

Kilsyth Anderson Parish Church News

August & September
2022



Summer Fayre

The ladies and gentlemen of the summer fayre group would like to thank all those involved in the Fayre held on 11th June. To those who donated in money and kind, to those who erected and manned the stalls and to all those who came and supported the fayre.

The magnificent sum of £2358 was raised for the church Fabric Fund.

Since it's two years since we held a fayre, the group were delighted with the outcome, both socially and financially.

Elizabeth Strang.



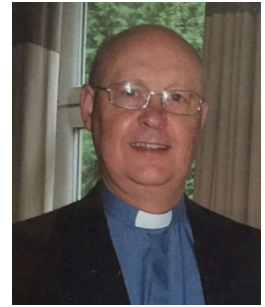
Huge thanks
to Mrs MacLeod
for all summer fayre photos.

Larger versions will be available
on the Church website



Dear Friends

The Keswick Convention, which we attended as a family mid July, was originally organised by Canon Thomas Harford-Battersby, and his friend Robert Wilson, in 1875. Harford-Battersby was Vicar of St John's Church in Keswick, and he chose to hold the first event in a tent erected on his lawn; its primary aim being to help and encourage people to get to know God better and to live their lives to the glory of the One who loved them and gave Himself for them.



Three or four hundred people attended, and within a few years, Christians from all over the world were making an annual pilgrimage to the little Lake District town, to hear the best Bible teachers that were available. In 1901 the first marquee was erected on the Skiddaw Street site.

Things have changed over the years: the venue, facilities have improved with air-con in the large tent...a real blessing, especially when the temperature is in the mid 30s as it was this year, digital streaming of events, Christian bands that introduce and teach us countless new hymns and children's choruses, and special services for both children and adults with special needs.

I was in my mid twenties when I first visited Keswick for the Convention. Maybe I miss the way it used to be, when the praise was so familiar and predictable, hymn books were handed out by stewards at the tent entrance and you were assured of renewing fellowship with fellow believers you hadn't met for a whole year; you simply wanted to capture and bottle up some of the atmosphere and take it back to your home parish to release a bit every Sunday morning.

Each of us, if not physically, certainly in spirit tend to return to our spiritual oasis, be it places or pews where our flagging faith was challenged, enlivened and strengthened for service. We recall prayer warriors, who were unafraid to bombard heaven, both with praise and petitions. Gifted, Spirit filled preachers that left one in no doubt as to where they stood in relationship with Jesus; you were either IN the Kingdom, or OUT of the Kingdom, and therefore without hope.

So many of the Spiritual leaders that I looked up to and sought guidance from have been called home to be with the LORD, and no doubt have been welcomed by the words, "His Lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Matt. 25:23 KJV

The Convention is now held over a three week period to accommodate the increasing number of visitors and young families that benefit from the lively, enthusiastic and Bible based ministry. God is faithful; His Covenant Promises will come to pass.

‘Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.’ Isaiah 43:18-19.

May past Blessings, challenge us, present Blessings comfort us and may future Blessings excite us.

Abundant Blessings to all,

Kenneth

Kilsyth Community Food Bank

This is a local service, a much needed local outreach, filling a huge gap for many households.



"Helping to alleviate hunger in our town"

Many households are struggling, many are in need with the cost-of-living crisis and Kilsyth Community Food Bank are certainly reaching out to those in need.

So can you help, can you reach out to help those in need ? You can donate at the Church. The donation box is situated in the vestibule of the Church, just as you enter the front doors.

Donations can come in all sorts : Toiletries, Food Stuff, Financial Donations. Current needs are as follows : Sugar, Diluting Juice, Tins of Meat, Tins of Fish, Long Life Milk, Butter (Spread) - remember to check sell by dates.

Financial Donations can also be made, just drop an envelope marked 'Kilsyth Community Food Bank' into the Donation Box in the vestibule, every £1 donated could be the next meal for someone. This community service saw demand for their service double during the pandemic.

Contact details for donations :

Church Diary

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| Sunday | 11am | Morning worship (fellowship in the hall after) |
| Tuesday | | Girls' Brigade |
| | 6pm | Explorers (P1-3) |
| | 7pm | Juniors and Brigaders (P4+) |
| Wednesday | | Boys' Brigade |
| | 5.45pm | Anchor Boys (P1-3) |
| | 6.30pm | Junior Section (P4-6) |

Pastoral Care Groups

Because of covid, our pastoral care has rather slipped a bit and now we would like to get our pastoral care teams up and running again.

With the passing of more than two years, some of those who were visitors are now not able to fulfil this important part of our mission.

Would YOU consider visiting someone from time to time – perhaps elderly, house-bound, frail etc. – in your part of the town?

This is an important part of our work as a Church and it will be very important if we want to keep Anderson Church open. Please contact an elder, or add your name to the sheet of paper in the vestibule on a Sunday morning if you are willing to help.

Did I read that right?

In an office:

After tea break staff should empty the teapot and stand upside down on the draining board.

Outside a secondhand shop:

We exchange anything - bicycles, washing machines, etc. Why not bring your wife along and get a wonderful bargain?

Words of Encouragement from Church leaders

The Moderator Rt Rev Dr Iain Greenshields

Talking about the future of the Church of Scotland the Moderator says,

“This is God’s church of which we are a living part. What then are the priorities that he always sets before us?”

- ◆ Make caring for and relating to the poor a priority
- ◆ Always be reaching out to people, embracing them, caring for them, loving them
- ◆ Be evangelical – find innovative and true ways to share our faith. Raise funds locally to be intentionally missional and share the Gospel – there is no other way.
- ◆ Internally, love one another in the church and be supportive of one another
- ◆ Care for the church building because how it looks, and its grounds will be a reflection of how we value God.



Do all these things and keep on doing them with commitment, imagination faith and how. Remember who we serve and the resources he has and these words from Ephesians:

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations for ever and ever! Amen.”

John Sentamu, former Archbishop of York and chair of Christian Aid

In a time of falling membership, shortage of ministers and uncertainty about the place of established churches in a multi-cultural, secular society Dr Sentamu says that we need to “rediscover our core calling.”

“My vision and my understanding is that the church is called first and foremost to worship God, and then to witness to the love of God in word and deed. In England as well as Scotland the churches that are growing are those that are concentrating on worship and witness.”

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Short Courses in church worship and mission

Trinity College, Glasgow University, is offering four short courses this autumn (between September and November) in church worship and mission.

These are 8-10 week evening courses offering learning and equipping local church leaders and members interested in growing faith and practical ministry.

Designing & Leading Christian Worship is for people who are beginning to lead acts of worship and who wish to grow their understanding and practice.

Listening in Mission provides practical tools for churches and mission teams seeking to engage in their communities in imaginative and innovative ways

Contemporary Visual Art & Christian Worship explores the role of visual art and how it can be introduced into worship in imaginative and creative ways. Particularly relevant in these changing times.

Preaching in Church Contexts a practical course for preachers or aspiring preachers reflecting on Biblical texts and styles, delivery and methods of preaching on them.

Cost £207 per course

Contact TrinityCollegeGlasgow@gmail.com.

Closing date September 8th, 2022.



Happy holidays

We've been away for two whole weeks

Just me and mine together

The rain poured down, our feet got wet,

But who cared about the weather?

We shared the chores in our caravan

Played board games by the hour,

And each time that we braved the storms,

We were caught in another shower!

Finance



Once again, many thanks to all members of the congregation who give so generously. We are able to pay our way and even have some left over for improvements to the buildings. At the moment we are not allowed to do any work – not until the Presbytery Plan is in place at the end of the year – but we have plans in the pipeline.

Roll on January, till we get going!

Drop In

The Drop In resumes on Friday 19th August. Everyone is invited to come along for fellowship and a chat on Friday mornings between 10am and 12 noon.



Future Service Dates

18th September Sacrament of Holy Communion

2nd October Dedication of Organisations

Funerals

I am the resurrection and the life

5th July Jane Barclay

The Guild

The Guild restarts on 4th October at the new time of 7pm so that gives you plenty of time to think about joining us on a Monday evening. Ladies or gentlemen, all will be made most welcome. The new syllabus has been compiled and it looks good to me.

The Rev MacLeod will take our first meeting when he introduces our new theme Wee Seeds, Big Trees and the following Monday will be our Opening Social.

The committee are looking forward to welcoming back our Guild friends and new members too.



Margaret Brown, Guild convener.

Cluster Group

Some of our members have been meeting with a group of members from Burns and Old to discuss how we are going to manage the position of having only one minister for Kilsyth and the surrounding villages. This comes as part of the Church of Scotland's position of having to reduce the number of ministerial posts across the country.

The Presbytery has been divided into zones, and within the zones, clusters of Churches have been formed. The idea of the cluster is that they will work together either by having a union or a linkage, depending on how the Churches see their future together. Our zone which covers Kilsyth, Cumbernauld, Chryston, Condorrat, Moodiesburn, Kirkintilloch, Lenzie, Milton of Campsie, Lennoxton and Torrance has to reduce from 23 ministerial posts to 10.5 – quite a drastic reduction! I guess that we have been relatively lucky to secure one minister for the town and villages – other areas are not so fortunate.

Our cluster group has, with the aid of a facilitator, looked at the things we do in common – services, organisations, bible study etc., things we both have – buildings, personnel common to both, finances etc., looking at things we do jointly at present – Holy Week services, Walk of Witness, Big Picnic etc. and finally exploring things which we could begin doing jointly – joint services at other times etc.

Our next meeting will be looking to the future – how are we going to manage this situation. There are four options (these are my interpretations which I hope are correct!)

- **A union** which would mean both congregations coming together in one building – whichever building was 'chosen' to be kept, happening very soon
- **A deferred union** which would mean that the union would not take place for maybe a couple of years or perhaps more giving the congregations time to proceed with working together as one
- **A linkage** which would mean both congregations keeping their buildings but sharing a minister. This would require lots of co-operation between the congregations, good working together arrangements – again, soon.
- **A deferred linkage** – basically as above, but it would not happen very soon. Like the deferred union, time would be allowed for congregations to establish working together opportunities.

If you have a preference for one of the above options, please let either one of the elders, or another member of the congregation know your views and they can be passed onto those in the cluster meetings.

Christine Johnston, Session Clerk

2nd Kilsyth Girls Brigade

We are very much looking forward to the start of our new session on Tuesday 30th August in Kilsyth Anderson Church Halls.

New girls are always made very welcome from age primary 1 to 6th Year. It will be wonderful not to have to work in 'Bubbles' anymore.

The Company had a very successful bus trip in May to the Faerie Trail at Luss and then the Sea Life Centre at Balloch. We were very fortunate with beautiful weather.

Two of our Juniors joined the BB company for their weekend at Dalguise outdoor centre and great fun was had by all.

Two of our Brigaders are completing their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Expedition this month and we wish them all the best and hope the weather is kind for them.

We would warmly welcome anyone who would like to join us as helpers.

Margaret Brown and Jean Ewen



Earth Overshoot Day

This is the date when humanity has used up more resources than the earth can regenerate in a year. In 2022, it fell on 28th July, the earliest it's ever been.

Each country has a different date based on the rate they use up resources. We've already zoomed past the UK Overshoot Day, which fell on 19th May. But we're still a long way off Jamaica's Overshoot Day which isn't until 20th December.

How can we move the date?

To move the date permanently, we need to tread more lightly and live within our ecological means

- **Diet** - Eat a planet friendly diet, buying from local, sustainable producers.
- **Voice** - Use your voice to demand change: vote, sign petitions, protest. Lend your support to organisations standing up for the planet like Friends of the Earth or Greenpeace
- **Energy** - Use energy sustainably and try to reduce the amount that is wasted. Check out your energy provider and see if they're "greenwashing." Think about swapping.
- **Travel** – Make journeys less often and in a more sustainable way
- **Vote** – for politicians with a plan



Boys' Brigade

It has been a very quick summer and only a few weeks until we return for what we all hope is a year with no interruptions! We are due to return on the **17th of August** with all sections returning as normal.



- Anchors meet from 5:45 till 7pm,
- Juniors from 6:30 till 8pm and
- Company section and Seniors from 7:30 till 9:30.

We look forward to welcoming back existing members and would be delighted to welcome any new boys to join us.

As many of you know John Patterson has taken the decision to step away from the Company. John is going to be a huge loss to the Company, having been through it as a boy, and as officer in charge of the Junior section for many years. We all want to thank John for all the work he has done over the years and wish him all the very best. Knowing John, he certainly won't be a stranger.

We are delighted that Craig McFarlane has decided to go through his officer training and went through the first part of KGV1 over the summer. This is an intense training session held at BBHQ over 2 years. Craig will continue to work with the Junior section over the next session and we all look forward to seeing new ideas he will bring back from his first training week.

At the end of last session we were delighted to present Adam Donnelly, with the President's badge - the 2nd highest award in the Boys' Brigade. All 3 will now work towards their Queen's badge over the next couple of years.

Five of our seniors have completed their Queen's badge over the summer. We look forward to presenting them with their award in the near future and providing more details on the work they have done to get to this stage.

We had around 30 boys (and 3 girls from the GBs) at Dalguise in late May which has become our annual camp. The weekend was filled with lots of fun and laughter and all had a great time.

Scott Anderson, Captain

Photos are featured on the rear cover

We would like to thank you for the lovely surprise of church flowers and to Margaret for delivering them.

Jean and Joe Robertson

I would like to express my grateful thanks for the church flowers received and for the many good wishes and cards from the Guild and lots of our church members on the occasion of my special birthday.
Thank you so much!

Barbara Smith

On 17th June Charlie Waddell celebrated his 93rd birthday and the congregation send him belated birthday greetings

I would like to thank the Guild for the 80th birthday card and members of the church for the orchid we received for our diamond wedding anniversary. Thanks to Christine for organising such a lovely gift. And also for the beautiful church flowers after my recent stay in hospital.

Our grateful thanks to everyone for their good wishes and prayers.

God's blessings to you all.

Babs and Ian Taggart

We also welcome Jim and Gena Whyte, John Gray and Anne Mc Farlane who have been worshipping with us from Twechar and Margaret White-law who has come to us from Moodiesburn Church.

service as elders in Twechar. Well done, good and faithful servants.

Dear Friends, Many thanks for the lovely flowers delivered by Margaret Martin from the church. Very much appreciated.
Nan & Clem (Kinvig)

We offer our congratulations to Gena and John, two faithful members of Twechar Church. Prior to Twechar's closure John was presented with a 50 year diploma and Gena with a 30 year diploma in recognition of their years of

A warm welcome to Angela and Stephen Wardrope who recently joined the Church following the dissolution of Twechar Church. We were sorry to hear that news, but are delighted to have them and their grand -daughter, Amelia, join us and hope that they feel welcome in Anderson.

Who Gives a Crap?

Contaminated water contributes to over 1 million deaths per year

2.4 billion people don't have access to a toilet. That's roughly 40% of the global population and means that around 289,000 children under five die every year from diarrhoeal diseases caused by poor water and sanitation. That's almost 800 children per day, or one child every two minutes.

Toilets have saved more lives than any other modern invention.

So in July 2012, Simon, Jehan and Danny launched Who Gives A Crap (a toilet paper company with a difference) with the help of a crowdfunding campaign. Simon sat on a toilet in a draughty warehouse and refused to move until they had raised enough pre-orders to start production. 50 hours and one cold bottom later, they'd raised over \$50,000 AUD.

They delivered our first product in March 2013 and have been thrilled to keep growing ever since. Not just because the toilet

paper is gracing bathrooms across the world but also because they donate 50% of profits to help build toilets and improve sanitation in the developing world to ensure everyone has access to clean water and a toilet within our lifetime.



You can buy the 100% sustainable loo rolls yourself online at

<https://uk.whogivesacrap.org/> They're made of recycled material in double length rolls with no dyes or scents, come in paper packaging and most orders are posted free of charge. So why not give it a try next time you're stocking up?

Some rolls have been left in the church toilets for you to try.

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Cleaning Teams

As most people will know, the church and halls are kept clean by a happy band of volunteers who come down either on a Thursday or a Saturday morning. There are currently five teams which means that each group only has to come down once every five weeks.

We're needing some new brooms though so if you think you could shoog a duster or wauchle a mop then the new rota is in preparation—please let Rona Dawson know if you could lend a hand. Ph 01236 824398

(You don't have to be as well dressed as Ian from Team 1 though).



Copy deadline

The last date for items for Oct/Nov edition will be Sun 25 September for publishing on 2nd October.

Please send emails to andersonchurchmagazine@outlook.com or give your articles to Rona Dawson on a Sunday.

Please pray that people will be inspired to write articles, even if they've never done it before and there will be plenty of content for the autumn edition. We thank you if you've been praying for this already.

Rotas

| Week ending | Door Duty | Reading | Cleaning | Flower donations |
|-------------|------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| Sun 7 Aug | C Mclwain | Rona Dawson | Team 2 (Thur) | Barbara Smith |
| 14 Aug | R Dawson | Jim Millar | Team3 (Thur) | Jean Weir |
| 21 Aug | I Ross | John Weir | Team 4 (Sat) | Isabel Tennant |
| 28 Aug | A Strang | Jean Ewen | Team 5 (Thur) | Olivia Brittain |
| 4 Sept | O Brittain | George Ewen | Team 1 (Sat) | Elsa Gordon |
| 11 Sept | A Mitchell | Jean Chalmers | Team 2 (Thur) | William Shaw |
| 18 Sept | J Ewen | Olivia Brittain | Team 3(Thur) | Cathy Mclwain (communion) |
| 25 Sept | M Brown | Margaret Brown | Team 4 (Sat) | Ena Graham |

Garden Group

The gardening group has continued to carry out planting, weeding and garden maintenance throughout the spring and summer. As a result, the manse gardens are looking fine.

Last year's strenuous efforts which involved the cutting back of overgrown vegetation, the clearance and re-planting of some areas and the pruning of some trees around the manse and gardens have meant that this year has been much easier as regards the on-going management of the grounds. We've had some help with cutting the hedge on either side of the front gate too.



If you could spare some time on a Tuesday or Thursday afternoon, please speak to Marion Cowie who organises the garden group. We are a small but dedicated group whose efforts have helped keep the area in the presentable and colourful situation that currently exists. No prior knowledge of gardening is required and help is always welcome.

John Gordon





BB & GB members under canvas at Dalguse



And under water by the look of it!



