

ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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BAPTISM

"Go therefore and baptise"

21 May	Everly Cameron Percy
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FUNERALS

"I am the resurrection and the life"

22 May	Margaret Beck
17 June	Scott Lumsden
21 June	David Barr
11 July	Agnes Wright
13 July	Rosemary Cunningham
11 August	George Still
24 August	Harry Fraser



August 2017

A Message From The Manse

Dear Friends

It is an honour and privilege to write this first Church Bulletin message as your new Minister. On behalf of Helen, Alex, Andrew and myself I would like to thank you all for the warm welcome you have given us to *St Mary's Parish Church*. In the short time that we have been in Motherwell, Helen and I have started to feel very much at home in your beautiful Manse. Our yellow Labrador, Amber, loves running around in the big back garden and local parks.

My Induction on the 26th June was a very special occasion; a night that I will always remember and treasure. As a congregation, you put so much effort into making it a wonderful night for me and my whole family.

St Mary's Parish Church is a very active and busy church and, over the Summer, I have enjoyed leading Sunday worship in the beautiful sanctuary and attending the very successful Summer Club: "*Lights! Camera! Action!*". As the school summer holidays come to an end, I am looking forward to being involved in church life as all the organisations and committees start back in the weeks ahead. I have already got my bookings for the Guild and Men's Fellowship in my diary!

As a new Minister, it is a joy to follow on from a happy and successful Ministry. For that I owe an enormous debt of

gratitude to my predecessor, Rev David Doyle, who was Minister of this parish and congregation for over 27 years. In the years ahead, I hope to be worthy of the legacy that David has passed on as we continue to see *St Mary's Parish Church* flourish.

I also owe much thanks to Rev Arthur Barrie who, as Interim Moderator, led the congregation so faithfully and skilfully through the vacancy period. The infectious love that Arthur clearly has for *St Mary's* spoke volumes to me when I first met him and convinced me that I should pursue my application with passion and enthusiasm.

Over the next months we will journey together through some significant dates in the Church Calendar: Harvest, Remembrance, Advent and Christmas. I will also lead my inaugural Kirk Session and Congregational Board meetings at *St Mary's*, pop in to the youth organisations, and conduct my first weddings, communions and baptisms. These are exciting times!

In the days, weeks, months and years ahead, I look forward to all that God will do in our Church Family as we seek to worship and service Him here in our Parish and beyond. May the love of Christ strengthen and inspire us, and the power of the Holy Spirit energise and enable us, as we seek as a congregation to build up the Kingdom of God in faith, hope and love.

Your Friend and Minister:



Bryce

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Programme for 2017

The Fellowship resumes the new session at 7.30 pm on Monday 2 October.

The committee have been preparing an interesting, varied and very entertaining programme. I would like to thank the committee for their hard work in preparing the programme and to the secretary Alan Joyce Jnr for contacting the various speakers.

I would like to take this chance to extend a warm and open invitation to all men in the congregation to join this lively and friendly group in the Conference Room any Monday evening they are free, or if a subject or speaker is of particular interest, you will be made very welcome. If you need any more information please contact me or any of the committee.

I would also like to announce how pleased the Men's Fellowship is to welcome the Rev Arthur Barrie to our group as our Honorary Vice President, we look forward to sharing many an evening in Arthur's company.

		Subject	Speaker
Oct	2	From the MET to The Ministry	Bryce Calder
	9	To be confirmed	
	16	Whose Disability is it Anyway. A Father's Tale	Stuart Robertson
	23		Hilary Kidd
	30	Joyce Grenfell	Yvonne Waring
Nov	6	To Be Confirmed	
	13	Road Crash	Alan Stewart
	20	Mary's Meals	Janet Haugh
	27	LARS	Graham Currie
Dec	4	TBC	Douglas Keith
	11	Quiz	Bill Taylor

Allan Joyce
President

EVENTS ACTION TEAM

From the EVENTS ACTION TEAM, we hope you've had a great summer. The team have been busy helping when needed at Rev Calder's Induction and the amazing Summer Club.

The next event on the calendar is the Harvest Lunch on Sunday 8 October. Tickets will be on sale very soon in the Avon Hall after the service each Sunday. We look forward to your continued and amazing support for this very popular lunch, please get your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

A big thanks in advance to everyone who help prepare and deliver the Harvest Lunch.

If anyone has any ideas for an event or would like to know how they could help please contact any elder or any member of the Events Action Team.

Thanks
Events Action Team



GUILD

BE BOLD - BE STRONG - GO IN LOVE

This is the theme set by the Guild at national level for the current session.

The Opening Social of the new session is on Monday 2 October when we will be entertained by the Woman's Institute Choir. The Guild Dedication Service will be held on Sunday 22 October.

During October we welcome our new Minister, the Rev Bryce Calder, speaking on the Guild Theme; Mr D Parks informing us about the Glasgow Parks; Mrs Maureen Kelly speaking on Jane Austen and Maureen Mular from Coalburn giving us an insight into farming alpacas.

As we move in to November we will hear of the work of our church young people in CAST, find out about the value of music in creating a Playlist for Life and have our own mini Christmas Market.

The project chosen by the committee for us to support in the new session is Street Pastors (Ascension Trust).



The following figures show how much has currently been raised by the Church of Scotland Guild over the 2015-18 project period.

• Ascension Trust:	£88,894.84
• Care for the Family:	£80,216.58
• Christian Aid:	£73,251.44
• Feed the Minds:	£102,473.02
• Mission International:	£64,672.88
• Prospects:	£69,167.2500
Total:	£478,676.01
(at 31 May 2017)	

We look forward to meeting up with all the ladies again and hope new members will join us on Monday evenings at 7.30 pm in the Avon Hall. The syllabus for the new year will hopefully provide interesting, informative and entertaining evenings for us all.

Isabel Johnstone
Secretary

**BASICS FOOD BANK
(LANARKSHIRE)**

Please continue to donate to this Christian Project which offers support to those who are at a crisis point in their life. It provides family and single packs of food items, non-perishables and a hygiene pack over a two-week period. All packs are given out on a referral basis to people living in our local area.

Donations can be left in the box in the vestibule of the church or in the cupboard in the church kitchen.



WORK PARTY



By the time you read this the Work Party will have ceased operating for another year. This year we have had a shorter session than normal. This is mainly down to the fact that we have been operating for a number of years. As such, we have reduced the amount of maintenance work to be undertaken.

Some work undertaken is more obvious to the congregation and visitors to St Mary's, than others. We have completed redecoration of some of the toilets, fitted protective covers to exposed corners in the ground floor corridor, repaired floors. The less obvious work, but not less necessary, is the cleaning of drains, fitting shelves in cupboards.

To all who carried out these works on a Monday morning, thank you.

Also, thanks are due to Mary Maxwell, who provides us with home baking for our mid-morning break. If that is not an incentive to join the Work Party next session, I don't know what is!

Howard Rennie



The Cleaning Team continue to meet every 4/6 weeks to help with the duties in the church sanctuary and in our halls and corridors.

We are a busy team and I think most enjoy the fellowship at coffee time as much as they do the cleaning! We are very fortunate to have 28 willing helpers, but it is always good to welcome a new pair of marigolds to the team! Our target is one new member a month.

So, if you have a spare 2 hours and you'd like to join the team please speak to **Heather Greenhorn** or **Margaret McCloy** for our next dates. Our next clean will be **Monday 28th August at 9.30 am.**

Sincere thanks to all our team members for their hard work during the last session. We really do appreciate your efforts, and your baking!

Karen Maxwell



6thA Guides



The birthday cake pictured below was created by Gillian Davidson.



The Thursday Guides' 50th Birthday celebrations took place on Saturday 10 June. This was a most enjoyable afternoon when former Guides, Guiders and friends gathered to enjoy afternoon tea and have the usual chance to reminisce. We were welcomed by the current guiders, Jill Morrison, Joanne Allan, Suzanne Milne, Gillian Davidson and Kirsty Russell. Messages of congratulation and best wishes for the future were received from former leaders unable to attend.

A PowerPoint presentation showed pictures of memorable events during the company's 50 years. A display of Guiding memorabilia and uniforms was also on show. Contributions to the afternoon were made by Christine Brown former Guide Guider and Charlotte Mackenzie and Jenna Young current Guides.

At the end of the afternoon Joanne Allan was presented with her Adult Leadership Qualification, Andrea Davidson with 30 years of Guiding Award and Linda Rennie 20 years award by Jean Fraser, currently Assistant County Commissioner, Tuesday Guide Guider and former Guide of the company.

6th Brownies and 6th Guides

At the end of the summer session the 6th Brownies and 6th Guides joined together for a party. They had getting-to-know-you games, balloon games, water bombs and a mobile phone picture challenge and a barbecue. This gave the girls going from Brownies to Guides this session time to get to know each other.

6th A Rainbows



On the last night of session 4 girls jumped the rainbow to Brownies and received badges and certificates to mark the occasion.



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The end of term trip took place at the end of May when a joint outing with the 6th Rainbows was to the Rainforest in Motherwell.



The girls also had a Princess party when they all came dressed up and had a tea party and games.

6th A Brownies

The Thursday Brownies celebrated the end of the session with a beach party and the sun really did shine. We made sand art pictures outside and played lots of games then we relaxed on our beach towels and had a beach picnic. Our first night of the new session is Thursday 7 September at 6.30 pm. New members are welcome.

Register NEW members via the [girlguiding uk](http://girlguiding.uk) website. There is a link - Register your daughter - which will take you through the process of joining us. There is also a link from the Church website.

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Pictures from the BB Junior Section Camp



Summer Camp 2017



Following on from the success of last year's Centenary Camp and the fact that Aviemore in the Cairngorms is a perfect base for a BB camp our 2017 Summer Camp returned to our favourite campsite at Badaguish.

Getting there....Day 1

With 20 boys and 11 officers, the convoy of 2 minibuses, a van, the Chapman's Land Rover and trailer and a couple of officers' cars managed to load up and ship out all our camping stuff and luggage for 5 days of adventure.

After fuel stop in Newtonmore (no petrol station in Aviemore!) and then a lunch stop in Aviemore we descended on Badaguish and began the process of making ourselves at home - 9 tents had to go up, the kitchen had to be organised, 12 months of dust washed from our travelling crockery and utensils, the mammoth online shop had to be unpacked and the tuck shop retail outlet needed stocked and organised.

At Badaguish we have a great set-up that gives us best of both worlds - plenty of flat dry camping ground complemented by indoor cooking and dining facilities and a modern toilet/shower block.

The boys made an excellent job of setting up the tents so after an afternoon of settling in we enjoyed our first meal together and then set off for a stroll down to Loch Morlich. This is always the point at camp when we are reminded just how vicious the Aviemore midges are!!

The (Dreaded) Hillwalk....Day 2

Sunday is the traditional camp hillwalk and is often 'dreaded' by the boys but by the end they usually concede that they have actually enjoyed it. Last year's hillwalk was a major hit with the boys so we decided that we would repeat it again this year with just a slight variation to take in an additional hill. So with our usual camp hillwalk of the Meall a' Bhuachaille loop behind us we set off for the Chalamain Gap and the Lairig Ghru. The poor weather forecast fortunately didn't materialise and the walk and particularly the scramble through the Chalamain Gap was fantastic!

Activity Days....Day 3 & 4

Monday and Tuesday were both days of organised activities where the main event of the day was provided by an outdoor activity company.

Last year's activities were going to be hard to follow but the company we work with (now called In Your Element) always manage to provide something to both challenge and excite us! On the first day we were canoeing on Loch Morlich in the morning followed by a barbeque lunch on the beach and then what was supposed to be an extra activity turned out to be one of the most fun - raft building....but not normal raft building.... Officers vs Boys raft building! This turned out to be a comical afternoon paddling on and falling into the Loch!

On the second day we all had a go in small groups of mountain biking on the trails around Grantown and learning to make our bikes jump in Anagach Woods. When not mountain biking on the trails we were gorge swimming at Bridge of Brown where we explored a very narrow fast flowing and very freezing cold gorge!!

What else....?

In between all the planned activities the boys were kept entertained/busy by our staff team in football competitions, an orienteering challenge, a quiz night and a big game of baseball on Loch Morlich beach.

Throughout the camp I provided a live (when the internet signal permitted!) twitter feed from my twitter account @captainmaxi to keep parents and friends up to date with our activities. The photos are still online if you would like to see them and there will be some more posted on the church website. The camp film is currently in the editing suite and will be ready for the start of the session.....

Thank You

A big thank you to all the parents for the privilege of taking their boys to camp (and for providing us with cakes and biscuits for our suppers!).

Thanks to Mr Bill Taylor our camp chef for providing wonderful meals, doing all the dishes and putting up with all the banter! Thanks are also due to Chapman's "The Butchers" for their continued support.

Summer Camp 2017 was another great camp in the perfect (if you forget the midges) location....Camp 2018 is already booked for Sat 30 June to Wed 4 July 2018 and Mr Greenhorn has been set the challenge of finding a midge clearing machine!



St. Mary's Parish Church

Avon Street, Motherwell

Boys' Brigade STARTS BACK SOON!

If you are a boy from P1 – S6 then come along and start your BB Adventure!

Anchor Boys: P1-P3, Fridays 6:15-7:15pm, starts back 1st Sept
Junior Section: P4-P6, Wednesdays 7-8:30pm, starts back 13th Sept
Company Section: P7-S6 Fridays 7-9:30pm, starts back 6th Oct

**For more details please contact Stewart Maxwell on
07710 433613 or stewart@13thmotherwell.org.uk**

>the adventure begins here

junior section update

The 2016/17 session of the Junior section came to a close in May at our annual parent's night. The night was used to reflect on some of the highlights from 13th Motherwell's award winning session and to recognise the accomplishments of the boys via the presentation of achievement badges and special recognition awards. Detailed below are the special recognition awards that were given out on the night.

Inspection Results

Throughout the session the boys undergo a weekly inspection in which points are awarded for each individual aspect of their uniform, clean hands and face, attendance at Church/Sunday school and behaviour. The weekly scores were collated and the results were announced during the parents' night. There was a best squad along with prizes for the runners up and the boy who had the highest score was awarded the coveted **BBig Cheese Award**. The results were:

Best Squad: Squad 2

3rd Place: Alex Hamilton/Fraser Neilson

2nd Place: Euan Cargill

BBig Cheese: Alex Maxwell

Best in Year

One of the ways we acknowledge individual merit within Junior Section is by selecting a '**Best in Year**' for each of the 3 year groups. This year these prizes were awarded as follows:

1st Year - Tyler Weir

2nd Year - Finlay Bradshaw

3rd Year - Ewan Bowman

These 3 boys demonstrated commitment to all aspects of Junior Section life and were consistently enthusiastic, well behaved and kind throughout the session.

Sportsman and Leading Boy

We also had an award for **Best Sportsman** which this year went to **Gregor Johnston**, for his excellent team spirit and sense of fair play and sportsmanship.

Our **Leading Boy trophy** is designed to acknowledge the important role our squad leading boys play within the Junior Section. Leading boys are 3rd years who have been selected by the officers to be responsible for 'leading' their squad. This means ensuring their squad is well behaved during opening and closing services and supporting younger members of the section throughout the night. This year our Leading boy trophy went to a boy who shows great levels of compassion and sensitivity and has always offered encouragement and support to his squad.

Our Leading Boy Trophy was awarded to Alastair Cooke

Crawford Award of Effort and Enthusiasm

This year we introduced a new award to the Junior Section. We used a donation from Sean Crawford to set up a special award to be voted for by the boys rather than the officers. We asked the boys to vote for the boy who had shown the most effort and enthusiasm throughout the session. All boys were eligible for the award and each boy got to cast an anonymous vote. When the votes were counted there was a clear winner.

The Effort and Enthusiasm award went to Euan Blackwood

The officers were delighted to see that Euan was selected by his peers for this award, as his eagerness and willingness to take part in Junior Section has been unflinching throughout his 3 years in the section.

Endeavour Shield

The highest award in the Junior Section is the **Endeavour Shield**. This is presented to the boy the officers think has made a significant contribution to the Junior Section and who has strived to exemplify the motto of the Boys' Brigade in all his endeavours. This year our deserving recipient of the

Endeavour Shield was Toby Ferrie

Toby has been a joy to have in Junior Section. He has actively engaged in all aspects of the section and has done so in a consistently upbeat, friendly and genuine way.

Vote of Thanks

The parent's night always ends with a vote of thanks to the parents/relatives, officers and boys and thus it seems right that this report should end in the same way, so.....

To the parents and relatives for the drop-offs and pick-ups; competition practices, tuck shop waits, uniform finding and camp home-baking - thank you. Your support on a Wednesday night and all year round is greatly appreciated.

The Officers

The Junior Section has a committed team of officers who take a genuine interest in the well-being of all the boys (both within and out with BBs) and I truly believe that they have a significant part to play in keeping the BB motto current and engaging. They are the cornerstone of the section and deserve individual recognition as such.

So, to Mr Greg McLaughlan, thanks for being our twitter expert, marching guru and dependable go to, no matter the situation.

To Mr Barr, thank you for sorting out every IT problem we encounter and for your even temperament and sense of fun.

To Miss Gillian Brown, thank you for conveying to the boys the high expectations we have for them in a good humoured and non-threatening way.

To Miss McMurray thank you for your craft creativity and first aid skills, both of which get used in equal measure!

To Mr Gavin McLaughlan thank you for your enthusiasm and commitment to the section as you develop in your role as a new officer.

To Mr Graeme Lindsay, thanks for wholeheartedly throwing yourself into the life of the Junior Section this year.

The Boys

My most heartfelt thanks goes to our boys for all their contributions. Our founder Sir William Smith stated that in the BBs it should always be 'Boys first'. It is a privilege to put our boys first as they are an incredible group who are eager to learn, keen to develop friendships and engage in new experiences. They are a blessing to the section and to the wider BB community.

I hope that as you read this you will join with me in praying that our boys will continue to embrace and enjoy their BB journey as we look forward to the new 2017/2018 session.

Stephanie Laing - Officer in charge

Junior Section Holiday Camp 2017

The Junior Section centenary holiday camp took place during the weekend of the 16th-18th June at the Wellroad Centre in Moffat.

On the Friday night after settling into the accommodation the traditional round robin of games took place, with the boys taking part in games such as tin can alley, hoopla and scattergories. Friday night supper was a feast of cakes and pancakes (courtesy of very generous parents and Mrs Mary Crawford - our faithful pancake maker). After supper bed time beckoned and to the boys' credit, most of them went to sleep in reasonably quick time.

This amazed the officers and they concluded that the yoga exercises that Mr Crawford had the boys complete before bed time must have been what was responsible for this uncharacteristic sleeping behaviour!

Saturday morning began with an early breakfast followed by a walk up to the woods where the boys took part in an epic den building competition. The dens that they constructed were fit for Bear Grylls himself. After their construction work the boys returned to the Wellroad Centre for a quick cake stop and an unexpected water balloon barrage from the officers (I say unexpected but I think most of the boys were anticipating and indeed hoping for it). Saturday lunch was rolls and homemade soup, which went down a treat. Our thanks must go to Mr John Crawford and the Electric Bar for their delicious and well received soup donations.

After lunch Eric from the Scottish Archery Centre arrived and took the boys in small groups for archery lessons. This was to fit in with the theme for the weekend which was 'History', since this year marks 100 years of the Junior Section. In addition to the archery the boys also made body armour out of cardboard in preparation for a jousting competition on Sunday and even managed to squeeze in a trip to the park for football and rounders. The winners of the officers vs boys rounders match is still a matter of great debate.

Saturday night involved a well received dinner of pasta and cakes, followed by a movie (Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventures) and an early night. On Sunday morning after a much needed breakfast of rolls and sausages another walk was undertaken. This time the boys and officers ventured down to the skate park where after a shot of sliding down the skate ramps, the boys took part in a nail biting medieval jousting competition (using pool noodles as weapons).

After the excitement of the competition they returned to the Wellroad Centre for a further camp surprise, as Mr Crawford had set up in the games hall the equipment for the first ever Junior Section Human Hungry Hippos game - and yes it was as chaotic as it sounds!

After that it was almost time to say goodbye to Moffat for another year. There was just enough time for lunch, packing up and the now annual, King of Camp presentation. This year our King of Camp award was given to Gregor Johnston for the excellent team spirit and enthusiasm he had shown throughout the weekend. The bus picked us up promptly from the centre at 2 pm, so by 3 pm the boys were returned to their parents who were eagerly waiting for them at St Mary's.

As always, there were many people involved in our 2017 camp and so it seems only fitting to finish this article with a nod to them for their invaluable assistance in making it a success. So my thanks go to:

Colin Laing and John Crawford, our kitchen staff who kept the boys and officers well fed and watered throughout the weekend.

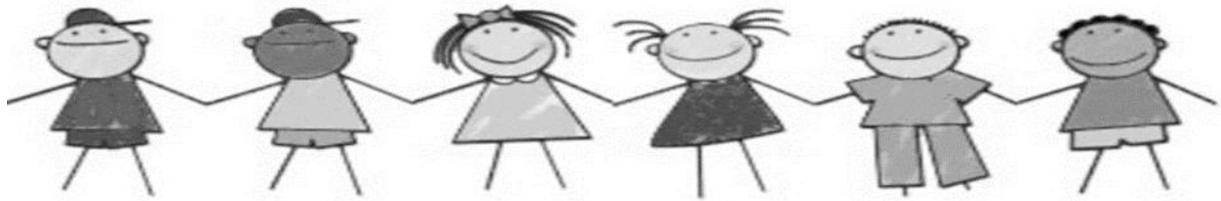
The Junior Section officers, for giving wholeheartedly of their time and energy. It would not be possible to host the camp without their commitment and assistance.

The parents/families of the section for ensuring the boys were well kitted out and for providing us with a feast of home baking and sweet treats.

The Boys themselves for their excellent behaviour throughout the weekend

Stephanie Laing - Officer in charge





TODDLERS

The Toddlers enjoyed a busy Summer term before the holidays, we had a successful sponsored walk and 'scoot' around the Duchess park followed by a well-deserved teddy bear's picnic back in the hall. The total amount raised for the Glasgow Hospital Children's Charity was £738.00 - thanks to all who made this such a successful event!

We ended with 2 summer trips to the Rainforest soft play in Motherwell. These were well attended and this was also a farewell to many of the boys and girls (and their parents/grandparents/carers) as they go off to nursery school! We wish them good luck in their next adventure...

The adults had a lovely summer night out to 'Rocca Ristorante' in Hamilton. It's always a good night, a chance to relax and have an uninterrupted conversation and meet friends from the group. This was the last toddler night out for many of us - thanks must go to our team for all of their hard work over the last few years!

The group is run by volunteers and wouldn't happen without the wonderful helpers. We are so grateful to all the mums/grandparents/child-minders and kind ladies from the church that come early to get toys out, help in the kitchen and with the cleaning up so we can enjoy a singsong with the children.

The toddler group is currently going through a transition period as many of our regular children are now at nursery, therefore we do have space on Tuesday and Friday. Please email the toddler waiting list at stmarystoddlers100@gmail.com or send a message via our "St Mary's Toddlers" Facebook page if you would like a place for your child.

The toddler group resumes on Tuesday 22nd August/Friday 25th August and runs weekly from 10 am-11.15 am in the Avon Hall - we look forward to seeing you there!

If you can help with kitchen and would like to be added to the list of helpers please speak to Eleanor Simpson or Lesley Niven. You can also email stmarystoddlers100@gmail.com

Emma Mitchell



Log in to CrossReach (the Church of Scotland Social Care Council) and find out about its work in offering services in Christ's name to people in need as part of the Church's mission and providing specialist resources to further the caring work of the Church.

Junior Church News!

Promotion Sunday

The children of the Junior Church zones celebrated the end of the session in June by contributing to the morning worship at our Promotion Service. A number of children were promoted into new zones and we look forward to working with them all next session. Adam and Megan gave a super account of our busy year! The Junior choir added to the service with 2 lively songs with lots of actions!

The children loved having the opportunity to say "Goodbye" to Mr Barrie, and giggling could be heard in the front rows as he prepared for his retirement and modelled his sunhat, whilst drinking coffee on his deckchair!

Christian Aid

As a Junior Church we have made an excellent contribution to the work of Christian Aid again this year. This will go towards the continuing work in third world countries. A **BIG** thank you to all who supported the children and helpers by sponsoring them at the Messy Morning, Long March or Lunch.

Summer Club

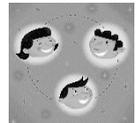
Our children enjoyed an action-packed week in July. Please take time to look at our art displays and photographs on display in the halls.

New Session

The new session is now well under way with a good number of children in each zone. The children were excited to receive their

postcard of invitation through the post and we now welcome them back to the 'pews at the front!'

On Sunday 27 August the Junior Church are looking forward to meeting Mr Calder and sharing in a special dedication for the start of the new session. Following the service all are invited for tea and coffee in the Avon Hall and a special invitation is extended to our families to meet and say "Hello" to Mr And Mrs Calder following the service.



Come along and join us...

Tot Zone	Babies-3 years	Coffee Bar Lorraine Fleck /Jillian Fleming
Mini Zone	Age 3-Primary 2	Avon Hall Christine Brown
Kids Zone	Primary 3-7	Cameron Hall Hazel Graham
Y Zone	S 1 +	Cameron Hall Ian Graham /Karyn Davies

We are always delighted to welcome new families to our Junior Church....so come and join the fun!

Karen Maxwell
Junior Church Co-ordinator



"Let the little children come to me," Matthew 19:14



This year's summer club at St Mary's was as popular as ever with over 100 young people attending each morning.

There was a buzz of excitement in the church on Monday morning as we all gathered to find out more about this year's summer club. Our theme was **'Lights, Camera, Action'** and we were all looking forward to having fun playing games and making crafts. Our demanding Hollywood Director, Megan, made sure we all remembered our lines and our cues and with her loud megaphone we were a tiny bit frightened of her. On Monday we looked back at the beginnings of film and made black and white chalk pictures and zoetropes. Also begun today was the 'big art' - designed and led by Sarah Reilly. The week was off to a brilliant start and the team of helpers was bursting with almost as much energy and enthusiasm as the children!

On Tuesday our Hollywood adventure whisked us away to the world of the musicals and we enjoyed a clip of the classic film 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. We made Willy Wonka hats, colourful lollipops and designed our very own chocolate bars. The favourite activity today was the chocolate fountain - which the children loved and the leaders found hard to resist! We talked about having faith - just as Charlie did - that even against the odds dreams can come true. The older boys and girls were able to spend the morning at the park for sports again today under the leadership of Stuart Davies, Robert Neilson and Des Bradshaw. We were all surprised that today was the **second** sunny day of the week! Maybe we really were in Hollywood!

On Wednesday we focussed on Disney and the children were delighted to meet Minnie and Mickey, Woody, Buzz and Jessie from 'Toy Story'. Having our young leaders dressed up as these characters really helped to engage the children. Our craft activities included: Mickey and Minnie ears, models of Mr Potato Head and

the firm favourite, the activity which we strive to include every year - the friendship bracelet. Our message was all about friendship and we encouraged the children to always think of others and include them as friends. As the famous song from 'Toy Story' says, 'You've Got A Friend in Me'.

Thursday was a super-busy day as it was superhero day! We designed our own superhero costumes by decorating t-shirts which we proudly wore before attaching brightly coloured superhero capes. The younger children enjoyed adopting superhero poses and loved how their capes helped them 'fly' during all the energetic games in the hall. Our 'big art' today included a fabulous cityscape which is now displayed at the front door.

The children all became real superheroes by donating packets of Supernoodles to the Motherwell Foodbank. The response from our families to this appeal was wonderful and we know that these useful items will be very gratefully received.

We have all had so much fun with the 'Lights, Camera, Action' theme and we know that our antics have entertained the children as much as any Disney film would. We have certainly laughed and sung and played with as much enthusiasm as any Oscar winning actor. The atmosphere in the church was like that of a film set - everyone from the very oldest to the very youngest has had their special and important part to play. We each had individual tasks and different roles but the best part of each morning was when we all came together as one - very large - team. We helped each other, shared and chatted because we knew that this was how to achieve the best standard of production - and what a production! A busy, noisy, friendly week of fun!



Check out the many, many pictures of our activities elsewhere on the church website.



THE JUNIOR CHOIR

**Starts back on
Friday 25th
August**

Our Junior Choir leader, Marie Maxwell looks forward to meeting you all.

**If you love singing,
then you will love the
Junior Choir!**

**All Children Primary 2
and upwards...**

6.15-7.15 pm

on a

Friday night

**Lots of fun with friends
and lots of singing too!**

**Please bring an A4
folder for your music
and a water bottle!**

**Parents to drop
off/sign in and collect
in the Conference
Room**



We launched our postcard challenge on the last Sunday in June, and to date we have received over 35 postcards!

What a well-travelled congregation we have. Our friends have sent us cards from-

- Islands - Jersey, Arran and Coll**
- Cities - Paris, Belfast and London**
- Towns - Norfolk, Aviemore and Nairn**

The list is endless.....

- Some of our friends sent us "Wish you were here" greetings
- Some sent poems about their holiday fun.
- Some took us on journeys to places new and some just sent a Hello!
- Some even forgot to add their name!!
- And one forgot a stamp!!!



So now its time for the prizes.

- Our favourite postcard was from **Francesca Reilly**, showing all the sights of London.
- Our most original card was from **Ashley Dodds** who climbed 251 steps to the top of the Leaning Tower of Pisa before buying her postcard!
- Our most unusual card was from **Janette Munro** - a wooden postcard from the Titanic Museum in Belfast.
- The children's favourite card was from **Isabel Johnstone** from Spain, and had 2 dancers on the front!
- And the most cards from the same person was from **Ian and Sandra Beattie....** from their trip to Las Vegas

We also have a prize for Mr and Mrs Calder who have sent their very first card to the Junior Church from their recent trip to Coll.

Thank you for taking part in our challenge. All our cards have been displayed in the corridor by Sarah Reilly and we hope to add to our collection over the coming weeks, so please keep sending them!



UPDATE

Christian Aid's work continues in areas where there is famine or conflict and also in response to natural disasters such as the recent torrential rain in Sierra Leone which has caused fatal flooding and mudslides, killing an estimated 400 people, including 120 children. With 600 people still missing, the number of deaths is expected to rise as rescue efforts continue. In Sierra Leone's capital, Freetown, many houses have been swept away, leaving 3,000 people without a safe place to call home. People have been temporarily relocated to schools, churches and mosques within the areas of the disaster.

Christian Aid is working in the most vulnerable areas of Freetown to help over 200 families whose houses were washed away in the early hours of 14 August. The immediate priority is to provide food, clean drinking water, clothing, hygiene kits, mosquito nets, and household essentials like cooking utensils and water containers.

Our fundraising this year before and during Christian Aid Week was as follows:

The concert on 27 April	£1160.00
CAST lunch on 14 May	£325.50
Messy day on 21 May	£134.00
House-to-house collection	£1202.20
Long March on 21 May	£770.90
Retiring offerings over the Christian Aid 'season' came to	£781.02

The concert was a great success. Not only did it raise a significant amount of money for Christian Aid's work but it also provided a most enjoyable evening of music for the large audience on the night. All 3 of St Mary's choirs (Church Choir, Junior Choir and In-Betweeners) joined the Knowetop Primary School and Ladywell Primary School choirs, the Netherurd Singing Circle and CAST in a lively and varied programme.

Our young **C**hristian **A**id **S**upport **T**eam, led by Hazel Graham, were particularly active, hosting the lunch and messy day, taking part in the concert and joining in the Long March (in which Bill Taylor set the example for us all!)

It's great to see our young people taking such an active part in fundraising for the poorest people in our world. The Junior Church, under Karen Maxwell's coordination, is consistent in its support. And to our brave band of House-to-House collectors - thank you again!

Margaret MacGregor

FLOWER LIST	
SEPTEMBER	
3rd	Miss Smith
10th	Mrs T Smith Mrs Loughridge
17th	Friends of Irene Nimmo Mrs J Melrose Mrs Ross Mrs Thomson
24th	Mrs J Turner Mrs M Joyce Mrs M Bimbi
OCTOBER	
1st	-
8th	Mrs A Anderson
15th	Mrs I Dougal Mrs J Findlay Miss V Craig
22nd	Mrs Currie
29th	Mrs M Graham Mrs B Hamilton
NOVEMBER	
5th	Mrs L Huggins Mrs J Weir
12th	Mrs S Sinclair Mrs A Corbett
19th	Mrs M McCloy
26th	Miss J Graham Mrs R Milligan



June Graham - Flower Convenor

FORTHCOMING SERVICES



17	September	11.00 am	Sacrament of Holy Communion
8	October	11.00 am	Harvest Thanksgiving
22	October	11.00 am	Guild Dedication Service
29	October	11.00 am	BB Dedication Service
12	November	10.45 am	Remembrance Service

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

8	October	Harvest Lunch
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