



Kilsyth Anderson

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## Letter from the Manse..

At the heart of the local church are people, ordinary folk, who have faith in an extraordinary God. It is our Christian faith which motivates us towards Christian care and love. Over past weeks, as a church, we have celebrated with the young people in our youth organisations as we have seen them achieve and grow – we have also prayed for them as they have engaged in exams. The Sunday school each week (renamed the JAM club) is also providing assistance to families with the spiritual and moral development of our children. Of course spiritual formation for every age and stage is a key activity within our church and over this past session it has been heartening to see an increasing number of people



participate in one of our bible discussion groups or take up the opportunities available for personal or group prayers.



People matter to God and they matter to us in Kilsyth Anderson church. We are very conscious here of many who are going through difficult times. I am **indebted to all those who in Christ's name** visit the sick, the housebound, the lonely, the grieving or the anxious. All of us who are Christian are reminded that our faith is one where love is the mark of whose we are and whom we serve.

In Kilsyth Anderson Church all are welcome. The welcome we extend to everyone is an invitation from Jesus who invites everyone to come as we are and with his aid, assistance and power to be changed. In the Anderson church none of us is perfect, all of us have flaws and difficulties but we rejoice that we can journey together and **with God's help find what we need for each new day. We encourage you to come and journey with us.** The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland

In Kilsyth Anderson Church our identity is as part of the Church of Scotland. The joy of our denomination is that we are present and available for everyone in every part of Scotland (with a number of congregations also serving Scots and others in different parts of the UK and abroad). The Church of Scotland takes as its supreme rule of faith and life the Bible, an understanding of which is contained with historic confessions of faith.

In recent years a view has been expressed that some Church of Scotland **congregations might wish to 'opt out' of a traditional understanding of** the Bible and its teaching particularly as it related to ministers in same sex relationships. The General Assembly in recent years has debated this matter and concluded that it wishes as a national church to reaffirm a traditional understanding of human sexuality as its position but also at the **same time providing a mechanism for congregations who want to 'opt out' of that position.**



The Kirk Session at Kilsyth Anderson are clear in their determination to adhere to biblical values and principles and so we are saddened by the route taken by the General Assembly which has created great confusion and unrest.

As a local church with a long and proud history of Christian service in the community we are determined to continue to bring the light and love of Christ in word and through action and we pray that we will do that together for the glory of God the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit.

If you have any questions about what is contained in this article then please do contact me.

Yours in Christ

*Allan Vint*

# Holiday Club

Our 6<sup>th</sup> Holiday Club will start on August 3<sup>rd</sup> this year.

The theme is .....

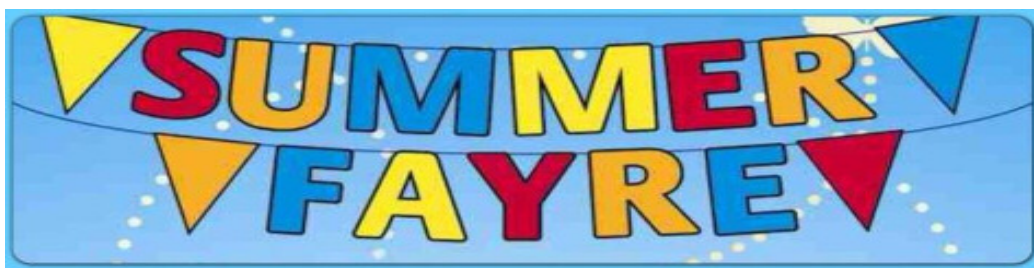


## Polar Explorers



and the stories are taken from the book of Acts capturing all the excitement of the first Christians and the beginning of the church. All the primary schools will be contacted and we look forward to welcoming the children and young people again. We have an excellent team of volunteers who are gearing up for a busy week. The ladies from Burns and Old are helping again with our snacks, Some helpers are coming from other congregations and our leader is Lee Moody who lives in Kilsyth and worships in Chryston. The teens will be catered for on 3 evenings and a family night will be held on the Thursday evening. A joint service on Sunday August 9<sup>th</sup> will finish off the week. We do ask the congregation to pray for this week: for safety: lots of fun; and for children to

understand the love of the Lord Jesus



## Summer Fayre

**Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm**

The Hall will be open on Friday June 12<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 speak to Cathie McIlwain or Annabel Smith

It's all about Team Work, We look forward to having a busy, happy and successful Summer Fayre.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Bill Smith who received a Long Service Certificate from the Church of Scotland to recognise 30 years' service as an Elder on Sunday 17<sup>TH</sup> May



## Gavin & Des Are Coming

**On Sunday 23 August at 11am in Kilsyth Anderson Church**



Gavin was a Regimental Pipe Major in the African Military prior to his time in the South African police.

Des was a greatly talented and respected Ballerina.

Together they are now "The Rose of Sharon Ministries" which is an evangelical, Christian ministry, working throughout Southern Africa.

The main thrust of their ministry is directed at the poor. Special attention is given to needy young people and children and very poor or destitute old people and certain churches in poor communities.

Do please come and hear of their exciting, fruitful and blessed work which cannot fail to move you to prayer.

I hope to see you there.

**Pastor Frank Hartley**





## *A Summer Blessing*

Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer! Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight. Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy your creation. Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season. Draw me closer to you this summer. Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing. Warm my soul with the awareness of your presence and light my path with Your Word and Counsel. As I enjoy your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for you. Amen.

## **Church Box Money**

The money recently collected from church boxes amounted to £1,112.73 (with additional gift aid of around £70.00)

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**



## FREE-WILL OFFERING ENVELOPES



The new Free-will Offering Envelopes are now ready for the year commencing first Sunday in July. They will be available on the vestibule table and arranged in alphabetical street order from **Sunday June 14**.

If you know any neighbours who are 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 invite you to join by contacting **Ronnie Swan** or **Charlie**

## **Waddell.**

If you pay income tax, our church can reclaim the tax already paid on your offerings if you merely sign a **Gift Aid Form** and the form does not require any amount to be specified. This enables our church to claim a further 25% of all your offerings now and in future years.

If you consider signing a Gift Aid Form, please have a word with **Ronnie Swan**.

## STUART TOWNEND CONCERT

Tickets are available from  
Colin Scott.



*one night only*  
**STUART TOWNEND**  
**AND BAND**  
@Kilsyth Anderson Parish Church  
**JULY 15th @ 7.30pm**  
*tickets on sale now!*  
Visit: Kilsyth Anderson Parish Church  
Online at: [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk)  
Email: [kacdiscovery@gmail.com](mailto:kacdiscovery@gmail.com)  
**Tickets £10.00**  
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We received the following thank you letter from Strathcarron Hospice  
Hopefully we will have some photos to share with you in the next edition of the magazine



I write to you on behalf of Strathcarron Hospice to thank you for your very generous donation of knitted and crochet squares for our Yarn Bombing event to be held here at the Hospice.

We would like to invite everyone from the church to come along to Strathcarron Hospice to see their efforts, we just know it's going to be a fabulous sight! We are hopeful that we will get lots of Media coverage for this event so perhaps we might see our knitting on the television. The Yarn Bombing event will be part of our Patients Art Exhibition in partnership with Forth Valley Open Studios.

The Yarn Bombing event and patients Art Exhibition starts on  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2pm – 5pm  
at Strathcarron Hospice, Denny.

Many thanks

Yours sincerely

*Angela Gillies*

Marketing & Communications Manager



## Kilsyth Community Food Bank

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.

The Story Behind The Song.....

## “IN CHRIST ALONE”

Stuart Townend



Songwriter Stuart Townend grew up as the youngest of four children in a Christian family in West Yorkshire, England, where his father was a vicar in the Church of England. The Townend family always enjoyed music, and young Stuart began to play the piano at the age of seven. He studied literature at the University of Sussex. At university, he met Caroline, whom he married in 1988. They now have three children; Joseph, Emma and Eden.

Known and respected today by musicians and worship leaders throughout Britain and beyond, his involvement in Christian music dates back to the 1990's. During this time, Townend has used his talents to produce albums for British-based worship leaders as diverse as John Pantry, Keith Routledge and Praise Gathering. As an artist, he has made two solo albums: *Say the Word* and *Personal Worship*. But it is perhaps as a songwriter that Stuart has made his most enduring contribution to the contemporary worship movement. Songs such as “How Deep the Father’s Love,” “The King of Love,” and “Lord, How Majestic You Are” are favorites in the repertoire of thousands of churches around the world. One of his works, “In Christ Alone,” seems destined to take its place among other worship classics both in the UK and in the United States. Written in 2002, “In Christ Alone” was a collaborative effort between Townend and fellow songwriter (and now good friend) Keith Getty. “The song came about in an unusual way,” Townend explains. “Keith and I met in the autumn of 2000 at a worship event, and we resolved to try to work together on some songs. A few weeks later Keith sent some melody ideas, and the first one on the CD was a magnificent, haunting melody that I loved, and immediately started writing down some lyrical ideas on what I felt should be a timeless theme commensurate with the melody. So the theme of the life, death, resurrection of Christ, and the implications of that for us just began to tumble out, and when we got together later on to fine tune it, we felt we had encapsulated what we wanted to say.” I’ve been amazed by the response to this song,” says Townend. “We’ve had some incredible e-mails about how people have been helped by the song through incredibly difficult circumstances.” In 2005, *Cross Rhythms* magazine described Townend as “one of the most significant songwriters in the whole international Christian music field.” The Christian website *Crosswalk.com* commented that, “the uniqueness of Townend’s writing lies partly in its lyrical content. There is both a theological depth and poetic expression that some say is rare in today’s worship writing.”

## Church Diary

Sunday: Morning worship	11.00am
Evening worship	6.30pm
(fellowship after service)	
Time for prayer      Wyper Hall	6.00pm
Wednesday: Praise Group	7.30pm
Friday: 'Drop in Café	
Wyper Hall	10.00am - noon



## Dates for your Diary

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June: Kirk Session, Wyper Hall 7.30pm  
(please note this is a change from Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June)  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June: Praise Group 7.30pm  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June: Summer Fayre 1.30pm – 3.30pm  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June: Jam Club Outing  
to the Chocolate Factory in Glasgow  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June: Jam Club Prize Giving  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June: Communion 11.00am & 6.30pm



### Contact for urgent Pastoral Care

Minister: Rev. Allan Vint  
Session Clerk: Mrs Elizabeth Strang  
(Minister is off on holiday on the 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> July)



### Please Note

The Kirk Session has agreed that there will be  
NO EVENING SERVICE  
during the holiday months of July & August



The Drop in will be closed from the  
10<sup>th</sup> July - 7<sup>th</sup> August  
Re-opens on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August



# Our Family

## Infant Blessing

10<sup>th</sup> May: Courtney Lynsey Tanner  
Daughter of Lynsey MacLure & Dale Tanner

## Special Birthdays

Happy 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Mrs Liz Meechan, Shuttle Street  
On 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Mrs Annabel Smith, Westfield Road  
On 12<sup>th</sup> June

## Anniversary

Congratulations to Andy & Liz Meechan, Shuttle Street  
who celebrated their **Golden Wedding Anniversary** on 1<sup>st</sup> May

Congratulations to Davie & Hilda Dodds, Balmalloch Road  
who celebrated their **Ruby Wedding Anniversary** on 24<sup>th</sup> May

## Deaths

7<sup>th</sup> April: Paul Kinvig, Donaldson Avenue  
(Son of Tom & Nan Kinvig)

9<sup>th</sup> April: Wullie Shaw, Maxwell Place  
(Father of William Shaw)

20<sup>th</sup> April: Margie Abercrombie, Kelvin Way  
(Sister of Nan Kinvig)

25<sup>th</sup> May: Mungo Manderson, Stirling



## Flower List

7 <sup>th</sup> June:	Mrs Margaret Waddell
14 <sup>th</sup> June:	Mrs Annabel Smith
21 <sup>st</sup> June:	Mrs Jane Barclay
28 <sup>th</sup> June: Communion	Mrs Elizabeth Strang
5 <sup>th</sup> July:	Mrs Evelyn Miller
12 <sup>th</sup> July:	Miss Christine Johnstone
19 <sup>th</sup> July:	Mrs Dorothy Barrowman
26 <sup>th</sup> July:	Girls Brigade





## **“I REMEMBER, I REMEMBER”**

It was an amazing change that came over the infant Church after the Holy Spirit was poured out upon them at Pentecost. It became vibrant, outward looking and evangelical. Christ had commanded them to go into all the world and they were determined to fulfil that command. It could only be by the help of the Holy Spirit that this would be possible. These Memory Verses remind us of how God worked in these exciting early days to enable the Church to achieve this aim.

JUNE: ACTS 2 Vs 39

When Peter stood up in the midst of the people and proclaimed Christ he had great success, for 2,000 were converted. This amazed everyone, but Peter had another surprise for them. He had been moved by the power of the Holy Spirit and his surprise was that same gift was also for them. Then they too would do great things for God.

*“The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God shall call.”*

JULY: ACTS 3 Vs 6

One day when Peter and John were going up to the Temple to pray, they pass a poor man who is crippled. He looks at them seeking money. When they stop he is filled with hope and expectation, but Peter had an even bigger surprise for him. He heals him and the man leaps up praising God. This verse reminds us of just what Christ can do!

*“Silver and gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk!”*

AUGUST: ACTS 8 Vs 31

Philip is moved by the Holy Spirit to take a certain road out of Jerusalem. Going there, he meets a high Ethiopian official who is returning home in his chariot. The man is reading a copy of ‘Isaiah’ from the Old Testament. Philip asks him if he understands what he is reading. When he says ‘no’ Philip has the joy of explaining the Gospel to him. He becomes a believer and immediately asks for baptism. This verse reminds us of just what God can do through just one obedient believer sharing the truth.

*“How can I understand, unless someone explains it to me?” so he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.*



## BB NEWS MAY/JUNE



We have reached the end of another session - a session which proved quite challenging because of a severe shortage of staff in the Company Section. On some occasions we were working below the recommended ratio of Officers to Boys - something to which we will need to give serious thought for next year. I hope that it does not come to our having to operate a waiting list or introduce other initiatives to allow us to operate within the legal limits of the BB.

Since the last newsletter 12 Junior section Boys and 4 Company Section Boys have enjoyed a weekend in Arran. The Juniors and one Company Boy stayed in Kilmoray bunkhouse and the other 3 intrepid Company Section, along with Colin and John spent the weekend in tents. The Saturday night was wild with wind and rain - a wind turbine rattled all night and there was not much sleep to be had. However, they refused the offer to come inside the next night and returned to their tents on what ended up a much calmer night. When we went to Church on the Sunday, we discovered that the minister had just left Kirkintilloch to transfer to Kilmoray and Lamlash. We were made very welcome and even stayed for tea and biscuits after the service. Although the weather was poor we had lots of activities and games to keep ourselves amused - we certainly had fun!

We have had three very successful parents' nights over the space of the last two weeks. Thanks to all parents and friends who supported these nights and who gave generously in the collections. The collections will go towards our next trip to help our school in Malawi.

Congratulations go to all the Boys who participated well in the Parents' nights. Special mention is made of those who were awarded trophies - Fraser Anderson who won best Boy award for this month and to Ryan McQuade who received the trophy for Endeavour - both Junior Section Boys. At the Company Section night Calum McCracken and Craig McFarlane shared the trophy for best recruit, Cameron Comrie was recognised as best Boy and the best NCO trophy went to Cpl David Bauld. Lewis Cameron and Chris Smith shared the sports trophy.

On Wednesday 3rd June four of our Corporals will travel to Canongate Kirk in Edinburgh where they will be presented with the highest award in the Boys' Brigade - the Queen's Award. Special congratulations for all their work - volunteering in the BB/Church and in the community, their work in Malawi, a physical achievement and their development of a skill (photography) - has enabled them to gain their award. Blair Anderson, Lewis Cameron, Cameron Costiff and Christopher Smith also attended a completion course at Carronvale and will now be presented with their certificates by John Swinney MSP.

Anchor Boys and Junior Section Boys now look forward to a Caribbean picnic being organised by BB Scotland at the Scottish HQ in Larbert on Saturday 6th June. This is being organised as a fund raiser for the World Mission fund (we benefitted from that fund when we received the price of two airfares for our last trip to Malawi). There will be lots of activities organised for the Boys and we hope for a warm sunny day! Congratulations to Mark Anderson who has gained his Gold Duke of Edinburgh, Well Done Mark!

Although BB is now officially finished for the holidays, there is still work to be done. Some Boys will be off on expeditions under the leadership of Colin Scott and assisted by Mark Anderson, some have volunteering to complete for their Queen's awards..... and so it goes on!

New session begins at the end of August - when the school goes back, we'll be back!

Thanks to all who have supported us throughout this year, and a very special thanks to the staff and helpers who give so much of their time, talents and money to keep the Company running.



## Girls Bigade

Thank you for supporting the Girls' Brigade over the last year. The officers and girls have had a busy year. The girls held their successful parents night showcasing the work they have done over the year. Thank you to Mr John Gordon who came and presented the awards.

Eleven Brigaders headed into Glasgow City Mission on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May to see how the Mission operates, the different activities on offer and how they are utilising the £600 the girls raised

throughout the year with your help of donations too. We will be continuing to fundraise over the next year for the Glasgow City Mission. We are very pleased that 11 of our Brigaders are working towards their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. This is the most we have had doing the award and we're very proud of their commitment and determination to complete their Bronze Award this year.

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May we held a sleepover in the church halls for the Juniors and Brigaders. The girls had a fantastic time although the older ones including some of the younger girls were very tired the next day. The girls are excited about having another sleepover sometime in the new session.



## RESOURCES

We are constantly trying to encourage everyone to make use of the Christian resources that have been provided for us to strengthen our faith and to help us grow as Christians. Supreme among these resources are Prayer and Bible Reading. Below we have listed how you might access these in our own Church at present.

### ***We have several opportunities for Prayer.***

***First:*** On Thursday evenings at the Midweek Fellowship we have a period of open prayer when individuals can bring their own requests and where we also remember others who have requested prayer or for whom we feel prayer might prove helpful.

***Second:*** On Friday mornings during the 'Drop In' we have a brief ten minute service "Pause for Prayer" when we read a scripture passage, with brief comment, then engage in praying for others and finally share a blessing.

***Third:*** On Sunday evening, before the evening service we have a brief time of prayer when we pray for the service and those taking part and also bring individual requests, thanksgivings or prayers for help and healing before God.

***Finally:*** There is the Prayer Corner and the box for Prayer Requests that can be accessed confidentially. Happily we are seeing an increased use of these facilities and we would encourage as many as feel they would find them helpful to make use of these resources.

### ***We have also been encouraging Bible reading.***

***First:*** We have nine people taking the 'Daily Bread' Bible reading notes. These suggest readings for each day, with helpful comments on them, plus suggestions for prayers and further thought. We would be gratefully encouraged if many more of our members would make use of this invaluable aid to devotion, speak to Ena Graham who deals with this matter.

***Finally:*** We have Bible helps from the Gideon's which suggest passages they might be consulted to deal with many of the things that occur in our daily lives from crises, or problems, to topics for guidance or thanksgiving.

There is also an extended Bible Reading Scheme called, 'The Essential 100' which suggests passages from different parts of the bible and which are chosen to give an overall picture of the total Bible message. We have fuller copies of this scheme which add notes on the passages suggested



# Kids Page



**Q:** Why are pirates called pirates?  
**A:** Cause they arrrrr.

**Q:** What do you call a sleeping bull?  
**A:** A bulldozer!

**Q:** How did the Farmer fix his jeans?  
**A:** With a cabbage patch

**Q:** What is better than God, poor people have it, rich people don't have it and if you eat it you will die?  
**A:** Nothing!

## Sudoku

	3	2	1	6	
		1	6		
		5	4		
	4	6	5	3	

Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

## Abraham & Sarah Anagram

Word List:  
 Abraham, children, family, Isaac, laughing, prayer, miracle, Sarah, stars, visitors



- arsst \_\_\_\_\_
- cdehilnr \_\_\_\_\_
- aacis \_\_\_\_\_
- agghilnu \_\_\_\_\_
- iiorsstv \_\_\_\_\_
- aceilmr \_\_\_\_\_
- aaabhmr \_\_\_\_\_
- oahrs \_\_\_\_\_
- aeprry \_\_\_\_\_
- afilmy \_\_\_\_\_

## Father's Day Word Search

H L A I C E P S H I L K N A T  
 R E S P E C T H O N O R E P N  
 C L L A M T H A N K V O T P A  
 Y M R P Y E B O P J E W S R T  
 S T N E M D N A M M O C I E R  
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APPRECIATE  
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 INSTRUCTION



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be found on the church website](http://www.kilsythandersonchurch.org)**

**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**

**Magazine should be given to**

**Helen Shaw by Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

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