

OUTREACH

RENFREW NORTH PARISH CHURCH

2024 – autumn edition

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Dear Friends,

As summer draws to a close (and I use the word 'summer' loosely, as the weather in Scotland has not been that good!!), we give thanks for the time that we have been able to spend with friends and family, thanks if we have had the opportunity to have a break away somewhere, or maybe the opportunity to catch up with friends over coffee or read a book.

We look ahead to the future: new opportunities beckon, and regular activities start up again for the autumn term. The church is no different. All of our organisations start up and our Sunday morning congregations are full of conversations of what we have been up to over the summer.

At Renfrew North we have held a summer Holiday Club for primary aged children, tried a new venture called Messy Church and one of our Summer Seaside missions, the latter being in the comfort of our seaside themed New Hall.

But what about the future? How will we engage in new forms of mission and friendship with our local community? Over the past few months, the Kirk Session has been looking at the question of mission, and in the autumn will be



agreeing on a Vision Statement for our church as well as some pointers as to how mission ideas could be manifested. These will certainly be shared with our congregation so that we can all be totally involved (through prayer or action or both!) in spreading the good news of Jesus Christ to our local area. We have the wonderful story of the love of God through Jesus Christ to share and mustn't keep it a secret!

Every blessing,

Philip

Junior Church

All children will be made most welcome, so why not come along at 11am, for the duration of the service, and join in the fun activities linked to the Bible Story for that day. If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch. sheryll.pickering@renfrewnorth.org.uk

The Loungers are a group of young people who meet to discuss and explore faith in a safe and fun environment. We also participate

Junior Church will recommence on Sunday 1st September.

Age 3 to Primary 1	Little Stars
Primary 2 to Primary 6	Lighthouse
Primary 7 onwards	Loungers

in helping organise family services throughout the year and support church events. We meet each Sunday morning at 11AM where hot rolls are on offer for breakfast.

further extended the welcome to families through the Family Christmas Parties.

Along with all this, every Sunday, from September through to May, Aileen has shared her knowledge of the Bible, encouraging the children who have come along on a Sunday, not only to remember and recall the Bible Story but to think about their own Faith.

Thank you Aileen, for all you have done for the Children of Renfrew North.

Sheryll

Diary

- 4 Sept** – Congregational Board – 7 pm
- 8 Sept** – Sacrament of Holy Communion – 11 am
- 21 Sept** – Coffee Morning
- 27 Sept** – McMillan Coffee Morning – 10 am
- 2 Oct** – Kirk Session – 7 pm
- 6 Nov** – Congregational Board – 7 pm
- 10 Nov** – Remembrance
Sunday Service – 11:30 am
- 24 Nov** – Toy Service – 11 am
- 30 Nov** – Christmas Fayre – 10 am
- 4 Dec** – Kirk Session – 7 pm
- 8 Dec** – Sacrament of Holy Communion – 11 am
- 24 Dec** – Christmas Eve Service – 7:15 for 7:30 pm

Prayer Group

The first meeting of the new session will be held on Tuesday 10 September at 12:30 for tea/coffee and home baking. Please note the new starting time. The meeting itself will run from 1 pm – 2 pm. The theme is rededication for the session ahead.

“So then my dear brothers and sister, stand firm and steady. Keep busy always in your work for the Lord, since you know that nothing you do in the Lord's service is ever useless.” – 1 Corinthians 15:58

There will also be a time of praying for others. Prayer requests can be handed to Sheila Love or posted into the box on the wall outside the Coffee Bar. All are welcome!



Thank you Aileen

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Aileen Winch for her service to the Junior Church over the last 25 years, firstly as the leader of the Lighthouse (formerly the Junior Department) and then as the Junior Church Coordinator.

Aileen has led the children and the adult volunteers through nativities and prize giving presentations which I am sure you have all enjoyed. Aileen introduced the Easter Breakfast which is now a Renfrew North favourite and

50 years' service



On Sunday 11 August, we presented Campbell McGregor with a certificate celebrating over 50 years' service to the Renfrew & Inchinnan Christian Aid Group. The Group arrange coffee mornings, the annual sponsored walk, and house to house collections. In this time, over £260,000 has been sent to Christian Aid.



The Guild

Welcome to the new 24/25 Guild session. The first night of the new session starts on Wednesday 9 October with registration and a

fun night of singing our favourite hymns and choruses. We've also got a varied programme lined up for the coming year. New members are always welcome to join us, the first year is free!

On Sunday 20 October during morning worship the Guild members will be joining everyone for their rededication service, on 30 October we will be hosting the Renfrew Ladies Choir and on 13 November we're being visited by Jodie Pope Jeweller. Come along on the night for some early Christmas gift ideas.

I've taken on the secretary role after the (well deserved) retirement of Cathie Cameron. We'd love to add to our numbers this year so if you want to find out more just speak to myself or Maureen Tunicliff, or turn up one Wednesday evening to see what we get up to.

Lynn

Lynn Ross, Secretary
Tel: 07552 737 101



Guides finished has for summer but return on Tuesday 1 September. At the end of term the Guides went to see Inside Out 2 at a special screening. Now we are preparing for a new term with lots of badges and activities



2nd Renfrew Brownies ended last session with a pack holiday at Gartocharn with an Under the Sea theme. This session is due to be another exciting year as we continue with our Brownie programme including badgework, crafts, games and a trip to Landmark. We start back on Tuesday 3rd September for those aged 7-10 years. For information on joining please register your child on the parent section of the girlguiding website, email Valerie Wallace at 2ndrenfrewbrownies@gmail.com or alternatively come down and chat to us in person on Tuesdays.



Property

As you read this, we will have completed our summer programme of maintenance in preparation for the new session. All hall floors have been polished or painted throughout including the back corridor. All the usual touch ups etc all continue to be done by Eric Welsh who as you read this will have celebrated a significant birthday.

Eric has done so much for us without complaint in the last few years and almost unnoticed. However, he has decided to slow down and 'retire' from this role in Renfrew North. We thank Eric for all his work and maybe he might give a guest appearance now and again.



It does mean we need volunteers to help look after the ongoing maintenance in doing wee jobs every now and again, please contact me if you can help. Some jobs and work are forthcoming as part of our plan for the year, keep an eye open for news on these.

Andrew

Andrew Scott

Probationary Minister's Letter



We will be running a five-week study program, looking at some fundamental aspects of faith. This is done primarily through the eyes and lives of people who have experienced its power and influence over their lives. Through these people's stories we will see how their life has been affected and the benefits they have earned by embracing a relationship with God.

This five-week study will run every Monday in September, starting on the 2 September, to end on Monday the 23 September 2024. The starting time is 7pm in the RNP Manse. The purpose of this course is to get us to the point where we can make

informed choices about whether Christianity is what we will want to embrace. We all would like to find the meaning of life and maybe a reassurance about what next after life here as we know it ends.

Let us take this journey into these regular peoples' lives as we watch them tell their stories in different recorded stories of their life journey/experiences.

Some more great news! Renfrew North is asking for those who loves our Church and Renfrew community, to come and join our prayer team. Contact Philip, Adaeze, or any church elder if you want to be part of this backbone of the Body of Christ.

Adaeze Goziem-Ibonye, Shalom *Adaeze*



To finish off last session after our Display we had an excellent weekend camp at a Youth Hostel near Hexham. A great weekend which culminated in the boys visiting the home of Newcastle Football Club, St. James Park.

A quiet summer to help recharge our batteries ready for the new session which will culminate in a full Summer Camp (in tents) to North Wales which keeps us on track with our aim of getting to Denmark in 2026.

We are looking for funding to assist us with these ambitious plans and ongoing. If you know of any groups or Companies that may be able to help us, please get in touch.

Andrew Scott, Captain

Andrew

Men's Club

We had our AGM in April. Rev. Wallace chaired the meeting and presented the prizes to the winners. Then we had our annual dinner at the Piccolo Mondo. A nice evening was had to finish our year.

The new session of the Men's Club starts with enrolment on Monday 2 and Monday 9 September. New members are always more than welcome, so why don't you come along for an evening of games, chatter, and of course a cup of tea.

C. Hamilton, Club Secretary

Choir Practice



C

is for 'Choir'. C is also for 'Could you join us?' We would love to welcome new members to help us lead the congregation in singing hymns old and new.

H

is for 'Happy'. H is also for 'Have a go!' No formal singing training is required, just enthusiasm and a willingness to share the joy and fellowship of singing in a group.

O

is for 'Organ'. O is also for 'On wings of song'. It's the blend of voices and accompaniment that makes anthems in worship so special. With a refurbished pipe organ and a digital piano, it would be great to have new voices to swell our ranks.

I

is for 'Inclusive'. I is also for 'In all the world, let every corner sing'. We're not restricted to high-brow, 'classical' anthems. We sing a range of pieces in many different musical styles by old and new composers and our music has something to offer everyone.

R

is for 'Repertoire'. R is also for 'Raise the roof'. If you're interested in singing with us and making a joyful noise, the choir members and organist would be delighted to see you. Please remember that an ability to read music is not essential.

Choir practices are on Thursday evenings, from 7.30pm in the Small Hall. If you'd like more information, please contact Rhona McNeil.

Deaths

Mrs Betty Urquhart

Baptism

2 June 2024 – Niah Robynn Paterson

2 June 2024 – Alaina Moira Mae Paterson



Coffee Bar

Open every Monday,
Wednesday & Friday
10am - 12pm
£1.80

Unlimited Coffee and Tea
with a selection of cake and biscuit
goodies available each day

Volunteers to help run the coffee bar will be
made most welcome.

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Welcoming Rota

Sept 15, Oct 27, Dec 8, Jan 19

David Henderson, Lynn Ross,
Marion Weir

Sept 22, Nov 3, Dec 15, Jan 26

Catherine Adamson, Elizabeth Bruce,
Jim Bruce, Stewart Gilchrist

Sept 29, Nov 10, Dec 22, Feb 2

Gordon Ferguson, Marian Ferguson,
Sandra Kerr, Lesley McFarlane

Oct 6, Nov 1, Dec 29, Feb 9

Scott Mitchell, Mary Dempster,
Lesley Smith, Jack Winch

Oct 13, Nov 24, Jan 5, Feb 16

Rena Bradley, Alistair Corkindale,
Marion Wallace

Sept 8, Oct 20, Dec 1, Jan 12

Marion Henderson, Stuart Irving,
Sheila Love, Robert Parker

Forget-Me-Not Café

A very special day at the Forget-Me-Not café on the 17th July 2024, when we celebrated being awarded £2800 from the National Lottery Community Fund. Councillor Jamie McGuire and Rev. Philip Wallace joined us in our celebrations. We were entertained by the Govan Allsorts Choir, who were very interactive and enjoyed by everyone.

We also enjoyed a wee piece of the celebration cake with our afternoon tea,

with enough left over for a doggie bag.

The café is for anyone living with Dementia and their family, carer, or friends. Presently, people attend from all over Renfrewshire.

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. There is no charge to attend the café and it is open

all year, only closing over Christmas and New Year.

See our Facebook Page Forget-Me-Not Cafe@Renfrew North Parish Church for events over September, October and November or request this information via email to: henderson269671@icloud.com

FMN Cafe Co-ordinators



Articles for Winter 2024 Outreach should be sent to: editor@renfrewnorth.org.uk (or for those without access to a computer, please place articles in the 'Church Office post box', marked 'Outreach'), by 27 October 2024.