains Medal- Damian Gordon

Best Recruit Junior section- Joshua MacDonald

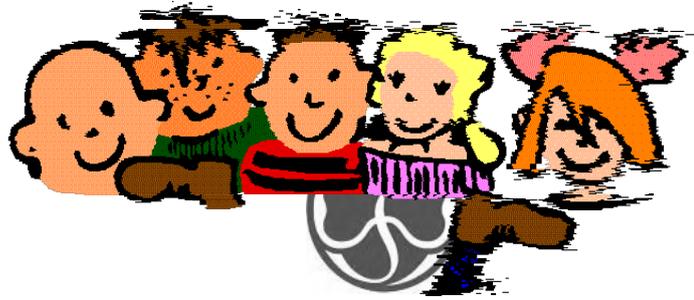
Best Boy Junior section- Blair McKean

Best Recruit Company section- Zac Roberts

Best Boy- Robert Ballantyne

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported the Company throughout the session. To thank all the officers for their hard work and dedication to ensure that the Company continues to grow. This does not **just** happen on Wednesday and Friday evenings but in the preparation beforehand and also their work within the Battalion. Finally a big thank you to all the boys in all sections. We have again had a successful session thanks to the efforts of the boys without whom there is no Company. We now look forward to the new session. We will be back in August full of enthusiasm. We look forward to all the boys returning. Have a good summer everyone

You can keep up to date with the company via our website and facebook page Jim Elliot, Captain



## 6<sup>th</sup> COATBRIDGE RAINBOWS, BROWNIES, GUIDES.

**Rainbows:** Our numbers have been increasing every week so we have been busy baking, doing crafts and planting seeds. We have also had some games nights and we were at the soft play, which the girls really enjoy, when the Boys Brigade had their parent's night.

**Brownies:** Some of the Brownies were away the weekend to a camp run by the Division and a great time was had by all. They have been doing lots of crafts, badge work, baking and did a night for Chinese New Year when they had activities and food to try.

**Guides:** We have been busy working on a new badge called the Suffragettes which the girls really enjoyed doing and we have also been outdoor cooking. They went on a 7km walk and had sore feet at the end but they all did very well. We went Trampolining in Glasgow which was enjoyed by everyone. We have had 4 girls away on a BP Weekend and we have 2 more going in June for their BP Weekend.

**Senior Section:** At this moment all our girls are involved in exams so we are only see a few each week but they too have been busy doing outdoor cooking and went on the walk.

Alexis Crichton, Guide Guider



# KIDS PAGE

Can you fill in the answers then re-arrange the first letters to form a nine letter word?

1. He built the Ark and survived the Flood.

2. The first woman, wife of Adam.



3. Tempter of Jesus in the wilderness.

4. The disciple known as “Doubting”.



5. The mother of John the Baptist.

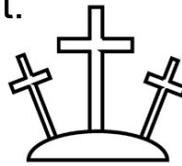
6. Job of the disciple Matthew.



7. The disciple called the “Rock.”

8. Comes before the New Testament.

9. Where Jesus was crucified.



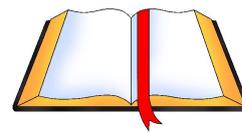
CLUE : The answer was on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May this year

## DID YOU KNOW?

The shortest chapter in the Bible is Psalm 117.

The longest chapter in the Bible is Psalm 119.

Psalm 118 is the centre chapter of the Bible - the centre verse is Psalm 118 : 8 as follows:



“It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in humans.”

Have a great summer holiday but, don't forget, the Church doesn't go on holiday – you are welcome here every Sunday morning.



# The Family Tree

Minister  
Rev. Fiona Nicolson

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Elizabeth Russell

Hallkeeper  
Georgia Gillespie

Property Convener  
Sandy Stewart

Church Officer  
Douglas Crichton

# SUMMER FAYRE

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2016 2-4pm



Tea Room, Cake & Candy, £1 stall, Flowers and plants, outdoor  
games

Adults £2.50

Children £1

