

# ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH



SUMMER 2014

# OUR CHURCH FAMILY

## *BAPTISM*

**"Go therefore .... and baptise"**

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March 30          Sophia Isabella Clare Nisbet

## *FUNERALS*

**"I am the resurrection and the life"**

March 31	Lizzie Naismith
March 31	Mary Ingram
April 18	Elizabeth Farrell
April 24	George Andrew
April 28	James Deas
April 29	George Clarkson
May 6	Eva Herbiston
May 12	Eliza Knox



## Manse of St Mary's

May 2014

Dear Friends

Easter was late this year, almost as late as it can be, Palm Sunday and Holy Week in mid-April.

Whenever the date is set, (I would favour a fixed Easter!) it remains the second great festival of the Christian Year, celebrated in its deepest sense by Christian people, rather differently from Christmas which is widely celebrated without much grasp of its meaning - though it may be that this is changing; commercialisation will have its way!

But there is something very special about Holy Week Worship, marking as it has done the single most important week in world history, the most influential and transforming 7 days in the history of the human race.

It was good, in our centenary year, to host the United Holy Week Services in St Mary's, with faithful support from our own members, and added to by our choirs: Junior, Senior and Inbetweeners.

Some of us had just returned from Israel and Palestine a couple of days before Holy Week began, from a visit to that little corner of the world where the world's destiny has been so often

marked out, that corner so often troubled by tense conflict; it has been so for 3 or 4 thousand years.

Such a trip is much more than a trip. There the tourist becomes a pilgrim, the sightseer is confronted with a vision, the holidaymaker becomes a worshipper, the spectator is aware of the great drama which was played out there .....

To stop under the lowly lintel of the Church of Nativity and to stroll in the shepherds' fields below Bethlehem; to sit in old synagogue in Nazareth or Capernaum; to look down from the Galilee slopes towards the waters of the little lake, to celebrate communion on its shore; to visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, in the midst of the market and of old Jerusalem, to stand before an empty tomb in a garden, a quiet oasis just outside the city walls ..... all opens up an insight into the faith we hold, and gives us a grasp of the truth of God's coming among us in Christ, living among the things of every day, among ordinary folk. These routine things and people are all there too. For the Holy Land is no museum; Jerusalem is a busy city; sheep and goats are still herded round Bethlehem; wheat is still farmed on the Galilean slopes. The great events of that little land are still the focus of the hopes

and fears of all the years, all met in the Christ who lived there 2000 years ago, 2000 miles away, in who God declared himself once and for all.

For those of us, fresh from pilgrimage, the events of Holy Week were seen in a special light. But for all of us, to follow in pilgrim fashion, from the Hosannas which rang across the Mount of Olives on Palm Sunday, through the gathering gloom of these 5 days, to the seeming total darkness of Calvary; to watch the misunderstandings, the evasions, the denials, the desertions the betrayals of those last hours, ..... is to be confronted with the ways of God with us, his loving pursuit of us, even when we disown and despise and reject him. To stand at the place of the cross is to recognise the extent of his sacrifice for us in Christ, made to draw all people to him; to stand at an empty tomb on the first day of a new week is to discover the eternal power of his love and to take to ourselves Christ's promise that he is with us always, to the end of time.

Indeed, the celebration of Easter is unending. It is the very foundation of our faith - no resurrection, no church, no risen Christ, no living Christian community; no living Lord, no Christian experience. We celebrate Easter on every first day of the week; we live in the presence of Christ, day in day out.

I was grateful for the opportunity, while in Jerusalem (where our faith was founded) to let my voice, at least, share in the Special Service marking the 100th anniversary of the laying of

the foundation stone of St Mary's, on 6th April 1914, grateful to Bill Simpson and members of the Centenary Action Team who led the worship.

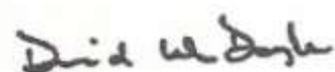
Of course, it was just a big stone which was set in place, behind the font, but the symbol of the foundation stone, representing Christ, in the building of a church is a vivid and powerful one, a New Testament picture!

Of course, the church is not a building, but a community made up of living stones, each one of us a living stone, all of us held together in Christ, the corner-stone, on whom the whole spiritual structure is founded.

In this image is the heart of our centenary celebrations. We're at the end of what we call a session in the church's year, but we are only half way through our anniversary year. The summer months will be quieter, a break from the memorable activities and events of the recent days - though the church will be open, each Wednesday during June, July and August. An historical exhibition is in place; a free cup of coffee is on offer. Do call in yourself; and bring a friend or a neighbour with you; have a look around. We do hope that many will drop in, to visit the church, at the centre of the parish, the base of our activities and service, a visible sign of the community of faith, a faith founded on Christ, the corner-stone.

May God bless you this Eastertide.

Yours aye





## THE GUILD

As the session ended we looked back on what had been an enjoyable and worthwhile time in the Guild. Our final meeting took the form of an Easter at home and the members enjoyed some Spring and Easter songs and music provided by some of the members and Janette McPherson. The Easter Bonnet parade was excellent and the prize winners were Jean Mitchell, Helen McKenna and Jean Hunter, our thanks to the judge for the evening, Mr Peter Ferguson, who chose very wisely.

On the Monday of Holy Week many of the members attended the Holy Week service and enjoyed the chance to chat while enjoying supper. The Quiz night was also a great success and the Guild teams although not winners held their own and enjoyed participating. On Saturday 10th May we enjoyed a trip to Bo'ness Railway where following lunch we had a short trip on a Steam Train. This brought back happy holiday memories for many of us. High tea at the Royal George Hotel in Perth was delicious, especially the giant meringues! Our thanks to Jean Mitchell and Lyn Thain for organising this event. We were joined by some of the younger ladies from the church on the outing and we look forward to welcoming some of them next session as members of the Guild.

October 6th is the date of the opening social and on this evening we celebrate 110 years of the St Mary's Guild Branch. If you were a member and would like to join us please give your name to Myra Phillip or myself and if needed transport will be arranged. As ever everyone will be made most welcome on that occasion or any Monday evening.

In conclusion I thank all who have made the Guild what it is both in the past and present and look forward with hope for the future remembering Whose we are and Whom we Serve in the church and the wider world.

Eleanor Simpson  
President

### **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 in our local area. It provides family and single packs of food items, non-perishables and a hygiene pack over a two-week period.

There is a box in the church vestibule and cupboard in the church kitchen for your donations.

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The closing meeting of the year was held on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March when Jim Hunter former head of BBC Scotland gave us an insight into Life at the BBC, highlighting the many changes in style and technology which we now take so much for granted.

After our coffee break we held the Annual General Meeting of the Fellowship, which brought to an end another successful year. The meeting was well supported by a good attendance of the members. After reports from the Secretary, Treasurer and President, the same office bearers and committee were re-elected for 2014/2015, with the exception of Secretary which is now vacant.

President: Allan Joyce

Vice President: Bill Taylor

Secretary:

Treasurer: Robert Colquhoun

Committee: Alex Millar, Bill Hannah, John Crawford, Graham Currie, Peter Ferguson, Cameron Dick, Howard Rennie.

At the close of another session I would express thanks to the committee for their work over the year and especially to our Secretary Howard Rennie and our Treasurer Robert Colquhoun for their unstinting efforts to ensure the smooth running of the Fellowship. It is again of interest to note that, at 10 of the 23 meetings held, the speakers or entertainment came from folks who were either members of St Mary's or had strong connections with the congregation. As we prepare for next year we hope again to make use of the great wealth of talent found in this congregation. If you have something you could share with us we would be glad to hear from YOU.

We are very grateful to our retiring Secretary Howard for all the work he has done in preparation for next year's syllabus and as always at this juncture the committee are actively seeking topics and speakers for next session and would warmly welcome any helpful suggestion from the membership.

Allan Joyce

President



At the recent Holy Week Services held in our church the offerings raised the sum of £1,336.93. This was split evenly between Christian Aid and the Scottish Bible Society.

At the time of writing, the Motherwell Action Group of the Scottish Bible Society will be holding a meeting shortly to plan for the year ahead.

A date already arranged is Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> September, when we are holding our annual Flag Day. If you are able to give up an hour of your time to help, we would be most grateful.

Margaret Carrol  
Motherwell Action Group



## TODDLER GROUP

The Tuesday and Friday Toddler group continues to enjoy fun and friendship weekly.

The group runs from 10.00 am until 11.30 am and throughout the session we have enjoyed fun mornings playing with toys and crafts, followed by a drink and a snack of fruit and a biscuit. Each day ends with a music session with percussion instruments, songs and action rhymes.

The children have certainly had fun while the mums and dads (grannies and granddads) have been given the opportunity to socialise and enjoy a well deserved tea and coffee. This session a special thanks' has to go to June Graham who has spoiled us with her delicious cakes and snacks and has made our mornings a little more special.

Recently the group enjoyed participating in a 'Health Week' which encouraged children and parents to focus on issues relating to maintaining good health. Leader Joanne Hamilton - along with her committee - organised a number of activities and interactive experiences for the children to highlight the importance of healthy eating and hygiene. There was fruit tasting - prepared by one of the mums - Joanne Rimmer - which provided a wide selection of fruit all prepared in bite-

size pieces which encouraged everyone - young and old - to try new things. Safe to say everyone enjoyed the healthy snacks!

There was also a hand washing station which was run by Myra Burlington and Gemma Wylie, where children were encouraged to practice the steps to successful hand washing. There was also an opportunity to simply enjoy splashing in the water and playing with bubbles while a more serious message about the importance of hand washing was delivered.

Reward charts, information sheets and goody bags with an attendance certificate were given to all who attended.

An enormous thanks to all who help make this an enjoyable and useful event. We also have lots of fun things planned for the weeks ahead with our sponsored 'Pedal and Push' Event and our annual trip. Together we look forward to lots more fun!

Diane Connor



# Junior Church

## **Christian Aid Sunday...**

On Sunday 11th May all our zones entered church with Christian Aid balloons. The children then listened carefully to Cathy Galloway, Head of Christian Aid Scotland, as she talked about homes. This theme of Our House was continued in the halls and the children made origami houses and looked at where people stay. All agreed that they are very fortunate to have such comfortable surroundings. The children then returned in the afternoon to share in the Messy Afternoon.

Next Sunday the children look forward to taking part in a sponsored music and dance morning organised by the cast group.

## **Promotion Sunday...**

On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June our Junior Church Zones will be taking part in our morning worship. A number of our children will be promoted from the Kids Zone and Mini Zone. Each Junior Church member will also receive a certificate to mark the end of the session.

## **Summer Sundays...**

During the summer weeks our children are invited to join Sunday by Sunday with their families. A creche facility



will be available in the coffee bar, and craft activities and DVDs for older children will be available.

## **Our Junior Church Team**

At the end of another busy and fun filled session the teachers and helpers are ready to enjoy a summer break. We are very fortunate to have a large team of willing, energetic and enthusiastic teachers who week by week, prepare, organise and deliver exciting and creative lessons to our children. Our thanks to them all for their work each week.

Our Tots leader, Jennifer Bradshaw is stepping down after 8 years service. Jennifer has enjoyed her time with our littlest zone members. This Zone has grown year on year, and it's not unusual to find 10 babies and toddlers and parents building, playing or making! No mean feat in the smallest room in our building...

Our sincere thanks to Jennifer for her service to the Junior Church.

We are delighted to welcome Jillian Fleming and Lorraine Fleck as the Tots new leaders and wish them well as they take on their new role. Welcome to the team!

Karen Maxwell  
Junior Church  
Co-ordinator



## ***CENTENARY MATTERS***

Dear Friends,

During the month of April there have been a number of events held in conjunction with our Centenary Celebrations.

A service to mark the laying of the foundation stone on 4 April 1914 took place in the church on Friday evening 4 April 2014. Over 150 members of the congregation and young people from our youth organisations were present at what was a meaningful and poignant occasion. It was also good to welcome back one of our former ministers the Revd AC McKenzie to this service.

Also in April the Centenary Pilgrimage to the Holy Land led by Mr Doyle took place. Easter Sunday saw the return of the Revd Bill Ewart (one of our 'old boys') who spoke to the children of the Junior Church and preached at morning worship. The Centenary Family Quiz night was another happy occasion with 24 teams taking part.

As I write this report we have launched our 'Open Church' on 7 May. The Church will be open every Wednesday from 12-3 pm. There is a photographic display, Baptismal records and other artefacts to peruse. Please come along any Wednesday. You are assured of a warm welcome as well as tea/coffee and home baking. On Thursday 15 May at 7.30 pm **The Choirs in Concert for the Centenary** will have taken place and I will report on this in our September Bulletin.

On Saturday 7 June from 2 pm until 4 pm in the grounds of Dalziel High School the final even in the first half of our Centenary Celebrations takes place.

### *The All Age 'Party in the Park'*

This event is for all members of the congregation and organisations. It promises to be a fun day with many different activities planned. Come and support it as you are able and let's make it a special day for everyone.

WA Simpson (Chairman)  
The Centenary Action Team

# *Dates for Your Diary*

*7 June 2 pm - 4 pm - All Age Party in the Park*

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*14 September 11 am - Centenary Songs of Praise*

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*5 October - After Morning Worship  
Centenary Harvest Lunch*

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*29 November - Congregational Dinner in Civic Centre*

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*30 November - Centenary Anniversary Service*

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*14 December - Centenary Service of Re-Dedication*

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*St Mary's Parish Church - Celebrating 100 years*





## 6th Motherwell Rainbows

The Red Foxes had their usual Easter hunt which the Rainbows really enjoyed and all the girls received an Easter egg. We haven't been making any crafts since we returned after Easter but hope to make some things before we finish this term. Our young leaders, Olivia and Lyn have taught the Rainbows some new games and the girls have enjoyed playing these games over the last few weeks. The Rainbows all enjoyed taking part in the Centenary Concert and we had fun watching their energetic performance on the Centenary DVD during part of a meeting.

There are only a few weeks until we finish up this term so we will be busy fitting in a Pot of Gold Leaving Party for all the girls who will be ready to move on to Brownies and having our joint trip with The Squirrels. The venue is undecided at the moment but wherever we go the Rainbows are sure to enjoy themselves and hopefully the Leaders will enjoy a cup of coffee.



## 6thA Motherwell Rainbows

The Red Squirrels have been working on the Rainbow 'Big Brownie Birthday' Challenge. The Challenge is themed around events in 21 of the last 100 years.

### We have completed the 3 Unit Challenges

1917 - Brownie Interest Badges were introduced and one of the Physical Health badges was Team Player. We played some Team-building games which included 6 Rainbows supporting a cane with one finger and trying to lower it to the ground.

1918 - Brownie Patrols were renamed Sixes which were called after woodland creatures and each had its own rhyme. We made up a new verses to the Rainbow Song to celebrate the BBB.

1979 - For International Year of the Child, Brownies were challenged to find out about children in another country. In February 2014, the theme for World Thinking Day was 'Together we can achieve primary education for all'. In a Rainbow Chat, we played a game of charades where we acted out what we wanted to be when we are older.

We have completed the 2 **World Challenges**

1937 - 100 Brownies dressed as a dragon to take part in the London County Rally to commemorate King George VI's Coronation year. At Chinese New Year, we made Chinese Dragons and all had a chance to dress up as a Chinese Dragon. It was great fun.



1953 - The Golden Hand Test was introduced and one of the clauses was to learn 15 letters of the alphabet in semaphore. We used Secret Codes to work out different messages.

We have completed 1 **You Activity**

1953 - The Golden Hand Test was introduced and one of the clauses was to skip 30 times backwards without a break. We had great fun learning to skip and we all tried to jump over a long snaking rope at the same time.



We have completed 1 **Community Activity**

1957 - This was Baden-Powell Centenary year and Brownies did 6 World Good turns on the theme 'Houses of today and tomorrow'. We made Trefoil Tea light holders to put in our windows on World Thinking Day on 22nd February.

We still have to complete 2 challenges before we get our badge. These are from 1950 when Brownies welcomed delegates to the 13th World Conference by transporting 'Scrolls of Friendship' from all parts of the UK to Oxford where there was a big campfire. At the end of May we are going to have a barbecue and campfire. Some of the ladies from Motherwell Trefoil Guild are going to come along to help and to teach us old Brownie songs.

Each time we have completed a challenge, we have added a sticker to our Challenge Chart and after our barbecue and campfire we will get our Big Brownie Birthday Challenge Badges which we can wear on our Rainbow t-shirts.



## company section update

### END OF SESSION EVENTS

The last competition of the session was the sports and athletics and this was held at the end of April at Brannock High School athletics track. We had to find a last minute alternative venue due to ongoing repair works to the Wishaw Sports Centre track that weren't going to be finished on time. Fortunately Mr Des Bradshaw who runs the PE department at Brannock also happens to be the brother of officer Paul Bradshaw... The competition was expertly run by Mr David Gardiner and following an exciting evening of running and throwing our team finished in a strong 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

We had some excellent individual performances on the night - for the Junior team Greg Friel getting a 1<sup>st</sup> in the 800 metres *and* a 1<sup>st</sup> in the shot put, Jordan McGhee getting a 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 200 metres, Scott Rankin getting a 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 100 metres and Callum Warnock getting a 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 1500 metres. In addition the junior team were 1<sup>st</sup> in the relay. For the Senior team Ross Hannah was 1<sup>st</sup> in the 200 metres and David Wallace was 1<sup>st</sup> in the 800 metres (by a long way!!). The Seniors also had an outstanding victory in the 4 x 100 metres relay.

Our senior boys all enjoyed a night go-karting at Scot-Kart in Cambuslang as a reward for their efforts and support for the officers throughout the session. By all accounts the boys had a great night. This is now a regular end of session event and the seniors are looking forward to next year already!

Our last parade night prior to the Battalion Review is traditionally our company sports in

the Duchess Park depending on the weather and fortunately this year it was fair enough to hold the event. Our Junior Sports Champion was Greg Friel and Ross Hannah was our Senior Sports Champion. At the end of the night we held our presentation of badges and awards to the boys.

Our new awards introduced a few years ago - the Officers' Endeavour and the Captain's Commendation - to recognise the extra special efforts of 2 boys within the Company were presented to **Christopher Graham** (Officers' Endeavour) and **Greg Weir** (Captain's Commendation).

Due to some work commitments abroad the Captain missed this special night but a big thank you goes to the superb officer team especially Paul Bradshaw, Alan Joyce and Stuart Greenhorn for making it all happen on the night.

### BATTALION REVIEW & FLAG CHAMPIONSHIP

The annual Battalion Review took place on Friday 9 May in Dalziel St Andrew's Parish Church and boys, officers, parents and friends of the Battalion enjoyed a Commonwealth Games theme. The guest of honour was David Grevemberg, the Chief Executive of the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games.

During the presentation of awards ceremony, we were particularly proud to have **10** of our young men receiving individual awards - more details further on.....

In the Battalion Flag Championship the boys won the Swimming Gala and were runners up in Restricted Drill, First Aid, Senior Football, Junior Football and the Physical Challenge as

well as third places in Squad Drill, Athletics and the Quiz.

With a top 3 finish in 9 of the 11 Battalion competitions this all resulted in a third place in the Flag Championship and a brilliant platform on which to build next year's Championship bid!

Congratulations to 20<sup>th</sup> Motherwell Company (North Motherwell) on winning the Battalion Flag Championship for the first time in 24 years...truly worthy recipients!

### **PRESIDENT'S BADGES**

Seven of our senior boys received their President's Badge at the Review: **Robbie Blair, Josh Clark, Christopher Graham, Gavin McLaughlan, Reece McPherson, Ross Mitchell and Jack Wilson.** This is the second highest award in the BB and involves completing the Company Section badge programme.

### **QUEEN'S BADGES**

The Queen's Badge is the highest award in the Boy's Brigade and requires the young men to make some demanding commitments during the course of the programme.

**Jamie Anderson, Mark Hannah and Ross Hannah** are all Sergeants in the Company and are worthy recipients of the Queen's Badge. These young men have given a great deal of time both to the company in their leadership roles and also to the community over the course of the last 2 years. They have developed through the process and have had an impact in each of the areas where they have worked.

Completing the Queen's Badge programme is not just about getting the award (although it is a proud moment for us all!) and I am sure

that these outstanding young men will see it as the foundation for even greater things.

The officers of 13<sup>th</sup> congratulate Jamie, Mark and Ross on their achievements and wish them all the best for the future!

### **COMING UP.....**

We have the Company Section Camp in late June and we are returning to our favourite campsite north of the border - Badaguish in Aviemore.

We have an amazing 34 boys signed up to go supported by 12 staff and Mr Taylor our trusty chef so it looks to be another great camp in the making!

### **THANK YOU!**

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has supported the Company over the last session.

To the officers in each of the sections who put in a great effort every week to provide an exciting and fun programme of events, to the parents who support their sons involvement and to the congregation for its support collectively and as individuals - thank you!

Captain Stewart Maxwell

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**Company Section Camp  
Badaguish, Aviemore**

**Friday 3 October 2014  
Company Section  
Formal Start Back**

## JUNIOR SECTION

My goodness what a session the Junior Section have had! On the run up to Christmas our Wednesday night meetings were spent cramming in preparation for the Battalion General knowledge, Bible knowledge, Gillespie Trophy and Safety competitions, alongside perfecting our BB coffee morning song Sleigh Ride and creating our coffee morning crafts. The boys did a fantastic job of delivering an upbeat, lively performance at the coffee morning, which was great practice for the Church Centenary concert which became our focus in January.

The Junior Section's Centenary Concert performance recreated the Aesop's fable of the Lion and the Mouse. This involved a well rehearsed, comical mime by Joshua Greenhorn and Nathan Bradshaw which was expertly narrated by Sam Bowes, Ross Andrew and Evan Pattison. The conclusion of the fable was the importance of Love, which led to a rousing rendition by all the boys of the song 'All You Need is Love'.

I think that throughout the Centenary Concert the Junior Section boys particularly enjoyed the camaraderie off stage with the other Boys Brigade sections. Indeed they seemed particularly mesmerized by the Company section's own unique answer to Susan Boyle, who they had the privilege of sharing their back stage space with!

After the concert, in the weeks leading up to Easter our focus turned to the Battalion Football and Marching competitions. Then, after Easter attention shifted to the Junior Section display item for the

Battalion Annual Review, which 13<sup>th</sup> Motherwell had the honour of being invited to provide. The Review had a Commonwealth Games theme this year, with their special guest for the evening being David Grevenberg (Chief Executive of Glasgow 2014). Our display piece was in keeping with this theme and made up of 3 parts. One of our officers Greg McLaughlin was the compère for our section; he managed to explain to the audience what the boys were doing throughout with clear, concise explanations and good humour.

Firstly we had to take part in a sporting challenge based on one of the 2014 games. We opted for a 'shooting challenge'. This challenge involved boys from 13<sup>th</sup> competing against boys from other companies to hit a target board. The targets were bravely held by 13<sup>th</sup> officers Sean Crawford and Graeme Brown. I say 'bravely' because after shots were taken using balls, a shuttlecock and a balloon, the final round involved water guns.....and I am afraid one of the boys (from another company) did not have a good aim. Unfortunately the shower cap and goggles, which were provided for protection, were not enough to keep Mr Brown from getting well and truly soaked.

After the shooting challenge, the boys held up a flag from one of the Commonwealth countries that they had made at Junior Section. The audience had to guess which country the flag came from and then answer a trivia question about the country.

Finally, we saved the best till last when we finished our display with the boys performing the New Zealand All Blacks Haka. One of our third years Cameron Sanders, did a fantastic job as the Haka leader with his warrior cry being heard throughout the venue and the rest of the boys responding to it with a loud, energetic, menacing and memorable performance!

We plan to spend the next few weeks charging straight into our Parent's night preparations. Then we have an overnight in the church in June and our annual holiday camp in August.

Since I took over the Junior Section 4 years ago I cannot recall a session which has been quite as hectic as this one. I have been so impressed with the consistent enthusiasm and dedication the boys and officers have shown throughout the various endeavours outlined above.

In addition I have really appreciated the support shown by parents and families who have spent time practising with the boys and attending various events to cheer on 13th Motherwell.

Please find below a picture of our marching team moments before they took part in the Battalion competition. I think it captures the good natured, collaborative spirit the boys had on the day. And I think that in turn reflects the ethos the Junior Section has had this year, which has been created and maintained by the boys, officers and families involved. I salute them all and thank them for being 'Sure and Steadfast' in their commitment to 13th Motherwell Boys' Brigade.

Stephanie Crawford





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## UPDATE

Christian Aid Week 2014 began with a visit from Kathy Galloway, head of Christian Aid in Scotland, in recognition of the church's centenary year. She spoke to us about Christian Aid's work in Columbia and South Sudan, the problem common to both regions being conflict.

In this year's publicity for Christian Aid Week, Christian Aid chose to highlight the suffering caused by conflict and, in particular, the fear and insecurity brought to so many people by the loss of their homes.

The organization, together with its partners and local action groups, helps families to build new homes and to live in safe areas where they can begin to think of a future without fear.

Our house-to-house collectors will be joining others from all over the country to help Christian Aid continue this vital work.

Margaret MacGregor





## St Mary's Summer Club is back!

The ever popular summer club will be held every morning from **Monday 28 July** until **Friday 1 August** this year.

The usual mix of games, crafts, music and drama will entertain children of 3 years and upwards.

Our theme this year is *The Commonwealth Games* and we are looking for adult and teenage helpers, sporty or otherwise, to help and share in the fun.

# FLOWER LIST

## JUNE

1st Mrs E M Barr  
8th Mrs L Thain  
15th Mrs M Bimbi  
22nd Mrs M Jarvie  
Mrs F Hannah  
29th Mrs E Blackwood

## JULY

6th Mrs Kennedy  
13th Mrs A Wilson  
Mrs F Shearer  
20th Mrs Galloway  
Mrs Pritchard  
Mrs M Graham  
Mrs N Patrick  
27th

## AUGUST

3rd Miss J Moffat  
Mrs A Ford  
10th Mrs E Wylie  
Mrs M Dick  
Mrs J Paterson  
17th Mrs G Neil  
Miss I Elrick  
Miss J Pettigrew  
24th Mrs M Crawford  
Mrs L O'Neil  
Mrs M Roberts  
Mrs B Hamilton  
Mrs H Brown  
31st Mrs J Crawford



June Graham - Flower Convener



## FORTHCOMING SERVICES



June	1	11.00 am	Sacrament of Baptism Junior Church end of session Admission of New Members
	8	11.00 am	Sacrament of Holy Communion Guest Preacher: Rev Edward Simpson
Sept	14	11.00 am	Centenary Songs of Praise
	22	11.00 am	Sacrament of Holy Communion Guest Preacher: Rev John Harris

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday June 7	Party in the Park
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