

OUTREACH

RENFREW NORTH PARISH CHURCH

2018 – spring edition

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Dear Friends,

It has been my pleasure to serve as the Interim Moderator in your vacancy, but that is about to come to an end with the induction of the Rev. Philip Wallace. This will be the first induction which you have experienced as a congregation in almost 39 years. It is a time of new beginnings, a time of excitement, but possibly also a time of apprehension.

There will be a new person at the helm, with fresh ideas and different ways of doing things. Inevitably there will be change. This is where the apprehension comes in. You may wonder whether you will like the change and how you will cope with it. We need to remember that we are called to be the pilgrim people of God. The Old Testament character Abraham is a good example of this. He set out from his home in Ur of the Chaldees, leaving behind familiar territory and his kinsfolk, journeying into the unknown with virtually nothing but his faith in God. Most of us like the familiar and we have a tendency to cling to it, whereas we ought to see the Christian life as a journey, placing our trust in God as we travel on.

The one constant on our journey is God Himself, the God whom we worship on a Sunday and whom we seek to serve during the week. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. He has promised to be with us each step of the way.

The Apostle Paul uses a slightly different image for our journey. He likens it to a race. He



Rev Alistair Shaw, our Interim Moderator

describes his own efforts as “forgetting what is behind me, and reaching out for that which lies ahead, I press towards the goal.” I guess that he is exaggerating when he says that he forgets the past. Earlier in the same letter he has just boasted of his Jewish ancestry! We cannot forget the past, nor should we attempt to do so. We can allow it to inspire us, but we must not allow it to hinder us. That is the point which I think Paul is really making.

In the meantime enjoy the excitement generated by the induction of your new minister. Enjoy getting to know him and the ways in which he carries out his ministry. I wish you God’s richest blessing for the years ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Alistair Shaw

Church diary

March

4	11:15	Morning Worship
11	11:15	Sacrament of Holy Communion
11	14:00	Sacrament of Holy Communion
18	11:15	Morning Worship
25	11:15	Family Service – Youth Parade, followed by AGM
29	19:00	Maundy Thursday Communion
30	19:00	Renfrew Town Churches Good Friday Service

April

1	11:15	Easter Sunday Worship
8	11:15	Morning Worship
15	11:15	Morning Worship
22	11:15	Morning Worship
29	11:15	Morning Worship

May

6	11:15	Morning Worship
13	11:15	Family Service, led by Junior Church
20	11:15	Morning Worship
27	11:15	Morning Worship

June

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

Trustees Meeting

21 March at 7pm

Congregational AGM

25 March at 12.30pm

Congregational Board

Wed 21 March and 3 May at 7pm

Kirk Session

Wed 4 April and Wed 6 June at 7pm

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



The Guild

The second half of the session started later, on account of the inclement weather. However, we now go forward with our syllabus. We had a very successful ‘Bring n Buy’ sale, which raised £170 for Remembering Srebrenica. Our Burns Evening with guests followed and that brought us to the end of January. February brought a Valentine Tea, the ‘Gospel according to Jimmy’ and ‘Postcards from the Big One’. On 10 March we shall have our annual Coffee Morning, and the syllabus for March is an interesting one with ‘Murder She Wrote’, Desserts and finally our AGM.

If you would like to come along on a Wednesday evening at 7.30 pm, you would be made most welcome. Please check our noticeboard for our guest speakers.

Finally, in December, we were delighted to present long-service certificates to four of our ladies – Nan Hill and Rita Paterson for over 53 years; and to Betty McCurdie and Maureen Tunnicliffe for over 50 years of service to the Guild – a wonderful achievement, ladies!

JUNIOR CHURCH

2018 – Scotland's Year of Young People

After the YOYP launch at a service in January, we have set up our first event: A Youth Forum. Representatives of all the church organisations for young people (8-25) meet to 'have their say'. This is part of the One Church One Body theme.

The small change collections this year enabled us to send £60 to **Sightsavers**. Thank you to all who save up their loose change and add it to the children's!

Back in December, our first ever **Family Christmas Party** was voted a big success. Toddlers to Grandparents, everyone entered into the fun of team games, quizzes, singing and even a couple of ceilidh dances! The kitchen team, led by Jacqueline Boyd produced a marvellous supper. A happy night was had by all.

The next all-age event will be **Easter Breakfast** on Easter Sunday 1 April – not joking! *Look out for information coming up on the Junior Church noticeboard.*



Boys' Brigade

It's been another busy time for us at the BB in Renfrew North. Before Christmas we had a visit to Paisley Players Panto at Gallowhill - I'm not yet sure if they've recovered from meeting with our Anchors!

We had our Christmas parties in Anchors and Juniors with a special visitor, and our Company Section went to the Inn Off Snooker after delivering the parcels to elderly members of the church.

After a very brief Christmas break, we were straight back into things with our Parents Challenge Nights where parents had

Letter from our Minister-Elect

Hello!

I am Philip Wallace, the new minister of Renfrew North Parish Church.

I trained for ministry at Mansfield College at the University of Oxford, after working for a number of years as a Trading Standards Officer with Hampshire County Council. My first ministry role was as a probationer minister in Northampton. I then went to the sunshine of Brighton, where I was ordained at Sussex University to be a chaplain to the University of Brighton and a Minister at Lewes Road United Reformed Church.

After a summer spent working with the chaplain at a German village for the elderly, I transferred to the Church of Scotland and was called to Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown, Argyll, in 2004. At the same time, I became chaplain to Auchinlee, a Church of Scotland residential care home for the elderly. It has been wonderful living in Campbeltown - working in a church alongside my other half Kristian, training ministry students and having the pleasure of supporting the staff and residents of Auchinlee. In recent years, I have also been chaplain to Campbeltown Grammar School and have thoroughly enjoyed being involved with the local community. I have had the opportunity to do a lot of hillwalking with



Rev Philip Wallace

my family, Kristian and Quentin, and walk on beautiful beaches with our dog, Soldier.

I'm very much looking forward to becoming part of a new community and meeting the people of Renfrew as I take up my post as parish minister. I'm also keen to explore the town of Renfrew, the city of Glasgow and the beautiful countryside round about.

Whether you're a church member or not, I look forward to meeting you as your new parish minister, available for baptisms, weddings, funerals and Sunday services for all the people of North Renfrew.

Every blessing,

Philip Wallace

to participate with and against the boys in various activities including marching. I won't share the results!

We have taken part in Battalion Competitions and Events. Our Anchors took part in a fun day. Our Juniors are doing well with the defence of their title so far and won the Team Games, and Company Section Seniors got silver at the Swimming.

By the time you read this, we will have had our second coffee morning and heading towards our Sponsored Night on 2nd March.

Finally, we are needing some volunteer help in our Junior Section. We could do with a bit of help on a Thursday night. If anyone is interested or knows of anyone, please contact myself.

Andrew Scott

BB Captain



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Deep Impact



Once again, a group of Youth Volunteers from Renfrew North - Andrew Scott,

review our own reality vs. God's perspective.

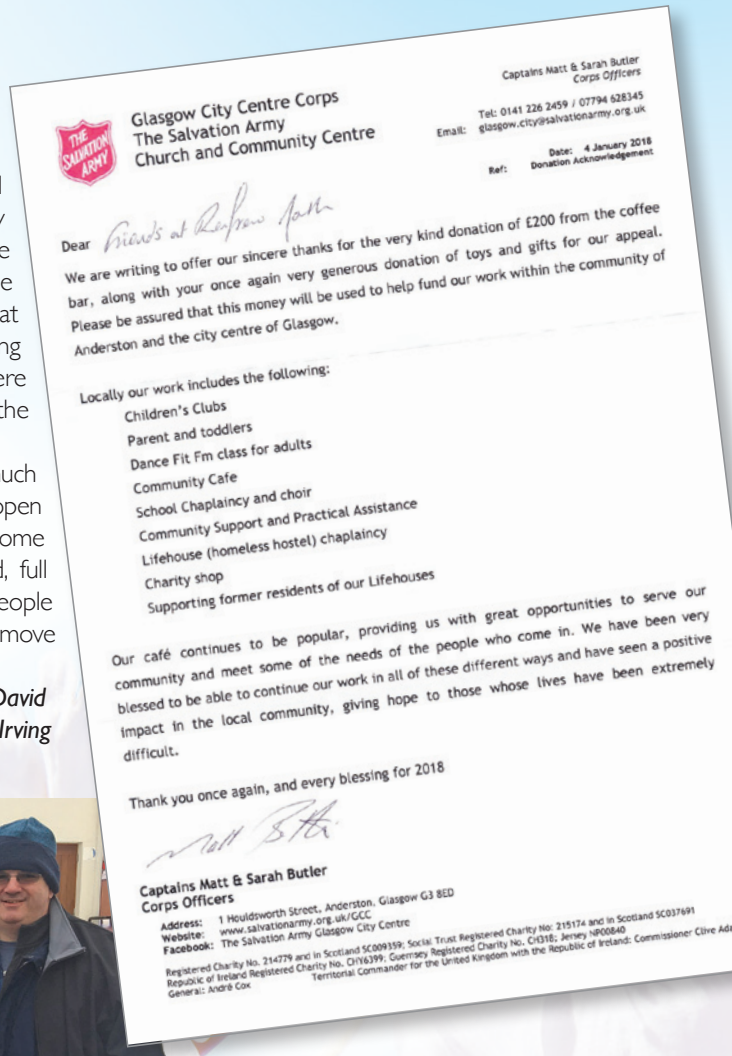
The worship was led once again by Allan McKinlay and his band who are quite excellent - they led the worship with some great worship songs. The presenting team and other speakers were all great and helped bind the whole weekend together.

We, as a group, get so much from this conference - it is open to all youth leaders. We come back inspired and enthused, full of ideas to take our young people forward, hopefully helping to move the church forward too!

Andrew Scott, Valerie Wilson, David Kerr, Gordon Simpson, Stuart Irving

Gordon Simpson, David Kerr, Stuart Irving, and Valerie Wilson - set off for Aviemore to the Deep Impact Christian Youthwork Conference.

The theme this year was the exploration of 'Our Reality: God's Perspective' with the main speaker for the weekend being Rev Dr Ian Wills. Ian is the leader of the ministry team at Parkhead Nazarene Church in Glasgow. He has seen his church grow and flourish to a vibrant ministry hub within the community. While over the years we have had a number of good speakers at the conference, he certainly has been among the best, really hitting home with his message and inspiring us individually and as a group to



Now that festivities are over, we are back with a jam-packed term in the run up

We are on every Tuesday, excluding school holidays, from 7:30 pm – 9 pm, if you would like to come along and join our fun loving and busy unit!

Chloe Anderson

(Acting Guide Captain)

to our Race Night fundraiser on the 24th March at Renfrew Golf Club and our joint pack holiday with the Brownies in May.

Property

We recently completed the first phase of our programme of upgrading works to the electrical installation in our Church buildings. There are 2 further phases of work to be carried out. When complete, our Church will benefit for many years to come from this investment.

This, along with the repairs we must carry out to the Manse, will impact hugely on our financial reserves and so we must ask our Congregation to dig deep and support the fundraising efforts we will make in the months to come.

The Manse

Most of you will now be aware that, just before Christmas, our Manse was damaged by a burst water pipe. Ceilings, walls and floor coverings have been affected and as a result we are carrying out an extensive programme of repairs and redecoration. On a positive note however, our new Minister and his family will move into a fully refurbished home, which has been rewired, redecorated and fitted with all new carpets. As with our ongoing works to our Church buildings, this should be seen as an investment for the future of our Church and Congregation.

Fundraising

Christmas Fete - Thank you to everyone who supported our annual Christmas Fete which raised £3,000 for church funds.

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 **VOLTS**wagen!
- What do you call a detective electrician? **Sherlock Ohms!**

Spring Fete - It's a long way off yet but please diarise Saturday 12 May for our annual Spring Fete.

Other upcoming events - Look out for other exciting fundraising events coming up, to include an 'Abba' themed evening!

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Prayer Group

The Prayer Group will be taking part in an Agape Supper. Agape is the Greek word for love for everyone. The Agape Meal was a Christian Fellowship Meal enjoyed by the early Christians and may have been closely related to The Lord's Supper. It did not require an ordained minister to lead it. The meal recalled some of the meals Jesus shared with his disciples during his ministry.

During the evening there will be an opportunity for us to pray for our new minister Philip Wallace and for others known to us.

Date - Tuesday 27th March
Time - 7.30 pm

For more information contact
Sheila Love (561 4535).
All Welcome!

Men's Club

A Big Thank You to all the church organisations and committees who supported our fundraising Big Quiz night in aid of Erskine Hospital. Thanks to your support, we were able add £262.82 towards our annual donation to Erskine Hospital. Our next big event was our organisational games night open to all on Monday 5 February at 7.30 pm - a fun night was had by all who attended. On Wednesday 7 February, we sent two teams to Trinity Church Men's Club to participate in their quiz night for more brain teasers.

Alan Canavan

Secretary Men's Association

The Produce Stall



Last year, the Produce Stall made £1,335 for church funds. Many thanks to all the bakers and the buyers who raised this excellent amount.

We look forward in hope for the same support this year!

Who's Who

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Register

Deaths

District	Roll No	Name	Date
59	382	Mrs E Bain	23/11/2017
37	521	Mr J C McColgan	28/11/2017
66	108	Mr. R Meikle	14/12/17
36	303	Mrs. Elspeth Walker	18/12/2017
31	708	Mrs. Winifred Reid	1/1/2018
31	725	Mrs Helen Taylor	15/1/2018

New member by resolution of the Kirk Session

Roll No	Name and Address	District
789	Mrs M Gilmour, 69 Cocklesloan	29

Plate Duties

Apr 1, May 2, Jul 22 - Leader: John Collins, Vivian Collins, Lesley Dargo, Charles Hamilton, David Henderson, Stuart Irving, Cameron Jeffrey, Gill McKay, Linda Smith

Apr 8, Jun 3, Jul 29 - Leader: Annette Russell, Catherine Adamson, Rena Bradley, Elizabeth Bruce, Jim Bruce, Alan Canavan, Rene Canavan, Alistair Corkindale, Roddy Lawrie, Ellen Strachan

Apr 15, Jun 10, Aug 5 - Leader: Gus Muchan, Jim Bain, Cherry Briggs, Margaret Cumming, Fiona Hendrie, Lesley McFarlane, Rhona McNeil, Sandra Moir, Lesley Smith

Apr 22, Jun 17, Aug 12 - Leader: Eric Smyth, Evelyn Brown, John Buchan, Mary Dempster, Scott Mitchell, Andrew Scott, Dorothy Scott, Aileen Winch, Jack Winch, Catherine Young

Mar 4, Apr 29, Jun 24 - Leader: Brian Donaldson, Dixon Drye, Adam Loutitt, Campbell McGregor, Robert McRae, Carole Melvin, Robert Melvin, Sheryl Pickering, Marion Wallace

Mar 11, May 6, Jul 1 - Leader: Eleanor Burns, Christine Barr, Betty Graham, Marion Henderson, Sheila Love, Charlie Newlands, June Newlands, Bob Parker, Betty Wilson, Valerie Wilson

Mar 18, 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

Mar 25, 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

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