

OUTREACH

RENFREW NORTH PARISH CHURCH

2018 – summer edition

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Church diary

June

- 3 10:00 Morning Worship
- 10 10:00 Sacrament of Holy Communion
- 17 10:00 Morning Worship
- 24 10:00 Morning Worship

July

- 1 10:00 Morning Worship
- 8 10:00 Morning Worship
- 15 10:00 Morning Worship
- 22 10:00 Morning Worship
- 29 10:00 Morning Worship

August

- 5 10:00 Morning Worship
- 12 10:00 Morning Worship
- 19 10:00 Morning Worship
- 26 10:00 Morning Worship

September

- 2 11:15 Morning Worship and Sacrament of Baptism
- 9 11:15 Sacrament of Holy Communion
- 16 11:15 Morning Worship
- 23 11:15 Morning Worship
- 30 11:15 Morning Worship

Congregational Board

Wed 5 September at 7pm

Kirk Session

Wed 3 October at 7pm

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

Dear Friends,

When I arrive at Renfrew North church every Sunday morning, I am immediately struck by the buzz of the place. There are people in pews having conversations, probably catching up on the past week's events; there are people talking about Little Stars or Lighthouse and what the story will be this morning; there are friends talking about the news on TV or in the newspapers; and there is a great deal of laughter and noise. It is great to be part of an alive and vibrant church.

I imagine this to have been a bit like that first Pentecost Sunday where there were people coming together from different parts of the Roman empire to celebrate the Festival of Weeks, one of the Jewish harvest festivals. The book of Acts reminds us that on that day of Pentecost "a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them." (Acts 2 v2-4) This caused great excitement. The people were amazed and were trying to work out what it meant, when Peter got up and explained what was going on.

On that first Pentecost Sunday the early Christians, or followers of "The Way", as they were known, were filled with God's Holy Spirit. This had been promised by Jesus, had been prophesied by the prophet Joel, and here it was now actually happening. God's people were being given his gift of the Holy Spirit to enable them to now be the church, to do and say the things that they needed to do and say as his followers. His Holy Spirit would enable them to speak and preach the good news, to live boldly the life of Jesus and to make a difference in the world.

We will be celebrating Pentecost Sunday as part of the morning worship led by the Junior Church on 20th May. It will be an opportunity to reflect again upon the gift of the Holy Spirit that we have all been given. Let us use it to continue to be a loving, alive, inclusive and vibrant church. Let us continue being a church that makes a difference in Renfrew. Let us all be guided and inspired by God's Holy Spirit.

Every blessing,

Philip



Prayer Group

The group was delighted to welcome Philip and some visiting elders to our Easter meeting. The final meeting for this session is on Tuesday 12th June at 7.30pm. The evening consists of a walk around the church, stopping at various points for readings, prayers and meditations. There will also be an opportunity for anyone wishing to be prayed over by Sheila. The theme for the evening is 'Areas of our Lives in the Church'. We finish the evening with sandwiches and a strawberry cream tea.

All welcome!

For more information contact:
Sheila Love on 561 4535.



JUNIOR CHURCH

For the Year of Young People, Heather and Sam from Loungers took up the challenge to organise their own fundraising ideas at the spring fete. Thank you and well done!

The Junior Church closing service took place on 20 May. The theme was Growing, thinking how we as God's children can all grow in faith, in love and in

service as a church community. The books and certificates were presented by our minister, Rev Philip Wallace.

The Small Change collections from Lighthouse and Little Stars this session amounted to £62.18 and this has been sent to Christian Aid. Thank you to all our contributors.

Now that Junior Church has finished for the session, Ice Cream Sundays takes place from June to August. Gill McKay is organising the rota of helpers. Please contact Gill (07762 517292) or Aileen Winch (0141 889 0458) if you could help.

Junior Church starts back on Sunday 2nd September. Have a great summer.



We have enjoyed a great session since returning after Christmas. The guides have been working hard at their badges and gaining new skills throughout the last couple of months.

We raised over £700 at our annual fundraiser this year! This goes towards our pack holiday and getting new supplies for the girls.

All the girls are excited for our upcoming joint pack holiday with the Brownies at the end of May. We are going for a Harry Potter Theme this year.

We are on every Tuesday (excluding school holidays) within the church halls from 7:30-9:00 pm. If you know any girls aged 10-14 who would be interested, please pop along and see us!

Chloe Anderson

Guide Leader in Charge

The Little Stars – highlights of the year!

By the time you read this, the Little Stars will have finished for the session and the children will be enjoying their weekly delight of ice cream during the ten o'clock services.

It has been another very busy year, full of stories, crafts, songs and games. Each week the children have learnt about a story from the bible, some from the new testament and some from the old testament.

Their favourite things to do are making edible treats and these have included:

- Zacchaeus' Tree made out of white chocolate which we turned green
- Banana boats linked to Jesus Calming the Storm
- Mud cakes to demonstrate the Sower and the Seed

On Easter Sunday, after a delicious breakfast, we had great fun making Easter Bonnets and various other crafts, as well as an Easter Egg Hunt. We then joined with the Lighthouse department to hear the Easter Story through words and symbols.

As I write this, we are currently preparing for our End of Session Service on Sunday 20th May which you will hopefully have

already witnessed. The focus this year is 'Growing'. The Little Stars retold 'The Parable Of The Sower' through a little bit of acting, songs and rhymes.

We would like to wish you all a relaxing summer and we will see the Little Stars back on Sunday 2nd September, but between now and then please come along to the 10 o'clock service – ice cream is on the menu!

Little Stars is for all children from age 3 to around Primary 1.

Smarties

After 30 years, Renfrew North Smarties will close at the end of May. This group for 5 and 6 year old girls has been led by myself and supported by numerous helpers throughout that time. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have been involved in any way including the girls, their parents and all leaders.

It is hoped that the Guide Movement will form a Rainbow Group starting in September.

Carole Bain

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Boys' Brigade

All of a sudden, we are approaching the end of another successful session!

As I write this, we are preparing for our Annual Display and Prize Giving. Hopefully the night will be a great success. This year, our Inspecting Officer is our Chaplain, Rev. Philip Wallace.

The boys in all sections have done brilliantly again this session, with the Juniors retaining the Battalion Championship, although jointly with 1st Bridge of Weir. The Company Section have bettered last year's achievement and finished runners up in their Battalion Championship.

The awards will be presented officially on June 3rd at Battalion Presentation Evening.

Our main trophy winners this session are as follows:

Best Squad: Daniel Taggart Shield

- Squad 2 : led by Josh Kirk

Best Drilled Recruit: Ina Russell Shield

- Sam Kerr

Best Drilled Boy: Stedfast Shield

- Fraser Simpson

Best Drilled NCO: Sarah Mitchell Shield

- Josh Kirk

Best Sportsman: Gordon Russell Trophy

- Fraser Simpson

Best Boy: Colin Cameron Shield

- Innes McCready

President's Badges:

Josh Kirk and Ross MacIntyre

Juniors Best Group: George Morton Shield

- Group 4 led by Kieran Barr

Best Boy: Betty Duffin Shield

- Kieran Barr

We had our annual camp at the end of May at Kingswood Dearne Valley, near Doncaster with 21 boys - look out for pictures on Facebook! Thanks to all who have supported us this session! However, we really could do with some help in Anchors and Juniors...

If you or anyone you know might be interested, please contact me.

Andrew Scott

BB Captain



The Guild

The Guild had an interesting night to end of the second session, when we had a visit from Carole Mitchell, crime writer, who kept us all amused with her stories and facts on her novel writing. The guests who were cancelled due to inclement weather, will be able to visit us over the next year, and we look forward to welcoming them.

After the business part of our AGM, we all enjoyed our fish n chips, and now look forward to our day out to AYR on Wednesday 13th June. The bus will leave outside the church at 10.00am. There are still a few seats left on the bus should anyone wish to join us for this outing to Ayr. Please see Maureen Tunnicliffe for places available.

Our recent shopping evening on Friday 20th April, was a tremendous success and raised £610 for church funds. Thank you to everyone who helped and came to support this evening.

**A date for your diary:
The Guild are having a
Coffee morning on
Saturday 8th September
in the Church hall,
10 – 12noon,
to which all are welcome.**

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.



Inner Wheel

The ladies of Renfrew & Govan Inner Wheel would like to thank the members of the congregation who supported their recent Cheese & Wine Evening. We raised a magnificent sum of £2,376, which enabled us to purchase a house for a family affected by leprosy, a well, a generator, 2 latrines, medicine, clothes and blankets.

The Inner Wheel would also like to thank the ladies who have been helping with knitting squares or blankets which are sent to the young women at the Fistula Clinic in Addis Ababa. Their help is much appreciated, especially by the young women at the clinic.

June Newlands

Secretary – Inner Wheel

Men's Association

In the Spring issue of Outreach, I mentioned that we sent a team to Trinity Church's quiz - guess what, we won! There were two new members in our team, the fresh blood must have done the trick. On Tuesday 13 February we visited Sandyford's Men's Club for a games night enjoying the fellowship and purvey making for a good night out. On Saturday 17 February we held our coffee morning with members working hard - its success was boosted by the wonderful help we had from friends and family - many thanks to them! Monday 26 February saw our annual visit to Erskine with a request to bring the 12-spot dominos, showing how much they enjoyed them on their visit to us. February was a very busy month for us, so in March we were able to catch up with our competitions, having only one visit on Wednesday 14 March. This was to our good friends at Trinity for a games night, something we always look forward to for another night of fellowship and fun. April was semi-finals, finals then our AGM chaired this year by Rev. Philip Wallace, who also presented the prize winners with their trophies. Our office-bearers for next season were elected, then the AGM was closed with the President Jim Bain inviting Philip to our annual dinner. The dinner was held at the Grill in The Park on Monday 30th April, and here ended another season.

Have a safe and happy summer from the Men's Club!

Alan Canavan

Secretary

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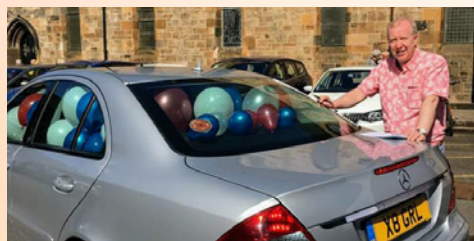
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Fundraising

Voltage Vouchers - This is our new fundraising campaign, aimed at raising funds for the upgrading of our electrical system. Please support it by purchasing Voltage Vouchers from our Fundraising Team. Vouchers are available in denominations of £5, £10 and £20. It takes a 'bright spark' to 'plug' into such a 'powerful and current' project like this!

Some related jokes to think about :

- What kind of car does an electrician drive? - **A VOLTSwagon!**
- What do you call a detective electrician? - **Sherlock Ohms!**



Spring Fete -

Thanks to everyone for supporting our annual Spring Fete on 12 May, to all our volunteers and stall holders and to our congregation and friends for being so generous with their time and money. The great total of £3,000 was raised!

Singalong Evening

Come along for an evening of entertainment from our Coffee Bar Community Choir and friends! It's on Friday 6 June, starting at 7.00 pm and tickets cost only £3.

Freewill Offering Receipts

Owing to the amount of time and effort involved in preparing annual receipts for Freewill Offering Envelopes, the Congregational Board have approved that the issue of receipts, as a matter of course, will be discontinued. If, however, you require a receipt to be issued, please let me know.

Marion Wallace

Freewill Offering Convener

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Register

Baptisms

Rory George, son of Jonathan and Heather Dobbin – 29 April 2018

Members transferred by Certificate to elsewhere

Roll No	Name	District
244	Miss L Mimmagh	60

Deaths

Roll No	Name	District	Date
43	Mrs J Gray	42	10 February 2018
32	Mr I Stirling	59	14 February 2018
641	Mrs E Adam	6	6 March 2018
8	Mrs G Breckenridge	59	15 March 2018
658	Mr G Cullen	59	18 March 2018
625	Mrs M Morrison	59	30 March 2018



Plate Duties

May 27, Jul 22, Sep 16 - Leader: John Collins, Vivian Collins, Lesley Dargo, Charles Hamilton, David Henderson, Stuart Irving, Cameron Jeffrey, Gill McKay, Linda Smith

Nov 11 - Leader: John Collins, Vivian Collins, Lesley Dargo, Charles Hamilton, David Henderson, Stuart Irving, Cameron Jeffrey, Pamela Philp, Gill McKay, Linda Smith

Jun 3, Jul 29 - Leader: Annette Russell, Catherine Adamson, Rena Bradley, Elizabeth Bruce, Jim Bruce, Alan Canavan, Rene Canavan, Alistair Corkindale, Roddie Lawrie, Ellen Strachan

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

Jun 10, Aug 5 - Leader: Gus Muchan, Jim Bain, Cherry Briggs, Margaret Cumming, Fiona Hendrie, Lesley McFarlane, Rhona McNeil, Sandra Moir, Lesley Smith

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

Jun 17, Aug 12 - Leader: Eric Smyth, Evelyn Brown, John Buchan, Mary Dempster, Andrew Scott, Dorothy Scott, Davina Stirling, Aileen Winch, Jack Winch, Catherine Young

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

Jun 24, Aug 19 - Leader: Brian Donaldson, Dixon Drye, Adam Louttit, Campbell McGregor, Robert McRae, Carole Melvin, Robert Melvin, Scott Mitchell, Bruce Wallace, Marion Wallace

Oct 14, Dec 9 - Leader: Brian Donaldson, Dixon Drye, Adam Louttit, Campbell McGregor, Robert McRae, Carole Melvin, Robert Melvin, Scott Mitchell, Bruce Wallace, Marion Wallace

Jul 1, Aug 26 - Leader: Eleanor Burns, Christine Barr, Betty Graham, Marion Henderson, Sheila Love, Charlie Newlands, June Newlands, Bob Parker, Betty Wilson, Valerie Wilson

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

May 13, Jul 8 - Leader: Stewart Gilchrist, Alison Gerrard, Christine Louttit, Gary Louttit, Nancy Macdonald, Aileen Mitchell, David Mitchell, Sandra Muir, Linda Simpson, May Stevenson, Aileen White

Sept 2, Oct 28, Dec 23 - Leader: Stewart Gilchrist, Alison Gerrard, Christine Louttit, Gary Louttit, Aileen Mitchell, David Mitchell, Sandra Muir, Linda Simpson, May Stevenson

May 20, Jul 15 - Leader: Jim Mackie, Jacqueline Boyd, Elizabeth Cameron, Gordon Ferguson, Marian Ferguson, Marjorie Grant, David Kerr, Sandra Kerr, Ellen Weir, Marion Weir

Sept 9, Nov 4, Dec 30 - Leader: Jim Mackie, Jacqueline Boyd, Lorraine Cairns, Gordon Ferguson, Marian Ferguson, Marjorie Grant, David Kerr, Sandra Kerr, Ellen Weir, Marion Weir

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