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## From the Manse

This article is being written a few days after the end of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, at which I was a commissioner. Since the Assembly sets the framework for our denominational work and strategy it is a week of meetings which is extremely important for the focus and direction of our church.

This year there was a great deal of discussion about the future of ministry in the Church of Scotland. Recruitment to the ministry is at an all-time low and with increasing numbers of ministers nearing retirement it looks likely there will be a significant deficit – meaning that many congregations will not be able to have their own minister.



Rev Doug Gay of Glasgow University asked the Assembly to rise to the challenge both of actively recruiting ministers who will serve in traditional churches and also of commissioning pioneer ministers who will work to plant new congregations. The Assembly were delighted to take up the challenge.

I would encourage you to pray that God would lead men and women to consider whether God is calling them in the ministries of the Church of Scotland. In this 25<sup>th</sup> year of my ordination I can testify that it is a job unlike any other. Ministry brings with it a wealth of great privileges in sharing in God's work alongside others. It is a job which has its moments of great stress but also great joy. It is so special to be involved in the life and faith experiences of others and to do so knowing that you are serving God, demonstrating his love and bringing a message of his care and keeping. The debates at the Assembly sometimes highlighted the great diversity of theological beliefs contained within the Church of Scotland. At times this was to create particular tensions and disagreements, particularly around various understandings regarding the role of the Bible in guiding our thinking and practice.



A very important and impassioned debate took place on how the church should deal with ministers and deacons who enter into same sex civil partnerships. The end result was that it was sent to Presbyteries to consider and vote on – no doubt we will be hearing more about this in the coming months.

The photograph below was taken at the annual Heart and Soul gathering held in Prince's Street Gardens. It was good to see such a busy place with lots to learn about the work of the wider church and of various organisations.



Here at Kilsyth Anderson I appreciate your support for my ministry, I appreciate the great work being done here by such a willing group of people, who I know give heart and soul for the mission work of God here. I also want to pay tribute to those who, past and present, built the local church. A General Assembly is important but for me the local church much more so and so I'm glad to be back home and I look forward to our continued efforts together to be an effective witness to Jesus

*Allan S Vint*

SUMMER BLESSING  
May the brightness of the summer sun  
And the beauty of its light  
Remind you daily of Jesus' love for you  
Amen



## Church Box Money

The money recently collected from church boxes amounted to £1,150.00 (this includes £120.00 of Gift Aid money.)

Thanks to all that contributed and to those who uplifted the money and assisted in counting it.

Should you wish to have a box please contact

**ANNE LAUDER** or **BILL SMITH**

If you wish to sign up for Gift Aid please contact

**RONNIE SWAN**





WE HAVE AN ARMY OF WILLING VOLUNTEERS FOR THE DAY TO DAY RUNNING OF OUR CHURCH

**BUT** WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR MORE HELP COULD YOU USE YOUR TALENTS TO HELP WITH ONE OR EVEN MORE OF THESE JOBS,

Work Party (Summer & Christmas Fayres)

- Drop In
- Garden
- Church Cleaning
- Arranging Flowers
- General Maintenance Help
- Pastoral Visits
- Provide Transport (Evening Service)
- Provide Transport (Guild)



- Nan Kinvig
- Cathie Mcillwain
- Cathie Mcillwain
- Marion Cowie
- Margaret Waddell
- Mollie Muirhead
- Ronnie Swan
- Elizabeth Strang
- Margaret & Charlie Waddell
- Olivia Brittain



**IF SO SPEAK TO THE NAMED PERSON(S) ABOVE, THEY WILL BE DELIGHTED TO HEAR FROM YOU.**



## Free-will Offering Envelopes

The new free-will offer envelopes are now ready for the year commencing the first Sunday in July and will be available on the vestibule table and arranged in alphabetical street order from SUNDAY 1ST JUNE.

If you know any neighbours who have been unable to attend church it would be appreciated if you could collect their envelopes and deliver them.

If you DO NOT use Free-will Offering Envelopes, we would invite you to join by contacting RONNIE SWAN or CHARLIE WADDELL.

If you pay income tax you should know that the Government will give some of your income tax to the church if you merely sign A Gift Aid form. This form does not require any amount to be specified but allows the Church to claim tax refund on any amounts collected through the envelopes.

If you wish to think about signing a form please had a word with Ronnie



## SUNDAY INTIMATIONS

As you have noticed we now have our intimations typed out and handed out at the front door. If you have any intimations please can you submit them to Elizabeth Strang by a Thursday night, so they can be typed & printed in time for a Sunday morning.

Thanks x



## Kilsyth Community Food Bank

Kilsyth's food bank has moved into new premises We wish them every success in their new place. We are still accepting non perishable donations and have a box out in the vestibule or goods can be handed in at the drop-in on a Friday. You can find out more about their organisation on their facebook page where you can share their news.



"Helping to alleviate hunger in our town"



# Church Diary

Sunday:	Morning worship	11.00am
	Evening worship	6.30pm
	(fellowship after service in main hall)	
	Time for prayer left side of Church	6.00pm
Thursday:	Mid-week Fellowship	
	Wyper Hall	7.00pm
Friday:	'Drop in Café	
	Wyper Hall	10.00am - noon
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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

4 <sup>th</sup> June:	BB Queen's Award Presentation	
	St Michael's Church, Linlithgow	7.30pm
14 <sup>th</sup> June:	Summer Fayre	1.30pm
15 <sup>th</sup> June:	Communion	11.00am & 6.30pm
21 <sup>st</sup> June:	Sparklers Party/ Monster Mania	
6 <sup>th</sup> July:	Cottage Hospital Service	3.30pm

## PLEASE NOTE

Drop in is closed 11<sup>th</sup> July - 8<sup>th</sup> August  
Re-opens 15<sup>th</sup> August



### Contact for urgent Pastoral Care

Rev. Allan Vint

Session Clerk: Mrs Elizabeth Strang

(Minister is on Holiday for two weeks from 14<sup>th</sup> July)

## Flower List

1 <sup>st</sup> June:	Mrs Margaret Waddell,	Garrell Grove
8 <sup>th</sup> June:	Mrs Betty Goodwin,	Blenheim Court
15 <sup>th</sup> June:	COMMUNION	
	Mrs Elizabeth Strang,	Ebroch Drive
22 <sup>nd</sup> June:	Mrs Rita McKerron,	John Wilson Drive
29 <sup>th</sup> June:	Mrs Isobel Tennant,	Auchinvole Crescent
6 <sup>th</sup> July:	Mrs Aileen Anderson,	South Dumbreck
13 <sup>th</sup> July:	Miss Christine Johnston,	Barlandfauld Street
20 <sup>th</sup> July:	Mrs Catherine Pinkerton,	Craigends Court
27 <sup>th</sup> July:	Mrs Anne Leishman,	Archway



# Our Family

## BLESSING:

27<sup>th</sup> April Isla Gillespie Inchwood Road, Cumbernauld  
Daughter of David Gillespie & Claire McGarvie

## BIRTHDAYS:



Happy 86<sup>th</sup> Birthday to **Mary Abercrombie**  
Edward Street on the 7<sup>th</sup> June  
Happy 79<sup>th</sup> Birthday to **Annabel Smith**  
Westfield Road on the 12<sup>th</sup> June  
Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday to **Catriona Clark**  
Hawthorn Drive, Banknock on the 25<sup>th</sup> June  
Happy 92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday to **Elizabeth Ross**  
Craig-en-Goyne on the 9<sup>th</sup> July  
Happy 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday to **Bridget Thomson**  
Market Court on the 31<sup>st</sup> July



## ANNIVERSARY:

Congratulations to **Betty & Walter Goodwin**,  
Blenheim Court  
Who celebrate their **Diamond** Wedding Anniversary  
On 5<sup>th</sup> June

## DEATHS:

28<sup>th</sup> March 2014: **Mrs Rhoda Mackie**, Market Place  
24<sup>th</sup> March 2014: **Mr Harry Shepherd**, Argyll Place  
12<sup>th</sup> May 2014: **Mrs Margaret Hunter**, Montrose Gardens  
26<sup>th</sup> May 2014: **Dr Bill Sewell**, Hayston Court, Kirkintilloch



*When someone you love becomes a memory,  
the memory becomes a treasure*



## With Thanks

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my friends in the Anderson Church for the cards, flowers and gifts sent to me on my 80th birthday..*

*As you all know I was recently discharged from hospital and your continuing prayers were a great comfort to me during that time.*

*Grateful Thanks and God Bless*

*May Erskine.*



*I would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers and gifts I received after my recent hip operation.*

*It was uplifting and encouraging to know that so many people held me in their prayers.*

*Many Thanks*

*Margaret Mitchell.*



*Many thanks for the lovely flowers received from the church, they were much appreciated and have been greatly admired*

*Elizabeth Martin.*

## BIBLE MEMORY VERSES

For the past few issues of the Magazine we have been including key Bible Verses that you might want to read over and then commit to memory to help build up your bible knowledge

Here then are some new suggestions.

### **June: John Ch. 21 Verse 15**

Words spoken to Peter by Jesus when they met again on the beach after the Resurrection, as Peter is restored.

"Simon son of John do you truly love me more than these?" "Yes Lord, you know that I love you"

"Feed my lambs"

### **July : Acts Ch. 1 Vs 8**

Jesus' command to the Disciples as they await the coming of the Holy Spirit and are then sent out on mission.

"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

### **August : Acts Ch.2 Vs 42**

How it was in the early Church! (and should be today)

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."



## Summer Fayre Saturday, June 14th at 1.30pm



The Hall will be open on Friday June 13<sup>th</sup> from **10.00am** until **1.00pm** and from **7.00pm** until **9.00pm** to receive your gifts for the Stalls. Volunteers are urgently required to help with the following:-

### **Friday morning 10.00am**

Assemble the tables in the Hall (a few men for this task would be appreciated.) By this time, there are usually many gifts available to be displayed on the tables and priced - so the talents of the ladies can

be well used then similarly on the **Friday evening 7.00pm** The men are great at setting up the Book, and Plant Stalls.

**Saturday morning 9.00am** hopefully bright and sunny. Ronnie needs a squad of men to set up outside, stalls and tables for teas on the Manse Lawn. Ladies are required to continue with the pricing and placing of goods for sale and setting up the tables.

**12.30pm** Get ready for the mad rush!

**3.30pm** After what, we hope, will be a very successful Fayre – the Big Clean Up. Many hands make light work!

If you can help, please add your name to the list on the vestibule table or ask 'someone to do it for you. It's all about Team Work, We look forward to having a busy, happy and successful Summer Fayre

### **Girls Brigade**

We have come to the end of another quick session. This year all girls have worked towards the Commonwealth Badge. The girls look at several different countries - national sports, flags and food. We also look at the Commonwealth games and the girls tried out different sports including hockey. The Brigaders took each letter of the word Commonwealth and interpreted a personal spiritual meaning to this some of the girls answers were enlightening. We held a coffee morning and quiz night to raise funds to send to Helen Scott at Ekwendeni school as the school no longer has government funding a cheque for £300.00 has been sent to

Helen. Our parents evening was held on 1st April all girls participated in this and everyone who attended enjoyed this. We hope the girls all have a safe and happy summer and we will contact them in August with the date we resume.

One of our girls, Debbie Marshall has been chosen to work at the Commonwealth Games. Debbie told me that she will be working in sports services at the commonwealth village and at the Scotstoun campus for the squash and table tennis.

We wish Debbie good luck !



## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

### ***Molly Muirhead***



#### *What brought you to Kilsyth Anderson?*

Andrew and I got married in 1972 when he was attending the Anderson Church and I was a member of the Church of God. Mark's gospel says 'if a house is divided against itself, it cannot stand' so I joined him in the fellowship of the Anderson Church.

#### *What involvement do you have here in the Church?*

We enjoy fellowship with you all here every Sunday and I share the Sunday School with Helen. It has also been my privilege and pleasure to share in the arranging and distribution of the flowers too, on this subject may I say a very big thank you to all who donate the flowers week by week. The pleasure and joy these flowers these flowers bring to so many of our people who are housebound, unwell, elderly (though not necessarily), the bereaved or perhaps someone just needing to know that they are remembered is a ministry in itself.

Part of the Church outreach ministry is to take our turn, twice a year in Craigen-Goyne Hospital. It's quite difficult to sing, if like me you haven't got much of a singing voice- so your presence in these places if you would care to join us, would be very much appreciated.

#### *What hopes do you have for the future?*

Our town's motto is 'Spe Expecto' – We look forward in hope. This is my expectation because God has promised to bless us exceedingly if we, in turn will trust our lives to Him. He has already given us so much. He calls us 'Children of the day not of the night' Joel, Chapter 2 verse 21 says 'Fear not, O land: be glad and rejoice; for the Lord will do great things.' My trust is in him to do just that!

## BOYS BRIGADE

Now that the BB session is over it is time to reflect on what we have achieved during the year. We had around 20 Anchor Boys and 25 Junior section at our parents' night on 7th May. The Boys displayed some of the things we get up to on Wednesdays before being presented with their badges by Jane and George Barclay. Special mention must go to Anchor Boy Lewis Cook who was awarded the Barclay cup for Endeavour.



Well done Lewis! - you worked hard for it.

The following Wednesday the Company Section had their evening and thanks go this time to Catriona and Bill Clark for being our guests. All Boys received their badges, but special mention. Just go to Adam Boyd, Jordan Henderson, Jack Rennie and John Wilson who gained their President's badges. Darren Smith was the only recipient this year of the Queen's Badge - the highest award in the BB. Trophies were awarded to - best recruit, Calum Lawlor, Best Boy, Jack Rennie and Best NCOS was shared by Blair Anderson and Cameron Costiff. The sports trophy went to Darren Smith.

Well done to all!

Duke of Edinburgh awards are moving forward slowly. Colin Scott has completed training to do expedition work, and so hopefully things will move more quickly now. However, we did have David Kerr complete his Gold award. Congratulations to David who will be presented with his award at Holyrood in July.



The Junior Section has just returned from a weekend at Innerwick (near Dunbar). We all thoroughly enjoyed our time together which included visits to the Seabird Centre at North Berwick, East Links Family Park in Dunbar and the swimming pool. Our theme this year was 'The Sea' and would you believe that the Minister preached on Moses crossing the Red Sea! He had no advance warning of our theme! All Boys - and people at Church including the minister commented - were a credit to themselves, to their parents and to 3rd Kilsyth BB. Well done Boys - looking forward to next year!

Now, some of our Seniors are looking forward to our trip to Malawi. We have had the injections and are now busy packing things to take - stationery items, football strips, playground games, parachute, painting gear, stencils .....can't remember it all.

However, we are only able to go and carry out the work because of the generosity of individual members of our Church family, to those parents and Church members who have supported our fundraising events, and to the Church and other groups who



have given either goods to be taken or financial support. More on that later! The school desperately needs refurbishing and we are going to do 2 classrooms (all we could afford), but Classrooms for Malawi is going to carry out the work on the other 4 classrooms.

This means that at the start of next session the school will look great. The only drawback is that they have only 6 classrooms for almost 2000 children. Most of them are taught under the trees - in the heat, in the rain, ... Maybe that will be our next challenge, but at £16000 for a classroom block..... Who knows? With God anything is possible and I really didn't think we'd get this far so quickly!

Please pray for us as we leave home on 11th June and until our return on 26<sup>th</sup> June. Thanks to all for the privilege of taking the Boys to do this work!

## Recent Developments

The proposal to begin a brief "Pause for Prayer" on Friday mornings at 11.00a.m during the Drop In has now been put into practice and has been operating for a few weeks.

The response has been quite good with 7 or 8 attending regularly. It is simply a reading with a brief comment, then a prayer and blessing lasting in all about ten minutes. The whole thing is completely informal and those attending the Drop In are quite free to come through or not to come through as they wish.

The second development is still a work in progress. You will have noticed that the side pews on the "Coachman" side of the pulpit have now been removed, thanks to Ronnie's amazing response to a brief suggestion! Four attractive chairs have also been purchased (thanks to the Minister) and are sitting there just now. So what is this all about?

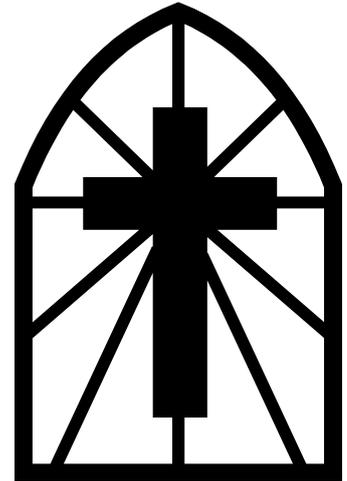
Well, the Kirk Session has given permission to make this where people can pause at the end of the service a moment of prayer, either silently or along with or a senior member of the congregation.

The prayers can be as personal as you like for it will all be confidential. The prayers might be about a concern, or on behalf of a friend or family member. They might be giving thanks, or be about some worry. They might be about something arising from the sermon, or something for which you seek guidance. In short, prayers can be about anything. The important thing is that this can be done quietly and shared with a friend or by yourself. Most of all it is not something to feel abashed about. It is meant to be a useful Christian resource. We very much hope this will start soon and that many will find it helpful.

It is also hoped that this area might be used for a Christian Bookstall from time to time and we will be negotiating with the Faith Mission Bookshops

## HALLELUHAH WHAT A SAVIOUR!

More than 2000 years ago a child was born contrary to the laws of life as we know them. As He grew into manhood He was reared in poverty and obscurity. He did not travel extensively in fact only once did He cross the boundary of the country in which He lived and that was due to His enforced exile during early childhood. He possessed neither wealth nor influence. His relatives were inconspicuous and He had neither training nor formal education.



Yet in infancy He startled a king; in childhood He puzzled doctors; in manhood He ruled the course of nature, walked upon the billows as if they were pavements and hushed the sea to sleep.

He healed multitudes without medicine and made no charge for His services.

He never wrote a book, and yet all the libraries of the country could not hold the books that have been written Him.

He never wrote a song, and yet He has furnished the theme for more songs than all the songwriters combined.

He never founded a college, but all the schools put together cannot boast of having as many students as He has.

He never marshalled an army, nor drafted a soldier, nor fired an arrow; yet no leader ever had more volunteers who have, under His orders, made more rebels stack their arms and surrender without any violence taking place.

He never practiced psychiatry, and he has healed more broken hearts than all the doctors both far and near.

At least once each week the wheels of commerce cease their turning and multitudes wend their way to worshipping assemblies to pay homage and respect to Him.

The names of many proud statesmen and women have come and gone over the centuries. Scientists, philosophers and theologians have come and gone; but the name of this Man abounds more and more. Although time has spread over 2000 years between the peoples of this generation and the scene of His crucifixion – He still lives. Herod could not destroy and the grave could not hold Him. He stands forth upon the highest pinnacle of heavenly glory, proclaimed of God, acknowledged by angels, adored by saints and feared by devils, as the living personal Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

# MINE EYES HAVE SEEN THE GLORY

(The Battle Hymn of The Republic)

Julia Ward Howe 1819 - 1910

To have implicit trust in God's faithful care and protection is never easy in times of danger or strife. Yet even in the midst of the terrible Civil War between the Northern and Southern states, a remarkable woman named Julia Ward Howe proclaimed her confidence in God's triumphant power in this inspiring text. Deeply anguished at the growing conflict between the two sections of the country, Mrs. Howe



watched troops marching off to war singing "John Brown's Body," a song about a man who had been hanged in his efforts to free the slaves. Julia felt that the catchy camp meeting tune should have better words. In a desire to phrase her own feelings about the dreadful events of the time, she "scrawled the verses almost without looking at the paper." The national hymn first appeared in the Atlantic Monthly Magazine in 1862, as a battle song for the republic. Before long the entire nation became inspired by her text and united in singing the new words with the old tune. Mrs. Howe's



hymn has been acclaimed through the years as one of our finest patriotic songs. At one time it was sung as a solo at a large rally attended by President Abraham Lincoln. After the audience had responded with loud applause, the President, with tears in

his eyes, cried out, "Sing it again!" It was sung again. And after more than a hundred years, Americans still join often in proclaiming, "Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on!"

## "Lord teach us to pray"

When we read the Gospels it is impossible not to notice how often Jesus takes time to pray. Sometimes it is at the end of a long busy day when he goes off by himself to some lonely place, and sometimes it is at moment of real crisis in his life and mission. Always, always, it is to keep in touch with his Heavenly Father, to nourish his soul, to recharge his batteries, and to discern what the Father wants him to do. It is a wonderful pattern to follow.



No wonder then that the disciples were impressed by how Jesus devoted himself to this vital discipline. As a result they felt that they too should learn this important skill. So it is, as Luke records in Chapter 11 that they ask Jesus to teach them to pray as John had taught his disciples. As a result he teaches them the famous "Lord's Prayer" as a pattern for their own devotions. It is a pattern of such huge value that the Church still follows it. So let's have a brief look at it. We will use the form given in Matthew's Gospel at verses 9 - 13 of Chapter 6.

We need only read the first few words to be drawn up short. "Our Father in heaven" - can there be a greater privilege than this to be allowed to address the Lord of the Universe as "Heavenly Father"? Surely this shows his love for us, his wish to be involved with us, his willingness to allow us access to him and his desire to hear our prayers and the pleasure this gives him.

He does not lose any status by this gracious attitude. He is still the creator and ruler of all. Thus if we have him on our side and he is guiding us, then we are tuned in to the most powerful one that there is. Nothing then is impossible for God. Oh that we always remembered that when we cry out in anguish. That is how powerful prayer is.

On our side to be allowed to call him "Father" indicates the intimacy of this relationship. It has all the warmth and beauty of a family situation. We do not come to one who is unapproachable, or who is disdainful. Indeed he is full of concern for us, wanting the very best for us, willing that we grow into full Christian maturity, living to the full the new life in Christ. It is an ideal that we see mirrored dimly in the very best of human families - but surpassed now by the immensity of God's understanding of our frailty.

On the other hand we have not to make the mistake of thinking that we now have a "matey" relationship. He is still God and we are still mere humans. However, because of his love we have the assurance that he is with us, that he wraps his arms around us, and is always watching over us.

Does such a Father not inspire us and present us with a pattern for our lives? Then, let's pray and pray often to this one who delights in having us call him "Heavenly Father"



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Twitter@ Kilsyth Anderson

**WEBSITE**

[www.kilsythandersonchurch.org](http://www.kilsythandersonchurch.org)

[If you wish to listen to the morning service again, it can be found on the church website](#)

**CD MINISTRY**

**A copy of the morning service can be provided.  
Please speak to your Pastoral Care visitor  
who can arrange for a copy**

**Items of news, special occasions, etc. for the next**

**Newsletter should be given to**

**Helen Shaw by Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

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