

OUTREACH

RENFREW NORTH PARISH CHURCH

2019 – spring edition

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Dear Friends,

In telling the parable of the two builders, Jesus was giving a very vivid illustration of the importance of building our lives on the foundations of his teaching and his calling. If you listen to what I say and teach (and for us that includes reading or hearing the gospel accounts), Jesus says, and put it into practice, then you are like the man who built his house on good rock foundations. If you listen to what I say and teach, Jesus says, and don't put it into practice, then you are like the man who built his house on sand. Both houses were subject to the same wind and rain, and yet one house fell down and one house remained firm and steady.

When applied to our lives, Jesus was telling us that when the storms of life attack us, we have a good chance of remaining firm and steady if our lives have been built on the foundations of the love and teaching of Jesus.

Building the foundations requires G(o)od preparation. These preparations include prayer so that we can cultivate and value a close relationship with God. The preparations include understanding



what the bible is saying to us today, and the preparations include enjoying that relationship with God, because when we are enjoying following Jesus, other people will want to follow him too.

The season of Lent begins in March, and it reflects upon the time that Jesus spent in the wilderness, culminating in the three temptations which he resisted. Jesus used the time to consider what God was calling him to do. He used the time to pray, and did so in a place of isolation and deprivation. This is where we get this idea that Lent is a time to give up things like chocolate and biscuits.

But Lent is much more than that. It can be used as a time to take up something rather than give something up, such as using it as a time to prayerfully think about God's call on our lives and on the life of our church. What does God want us to do? Who does he want us to meet and help? How does he want to change our thoughts, attitudes and lives? By thoroughly immersing ourselves in prayer and reading the bible, we can move a little closer to understanding or "seeking the will and mind of God"

Good foundations are built upon a good relationship with God. So, in the words of that well-known children's song:

*"Don't build your house on the sandy land,
Don't build it too near the shore,
Well, it may look kind of nice
But you'll have to build it twice,
Oh, you'll have to build your house once more.
You better build your house upon the rock,
Make a good foundation on a solid spot.
And though the storms may come and go,
The peace of God you will know."*

I wish you a season of Lent full of prayer and reflection in which you become even closer to God.

Every blessing

Philip

Church diary

March

- 3 11:15.....Morning Worship
- 10 11:15.....Sacrament of Holy Communion
- 17 11:15.....Morning Worship – Youth Parade
- 24 11:15.....Morning Worship
- 24 13:00.....Informal Communion in the Small Hall
- 31 11:15.....Morning Worship – followed by AGM

April

- 7 11:15.....Morning Worship
- 14 11:15.....Morning Worship – Palm Sunday
- 18 19:00.....Maundy Thursday Communion
- 19 19:00.....Renfrew Town Churches Good Friday Service
- 21 11:15.....Easter Sunday Worship
- 28 11:15.....Morning Worship

May

- 5 11:15.....Morning Worship
- 12 11:15.....Morning Worship
- 18 19:00.....ALIVE2! Event
- 19 11:15.....Family Service, led by Junior Church
- 26 11:15.....Morning Worship

June

- 2 10:00.....Morning Worship
- 9 10:00.....Sacrament of Holy Communion
- 16 10:00.....Morning Worship
- 23 10:00.....Morning Worship
- 30 10:00.....Morning Worship

- Trustees Meeting.....27 March at 7pm
- Congregational AGM.....31 March at 12.30pm
- Congregational Board.....Wed 27 March after Trustees and 3 May at 7pm
- Kirk Session.....Wed 3 April and Wed 5 June at 7pm

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

Brownies

The Brownies finished last term with their Christmas party and created Christmas crafts. This term the Brownies are working on their Promise, Out and About and Discovering Faith Badges. Our annual fundraiser Race Night & Disco is on 9th March at Renfrew Golf Club. This is to support our joint Brownie & Guide holiday to Abernethy Trust in May.

We meet on Tuesday nights from 6:30pm-8:00pm. For further information please contact Valerie Wilson at: 2ndrenfrewbrownies@gmail.com.

Valerie Wilson

Brownie Leader



Boys' Brigade

As I write this article, we are right in the middle of an extremely busy period once again. Our Company Section came 2nd in both junior and

senior events at the Battalion Swimming Gala. A good effort by all Juniors and Company Section boys. Our Juniors retained the Battalion Team Games trophy recently, so a big 'well done' to them!

We are heading into First Aid, 10 pin bowling and Recruit Games for Company Section with the Cross Country not far away! The Juniors are currently practising for the Figure Marching Competition.

By the time you read this we will have had our Coffee Morning, as we are heading towards our Weekend Camp at Carronvale

House, Larbert. Another date for your diary is our Display on Friday 31st May.

We really need your help to find us volunteers willing to assist in our sections. If you know of anyone please get in touch!

Andrew Scott

Captain

1st/3rd Renfrew Boys' Brigade



Deep Impact 2019

This year the Famous (or Infamous?) Five turned into the Magnificent Seven!

Valerie Wilson, David Kerr, Gordon Simpson, Andrew Scott, and Stuart Irving were joined by Vicki Gerrard and Scott Jeffrey attending the **Deep Impact Conference** in Aviemore from 18 to 20 January.

The conference is a Christian Youth Work conference which this year had three different streams - **Youth Workers, Young Leaders and Children & Family Workers**. For the breakout sessions, Scott Jeffrey attended sessions within the Young Leaders stream, while the rest of us attended sessions within the Youth Workers stream.

The Youth Workers stream focused on what it looks like to be young leaders who, with God, are able to re-write the story for the young people of the nation. We took time to look at culture, research and testimony, whilst hearing from practitioners on a variety of topics. Also, space was created for reflection and planning to make sure the learning does not stop once the conference has ended!

The Young Leaders stream asked "What would it look like to be a generation who positively impact their generation and the generations emerging behind them?"



The main speakers this year were Alan and Diane McWilliam. Alan is a Church of Scotland minister who is the primary leader at Whiteinch Parish Church and is in process of the first Church of Scotland 'replant' in Ruchazie. His wife, Diane is a freelance community development worker, who has gained over 25 years' experience as a volunteer, board member, worker, manager, and consultant in a variety of voluntary sector and faith based organisations.

The main worship sessions were led by 'Ali McFarlane Music' who led the singing of the worship songs which were inspiring and powerful, followed by our main speakers

intertwined with some other guest speakers. Notably, John Swinney MSP, Depute First Minister of Scotland spoke on the Friday evening. The main sessions really inspired us! In particular the Saturday evening session, which focussed on prayer certainly was a powerful session. An informal communion was held on the Sunday morning.

The team altogether had a fantastic weekend, inspiring us and energising us to keep developing what we do at Renfrew North with the Young People.

We would like to thank Renfrew North for supporting our attendance at this year's conference!



On the evening of Saturday 2 February, over 70 people were in the New Hall for an evening of Christian Music, sound and light, from members of the ALIVE! band and to hear the gospel preached in a different way. This was provided by Scottish evangelist and author, Steven McLeish, the founder of the 'Make Jesus Famous' ministry. Steven is also a spoken word artist, with several videos online. He has been broadcast on God TV, MXTV, BBC, TBN, STV, Shine TV and speaks at various Christian events, both here and abroad. Steven's passion

is to make Jesus famous by telling the world about God's amazing grace and making the Gospel go viral.

The event was very much appreciated by all who attended, which together the wonderful home-baking made a very enjoyable evening!

If you enjoyed both this and the last ALIVE! event, or if your curiosity has been aroused, then here's a date for the next one - **ALIVE Again! : Saturday 18 May 2019, at 7.00pm in the New Hall.**

Junior Church

This spring, Spill the Beans has taken us to the parables of Jesus.

As a mirror shows us our reflection, we've been looking into these stories to see what Jesus is saying about us and our lives. Towards Easter, we'll be considering all different kinds of love found in the bible.

Do you remember this parable? Try the crossword.

Aileen Winch

The Loungers

The Loungers meet at 11:00 for breakfast every Sunday. We invited Steven McLeish in to preach on 2nd February 2019 and are planning a trip to Powerpoint. Come and join us for food, faith and discussion! For more information please contact Valerie Wilson at renfrewnorthyouth@gmail.com

Valerie Wilson



The Guild Dates For Your Diary

1st March - World Day of Prayer: Saint Margaret's Church, Oxford Rd 2pm.

9th March - Guild Coffee Morning: Church Hall, 10am to 12 noon - ticket price £2 - Cake & Candy & Gift Stall.

29th March - Bearsden Fiddlers Concert: Church Hall, 7.30pm - ticket price £5 includes tea & home baking - in support of Guild Projects.

Guild Project: Sailors Society - A Chaplain for our Ports

Sailors Society is an international Christian charity working in ports across the world. The chaplains help seafarers and their families, from all faiths and none, with welfare and practical support.

Last year, Scottish chaplains & volunteers reached out to more than 16,000 seafarers from all over the world. Chaplains visit ships in port and talk with seafarers away from home; helping them to get in touch with loved ones and access medical treatment; they liaise with frightened families when seafarers are kidnapped by terrorists or imprisoned, mostly through no fault of their own; together with the Guild, they aim to transform lives through bringing hope and comfort to seafarers arriving in our ports.

As you read this, our second session will be coming to a close. We began with lunch in the Piccolo Mondo. We enjoyed a magic evening with Ross McRae. Our Scottish Night at the end of January was a great success when we celebrated our Scottish heritage. In February Rhona and our very talented Choir entertained us with a lovely musical evening which everyone enjoyed. We finish with our AGM at the end of March but still have our outing to look forward to on the 15th May when we visit Saint Andrews.

Cathie Cameron

Secretary

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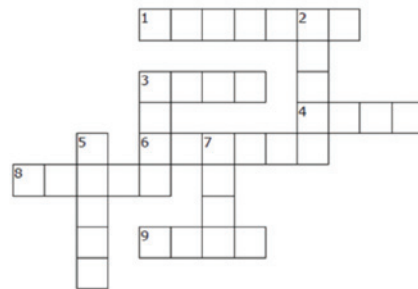
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Wise or Foolish

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. Matthew 7:24 (NVI)

Based on Matthew 7:24-27



ACROSS

- Lacking good sense
- The natural movement of air
- A large stone
- A small river
- A building where a family lives
- Loose soil which is found on beaches

DOWN

- A sudden or violent condition in nature
- Someone who exercises good judgment in his daily life is _____
- To make or form something such as a house
- Water that falls from the sky

HOUSE	FOOLISH	BUILD	STORM	WIND
WISE	STREAM	RAIN	SAND	ROCK

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Men's Association - 50th Anniversary Year



David Rendall – Founder Member

The Men's Association was founded in 1969 with the Rev Sandy McLachlan BD the first honorary president. The committee consisted of President Bill Lindsay, Vice President David Rendall, Secretary John McCall, Treasurer Jackie Andrews, Charles Leitch, Louis Wilson and Andrew Wallace. Presidents served a two-year term and surviving founder member David

Rendall served in term 1971/72. David not being from Renfrew didn't know many members - secretary John gave him three names a week to learn till he knew all the members. Dick McMurtie, whom we lost a couple of years ago first served on the committee in 1972 while David was president. The club had nothing, but, through contacts and fund-raising purloined, purchased and were gifted equipment. In these early years the club ran a trip to the panto at Christmas and the beach in the summer. It is thanks to our former members, such as Robert Melvin who was games secretary for thirty years and other dedicated members, that the Association has reached this milestone of fifty years.

For the next fifty years, I appeal to the men of Renfrew North - leave your TV, iPad and mobile screens and join in real games with male friendship and banter on a Monday evening!

Alan Canavan

Secretary

Register

Baptisms

25 November 2018

William Edward Halligan

Parents: Rachel and Jonathan Halligan



23 December 2018

Harley Skye Ferguson McKerracher

Parents: Alison McKerracher and Neil Ferguson

17 February 2019

Bethany Amelia Ayeoritse Wilson Peter

Parents: Lorna Wilson and Michael Peter

New Member by Certificate

Roll No	Name	District
794	Mrs Joyce Bingham	1

Deaths

Roll No	Name	District	Date
751	Doris Jack	1	15 Nov 18
65	May Stenhouse	60	22 Nov 18
29	Nan Crawford	59	25 Nov 18
267	Tom Ferguson	5	10 Jan 19
393	Bruce Wallace	65	16 Jan 19

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Plate Duties

Mar 3, Apr 28, Jun 23 - Leader: Cameron Jeffrey, Lesley Dargo, Charles Hamilton, David Henderson, Stuart Irving,, Gill McKay, Linda Smith

Mar 10, May 5, Jun 30 - Leader: Annette Russell, Catherine Adamson, Rena Bradley, Elizabeth Bruce, Jim Bruce, Alan Canavan, Rene Canavan, Alistair Corkindale, Roddy Lawrie, Ellen Strachan

Mar 17, May 12, Jul 7 - Leader: Gus Muchan, Jim Bain, Margaret Cumming, Fiona Hendrie, Scott Jeffrey, Lesley McFarlane, Rhona McNeil, Sandra Moir, Pamela Philip, Lesley Smith

Mar 24, May 19, Jul 14 - Leader: Eric Smyth, Evelyn Brown, John Buchan, Mary Dempster, Vicki Gerrard, Scott Mitchell, Andrew Scott, Aileen Winch, Jack Winch, Catherine Young

Mar 31, May 26, Jul 21 - Leader: Brian Donaldson, Dixon Drye, Adam Louttit, Campbell McGregor, Robert McRae, Carole Melvin, Robert Melvin, Sheryl Pickering, Marion Wallace

Apr 7, Jun 2, Jul 28 - Leader: Eleanor Burns, Christine Barr, Betty Graham, Marion Henderson, Sheila Love, Charlie Newlands, June Newlands, Bob Parker, Betty Wilson, Valerie Wilson

Apr 14, Jun 9, Aug 4 - Leader: Stewart Gilchrist, Alison Gerrard, Christine Louttit, Gary Louttit, Aileen Mitchell, David Mitchell, Sandra Muir, Gordon Simpson, Linda Simpson, May Stevenson

Apr 21, Jun 16, Aug 11 - Leader: Jim Mackie, Jacqueline Boyd, Elizabeth Cameron, Gordon Ferguson, Marian Ferguson, Marjorie Grant, David Kerr, Sandra Kerr, Jim McNeil, Ellen Weir, Marion Weir

DISCOVER-Y

DISCOVER-Y is a group for 16-25 year olds on a Sunday evening at 7pm.

This is an inclusive group of young adults discussing faith over free Pizza!

We are now following the Youth Alpha series. For more information

please contact: Valerie Wilson at renfrewnorthyouth@gmail.com

Valerie Wilson



Prayer Group

The Easter Prayer Group meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th April (Holy Week) at 7.30pm. The theme is 'The Passover Cups.' Through reading, prayers, hymns and computer slideshow we will be thinking of the Easter Message. There will also be a time for prayers for others. If you would like anyone to be prayed for please contact Sheila Love on 0141 561 4535. Tea/Coffee and a light supper will be served at the close of the meeting.

All Welcome!

Sheila Love



Margaret Gibson presents Sheila Love with a tapestry she made of 'praying hands' at the Advent Prayer Group.

Blythswood Care – Shoebox Appeal

I would like to thank everyone who donated goods for the shoeboxes and filled shoeboxes to the 2018 appeal. We were able to donate 128 filled shoeboxes!

The sum of £540 was also donated, which was used to cover the costs of delivery of the shoeboxes to eastern Europe.

I would also like to thank everyone who helped to check the shoeboxes and to Jim Bain who delivered the shoeboxes to Blythswood Care.

Alison Gerrard

Articles for Summer 2019 Outreach should be sent to: editor@renfrewnorth.org.uk (or for those without access to a computer, please place articles in the 'Church Office postbox', marked 'Outreach'), by Sunday 27th April 2019.