

OUTREACH

RENFREW NORTH PARISH CHURCH

2018 – autumn edition

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Dear Friends,

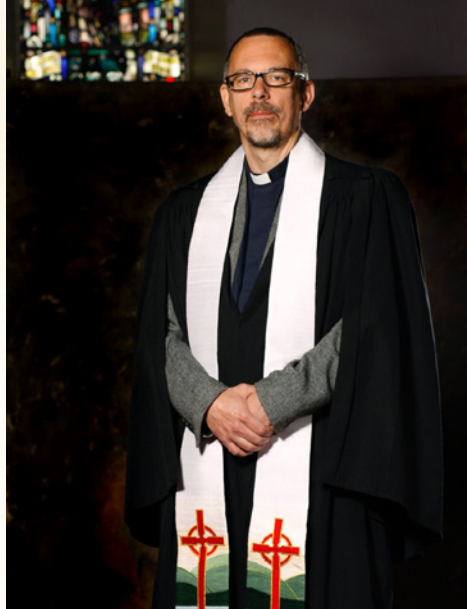
Over the course of several Sunday services in July and August we considered a number of comic book superheroes, and saw how their attributes helped us to appreciate the attributes of some bible characters. So, in thinking about Superman, Iron Man, Black Panther, Supergirl and others, we could appreciate the qualities that Abraham, Paul, King David and Jesus' mother Mary exhibited, and how they were used by God to make a difference, not only to the lives of people around them, but also to influence the destiny of their nation and descendants.

Abraham was called by God to leave his tribe and country and to travel a long distance to another land, where God told him that he would make him the father of a new nation: a nation that would influence the world and to whom people would turn for guidance and truth.

Joseph too was in the right time and place to guide Pharaoh during a time of famine, help his family and influence the course of history. King David was an example of an imperfect person, chosen by God, to lead the nation from the front and his leadership provided peace and stability for over 40 years, and the list of deeds done by God's other superheroes goes on.

What made God's people superheroes was their willingness to have faith in God, to be open to being used by God and open to doing what God wanted them to do. Yes, they had their fears and their doubts and their questions. Even with these difficulties, they were still willing to step out in faith for God.

We are called by God to be one of his superheroes. I am not expecting us to fly around the church and, with x-ray vision, to



see through the walls into the halls behind the church. But God does expect us to respond to his call to be willing to be one of his superheroes.

Where that call takes us will depend upon our personality and skills. We might be called to pray more, to share our faith with a friend, or bring someone along to church to show them what worship is like and to meet our friends. Or we might be called into serving the church in a different way.

Through his grace, God takes us as we are. He takes us with our flaws, our imperfections and our weaknesses, and calls us to be his superheroes in proclaiming his love, sharing the good news of Jesus Christ and building his kingdom here in Renfrew.

Every blessing

Philip



Loungers

Loungers are back on Sunday 2nd September!

- Are you a young person between the age of 10 and 18?
- Do you have questions about faith?
- Are you curious about Christianity?
- Do you want to discuss your thoughts in a safe group where we have lots of fun, debates, get creative, work on community projects and worship?

Then join us every Sunday morning in the lounge at Renfrew North Church from 11:00 am -12:15 pm. We also start with breakfast rolls and sausage/potato scone - we look forward to seeing you there!

For more information contact **Valerie Wilson** at renfrewnorthyouth@gmail.com

Prayer Group

First Meeting -

Tuesday 4 September at 7.30pm.

The first Prayer Group Meeting for the session 2018-19 will take the form of a Rededication Service for the year ahead. Following this, there will be a time for group prayers (words on sheets) and individual prayers.

If you would like someone to be prayed for and can't attend the meeting please contact Sheila Love. (561 4535). The meeting closes with tea/coffee/light supper: **All welcome!**

Church diary

September

2	11:15	Morning Worship and Sacrament of Baptism
9	11:15 & 14:00	Sacrament of Holy Communion
16	11:15	Morning Worship and Sacrament of Baptism
23	11:15	Morning Worship
29	19:00	ALIVE! Event
30	11:15	Morning Worship

October

7	11:15	Harvest Thanksgiving
14	11:15	Morning Worship
21	11:15	Morning Worship
28	11:15	Morning Worship

November

4	11:15	Morning Worship
11	10:45	Service of Remembrance
18	11:15	Family Service
25	11:15	Morning Worship

December

2	11:15	Morning Worship
9	11:15 & 14:00	Sacrament of Holy Communion
16	11:15	Morning Worship
23	11:15	Nativity Service
24	7:15	Family Christmas Eve Service (Singalong from 7:00)
30	11:15	Morning Worship

Congregational Board

Wed 5 September at 7pm
Wed 7 November at 7pm

Kirk Session

Wed 3 October at 7pm
Wed 5 December at 7pm

(Please note: These dates, details and times may be subject to adjustment)



A worship event for all will be taking place in Renfrew North Church Halls on **29th September**. This event is run by the young people of Renfrew North for everyone at Renfrew North!

If you would like to be involved as a musician, tech support, to help with prayer stations or do refreshments please sign up on the notice board in the church halls or contact Valerie Wilson at renfrewnorthyouth@gmail.com. This is a free event, please attend and bring all friends and family!

Junior Church

Hope you've had a great summer and enjoyed the sunshine. It was good to see you at Ice Cream Sundays and well done for learning those verses! September is here and we're off to a new session. All existing and new members are welcome at:

- Little Stars** for 3 – 5 year olds in the lesser hall
- Lighthouse** for 5/6 (P2) – 10/11 year olds in the new hall
- Loungers** for 11 – 18 year olds in the upstairs lounge

We plan to restart a **crèche** for babies and toddlers and so would be glad to hear from anyone who would like to volunteer to help on a rotational basis with the youngest children.

With Spill the Beans, children will be going on a different biblical journey this year. The authors have 'created a plan which dips into stories we do not often hear, or with which we spend little time'. This should challenge the leaders too and be refreshing for us all!

Men's Association

The Men's Association will have their enrolment nights on **Mondays the 3rd and 10th of September** with the first games night of the season on Monday 17 September. For those of you who have been on holiday I hope it was a good one and for those (like myself) who have still to go, have a safe and good time. Men of all ages and not necessarily members of the church are welcome at any time of the season to come and join us.

Alan Canavan

Secretary

It's still the Year of Young People and in September and October we'll look at some practical ways our young folk can get involved in the themes of Global Justice and Harvest. Come and be part of the action!



Can you sort out this muddled memory verse? It's what we aim to do week by week in Junior Church:

and without the Lord hindrance, the Boldly kingdom he preached of and taught God about Jesus Christ (ACTS 28:31)

Aileen Winch

Renfrew North's Forget Me Not Café

The café has been running since December 2015 and has gone from strength to strength. The purpose of the café is for carers of a relative or friend suffering from Dementia, to bring them along and have a place to meet with others in similar circumstances. This is a social event and the people who attend always tell us how much this weekly meet up means to them.

From a humble start of only a few attendees in the first few weeks, the café now has between 25 to 35 each week. The café offers a range of activities from games and crafts to musical entertainment from a vast array of talented people who give up their free time to entertain us. There is always a time for chatting with others and enjoy a cuppa and some cakes and biscuits. So if you or someone you know would like to come along, please do or telephone either Marion or Irene for more information (see below).

None of this would be possible without our devoted volunteers who also give their time on a Wednesday afternoon to ensure our folks have an enjoyable afternoon. The



café runs throughout the year and only closes over Christmas and New Year.

We are always looking for new volunteers and entertainers so please let us know if you can help. You do not need to make a weekly commitment, it can be fortnightly or once a month. So why not give us a ring or come to the Café and have a chat with us and see if you feel you can volunteer on a Wednesday afternoon to help the smooth running of the Forget-Me-Not Café?

We are supported by Wendy Craig and

Iain Houston from Alzheimer's Scotland - they attend when staffing allows, to offer support and advice to our attendees.

Marion and I would like to say a huge thank you to our volunteers for their continued support and hard work and a big thank you to our entertainers.

Irene Barr

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FMN Cafe Co-ordinators

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By the time you read this we will have had our enrolment night, **Thursday 30th August 2018**. Hopefully we will get a good response from our recruitment which we do across the schools in Renfrew.

We do however require volunteers to help in our Anchors and particularly for our Juniors. If you, or anyone in your family, has an interest in helping us in the 1st/3rd Renfrew Boys' Brigade in Renfrew North please do get in touch with me. Even if you cannot be available every week, it would be great if you could still get in touch as we can work out a rota system. All volunteers require to be PVG checked with Disclosure Scotland - however this is quite a simple process and can be arranged quickly.

We have a busy programme planned out once again this year with lots of activities and

events to be held. A couple of dates for your diary are as follows:

Coffee Morning – Saturday 6th October from 10am till 12noon

QuizCo – Saturday 17th November 2018 from 7pm till late. This is our annual quiz and disco which is our major fundraiser of the year. It is always a great night, tickets will be on sale later in September, so please get in touch.

We are always looking for donations or grants - if anyone knows of anyone or any company that would be willing to donate or supply us with a grant please get in touch.

Andrew Scott

Captain
andrew.scott@renfrewnorth.org.uk

Sunday Produce Stall

Last year the Produce Stall raised £1335 - so far this year we have made £645. Many thanks to all who have supported in any way! We will be starting up again in September.

Anyone willing to help - either with baking or serving on the stall - please give your name to **Annette Russell** or **Sandra Kerr**.

Harvest Thanksgiving

We are looking for donations of tins, dried goods, household goods, sanitary products etc. these will be then given to the Renfrew Foodbank. Malawi Rice will also be available for purchase from **Sunday 2nd September**.

Blythwood Shoebox Appeal

This year we will continue supporting the Blythwood Care Shoebox Appeal. We recognise that filling a shoebox can be expensive. Boxes will be available from **Sunday 7th October** for the donation of goods. If you would like to support this appeal but feel that you cannot fill a shoebox.

Christian Aid Coffee Lounge

At Christian Aid Week in May, we donated £2,300. Many thanks to all who helped in any way!

The 'normal' Sunday morning coffee lounge will resume on **2nd September**. We are looking forward to your support!

Duty Groups are asked to check the Rota on the notice board.



The Guild

A date for your diary -

The guild are having a Coffee Morning on **Saturday 8th September** in the church hall, from 10am - 12noon, to which all are welcome. Ticket £2 - Various stalls.

As the guild prepares for the start of the new session. We begin our new strategy **"One journey, many roads"** when we will begin to learn about our new projects for 2018 - 2021.

There are six projects:

- Crossreach:** Join up the dots
- Sailors' Society:** A chaplain for our ports
- The Boys Brigade:** Faith in young people
- World Mission Council:** Empowering teenage mothers in Zambia
- Malawi Fruits:** Growing the future
- Free to Live Trust:** Seemas project

The new session of the guild will open on **Wednesday 10th October 2018 at 7.30pm**, when we look forward to welcoming Irene Dick as our guest speaker.

This is open to everyone - if you would like to join us, you will be very welcome!

Brownies

Brownies will resume on **Tuesday 4th September**.

We have day trips, crafts, parties, theme nights and pack holiday planned again for this year! All girls aged 7-10 are welcome to join us from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm every Tuesday in Renfrew North Church Halls.

Please register online at girlguiding.co.uk or contact Valerie Wilson at 2ndrenfrewbrownies@gmail.com.

Valerie Wilson

Brownie Leader

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Register

Baptisms

Kaycie Lynda Kerr, daughter of Emma Gray and Dean Kerr

Date

27/5/18

Date of Birth

12/12/17

Deaths

Roll No

230

Name

Joan Thomson

District

40

Date

19/5/18

Long Service Awards



At the June Communion service, some presentations were made:

- Rev Philip Wallace was presented with a Preaching Stole, which was specially made for him as our new minister.
- Anne Findlay was presented with a Long-Service Certificate, signed by the Moderator of the Church of Scotland for 70 years of service to the church choir.
- Carole Bain was presented with a Long-Service Certificate, signed by the Moderator of the Church of Scotland for founding the Smarties (girls aged 6 before joining Brownies) 30 years ago and being their leader all throughout that time!

Such devoted and long-term service is greatly appreciated by the whole congregation and is well worthy of recognition!

Freewill Offering Receipts

If you have not received and require to be issued with Freewill Offering Envelopes, please contact FWO Convener Marion Wallace.

If you presently receive envelopes but pay directly to the bank and no longer require further supplies of envelopes, please contact Marion on 07950 555199.

Marion Wallace

Freewill Offering Convener

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Fundraising & Property

Subject to agreement that the Christmas Fete will now be on **Saturday 1st December**, can we stress that date and ask for support? We would also like to thank the congregation for their support for the Voltage Voucher fundraising project which to date has raised nearly £9,000 excluding additional Gift Aid?

On the property front, we have completed our complete rewire of our church and halls, at a total cost of nearly £30,000.

As always there will be ongoing maintenance items to be dealt with in addition to the major projects we have completed in the last year and so there may need to be some ongoing fundraising efforts to replace the significant funds expended this year.

Grateful thanks are also due to our tireless Coffee Bar team who save us a lot by carrying out regular redecoration and general maintenance.

Gary Louttit

Property & Fundraising Convener

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Plate Duties

Sep 16, Nov 11 & Jan 6 - Leader: John Collins, Vivian Collins, Lesley Dargo, Charles Hamilton, David Henderson, Stuart Irving, Cameron Jeffrey, Gill McKay, Linda Smith

Sept 23, Nov 18 & Jan 13 - Leader: Annette Russell, Catherine Adamson, Rena Bradley, Elizabeth Bruce, Jim Bruce, Alan Canavan, Rene Canavan, Alistair Corkindale, Roddy Lawrie, Ellen Strachan

Sept 30, Nov 25 & Jan 20 - Leader: Gus Muchan, Jim Bain, Margaret Cumming, Fiona Hendrie, Scott Jeffrey, Lesley McFarlane, Rhona McNeil, Sandra Moir, Pamela Philp, Lesley Smith

Oct 7, Dec 2 & Jan 27 - Leader: Eric Smyth, Evelyn Brown, John Buchan, Mary Dempster, Vicki Gerrard, Scott Mitchell, Andrew Scott, Aileen Winch, Jack Winch, Catherine Young

Oct 14, Dec 9 & Feb 3 - Leader: Brian Donaldson, Dixon Drye, Adam Louttit, Campbell McGregor, Robert McRae, Carole Melvin, Robert Melvin, Sheryl Pickering, Bruce Wallace, Marion Wallace

Oct 21, Dec 16 & Feb 10 - Leader: Eleanor Burns, Christine Barr, Betty Graham, Marion Henderson, Sheila Love, Charlie Newlands, June Newlands, Bob Parker, Betty Wilson, Valerie Wilson

Oct 28, Dec 23 & Feb 17 - Leader: Stewart Gilchrist, Alison Gerrard, Christine Louttit, Gary Louttit, Aileen Mitchell, David Mitchell, Sandra Muir, Gordon Simpson, Linda Simpson, May Stevenson

Nov 4, Dec 30 & Feb 24 - Leader: Jim Mackie, Jacqueline Boyd, Elizabeth Cameron, Gordon Ferguson, Marian Ferguson, Marjorie Grant, David Kerr, Sandra Kerr, Jim McNeil, Ellen Weir, Marion Weir

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