



# Kilsyth Anderson Parish Church Newsletter

**October / November 2013**



## Letter from the Manse....

What a lovely warm summer we have enjoyed this year. Of course the seasons have turned again and we are now into the autumn with the winter fast approaching. This time of year naturally marks the beginning of a new season in the church calendar.

Over the summer months many of our groups and organisations took a well-earned rest but now things begin to start up with hopefully, renewed energy and enthusiasm. I must say that I am very much looking forward to the many exciting things which I know will take place over these next month. Before I go on I should say that for many in the church the summer was not a period of rest, each Sunday those who had duties to perform did so diligently. During the week the church was cleaned and the church and manse gardens were carefully tended.



You will remember that at the beginning of August a Scripture Union holiday club was held. This week long event was a great focus for mission to children and adults and the work done during the week I'm sure will bear dividends in the months and years to come. Well done to everyone involved in church work of whatever sort during the summer months.

One particular area of work undertaken towards the end of the summer was the installation of the new audio/ visual facilities in the sanctuary. Walter, Ronnie and Ann have spent many long hours putting in place a first class system to give us the ability to project images of various types onto a big screen or viewed on TV monitors. Although these are early days in its usage already comment has been made about the increased volume in congregational singing as people lift their head and sing out. Undoubtedly other changes will happen as time goes on but the biggest change I would rejoice in is to see more people in the congregation. Over the next weeks there will be a variety of special services to which I would encourage you to bring friends and family. The 29<sup>th</sup> of September will be our harvest thanksgiving service but also 'Back to Church Sunday'. It is a well-known fact that most people come to church only after a specific invitation to a special event. So whether it is our 'Back to Church Sunday' service or perhaps one of the forthcoming 'Songs of Praise' services – invite others to come with you.

As I finish this magazine piece can I ask for your prayers? There are lots of things happening at the moment; new groups have been formed and they are looking at every aspect of our church life and work. I am passionate, and know that you are too, that we reach out to our community with the Gospel in ways which are effective, relevant and most importantly, which glorify our God. Please therefore pray for everyone involved in building our church strategy as we go forward and let us also pray for one another that we may each discharge our Christian privileges and responsibilities in a Christ-like manner.

May God continue to bless us all as we serve Him together here in Kilsyth.

**Allan**



## The Guild

The Guild recommences on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at 7.30pm in the church. This is a combined meeting with Burns & Old Parish Church and will be taken by the Rev Allan and Lynne Vint.

Both men and women are welcomed to this and all our meetings. We are grateful to our new secretary, Ena Graham who has managed to arrange a varied programme for the coming session.

The Guild theme for 2013-14 is, 'A fellowship to build.'

If you are already a member of the Guild why not consider inviting a relative, friend or neighbour to join us on a Monday night so we might build up our fellowship. The mini bus is available so please see myself or any member of the committee if you wish to make use of it.

**Olivia Brittan and the Guild Committee**

## Praise Group

The Praise Group meets once every month to practice the "Intros" which they sing each Sunday at the beginning of morning Service.

We are a happy group and enjoy singing together and we are regularly invited to sing for other groups in the local area and further afield.

In October, we have been asked to entertain the Guild at Renfrew North which is the church of the current Moderator of the Church of Scotland.

We are always willing to welcome new members and if anyone thinks they may like to join us, please speak to Jan or indeed, any other member of the Praise Group.

**Jan**



## Take a look – at the Book

There it stands on the bookshelf, lovely black leather binding, with immaculate gold lettering – something we value and would never throw away. Doubtless it will have a story to tell of how and when it first came into our possession, but, Do we ever read it? Do we know what it says? Do we know anything else about it? I'm speaking about the Bible of course! Well, first of all it is not actually a single book, it is in fact a collection, a library of sixty-six books in all.

It was written over a period of more than a thousand years, at a variety of times and in various situations.

Now there are two important things we have to say about it..

Firstly, It tells us the story of God's dealings with humanity from the earliest times right onto what will be the end of time.

Secondly, this is both a sad and a hopeful story.

It speaks of our divine origins, of our rebellion against God's purpose in forming us and how we came to be alienated from God - and that is the sad bit! However, it also speaks of God's love and grace and how he has worked out a plan, culminating in the sending of Christ to restore us and remake us so that we can live as his children once more - and that is the hopeful bit! So it is a wonderful book, it is God's word telling of his work in Christ, now that makes it very special indeed

Next time we'll speak a bit more about this library and the sort of books it contains, why they are there and what purpose they are meant to serve. Meanwhile, go on! Have a look at it, look through the pages and most of all, read a bit!

If it's new to you, try starting with the Gospel of Mark

Alex Fleming

Girls Brigade



We have had a good start to the new session, we welcomed back most of our girls, some of our older Brigaders have started University and we hope that we will see them if their schedule allows. We have welcomed new Explorers and Juniors and it's great getting to know them.

We are having a coffee morning in November to raise funds for the company, our older girls are making Christmas crafts to sell at the coffee morning, there will be games for the wee ones and a tattoo stand (temporary ones of course). We hope that you will all support us.

Next year, 2014 is a great year for Scotland with the Commonwealth Games coming to Glasgow and to celebrate the event, all the youth



organisations (BB's/GB's/Scouts/Guides) in the Glasgow area are able to earn a Commonwealth Badge, there are various activities that are required and the girls have accepted the challenge.

We now have a new child that we sponsor through Action Aid, his name is Joel, he is three years old and he's from Uganda. We look forward to hearing from him. Please think of him in your prayers

# Flowers



6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Mrs M Cowie
13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Mrs H Provan
20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Mrs M Kennedy
27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Mrs A Mitchell
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Mrs R Kennedy
10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Mrs J Abercrombie
17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Mrs E Short
24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Mrs R Goodwin



*Thank you to all who have gifted flowers during the year and thank you to the talented ladies who arrange them so beautifully to adorn our for the Sunday Services.*

*These floral gifs are very much appreciated by those members of our church family who are unable to join us in fellowship. Should you wish to donate flowers for a Sunday in 2014 please add your name to the list which will be available on the Vestibule Table from Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November*

*Thank - you*



At the end of "Back to School with God" Sunday service , the children in our Congregation were given the opportunity to write their names on a slip of paper and ask someone in the congregation, other than their parent or relative, to take it and to remember to pray for them day by day.

Here is a prayer written by an American schoolgirl from Winniepeg which high-lights how aggressive secular education can become and why we need to pray for our young people.....



Now I sit me down in school where praying is against the rule  
For this great nation under God finds mention of Him very odd  
If scripture now the class recites, it violates the Bill of Rights.  
And anytime my head I bow becomes a Federal matter now.  
Our hair can be purple, orange or green, that's no offense;  
it's a freedom scene.

The law is specific, the law is precise, prayers spoken aloud are a serious vice.

For praying in a public hall, might offend someone with no faith at all.

In silence alone we must meditate, God's name is prohibited by the Province.

We're allowed to cuss and dress like freaks, and pierce our noses, tongues and cheeks.

They've outlawed guns, but FIRST the Bible, to quote the Good Book makes me liable.

We can elect a pregnant Senior Queen, and the 'unwed daddy,' our Senior King.

It's 'inappropriate' to teach right from wrong we're taught that such 'judgements' do not belong.

We can get our condoms and birth controls, study witchcraft, vampires and totem poles

But the Ten Commandments are not allowed, no word of God must reach this crowd.

It's scary here I must confess, when chaos reigns the school's a mess.

So, Lord, this silent plea I make: Should I be shot; my soul please take!

Amen

**Ann Allen**



The new session has started well. Anchor Boys has doubled in numbers thanks to a visit to Kilsyth Primary by John Paterson. Juniors and Company Section are about the same size as last year. Some Boys have joined us from 1st Kilsyth Junior Section and we would like to welcome them - we hope that you will enjoy your time in the Company.

Our first event of the year was held on Saturday 21st September when we organised a car treasure hunt followed by a BBQ. Around 18 cars headed off - some followed the route, some got lost, one even phoned in to check that they were on the right road!!!! All had fun and returned to the hall for burgers, crisps, cakes and indoor games because it was too wet to go outside. Thanks to all who participated and to the staff and senior Boys who helped make it such a success. Also on Saturday 21st September a group of Boys and two officers were out on the Pentland Hills. The Boys were being assessed for the expedition section of their Duke of Edinburgh's bronze award. They had good weather, an excellent campsite and were commended by the assessor on the way they had worked together. Well done!

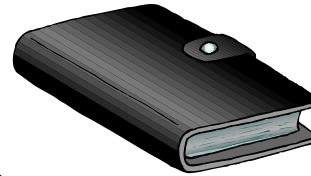
We look forward to a busy couple of weeks ahead. On Monday 30th September, the younger Company Section Boys will play football against Donaldson's school for the Deaf. After the match they will return to the hall for supper together. The Boys have been learning sign language - thanks to Scott Glen - and hopefully will get a chance to use it.

The weekend of 4th - 6th October is the weekend when we will celebrate 130 years of Boys' Brigade work.

BB was founded in Glasgow on 4th October 1883 by Sir William Alexander Smith. We will celebrate by having the Company Section playing 80 games throughout the night of 4th October from 10pm until 8am.

At 8am they will be joined for breakfast by Anchor and Juniors who will play 50 games between 8am and 11am.

When the whole company is in the hall, around 8am, the anniversary cake will be cut. This event will be a sponsored event - the proceeds to go to the school in Malawi where we sponsored the kitchen. On 6th October we have our first parade which ties in well with the anniversary.



## Church Diary

Sunday:	Morning worship	11.30
	Evening worship	6.15
	(fellowship after service in main hall)	
	Time for prayer	Wyper Hall 5.45
Monday:	Ladies Bowling	10.30
	The Guild	7.30
Tuesday:	<u>Girls Brigade:</u>	
	Explorers(P1-P3)	6.00
	Juniors & Brigaders(P4 +)	7.00
Wednesday:	Praise Group	7.30
	<u>Boys Brigade:</u>	
	Anchor Boys (P1 -P3)	5.45
	Junior Section (p4 -P6)	6.30
	Company Section (P7 +Secondary)	7.30
Thursday:	Mid-week Fellowship	Wyper Hall 7.00
Friday:	'Drop in Café	Wyper Hall 10.00 - noon



### Contact for urgent Pastoral Care

Minister: Rev. Allan Vint

Session Clerk: Mrs Elizabeth Strang

(Miss Christine Johnston will be your contact from 15/11/13 - 08/12/13 in place of Elizabeth.)

You can contact Christine

## Dates for your Diary



Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Praise Group rehearsal (in church)	7.30
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Dedication Service (Boys Brigade's 130 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)	11.30
	Songs of Praise	6.15
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Guild resumes	7.30
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Rev. Martin Allen	11.30
	Rev. Bill Moore	6.15
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	"Songs of Praise" Sunday	11.30
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Board of Managers	7.30
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Girls Brigade	
	Coffee Morning	10.00 – 12.30
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Craig-en-Goyne Service	3.30
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Parade	11.30
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	The hall will be open between 10.00 – 12.00 and 7.00 – 9.00 to receive baking and gifts for the stalls	
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Fayre	10.00
	Santa	10.30 – 12 noon



## Special Occasions



Congratulation to Catherine and Jim Kerr who celebrated their **Silver** Wedding Anniversary on the 30<sup>th</sup> September



Congratulations to Christine and Freddie Thornton who will celebrate their **Golden** Wedding Anniversary on the 26<sup>th</sup> October

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Lynne Vint who celebrated her **50<sup>th</sup>** birthday on the 18<sup>th</sup> September



Congratulations to Edith Martin who will celebrate her **100<sup>th</sup>** Birthday on the 4<sup>th</sup> October

## Acknowledgements

I would like to thank all my friends for their kindness in sending flowers and cards and good wishes to me during my illness  
*Mary Abercrombie*

I would like to thank my many church friends for their kind wishes, cards, flowers, cheering visits and phone calls after my recent return to Glasgow Royal. They were very much appreciated,  
*Anne McLean*



10 years ago Edith wrote a poem to celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday.  
Here is the poem she wrote but updated..

### One Hundred Years Young

One hundred years ago, on one October morn,  
a tiny baby girl was born.

1913

Her mother could not believe the sight  
when first she gazed on her tiny mite.  
She murmured, shedding a silent tear,  
"How can I ever hope this child to rear?"

2013

A few weeks went by, then a great day came.

In a cosy white shawl, she was taken to Church to be given her name  
The minister held her close, as he would his own daughter,  
then Christened her "Edith" making the sign of the Cross with the Holy Water.

The mother looked on with a grateful smile,  
knowing her wee mite had made the first mile  
And now, after giving everyone a fright all those years ago,  
when first she gazed on her tiny mite.

What do you know, the wee mite is still here today,  
Enjoying with her friends, **Her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

**Congratulations and best wishes Edith**  
**You are one in a hundred!**



## Our Family

### Baptism

22<sup>nd</sup> September **Cali Anne Jean Lowe**  
daughter of Francis and Anne Lowe,



### Deaths

1<sup>st</sup> August Mr John (Jack) Kelly

6<sup>th</sup> September Mrs Christina Muldoon

17<sup>th</sup> September Mrs Helen Bankier

19<sup>th</sup> September Mrs Anne Kelly



*Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted. Matthew 5:4*

### Mrs Elizabeth Bone 1919 – 2013

Elizabeth (Betty) and her husband, Rev. Robert (Bob) T Bone came to Kilsyth during the Rev. James Ross's ministry after Bob retired. They lived in Burnbank Terrace and were members of our church. After Bob died in 1997 she left to stay in Dundee. For the past 4 years she has been living with her daughter, Jennifer in Milton Keynes. A letter to the Minister from her daughter said that "She died at the age of 94 with the same grace and dignity with which she lived" Many of you will remember Betty, with the help of others, collecting brambles and making jelly for Christian Aid . Our sympathy goes to the family



## THE KNOT PRAYER

Please untie the KNOTS  
that are in my mind,  
my heart and my life.  
Remove the have NOTS,  
the can NOTS, and the do NOTS  
that I have in my mind.

Erase the will NOTS,  
the may NOTS,  
the might NOTS that may find  
a home in my heart.

Release me from the could NOTS,  
the would NOTS  
and the should NOTS that obstruct my life.

And most of all,  
I ask that you remove from my mind,  
my heart and my life, all the 'am NOTS'  
that I have allowed to hold me back,  
especially the thought  
that I am NOT good enough.

Helen Shaw

## Our Daily Bread



## Daily Bread

*We are keen to encourage more and more of our people to take part in daily bible readings at home. Now we recognise that this is not always easy – it's hard to know what to read, it's hard to understand what we read and it's even harder to see how what we read should impact on our daily lives.*

*To help solve all of these problems and to make Bible reading not only possible but helpful and enjoyable we are hoping to enrol as many as possible in a daily Bible reading scheme called "Our Daily Bread"*

*Each day's notes take up just one single page, it's full of interesting stories to illustrate the readings and it is certainly practical and helpful.*

*If you would like to try these notes for three months then speak to Ena Graham who has some sample copies, or add your name to a sheet that will be in the vestibule shortly.*

*If you sign up, these notes will be sent to you at your home address, they are free and each booklet lasts for three months –*

**WE INVITE YOU TO GIVE IT A TRY**

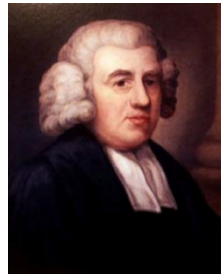
*There is also a series of simpler notes for those who are new to the faith. We can give you a sample of these too to try .*

Alex Fleming



No 2 of the stories behind the hymns

## Amazing Grace



Calling himself a “wretch” who was lost and blind, John Newton recalled leaving school at the age of eleven to begin life as a rough, debauched seaman. Eventually he engaged in the despicable practice of capturing natives from West Africa to be sold as slaves to markets around the world. But one day the grace of God put fear into the heart of this wicked slave trader through a fierce storm. Greatly alarmed and fearful of a shipwreck, Newton began to read *The Imitation of Christ* by Thomas à Kempis. God used this book to lead him to a genuine conversion and a dramatic change in his way of life. Feeling a definite call to study for the ministry, Newton was encouraged and greatly influenced by John and Charles Wesley and George Whitefield. At the age of thirty-nine, John Newton became an ordained minister of the Anglican Church at the little village of Olney, near Cambridge, England. To add further impact to his powerful preaching, Newton introduced simple heart-felt hymns rather than the usual psalms in his services.

When enough hymns could not be found, Newton began to write his own, often assisted by his close friend William Cowper. In 1779 their combined efforts produced the famous Olney Hymns hymnal. “Amazing Grace” was from that collection.

Until the time of his death at the age of eighty-two, John Newton never ceased to marvel at the grace of God that transformed him so completely. Shortly before his death he is quoted as proclaiming with a loud voice during a message, “My memory is nearly gone, but I remember two things: That I am a great sinner and that Christ is a great Savior!”

## Sunday School

During the summer holidays, we took a shoe box full of old postcards which had been someone’s collection dating back to 1902, along with our bag of coppers and our jar of foreign coins to the offices of the Scottish Bible



Society and received a letter of thanks for our contribution to their funds.



Since then we have started to collect ‘Coppers for Kids’ in Yorkhill Children’s Hospital. If you have any foreign coins (and notes) left from your holidays abroad we are also collecting them for the Scottish Bible Society.

Two jars have been placed on the table at the front of the church for your convenience and we hope that our congregation will help us to help others too.

**Thank you**

THIS IS THE DAY.....

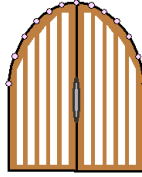


BE GLAD IN IT!!



Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

## Heaven Anagram

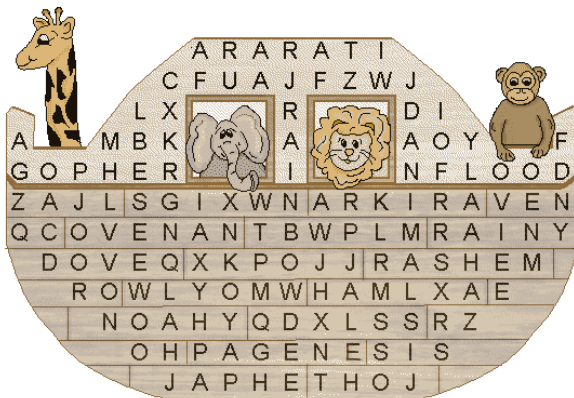


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## Kids Page

How did the  
Farmer patch  
his jeans?  
With a cabbage  
patch!

## Noah's Ark



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|----------|---------|---------|
| animals  | flood   | Noah    |
| Ararat   | Genesis | rain    |
| ark      | gopher  | rainbow |
| covenant | Ham     | raven   |
| dove     | Japheth | Shem    |

What is  
black when  
u buy it,  
red when u  
use it and  
grey when  
u throw it  
away?

**Coal!**

### Places to find us

#### FACEBOOK/ TWITTER

[www.facebook.com/kilsythanderson](http://www.facebook.com/kilsythanderson)

Twitter@ Kilsyth Anderson

#### WEBSITE

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

(due to copyright there are no hymns/ singing)

#### 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 17<sup>th</sup> November

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