

OUTREACH

RENFREW NORTH PARISH CHURCH

2020 – spring edition

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Dear Friends,

Walking my dog Soldier each day means that I at least spend some time walking at a slower pace, and this gives me an opportunity to look around me. At this time of the year I notice the green leaves that are beginning to appear; I hear the sound of the birds and become more aware of the changing light in the mornings.

This idea of noticing what is happening in the natural world around me got me thinking more deeply recently about the passage in John's gospel where John the Baptist presents the life and truths of Jesus to his own disciples, who then, in turn, follow Jesus. During a recent Sunday morning service we looked at this very text.

The words of John 1 v29-42 can be simply summarised by the three words: Notice. Share. Invite. Firstly, John the Baptist notices Jesus, and says to everyone: "Here comes the Lamb of God, the One who takes away the sin of the entire world!" But he



goes further. He had seen the Spirit of God coming down from heaven like a dove, and resting on Jesus and affirmed "I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." John noticed. He saw with his own eyes, and he recognized what he saw. This was the Son of God, the One he'd been waiting for and preparing for.

Secondly, he shares his experience with his own disciples. Then, John invites his disciples to follow Jesus.

Finally, Andrew invites his brother to follow Jesus and in doing so, Simon is changed. He becomes Simon Peter, and the story of mission and evangelism follows and is well documented.

What about us?

This passage encourages us to notice God at work. Noticing that God is at work in many ways here at Renfrew North, whether that is through our worship on a Sunday or in our local care homes, or through our extensive work with young people and senior folk, or through our social and fundraising activities together. God is at work in a mighty way here at Renfrew North.

But then we take what we have noticed and share that with other people. It doesn't take very many words to tell someone else why you like coming to church or a way you have noticed God working in your life. As with other good news, when we share that good news, we want the person listening to us to come be part of it too.

And then comes the invitation. Jesus said "Come and see." A simple invitation with life-changing consequences. An invitation offered by you to a friend could have the same life-changing consequences. In the next few months let's encourage our friends and family to become part of the story of Jesus and his followers, because good news is difficult to keep to ourselves!

Every blessing

Philip

Church diary / events

March

- 1 11:15 Morning Worship, followed by Souper Sunday
- 7 Brownie Fundraiser
- 8 11:15 Sacrament of Holy Communion
- 11 19:00 Informal Communion
- 13 Guild Ceilidh
- 15 11:15 Morning Worship
- 22 11:15 Morning Worship
- 29 11:15 Morning Worship
- 29 19:30 Christian Aid Songs of Praise

April

- 5 11:15 Morning Worship
- 7 19:00 Prayer Group – Holy Week
- 9 19:00 Maundy Thursday Communion
- 10 19:00 Renfrew Town Good Friday Service
- 12 11:15 Easter Sunday Family Service
- 15-18 Paisley Players
- 19 11:15 Morning Worship
- 25 Christian Aid Walk
- 26 11:15 Morning Worship & Youth Parade
- 26 19:00 ALIVE 4!

May

- 3 11:15 Morning Worship
- 10 11:15 Morning Worship
- 17 11:15 Junior Church Service
- 24 11:15 Morning Worship
- 26 19:00 Prayer Group
- 29 19:00 BB Display
- 31 11:15 Morning Worship



June

- 6 BB Party
- 7 10:00 Start of Summer Services
- 12 Beetle Drive Fundraiser
- 14 10:00 Sacrament of Holy Communion
- 21 10:00 Morning Worship
- 28 10:00 Morning Worship

- Congregational Board** Wed 4 March at 7pm
Wed 6 May at 7pm
- Trustees Meeting** Wed 25 March at 7pm
- Congregational AGM** Sun 29 March at 12.30pm
- Kirk Session** Wed 25 March, after Trustees Meeting
Wed 3 June at 7pm

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

Brownies

The Brownies are looking forward to Shrove Tuesday where we will be making pancakes! Many of the girls from the unit completed their "know myself" theme award and are now working towards activities and skill builders for "express myself". This session will also involve crafts and games! We are also running a day trip to Landmark and our Race Night fundraiser will be in Renfrew Golf Club on Saturday 7th March.

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

Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital



As you can see from the smiles on the faces of the young women at the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital in Ethiopia, they are proud to receive and wear a knotted blanket or shawl. Although it is very hot during the day, the temperature can plummet during the night.

It is thanks to the ladies in the Church Coffee Bar who, despite all the nattering that goes on of a morning, have managed to produce around 50 blankets by means of their nimble fingers!

It has only been since last September until January this year that we started to count how many have been sent. A considerable number of blankets were sent before this date! The staff and patients at the Fistula Hospital send their sincere thanks to our ladies for their continued support!

June Newlands

Community Coffee Bar

The year 2019 ended with the annual Christmas Party which was well attended and included a Sing-Along, with support from Linda, Peter and Lesley. Thank you to all the those who attended and to the volunteers for their help and support. We look forward to seeing all the 'old faces' and look forward to welcoming even more new faces in 2020!

Junior Church



We're following Jesus.....
Spill the Beans is taking the junior church on a gospel journey with the first disciples following Jesus, listening to his teaching and learning how he wants us to show and share his love with others. Then, through lent we follow Jesus' final journey to the cross and arrive at Easter ready to celebrate his resurrection.

You can join us in that celebration at Easter morning breakfast on Sunday 12 April.

Meantime, here's a crossword to see if you can find the names of Jesus' first disciples.

Could you add your name to the puzzle?

Aileen Winch

The Loungers

The Loungers meet at 11.00 am for breakfast every Sunday. Come and join us for food, faith and discussion!

We did face painting at the Christmas Fete and at the Mamma Mia fundraiser! Everyone participated in the Nativity Service and this session there are opportunities to get involved with Powerpoint and Magnitude.

For more information please contact Valerie Wilson at renfrenorthyouth@gmail.com

Valerie Wilson

Jesus' Disciples

Across

1. Peter's brother, always bringing people to Jesus
2. The disciple whom Jesus loved
7. Jesus saw him under a tree. Also known as Nathaniel
8. Jesus gave him the name 'Rock'.
10. Called 'the Lesser' as he has the same name as another disciple
11. Known as 'the Zealot'
12. He betrayed Jesus

Down

3. He told Jesus it would cost too much to feed 5,000 people
4. Also known as Thaddeus
5. Was a tax collector when Jesus met him
6. Sometimes called 'Doubting'
9. John's brother

Blythswood Care

Thank You to all who donated shoe-boxes and goods to fill the shoe-boxes!

A total of 114 boxes were filled and additional goods to help fill even more boxes were donated to Blythswood Care.

Please remember to save your shoeboxes over the year for filling in the autumn!

Deep Impact 2019

This year, the group comprising Andrew Scott, David Kerr, Valerie Wilson, Vicki Gerrard, and Scott Jeffrey took off up to Aviemore for the Annual Deep Impact Conference, a Christian youthwork conference, based at the MacDonald Aviemore Resort from Friday 17th to Sunday 19th January.

The theme for the conference this year was "RESET". The conference started on the Friday evening with dinner which was followed by the first main session with worship led by Ali McFarlane and her band. The worship across the weekend was excellent and powerful. The selection this year included a number of new songs to us which is always a good thing. I can never pinpoint it, but you can feel the presence in the room with around 300 like-minded Christians.

The main speaker for the Friday evening and Saturday morning was Rachel Gardner who works with YouthScape to develop youth ministry for local churches, having recently moved to Preston to work in a local church there. She also has been President of the Girls' Brigade and is an author as well as being a speaker.

The main speaker for the Saturday evening and Sunday morning was Glenn Innes, currently Pastor at Portobello Baptist Church. Both speakers were interesting and have a passion for what they were preaching.

The seminars provided a varying wealth of subjects. The most interesting ones we attended were about All Age Engagement which hopefully will help us, back at Renfrew North, to work to be able to include everyone in our events and perhaps develop into our worship.



The other really good seminar was about Inclusive Ministry this will help us with the young people at Renfrew North who have additional support needs. We were directed to new resources which look really good; therefore we will be looking at these to use in the near future.

The conference as a whole is a fantastic experience and we get something from it every time we attend. It provides us with enthusiasm, strengthens our faith, and gives us learning to use in our own church.

Andrew Scott



The Guild

Dates For Your Diary

World Day Of PRAYER

Friday 6th March 2020 at 2pm
St Margarets Church, Oxford Road
Theme -Rise, Take Up Your Bed and Walk
Service written by Christian Women of Zimbabwe

Concert - Midgies Ceilidh Band

Friday 13th March 2020 at 7.30pm
Renfrew North Church Hall, Renfield Street
Tickets - £5 with tea and cake provided - in Aid of Guild Projects

Coffee Morning

Saturday 4th April, from 10am to 12noon
Renfrew North Church Hall, Renfield Street
Ticket Price is £2 - in aid of Guild Funds
Cake and Candy Stall, Gift Stall

Guild Project: Join Up The Dots

Crossreach Partnership Project to tackle loneliness and social isolation in Scotland. Parent carers of children with complex health needs can often feel isolated and lonely.



In Springburn, Crossreach now run evening drop-in sessions for parents to come, meet and eat together, to explore common concerns and frustrations, and to seek advice.

In Inverness, there is a befriending scheme for those graduating to their own tenancies having had a spell in temporary accommodation.

The Guild has been instrumental in the success of Heart for Art initiative, for those suffering with dementia, resulting in a brand new group in Galashiels.

This project continues to offer support to those in need in the community. During this session we have had a variety of topics, speakers and fun evenings with entertainment all contributing to the fellowship of the Guild.

Secretary

Cathie Cameron

Men's Club

With the New Year our 50th anniversary year came to an end and 2020 sets us off on the next fifty years. As some of our members (myself included) won't be around at the end of the next fifty we need you younger bloods to come and join us! You only stand to gain from the experience of getting away from technology and socialising with banter and games!

When you read this in the spring, the days will be longer and the rain warmer, your brains will have recovered from our BIG QUIZ night in February, you will have recovered from our organisation's games night, your pockets will have recovered from our coffee morning and we will have visited our friends at Erskine Hospital, socialising with them and handing over the proceeds from our BIG QUIZ night.

We will also have our visit to Trinity Church Men's Club to look forward to in March all while participating in our competitions - so a busy time for us!

Secretary

Alan Canavan



Boys' Brigade

Our sections are doing well this session, although numbers in our Anchors are down, they are full of enthusiasm and energy! Juniors are steady in numbers and a lively bunch! They have taken part in Battalion Competitions, having come third in the Tenpin Bowling and our relay team came second in the Swimming Gala. We also had a boy win his individual race.

The Company Section is doing well with good numbers and progressing well in the Battalion Championship. We are currently top of the Championship, thanks to our boys winning the Christian Faith Competition and also the Junior Relay Competition at the Swimming Gala.

Between Juniors and Company Section, each and every boy we took to the Swimming Gala won at least one medal, which is an amazing achievement! The Company Section still have to participate in the First Aid, Tenpin Bowling and Drill Competitions.

By the time you read this we will have had



our second Coffee Morning of the session and will be heading towards our Weekend Camp at Hexham at the end of March. We are looking for some funding towards the cost of the minibuses. If anyone knows anyone that can help, please let us know.

BB Captain

Andrew Scott



Prayer Group

The next Prayer Group meeting will be held on **Tuesday 8th April at 7.30pm**. The theme for the evening is- Come to the Table, Come to the Cross and Come to the Tomb. Through music, prayers, readings and short video clips we will be tracing Jesus' last week on earth. Please do join us on this evening. All are welcome! Meeting finishes at about 8.30pm with a light supper. For more information please contact Sheila Love on phone no. 561 4535.

Sheila Love

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A Big Thank You!

Renfrew & Govan Inner Wheel say a special 'thank you' to the members of Renfrew North Parish Church who have donated items for recycling!

The used spectacles go to Sight Savers, the used stamps to Save the Children and the used ink cartridges are collected, refilled and sold by Action against Breast Cancer.

We are all trying hard to do our bit for the environment and also help others. We appreciate all the help given by you.

Thank you once again and keep up the good work!

June Newlands

President – Renfrew & Govan Inner Wheel

Register

Baptisms

24 December 2019

Leo Marcus Gordon Andrew

Parents: Rachel and Jonathan Halligan

Certificates of Transference

Roll No	Name	District
301	Mr J Mackie	26

Deaths

Roll No	Name	District	Date
30	Mrs E Pass	8	Nov 19
95	Mrs M Vernal	42	29 Dec 19
353	Mrs J P Stuart	37	20 Dec 19

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Plate Duties

Mar 29, May 24, Jul 19 - Leader: Cameron Jeffrey, Lesley Dargo, Charles Hamilton, David Henderson, Stuart Irving, Gill McKay, Linda Smith

Apr 5, May 31, Jul 26 - Leader: Annette Russell, Catherine Adamson, Rena Bradley, Elizabeth Bruce, Jim Bruce, Alistair Corkindale, Ellen Strachan

Apr 12, Jun 7, Aug 2 - Leader: Margaret Cumming, Jim Bain, Fiona Hendrie, Scott Jeffrey, Lesley McFarlane, Rhona McNeil, Lesley Smith

Apr 19, Jun 14, Aug 9 - Leader: Scott Mitchell, Evelyn Brown, John Buchan, Mary Dempster, Vicki Gerrard, Eric Smyth, Andrew Scott, Aileen Winch, Jack Winch

Mar 1, Apr 26, Jun 21 - Leader: Brian Donaldson, Alan Canavan, Adam Louttit, Campbell McGregor, Charlie Newlands, June Newlands, Sheryl Pickering, Marion Wallace

Mar 8, May 3, Jun 28 - Leader: Eleanor Burns, Christine Barr, Marion Henderson, Sheila Love, Bob Parker, Betty Wilson, Valerie Wilson

Mar 15, May 10, Jul 5 - Leader: Stewart Gilchrist, Alison Gerrard, Aileen Mitchell, David Mitchell, Gordon Simpson, Linda Simpson, May Stevenson

Mar 22, May 17, Jul 12 - Gordon Ferguson, Jacqueline Boyd, Marian Ferguson, David Kerr, Sandra Kerr, Jim McNeil, Marion Weir

Renfrew North's Forget-Me-Not Café

The Forget Me Not Café is open every Wednesday from 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm, and runs throughout the year, only closing Christmas and New Year weeks. The café is for people living with Dementia, who can come along on their own or with their carers or a friend. Carers are welcome to stay or take a couple of hours to themselves while their relative enjoys the entertainment or activities that are on at the café, of course, there is also a cuppa and treats.

We are supported by Wendy and Carolyn from Alzheimer's Scotland, they attend when staffing allows, to offer support and advice.

For more information please pop in or telephone:

Inene Barr

(07771 893231) and

Marion Henderson

(07728 761644)

FMN Cafe Co-ordinators

Our Programme for the first half of 2020 is as follows:

January	8th	Games & Crafts
	15th	South Glasgow Community Choir
	22nd	Games & Crafts/Rabbie Burns
	29th	Singalong with Adam Bowman
February	5th	Games & Crafts – Valentines
	12th	Gerry, Paisley's Witches
	19th	Games & Crafts
	26th	South Glasgow Community Choir
March	4th	Games & Crafts
	11th	Neilston Strings
	18th	Games & Crafts
April	25th	Singalong – Adam Bowman
	1st	Games & Crafts – Easter Bonnets!
	8th	South Glasgow Community Choir
	15th	Games & Crafts
	22nd	Entertainment or Musical Bingo
May	29th	Games & Crafts
	6th	Entertainment – Film
	13th	Games & Crafts
	20th	Rock Choir
	27th	Games & Crafts

RENFREW CHRISTIAN AID
PRESENTS

Songs of Praise

Renfrew North Parish Church
Sunday 29th March 2020

7.30pm
(Doors open 7pm)

All proceeds to the work of Christian Aid
(Suggested donation £5)



Articles for Summer 2020 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 26 April 2020.